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THE BRAZILIAN OUTLOOK.

Forbidding ill to the Fonseca Provisional Government.

Mutterings Loud and Deep.

New York, Dec. 26.—The steamship Sirius, which left Rio Janeiro, Dec. 4, and arrived here to-day, reports that several foreign warships among them the United States steamer Richmond, had arrived in the harbor and that quite a commotion had taken place in Rio Janeiro although no particulars could be learned up to the time of sailing.

Capt. Fisher of the Sirius was seen by a report and said: "When we were at Rio everything was quiet in the city and no one would imagine any change of government had taken place. Business was going on as usual, although the banks were a bit wary and drafts of over £100 would not be honored. There was, however, an undercurrent of discontent manifested, and I am not surprised to hear of the outbreak there since we left.

There is evidently a considerable number of people in the city who desire to see the empire established. When we were there this sentiment had not taken shape in any definite movement, but there were mutterings of dissatisfaction to be heard. The truth is that the banishment of Dom Pedro and the proclamation of the republic came with such suddenness that the adherents of the empire had no time to make any demonstrations. I look for troubles not only in Rio but throughout Brazil for some time to come. Those at the head of the new movement have not peaceful prospects before them by any means.

A Washington special to the Times says: Brazilians in the United States are watching with grave concern news from their native country. While they do not appear to be at all anxious for a restoration of the empire it is evident many of them look for troubles of some sort, suggested by the recent disquieting dispatches, concerning disturbances in the provinces. The reluctance of some of the most prominent men of liberal opinion to give their adhesion to the provisional government of de Fonseca is taken as an indication that these men have intimations that it will be advisable to ascertain whether the new authorities will be entitled to general confidence or whether they have undertaken something that they are not broad enough and strong enough to carry out.

joined by the neighboring province in establishing a new government of the northern provinces.

The withdrawal of one province might be expected to be followed by the refusal of others to yield obedience to the commands of the deFonseca government, and possibly lead to a general break-up and a melancholy state of disorder in all the provinces not controlled by military forces.

A careful compilation of expressions of the press shows that there is not one paper that has said anything critical of Dom Pedro. There has been many expressions of doubt about the expediency or timeliness of the declaration of the republic.

Conservative Brazilians who believe that the empire was carefully governed and who thought it wise to continue it as long as Dom Pedro was alive, say that the most powerful influence against the declaration of a republic in Brazil has been the disorderliness of the republics that are its neighbors, while the empire, a monarchy only in name, has been free from convulsions for more than thirty years.

There is no fear of intervention by Germany or any other European government. Even if Germany dared to expose herself at home by undertaking any important foreign enterprise of that sort, it is believed that a hostile demonstration against Brazil would bring all the provinces together and develop a unity of South America republics that would be astonishing, and perhaps unprofitable to all foreign nations interested in Brazilian affairs.

A GOOD DEAL OF FEELING.

Petition Circulated in Harrison County Asking District Judge A. J. Booty to Resign.

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 25.—The following is a copy of a petition of which several copies have been printed and sent over the country for signatures:
PETITION.
The persons whose names are signed to this petition, hereby petition A. J. Booty, judge of the district court, to resign and retire from the said office.

We have not seen any of these petitions. Judge Booty left for Atlanta Ga., night before last on professional business. Keller and Weatherly gave the required bonds yesterday and were released from jail. Much feeling and excitement still prevails in the community consequent upon the result of the trial.

A SINGER FROM TEXAS.

Her voice finer than any heard in Paris Since Mme. Reichert Left the Stage.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Mme. Marchesi has just given the first of her annual series of musical entertainments, which is her invariable custom at the beginning of the season, serving to introduce to the public her graduating pupils of the coming spring. With the stars of the occasional, as usual, were two American girls. One Miss Howe of Boston has a powerful high soprano voice, with some wonderful high notes in the upper register. The other star was Miss Lella Risley of Texas, whose notes are finer than any voice heard in Paris since Mme. Reichert has quitted the stage for the shades of private life, and has deserted music for matrimony.

BOB FORD'S STORY.

