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ATTY GEN. HOGG'S REPLY

To Commissioner of the General Land Office Hall
ON RAILROAD LAND PATENTS.

He Claims the Land Commissioner Misconstrues the Law and Gives Preference to an Old Act Over Later Laws on the Question.

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 17.—The Attorney general to-day made public his reply to Commissioner Hall on railroad sidings. After quoting Mr. Hall's first letter and holding the state only insists upon her legal rights he says:

You admit all the railroad companies except one have received sixteen sections or 10,240 acres for every mile of siding in addition to the same amount granted to them for every mile of main track they constructed. If that is so I now here protest against the issuance of a single patent on any script issued to a railroad in the state, except such as don't claim lands for sidings or switches, I do this on clearly a legal right in the state. She owns, under her constitution and laws, every foot of soil within her dominion that has not been lawfully earned by or sold, dedicated or granted to some person, institution or corporation.

No man or set of men have ever had the right to make title except in strict pursuance of express laws therefor.

Your defiance of the railroads' right to the land for siding and switches called turnouts is based on the law of 1854, which you quote. Here you are in error. Since that act was passed the people of Texas have adopted four different constitutions and the legislature has passed many laws, the provision in some of which were clearly repugnant to it.

Under the constitution of 1869, before it was amended, no land could be granted to any railroad company whatever. It subjected all lands heretofore reserved for the benefit of the railroad companies to locate and survey; forfeit all of them that the companies had not alienated in conformity with the terms of their charters; prohibited the granting of land for any purpose; limited their sales to actual settlers upon the same in lots not exceeding 160 acres and repealed all former laws granting lands to railroads at all. This furnishes a reason for your statement that most of the certificates received by the roads were issued in the period from 1872 to 1878 inclusive.

While the act could not possibly bear the construction you gave it, the railroad companies must look to more recent laws upon which to rest their claims to land earned since 1859.

By the authority of an amendment to the constitution in 1873 and under the constitution of 1876, laws were passed granting land to railway companies. To go behind these laws, in defense of their claims to land, the railroad companies themselves never do unless to their special charter. Why the officers having clearly the legal right to issue patents to them will do so I cannot comprehend.

Persuant to the constitution then in force the legislature, on Aug. 15, 1876, passed the following law:

Any railroad corporation heretofore chartered or which may be hereafter organized under the general laws, shall, upon the completion of a section of ten miles or more of its road, be entitled to receive, and there is hereby granted to every such railroad, sixteen sections of land for every mile of its road so completed and put in good

running order, And determining what is a completed road, the act says that "said road shall be substantially built and fully equipped for the transportation of both passengers and freight."

How a railroad can be complete or fully equipped for the transportation of both freight and passengers without siding, switches or turnouts, even expert railroad men would refrain from saying. The Houston and Texas Central railroad, from all reports, has land certificates for over fifty miles of siding, switches and turnouts. In one instance, at one time it got for seventeen miles of sidings 174,080 acres located somewhere in the west, worth now perhaps \$1,000,000. These certificates shows on their face that they were issued for siding exclusively.

From what you say all the other railroad companies except one have obtained certificates for sixteen sections of land for every mile of their respective turnouts, siding and switches. Then, if you issue patents to them Texas will be looser by several million acres of land just because she will not tolerate nor adopt for herself a code of morals such as never prevailed among honorable men. In other words, simply for the reason that some of officers have violated the law, misconstrued or overlooked them. She will not resent the wrong nor claim her right. It is possible that she has been living by such a code too long and it is time for a change.

It does seem that in her munificence Texas has used a lavish hand, and when she asserts a near legal right which is equally accorded to every citizen, she ought not to be chided by her own officers. Her contention with the creatur to whom she has granted about one fourth of all the land within her territory would seem to be enough.

You declare unless suit is filed within thirty days you will continue to issue patents. Of course, you have the power under the constitution, and I have no power or authority to prevent you exercising it. As the legal representative of this state I can only request you to withhold the patents. This I have done and it now rests with you to determine whether or not you will obsequy or disregard the request.

Overwhelmed by important litigation, with only one assistant to help me in it, I am now in no condition to assume such additional labor as the suit you demand to be brought with so short a time will entail.

