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CLEVELAND'S LETTER.

The President's Reply to the St. Louis Convention—Its Platform and Principles are his own.

The Objects of Democratic Concern Which Require Watchfulness at the Hands of the Government.

His Tariff Views Set Forth at Length—The Present Unjust System Carefully Analyzed—Our Wants.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S ACCEPTANCE. WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The following is the President's letter of acceptance:

GENTLEMEN—In addressing to you my formal acceptance of the nomination to the presidency of the United States, my thoughts perpetually dwell on the impressive relation of such action to the American people, whose confidence is thus invited, and to the political party to which I belong, just entering upon a contest for continued supremacy. The world does not afford a spectacle more sublime than is furnished when millions of free and intelligent American citizens select their chief magistrate number to fill one of the highest positions of honor and full measure of duty in ready submission of their will.

It follows that a candidate for this high office can not forget that when the turmoil and strife which attend the selection of its incumbent shall be heard no more, there must be in the quiet calm which follows a complete and solemn self-consecration by the people's chosen President of every faculty and endeavor to the service of the confiding and generous

NATION OF FREE MEN. These thoughts are intensified by the light of my experience in the presidential office which has soberly impressed me with the severe responsibility which it imposes, while it has quickened my love for American institutions, and has taught me the priceless value of the trust of my countrymen.

It is of the highest importance that those who administer our government should jealously protect and maintain the rights of American citizens at home and abroad, and should strive to achieve for our country her proper place among the nations of the earth; but there are no people whose home interests are so great and whose numerous objects of domestic concern deserve so much watchfulness and care. Among these are the regulation of a sound financial system suited to our needs, thus securing an efficient agency of national wealth and general prosperity; the construction and equipment of means of defense to insure our national safety and maintain the honor beneath which such

NATIONAL SAFETY REPOSES; the protection of our national domain still stretching beyond the needs of the country's expansion and its preservation for the settler and pioneer or our marvelous growth; the sensible and sincere recognition of the value of American labor leading to corpulent care and just appreciation of the interests of our workmen; the limitation and checking of such

monopolistic tendencies and schemes as interfere with the advantage and benefits which the people may rightly claim; a regard and care for our surviving soldiers, and for widows and orphans of such as have died, to the end that while appreciation of their services and sacrifices is quickened the application of their pension funds to improper causes may be prevented; protection against servile immigration which injuriously competes with our laboring men in the field of toil and adds to our population an element ignorant of our institutions and laws, impossible of assimilation with our people and dangerous to our peace and welfare; strict and steadfast adherence to the principles of

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM, and a thorough execution of the laws passed for their enforcement, thus permitting to our people the advantages of business methods in the operation of their government; a guaranty to our colored citizens of all their rights of citizenship and their just recognition and encouragement in all things pertaining to their relation; a firm, patient and humane Indian policy so that in peaceful relations with the government the civilization of the Indian may be promoted with resulting quiet and safety to the settlers on our frontiers, and the curtailment of public expense by the introduction of economical methods in every department of the government.

The pledges contained in the platform adopted in the late convention of the national Democracy lead to the advancement of these objects and insure good government, the appropriation of ever true American citizen, and the motive for every patriotic action and effort.

In the consciousness that much has been done in the direction of good government by the present administration, and admitting its record to a fair inspection of my countrymen, I endorse the platform thus presented, with the determination that if I am again called to the chief magistracy, there shall be a continuance of devoted endeavor to advance the interests of the entire country.

THE TARIFF. Our scale of federal taxation and its consequences largely engross at this time the attention of our citizens, and the people are soberly considering the necessity of measures of relief.

Our government is a creation of the people, established to carry out their designs and accomplish their good. It was founded on justice and was made for a free, intelligent and virtuous people. It is only useful when within their control, and only serves them well when regulated and guided by their constant touch. It is a free government because it guarantees to every American citizen the unrestricted personal use and enjoyment of all reward of his toil and of all his income except what may be his fair contribution to the necessary public expense. Therefore, it is not only the right and duty of a free people in the enforcement of this guaranty to insist that such expense should be strictly limited TO THE ACTUAL PUBLIC NEEDS.

It seems perfectly clear that when government this instrumentality created and maintained by the people to do their bidding, turns upon them and through an utter perversion of its powers extorts from their labor and capital a tribute largely in excess of the public necessities, the creature has rebelled against the creator, and the

masters are robbed by their servants. The cost of the government must continue to be met by tariff duties collected at our custom houses upon import goods and by internal revenue taxes assessed upon spirituous and malt liquors, tobacco and oleomargarine. I suppose it is needless to explain that all these duties and assessments are added to the price of the articles upon which they are levied and thus become a tax upon all of those who buy these articles.

FOR USE AND CONSUMPTION. I suppose it is well understood that the effect of this tariff taxation is not limited to the consumers of the imported articles, but that the duties imposed upon such articles permit a corresponding increase in price to be laid on domestic productions of the same kind which increase is paid by all our people as the consumers of home productions, and entering every American home constitutes a form of taxation as certain and as inevitable as though the amount was annually paid into the hands of the tax gatherer. The results are inseparable from the plan we have adopted for the collection of our revenue by tariff duties. They are not mentioned to discredit the system, but by way of preface to the statement that every million dollars collected at our custom houses for duties upon imported articles and paid into the public treasury represents many millions more, which, though never reaching the national treasury, are paid by our citizens as the increased cost of domestic productions resulting from

OUR TARIFF LAWS. In these circumstances and in view of this necessary effect of the operation of our plan for raising revenue, the absolute duty of limiting the rate of tariff charges to the necessities of frugal and economical administration of the government seems to be perfectly plain. The continuance upon the plea of meeting the public expenditures of such a scale of tariff taxation as draws from the substance of the people sums largely in excess of the public need is surely something which under a government based upon justice, and which finds its strength and usefulness in the faith and trust of the people ought not to be tolerated.

While the heaviest burdens incident to the necessities of the government are unacceptably borne, light burdens become grievous and intolerable when not justified by such necessities.

UNNECESSARY TAXATION IS UNJUST TAXATION and yet this is our condition. We are annually collecting at our custom houses and by means of our internal taxation many millions in excess of all legitimate public needs. As a consequence there now remains in the national treasury a surplus of more than \$180,000,000. No better evidence could be furnished that the people are exorbitantly taxed. The extent of the superfluous burden, indicated by this surplus will be better appreciated when it is suggested that such a surplus alone represents a taxation aggregating more than \$180,000 in a country containing 50,000 inhabitants. Taxation has always been the feature of organized government hardest to reconcile with the people's ideas of

FREEDOM AND HAPPINESS. When presented in a direct form nothing will arouse discontent more quickly and profoundly than unjust and unnecessary taxation. Our farmers, mechanics, laborers and all our citizens closely scan the slightest increase to taxes assessed

on their lands and other property and demand good reasons for such increase. And yet they seem to be expected in some quarters to regard the unnecessary volume of industrious and indirect taxation visited on them by our present rate of tariff duties with indifference, if not with favor. The surplus revenue now remaining in the Treasury not only furnishes conclusive proof of unjust taxation, but its existence constitutes a separate and independent menace to the prosperity of the people. This vast accumulation of idle funds represents that money drawn from the circulating medium of the country, which is needed in

THE CHANNELS OF TRADE AND BUSINESS. It is a great mistake to suppose that the consequences which follow the continued withdrawal and hoarding by the government of the currency of the people are not of immediate importance to the mass of our citizens, and only concern those engaged in huge financial transactions. In the restless enterprise and activity which free and ready money among the people produces its found that opportunity for labor and employment, and that impetus to business and production which bring prosperity to our citizens in every station and vocation.

