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A Returning Pilgrim is Interviewed Regarding Oklahoma.

DALLAS NEWS THE PIONEER.

The Interviewed Gives a Vivid Description of the Country—The Excitement Has Only Commenced—Trouble is yet to Come.

The Dallas Morning news was the first newspaper to arrive at all points along the Santa Fe railroad through the new territory of Oklahoma. The Dallas News was cheered to the echo by the 10,000 or 12,000 people who got to Oklahoma on the afternoon of the first day (Monday) on which the territory was opened. Subsequently The Dallas News ruster, who was specially dispatched to carry The Morning News as usual in its new channels and new fields, and to look after The News' special reports, fell in with a number of newspaper men, correspondents and others of whom there is a strong brigade in the territory. The News is here to get into all places where people go, and on this account it got to Oklahoma first.

On last Saturday night the general ruster of the News, who looks after its circulation and agents throughout north Texas, was dispatched to the territory. He arrived at Purcell on Sunday last with several hundreds of pounds of Sunday's News, and on the next day took the train that carried the boomers into the territory. Ever since that time great bundles of the paper have been forwarded and placed on sale at Guthrie, Oklahoma City and Purcell.

This missionary of The News in the new territory returned yesterday from the exciting fields of his operations during the last few days, and although he was greatly fatigued, sleepy, hungry and generally broken up as the result of his experience, he has been induced to relate something of what he saw.

"Well, well, sir, the most accomplished writer could not describe the scenes of that grand rush.

"And there has not yet been the slightest relaxation of the intense excitement.

"At Guthrie there is one grand mob without food or shelter.

"There are over 300 newspaper men in the territory."

"Where do they all eat and sleep?" was asked.

"They don't eat and they don't sleep. You can't get food of any sort at Guthrie for love or money. A cup of coffee of the vilest kind is considered cheap at 50 cents.

"But those newspaper chaps are about as swift society as it is safe to fall in with. There is a big, heavy fellow there for the Globe-Democrat and a goggle-eyed party for the Republic, who have eyes that just take in the whole territory, and who would prize the earth out of its socket rather than get scooped.

"But with all their sharpness and determination they can't create edibles out of either nor hunks without bedquills.

"Last night when I left Purcell I stole a car and fired them into it. They were overjoyed.

"But there are some 15,000 people in Oklahoma City and Guthrie each and as the beds are very few, unless you are a capitalist or a millionaire and carry all your wealth in your pocket ready to pay out in hard cash, you can't get a place to sleep. Neither money, marbles nor chalk will avail. The studded canopy of heaven

is the only shelter for most of the miserable beings when night comes on to interrupt the howling of the day.

"One of the earliest boomers to secure a homestead was Miss Nanitta Davis, The News' correspondent at Guthrie. That energetic specimen of animated femininity traveled with me into Oklahoma on the first train that went north into the territory after the opening. The train was running about twenty or twenty-five miles an hour all along, but when we came to an up grade, where the speed was somewhat slackened, my sharp-eyed companion, taking a liking for the section of land through which we were passing, jumped off the platform near the head of the train, ran across the ditch into the property she coveted, stuck up a pole, over which she threw her cloak, fired a couple of shots into the air, and hustling back caught the rear end of the train. I helped her off, went with her and helped her back onto the train.

"What do you think of that for nerve?"

"But there were many similar incidents. All along the route of that train, even when it was going at the limit of its speed, anxious home-seekers could be seen dropping off at various points. Wherever they espied a tract of land they thought would suit them, there they would drop off, first throwing out their bundles and tools, if they had any, and then making the desperate leap themselves, regardless of consequences. Accidents? Well I should say so. One poor fellow I noticed fell against a tie and cut a horrible gash in his head. But he never stopped. He picked up his bundle, dragged himself over it, he reached the piece of land he wanted and fainted dead away. He had to be carried to the railroad station, and was more dead than alive when he got there, poor fellow.

"I know of one old man over 70 years of age who ran five miles without a stop in order to reach a section he had staked out long previously and which he was determined to secure if physical endurance would do it.

"When we got to Guthrie the scene was indescribable. There was the prairie at 12 o'clock as green and lonely as you can imagine. At 3 o'clock the whole country was covered to the depth of almost a foot with dust, and there was not a sprig of grass or a sign of a green thing within a radius of two miles. The whole face of the country was covered with a seething, tumultuous mass of humanity of all conditions and grades just tearing things up in their mad rush for town lots, but packed and wedged together like sardines in a box."