Within a few days after I discovered that the Houston and Texas Central set up claims to siding and switches and held an illegal transfer to the Waco and Northwestern lands. I ask you for the necessary information on which to bring suit by the following letter, which is quoted in full:

The attorney general then proceeds to say from some cause the information had not been furnished, and when it is given he will bring suit. While only the law, and not consideration of policy or moral codes, guides me in this, I must not close without calling your attention to another mistake you doubtless unintentionally make on the plea of innocent purchasers in good faith. Such questions pertain to the judicial and not to the executive department, to which you and I belong. The constitution clearly provides that no person being of one of these departments shall exercise any power properly attached to either of the others except in instances expressly, or by reasonable implication, authorizing the commissioners of the general land office to pass on such judicial questions as

with all other executive officers. He performs his duties when he complies with, obeys and executes the plain provisions of the constitution and laws. Facts which determine the question of innocent purchasers in good faith are often puzzling to even our greatest judicial tribunals. Indeed it seems proper that the courts should be given an opportunity, without added complications, to settle all the equitable and legal rights of those who assert such claims. Should there be any innocent purchasers for value, his rights should certainly be protected.

It is now generally well known that at least 90 per cent of all the lands the state ever granted for internal improvement are held not by citizens but by foreign corporations and syndicates.

The attorney general then holds the law of 1854 does not permit sales to other corporations, that the policy has been to limit the time the railroads can hold these lands and yet they remain in railway control, preventing prosperity and progress.

He then discusses the notice on each certificate. It is issued for sidings and main track, putting so-called innocent purchasers on notice and by quit claim the company is unloading the lands on such innocent purchasers.

Taken From Jail and Lynched.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 17.—Robt. Berrier, the young white man who last week murdered his mother-in-law at Lexington N. C., was taken from jail there by a masked mob and lynched. The jailer refusing to give up the key the door was battered down and Berrier taken to an oak tree on the outskirts of town and placed on a horse and a rope tied about his neck. After making a request that his child should be looked after, the horse was snatched from under and his body left between heaven and earth. Some shots were fired at the dangling form and the lynchers dispersed.

Haytian Politics.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Atlas line steamer Atoos arrived here today from Haytian ports. Sept. 15th and 16th a northeast gale was encountered, with a heavy sea running. This lasted fifty hours, during which every thing movable was swept from the decks. The vessel, however, sustained no serious damage. The Athos was at Port au Prince Sept. 21, and brings intelligence that Hippolyte was busily engaged in, arranging for the presidential election. Hippolyte expects that he will be the unanimous choice of the people. The election takes place this month.

He Monkeyed with a Wood Saw.

McKINNEY, TEX., Oct. 17.—George Wood had his hand mangled by a wood saw. He will likely lose it. Wires for the electric lights are being stretched.

The city council Tuesday night decided to fund the bonded indebtedness and leave it to posterity to pay. There don't seem to be much grumbling at it.

Material for a fine dinner at orphan home restaurant at the Dallas fair went down yesterday evening. McKinney will see to it that a good dinner is set.

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HASKELL county lands is rapidly enhancing in value.

W. H. PARSONS is going to open up a confectionary store on the west side.

THEIR is no mistake about it, a building loan association will be the very thing for Haskell.

RAILWAY companies are going to build roads all over the west just as soon as they think it will pay to do so and not before.

THE farmers all seem to appreciate the gin and mill enterprise, and they are doing all they can to encourage Messrs Jones and Smith.

Those old bachelors that have built houses in Rayner and not married are now regarded as third class male matter.—Rayner Monitor.

The Panhandle committee that waited upon Attorney General Hogg says he made them a straight talk. Hugg rather made believers of them.

THERE never was a country on earth where people complains less at hard times. Haskell don't know what they are. It is indeed remarkable to see the cheerfulness of all whom you meet.

THE Merchants made up a premium of 25 cents and paid Mr Marcey for the first bale of cotton ever ginned in Haskell, shipped by B. H. Dodson and consigned to W. D. Cleveland & Co., Houston Tex.

THE Free Press is very anxious to help purchase an organ for the new church. We could arrange to get a first class organ, and we pay about one half of the purchase money which we will donate to the church.

THE town people and country people are doing all they can to build up the county. The help one another to build school house and churches, or any other improvement that the one or other undertake.

THE FORT WORTH people have reorganized the Fort Worth and Albuquerque Ry. Co. and the chances are they may build a road to the north west which if they do Haskell will be on the line of the road, and will be sure to get the same when built.