He Claims an Attempt Was Made to assassinate Him Tuesday Night—A Friend Saves His Life.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Dec. 25.—Bob Ford, who gained a national reputation on account of the prominent part he played in the tragic ending of the life of Jesse James, the noted outlaw, claims an attempt was made to assassinate him Tuesday night. He says: "I went across the state line with a friend named Dryfus about 9 or 10 o'clock at night. We had combined funds and I was doing the playing at faro. About an hour after we got there Dryfus came to me and said I had better get out, as he had heard some fellows were there who intended doing me up. I was not to be bluffed and continued playing. There was a big crowd present watching the game, and I paid no attention to some fellows who leaned on my shoulder. At 1 o'clock I felt tired and cramped, and on the impulse of a moment straightened out my arms and leaned back, my object being to stretch my muscles, but quick as a flash one of the men who was leaning on me drew back my head a little further and made a slash to cut my throat. Dryfus struck the fellow and caused him to miss his aim. My throat was only slightly scratched, and the blade of the knife went through my collar."

He shows a scratch on his throat and his cut collar as evidence of the truth of his story. Ford says he was unarmed or the assailant would not have escaped.

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Editors and Publishers. The only paper in Haskell County.

The 22d of February is arbor day. Set for every body to transplant a forest tree.

The old year is gone and we are happy to say not one business failure has occurred.

The race of the new year will land many of our energetic men, high up the rounds of the financial ladder.

HASKELL must keep moving as in the past. She is composed of energetic public spirited people and interclass so far have been an entire success.

The aspiration of the young people has taken a literary turn. This is commendable. It is more profitable to seek knowledge than for young men to cultivate the habit of idleness and sport.

The South is now bereaved by the death of Henry W. Grady, who died a few days since at his home in Atlanta. He had just returned from Boston Mass., where he has contracted pneumonia.

Commissioner Hall deserves the thanks of the people of Haskell county for having the map of same lithographed from the large map prepared by County Surveyor Couch. These maps are for sale at the land office for 50c.

Some prospectors complain at the high price of town property, we want to say right here that Haskell is no second class town and if they want property they had better buy now, the longer you wait the more it will cost you.

A man on Christmas day drove a postmaster away from his office in Angelena county. Gov. Ross saw an account of same in the Galveston News and has caused an investigation. And hearing of the murder of a number of negroes has sent Assistant Adjutant General Seeker to investigate.

The Governor is right. Drunken mobs on Christmas should be suppressed.

BALLOT REFORM WANTED.

Albany Argus, Dem.

The Argus has steadily entertained the hope, and still entertains the hopes, that an honest ballot bill, based on the essentials of the Australian system, may be enacted. The practical working of the ballot laws of various states during the year furnishes a fund of positive information to determine the form of a measure for this state. They also answered many questions of a speculative nature raised during previous discussions. Ex-President Cleveland recently said with truth: "Experience has often demonstrated how quickly obstacles which seemed plausible if not convincing when urged against a measure of reform are dispated by the test of trial and how readily a new order of things adjusts itself to successful use."

The practical questions involved in the preparation of an electoral reform measure will be easily settled if an honest effort to settle them is made.

A Happy New Year.

The Youth's Companion, which issued beautiful doubled numbers at thanksgiving and Christmas, has sent us its Double New Year's Number, which is an attractive souvenir of the season. A colored cover of special design enclose a wealth of stories that are interesting to readers of all ages, while the genius of famous artists has been employed to illustrate its pages. Some of the features are the first chapter of H. H. Boyesen's serial story of boys life in Norway, "Against Heavy odds;" "Aunt Heart Delight's Bean," by Hezekiah Ratterworth; "An Ancient Legend," by Adelaide D. Rowlandson.

"How I Lost My Shadow," by Dr. G. Archie Ltockwell, with a charming New Year's page for the little ones.

The subscribers to this paper know that it is always full of good things. If you have not seen it you have missed a good deal, and should send to the publisher at Boston, Mass., for a specimen copy.

