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 Attention given to all kinds of work.

**WHO SHOT M'DADE?**  
 Further Particulars of Waller County's Latest Killing—It is the Outcome of the Killing of Allechin.

**An Honored Citizen Shot Down in Cold Blood—An Arrest Made on Strong Circumstantial Evidence.**

**WHAT LED TO THE DRED.**  
 HOUSTON, TEX., Nov. 27.—The assassination of ex-Sheriff Thomas S. McDade near Hempstead last night has caused considerable comment in this city where the deceased is well known. From all that can be learned it seems that the murdered man had left the bedside of one of his children who was sick for the purpose of going to the cistern to get the little sufferer a drink of water. He had hardly closed the door as he went outside when the cowardly wretch in concealment turned his gun loose on the unsuspecting victim who fell mortally wounded and very soon afterward died. The assassin must have left the scene of his terrible deed immediately after firing the fatal shot as a number of citizens hastened to Mr. McDade's home upon hearing the report of the gun, but no trace of the assassin could be found.

This morning at 1 o'clock Sheriff George Ellis received a telegram from Deputy Sheriff Thornton of Waller county asking for the loan of bloodhounds to track the murderer. Sheriff Ellis wired back that he had no hounds, but that they could doubtless be obtained either at Cunningham's or Ellis' shuglar plantation in Fort Bend county. A reporter called at the county jail this morning and visited Jack McDade, a nephew of the murdered man, who, with Dick Springfield, is under indictment for the killing of Allechin in Hempstead some months ago. Young McDade was a deputy under his uncle towards the close of the latter's administration. To the reporter he intimated his belief that the assassination of his uncle was instigated by thirst vengeance on the part of Allechin's friends. Be this as it may, however, the murder of poor McDade was cowardly, cold blooded and most dastardly in all its hideous bearings. He was elected as sheriff fourteen years ago and for seven consecutive years the people of Waller county evidenced their confidence in him by re-electing him Sheriff. In September last he resigned his position retired to a private life. He was known as a brave and efficient officer and commanded the high respect of his fellow citizens. He was essentially a man of peace and during his official career he seldom went armed. While firm and fearless in the discharge of his duty, he never became involved in difficulties or feuds.

From a passenger who came from Hempstead on the afternoon train it was learned that a young man named James Blossingame had been arrested on suspicion. Blossingame had been living some months at the home of Mrs. Allechin whose husband was killed by Jack McDade and Dick Springfield some months ago. A horse was tracked from McDade's residence to the Allechin residence and upon this the young man was arrested.

**WALLER COUNTY'S LAST TRAGEDY.**  
 Hempstead, Tex., Nov. 27.—Joe Blossingame, jr., was arrested here this morning on strong circumstantial evidence for the assassination of ex-Sheriff T. S. McDade last evening. The assassin was mounted on horseback and riding up to the back garden fence dismounted, knocked off two pickets, walked through the garden and concealed

himself near the well. Captain McDade went to the well to get water for his son who was sick in bed. As he stepped onto a shot was fired, filling him with buckshot. This morning the horse was tracked to where Blossingame lives, three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the tragedy. Also the foot prints were measured and corresponded with the boot worn by the party arrested. A double-barrel shotgun was found in the house with one barrel freshly discharged. The load of the other barrel was drawn and the shot compared exactly with that taken from the body of the deceased. Blossingame's examining trial comes up to-morrow.

**BLOODHOUNDS WANTED.**  
 Waco, Tex., Nov. 27.—At 12 o'clock last night the sheriff received the following telegram:

Hempstead, Tex., Nov. 26, 1888.  
 Sheriff:  
 Come or send your bloodhounds with a man. Captain McDade was assassinated to-night. A good trail. Come or send at all hazards. Answer.

**R. M. THORNTON,**  
 Sheriff.

**The Verdict Unanimous.**

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hars, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handle in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Druggists.

**How the Campbells Stand.**

Waco, Tex., Nov. 27.—In the District court Morris Richey was acquitted of the second charge, of cow theft and set at liberty. Dan Campbell, on his second charge, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. This makes his whole sentence twenty-seven years, while his brother's is thirty-five. This disposes of all charges against them here, but there are others at other places, among which is one of murder.

