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VOODOOISM.

Votaries of the Voodoo Fetish Surprised in Their Disgusting Worship.

The Police Raid Their Den and Make Wholesale Arrests of Men and Women, Black and White.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 30.—A case in the second recorder's court yesterday morning establishes the fact that Voodooism and its disgusting rites still have foothold in Louisiana. It was generally supposed voodooism was extinct. Careful inquiry by the city press, covering a series of years, had failed to uncover a genuine case of voodooism, and it was believed this relic of Africa and slavery had finally disappeared with the death, some years ago, of Marie Leyeaux, the voodoo queen. Judicial proceedings to-day, however, show the voodoo fetish still has its votaries, and that they are not confined to negroes. For sometime past there has been, at stated periods, promiscuous gatherings of whites and blacks in a house on St. Anthony street, far removed from the bustle of the city. Although in a retired locality, the assemblages became so noisy that they disturbed the neighbors and attracted to the vicinity large crowds of men and boys. As the house was retired from the street, and the doors and windows were kept tightly closed, those who gathered from curiosity were unable to discover what was going on inside. At last the place became a nuisance to the neighborhood and the police were informed. Steps were taken at once to discover the secret of the house and the cause of the disturbance therein. To this end the place has been closely watched.

A number of white and black women and several negro men were seen to enter the inclosure yesterday and disappear within the house. Shortly afterward the noises of which the neighbors had complained were heard. At this juncture a patrol wagon filled with police drove up. The house was surrounded so as to prevent the escape of the occupants, and without warning the police entered. A strange and disgusting sight met their eyes. In a circle, formed by eight white and six negro women and seven negro men, was a half breed Indian and negro, named Alexander, who dressed in silken tights, was performing a typical voodoo dance, muttering at the same time a weird incantation refrain which was taken up by the men and women surrounding in chorus, at times rising to a great volume of sound. Negro men were lying on the floor partly clad, while women had also laid aside their chief ordinary wearing apparel. The entire party was so absorbed in the antics of Alexander that the entrance of the police was a complete surprise. Capt. Donnelly in command of the police, ordered the arrest of all in the house. The women protested violently against this, one expressing the sentiments of all when she exclaimed:

"This is scandalous. The idea of arresting a woman for trying to get cured."

Finding the police were inexorable they then begged for time to make their toilets, which was granted. When they robed for the street it was found that nearly all the white women were well dressed and apparently were respectable. They were horrified to learn that they were to be taken to the police station. When they volunteered an explanation of their presence in such an assembly and in such scant attire they said Alexander was a voodoo doctor; that he had made many wonderful cures, and they had full confidence in his power

to relieve their sufferings by his incantations. They stoutly insisted they had experienced benefit from his treatment and were confident he would effect a perfect cure. The women were evidently sincere in their statements. They were of all ages, ranging from 16 to 50, and several of them were decidedly handsome. The entire party were arranged in court, when the men and women were fined \$2.50 each for taking part in an immoral show, while the voodoo doctor was required to pay \$25 for the same offense.

AN IGNORAMUS

A Congressman-Elect Who Has Much to Learn-Foraker Fire-Eater.

People of Fort Smith Insulted by a Kansas Upstart Whom They Invited to Address Them in Ignominy.

FORT SMITH, ARK., May 30.—At the decoration of graves in the national cemetery today under the auspices of the G. A. R. Congressman Harrison Kelly of Kansas, who is here visiting his son, was invited to deliver an oration. He complied by delivering a most bitter partisan speech, wholly out of place on such an occasion. In his remarks he denounced Arkansas as a disreputable state, bringing to the front the Clayton assassination, and boasting that his state (Kansas) legislature had passed resolutions denouncing Arkansas, in which the national government was called upon to protect its people even if it had to put the state under martial law. He said: "Comrades, I am a congressman and I will see that you are protected if my influence and power can effect it, even if we have to resort to martial law."

His address caused general indignation among our people to whom he was an utter stranger.

