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Directory.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.
(19th Judicial Dist.)
Dist. Judge, Hon. J. V. Cockrell.
Dist. Attorney, J. F. Cunningham.

COUNTY OFFICIALS.
County Judge, P. D. Sanders.
County Attorney, J. E. Wilfong.
County Clerk, C. D. Long.
County Treasurer, A. D. Tucker.
County Assessor, S. J. Preston.
County Surveyor, G. R. Couch.
County Sheriff, W. R. Staseler.

COMMISSIONERS.
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Precinct No. 3, J. S. Post.
Precinct No. 4, W. D. Garren.

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J. P. 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 S.) Every 4th Sunday and Saturday before, Rev. C. V. Bully, Pastor.
Union Sunday School every Sunday.
F. D. Sanders, Superintendent.
Union Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night.
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G. W. Keister, Secy.

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LIKE ROMANCE.

The Death of M. W. McCraw at San Antonio Recalls an Old Sensation.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 19.—M. W. McCraw died at the Maverick hotel in this city last night, and his death closed another chapter of a tragic life. The romance was ended.

It is the hackneyed old story of man's duplicity and woman's weakness, and several years ago filled columns in the sensational papers of the country. About twelve years ago a party of ladies and gentlemen went from Bryan, Texas to Galveston on a pleasure trip. In the party were Mr. McCraw and his wife and B. H. Davis and wife. McCraw at the time was an extensive cotton buyer at Bryan and Davis was a leading lawyer. The party went bathing in the surf at Galveston one evening and Mrs. Davis disappeared. She was supposed to have been drowned in the Gulf and was mourned as dead.

SOLEMN FUNERAL CEREMONIES were held over her demise at Bryan, at which McCraw was one of the chief mourners with the bereaved husband. A few days after the funeral McCraw left for New York on an urgent business call.

A short time after his arrival in the metropolis mutual family friends discovered McCraw and Mrs. Davis who was mourned as dead, occupying a room in a prominent hotel as husband and wife. The news of the discovery was flashed to Texas and created a profound sensation all over the state on account of the prominence in social and business circles of the two families concerned. Mrs. McCraw, the deserted wife, at once filed suit in the courts at Bryan for divorce from her husband, and Davis pursued the same course with his truant wife and then

DISAPPEARED FROM PUBLIC NOTICE nothing being heard of him until a few years ago, when he resumed the practice of law at El Paso McCraw and Mrs. Davis remained together in New York for several months and then left. Six years ago Texas friends of McCraw received letters from him in Dakota, inquiring about his wife and daughter whom he had deserted. This brought about a correspondence between father and child, resulting in the father sending his daughter to Vassar college to polish her education. After graduating from the New York seminary Miss McCraw returned to her mother in Texas, and they removed to San Antonio three years ago for the mother's health. Miss McCraw's many attractive charms of person and mind soon made her popular in

THE BEST SOCIETY.
Last June by the efforts of Miss McCraw her father and mother were again brought together in Dakota after twelve years of separation, during which time McCraw had amassed a large fortune by dealing in Dakota wheat. The divorced couple were re-married short while since came to this city to have a stubborn cancer on the face of McCraw treated, which was the cause of his death to-day. It is not known what became of Mrs. Davis, though various are the surmises of her fate. Mr. McCraw's body was shipped to Bryan for interment.

ROBBERS AT DENISON.

Two "Coons" Grab a Deputy Sheriff's Pocket Book—Get About \$50, and Escape.

DENISON, TEX., Dec. 19.—To-day as the 12 o'clock train on the Henrietta division steamed up to the Union depot, Mr. T. W. White, deputy sheriff of Montague county, came from the train with a friend,

and after a few minutes asked a negro where he could buy cotton bagging, as he came to Denison for that purpose. The coon very politely told Mr. White that he was a porter at Waples, Platter & Co., (Which was a lie) and the goods that he desired could be procured at that house. So Mr. White and his friend accompanied the two coons to the wholesale establishment, and it being dinner time only a few workmen were in the establishment. The coons said they would go to the back end and see the proprietor. The four started back and Mr. White's friend said to him, "Let me have \$10, as I want to get some goods." Here Mr. White pulled out his pocket-book, which contained \$300. The negro, seeing his chance, grabbed at the open book and handed it to his colored partner, telling him to run. But Mr. White regained by doing the grab act, but about fifty dollars fell on the floor, which the colored gentry kindly confiscated and went out at the east door, down the railroad track and out of sight. The first coon was not so lucky. Mr. White collared him. Here the negro said, "You are robbed, let's go and get the marshal," and, accompanied by Mr. White, they started up the street together, but at the corner of Houston avenue the negro broke south suddenly and Mr. White gave pursuit, but his wind gave out and the negro eluded him. Officers were put on their track, but as yet no arrests have been made.