"I suppose the excitement is about over," ventured one of the listeners to the narrative.

"The excitement has not fairly commenced. When the people first went into Oklahoma every body had pleasant anticipations. There was the promised land thrown open and all that remained was to go and take possession—just a mere matter of formality. That is the way the immigrants looked at it. The old boomers, who had spent long years of their lives in working to this end, saw the fulfillment of their long developing aims, and were the lightest hearted duffers you ever saw as they drove their wretched wagons over the fertile soil they thought they owned. But when they reached the claims which they had long before staked off they found themselves forestalled by interloping cowboys or land sharks who had evaded the law in such manner as to be on the spot long before they could have arrived if they had waited the limit fixed by law. These actual settlers are no

fools, and before they will permit themselves to be driven off by a lot of speculators they will wage in gore. Wait till starvation has brought to them a realization of their predicament, and I predict you will see such excitement as will put past events in that country far in the shade. They are growing desperate now. On each of the town lots in Guthrie there are at least three claimants. They are facing each other with drawn revolvers, and any moment is likely to bring the first shot which will be the signal for a general melee. The first man that shoots in Guthrie will be responsible for over a thousand lives. There are thousands of desperate men there who will surrender only to death, and there are not soldiers enough there to quell the anticipated insurrection."

"I expect there are very few women in all this mob," interpolated an interested listener.

"Well, you are mistaken. There are all kinds of women there—the dainty, high-stepping lady of gentle breeding, as well as the abandoned wretches from northern slums, who run bither and thither among the men, gibing and jeering them in ribald jokes. There is a dance hall in full operation, with the usual female appurtenances. Oh, yes, the fair sex is represented.

"When I left Guthrie there was a consignment of whisky just arrived and the eager throngs crowded around the owners anxious for the opening, which the owners said would take place soon, though the officials said they would not permit it. As soon as that whisky is opened there will be a regular carnival of debauchery, and there will be at least fifty souls that will never recover from the seance.

"The representatives of the press who are holding down the Oklahoma excitement are a pleasant lot of fellows as one could meet. When it comes to rustling news each one is a steam motor on his own behalf, but after the matter has all been handed in to the operator at the close of the day, they metamorphose themselves into as jolly a crew as you would want, passing away the time with anecdote, joke and song as they 'carry the banner' through the long hours of the night. The telegraph operators up there are hustlers too. They have got to be, for they have heavy masses of matter to handle, and I saw one lightning slugger named Booth fire matter over wire at Purcell for two hours without a single break.

"The first train that ran into Oklahoma consisted of twenty-four coaches. The parties who handled that train are likely to pass down into history—go thundering down the corridors, etc. They were D. C. Mac, engineer on engine 205; Rosetter, in charge of engine 163; Conductor Jeff Trent, who has been with the company for nine years, was assisted by Frank Conway.

"Such scenes will never be repeated. Before I started for Oklahoma I was so anxious for the trip I would not have taken \$50 for my chance of going. When I got there I would have given \$50 to get away; and now that I have returned, I would not take \$500 for my experience."

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THE people in the ward neighborhood are determined to have a good school. They have levied a tax for school purposes and will show Haskell a few things in the way of building up the community. This school will cost land owners about three mills per acre, and a good school will bring all lands in its immediate neighborhood in demand for homesteads, and consequently land owners will realize an advance in value of at least 25 cents per acre. The FREE PRESS congratulates the people of Paint creek for the unanimity that exists in school matters, for there was not a dissenting vote to the school tax. You have singed the moss from your back, if any ever existed there, and put on the cloak of progress and enterprise. Every neighborhood in the county will soon follow your example. Haskell herself will con-

less her errors the first opportunity she has, and will follow close in your wake. She will have it to do or have no schools and allow a small neighborhood to become her superior in wealth, population, society and education.

Three cheers for the Paint creek negro school.

HARRISON is proving himself to be the greatest man the republicans have put in power since the war. He is the only one that had the wisdom and courage to inaugurate a policy that would eliminate the negro as a political factor in the South. He proposes to make the principles of his party the issue, instead of relying on the manipulation of the ignorant negro vote that could only be controlled by exciting in them the most dangerous prejudices. He proposes to so purify his party in the South as to be fit for the affiliation of such honest citizens as conscientiously believe with the Republicans, and thus remove the odium attendant to an affiliation with a disreputable party composed of thieves and liars for leaders and rapacious ignorant negroes for a constituency.