New ventures, new investments by business and manufactures, the construction of new and important works and the enlargement of enterprises already established, depend largely on obtaining money upon easy terms with fair security and all these things are stimulated by an abundant volume of

THE CIRCULATING MEDIUM. Even the harvest grain of the farmer remains without a market unless the money is forthcoming for its movement and transportation to the seaboard.

The first results of the scarcity of money among the people is the action of severe terms for its use. Increasing distrust and timidity is followed by refusal to loan or advance on any terms. Investors refuse all risks and decline all securities and in the general fright the money still in the hands of the people is persistently hoarded. It is apparent that when this perfectly natural, if not inevitable stage is reached, depression in all business and enterprise will be the necessary consequence. It will lessen the opportunity for work and employment, and reduce the salaries and wages of labor. Instead, then, of being exempt from the influence and effect of an immense surplus lying idle in the national treasury our wage-earners and others who rely upon their labor for support are

MOST OF ALL directly concerned in the situation. Others seeing the approach of danger may provide against it, but it will find those depending upon toil for their daily bread unprepared, helpless and defenseless. Such a state of affairs does not present a case of dullness resulting from disputes between the laboring man and his employer, but it produces an absolute and enforced stoppage of employment and wages. In reviewing the bad effects of this accumulated surplus and the scale of tariff rates by which it is produced, we must not overlook the tendency towards gross and scandalous public extravagance, which a congested treasury induces in time of profound peace substantially a rate of tariff duties imposed in time of war, when the necessities of the government justified the imposition of the weightiest

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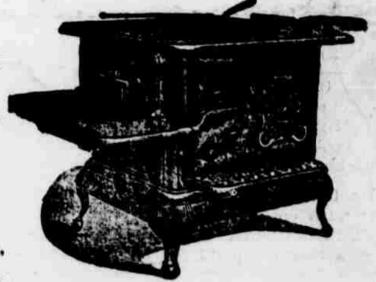
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STATE TICKET.

For Governor, L. S. ROSS. For Lieutenant Governor, T. B. WHEELER. For Attorney General, JAS. S. HOGG.

Deep Water Convention.

The following are the resolutions adopted at the deep water convention at Denver last week:

Whereas, it is the sense of the states of Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, California, and Nevada, and of the territories of New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Dakota, and Indian Territory, in convention assembled in Denver city, Col., under the call of his excellency, Alva Adams, of the state of Colorado, that the commercial, agricultural, mining, manufacturing and stock interests of all that part of the United States lying west of the Mississippi river, and the commercial and navigational advantages of our coast generally demand a deepwater port on the northwest coast of the Gulf of Mexico; therefore,

Resolved, That the senators and representatives in congress from the states hereinbefore referred to and the delegates from the territories herein set forth be and they are earnestly requested to procure at once a permanent appropriation of the amount necessary to secure a deep water port on the northwest coast of the Gulf of Mexico west of 93 1-20 west longitude, capable of admitting the largest vessels and at which the best and most accessible harbor can be secured and maintained in the shortest possible time and at least

That for the carrying into effect of the foreign resolution committees to consist of five from each state and three from each territory represented in the convention be appointed by their respective delegations; that it shall be the duty of said committees to see that the object of resolution be properly presented and vigorously urged before congress, and to that end and with the view of co-operation and concert of action, the chairman of the respective committees shall be and they are hereby constituted and created a center committee.

That the states and territories and commercial bodies represented in this convention approve the idea of securing deep water on the Gulf of Mexico coast of Texas by private capital, and they do hereby respectfully request their senators and representatives and delegates in congress to labor in this behalf.

Whereas, the need of a deep harbor on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico directly and vitally affects nearly every part of the people of the United States, we deem the request contained in foregoing resolutions such a great paramount importance of our public policy that we hereby respectfully request their senators and representatives and delegates in congress to labor in this behalf.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the president of the United States and that he be requested to make in his next annual message to the congress of the United States such recommendations with reference to the location of a deep water harbor on the Gulf of Mexico as to him shall seem proper and expedient.

TEXAS CENTRAL SOLD.

The Road with all its Requirements Knocked Down at Galveston

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 8.—Under an order of the United States court for the Eastern district of Texas, the Houston and Texas Central Railroad with all its various branches was sold at noon to-day in front of the courthouse door by Mr. Chas. Dillingham, one of the receivers of the property. This sale, at a rough estimate, embraces some 600 miles of railroad and 4,000,000 acres of land, besides rolling stock and all necessary equipment incident to the operation of the road. The minimum price of the property is \$10,000,000. The road with the exception of the Waco and Northwestern branch was bid in by Fred P. Olcott, president of the Central Trust Company, for \$15,580,000. The Waco and Northwestern branch was bought in by E. B. Kruttschnitt, on account of George E. Downs for the sum of \$25,000—subject to first mortgage of \$1,140,000. Messrs Dillingham & Kruttschnitt said that the road would doubtless be sold to a new company and a thorough recognition effected. They left via special cars for Houston this afternoon.

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Harrison's Acceptance.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 9.—A local afternoon paper publishes a statement that Harrison's letter of acceptance will probably be given out for publication before the close of the week. In response to an inquiry regarding the correctness of this notice, General Harrison tonight stated to an Associated Press correspondent there was no foundation whatever for the statement, and it was unauthorized.

To Chairman County Democratic Committee.

Chairman of county Democratic committee throughout the State are respectfully requested to send in to me, without delay, their several names and post office address. County papers please copy.

N. WEE FINLEY, Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee.

TYLER, TEX., Aug. 30, 1888.

J. W. Gibson, book keeper of Uncle Billy Hitson's ranch, informs us that they have just purchased the Ross Millsap place and will hereafter make that their headquarters for their ranch. The new purchase comprises two sections of land, of which about 75 acres are in cultivation. The other improvements consist of a good large house, large barn and horse lot, and splendid water in tank and well. Jimmy says they will build a small system of water works, laying pipes to the house, barn and barn lot at once; and when this work is completed, they will have the most convenient and best ranch headquarters in this section.—Abilene Reporter.

Stock Shipments.

Wm. Hitson shipped 17 cars of cattle to Chicago Sept. 5th. P. W. Brewer will ship 8 cars of cattle to Chicago this evening. S. M. Sample will ship 4 cars of cattle to Chicago this evening.—[Taylor County News.]

OUR RETALIATORY POWERS AS TO THE CANALS.

The Crafty Canuck Alleged to Have a Decided Advantage Through Our Folly—Cullom's Anti-Trust Proposals.