Age of Animals.

A bear rarely exceeds twenty years. A dog lives twenty years; a wolf twenty; a fox fourteen or sixteen. Lions are long-lived. One has been known to live to the age of seventy years, a squirrel or hare seven or eight years; rabbits seven. Elephants have been known to live to the great age of 100 years. When Alexander the Great had conquered Phorus, king of India he took a great elephant, which had fought valiantly for the king, and named him Ajax, dedicated him to the sun and let him go, with this inscription, "Alexander, the son of Jupiter, hath dedicated Ajax to the sun." This elephant was found with this inscription 350 years afterwards. Pigs have been known to live to the age of thirty years; the rhinoceros to 20. A horse has been known to live to the age of 62, but averages from 20 to 30. Camels sometimes live to the age of 100. Stags are long lived. Sheep seldom exceed the age of 10. Cows live about 15 years. Cuvier considers it probable that whales sometimes live 1000 years. A swan has attained the age of 200 years. Pelicans are long-lived. A tortoise has been known to live to the age 107. Insects, as a general rule, are short-lived, though there are a good many exceptions to the rule.—Ex.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches on her and for seven years she withstood its severest test, but her vital organs were under minded and death seemed eminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamric & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—(Get a free trial bottle at Johnson Bros. Drug-store.)

We Have Seen

A young man sell a good farm, turn merchant, break and die insolvent.

A farmer spend so much time in town that there was nothing at home worth looking after.

A rich man's son begin where his father left and end where his father began—peniless.

A worthy farmer's son idle away the prime of life in dissipation and end his career in poverty.

The extravagance and folly of children bringing their parents to poverty and themselves into disgrace.

A poor boy grow rich by industry and good management, and rich boys become poor by idleness and dissipation.

A man spend more in folly than would support his family in comfort and independence.

A farmer deliver a fine oration at the agricultural fair, with his fences all down, fields overgrown with weeds, stock foraging on a neighbor's field and his taxes unpaid.

A man build a dwelling so large and fine that the sheriff was the first to occupy it.—Ex.

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 ten years' standing." Abraham Hare, Druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled 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 Johnson Bros. Drugstore.

MOUTH OF THE BRAZOS.

Result of the Officers' and Directors' Meeting at Houston—Work Progressing Nicely.

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 19.—The officers and directors of the Brazos river channel and dock company and Contractor Gus Wilke to-day concluded their conference and left for their homes. Those present were Wm. D. Lee of Leavenworth, Kan., R. H. Evans, G. W. Angle, C. W. Ogden of San Antonio and Gus Wilke. Perident Lee, while he declined to give out for publication all that had been done, said that 3000 feet of jetty work had been completed and that there where was a depth of six feet on the bar it was now ten feet. Work had slackened up for the present on account of a scarcity of cars for the transportation of stone, etc. The recent storm had caused a loss to the contractor of \$15,000 on uncompleted work.

It is confidently expected that when the first freshet occurs the bar will be scoured out to a depth of at least fourteen feet. The report of a foreign expert, who came over to investigate the work preliminary to the negotiation of a loan will soon be made and it is expected it will be favorable. The report that Contractor Wilke has given a deed of trust on his plant and work already done or transferred his contract is most emphatically denied by both Mr. Wilke and President Lee. The installments of money due Mr. Wilke are due when a certain depth shall be obtained. While they have not yet been reached it is almost certain that the first rise in the Brazos will give the required depth of water for the contractor to get his first payment of \$500,000. In the meantime work will be pushed vigorously ahead, all differences between the syndicate and the contractor as to requirements having been satisfactorily adjusted.

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EVERY body should plant out trees the 22nd of February.
 The hum of industry has again fell upon our ears.
 The court yard should be fenced in and forest trees should be set out.

THE FREE PRESS will begin her fifth volume with the next issue.

THE Bachinialian festivities this season in Haskell were very tame affairs we are proud to note.

The last sad night was administered to many fine turkeys this Christmas. We helped to inter several of the fine birds ourselves.