THE FREE PRESS has indeed enjoyed a happy Christmas that make the fourth of that anniversary it has spent since its birth. It looks back upon its surrounding, the development of the country, the many happy homes established the last four years and when it views all these with its own progress, development and success, her editor is indeed highly encouraged to continue his labors, and continue to assist in the development of the great west. We are happy to be associated with our readers who as co-workers have always shown a full appreciation of our labors, and have furnished us that moral and financial support so necessary to the success of journalistic effort. We have not the language to express our appreciation of the kind consideration we have received, for we know that our errors have been many. We have tried and will continue to let nothing appear in our columns that is calculated to stir up strife, and it is our aim to discuss all topics from a stand point of toleration and reason and by this avoid wounding the feelings of any one. We shall continue to condemn the wrong uphold the right and give space to all matter calculated to advance the good morals of the country, an humble citizen of which we feel it a blessing and privilege to be.

With this issue we begin our fifth volume. The prospect ahead is indeed flattering. The several industries surrounding us have prospered for the last two years and we have had the pleasure of seeing our subscription list increase at a rapid rate. Our subscribers are all happy, contented and prosperous, the country is on a big boom, and the farming interests promise to keep the boom going.

Five railroads have a weather eye on the county, and everybody who has seen our fine country are unanimous in predicting a great future for Haskell.

It is our sincere wish that the New Year will swell the lowing herds, double the fleecy flocks, fill the grainerys and larders of the farmer, and add brilliancy to the pen and yellow gold to the purse of the FREE PRESS.

Lake Creek Jollings.

Wheat is growin fast. A slight norther blew up last Saturday night.

The Laketes would like to have a doctor settle a mong them.

S. E. Caruthers made a flying trip to Albany this week.

The school house is about completed and school will commence the first Monday in January.

There are several new residences going up in our neighbor-hood.

Mr. A. B. Caruthers and family of the Idella neighbor-hood are visiting Mr. S. E. Caruthers, this week.

Our neighbor-hood has been illuminated by one of Haskell's legal lights, El. Willong Esq. who was accompanied by his family, paid a visit to his father-in-law B. H. Owsley.

Several weeks ago your correspondent concluded he would "try his hand" at sheepherding, but had "coup de grace" the first evening and came up minus several hundred sheep and several nights later got lost himself, and after wandering about several hours in the mesquite bushes and ransacking the English language for oths to express his feeling he was forced to bunch his sheep up and spend the night "in durance vile." The wolves proved themselves to be very familiar on short acquaintances that night. The wild cats also proved very neighborly and even the skunks displayed great solicitude for the poor herder by bining at his toes and keeping him awake during the night. You will

doubtless suppose he spent a very pleasant night and his slumbers were sweet, lying in his soft bed of mud with a "gentle zephyr in the shape of a norther" blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour, fanning him with its delightful breeze surrounded by the sweet perfume emitted by the skunks, and finally lulled to sleep by the musical howling of the wolves. You may well suppose his journey to the land of nod that night was very pleasant indeed. My desire for sheepherding has been fully gratified. You will please consider me an ex-Shepherd etc.

THE MEMBER FOR CARLOW.

Recollections of a Famous Man Without Either Arms or Legs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Sun says: The cable announcement that Mr. Kavanaugh, some time a member of parliament from Carlow, was dead, recalls to public memory one of the most remarkable men that ever sat in the British house of commons. Nature had endowed him with a singularly handsome face but had deprived him of arms and legs, and therefore it became necessary on his election to parliament to make special provision to admit of his entering or addressing the house, as he could neither walk nor stand. The matter was discussed privately before the assemblage of parliament, and as soon as the name of MacMarragh Kavanaugh was inscribed on the roll of members the prime minister rose and moved that an exception to the rule that members must address the house standing, be made in the case of the member from Carlow and that he be permitted to address the house seated. A difficulty now arose in respect to his manner of entering the the house, which required the alteration of another law to permit him to enter with the assistance of his servants. An in-exorable rule exists that when parliament is sitting none but members must pass beyond the bar, which is near the members' entrance and on a line with the seat of the sergeant-at-arms. On his first appearance Mr. Kavanaugh had been carried in a chair to the table to take the customary oath and inscribe his name by his two attendants, but it was evident that this could not be done continuously and it was moved that the member from Carlow be excused from entering by the members' door and allowed to enter by a door at the opposite end of the chamber used by unparliamentary persons. This being settled Mr. Kavanaugh was carried into the house by his attendants and placed in his seat under one of the side galleries almost daily during his term, he being most assiduous in the discharge of his duties. Seeing him thus, with a light wrap thrown over him, no one would have hesitated to describe him as other than a man of striking an noble appearance. The member for Carlow soon justified the wisdom of the choice made by his electors. His maiden speech placed him far above the ordinary level of the house orators. He possessed a strong and original mind, enriched by varied reading, and was one of the few men who spoke to empty benches. The words "Kavanaugh is up," which in his case was somewhat incorrect, never failed to bring a crowd of straying member from the smoking room or library.