WASHINGTON, September 4.—Cullom's resolution of inquiry offered and adopted by the senate to-day, calling upon the secretary of war for information as to whether the St. Clair flats can be in whole or in part in Canadian territory is based upon information which came to him as chairman of the committee to investigate our territory relations with Canada. A grave suspicion exists that the Detroit river near Amherstburg and the Sault Ste. Marie canal are also in part in Canadian territory.

Senator Cullom has a letter from a prominent business man whose business gives a thorough familiarity with the subject in hand, and which is as follows: "DEAR SIR: Noting the provisions of the so-called retaliatory bill now reported to the house of representatives and that the President is to have authority to cause Canadian vessels to pay 20 cents per ton for navigating our canals at Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair river if it has been considered that the improved channel by which all our lake commerce passes through the Detroit river at a point near Amherstburg is Canadian water."

"We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to improve a British channel and neglected our own. Now comes the bug of retaliation, and Canada may sink this channel full of stone laden barges and stop all navigation of Detroit river to vessels loaded deeper than nine or ten feet. Senator, there is no fool like the American fool."

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HORRIBLE EXPLOSION.

In a Threshing Outfit—Eight Men Killed Outright or Badly Injured.

ELLENDALE, Dak., September 5.—The boiler of Goulette & Lyons' threshing outfit exploded about 8 o'clock this morning. A crew of 10 or 12 men were engaged near by, and of this number eight were either killed outright or badly injured. C. J. Goulette, one of the owners, was steering and was blown six rods. He was badly scalded and bruised, but not fatally hurt. Othman McLean and a man named Stanley were killed. Three young men named Kinsey, Johnson and Griffin, sons of prominent citizens, were terribly wounded and will hardly recover. The other two who were injured will undoubtedly die.

The explosion scattered fire in all directions, and in a few minutes the prairie grass was blazing round the place of the disaster, some of them would have perished by flame but for people in the neighborhood who had heard the noise. The sufferers were brought down town and given proper care.

COOPER.

COOPER, TEX., Sept. 5.—District court is in session. James Davidson and Albert Pain were indicted for the murder of Eli Walker, and John Rice for an assault with intent to murder old man Walker. A change of venue in all the cases was had to Hopkins county on application of defendants. William Gilliam was convicted of theft of cattle and given ten years in the penitentiary. J. W. Fitzgerald was convicted of an assault to murder and given two years in the penitentiary. The grand jury is still looking after the boys.

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The surveys for the Congo railroad past the 235 miles of cuttings are approaching completion, says an exchange and there is little doubt that within the next two or three years the tollsome journey to Stanley pool, nearly three weeks long, that has sapped the energies of not a few travelers, may be comfortably made in a day. The time is coming when a trip to central Africa will not involve a big caravan and thousands of dollars of expense. Any one who hankers after a taste of life in the central regions of the dark continent will have only to pack his grip-sack and buy his ticket, and steam will wait him to the once mysterious regions which the pioneers nearly perished to reach. Mr. Stanley once said that some men posed as African explorers who were merely travelers. However that may be, the travelers will follow the explorers in considerable numbers as soon as long distances can be covered in a few weeks without serious discomforts.

The large number of wagons going out into the country this week loaded with lumber, shingles, etc., indicates that considerable building is going on.—[Taylor County News.]

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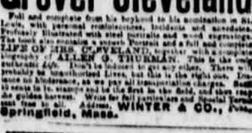
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COME to Haskell county.

GROVER CLEVELAND "nailed a lie to the cross" on the 13th inst.

HASKELL county is one of the best agricultural counties in the State.

DEAR Western:—We will wager you a coon skin we have a larger hog than you have a man.

If you want to locate where you can have the advantage of a good school, Haskell county is the place.

DR. ALF. H. H. TOLAN, candidate for representative of this district, will speak at Abilene on October the 3rd.

The Republicans, Non-partisans and Union laborers are holding conventions all over the State, but they just as well not.

The Cisco Roup-up is having a lively time with the Breckenridge Texian and Throckmorton Times, just at present.

CHARLES A. PERCY, the whirlpool navigator of Rochester, N. Y., went over the whirlpool rapids on the 16th inst without injury.

C. H. HARRIS, Santa Fe depot agent, at Coleman, was killed on the 16th inst by an intoxicated cowboy by the name of Bill Utley.

COL. E. A. JONES, of Waco, is the man who is urged to oppose R. Q. Mills. If Jones carries his grinding to Mills, he will get it ground.

It is reported that the locating engineers of the Santa Fe commenced a survey for the extension from Coleman to Abilene on the 12th inst.—[Abilene Reporter.]

HON. OSCAR H. COOPER, Superintendent of Public Institution, was at the laying of the corner stone of a new public building at Palestine the other day.

DR. RUTHERFORD, State health officer, has ordered a quarantine against New Orleans. He having learned that the pestilence had reached that city.

"PRESIDENT CLEVELAND indorses the methods and purposes of the association of Democratic clubs," was the head of an article signed by him in Monday's Gazette.

The Union Labor party met at Bowie to nominate a candidate for Senator the other day, and the nomination was refused by three of the members to whom it was tendered.

The reward for the murderer of Anos D. Snell was doubled on the 16th, making it \$20,000 for the capture or any information of the murderer's whereabouts. William B. Tascott is the supposed one.

This non-partisan made another grand failure to hold a convention in Parker county the other day. After advertising and advertising the matter for over a month, they could muster but nine members.

The famous Dr. Tanner, has just returned to New York from New Mexico where he has been making some experiments, and studying the subject of suspended animation. He thinks he may yet submit to be sealed up in a coffin until such time as he may designate.

Thanks.

From the Anson Western the Call learns that Max R. Andrews has bought the A. McEachin's interest in the HASKELL FREE PRESS, and will immediately locate at Haskell. Success to you Max.—Rody Call.

A FIGHT occurred the other day between the Sheriff of Wise county and some outlaws by the names of Bob and Dan Campbell and John Sherwood. One of the posse was seriously wounded in the fight and the outlaws succeeded in making their escape.

Too Much Water.

Last week Mr. Mueller, of the Edinburg, brought suit against the city for \$10,000 damages in failing to furnish him water for which he paid regularly to the water works. This week the water pipe under the hotel burst, flooding the place, and he had then too much water.—Southwest.

How to Roast Beef.

The way to roast fresh meat is to have stove hot, then salt and pepper meat, place in drip-pan and put in stove to roast. Do not put any water in the vessel with the meat. If the meat is tender it will cook in thirty minutes.

The Houston & Texas Central Railway system was sold last Saturday, and C. P. Huntington was the purchaser. Mr. Huntington will not let this end of the road be run at a loss very long, but will be apt to extend north over the "Cattle Trail" and make a good paying road of it.—[Albany News.]

Officer—"Look'r here, you! What are ye doin' round here this time o' mornin'?" Stranger (boldly)—"I'm tendin' to me business! What yer s'pose?" Officer—"Oh, ye are? Where did that chicken come from? Stranger (with more under his coat, savagely)—"It came from a neg. av course! What in blazes did you think it come from? A sody fountain?"—Puck.