This is not all; he is following in the well beaten path of Cleveland, by ignoring the importunities of worthless politicians and ring-leaders, and he is appointing practical business men to all positions that require real executive ability. He recognizes the fact that the offices of machine politicians expire with the campaign, and he does not fasten them by appointment, upon the overburdened back of the people, and give them an opportunity to plunder to the full extent of their avaricious greed. He has set down upon the howling bloody shirt faction, and refuses them the privilege of confiscating the government for their own purposes as a consideration for a few years they served the government and for which the government has already paid more money than any other existing corporation has ever been known to pay its servants.

Thus in his civic administration carrying out the policy of the constitution by keeping the military subservient to the civil authorities by appointing civilians to office. Aside from his protective views and policy, he is in practice, if not in principle, a good Democrat. His administration promises to be a good one for the South. He being a Republican can do for the South what no Democrat could do; that is his policy will do away with the race issue and the negro as a political faction will cease to exist.

The Boy Fooled Them,

Waverly Magazine

An Arkansas lad, aged sixteen, recently committed to memory half a dozen of Lorenzo Dow's sermons, donned the ministerial wig, blackened his face and preached to a large company of colored people. Fifteen minutes after he began all the sinners present were on their knees. The young preacher before closing, announced that he would preach in the same house the following Sunday night. He refused to go home with any of the colored brethren, stating that mysterious provisions would be made for him. "If, however," he said, "any of you feel like giving a few nickels to aid in the support of an aged mother and crippled sister, the donation will be most thankfully received." As if one impulse the right hand of every man went down into a pocket and came out with money. The hat was passed around and when the contents were handed to the young preacher, he thanked the congregation for such noble generosity.

On the following Sunday night there was not standing room in the church. The preacher was there before any of the congregation arrived, and the question of how he came there and where he had lived during the previous week was a mysterious one. He was asked but replied that the provisions of Providence were equal to

any occasion. The boys will excitement was created. The preacher's words burned their way into the emotional cloisters of the sinners and lighted a lamp there which, by its glare, showed the moral corruption of the past. Another collection was taken up for the aged mother and crippled sister, and after the preacher had announced that services would be held on the following Sunday night the congregation silently parted in the shadow of the great cotton-wood trees. The next time he was found out.

THE NEGRO IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

Just as Mr. Harrison shows some inclination not to violate the fifteenth amendment by giving undue prominence to the negro, simply because he is a negro, several of the most rabid republican papers come to the front with the well known and well worn declaration that the negro is not only cheated out of his political rights in the south, but that his personal rights are also denied him. The Globe-Democrat of St. Louis is one of the most bitter and at the same time one of the ridiculous of these papers. In a recent issue it calls attention to what it terms "the fact" that a white man who murders a negro is scarcely ever punished in the south while the negro who murders a white man, even in self-defense, never escapes. If the G. D. had better information or less bias against the negro regarding the subject it discusses so glibly it would make no such sweeping charge as this. It shows poor discernment to presume that because more negroes than white men are punished for crime in some parts of the south an injustice is being done the negro. A more sensible view would be that where the negroes are particularly numerous they are particularly liable to be led astray by temptations, and therefore in a larger than common measure fall victims to the law. This is the true and natural explanation. The Globe-Democrat, however, persists in its vicious course and even in the face of the fact that two negroes convicted of the crime of murdering a white man and sentenced to death were recently given a full pardon by the governor of South Carolina, that paper asserts that the negro has no rights which are respected in the south, and can hope for no justice or fair dealings from the southern whites. If northern republicans or the northern people, of whatever political party treated, the negro with any marked consideration or kindness except just before an election, there might be some excuse for the line of sectional invective here noticed touching southern treatment of the negro. But this is not the case. The negro stands less chance of receiving his rights in the north than he does in the south. The negro in the south has a well-defined position which he accepts naturally and uncomplainingly. As a rule in the south he recognizes that such a thing as social equality is a circumstantial impracticability no more to be thought of than climbing on a ladder of moonbeams to the moon, and he does not dream of attempting to claim it so long as he remains in the south. But in the north he may claim not only political but social equality in perfect consistency with what his northern friends have taught him from the pulpit and rostrum and press that he is as "good as any white man." It is but just, however, to state that most of this teaching has been done at long range, and that when the teachers come in close contact with the pupil there is a radical change of opinion. Thus far no northern hotels or theaters have thrown their doors open for the admission of negroes on the same footing with their white patrons, and only last week all the hotels in Jacksonville, Fla., owned and controlled by northern men, refused admission to Fred Douglass, the representative