**Lost.**

—A cloth bound pocket blotter the property of the undersigned with his name stamped thereon I will be greatly obliged to finder for return of same which is supposed to have been lost near old California ranch. Respectfully,  
 T. F. TUCKER.

**Just Arrived**

The largest and best stock of Ready Made Clothing in town at the lowest figures. Call and see and price No end to California pants, hats and boots of every description, can fit any one from 6 year old boy to the largest man in town.  
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We will pay the \$100.00 reward for the capture and conviction of each man who broke into our business house on Nov. 28, 11 24 St. **DRAPER & BALDWIN,** Haskell, Tex.

**Notice.**

I must have money and you must settle your account by the 20th or cost will be added.  
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**A LETTER FROM HARRISON.**

He is Surprised that the South Should Impute to Him Any Unfriendliness.

GREENVILLE S. C. Nov. 27.—The Greenville Daily News today prints a letter received by its editor from General Harrison and published by his permission. It was written in reply to a letter urging that Southern commercial interests would be relieved from obstruction caused by doubts and fears regarding the southern policy of the coming administration if general Harrison would make some general assurance of the purpose to follow a conservative course toward the South, and is as follows:  
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 25, 1888.  
 A. B. Williams Esq., Greenville:

My Dear Sir—Your letter of November 10 has been received. I am not ready to make any public utterances upon any public questions. Every day I am solicited by special correspondents of the press to speak upon this subject or that, but I have invariably declined, and to your appeal for some expression upon a question that interests you I must for the present make the same answer. I understand that you have yourself been satisfied with expressions made by me in my public utterances to visiting delegations during the campaign. When the surprise and disappointment which some of your people have felt at the result has passed away and they give some calm thought to the situation, I think they will be as much surprised as I am that they should in thought or speech impute to me unfriendliness toward the South. Politics in legislation advised by the Republican party I believe are wholesome for the whole country and of those who in their hearts believe with us upon these questions that give you local concern would settle themselves. Very truly yours,  
 BENJAMIN HARRISON.

**STONEWALL COUNTY.**

Stonewall county will organize on the 20th instant. It is settled up with a thrifty class of stockmen and farmers, and is one of the best agricultural counties in the state. It is traversed by many creeks and branches, all tributaries of the Brazos River that runs through the county, the country is generally level except along the streams that have worn the hills away to considerable depths leaving the brooks very precipitous, and barren. The soil is generally black sandy though a large percent of the same is a rich red loam, that has proven to be good for corn cotton small grain vegetables, and nearly all varieties of fruit grown in this climate. It is acknowledged to be one of the best small grain countries in the United States.

Domestic animals of all kind do well and are free from any contagious diseases that does such damage in other states. Turkey's Gees chickens can be raised by the hundreds at small expense, there has never been a case of cholera known among fawns in the county. Up to date there is a good many strips of public lands that is subject to preemption by actual settlers, nearly half the present population secured their homes from the state as a donation to become an actual settler for three years. When she organizes and locates the county seat it will build suitable public buildings and for a time there will be considerable improvement going on, and in less time than twelve months some beautiful hill in the county will support on its bosom an infant city that in a few years will rival any of its sisters in west Texas.

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 The Haskell County people are coming to Abilene, and great preparations are being made to supply the demands at the  
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Fine watch repairing and engraving a specialty. For every \$2.00 worth of sales or repairs he gives a chance at a \$150.00 gold watch, given or ladies' size—Drawing to take place December 24, 1883. The most elegant line of Holiday goods ever brought to Abilene. Call on him when you go to Abilene, his goods are as represented and we know he will please you.

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

Saturday, December 8, 1888.

"Live there a man with soul so dead,  
 Who never to him if he had sold,  
 I'll go forthwith and pay the printer,  
 For fear I go where there is no water."

—D. L. Smith was in the city Tuesday.

—You can call it taking lunch if you want to!

—The Christian people should try to build them a church.

—L. B. Agnew called our sanctum yesterday.

—The Methodist church should be built without delay.

—W. R. Stauder has gone to Austin on business.