A mass meeting was called to express the same which was participated in by Republicans and Democrats. A committee on resolution composed of two Republicans and one Democrat reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Mr. Kelley of Kansas an entire stranger, has this day disgraced alike the Republican party and insulted our people by desecrating the graves of our national dead in a bitter partisan speech, denouncing the people of Arkansas as a lawless people, incapable of self-government, and threatening them with his influence as a member of congress to put the state under martial law, and,

Whereas, Mr. Kelly has a son living in this city who is a part owner of the Republican paper of Fort Smith and who knows unless he is non compos mentis that the charges and insinuations are false and that the laws of Arkansas are as rigidly enforced as in any state of this Union; therefore be it

Resolved, that this meeting, composed of Democrats and Republicans, denounce the speech of Mr. Kelly as not only false, but upon such a sacred occasion in a taste that could, it is to be hoped, emanate from no part of a civilized country except from a state whose legislature made such asses of themselves in the resolutions of which Mr. Kelly boasted of so largely to-day.

Resolved, That we hereby tender Hon. Thomas H. Barnes of this city, a well-known Republican, our high appreciation of his patriotic address which was in such distinguished contrast with that of Mr. Kelly.

[Signed.] THOMAS MASCUM,
J. P. GRADY,
THOMAS B. LALHAM,
Committee

GAINESVILLE.

A Habeas Corpus Case Revives a Horrible Story of Infanticide—How an Illegitimate Child was Killed.

Gainesville, Tex., May 30. Sheriff McClain of Montague county brought to this city yesterday Mrs. Sarah Gibson, a woman about thirty years of age, charged with infanticide in April last. She was brought here to have Judge Barrett pass upon a writ of habeas corpus issued in the case. The case was submitted upon written testimony taken at the examining trial and defendant's bond was fixed at \$2500. The facts of the case seem to be about as follows: Mrs. Gibson's daughter sometime in December married a man named Dobson, a young farmer living in the Forestburg neighborhood. About three months after marriage a baby was born, which was thrown into an old well, and defendant circulated the report that her daughter had given premature birth to an infant which had been buried on Dobson's farm. The neighbors were suspicious of wrong doing and instituted a search for the dead body, when the body was found in an old well where, it is charged, it was thrown by Dobson, and the well was partially filled with dirt.

Soon after Dobson's incarceration in the Montague jail he informed the sheriff that he wished to make a confession, and in the presence of two witnesses made the following statement: "I married my present wife, the mother of the illegitimate child now in question, last December. I learned of my wife's delicate condition shortly after we were married, and upon accosting her about it she told me a certain young man who resides in the Indian Territory was responsible for her condition, and that he used forcible means to accomplish his undertaking. The child was born April 13, last, and soon after its birth I informed Mrs. (Gibson), the mother of my wife, that I would not take care of the child, and asked her to take it out and kill it. This she refused to do but insisted that I should kill it."

This I refused to do for some time, but finally we compromised the matter by both agreeing to take the babe to an old well near by drowning it. We carried the infant to the well and I took it in my arms, after having put a ladder down into the well, and descended to the water and dropped it in.

The babe was crying very loudly for a young infant all the time I was preparing to drown it, and it screamed terribly when it touched the water before it sank. Upon coming out of the well, we shoveled in dirt until the well was filled up above the water's surface, and then returned to the house, with the understanding that should we be asked anything about the birth of the babe, we would tell that it was born dead, and that I had buried it in a fence corner.

I am guilty of a terrible crime, and want to be punished for it, and all the favors I have to ask is that my neck be spared, and that my punishment be fixed to serve out the remainder of my life in the penitentiary."

Dobson is said to be a man of ordinary intelligence and previous to the birth of the child bore a good reputation. Mrs. Gibson is the mother of several children and has a husband living. She is said to be a woman of very ordinary intelligence.

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I have discontinued the publication of the Benjamin Exchange and will perform the arduous duties of local editor of the FREE PRESS. I earnestly request that the citizens of both the towns and counties, will report all matters of local importance, and thus assist me in keeping that department of the FREE PRESS up to the standard.

The local columns of a paper are very important to friend and relatives of the citizens of the place of publication, and when well filled with personal and other local matter it is equivalent to a weekly letter.

It is often the case that some of our most prominent citizens leave Haskell to take extensive tours, and we do not hear of it, and while it probably might not be of any interest to the general public, yet if some friend were to see the matter mentioned in the FREE PRESS he would say it was the best paper in the state because it gives the local news, and besides the parties mentioned would appreciate the notice and would not accuse us of treating him with contempt.