"Hush! hush! wait till we can gull the capitalist into building roads and then we will make them disgorge." Does the above sound plausible? Have the people ever gullied a corporation? We favor fair dealing with the roads.

THE Fort Worth and Albuquerque R. R. company have reorganized and propose to make dirt fly within three weeks if the Fort Worth people will give them a bonus of \$10,000. \$31,000 has already been raised and the balance will be raised in a few days.

C. B. Banks came to Haskell a short time since and purchased a couple of thousand dollars worth of real estate and has already been offered a price for his purchase that would make him over \$1,000 profit on his investment of about three weeks.

THE disposition of the business class is to pander to railroad corporations. They want the state to give them the franchise, and 10,000 acres of land per mile and all the land they can gull subscription officers out of and then the people by bonuses and other subjections, will be called upon to give eight of way and cash to build the road, and then pay interest on watered stock.

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A COMMITTEE of citizens headed by Jim Browning went from the Panhandle to protest with General Hogg and try to persuade him to withdraw the land suit against the railroad last week. They argued that it would be better to let the railroads have the land, they may have acquired fraudulently than to unsettle the titles by suit to recover. In fact they requested an office to violate his oath of office, and to persuade a policy advocated by a few citizens of a section of the State. Whither are we drifting when an executive officer is called upon by a large delegation of respectable citizens, to disregard the established laws, and when he fails to do so instead of admiring his fearless courage and honest integrity, he is condemned by the committee that is led by men that have occupied the highest positions of honor and trust. Nor does these political immoralities stop here. First the Sheriffs of this great State in the capacity of a political body, attempted to wring from the attorney general an official opinion that he would not have been warranted in giving, and when like the man he is he had the moral courage to refuse in the most polite manner, they too most resolute, and the individuals of that order are pledged to oppose this man who would not betray his trust.

Next comes one of the greatest Dailys of the state, the Dallas News, and with all the eloquence, logic, threats scathing criticism and dark prophecies attempts to influence the attorney general to cease to prosecuting suits where in he had recovered thousands of acres of land, and restored the same to the school funds of the state subject to appeal to the supreme court. The News argued too that it was bad policy for the state to bring suit for those lands and called upon the Hogg to foreake his oath the constitution and laws, and adopt the policy dictated by the news. Can this exponent of democratic principals claim any thing in such a course to comport with republican principles? Have the people of the great State of Texas, become so demoralized in the mad rush for financial advancement, that a majority of them are willing to see the laws and constitution trampled under foot and to have a man occupying the position of attorney general to disregard the same, and by and with there advise and consent of such news papers, and set of men shall be informed and what shall not. When ever such is permitted we will have a republican government inform and unlimited monarch in effect.

—THE Haskell Free Press says that Haskell has five pianos, four organs and a string band. We don't think Throckmorton particularly musical, but we beat you.

Martin, with six pianos and a dozen organs—and lots of pretty girls to play, em.—Throckmorton Times.—You may beat us in numbers, but in style and quality we have no superiors. Haskell is noted for beautiful and accomplished young ladies, and shores of old bachelors to pass compliments on them.

CHALMERS WITHDRAWN.
 The Republican State Executive Committee of Mississippi Meet and Withdraw Their Candidate for Governor.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 19.—The Republican state executive committee met here to-day to consider the withdrawal of Gen. James Chalmers from the head of the state ticket. Chalmers was not here, but it is understood he wrote a letter to the committee declining to make the canvass for governor. The committee issued the following:

"As Republicans of Mississippi we are compelled to withdraw our state ticket. We know that our votes would be stolen and our voters driven from the polls, but we hoped in larger towns and cities at least, the semblance of free speech might still remain to us, but our candidates are not safely allowed to discuss or protest. We desired especially to go before the whole people of the state and challenge Democracy to a comparison of principles and records. Our course has always been conservative. When the armed revolution of 1875 wrested the state from us, Mississippi was the only Southern state unburdened with state debt. She has a Democratic one to-day. The constitution of the United States guarantees to each state a republican form of government. Mississippi is governed by a minority despotism, and we appeal to our country for redress. The constitution that we adopted is the only one one in the South so satisfactory that it has not been changed. Our laws stand substantially unchanged and unrepented, but we are republicans and this is our offense. That we are not actuated by cowardice in withdrawing from the contest is shown by our past for fourteen years. Even since the infamous Mississippi plan was adopted our path has been marked by the blood of our slain, not only the well-known leaders who bravely died at the head of the column, but faithful followers known only in the cabins of the lowly. We refer not only to such well known slaughterers as Kemper and Coplan, Clinton and Carrolton, Walhallak and Vicksburg, Yazoo City and Leflore, but to nameless Killingby creek and bayou, on highway and byway. These are the democratic arguments which crush us. We can do no more. We dare no

longer to carry our tattered and blood stained Republican flag. We appeal to the nation. Is national law and honor but a delusion and a snare? When we rely upon the guarantee of the national constitution do we but lean upon a broken reed? If so announce the policy boldly and acquit us of further efforts.

