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HURRAH for Cockrell.

The cheap circular racket failed to gull the people.

The supposed short comings of Judge Cockrell is not a safe platform to run for office on. Taint wide enough.

The election at this place passed off quietly. All the contests were well fought but it is generally conceded that the canvas was a fair one.

The state democratic ticket was elected by a large majority. The railroad amendment is running way behind Hogg and the balance of the ticket.

The packing house company at Fort Worth gave an exhibition the other day and killed and prepared ten hogs for the smoke house in twelve minutes.

The taxable values of Haskell county for the year 1890 was \$1,225,000.00 that of 1890 the \$2,140,192 the increase in ten years was \$2,148,967. The increase will exceed \$8,000,000 at least in the next ten years.

Ed. FREE PRESS: Every legislator ought to see that a law will be made to enforce the rendering of all lands notes, stocks and bonds and that no foreclosure on deeds of trust can be had unless tax receipts are attached to the vendor lien. Let every corporation be taxed to the full amount of capital their charter called for.

A Citizen.

KANSAS.

Do you suppose any of the salt river crew would be competent to do farm work?

Some of our neighbors have onions, potatoes, tomatoes snap beans, lettuce etc., growing in their garden.

We regret very much to lose Mr. Law and Dr. Walker and their amiable families from our community, but, owing to the litigious condition of their lands they leave us for a home in Dickens county.

The bridge on the Brazos is completed and the forces are bridging the Wichita on the Benjamin and Vernon road. While Mrs. W. A. Bailey was gathering water-melons to put up for winter use she was bitten by a rat snake. Notwithstanding the almost immediate application of tire and ammonia she has suffered, for a week under close medical attention.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

A few facts bearing upon the school question.

The question of incorporating being up for discussion the FREE PRESS takes liberty to make a statement of the steps to be taken to accomplish such an end as no one has yet touched upon the mode of procedure and the probable resources upon which we depend for results desired.

To incorporate, a petition with twenty qualified voters names subscribed will have to be presented to the county judge for an election for incorporation. If successful five trustees will have to be elected, next a tax not to exceed 50 cents on the hundred dollars valuation would have to be levied by a vote of two-thirds majority.

While the statute is not altogether clear we believe the further rate of 25 cents on the hundred dollars valuation could be levied and compound interest bearing (not more than 6 per cent per annum). Bonds could be issued to build a school building.

It will be noticed that a better

rate of tax for school purposes is allowed than under the district system which does not allow but 20 cents on the hundred dollars valuation and nothing for building purposes. From our knowledge of values and the territory subject to incorporation for this purpose, we would estimate the total values that would be included by the incorporation not to exceed \$250,000. Jan. 1st 1891 the assessment for Jan. 1st 1890 as shown by the tax rolls being \$80885. We place the values of 1891 to be greatly in excess of those of 1890 because property in Haskell has advanced since Jan. 1st 1890 at least four hundred per cent not taking into consideration the numerous addition to the town of Haskell proper made since Jan. 1st 1890.

With the values of 1891 as indicated and we do not think it exaggerated, \$1250 could be added to the present school fund, and \$625 for building purposes. Bonds could be issued for \$1000 due in twenty years, and \$6000 could be raised by private subscription.

In this connection it would be proper to state that of the \$1875 \$93 would have to be paid for assessing and collecting the tax.

\$10,000 would build a commodious addition to the present building, that would answer for several years for school purposes. The \$625 would pay the interest and create a sufficient sinking fund. The local taxpayers have been contributing yearly three to ten times as much by voluntary subscription as their taxes would be.

The non-resident reaps the benefit and does but little to help build up these institutions which alone make it possible for their land to find a market. We favor the corporate assumption of control of the free school as being far superior to turning over our magnificent school fund over to some private institution. We want to see an interest taken in the matter and want to see the same carefully considered.

There is no use of any one taking sides in this issue until they have carefully considered same. The majority of men usually take sides as soon as an issue is presented and it is almost impossible to convince or convert as it is human nature and the virtue of fools it is said, to be consistent even if they have to do a known wrong act, to the injury of themselves.