When any of the farmers or stockmen come to the city they are respectfully invited to call on us and make a detailed report of matters that occur in the neighborhood.

We will give special attention to all stock and farm matters and request the co-operation of those interested in the same.

Respectfully
H. B. Martin.

THERE is room in Haskell county for 10000 farmers.

WHY not stop at Haskell, "thain't no flies on her?"

HASKELL county is the finest body of land in the state.

The land agents are doing a lively business, and all wear pleasant smiles.

HASKELL county is flourishing and the immigration this fall will make things lively.

THE FREE PRESS is in need of funds and all our accounts will be presented immediately for payment.

HASKELL county possesses the season, climate and soil for a good grain country, so all that is necessary is elbow action.

THE FREE PRESS predicts that sheep will sell for more next summer and fall than they have sold for since the flush days of '82 and '83.

HASKELL county contains 500,000 acres of good agricultural land, there is not over 5000 acres in actual cultivation. All this land is for sale at \$2 to \$3 per acre to actual settlers.

FARMERS should be preparing sod land for fall sowing of wheat. Do not waste the precious moments and let the earth get dry without having land prepared for next year's crop.

A reservoir one mile by three located two and one half miles north of Johnston Pa., bursted the other day, and thousands of people were drowned. Johnston was completely annihilated.

An editor upon an Iowa paper being asked, "Do hogs pay?" replied: "A good many do not. They take the paper several months and then have the postmaster send it back marked refused gone west, etc!"
—Blooming Grove Sun.

El Paso Tex. May 31. An earthquake, lasting twenty seconds, occurred at 12:55 o'clock p. m.; was more severe in Paso del Norte than here, and the inhabitants rushed from their houses in terror. The vibration was from the southwest to the northeast. No damage done.

WITH this issue we cut off several of our exchanges. When we X with a paper five months and it does not clip a single article from the Era we'll black-list it. However, those who have clipped our editorials and credited them to other papers we shall try awhile longer they may make a mistake in our favor after awhile.—Lime-Stone New Era.

A PENNSYLVANIA judge the other day refused to grant naturalization papers to ten applicants who could not prove themselves men of good character. To a man who had lived in the country twenty years and who applied for them now because somebody else was willing to pay the fees, he said, "a man who is too mean to pay for the rights of citizenship is not entitled to them." The name of this judge is Ewing, and he seems to be an all round daisy.

It is announced that on June 10th, a party of capitalists will leave Indianapolis to visit the principal cities and towns of Texas. They want to see the advantages of the different parts of the State with the view of investing. They should stop at Ennis. To people seeking new homes, we desire to say that we have a town and country of which we feel proud, and strangers will be heartily and warmly welcomed by our people.
—Ennis Review.

Storms.

One day this week ye editor while sitting in the business office of Johnson Bros, related what he saw in Knox county the other day, which was the track of a severe hail storm that had felled the trees of both leaves and bark, and we thought our report was going to be referred to a committee for further investigation, but our sheriff A. D. Tucker vouched for the truth of our report, and as he was an involuntary witness to its savages, went on to tell how he had to abandon his team which ran away, though he had taken the precaution to unhitch it from his buggy. He also told with what fervor he and his friend, R. W. Barret announced religious service for that occasion, and though neither of them were in the habit of praying in public or in private, they both led in prayer simultaneously. Mr. Tucker took a kneeling posture under the buggy and Mr. Barret by a mesquite tree, and in this humble attitude they sent up a voluminous, and eloquent petition, renouncing satan and his vile teaching, and making many fair promises of what they would do if permitted to return to Haskell. We do not know what Tucker has done, Barret hitched up his wagon and is now hauling lumber to build a methodist church.

Bud Smith then took the floor, and after laying off his hat, and putting on a serious countenance like George Washington when he made the great hatchet confession, and after sizing up the general credulity of the crowd, he proceeded to tell of a storm that passed through central Texas some years ago, which tore the wood filling out of wagon wheels, and twisted the tires into pieces. His testimony was supplemented by that of Jack Baldwin, and the crowd gasped for breath and tendered the ribbon. It was well he did not take it, for at that time another rival stormist appeared and claimed the floor, and told one that showed that he had practiced the art all his life. It was our friend W. B. Anthony, the popular Grocerman, Oh! his face! It wore the most serious expression we ever saw unless it was when he was recommending his goods to a sceptical customer, when he usually looks so serious it makes one sad.