Mr. Kavanaugh was the husband of a beautiful wife and the father of a large and handsome family none of whom shared in any degree his affliction. He was a man of an old family and possessed considerable wealth, was fond of society and was exceedingly fond genial and popular. The defects of nature were so well supplied that he was enabled to participate freely in sports, of which he was exceedingly fond. He was widely known in the famous hunting district as a straight, bold and fearless rider, while the style in which he drove a four in hand was the despair of many of his brother whips. He wrote beautifully and was particularly fond of the fine arts and had won considerable fame among amateur artists as a painter.

BOLD BELLOWING BULL.

He Raids a Quiet Soldiers' Camp Without Formality.

GET HIM OFF THIS ISLAND.

But Head Him OFF from the Dynamic. The Texas Longhorn Comes Out Best in a Free for All Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Sun says; Lieut. Lewis and his company of the eleventh infantry, stationed on Bedloe's island, had an exciting time Saturday and a battle with an enemy who nearly drove them off the island.

The enemy was a 4 year old red Texas steer with a noble pair of horns that were worth more than all the muskets in the company when he used them at short range.

It has not yet been determined just where this red steer came from. They say he fell overboard from the steam ship Queen while a lot of his kind were being loaded on the steamer and others say he walked off a cattle boat.

Be that as it may, Mr. Steer was a good swimmer, and when he landed on the east side of the island on Saturday morning he just shook himself dry and then started off at a brisk trot to explore Jersey's annex.

One of the sentries on the pier saw him coming and gave the alarm. Lieut. Lewis mustered company C and ordered them to capture the foe. This was easier said than done, as they soon discovered.

Before the boys could decide on a plan of action the gentleman from Texas, who had been regarding them with interest from an elevated position, made up his mind to attack. Lowering his head he executed a double quick flank movement and then charged the company.

They all executed a lightning rear movement except Private Jack Fellows, who said he was not afraid of any steer except a bunco steer. When the visitor from Texas lifted Private Fellows over his back and landed him on a gun carriage Private Fellows changed his opinion rapidly.

The fun had just begun. The steer galloped bellowing after the demoralized company and drove them across the island.

After a while Superintendent Littlefield of the electric light plant tried to corner the animal. He got tossed for his pains and went limping back to his den.

When the steer got tired and warm he went down to the river, shook the Bedloe island dust from his tail, and set off to swim to Ellis island, where the powder and dynamite is stored. There was a genuine scare. Private Roach and Corporal Clark jumped into a boat and rowed after him. He swam so fast that they had all time to stop him from landing. Then he played tag with them and succeeded in landing on Bedloe's island again before they did. Why some dody did not shoot him nobody knows.

Once more he was monarch of liberty plant, a little wetter but still full of fight. It was late in the evening before Christian Scripture, the soldier cowboy, succeeded in lassoing the animal. Even then it took lots of diplomacy to secure him where he would do no more harm and Company B did not quarrel to see who should stand guard over him.

How to get him off the island for good was the next thing. The captain of the regular steamer said that steering was hard enough now and that he did not want a quatermaster with horns. Not until a cattle boat landed a load of steers on the pier yesterday morning could this one be persuaded to leave the island. He forgot himself while introduction were taking place and walked aboard the boat with the rest and was taken back to his upper deck stateroom on the steamer for Europe.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Sunday was a little colder than usual.

Wm. Ward was in the city Tuesday.

J. M. Sherman was in the city Wednesday.

New houses are going up at a rapid rate.

The gin was kept busy several days this week.

Nice line of Flush Goods at Gass & Anderson.

Miss Beniah Dillahunty is visiting in the country.

A nice line of queensware at Gass & Anderson.

The methodist have preaching the 2d and 4th Sun days.