—Clyde Asbery, of Jones county, was in the city this week.

—J. A. Bailey left yesterday for his home in Southern Texas.

—S. H. J. Kincaid has returned from a business trip to Waco.

—C. M. Henderson beat custom made boots at Gass'.

—Gust Sugar II has molasses a Gass'.

—When in Abilene, call on Miller Bros. Photographers, Pine St.

—To arrive in a few days—A nice line of ladies' cloaks.

B. H. Dodson.

—Go and see the assortment of Artists painting material at Johnson Bros.

—Leave your measure with G. T. Baggett if you want your boots made to fit.

—Best F. K. Ladies hand made shoes of Tenant & Walke's make at Gass'.

—Messrs. Lohmeyer & Jones went to Anson Wednesday on legal business.

—E. F. Yates has gone to Marsa field, his old home, to spend the winter.

—Mr. Dodson will have a nice line of ladies' and misses' cloaks in a few days.

—Let every body come out to Sunday School and discuss the idea of having a Christmas tree.

—That old surry could not stand the burden too long, you should have expressed yourself sooner.

—The mumps is still going the rounds, but so far there has not been any severe cases.

—We will canvass Stonewall county next week with a view of increasing our circulation.

—We are told that Stonewall county will organize on the 20th inst. and that Johnson Bros. will have by that day the largest display of Holiday Goods ever opened in the town of Haskell.

—R. D. Smith in order to more fully enjoy life has subscribed for the FREE PRESS.

—Dr. R. A. Anderson has the best assortment of Drugs in the west. Call and see him when in Haskell.

—Please call in and settle your account, or pay me a small amount on same by January the first 1889 Respectfully, R. A. Anderson.

—L. B. Agnew has been employed to help in the construction of the new Christian church building that is being erected at Albany.

—When they can't stay till the party is over they are in love and the company of others has lost its charms.

—All kind of Christmas Goods from a Locomotive down to a Toy Elephant or House Turtle at Gass'.

—T. A. Gillmore and wife was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Gillmore is not yet able to walk without crutches.

—Miller Bros. Pine Street Photographers. Abilene call on them for a Christmas present for your girl.

—The Druggists, Bass Bros., of Abilene, cordially invite all, and especially the ladies to come and see their holiday goods, he sure and do so it will pay you.

—M. H. Lacey's account of corn he gathered from an acre of ground on his farm and it turned out thirty bushels of the very best quality.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dever, of Knox county, accompanied by Miss Lu Wade, are visiting the family of M. H. Gessert at this place. Miss Luta will remain in town this winter, and take a musical course.

Notice.  
 To one and all Be sure and call at Dr. R. A. Anderson's drug store and see his CHRISTMAS GOODS before buying elsewhere. He has the best stock in town.

—Oscar Martin will go to Stonewall county to-day to canvass for the FREE PRESS. He has offered the columns of the FREE PRESS to the Stonewall people until they can establish a paper of their own.

—Parties wanting an elegant Xmas present and can't go to Abilene write to E. L. Ritch the premium Jeweler, describing about what you want and the price you wish to pay and we guarantee he will please you.

—WANTED—A self driving team that is familiar with the evils of barbed wire fences. They must work to sunrise by moonlight, and stay in the road during an interesting conversation. Apply to two young men.

—Christmas will soon be here and you want to get married, call on Miller Bros. Photographers and get your photo taken; it never fails.

—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.

—It will pay all of our readers wanting clocks, Watches and jewelry of all kinds and Xmas presents to call on E. L. Ritch the premium Jeweler of Abilene his goods are simply elegant.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—  
 —FOR—  
 —CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.

—One of the largest stocks of Holiday goods, Albums, Pictures, Christmas goods, Toys and Novelties, all of the latest designs are now ready for inspection at the Drug Store Bass Bros Abilene Tex. They sell very low and all would do well to call on them.

—R. E. Martin requests us to announce him to our readers in Stonewall county as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk. He is an energetic young man, and if the people will try him he will do his best to serve them efficiently.