He related having seen a storm that blew away a gin house, and that split a rafter so that one end was sharp and that blew the rafter through a bale of cotton.

He also explained from a philosophical point of view why the sharp point of a piece of timber goes foremost in a storm. He says the relative area of surface at the small end bears a greater proportion to its solidity than the surface area of the large end bears to the solidity of the same.

He then told of a storm that took one round of logs out of a log house, and that it left the house standing uninjured otherwise. He was not called upon to demonstrate or prove the last but was given the ribbon. Jack Baldwin disliked to give it up but he has lost the championship.

The crowd then disappeared with their credulity badly disfigured, and somewhat warped; some of us may never entirely recover.

"Kicker."

"It was ordered by the court that the account of Henry Herron for jail guard be allowed to date, then discontinued."—[Albany News.

Now Gentlemen of the Commissioners court of Shackelford county; why discontinue his just and legal rights? He should imperatively demand his legal rights based upon the law under which he had been receiving it for two years and a half, and you allowed it. Now if it was right to allow him forty-five dollars per month for thirty months past, it is certainly right now, but if you discontinue it, you certainly admit that it is illegal and unjust, then if it is illegal now, it has been illegal and unjust all the time, and through your manipulation he has received of the tax payers of your county \$1350.00, wrongfully, which appears to us should be refunded. Who is to blame for this extra judicial proceeding, is it you or the sheriff? Again the law requires the commissioners court to make an itemized tabulated statement of all monies allowed by them, to whom, how much and for what purpose and publish it twice a year in four public places in the county or in a newspaper if any in the county. For neglect or omission to do so, each commissioner to be fined in any sum not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars for every such neglect or omission. This requirement is made that the taxpayers may know what disposition has been made of their money. You omitted to make the publication for two years preceding the first of January last, then made a very vague and unsatisfactory report. Now why was the publication neglected? was it for the purpose of covering up or hiding this crookedness in paying guard fees which no other sheriff in this state ever thought of or presumed to take, and no other commissioners court would have allowed? or was it to cover up and hide from the view of the people that fancy trip the whole court with some personal friends took west to have a jolly time at the expense of the tax payers of Shackelford county?

Will some of you answer the above interrogatories for the benefit of the tax payers of your county.
OMEGA.
In Throckmorton Times.
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SAN ANTONIO, TEX., June 2.—Two days ago, from Central Mexico, a woman grown without arms and with the merest excuse for legs. She is hearty, cheerful and about 25 years old, married but with no children. Her face is very pleasing and she possesses much intelligence. Her name is Margarita Olmes. The upper part of her body differs in no way from that of other woman save there is no sort of protuberances where the arms should be. The bust and waist are elegantly shaped. The lower limbs are well formed as far as the knee joints, were they terminate in queer claw-shaped feet attached as to a wrist. On these are a forked great toe and four toes of ordinary form. The forked toe she uses as a thumb. With her feet she takes down and dresses her hair in any style requested, sews, writes, paints, embroiders and exhibits a variety of accomplishments. Her husband will take her to New York.

Iron in Oklahoma.
St. Louis, May 30. Dispatches from Oklahoma report the finding of rich iron mines a short distance from Guthrie. The ore is said to be very fine and probably contains 65 per cent of iron. A shaft will be sunk at once and a thorough examination of the deposit made.

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—Guess it don't rain out west!
 —J. A. Fisher was in the city this week.

—J. D. Roberts was in the city this week.
 —N. C. Bolin was in the city this week.

J. A. Clark and son were in the city Thursday.
 A. C. Lomax came in from Rayner Tuesday.

—Tom Lemons of Albany was here this week.

—Why is a wheat stalk like a young man?

A. C. Foster Esq. made a flying trip to Albany this week.

Ed J. Hamner Esq. went to Rayner this week to attend court.

—Born to the wife of Wm. Edge on Sunday last a fine new girl.

—J. B. McGee has been suffering from rheumatism for several days.

—Mrs. N. C. Bolin has gone to Iowa to visit friends and relatives.

—D. L. Smith has returned from a trip to Ft. Worth and other cities.