We publish elsewhere a communication from the newly elected board of directors of the Exchange. They say that the Exchange will have something over one hundred thousand dollars after paying off all indebtedness. So far as we know, the new board are able and intelligent gentlemen, and we sincerely hope that their pleasing prognostications may be realized.—[Dallas Mercury.]

ARE you a cowman? If so, did you ever pay a cent to the FREE PRESS? If a sheepman, how long have you been reading this paper without paying it? If a farmer, have you ever paid your subscription? If not, why not haul up a load of wood. Winter will soon be here and we will need it. There are gentle hints to those who have read our paper for years and have put off and delayed paying us until it is getting monotonous. We are modest dear friends, we don't mean to ask you for your subscription.

Bill Nye and the Dress Suit.

Some times I have worn the dress suit of the landlord at the hotel where I stopped. That is all right where the landlord is built on the lithe and willowy, long waisted plan, running very little to digestion and largely to brain, but where the landlord is in the habit of taking his meals outside the hotel, and is therefore in pretty good condition, his clothes do not fit me.

It therefore happens, I find, that the tunic of a borrowed swallow-tail coat may be normal or it may be worn high up and between the shoulders, or it may get around to the bosom of the coat. When you borrow a dress suit you are at the mercy of every man from whom you borrow. Some landlords are pigeon breasted, while others started out to be such, but afterwards decided to wear it lower down. Some have a shoulder that is higher on one side than the other, having been "aweeined," as we used to say in the college where I had the chair of veterinary surgery for several years.

Wearing, as I have, the dress suits of so many men, eminent not only as landlords, but in letters and in almost every walk of life, I can truly say that man is certainly fearfully and wonderfully made. For this reason I now carry with me, not daring to trust it to the express companies, a fir pillow which I insert into my borrowed clothes where they seem to sag.

Nature has poorly prepared me for wearing the cloths of the average man, for, to be perfectly frank with the gentle reader, I run largely to joints. Providence saw fit to deny me the plump and dimpled form of the prosperous high liver, and to endow me with a galaxy of knuckles and vertebrae which tell plainer than words that the paper I started in Wyoming did not pay.—Bill Nye, in the New York World.

THE DISTRICT FAIR.

At Abilene, Texas—Commences Oct. 3d and continues through Oct. 5th, 1888.

Gov. Ross and Other Prominent Gentlemen Will Speak.

To the citizens of Taylor, Jones, Runnels, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Nolan, Haskell, Shackelford and adjoining counties:

We beg to say to you that every preparation has been made for your comfort and enjoyment during the district fair which commences at Abilene on the 3rd of Oct., and continues through Oct. 5th. Gov. Ross will deliver the opening address on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Running and trotting races every day during the fair. Fast and slow mule race will be run; also burro races, prize to the slowest.

Roping wild cattle from the northwest, by the daring native cowboy.

Foot races by men and boys, fat men's foot races, sack races, wheelbarrow races, jumping matches, climbing the greasy pole, etc., etc.

Tournament on Friday, Oct. 5. Brass band in attendance all the time.

Theatrical performances, on the nights of the 3rd and 4th of Oct. Grand ball on the night of the 5th of October.

The finest baby, the prettiest girl, and the ugliest man will be selected on the last day of the fair.

Grand street parade including military and fire companies, trade display, Terribles, Unelopagag-cowboys, etc.

Round-trip tickets will be sold by all railroads at one fare, good to return Oct. 10.

A large attendance from all over the state will be here during our district fair and the strangers will expect to see a magnificent exhibit of the productions of the rich lands of this section, including wheat, oats, rye, barley, millet, sorghum, corn, cotton, fruits, vegetables of all kinds, etc. Forage crops, natural grasses, stone, wood, and in fact samples of everything, also a fine display by the ladies of their production; also our fine horses, mules, cattle, sheep, etc.

Liberal premiums will be given in every department, and we trust that every one that can will exhibit something. We hope that the people will be so well pleased that the district fair will be made a permanent thing. No other movement could possibly advance the interest of our farmers and stock raisers as an annual fair, and we assured that every one will take a lively interest in our first district fair.

TO THE LADIES.

We beg to say that we especially desire your assistance. No movement can be a perfect success without your good wishes and valuable aid, and we sincerely hope that you will exhibit something at our district fair. Nothing could add so much to the attractiveness of our exhibit as a full display by the ladies of the full display of the thousands of useful and ornamental things that you make for the adornment of the homes of our country and the use of our families.

We might add too, that nothing could impress the strangers so favorably of our country as a good display by our ladies.

TO ALL EXHIBITORS.

We beg to state that the fair will open promptly at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, Oct. 3, and that every thing must be in place in the building by that time. We will have all the help needed to excite matters as far as possible, but necessarily there will have to be a rush to get things in place if exhibitors delay bringing in their exhibits till the last hour. In this connection we will suggest that a committee has been appointed to take charge of exhibits, and they will be received at any time from now till the fair opens, and they will be properly cared for and safely kept. We would be pleased if all those exhibitors who can, would bring in their exhibits the day before the fair opens.

In conclusion we beg to say that every one, and the immediate members of the family, who makes an exhibit will receive tickets, without cost to the fair during the entire time.

We have provided accommodation in our hotels, boarding houses and private residences for all who come. Anticipating, however that

there may be many who will prefer to camp out, we have secured nice camping grounds adjoining town with an abundance of water and will supply wood free to all all those who prefer to go into camp. We cordially invite every one to come and will assure you that we will do all in our power to make the occasion a pleasant one for you. Respectfully..

OTTO W. STEFFENS,
M. A. SPOONTS,
HENRY SAYLES,
JAS. G. LOWDON,
J. W. RED,
T. O. ANDERSON,
ED. S. HUGHES,
C. EVANS,
T. S. ROLLINS,
GEO. P. PHILLIPS,
WILL SMITH.

Committee in charge of the District Fair, Abilene, Texas.

THE Palo Pinto Star advises us to come down there if we want to strike a boom but we can not accept the advice as we have one at home to look after. We will return the compliment by asking the Star to come to Haskell when her little boom plays out.

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UNFORTUNATE DIFFICULTY

About 10 o'clock on last Monday night Mr. J. L. McCracken, a young man who is working on Mr. C. F. C. X's sheep ranch ten or twelve miles from town, came to Dr. Kean's room at the drug store, and on being admitted and down exhausted from the loss of blood. He stated that in a difficulty with C. P. Kean, who works on the same ranch, he had been cut by the latter. On examination the doctor found a light cut on his right arm, extending from the elbow down two or three inches on the forearm, and a deep gash on his back, just under the left shoulder blade. The latter was a pretty severe wound, and had bled freely, saturating the victim's clothing and running down into his boots. The doctor dressed his wounds and he is getting on all right. Sheriff McCabe hearing of the affair next morning, went out to the ranch and brought Mr. Kean in; he was arraigned before Squire Rook on a charge of assault with intent to murder, but waived examination and gave bond to appear before the next grand jury. McCracken was charged with simple assault; he pleaded guilty and paid a fine and costs amounting to \$12.65. The difficulty occurred, as nearly as we could learn, about as follows:

The parties had been in the habit of joking each other pretty roughly, and McCracken had carried it so far during the day that Kean became irritated. When they met at camp about night it seems McCracken renewed the joking and badgered Kean until he flew into a passion and made a rush at McCracken who picked up a piece of wagon box Kean had his knife out, or got it out at this juncture, and the two ran together. Kean receiving a blow on the face and arm from the piece of box, which left a pretty bad bruise, McCracken got out of the way of the knife, and Kean was in the act of following him up when another party who was present seized a Winchester and commanded a halt, which Kean had discretion enough to obey. There was no evidence given in court and our account may be incorrect in some particulars.