Good water pure air and rich soil and a mild climate makes Haskell county the rich or poor's terrestrial paradise.

NOT a single fight or anything else occurred during the holidays to blot Haskell's record for civility and culture, what town of 600 inhabitants can show a better record?

New houses are going up in all directions. At the present rate without any acceleration Haskell will double her population next year.

NEXT year will probably be an active one for railroad building and the probability is that Haskell will get her share of the new roads.

How has been dismissed in the supreme court with his land cases. We are now questioning his ability as a lawyer. He should have been more certain of the law before he involved the state in so extensive litigation.

THE Dallas Weekly News continues to improve with each issue. The holiday edition is the largest and handsomest paper of the kind ever published in Texas, and leads anything in the South.

"The Hubbard Family" is the title of a strong story by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, complete in the holiday edition of the Dallas Weekly News. The edition is handsomely illustrated and brimful of good reading.

FARMER ROBBED.

He is Chloroformed and Relieved of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars.

NAVASOTA, Texas, Dec. 20.—A daring robbery has just taken place here. Mr. Harvey I. Brigrance of Roana Prairie sold cotton here yesterday and was paid in large bills. Needing change he exhibited the money several times. At a late hour he returned to his room at the boarding house, it being in the front on the ground floor. About 4 o'clock in the morning, his sister who occupied an adjoining room was awakened by his breathing and proceeded to his room. She found him with a handkerchief saturated with chloroform covering his face, and so thoroughly insensible therefrom that it was necessary to call in medical assistance to effect his recovery. Upon examining his room it was discovered that \$180 which was under his pillow, had been stolen. The handkerchief gave forth an odor of a rich perfume, and was of a quality not usually found on burglars, apparently indicating that soon one of whom better things would be expected had done the vile deed.

Kirrain Seeks Clemency.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 20.—Special.—Jake Kirrain arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans on his way to Jackson to see Gov. Lowry and ask for remission of the two months imprisonment to which he was sentenced by the

N. PORTER, SADDLERY AND HARNESS FACTORY.

No. 25, Pine St.

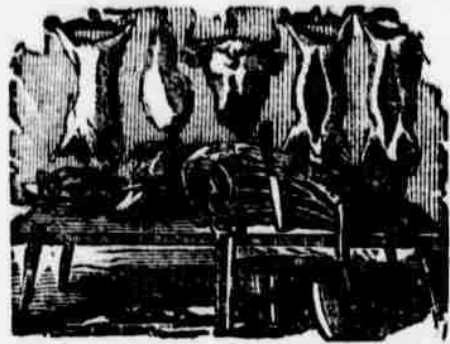
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... circuit court of Marion county. He received an ovation here. A petition signed by a large number of the best citizens was got up in favor of the admission asked for and in fact, every hospitality was shown him, his quiet demeanor having conciliated every one. It is generally felt that the outraged dignity of the state has been vindicated and, few were unwilling to sign the petition.

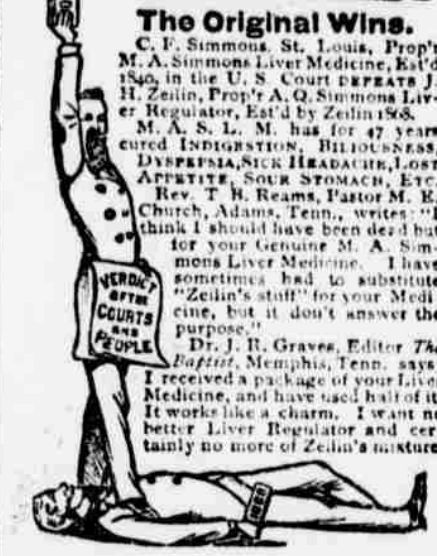
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A HAPPY New Year.

We greet you with our sincerest wishes for A Happy New Year

to one and all, trusting all our patrons have shared in the prosperity which has been so general with the people of the

Abilene Country the past year. It is not our intention or desire to quote you prices or talk business with you in this, our HOLLIDAY GREETING.

We are more than satisfied with patronage you have given us. And would be Ungreatful indeed if we did not in some way show our appreciation of the Same.

YOUR VISITS TO OUR MAMMOTH ESTABLISHMENT HAVE BEEN QUITE NUMEROUS AND ALWAYS MOST PLEASANT TO US. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TRADED WITH US IN THE PAST KNOW HOW WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE AND WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE GIVEN YOU GOOD VALUE FOR THE MONEY YOU HAVE PAID US.

TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS, (We Call You Friends Though You Have Just Settled With us,) WHO HAVE COME TO LIVE IN, AND SHARE THE PROSPERITY OF THE ABILENE COUNTRY, WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES. MAY THIS BE YOUR HAPPIEST YEAR, AND A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND PROSPEROUS ONE TO YOU ALL.

We invite you all to call on us, we want to make your acquaintance and Promise, should you want anything in our line such as Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods Etc., that we will save you money, and extend you all necessary accommodations if you buy of us.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Wheat is looking fine.
—Vases at Dodsons.
—Nice line of Plush Goods at Gass & Anderson.
—Albums at Dodsons.
—The church bell has been shipped.
—Christmas was celebrated in grand style by everybody.
—Plush Good at Dodsons.
—A nice line of queensware at Gass & Anderson.
—Odor Cases at Dodson's.
—J. L. Baldwin made a business trip to Abilene this week.

Cranberries at Dodson's.
—Cranberries and mince meat at 15 cents per lb. at Gass & Anderson.
—Manicure sets at Dodsons.
—E. Roberts was in the city Thursday.
—A B C blocks at Dodsons.
—"Git right candidates for the races" if you are going.
—Whisk holders at Dodsons.
—J. A. Baily is at Moulton visiting friends and relatives.
—Ladies work stands at Dodsons.
—M. R. Jones Esq. is visiting his relatives in Mississippi.

Cranberries at Dodson's.
—No cold weather yet, the weather continues like spring.
—Don't forget to read S. Lapowski & Bros' "ad" on 2d page, headed "A Happy New Year."
—Linen printers at Dodson's.
—A good selection of ladies and Misses cloaks all new goods at cost for cash at Gass & Anderson.
—Flavoring Extract at Dodsons.
—Lige Roberts went to Fort Worth to spend the Christmas with friends.
—Childs picture books at Dodson's.

MONEY TO LOAN—
At the HASKELL COUNTY BANK on unincumbered real estate.
—Nice line China Ware at Dodson's.
—S. W. Scott Esq. went to Georgetown to spend Christmas with relative.
—Genuine Howard boots at Dodsons.
—I have a good improved farm of 120 acres for sale. Respectfully
OSCAR MARTIN.

Cranberries at Dodson's.
—Among other burlesques of the Xmas tree a turkey tail labeled to S. H. Johnson, was the leading. The turkey had vanished.
—Tea Cakes of all kinds at Dodson's.
—Master Joe Jones passed through this place Monday en route home from Haskell. He says Haskell is flourishing.—Throckmorton Times.

Mixed nuts 30 cents per pound at Dodsons.
—G. T. Bagget will buy furs pelts and hides and pay the largest market price for same. North side public square Haskell Tex.
—Go to Dodson's and see those nice Rugs.
—Christmas and new years' Cards at Dodson's.
—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.—
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—Candy, Nuts, Lemons, Oranges raisins and Apples at Dodsons.
—The paint and oil for the church have been shipped and will be here soon.

—A few young gentlemen accepted an invitation to dine with Dr. J. E. Lindsey Thursday, and were feasted to their hearts content upon choice meats, fruits and pastry.
—Cranberries Jellies Dried Grapes, Prunes and Citrons at Dodson's.
—A CHOICE STOCK of Shade Trees, Fruit Trees and Grape vines for sale in Haskell at John Jones'. Call and examine Trees and prices. J. W. Koen, Nurseryman.

—Go and see those nice scrap Books at Dodsons, and buy before they are all gone.
—Elder J. C. Stephens of the church of Christ, will be in Haskell on Wednesday night before the third Lord's day in January and commence a meeting to last one week or longer.
—When you want a Genuine Stetson hat call at Dodsons.
—Mess Rockwell and Burnes of Albany were in Haskell last week, looking after their interest in the Lumber and Hardware trade.

—TAKE NOTICE.—
I have a few Notes and Accounts I propose to sell to the highest bidder. Parties owing me will please be at the auction. I owe money!
D. R. Gass.
—Little Nollie Jones fell in a tub of water the other day and would have drowned before being discovered had the water been an inch or two deeper.
—Call and see what a line of misses, children and ladies shoes Dodson carries in stock.