Pete Hlezlewood has returned from a visit to Fort Worth.

Cranberries and mince meat at 5 cents per lb. at Gass & Anderson.

Miss Luta Wade has returned to her home on the Salt Fork.

Miss Viola Agnew is out in the country visiting Miss Amand Post.

Mrs. Maclemore, the wife of a new druggist arrived Tuesday.

Face Ragland of Darg field a son of Mr. J. S. Keister, is visiting the city.

A good selection of ladies and Misses cloaks all new goods at cost for cash at Gass & Anderson.

Raffling has become a popular thing. We would like to raffie off a house and lot.

MONEY TO LOAN
At the HASKELL COUNTY BANK on unincumbered real estate.

Miss Rachel Ballard spent several days in the country last week visiting friends.

Miss Mattie Preston has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Kaufman.

The weather has been cool enough for ice at night for several days.

The politicians will now have their sugars supplied with new points.

I have a good improved farm of 120 acres for sale. Respectfully
OSCAR MARTIN.

Queenie Taylor bought the cook of his ranch a new pair of boots during the holidays.

Trava House won the Hammons race horse worth \$150 in a raffie. The chance to win cost him \$5.

County court will convene Monday. There is no business of any great importance pending.

Johnson Brothers are now opening a large new stock of Dry Good purchased for cash. Go and see what Marvellously Low Prices they are offering.

G. T. Bagget will buy furs pelts and hides and pay the largest market price for same. North side public square Haskell Tex.

Ed. J. Hamner Esq and J. W. Armstrong Esq have dissolved copartnership. Mr. Hamner will continue the practice of the law at his old office in the court house.

N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.

FOR
CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00

F. L. Beeves accompanied by several other gentlemen have arrived from Ellis county. Mr. Beeves has purchased land and has moved to this county.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a supper at the court house Wednesday night and realized \$67.20 which will be used for seating the church. They more than realized their expectations.

The ladies of the aid society requested us to say that they thank the public for their liberal patronage to the supper and that they feel under many obligations to those who contributed to the success of the affair.

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.

Mr. H. C. Dillahunty gave the young people a social dance at his residence Wednesday evening. The music furnished was exquisite and the company were entertained in magnificent style as is that gentleman and his lady's custom to do.

Mr. Tandy has finished a well on wild horse prairie in his pasture and at a depth of 48 feet he obtained an abundance of water. He has placed an order for a wind mill with Messrs. Miller & Riddle.

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.

A party of Serenaders called on Capt. Killough the other evening and the Captain saluted them by firing off his pistol and asking them what they meant they replied they only meant fun, the Captain said he did too, and the boys acknowledged he had the lions on them.

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.

DIED: Mr. R. B. Scott of Elmo Texas Step-Father of Mrs. J. E. Lindsey came to Haskell a few weeks ago for his health. For a time he improved but the improvement was only temporary as the severe cough he was suffering from turned into pneumonia, and he died on last Wednesday. His remains were taken to Abilene and shipped to his old home. His relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

A copy of the map of the county made by our efficient County Surveyor G. R. Couch has been lithographed by Lund Commissioner Hall, and is for sale at 50 cts per copy. It is about four times as large as the map of any other county in the state. Mr. Couch deserves great credit as the originator of a map of such size. The present map will insure all future maps of Haskell county to be large and convenient. Surveyors should follow his example.

The Druggists Bass Bros. of Abilene have the most beautiful assortment of plush goods, such as dressing cases, whisk broom holders, manicure sets, work-boxes cuff and collar boxes, with a selection of glassware, dolls, toys etc. all of which they are selling at very reasonable prices, and it will pay to call and see them.

A Card of Thanks.

Having been the recipient of an extensive patronage by the public since I first began business in Haskell I take this opportunity, to say the same has been appreciated.

Our sales during the holidays were far in excess of our brightest anticipations. We begin the New Year feeling encouraged and wishing our patrons success and prosperity in their every undertaking.
Respectfully,
F. E. TERNER.

In our next issue will appear a financial statement of the county's affairs, which will show how the county commissioners court has handled the public monies.

Parties who have been hauling brick from Mr. Wm Harvey's brick kiln, please call and settle for the same with the undersigned who is authorized to collect. If you have hauled any that you have not reported call and report them to me.
Respectfully,
Oscar Martin.