negro of the country. No other reason was given than that Fred was a negro, and if they admitted him their other borders would leave. As nine-tenths of these "other borders" were northern people this incident may be taken as a striking illustration of the practical theory maintained in the north as a political convenience that the negro is the social equal of the white man. The negro as an element of strength in the republican party is rapidly disappearing, and the more enlightened republicans are already turning their backs on him. When his political usefulness ceases he will be dropped altogether, and then perhaps will discover that after all his only true friend are his southern neighbors.—[Dallas News.

HOUSTON TRAIN WRECK.

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THE DEAD BRAKEMAN BURIED.

Twenty-Two Cars Crushed Into a Shapeless Mass. The Wounded Doing Well.

HOUSTON, TEX., April 28.—The accounts in the papers this morning of the bridge wreck of a freight train on the Southern Pacific rail road, at a point near the people's press, where it crosses White Oak Bayou, drew a large number of people to the scene to-day to view the destruction wrought by the disaster. As soon as the people got hold of the fact this morning they began visiting the locality and during the whole day kept going and coming in greater or lesser numbers. Just before and just after church time the viewing throng seemed to be largest, reaching then between 1200 and 1500 people of all ages and both sexes. The street cars going in a northerly direction were crowded all the forenoon. There were thirty-seven cars in the train, and of these only five remained upon the track the rest going down upon each other in a massive conglomeration of timber and iron, "without form and void of shape." Many of the cars were crushed into shapeless confusion. They had fallen almost fifty feet, and, being loaded, their destruction was complete. The noise incident upon the accident was heard in all parts of the city, but in the remote parts, this being a city of railroads, was merely regarded as some of the noises attendant upon the movement of trains or perhaps not noticed at all. The above were the features that drew the immense crowds to-day. No positive information as to the cause of the wreck seems to be in possession of any one. It is learned that the structure has been regularly inspected by competent track men. Among the railroad men there are two theories; one that some axle or car wheel in the train broke and thus started the break; another that some seat or brace or bolt in the iron span immediately over the water slipped or became dislocated and in some way furnished the initial break. There was evidently some screw loose somewhere. A force of men were engaged all night and to day clearing away the debris and saving the pieces. There was a rumor all at today, but probably without any foundation, that two tramps were on the train steling a ride, and now lie buried beneath the great mass of timber and iron. The engineer, El Ragsdale, is getting along quite well. His hurt was more from the stunning effect of the shock than anything else. He jumped from his engine after having stopped it and felt it falling. His injuries were contusions about the head and breast. Jonnie Dehome, the fireman, also leaped from the engine and suffered no serious injury, and is to-day doing well. Conductor Steph Yates is suffering some to-day from his back, but the doctors consider him doing well. The rear brakeman, Smith, left on the 2:35

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Train this morning for San Antonio. The body of H. E. Willard, the unfortunate head brakeman, has been taken in charge by the knights of pythias and was buried this afternoon in their lot beneath the beautiful shades of Glenwood. They telegraphed to his lodge at Yoakum, to his mother at Vermilion, O., and to his brother, a physician of San Francisco, but have received no answer, presumably because of the some-what limited service of the telegraph company

on Tuesday. The body was placed in a metallic casket and laid away by the knights of pythias.

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—Z. M. Marcy was in the city this week.

—Amos Bean was in the city this week.

—Warren E. Igo was in the city this week.

—A. N. Seaton was in the city this week.

—T. A. Gillmore was in the city this week.

—Wm. Pries of Palo Pinto was in Haskell this week.

—Judge Fred Cook of Stonewall was in the city this week.

—Haskell county can now boast of five colored inhabitants.

—Capt. E. M. Posey went fishing this week and made a good haul.

L. S. Long has accepted a position as salesman with Johnson Bros.

—M. H. Lackey has returned from a business trip to Sulphur Springs.

—S. H. Johnson went to Austin to prepare an index to the Senate Journal.

—J. S. Post was in the city Tuesday. He says his wheat crop is looking fine.

—Henry Crane is now the proprietor of the mail service between Haskell and Anson.

—Sulphur at prices to suit the times at the Drug Store of Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.

—Don't forget J. W. Walker the artist at the city hotel, is here for a short time only.