—Mr. Hill of the K ranch in Scurry county was in the city this week.

—Mr. Garren of Willow Point was bitten by a rattlesnake Wednesday.

—Our senior Oscar Martin Esq. made a business trip to Benjamin this week.

—A. D. Tucker sold his eight months clip of wool for 22½ cents per pound.

—Judge Sanders has returned from a trip to his old home in Caldwell county.

—Rev. S. H. Blair has been conducting a meeting at this place for several days.

—Prof. J. D. Warren of Greenville is in the city and seems well pleased with Haskell.

—The blessed showers continue to minister to the fine grass crop, and beasts of the field.

—Mr. A. D. Tucker and John Cook went to Albany yesterday to meet Mr. Mart Hoover.

The wheat crop is just as good as the farmers could wish, and all other crops are fair.

—H. B. Martin has returned from Benjamin and will be local editor of the FREE PRESS.

—Messrs Hildreth and Barret have sold out their livery stable to Messrs Draper and Baldwin.

—Butter is cheaper than lard and the land overflows with milk, but honey has to be imported.

—The fluidy wagon and men left last Sunday for the round up in King and Stonewall counties.

—Mr. Cha's Stradley of Benjamin was in town Thursday on the hunt for Turner the insane man.

—Oils, Sulphur, and Strychnine at close prices at Bass Bros., Abilene, Texas. 6-8-1f.

—W. J. Sowell went to Benjamin Monday to assist in moving the outfit of the Exchange to this place.

—Saddles and Harness repaired to order at the new saddle shop west side of public square. 5-25-1f

—Mule creek was up Tuesday evening and the mail was delayed until Wednesday morning. Bridge lit.

—Mr. Lackey tells us he has cut and handled a great deal of small grain, but Mr. Tyson has some of the finest wheat he ever saw.

H. R. Jones Esq., R. F. Miller, W. E. Johnson, and R. V. Barrett went to Abilene this week for Lumber for the Methodist church.

—MONEY SAVED by buying Watches, Clocks and Jewelry of W. H. Parson, West side of public square. 5-25-1f.

—J. W. Waters of Falls county, father of our citizen Mack Waters arrived yesterday, and reports good crops down there.

—D. R. Gass will sell you a good Golden Eagle Cultivator as cheap as they can be obtained from any other dealer. 4-20-1f.

—Messrs Link of Anson, and Christenberry of Hillsboro gave the FREE PRESS a pleasant call on Monday.

—Take your repair work to W. H. Parson Prize Jeweler and Silversmith. All work strictly guaranteed. 5-25-1f.

—J. S. Post showed us some of the best wheat we ever saw, last week, the yield is estimated to be 18 to 30 bushels.

—Cha's Higgins dropped an envelope containing \$60.00 in the public well the other night, but he succeeded in recovering it.

—Dr. J. H. McGee left Monday for Dr. Windom's of Callahan Co, to be treated for paralysis, we hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

—D. R. Gass is agent for the McCormick Mowers, Harvesters and Binders, and all pieces for the repair of these machines. 4-20-1f.

—Judge Sanders reports a good School in progress at the Ward School house which is being taught by Miss Amanda Post.

—C. D. Long and family left Wednesday morning for an extended visit to Charlie's old home N. C. The FREE PRESS wishes them a pleasant time and safe return.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—

—FOR—

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

—We see in a list of the patents granted to citizens of Texas that Zack T. Bowles formerly of this county and Brother of Geo. Bowles, was granted a patent on a bridle bit.

—Mr. A. B. Caruthers was in the city Thursday and says he will make 1500 bushels of oats. He says he has 70 acres of corn as high as his head that looks fine and promising.

—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.

—N. C. Smith has a Blue Grass sulkey plow and says he can engineer one to perfection as he was raised on a farm. Mr. Smith is improving a farm in the north west corner of the county, Nathan always gets there Ell without making any blow.

—\$10000 to loan on unincumbered real estate in Haskell and adjoining counties in sums of \$500 up will also buy vendors lien notes and unincumbered real property. Call on or address

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We want all subscription paid right away in cash if possible we have put off from time to time and we can not now wait any longer. We have accommodated you by waiting on you, so please return the favor and help us in this hour of need.

—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.