Undoubted Democratic Victories.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 2 a. m.—Results thus far received indicate the election to the state assembly of sixty-eight Democrats and sixty Republicans.

In Pennsylvania, twenty-four counties, including Allegany, but not including Philadelphia, give Pattison (D.) for governor a net plurality of 7165, a Democratic gain over the last gubernatorial election of 19735. Philadelphia gives a Republican majority of about 10,000. At the Democratic state headquarters it is claimed Paterson is elected by a 10,000 majority.

Returns from Illinois show that ten Republicans and six Democrats congressmen are surely elected. The remaining four districts remain in doubt.

In Florida the Democratic state ticket has 15,000 majority.

In Tennessee the Democratic majority for governor is about 25,000. The Third congressional district, which was in doubt elected a Democrat.

The New York legislature is undoubtedly Democratic on a joint ballot, this insures the election of Democratic United States senator.

The Democratic state central committee of Missouri claims a solid congressional delegation from that state, as also does the state committee of Maryland.

From California the returns are very meager, but indicate the election of Markham (R.) for governor.

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ELECTION RETURNS.

Haskell Precinct Box No.	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	Total
FOR JUDGE OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT:						
J. V. COCKRELL,	134	22	29	17	22	224
J. F. CUNNINGHAM,	54	5	21	14	21	118
FOR ATTORNEY 2nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT:						
J. N. CAMPBELL,	7	0	10	1	14	32
J. W. ARMSTRONG,	27	3	6	4	3	42
J. E. WILFONG,	127	23	10	23	23	200
A. M. CRAIG,	24	1	24	0	3	52
FOR COUNTY JUDGE:						
H. G. MC CONNELL,	104	19	25	12	21	181
P. D. SANDERS,	74	9	24	18	25	150
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:						
S. H. WOODS,	179	28	49	31	45	332
FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK:						
J. L. JONES,	91	16	34	19	15	169
C. D. LONG,	90	18	15	10	30	163
FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR:						
W. B. ANTHONY,	124	23	32	18	31	228
A. D. TUCKER,	54	4	14	13	14	99
FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR:						
G. E. COOK,	181	27	48	31	45	332
FOR TAX ASSESSOR:						
W. R. STANDEFER,	22	1	6	1	2	32
W. J. SOWELL,	54	21	10	7	3	95
H. S. POST,	28	0	16	12	3	59
S. W. VERNON,	10	1	10	7	34	62
J. T. BOWMAN,	7	3	3	0	1	14
S. BEVERS,	43	0	5	4	2	54
D. M. WISE,	14	1	2	0	1	18
FOR COUNTY TREASURER:						
S. J. PRESTON,	182	27	48	31	45	333

PRECINCT OFFICERS.

The following were elected to pre-

dict offices, respectively:

FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1: W. A. WALKER

FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2: J. I. WILSON

FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3: J. S. POST

FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4: J. B. ADAMS

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 1: W. A. WALKER

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 2: A. R. DAVIS

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 1: J. B. ADAMS

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 2: J. M. THOMPSON

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 3: F. P. PARKER

The following were elected to pre-

dict offices, respectively:

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 4: W. A. WALKER

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 5: J. M. THOMPSON

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 6: F. P. PARKER

The present reports show Craig to have been elected.

Little general interest was felt in the election except in the race for county and district officers.

The clerk's race was close and exciting. The friends of both can-

didates took quite an active part in the election.

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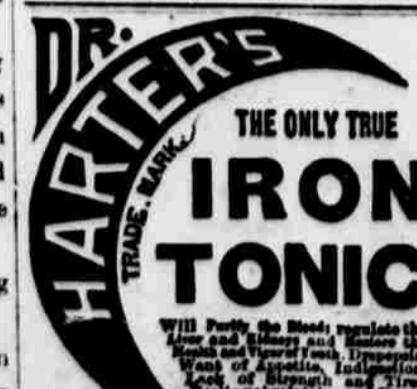
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—Buy your grain at McCorkel & Co.

—Everything new and noby to be found at Mrs. J. C. Baldwin's.