—We hope that some of our good people will win the fine gold watch that E. L. Ritch the premium Jeweler of Abilene offers for every \$2.00 worth of repairs or sales. On the whole people are generally lucky therefore we have reasons to believe it will be won by some one of us.

—Any parties wanting to have a nice gold watch, ring, pin, chain or any other fine Jewelry, write to E. L. Ritch, the premium Jeweler, Abilene, sending satisfactory references and he will send you a selection package, thereby giving you an assortment to select from.

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—Selling lower than any market in the country call and see if I am not correct. The following is evidence good jeans pants worth \$2.00 and sold for \$1.40. Dark pants worth \$1.25 \$1.00. All lines (brown) shirts \$1.25. Good P. K. " " \$1.25. Boots worth \$5.00 for \$4.00. " " \$7.50 for \$6.00.

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—E. M. Stauder was kicked by a horse last Thursday, and was seriously injured internally in the organs of the liver. He had started to get on the horse and the horse wheel and kicked him. With some difficulty he managed to get on the horse and ride to the house of Mr. Miller Hammons.

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D. R. Gass, Haskell, Tex.

Bring in Your Sides and Furs.

I will buy your Hides, Furs and skins and will pay the highest price.

G. E. BAGGETT

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—To the people of Haskell and adjoining counties. When you come to Abilene to buy your Christmas goods don't forget to call on the Abilene merchants. You can get your goods there in one day and you can get them from 15 to 40 cts per pound by the single pound or much cheaper in large quantities. Also fine Yorks of the state. For the full Orange and Lemon Juice. For Raisins, Nuts, Apples in fine any thing in the confectionary line I will make special low rates on Christmas trees. Give me a call before you buy and remember this is the only place where you can get good fresh candy at low prices. Respectfully, W. ARNOLD, Abilene candy works South East St. Abilene Texas.

—The young people around Mr. and Mrs. H. Lacey the other evening, and had a nice social hop. Though taken by surprise, Mrs. Lacey had plenty of refreshments for the company who appreciated her hospitality very highly. The young people all arrived about dark and began dancing at an early hour and continued until 11:30 p. m. when they took to their bugles and by 2 a. m. the town crowd had driven six or seven miles and were all in bed. There was a large attendance of young men from Stonewall county among whom were Messrs. Umphrey, Orr, Jones, Long, Lynn, Bigham, Brown, and one or two others whose names

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—The young ladies of the district were Misses Lizzie Cook, Liza Klingler, Jessie and Sallie Voss, Cora Cal, Mollie Stricker, and Lillie Buchanan. Though the night was rather cool the trip was enjoyed by all.

—Ma W. B. Huston returned from her home in Haskell county last Saturday, when she had completed her law course as a student. Mr. Huston has served the people of this district for the past four years with credit to himself and, we think with satisfaction to the great majority of the law-abiding citizens. When he took charge of the office as attorney every jail in the district had several men confined within their walls. To say there is not a second offender in the jail is due to our knowledge. Diligence and prompt attention to business will tell. Mr. Huston has made a record in the past four years, for a young attorney, that proves that he was able to battle with the most learned attorneys of the district. He leaves Wednesday for Polk county to attend district court as an attached witness and will return to Seymour and settle down with our people for his future home.—Seymour Crescent.

—Mr. Houston has done his duty well and has many admirers in this judicial district.

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This is a watch that ordinarily sells for \$15.00. For 30 days we will sell them at \$3.98 and give every one an opportunity to get one sample for nothing. Call this out and send us with 10 cents in postage stamps as a guarantee that watch is ordered in good faith. We will cover us from any loss from express charges, and we will send the watch to you in a special package as a present. If you are perfectly satisfied and exactly as represented, you can pay the balance of the watch when you receive it. If you do not pay one cent, if you sell or cause the sale of six of these watches within the next 30 days we will send you one free. This is an important, jewelry opportunity in Haskell train movement complete with a sound Decker diving open face case and guaranteed in every respect. We make no money on this watch, it simply helps us to sell good and gold-filled watches from our monthly catalog which is sent on receipt of 10 cents for postage. We also have the greatest bargain ever offered in a pocket fine gold filled hunting watch, wind and stem-wind, made of two plates of solid gold, every spring composition metal and warranted for two years. Has solid gold bow and thumb piece and comes with a very fine stem-wind and stem-set, jeweled, set expansion balance, quick train, and is guaranteed. We are selling this regular \$45.00 watch at \$25.75, and sending to any address, U. S. subject to examination, on receipt of 50 cents in postage stamps. From a dish of six and you get either watch for nothing. (Order now.)