—A. D. Tucker had his horse to fall with him the other day and he was badly bruised up.

—J. W. Walker the successor to Miller Bros at this place is a single man, call and see his work.

—Dr. Esterling of Jones county was in Haskell this week prospecting with a view to locating.

—J. W. Walker is turning out some fine photographs at the city hotel, call and examine them.

—Babe Tucker has returned from New Mexico where he has been for the past three years.

—The Place to buy your Prairie Dog poison is at the Drug store of Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.

—Joe Roberts of Kentucky brother of John C. Roberts of Edmond was in Haskell this week.

—The Paint creek people have shown their progress and public spirit by levying district school tax.

—J. L. Dewees was in from Rayner this week and he reports that city to be in a flourishing condition.

—Olas Denson who was crippled by his horse falling with him some time since is able to be up again.

—Tom Tatum had his collar bone broken Sunday by his horse falling with him, the horse was killed by the fall.

—J. A. Bailey was in the city this week looking after his interests. His outfit consisted of horses and buggy.

—R. A. Brown, one of the owners of the Brown and Roberts addition to Haskell, was in the city this week.

The stockmen will soon have their cattle ready for market, and the clip will also be ready in a few weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Chenoweth of the W. Cross ranch in Knox county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gbawett.

—The young people enjoyed a nice social dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gossett last Thursday night.

—The county was visited by a slight north wind Monday which continued until Tuesday accompanied by rain and hail.

—C. King of Stonewall county was in Haskell this week. He reports Stonewall as being in a flourishing condition.

—D. R. Gass will sell you a good Golden Eagle Cultivator as cheap as they can be obtained from any other dealer. 4-20-11.

—Mr. and Mrs. Preston and their daughter Mrs. L. R. Lynn went down on the Clear Fork this week to visit the family of Mart Gentry.

—D. R. Gass is agent for the McCormick Mowers, Harvesters, and Binders, and all pieces for the repair of these machines. 4-20-11.

—J. W. Walker has bought Miller Bros. outfit in this city and will be pleased to have the Haskell people to examine his work.

—J. W. Red & Co. have the most select stock of Dry Goods and Clothing ever brought to Abilene, and their low price on all will surprise you.

—J. H. McGee was stricken with a severe case of paralysis on last Tuesday. We hope it is only temporary and that he will soon recover his health.

—Mess' Miller & Riddle have just received a consignment of Nails, staples, punns, windmills and farming implements call and inspect their stock.

—The case of Bery vs. the state from Knox county who was convicted of slander was reversed and remanded by the court of appeals the 24th instant.

—Prof. Clifton reports three new fences being built between the city and his residence. They are being built by Capt. Williams, A. H. Tandy and Wm. Neel.

—J. A. Clark was in the city Wednesday and showed us a pocket knife he has owned for forty years. It was formerly the property of a deceased brother.

—Remember that the Photograph Gallery is still in operation at the city hotel and that J. W. Walker will be found behind the camera for the next two weeks.

—M. V. Hoover of Kansas who owns about 1200 head of horses ranging in this county is in Haskell looking after his stock. He has sold his entire brand for \$20 per head payable in sixty days.

—When in Abilene call at the Drug store of Bass Bros. on West Pine street, and examine their stationery, books, wall paper, etc. before buying, they carry a large stock and sell remarkably low for the cash.

—The first of May ushered in once more by a merry party of picknickers, business prevented us from attending and it is impossible for us to give a detailed account but have been informed by members of the party that they had a merry time.

Confessed their Guilt.

GRAHAM, TEX., April 25.—United States Deputy Marshal James Melton brought to Graham today John Harvey and George Spencer charged with robbing the postoffice at Dockums ranch, Dickens county. They were tried before United States Commissioner F. W. Grand and found guilty in the sum of \$500 each to appear at the next term of the Federal court at Graham. Each one of the prisoners made a statement before the commissioner admitting the robbery and said the amount realized was \$500 in money and \$109 in stamps. They are both young men and will be taken to the Dallas jail for safe keeping.

Miller Creek Picnic.

—On last Sunday a party of about fifty persons went out to Elm Grove on Miller creek and had a basket dinner. The ladies that composed the party were Misses Effie Armstrong, Etta Shook, Carrie Rogers, Beulah Dillabaunt, Fannie Agnew, Greta Long, Cue Standefer, Beulah Glascock, Jennie Wray, Mattie Preston, Mrs. L. R. Lynn and Mrs. E. Y. Hildreth. The married ladies were accompanied by their husbands, and the single ladies by handsome beaux who were proud of their high positions as such, an occasion offered ample opportunities for them to canvass their chances for a grand change from the state of single blessedness to that for which each felt himself peculiarly fitted.