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—J. C. McClaren was elected sheriff of Stonewall county.

—Bailed prarie bay, Brap, oats and corn at McCorkel's & Co.

—Cheapest parlor lamps in town at F. E. Turner & Co.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Maxwell were in the city Thursday.

—For a first class smoke call on F. E. Turner & Co.,

—Before buying your Drugs go to see F. E. Turner & Co.,

—Lamps and Lanterns of all kinds at McLomore's.

—All kinds of X mas goods, Fire Works etc at D. R. Gass & Co.

—Mr. Shipley, of Paint creek, was in the city Thursday.

—A nice line of Chewing and Smoking Tobacco at F. E. Turner & Co.

—White Lead and Oil cheap at F. E. Turner & Co.

—S. H. Johnson wants to buy one thousand dollars worth of county scrip.

—Go to McLemore's drug store for what you want in that line.

—Books! Books! Books! Plates! Plates! Plates! at F. E. Turner & Co.

—Monros for county judge, Ty son for sheriff, were elected in Jones county.

—When in Haskell call at the City Hotel, where everything is kept neat.

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—Call on C. O. Riddell for Harness, Saddles and Leaping Horne side saddles. Haskell, Tex.

—Great variety of Lamps and Lanterns at McLemore's.

—Best Beef Pork and Sausage at the City Meat Market. Leave your order.

—T. D. Isbell and Bob Holman were reelected sheriff and county and district clerk.

—Ladies of Haskell try the Diamond S Baking Powder it will please you.

DODSON & CROLEY.

Prof. Clifton showed us a potato that was raised by him that weighed six pounds. He also showed us some fine specimens of cotton and sorghum.

J. S. Rice has returned from Farmersville. Since he left Farmersville three of his house in that city were burned. There was no insurance.

—Dr. J. Oldham, will leave for Albany about the 15th inst. Parties wishing work in his line had better call on him at once.

—Be sure and give W. H. Parsons a call before buying your Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired all work Strictly guaranteed West side of public square.

To the ladies of Haskell that use wash boards and washing machines; go to C. O. Riddell at the saddle shop, and get a washing receipt, (only \$2.00) which is guaranteed to clean clothes without rubbing, and does not injure the cloth.

—Corn, oats and hay cheap for cash at Haskell Feed Store.

—A nice line of Stationery and Toilet Soaps at F. E. Turner & Co.

—Nice dress goods just received at Stoop's Cash Store cheap, come and see them.

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—McLemore is still selling large quantities of wall paper. Call and examine his stock before buying elsewhere.

—R. S. DeLong & Co., will sell you clothing at first cost with freight added. Please call on them and get prices.

—Call and examine our stock of X mas goods and make the children happy. X mas is coming. D. R. Gass & Co.

—Are you married? If not, send your address to The American Corresponding Club; P. O. Box 643 Clarksburg, W. Va.

—A fine line of Clothing to be closed out at Cost at Stoop's Cash Store. Come and see it before you buy.

—Ask your dealers for the N. Porter make of Horse Collars Saddles, Harness etc, etc.

—Oscar Martin has made an addition of 10 acres to the town of Haskell, in the most populous portion. The lots are large and have a frontage on the best streets in Haskell. Call on him for prices

—Rastic Jack's company was in the city this week, and gave two entertainments at which they had large audiences and everybody went home satisfied. Mr. Will Garrison gave a street performance of many daring feats on the slack wire.

—See the change in Bass Bros, card, they are receiving an immense stock of Holliday Good such as fine Glass ware, Albums, Writing Desks, Workboxes, many new styles and designs. By all means see their Stock.

—The firm of Dodson & Croley has now contracted for the fine Diamond S Baking Powder. Every body try it it is pure, strong and healthful, no ammonia no alum no lime. This company is handling the very best of everything and by examining their splendid stock you will be convinced.

—It will pay all who visit Abilene to go to the drugstore of Bass Bros. and see their elegant stock of Novelties and Holliday Goods which they are now receiving for the trade both wholesale and retail. Their store is packed from top to bottom, and they will sell very low. Go and see them.

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PINE STREET,

Four More Indictments.