Gems of Knowledge.

The largest tree in the world as yet discovered is in Tulare County, California. It is 276 feet high, and 106 feet in circumference at its base. The largest park in the United States is Fairmount, at Philadelphia and contains 2710 acres.

The largest ship in the world is the Great Eastern. She is 695 feet long 83 feet broad and 60 feet deep, being 22,927 tons. She was launched January 31, 1857.

The largest university is Oxford, in England. It consists of twenty-one colleges and five halls.

The largest circulation of paper money is that of the United States being 700 million, while Russia has 670 million.

The largest desert is Sahara, in Northern Africa. Its length is 3,000 miles and breadth 900 miles; having an area of 2,000,000 square miles.

The largest volcano in the world is Etna. Its base is 90 miles in circumference; its cone 11,000 feet high. Its first eruption occurred 474 B. C.

The largest body of fresh water on the globe is Lake Superior, 400 miles long, 100 miles wide. Its greatest depth is 200 fathoms. Its surface is 635 feet above the level of the sea.

The largest church in the world is St. Peter's in Rome. Its length is 613 feet. Its dome is 195 feet in diameter, and its height to the cross on the summit 448 feet.

The largest stationary engine in the world is at the zinc mines at Fredensville, Penn. The number of gallons of water raised every minute is 17,500. The driving wheels are 35 feet in diameter and weighed 40 tons each. The cylinder is 110 inches in diameter.

The largest number of cattle ever received in one year was that of Chicago in the year 1884, being 1,874,984 heaves, 39,223 calves, 5,640,825 hogs, 749,917 sheep, and 15,525 horses. It required 9,000 trains of 31 cars each, which, if coupled to gether, would reach 2,146 miles.

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 Cotton seed is in demand for cow feed.
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 Roger Fassett has returned to Haskell.
 Tennant Stribling & Co's boots at Dodsons.
 A Building Loan Association will build up the town.
 Ladies dress goods full line at Dodsons.
 Judge Sanders went to Abilene Monday on business.
 Jess Dockery was in the city Wednesday.
 Childrens Spring Heel Shoes at Dodsons.
 Wm Tyson has returned from Milam county.
 D. L. Smith was in the city Wednesday.
 Toboggans nubes cloaks etc at Dodsons.
 F. M. Morton sold some cattle to Guss & Anderson this week.
 Mr. Donshoo has the men busy at work on his new residence.
 Ladies, Misses and childrens all wool hose at Dodson.
 Mr. E. Y. Hildreth has returned from a visit to relatives in Milam county.
 Just received 5 cases, Howard boots at Dodsons.
 Mr. Stan Baird of Milam county has moved to Haskell county with his cattle.
 The old reliable Milwaukee all grain boots at Dodsons.
 Mr. York has seven bales of cotton picked out, and says his cotton will make about five more.
 Nice line of Mens and Boys Hats at Dodsons.
 Joe Jones of Crystal Falls brother of J. L. Jones arrived Saturday.
 Mens Wool lined Ducking suits at Dodsons.
 There was such a fog Wednesday the cow boys all got lost on the round up.
 Hogs are in demand, there are thousands of bushels of corn in the county and no hogs.
 Just received Ladies, Misses and Childrens cloaks at Dodsons.
 The past few days has been quite foggy and has interfered with cotton picking some.
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 R. C. Lomax and family left Wednesday for Maredian where Mrs. Lomax will spend a few months with relatives.
 A large line of School Books and Stationery for sale, very cheap at Bass Bros Abilene Texas. Call on them by all means.
 Judge Cockrell and District Attorney Cunningham passed through Haskell Sunday on their return from Seymour where they had been holding court.
 Owing to the resignation of Miss Winfield as assistant teacher the school has been suspended until the place could be supplied.
 The seed out of the first cotton opened is the best for planting, farmers should save enough of their first seed gathered to plant next year.
 Mr. J. C. Marcey has shown his public spirit and enterprise, by the personal help he has rendered in the gin and mill enterprise. Haskell county should be praved of such farmers as Mr. Marcey.
 Parties trading with us of time would do us a favor by examining their accounts once or twice a month and see that they are correct, and then you will not be so surprised at the amount when it is presented on the 1st of each month.
W. B. ANTHONY & Co.
 The farmers are all very proud of the mill and gin. Mess Jones and Smith feel that their enterprise is appreciated which is worth something to know.
 Mr. Morgan and a prospector let their horse throw them out of their cart the other day, and run away. He happened to run through a wire fence into a pasture where he ran himself down without damaging the cart.
 Jim Dillahunty was taken sick on the Wichita work, and came home Monday. He had to lay over in Benjamin a day or two on account of not being able to ride.
 Conservative parties estimate the present crop of cotton will exceed two hundred bales in the county. Had the farmers known there would be a gin built the yield would have reached 1000 bales.
 There has not been many land sales the last week or two except to speculators, Home seekers have been a little scarce owing to farmers being busy with their cotton in the eastern counties.
 It becomes our sad duty to announce the death of little Cap Beavers, who died last Thursday after lingering illness. He was a bright promising boy and it is sad indeed for his young life to be cut so short. The bereaved family have our sincere sympathy.
 —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.
 The state geological surveying corps passed through town last Wednesday en rout for Double Mountain. They are making a preliminary survey and will return to Albany in a few days and make a survey from that place to Kiawa Peak in the northern part of this county.—Rayner Monitor.
 In an other column will be found the advertisement of a town or locality of a new town laid off in Floyd county by a former citizen of Haskell, Mr. J. F. Lockney whose many friends at this place join the FREE PRESS in wishing for him and his little city the blessing of success.