There were many other gentlemen present who seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

The dinner was a fine one, and was partaken of with a hearty relish. Mr. J. N. Miller was on hand with his camera and photographed the party while at dinner, and secured a fine negative.

After dinner ropes were fastened to the towering elms and swings were made for the youthful. The afternoon was spent in merry chatting and strolling in the cool breeze under the shade of the trees, and just before the crowd dispersed they all gathered on the green banks of lake De Llano and gave Mr. Miller one more opportunity to take a picturesque negative. The party then repaired to their vehicles and drove away over the level roads for their several homes. The day was a pleasant one and was highly enjoyed by all.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malaria fevers.—For cure of Headache, constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle at Druggist's.

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HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.

A Brace of Them Within Twenty-four Hours.

MR. STINHOFF IS HELD UP.

He Makes a Brave Resistance, But is Shot and Robbed—Mr. Dirmeyer Held Up—Very Suspicious Pool of Blood

The city park, one of the most attractive spots in Texas, is again the theater of a crime this time of robbery and attempt to murder.

BANDIT MIGHT SELECT for their bases of operation. Indeed it would look to be both pleasant and profitable for the highwayman, to secrete himself in the shade of some of the wide oaks or beeches that shut off the light of the stars and thence pounce upon the passer-by, thrusting a sixshooter into his face and commanding him to throw up his hands.

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a terribly close call, and his escape from death borders on the miraculous. He was to have left to-day for Galveston, which he proposes making his home, but his wound will detain him on Dallas for probably a week longer.

Mayor Connor, in view of the necessity for immediate action, yesterday ordered four arc lights put in the park, and it is thought probably that a patrolman will be assigned to-night duty there.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

Last night, a few minutes after 9 o'clock, Mr. George H. Dirmeyer was held up by four white men on Pearl street, between Swiss avenue and San Jacinto street.

Yesterday morning a pool of blood was found on the sidewalk and running into the gutter at the intersection of San Jacinto and Marwood streets.

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All information shows it was a most heartless and cold-blooded murder. It was perpetrated by three desperate characters who desired to take possession of the claims of which Cyland was the lawful owner.

One of the murders has been found and executed. A posse of thirty men was formed for the purpose of capturing him. When they arrived at his hiding place they demanded his surrender. His answer was to pull his revolver and instantly a volley was fired, and he fell mortally wounded.

A dispatch from Fort Reno says a settler named Goodwin arrived there yesterday from Oklahoma and made a sworn statement to the post commander that his party of four had been fired upon by a party of twelve Texans, who claimed the location made by Goodwin and his party.

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SALEMEN WANTED. A Western Wholesale House has recently added to its regular business a special department which will require services of capable men in various localities.

REPUBLICANS WRANGLING. A Schism Hoped for by the Democrats That Will Split Them Up. TEXARKANA, Ark., April 25.—The action of the Arkansas state central committee in endorsing W. W. Shaw for postmaster at Texarkana during its meeting at Little Rock has raised a feeling among other aspirants and their friends here that threatens to result in splitting the party into smithereens in the county.

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- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years, 10 per cent interest.
No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich, level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial payments.
No. 4. 190 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
No. 6. 304 acres of fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1/2 cash, balance 1 year.
No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$1.00 per acre.
No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek, good land and good grass, \$1.50, 1/2 cash. (Vining.)
No. 9. 1250 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash balance 1 and 2 years.
No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. 1/2 per acre, terms easy.
No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
No. 14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good and, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined, makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance on easy terms.
No. 20. 1470 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.50, 1/2 cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash balance on easy terms.
No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
No. 27. 490 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, 1/2 cash down.
No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.
No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles north of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmerton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county, on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or out to suit the purchaser.
No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1/2 cash.
No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms, very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.
No. 36. 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.
The above are only a portion of the splendid bargains we now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase. We also offer for sale some nice 80 acre blocks on the Peter Allen survey adjoining town, also many choice vacant and improved town lots, cheap for cash, and on easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call on or address us. I also have a good farm of 160 acres in Stonewall Co. 50 acres in cultivation, good improvements, will sell cheap for cash. For particulars address us, Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.