Haskell County Finance.

CASH ON HAND SEPT 13 1888	
Jury Fund	90.54
Road and Bridge Fund	852.35
Common Fund	8122.50
Court-house Fund	189.15
School Fund	84.51
Total Amount	9409.05
Less Treasurer's Commission	28.75
Balance	9411.44
REGISTERED INDEBTEDNESSES.	
Common Fund	41065.92
Jury Fund	816.35
Road and Bridge	1556.69
Total registered indebtedness	43438.76
Total bonded indebtedness	82500.00
Total for and bonded indebtedness	125038.76
ASSESSMENTS FOR A. D. 1888 ON TAX ROLL.	
Common Fund	44134.05
Court House Fund	4134.05
Road and Bridge Fund	2969.48
Total	51237.58
Cash in Treasury	411.44
Total Resources Less Amount	51649.02
Remaining on rolls of '84, '85, '87	81150.77
Total outstanding registered indebtedness	142687.79
Will Leave	97121.21

HASKELL COUNTY.

Mer Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portions 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 first 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 homes, 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 who and woefully and indigent to those "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhatten mixtures, but rather that we are a people raised 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 instruction 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 county 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 county 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 all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural WATER.

The water supply comes from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, in the western portion of the county; California creek entering the county from the south, then running an easterly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the west line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lake creeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northeasterly course into Baylor county. The waters of these streams are pure and free from mineral or alkali.

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure freestone water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

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 these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drouth and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drouth without very serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drouth in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. 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.

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 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 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.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

At present there is no prospect of a railroad building into Haskell in the immediate future. We expect to get an extension of the Texas Central Railroad from Albany to Haskell, but that road is in the hands of the U. S. Court, and not likely to be extended until it is discharged from the control of said court. We also think that the Fort Worth Western Railroad will build from Fort Worth westward through Haskell, and it is believed that the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad will build southward through the Panhandle and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one-third cash, and the balance in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent interest.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received

from the state, about \$8.50 per capita, our Commissioners have wisely chartered 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. The fund of Haskell Co. is all sufficient to run the school without voting a special school tax provided by law, thus relieving our people of the additional tax, to maintain an efficient school system.

In Haskell there is a flourishing school with more than 100 scholars enrolled, besides several flourishing schools in different parts of the county. Our school fund is ample for all who may come. It is a source of pride to our citizens and an evidence to all of the enlightened views of our people and wise management of our county government.

MAIL FACILITIES.

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

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION.

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 Campbell Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles 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 drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store; one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank; one barber shop; two silver smith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three 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 of the surrounding country, 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 this. Reader, please hand this to your friend.

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Saturday, September 22, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

J. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, au-
thorizes us to announce him as a candi-
date for the office of District Attorney of the
30 Judicial District. Election in Nov.

W. B. HOUSTON, of Seymour, authorizes
us to announce him as a candidate for
re-election to the office of District Attorney of
the 30 Judicial District. Election in Nov.

COUNTY JUDGE.

W. E. STANDEFER authorizes us to an-
nounce him as a candidate for County
Judge of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

OSCAR MARTIN authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for County Judge of
Haskell county. Election in Nov.

SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

F. Y. HILBERTH authorizes us to an-
nounce him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax
Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

W. T. ANTHONY authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax
Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

A. D. TUCKER authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for re-election to the office
of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county.
Election in November.

COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK.

C. D. LONG authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for the office of County and
District Clerk of Haskell county. Election in
November.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

S. J. PRESTON authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for re-election to the
office of County Treasurer of Haskell county.
Election in Nov.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

H. R. JONES authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for County Attorney of
Haskell county. Election in November.

TAX ASSESSOR.

D. S. WILLIAMS authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of
Haskell county. Election in November.

D. L. SMITH authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Has-
kell county. Election in November.

R. ROBERTS authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Has-
kell county. Election in November.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my offi-
cial duties as Tax Assessor of Haskell
county for the past two years and believe that
I have filled the office to the satisfaction of
Haskell county voters. I respectfully offer
myself as a candidate for re-election at the
November election. W. J. HOWELL.

ALEXANDER ERWIN authorizes us to an-
nounce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor
of Haskell county. Election in November.

S. BRYERS authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Has-
kell county. Election in Nov.

J. H. CARTER authorizes us to announce
him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of
Haskell county. Election in November.

J. W. CHRISTOPHER authorizes us to an-
nounce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of
Haskell county. Election in Nov.

Mens and Boys Hats at Gassers

—Mr. S. S. Cummings has re-
turned to the round-ups.

—Miss Eric Henry arrived last
Saturday.

Tenants and Walkers Boots and
Shoes at Gassers.

—G. B. Triplett came in Monday
night from Abilene.

Go to Andersons for fresh drugs
He will treat you right!

—Hereafter we intend to keep
the FREE PRESS on time.

—Mrs. Ida Hatcher of Albany is
visiting relations at this place.

—Our Junior is off to Abilene on
business.

—When school begins we will
have a rest from the town boy.

—Capt. Killough was on the sick
list this week, but is convalescing.

—To Candidates: Call in at the
post-office and learn a good lesson.

—Prescriptions carefully filled
day or night at Anderson's Drug
Store.

—Mr. B. J. Tyson has had one
mess of mustard salad from his fall
sowing.

—Mrs. Preston has been quite
sick this week but is now conva-
lescing.

—R. A. Anderson will practice
medicine and furnish all Drugs nec-
essary in his practice.

—There was a good shower in the
Northern part of the county the
other day.

—Mr. John Gordon was brought
in from the range the other day
with the fever.

—Mr. A. D. Tucker went to
Albany Wednesday to deliver some
bees under contract.

—We had a little fun the other
night with our editorial lamp,
which exploded.

—N. C. Smith went out to
build a fence Wednesday to build
the first gentleman.

—Our Senior was confined to his
bed Sunday but was up and ready
for business Monday.

—H. Davis and his son, Lyge
of Jones county, was in town the
first of the week.

—Several prospectors in town
this week, we hope they will be
pleased with our county.

—J. N. Miller, Photographer of
Abilene, came in Saturday evening
and returned Sunday afternoon.

—The severest sand storm of the
season came up Tuesday morning
at 12:15, and lasted about two
hours.

—Mrs. N. M. Martin was sick
enough to call in a physician Monday,
but she has about recovered her
usual health.

—Mr. C. Evans the enterprising
Lumber dealer of Abilene visited
our town this week. Mr. Evans is
looking after his lumber trade in
this section of country.