—W. L. Williams and Squire J. C. Downing of Cleburne have been prospecting in Haskell county this week. They are well pleased and will give Haskell county a good report to inquiring friends.

—Our Senior took a dinner with A. N. Seaton last Thursday at his camp on buffalo. He says young ladies who are in quest of a good cook, would do well to send in their application. He speaks from a personal test of his cooking.

—Look here friend call around and pay your subscription. We are in debt, and our creditors are worrying us to death. We owe but little and have but little owing to us but we have no money with which to pay that little, and we are sorely pressed.

—Do not fail to call upon J. W. Red & Co., when you visit Abilene. Read their prices given in "ad" of this issue. They carry a full line of Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries, and is the only house in the city that carries stockmen's bed-sheets, or tarpaulins.

—The Druggists, Bass Bros., of Abilene, Tex., have now on hand one of the largest stocks of Stationery ever brought to the west. All would do well to call and examine their Blank Books, Letter and Note Paper, Inks and Pens, as well as School Books, Bibles, Novels and Children's Books. They sell very low, and will try and treat you right all the time. 6-8-1f.

—At an election held here on last Saturday W. E. Standefer, F. P. Morgan and A. H. Tandy were recommended by the voters to the county judge for appointment as school trustees of this school community for the ensuing scholastic year. We hope the trustees will expend some time and trouble in obtaining the services of experienced and thoroughly qualified teachers, and we believe if the patrons will encourage them in their efforts the new trustees will do their whole duty; now let all go to work.

—Geo. Turner of Knox county was tried last Friday in Benjamin for insanity the jury failed to agree and Turner was set at liberty. Turner left Benjamin but did not go home, he went to Mr. D. M. Edge's, tied his horse near the house and left a note to Mr. Edge telling him to keep his horse until he called for him. Several men have been hunting for him for four or five days but have not found any trace of him since he was at Mr. Edge's. It seems that the jury who tried him were—well we will not say what—but to say the least of it they have turned a crazy man loose in the country and from what we learn he is considered dangerous.

MILFORD:

A Man Instantly Killed by a horse while Beating the Animal.

MILFORD, Tex., June 1.—Yesterday evening the dead body of M. L. Fisher, Jr., was found in the field where he had gone to work a young horse. The coroner's verdict was that he came to his death by a kick from the horse. There were evidences of his whipping the horse, such as worn switch, marks on the horse; etc., which, coupled with the footprint on his chest and bones broken, makes it certain he was whipping the horse and was kicked and killed instantly.

Shot Four times.

New York May 29.—This afternoon Bertha Schreyer, a German married woman, 25 years old, was shot four times by John Berker and taken to Manhattan hospital in a dying condition. The tragedy occurred at the woman's home.

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 Ladies' Kid Gloves (extra quality) for 50c " " " 85c.
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 Ladies' Hose, black and fancy colors 4 pr. 25c " " " 12c pr.
 Towels, plaid crash for 45c doz. " " " 10c each.
 Summer Lawn 10 yards for 30c " " " 5 to 6cyd.
 Gent's Drawers for 25c pr. " " " 40c pr.
 Gent's linen bosom Shirts for 75c " " " 1.00.
 6 spools cotton for 25c.
 1 case domestic for 4c per yd.
 1 case ginghams for 4c per yd.
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 All wool suits from \$6 to \$20, far below their actual worth.

TO THE STOCKMEN.

We carry a complete line of Tarpaulins in 13 and 15 oz. duck 7X18 feet and wagon sheets in 8, 10 and 12 oz. duck, which we sell at prices to suit. Call upon us when in Abilene and examine our stock and be convinced of our low prices in both Dry Goods and Groceries.

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One case Gents' Bal-briggan, full finished, Shirts and Drawers at 25c each. Actual value \$1.00.

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Lost! Lost! Lost!

Please Help a Mother Find her Son.