Two lots with a good house with four rooms and good well on same for sale.
 Apply to Oscar Martin.
 I have 640 acres of improved school land for sale. All under fence, fifty acres in cultivation good corrals and tank of lasting water. Forty head of improved stock cattle and about \$500 worth of grain and forage. Call on me if you want to buy.
 Respectfully,
OSCAR MARTIN.

A Panther Visits Housley.
 HOUSLEY, Tex., Oct. 17.—There is some excitement over the appearance of a panther in this neighborhood. Monday night it was heard between midnight and day, and the next night it scared two boys nearly to death about a quarter of a mile from this place. It has been killing Cats, catching turkeys and playing havoc in general. The boys will organize a crowd and try to kill it.

Heavy Cattle sales.
 HELENA, Mon., Oct. 17.—At sheriff's sale yesterday North Montana cattle company's cattle and horses brought \$172,000. This is the largest sale ever made under similar conditions in Montana. One hundred and twenty carloads will be shipped from fort Benton this week for St. Paul and Chicago markets.

Swung Up and shot.
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 17.—James Hickey was arrested on some minor charge down in the lower part of Chilton county yesterday. His captors subsequently found that he was concerned in some brutal murder near Montealio, some weeks ago. In fact he confessed, and then he was swung up to a limb and was shot.

Electric Bitters.
 This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that it claimed, Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of Liver and Kidneys, will remove pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and preventing as well as cure all Malaria fevers.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and \$1. per bottle at Johnson Bro.

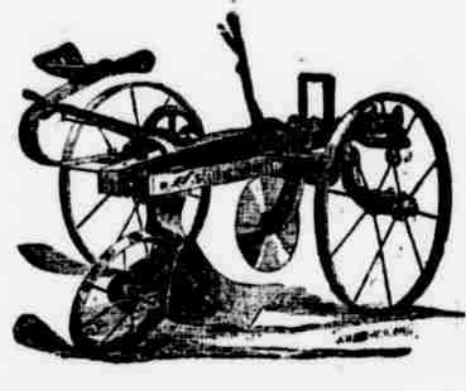
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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 575,000 acres of land. 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 has been increased to at least 10,000 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 purest 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, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 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 Dallas 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 a 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 Land, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund, is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the line from Abilene via Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on 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 four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four 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. Also has two drug stores one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; two cabinet and wood shops; one exchange 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 very 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 "western 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 peo-

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ple reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages. that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a 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 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.

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