—Ye scribe served his country last week in the capacity of a juror of view. We were over a large section of as fertile land as there is in the state. We found the farmers had planted a large crop of wheat which was looking very fine.
—The closing exercises of the public school Thursday night was a grand affair. At an early hour the house was crowded to its utmost capacity, many ladies failing to get seats. After the exercises were concluded, the boys gave a minstrel that was highly enjoyed.
—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.

—When you want a suit of clothes of any kind from a lived duck to a Genuine California suit call at Dodsons.
—Christmas day was noted for the many entertainments given by our happy and prosperous people. Ye scribe accepted an invitation to dine at the residence of H. C. Dillahunty and had the pleasure of being wined and dined in royal style. There were twenty couples of young people and many married people with their families.
I am in receipt of a nice line of Jewelry, something good and durable. When you want anything in this line call and see me B. H. Dodson.

—The Christmas tree at the Methodist church was indeed a grand affair. There were many brilliant presents for little folks as well as for some of the old folks. The crowd in attendance was a large one. After prayer the choir sang several pieces suited to the occasion and then the distribution of presents began. The whole affair was well managed and all presents were delivered to the ones for whom they were intended.

—We want to close our books on the 1st and all accounts are due then. We will expect a settlement in full from every one. Please be prompt with us so that we can pay our debts, also those that haven't the money will be expected to give their notes for thirty days with one per cent interest.
W. B. ANTHONY. Co.
—Mr and Mrs. C. B. Banks celebrated the fourth anniversary of their wedding the 27th inst. by a fashionable dining to which a large circle of their friends were invited. The entertainment was a royal one and the hospitalities of the host and hostess were fully appreciated by the guests.
—While ye scribe was in the country last week he spent a day with Mr. Frank McGregor. He was busy breaking sod with two Sulky plows which turned 16 and 18 inches respectively. He had about two hundred acres turned and a large part of same was over grown with wheat and oats that was furnishing pasture to 150 head of sleek cattle and horses. Mr. McGregor showed himself to be a good farmer, and everything about him was conveniently arranged. All work was done by the best machinery.
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Lake Creek Jettings.
—Lake creek needs a post office.
—Farmers are about done sowing wheat.
—The weather for the past few days has been delightful.
—Work on the school house is progressing rapidly. Miss Iola Titus has been employed as teacher. She is a very highly accomplished young lady and will teach music in connection with the literary department.
—Messrs Henry Sherman, Theodore Jones, James Medlin, Samuel Breach and Ike Howeth went out to catch wild turkeys the other night, but caught two coons and one opossum instead.
—Charley Higgins left last Sunday for Dallas, where he will spend Xmas.
—Went some of the neighbors visit the sheepherder in his camp and give him the news, as he is frequently compelled to draw on his own imagination.
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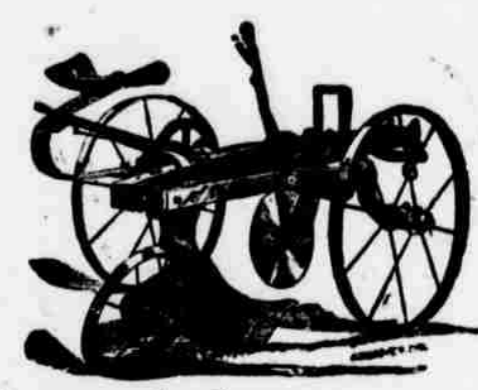
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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 900,000 acres of land. It was created in 1868 from a part of Fannin and Milan counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1871 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 1881, 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 1881 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 began in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The county is an undulating 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 porous 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 grub 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 8 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 10 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 owning 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 northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of four 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, Christian, 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 seat, 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 15 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; four 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

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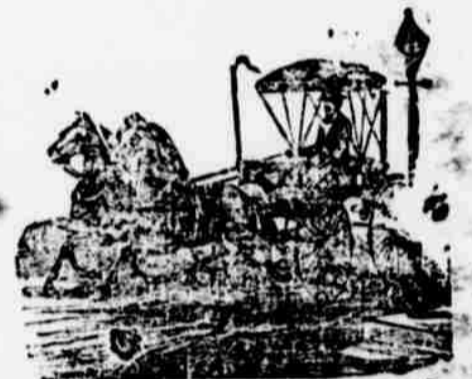
wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattian mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the arms surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room; and invite you and all who contemplate a change to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

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