—Rev. J. B. Bonn addressed our
people on Saturday night and
Sunday in his usual eloquent and
spiritual manner.

A full stock of bridles, spurs,
girths, straps, bridle bits, whang
leathers and wool snacks just receiv-
ed at Johnson Bros.

—When you are in Haskell, you
should take your meals at the City
Hotel, for this is the best Hotel in
the West.

—The patrons of the public free
school are requested to provide the
pupils with a pencil and a good
supply of writing paper.

—Miss Lawless Jones has return-
ed from Albany where she has
been to visit Mrs. Hatcher who
was quite sick.

Notice.

Dr. Anderson has the best stock
of drugs that has ever been brought
to Haskell.

—Let every body go to the meet-
ing to night to consult as to the
prospects of getting new desks and
seats for the school house.

—What are our people going to
do about the Abilene Fair? If we
intend to do anything, it is high
time we were at work.

—We call your attention to E. B.
Gober's "ad." He makes a special-
ty of manufacturing spurs and
bridle bits. When in Anson call in and
see some samples of his work.

—We call your special attention
to clothing at B. H. Dodson.
Mr. Dodson has received a fine lot
of California pants and full suits,
which he is offering very low.

—Messrs. Cunningham and
Houston would have addressed our
people on last Monday night had it
not been for the sad event which
occurred Monday evening.

—James F. Cunningham, Jr., our
popular candidate District Attorney
for this district, of Anson came up
Saturday afternoon and returned
Monday night.

—Start your children to school
Monday and see that they attend
regular. Do let not an opportunity
slip to give them the golden bits of
knowledge, that will make them
useful to themselves and country.

—J. W. Link, Anson's legal lum-
inary came in Saturday evening
and returned Monday night. Mr.
Link is a young man of much
worth and ability and leaves a
professional card with us.

—Mr. D. M. Winn has patented
a machine for the use and benefit
of candidates. It is a very small
instrument, might be carried in
your vest pocket, but when applied,
if you think anything of your life,
you had better yield. It might be
called a "Candidates Auger."

—Mr. Dodson gave us an 8 inch
double column "ad" this week. He
says he must sell his clothing, and
what ever the old man says "goes."
The goods are in his house for
you, and you will be charged with
them, so if you want to get the
benefit of your money you had
better call for the goods!

—When M. Tucker was killed
the other day by lightning, a calf
was killed in Mr. J. B. McGee's
yard and Mrs. McGee was severely
shocked. Messrs. Hammond, Bor-
rett and J. W. Link were hitching a
horse to a buggy at the Haskell
stable at the same time. The horse
was knocked down, and the man
severely shocked.

Mr. G. T. Baggett has opened up
his boot and shoe shop in rear of
D. N. Gass' mercantile building,
and he is doing some fine work.
Orders are being sent in every
day, and he is turning off work at
a rapid rate. If you want a nice
fitting pair of shoes or boots go
and inspect some of his work.

Notice.

—You will find all kinds of pat-
ent medicines at Anderson's Drug-
Store.

Don't forget when you visit Ab-
ilene that the Druggists Bass Bros
carry a large stock of school books
and school supplies, and sell low.

—The candidates have been very
quiet up to the present, but several
have declared their intentions of
starting their papers next week.

Money Made is Money Saved.

We can save you money by com-
ing to see us and getting our prices
and looking at the quality of our
goods before buying. Send us your
repair work. North 200 ft
Abilene Texas. ADAIR & CLARK

Notice.

Haskell school will begin Mon-
day, 24 inst., and a large attendance
is expected.

People over 16 years old will be
charged \$2.00 per month, those
under 8 years will be charged \$1.50.
Payable monthly to the trustees of
this District.

J. S. Williams,
Presdt., Board Trustees,
Lumber Pool at Abilene Bursted.

I am now receiving over 200,000
feet of splendid lumber which ad-
ded to my stock of doors windows
shingles Paint and hardware gives
me a good stock. For each I will
discount the Pool rates 15 to 20
per cent.
R. H. PARKER.

Notice.

The patrons of the Haskell school
are earnestly requested to meet at
the school house on Saturday night
22 inst. at seven o'clock to consid-
er the advisability of seating the
house with new desks and seats.

J. S. Williams,
Presdt., School Board of Trustees.

3,000 acres of Land for sale on
main Brazos, on line of Stonewall
and Haskell counties, known as the
Geo. G. Alford. Surveys Nos. 43 &
44. Price \$3.00 per acre, one half
cash balance on as long time as
desired at 10 per cent interest. Ap-
ply to G. F. Williams county sur-
veyor Anson Texas.

Adair & Clark, Jewelers, Abilene
Texas. The largest stock of Di-
amond Watches, Clocks, Jewelry
and silverware west of Fort Worth.
We are the only house in Abilene
who carry a full stock of everything
in the Jewelry line. We will dis-
count prices of any house who is a
legitimate dealer East or West,
North or South. We do any kind
of repair work, and only ask you to
give us a trial if your watch o-
clocks out of repair.

School Books, and school sup-
plies are sold at Bass Bros at Abi-
lene Texas. Call on them.

A COMPLETE FIASCO.

The Republican Negroes of Travis
County Gives the Lie to Sena.
Near, Spooner and Ingalls.

The Union Labor Party's National
Committee Meets to Arrange
Ideas For the Campaign.

TRAVIS COUNTY REPUBLICANS,
AUSTIN, TEX., Sept. 15.—The
Travis county Republican conven-
tion to-day appointed the following
delegates to the state convention
at Fort Worth on the 20th inst: J.
C. Degress, J. B. Rector, C. A.
Newling, D. Fredman, J. M. Hol-
land, E. Platte, J. M. Snyder, J. A.
Black, W. E. Easton, J. P. Taylor,
J. B. Allen, Tom. Bell, W. P. Be-
con, W. B. Brush, J. Kerschler,
M. Alexander, A. B. Palm, William
Nicholas, H. Russell, William Alex

nder, H. J. Oldham, A. Werton,
F. Hall, H. Dickerson and W. C.
Rinihaes.

The following resolutions were
introduced in Travis county in the
Travis county Republican conven-
tion to-day.

Whereas, it is a well known fact
that since the Democratic party has
been in power in this state the
Republicans in a great many coun-
ties in the state have been terror-
ized and proscribed socially and
otherwise; hundreds have been
murdered, others have been requir-
ed to leave their homes, and again
seek homes in other states; thous-
ands of voices have been intimidat-
ed, and through fear have remain-
ed away from the polls, and there-
by failed to exercise the right of
suffrage as guaranteed to them un-
der the constitution and laws of
this state; and

Whereas, this feeling of pres-
cription to a greater or less extent
in almost every county in this
state; and,

Whereas, there has been a Re-
publican convention called to meet
at Fort Worth on the 20th day of
this month to select a candidate
for Governor and other state officers
against the Democratic nominees
for state officers; and,

Whereas, we believe that there
are at least 50,000 or 60,000 Repub-
lican voters in this state that have
not voted the republican ticket on
account of the foregoing reason, and,

Whereas, we believe that there
are thousands of intelligent Demo-
crats or in other organized parties
that stand willing or ready to join
us in a continued effort to over-
throw the old moss-backs, Bureau
rebel, collar bound element of the
Democratic organization; therefore be-
it

Resolved, that the delegates
from this county to the republican
convention at Fort Worth be, and
are hereby instructed to co-operate
with our parties and organiza-
tions that will best subserve the
purposes heretofore mentioned.