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**TRUTH ABOUT THE NEGRO.**

The discussion of "the Southern question" by Northern Republican journals is not without its amusing features. Among these is the impertinent assumption that the Republican party has a property right in the negro. Men who have a great deal to say about slavery and the wrongs of the negro, discuss his condition and movements as if he were a vassal, tied hand and foot to the Republican party. According to these gentlemen the race of blacks is under mortgage to the G. O. P., which is entitled to have their votes counted for it, no matter how they may be cast or whether they are cast at all.

The gravest imputations upon sectional honesty are built up on this arrogant and spurious pretence. If it is desired to convict a particular locality of intimation, or suppression of the negro vote, the probable size of the latter is ascertained from the census; this is contrasted with the vote cast for the Republican candidates, and the difference is said to indicate the extent of Democratic bulldozing. It is upon no better evidence than this that all of the wretched fibels that are all uttered against the South by the attitudinous orators are founded.

Those who are acquainted with the disposition and characteristics of the negro can understand very readily why it is that he is expected and required by his Northern teachers to be. They know that the negro is not by nature a partisan and cannot except under high pressure be made one; that he is extremely different upon the subject of national politics and differs about as much to the lurid appeals of Mr. Cable for him to shed his blood for his rights as he would to a baraque from an escaped lunatic, and that, when left alone by agitators, he speedily loses his interest in political issues and votes, if at all, because of his interest in local candidates.

That is the plain, unvarnished truth about the negro. There is about as much in common between a hungry wolf and a pet lamb. Left to himself the negro, is a careless, happy, useful creature. The foresters, the blaines and the capes would revolutionize his nature, inspire him with hatred of that part of the white race with which he is associated and bend him to a blind subservency to a foreign action of which he knows nothing and which knows as little of him.

It is fortunate for the republic that the negro is what he is; were he what his Republican counsellors would have him to be graver would confront this country than exist in the imagination of bloody shirt campaigners. The negro is content, placid and happy; it is better for the peace of both sections that he should be left so.

**Almost a Jail Delivery.**

Bonham, Tex., Nov. 27.—The prisoners in the county jail were frustrated early this morning in a bold attempt to escape. They had sawed two of the bars off the cage in which six men were confined and were working on the third when discovered. Had they succeeded in sawing the third bar their escape would have been easy. On searching them a file and spring out of a boot sole were found. They acknowledged that they had been working at the bars ever since the five prisoners escaped last summer by sawing out.

**LEPROSY IN AMERICA.**

The Chinese Have Communicated it to Indians in British Columbia.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 27.—Times Ottawa, Ont., special says:

Word has been received that Chinese lepers in British Columbia have communicated their terrible malady to the Indians, who in that province number 40,000. Senator McInnes, M. P., from British Columbia, states out of a total Indian population of the province, which he placed at 40,000, he believes there will not be 5,000 living in a quarter of a century as a result. Columbia authorities have for several years been officially informed of the presence of Chinese leprosy. Little or no action was taken against it, fearing agitation of the subject would turn away immigration coming from Europe.

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- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years, 10 per cent interest.
- No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich, level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial payments.
- No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
- No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 6. 304 acres of fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1/2 cash, balance 1 year.
- No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek, good land and good grass, \$1.50, 1/2 cash. (Vining.)
- No. 9. 1280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
- No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
- No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
- No. 14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
- No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
- No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
- No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined, makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
- No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance on easy terms.
- No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
- No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
- No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.50, 1/2 cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash balance on easy terms.
- No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
- No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 27. 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, 1/2 cash down.
- No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.
- No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
- No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
- No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county, on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or out to suit the purchaser.
- No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1/2 cash.
- No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms, very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.
- No. 36. 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.

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