Day School.

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Mrs. P. F. Taylor.

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THE BRAZIL REPUBLIC.

Letter from the Minister of Finance and an interview.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The following telegram, received this morning by Mr. Valente, Brazilian minister of finance, shows to be untrue the statements repeatedly made that the provincial government of Brazil had confiscated property belonging to the emperor:
Brazilian minister, Washington: We see that the European press continues to accept false rumors as basis for accusations against us. The property belonging to the imperial family has not been confiscated.

On the contrary, a decree has been guaranteed to allow the imperial family a term of two years in which to dispose of its property. What has been cancelled is the allowance in the civil list and subsidy granted by the provisional government.

Ray Barbosa, minister of finance. Mr. Valente said that the government had taken great precaution to insure the safety of everything belonging to the imperial family. A careful inventory had been taken of their possessions and these effects had been zealously guarded and turned over to Marquis Paranaguá, a warm friend of the emperor. Confiscation was an unknown thing in Brazil and he believed and hoped it would never occur. Both minister and captain Murity, delegates to the Maritime congress, who was present when an associated press reporter called to see the minister, asserted their firm belief that the republic was assured beyond question. The report of trouble they said were all hatched up in Lisbon by enemies of the republic.

With regard to reports that the German and other colonist had called on their governments for protection against the decree of the provisional government, Mr. Valente and Capt. Manriby said this was a mistaken understanding of the intention of the government. The decree issued declaring all foreigners resident within the country at the time the republic was proclaimed to be citizens of Brazil unless they should prefer to continue their allegiance to their native country. There was nothing compulsory about it. The government supposed it was conferring a favor and those who did not choose to accept it were free to follow their

inclinations. There seems to be a growing feeling here among Brazilians in support of the republic and of opposition to monarchy. This feeling, apparently, is due to a considerable extent to supposed attempts at interference on the part of European government with Brazil's national affairs. Even those Brazilians who are formerly devoted to Dom Pedro and for some time were not friendly to the new government, are now strong adherents of the republic.

RESCUED FROM THE GRAVE.

A Son Opens the Coffin, for a Last Look and the Corpse is Alive.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 29.—Capt. Jacob Garrett of the Legonda avenue engine-house received a telegram last Saturday night announcing the sudden death of his father in sandusky. The cause assigned

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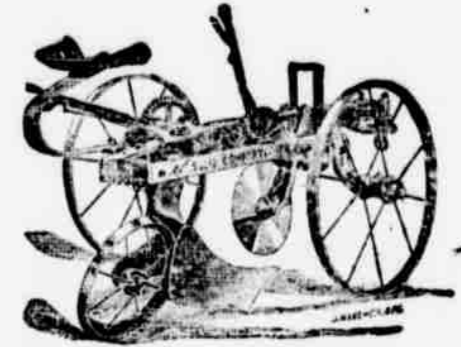
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for his death was an epidemic. Mr. Garrett left a wife for Columbus where the funeral was to be held, and awaited the arrival of the remains, which had been shipped in the care of a relative. The casket was opened for a last look, when signs of life were perceived. Restoratives were brought and a physician summoned and in a short time the supposed dead man was able to speak. He was conveyed to a bed, and now lies there very weak and ill but still alive, and his relatives are not without hope that he may yet be wrested from death's grip.

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DAGED AGAINST A TREE.

A Horse Runs Away and the Rider is Killed Dead on the Railroad Track.

MARLIN, Tex., Dec. 25.—News was brought to the city last night that Mr. James Powers, a young man about twenty-two years of age and a resident of Marlin, had been killed near Wilderville yesterday by his horse, which he was riding at the time, running against a tree with him.

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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 1600 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 60 miles square and contains 376,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1830.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful.

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming 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 undulated plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers, but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

WATER.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Southwest to Northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere, and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitable. 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 bushel and the price varies from 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '88—a dry year—ranged from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is also some shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

RAILROADS.

There is one road being built from Dallas to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or forfeit its charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides 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 Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5,500 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of four 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 site of, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where. Also has two drug stores one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; two cabinet and wood shops; one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; 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.

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