The resolutions were voted down
by 63 to 16. The point about it is
the convention was composed of
three quarters negroes. The reso-
lutions were introduced by a white
man named Platte, a city alderman.
The sixteen who voted for the re-
solutions were white men, and the
negroes having more honesty
than their white friends voted
them down. A prominent negro
got up and said the resolutions were
a lie on the people of Texas. Thus
the Republican negroes of Travis
county give the lie to Hoar, Ingalls
and other bloody shirt wearers

It transpires that the bloody-
shirt resolutions introduced in the
Travis county Republican conven-
tion to-day, but defeated by 63 to
16, were written by a prominent
white Republican politician of Aus-
tin now in the north, and intended
for use against Cleveland and Thur-
man in the northern states to fire
the nigger heart. He failed.

Bloody Shirt Downed.

The negroes who voted down the
bloody shirt resolution in the
convention at Austin the other day,
and who refused to endorse a lie
on their political points set a bril-
liant example to other political
bodies. Even the warm blood of
the southern negro will boil with
patriotism when our social and
political institutions are being as-
saulted by howling politicians, who
wish to be wafted into power by
an overwhelming tide of blind pre-
judice which they seek to arouse
by haranguing. Surely the days of
the carpetbagger is numbered. The
negroes are becoming too well in-
formed with advantages of free
schools, to be blindly driven to the
polls and voted, as has been done
by white republicans heretofore.
When the intelligence of the edu-
cated negro compels politicians
to address their reason instead of
their prejudice the occupation of
a large number of professional po-
liticians will have ceased to exist,
and the few white republicans in
the south will find that the politi-
cal aspirations of some of his in-
telligent colored brothers will force
him to look upon the past with a
full realization of a mis-pent life.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for
Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt
Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped
hands, Chilblains, Corns, and
all Skin Eruptions, and positively
cures Piles, or no pay required.
It is guaranteed to give perfect
satisfaction, or money refunded
Price 25 cents per box.

FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS.

THE FREE PRESS is going to have
a few obligations to meet in a short
time, and we want to see the land
men, who desire a benefit from the
publication of a live journal in
Haskell stir themselves to make
the immigration association meet its
obligations with us. We are depen-
dent to a great extent upon the
immigration association, and it
will not do for its officers to let us
suffer, we are doing some good
work for the country and have al-
ready done a great deal to attract
immigration, and we insist upon a
recognition of our services, and
ask that this recognition be not i-
words but bright silver dollars.
We find that dollars lends inspira-
tion to our pen, and brilliancy to
our brains.

Killed By Lightning.

Mike Tucker Instantly Killed by
Lightening When in About 300
Yards of his Home.

It becomes our sad duty to an-
nounce the sudden death of one of
our esteemed citizens Mr. Mike
Tucker, who was stricken from his
horse in an instant never to rise
again. He had been out on the
range working with the Tucker
horse wagon for several days and
Monday evening started home to
spend a night with his family.
There was a light cloud floating up
from the north and the electricity
was playing some, but not enough
to attract any unusual attention.
Mr. Tucker was riding at a lively
saddle gait smoking as he went and
when within a block of his home
and family a bolt of lightning
passed down upon him knocking
him and his horse to the ground.
The horse after some struggling
got up and walked off, but Mr.
Tucker never rose, his soul had
passed into eternity with the swift-
ness of that awful bolt. Friends
gathered round him and a ter very
efforts to resuscitate him, gen-
tly lifted from the ground where
he had fallen and bore him to the
home of his grief stricken family.

Mr. Tucker leaves a most es-
teemable wife and two little boys
to mourn his loss, and miss his
coming at eve, and it is our prayer
that God will give them strength
to bear up under their afflictions
and that they may so live as to
look forward to the eternal me-
ting with joyful anticipations that
will ever smooth down the
rough paths of life. He was living
the life of a christian, and his
relatives will find surcease of
sorrow in their christian faith that he
is at rest.

This death seems to have cast
a gloom over the entire commu-
nity who have accorded their warm-
est sympathy to the stricken fam-
ily and relatives.

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30 BELL TELEPHONE SAVES

The \$275 ORGAN for only \$90.00
Beautiful 30 Bell Telephone. Other beautiful sets for
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Special 30 Day offer now ready.
The oldest organ manufacturer in Washington
has 25 years' experience in making organs.
This organ will be sent on 15 days' free trial
to 25,000 of these organs now in use. They are
so good, they are so easy, they are so lasting,
that they are the best.

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A Farm in Connection With Stable, and Raise all Kinds of Grain and
Hay.

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Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits!
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California Pants, 50 first-
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THE FAIR !! THE FAIR !!!

Abilene Tex., Oct. 3, 4 and 5,
WITH HEADQUARTERS AT
Roberts & Mackechney's
Grocers and Commission Merchants

THE FAIR we mean may not be alto-
gether the FAIR you understand, but
the fair quality, fair quantity and FAIR prices of our fair stock of
GROCERIES

Cannot fail to make a fair impression on your fair minds when you
visit us and the Fair in the fair city of Abilene next October.
You will be here, of course. You should be, you must be. We offer
four premiums. We would like you to get at least one of them.
Read this: For the best article of wheat bread, we offer a premi-
um of 100 pounds of Abilene Fancy Patent Flour. For choicest pro-
duction of Irish potatoes, one Whitaker Star ham. Finest exhibit Mi-
to maize, Kaffir corn, Durro, corn, etc., five pounds good tea.
Most excellent article of sour pickles, a five-gallon keg of vinegar
(Roberts & Mackechney's own make and GUARANTEED ABSOLUTE-
LY PURE FRUIT VINEGAR).

Now isn't this fair? isn't it?
Send us for pamphlets giving particulars of, and rules governing the FAIR,
and we will mail them to you free of charge. Our fair advice is come to the
FAIR. Bring everything of a fair nature; it may command a fair premium.
Everybody and every thing will be on a boom; even the railroad, except their
fare, which will be reduced to half fare.
You have no excuse—come. Bundle up the fair women, gather up the fair chil-
dren, get your fair self in shape, and make a fair showing at

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 For Comptroller,
JNO. D. McCALL.
 For Treasurer,
F. R. LUBBOCK.

For Comptroller General Land Office,
R. M. HALL.
 For Superintendent Public Instruction,
OSCAR H. COOPER.
 For Chief Justice Supreme Court,
J. W. STAYTON.
 For Associate Justice Supreme Court,
JOHN L. HENRY.
R. B. GAINES.
 For Judges Court of Appeals,
J. M. HURT,
S. A. WILSON,
J. P. WHITE.

Texas as she is.