All Preachers, Public speakers, and officers are earnestly solicited to read this circular in all congregations, public gatherings, on the streets everywhere possible, in the United States and Territories. My son wrote me at Trinidad Colorado, May 18, 1888, that he would start home in a few days. That was the last heard from him. He was 22 years, fair complexion,

bright blue eyes, chestnut colored hair, free, benevolent, countenance, light beard, medium height and size, round face and regular features. Had been engaged in hauling lumber from about forty miles to Trinidad Colorado, with three ponies and a mule. He had been at Desemer's Tie Camp, New Mexico, on March 25, 1888, hauling ties. He worked for several months in 1887 on the Ft. Worth and Denver R. R. Extension D. Cary contractor, Quanah, Texas. His mother has been almost dis-

tracted with fear and suspense for near eleven months. Any news of him after May 13, 1888, would be very gratefully received and rewarded. I would give all the world to find him. His name is E. Otho Glasscock. He made Colorado City, Texas, headquarters for several years, in fact he lived there about two years. Address: Mrs. KATH GLASSCOCK, Ennis, Texas. P. S. All newspapers please copy in full.

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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
In the District court, September term, A. D. 1889.
To the sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting:
You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Haskell, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon N. M. Southerland and Richard Popland, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Haskell, at the court house thereof, in Haskell, on the second Monday in September, 1889. File number being 52, then and there to answer the petition of Benjamin Hughes, filed in said court, on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1888, against the said A. C. Foster, Howard Finley, Walter L. Wilson, N. M. Southerland, Richard Popland and Jas. Hoefler, and alleging in substance as follows, to wit:

No. 52
Benjamin Hughes
v.
A. C. Foster, et al.
In the District court of Haskell county Texas, September term 1889.

To the Honorable District court of said county: Benjamin Hughes, plaintiff, complaining of A. C. Foster, Howard Finley, Walter L. Wilson, N. M. Southerland, Richard Popland and Jas. Hoefler defendants, represents that the plaintiff resides in Dallas county, Texas, that A. C. Foster, defendant, is a resident of Haskell county, state of Texas and Howard Finley and Walter L. Wilson, defendants, reside in Galveston, said state of Texas and N. M. Southerland and Richard Popland, defendant, reside in Pima county Arizona territory and Jas. Hoefler, defendant, resideth in Cochise county said Arizona territory; that on the 1st day of November A. D. 1888, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the tract of land herein after described, situate in the said county of Haskell holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully with-hold from plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage one thousand dollars; that the premises so entered upon and unlawfully withheld by defendants from plaintiff are bounded and described as follows: Being survey No. 96 situate in said Haskell county formerly Cook Land District on the waters of Paint creek, a tributary of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river about 50 miles N. 15 W. from Fort Belknap Beginning at the S. E. cor. of sur. 95 for the S. W. cor. of this sur., thence E. 1140 1/2 vrs. to S. E. cor. from which a mesquite brs. S. 34 E. 40 1/2 vrs., another brs. S. 46 E. 45 vrs., thence North 1585 vrs. to N. E. cor. from which a mesquite brs. S. 54 W. 1 1/2 vrs., another brs. N. 44 E. 16 1/2 vrs., thence west 1140 1/2 vrs. to N. W. cor. from which a mesquite brs. E. 7 vrs., another brs. N. 23 W. 5 vrs., thence South 1585 vrs. to beginning. Bearings marked H. Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to answer this petition and that plaintiff have judgment for the restitution of the above described premises, and for his damages and for costs of suit, and such other and further relief to which he may show himself entitled.

Mitchell & Mitchell,
Oscar Martin,
Atty. for Plaintiff.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, C. D. Long, clerk of the District court of Haskell county.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, in Haskell, this the 21st day of May, A. D. 1889.

C. D. Long,
Clerk of the District court of Haskell county, Texas. By L. S. Long, deputy.

[ENDORSED ON BACK]

Benjamin Hughes

Vs.

A. C. Foster et al.

Issued on the 21st day of May A. D. 1889.

C. D. Long,
Clerk District court Haskell county Texas. By L. S. Long Deputy.

HOMESTEADS.

Five Million Acres of Public Domain Subject to Homestead Entry.

List of counties, with the Amount of Unappropriated Public Domain—Enough for Thousands of Families.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEX., May 23, 1889.

I have the honor to hand you the inclosed statement of unappropriated public domain subject to entry under the homestead law. The amount is considerably more than was supposed, no careful estimate having been made until this. You perceive that Texas has nearly five million acres to give to the homesteader. Now invite him to come and make his selection. Very respectfully,

R. M. HALL,
Commissioner.

Approximate estimate of the unappropriated public domain, lying west of the 100th meridian and north of the south boundary line of the Texas and Pacific eighty mile reserve, by counties.

COUNTIES.	ACRES.
Andrews	418,974
Armstrong	40,320
Borden	1,920
Bailey	15,444
Briscoe	25,000
Cochran	81,280
Crosby	16,269
Castro	6,000
Childress	6,720
Crane	177,920
Coke	3,840
Dawson	18,537
Dickens	26,249
Donnelly	2,000
Deaf Smith	15,934
Dallam	10,230
El Paso	2,013,990
Ector	100,480
Fisher	1,308
Floyd	33,846
Gaines	366,068
Garza	7,358
Gray	10,650
Hockley	37,186
Hale	49,926
Hemphill	18,500
Hall	4,060
Hutchinson	32,947
Hartley	39,408
Hansford	19,200
Kent	32,388
King	16,956
Jeff Davis	4,953
Lynn	29,641
Lubbock	22,599
Loving	44,850
Lipscomb	2,069
Martin	7,455
Motley	30,638
Moore	33,280
Midland	53,126
Nolan	1,360
Oldham	4,840
Ochiltree	20,830
Parmer	1,920
Potter	1,280
Pecos	17,380
Roberts	2,079
Reeves	282,240
Scurry	3,123
Stonewall	5,460
Swisher	13,860
Sherman	19,400
Terry	58,688
Tom Green	1,600
Upton	3,840
Wheeler	6,400
Winkler	277,559
Ward	84,800
Yoakum	10,098
Total	4,724,911

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Who are weak, Nervous and debilitated...
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AN OFFICER MURDERED.

Constable Eanes Shot Down While Attempting to Make an Arrest.

Georgetown, Tex., May 31.—A telephone communication from Granger brings the intelligence of the re-enactment of the May murder in the person of Constable Charles R. Eanes of Granger, which precinct heretofore has been local option, but at a recent election the restriction was abolished. Since then bad whisky has made the town rather a wild place. This evening about 4 o'clock Tom Johnson, from Bell county, became boisterous and drunk. He, however, left town before Eanes arrived, but Eanes followed him immediately, accompanied by two assistants. Johnson was in a wagon and had a little girl with him. When he began firing, the officers held their fire, fearing they would hurt the little child. As the result Eanes was shot and killed by Johnson, using a Winchester. The whole county is excited and posess are out hunting Johnson. Deputy Millican left here with a posse of six and has not yet returned. News reached here from Salado just in the edge of Bell county, that Tom Johnson, the murderer of Constable Charles R. Eanes, reached that place in a two horse buggy about 6 o'clock. Johnson still had his little daughter with him. There was an officer in the town at the time, and he left the buggy and his little girl there and struck out towards Youngfort, his home, a foot. When Eanes was killed he was attempting with two assistants to arrest Johnson for firing off his pistol while driving through the streets of Granger. Johnson has figured before in the courts for shooting a negro woman and is considered a dangerous man. Officers will probably have to kill him before they can bring him to justice.

SNOW IN MICHIGAN.

Four Inches Deep and Still Falling—Great Damage to Crops.

Detroit, Mich., May 30. A heavy fall of snow for this season of the year is reported from several parts of the state to-day. At School Craft the snow is four inches deep and still falling, while at Portland and Flint the average depth is two inches, but owing to almost a hurricane it has drifted to an inch greater depth. The damage to crops is very great.

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Eupepsy.

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The following is ONLY a PARTIAL LIST of the Lands we are offering for sale in this County, the Titles to which are regarded as absolutely perfect:

- 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 partiy payments.
- No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
- No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 6. 304 acres of as fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1/2 cash, balance 1 year.
- No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek good land and good grass, \$1.10, 1/2 cash. (Vining)
- No. 9. 1280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
- No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
- No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
- No. 14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
- No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
- No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
- No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined, makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
- No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance on easy terms.
- No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
- No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
- No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.50, 1/2 cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash balance on easy terms.
- No. 24. 900 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
- No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 27. 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, 1/2 cash down.
- No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.
- No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
- No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
- No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and 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. 820 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. We also have a good farm of 160 acres in Stonewall Co. 60 acres in cultivation, good improvements, will sell cheap for cash; For particulars address us, Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.