Reviewing the progress of the State of Texas within the past ten years, the New Orleans Times-Democrat, than which there is no more reliable paper in the southwest, says:

There is no place in the Union that has made such rapid progress as Texas. The population of the state has more than trebled in twelve years. In 1870 Texas only had 800,000 inhabitants. Now the population of the state is fully 2,600,000. Ten years ago there was only 2,000,000 acres of land in cultivation now over 30,000,000 acres responding to the touch of the husbandman. A dozen years ago Texas had less than a thousand miles of railroad, now there are 7,000 miles of road in operation in the state. The mountains and hills of East Texas are rich in iron ore as the mountains of Alabama, and excellent coal has been found in unlimited quantities in several sections of Texas.

The population of Texas is enterprising, industrious and public spirited. The population of the state was mainly recruited from the old states and is genuine American without any sectional narrowness. The great State Fair which opened at Dallas on the 30th of October, 1887, was a splendid miniature exhibition of Texas. Every important industry of the state was represented, and it is fair to presume there was specimens of the product of the soil that opened the eyes of our common country.

Texas has won the title of the empire state of the south from Georgia, and ere 25 years elapses it will be in position to contest with New York the imperial supremacy in the union of the states. Before the first decade of the next century empire the Lone Star State will have fifty representatives in the federal congress.—Abilene News.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its searings tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed eminent. For three years 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 writes W. O. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Druggists.

Now that the Texas Central has passed under the management of the Southern Pacific, it will probably be built on north to the connection with Fort Worth & Denver within the next twelve months.—[Albany News

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burdens on the people. Diversions have been suggested for the return of this accumulated surplus to the people as channels of trade. Some of these devices are at variance with all

RULES OF GOOD FINANCE.

Some are delusive, some are absurd and some betray by their reckless extravagance the demoralizing influence of a great surplus of public money upon the judgments of individuals. While such efforts should be made as a consistent with public duty and sanctioned by sound judgment to avoid danger by the useful disposition of the surplus now remaining in the treasury it is evident that if its distribution was accomplished another accumulation would soon take its place. If the constant flow of redundant income was not checked at its source by reform in our present tariff laws. We do not propose to deal with those conditions by merely attempting to satisfy the people of the truth of abstract theories, nor by alone urging their assent to political doctrine. We present to them propositions that they are unjustly treated in the extent of the present federal taxation, that as a result a condition of extreme danger exists, and that it is for them to

DEMAND A REMEDY.

and that defense and safety promised in the guarantees of their free government. We believe that the same means which are adopted to relieve the treasury of its present surplus and prevent its recurrence should cheaper to our people the cost of supplying their daily wants. Both of these objects we seek in part to gain by reducing present tariff rates upon the necessities of life. We fully appreciate the importance to the country of our domestic industrial enterprise. In the ratification of the existing wrongs their maintenance and prosperity should be carefully and in a friendly spirit considered. Even such reliance upon the present revenue arrangements as have been invited or encouraged should be fairly and justly regarded. Abrupt and radical changes which might endanger such enterprises and injuriously affect the interests of labor dependent upon their success and continuance we are not contemplated or intended. But we know the cost of our domestic manufactured products is increased and their price to the consumer enhanced by the duty imposed on raw material used in their manufacture. We know that their increased cost prevents the sale of our productions

AT FOREIGN MARKETS

in competition with those countries which have the advantage of free raw material. We know that confined to the home market our manufacturing operations are curtailed, the demand for labor is irregular and the rate of wages paid is uncertain. We propose therefore to stimulate our domestic industrial enterprises by freeing from duty the imported raw materials, which, by the employment of labor, are used in our home manufactures thus extending the markets for their sale and permitting an increased and steady production with the allowance of abundant profits.

True to the undeviating course of the Democratic party we will not neglect the interests of labor and our working-men. In all efforts to remedy the existing evils we will furnish no excuse for loss of employment or reduction of wages of honest toil. On the contrary, we propose in any adjustment of our revenue laws to concede such encouragement and advantage to the employers of domestic labor as will easily compensate

FOR ANY DIFFERENCE

that may exist between the standard of wages which should be paid to our laboring men and the rate allowed to other countries. We propose, too, by extending the markets for our manufactures to promote the steady employment of labor cheapening the cost of the necessities of life we increase the purchasing power of the working-man's wages and add to the comforts of his home. And before passing from this phase of the question I am constrained to express the opinion that while the interests of labor should be always sedulously regarded in any modification of our tariff laws, an additional and more direct and efficient protection to those interests would be afforded by the restriction and prohibition of immigration or the importation

of laborers from other countries who swarm upon our shores, having no purpose or intent of becoming our fellow citizens or acquiring any permanent interest in our country, but who crowd every field of employment with unintelligent labor at wages which ought not to satisfy those who make the claim

TO AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

The platform adopted by the late national convention of our party contains the following declaration: "Judged by Democratic principles, the interests of the people are betrayed when by unnecessary taxation trusts and combinations are permitted and fostered which, while unduly enriching the few that combine and rob the body of our citizens by depriving them as purchasers of the benefits of natural competition."

Such combinations have always been condemned by the Democratic party. The declaration of its national convention is sincerely made and no member of the party will be found excusing the existence or belittling the pernicious results of these devices to wrong the people. Under various names they have been punished by the common law for hundreds of years, and they have lost none of their hateful features because they have assumed

THE NAME OF TRUSTS

instead of conspiracies. We believe these trusts are the natural offspring of a market artificially restricted; that an inordinately high tariff, besides furnishing the temptation for their existence, enlarges the limit within which they may operate against the people and thus increases the extent of their power for wrong doing. With an unalterable hatred of all such schemes we count the checking of their baleful operations among the good results promised by revenue reform.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bismarck, N. D., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the 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 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 cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidney and Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Druggists.

Address to the Ladies.

The following address was issued to the Ladies of the Abilene County:

ADDRESS TO THE LADIES.

The Ladies of the Abilene County comprising six counties, are requested to send in any articles suitable to exhibit in the Women's department of the coming Fair. Any kind of fancy work, such as quilts, fine sewing, draws work, embroidery, etc., also such articles as paintings and curiosities; also preserves, canned fruits and canned vegetables, pickles, bread, cake, etc. Anything sent to the care of Mrs. R. H. Parker, President of the Ladies Department, will be cared for and awarded a suitable place in the exhibit. It is earnestly desired, that all Ladies in this District will do their utmost to make the exhibit, as creditable as possible and take an active interest in the coming Fair.

Papers of the district please copy.

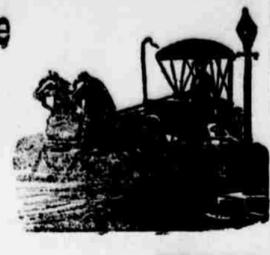
AN OBSTINATE FEMALE.

She Refuses to Give Evidence and is Jailed for Contempt.

Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 13.—An exciting scene occurred at the United States court this evening during the progress of the Lewis Burrows murder trial. Annie Morgan was a witness in the case, but refused to answer when called to testify. Finally the Judge ordered her to jail for contempt, and when the bailiffs started to take her down she resisted stubbornly, fighting like a tigress. It took the combined efforts of four men to get her behind the bars. The struggle created considerable excitement among the large crowd that witnessed it.

Local option carried Saturday the 8th, by majority of 91.—[Albany News

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