Graham Leader. Yesterday afternoon, Oct. 30, after the Leader had gone to press with its regular edition, the federal grand jury made their final report to the court.

As they solemnly filed into court, headed by their foreman, a dead silence fell upon the officers and spectators present. The bundle of paper in the hand of the foreman proved that they had been at work. Passing the documents up to the court the foreman announced that there was no further business before the grand jury, and Judge McCormack discharged them, thanking them for their prompt and patient attendance upon the court.

In a short time deputy marshals were scouring the town with warrants for the men indicted, and the work of arresting defendants began.

David Allen, commonly called Dink Allen, was the first man arrested, and then followed the arrests of Robert Holman, T. B. Collier, Marion Wallace and John Y. Leavell in quick succession. The deputies then got a fresh supply of warrants and the next time they issued forth they brought in Sam Waggoner, W. H. Benedict, E. W. Johnson, P. C. Hollis and Robert Holman. They are all under arrest.

For Conspiring with the Marlow Mob.

GRAHAM, Tex., Oct. 28.—After being in session nine days the United States grand jury was discharged to-day. The following persons were indicted for conspiring with the Marlow mob: Marion Wallace, Tom Collier, Dick Brooks, John Leavell, Sam Waggoner, Pink Allen, William Benedict, Ed Johnson, P. C. Hollis and Robert Holman.

They are all under arrest. The Marlow brothers are expected here to-morrow.

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HASKELL TEXAS.

The prisoners were taken to the federal court house and pleased under a strong guard. They were all arrested under a charge of conspiracy to deprive citizens of their rights under the constitution and laws of the United States and murder in the first degree in pursuance of the conspiracy.

Several of the defendants have been arrested heretofore for offenses growing out of the same transaction and were on bail but were re-indicted on a charge of murder. The cases against Robert Holman, Dink Allen, E. W. Johnson and W. C. Hollis are all new cases, these parties having never heretofore been indicted for the Marlow killing.

David Allen is one of our leading attorney, and his arrest was a great surprise to most of our people, as was also the arrest of E. W. Johnson who was at the time of the Marlow tragedy a deputy under Marshal Collier and had charge of the prisoners on the fatal night.

Mr. Hollis was one of the guards at the time of the killing. Dink Allen is a farmer who resides near Belknap.

The sheriff and constable both being under arrest, the duties of the sheriff are now performed by Deputy Sheriff I. H. Carmichael, who was appointed by Sheriff Collier some days ago.

Had it not been for his presence in town we would have been without a peace officer in Graham last night.

Other arrests are expected to-day, but it is not known as yet whether others were indicted or not.

Excitement runs pretty high over the matter and various opinions are expressed as to the course the authorities will take. It is thought that the most of them will be allowed bail by the court. To-day is the day set for trial of the consolidated cases, but it will probably be postponed until the new cases can be consolidated with them and all can be tried together.

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Haskell County,

Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

Topography, Water, Soil, Products,
Shipping Points, Railroads,
Public Schools and
Mail Facilities.

HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 575,000 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 Tennesseean, who fell at the battle of Shiloh in 1862.

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 dedicating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a poll 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 nominal.

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 bushel per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so plentiful 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 50,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.
The county is an undulating plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers, but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be 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 Colorado 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 soils as well as the evaporation of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stamp, which are easily extracted, there are no obnoxious foes 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.

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PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durahorn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the esquimau, turnip, and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell country, soil growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustain large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep through out the year. Colonial grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass forms a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

TRADE AND BRANCHES OF FARM PRODUCTS.
The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 50 bushels and the price varies from 50¢ to 125 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '88—a day's work 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 foot to three-quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great demand in market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command a corresponding price. Fresh-made pork is usually worth 20 cents per pound; fresh beef 20 cents; home made butter sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound; chickens 15 to 20 cents each, and eggs 10 to 12 cents per dozen.

EXPONENTIAL TRADE.
As yet Haskell has no railroad and our people in their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles away in Taylor county, on the Santa Fe and Frisco lines. A stage line from Haskell to Abilene, 45 miles from Haskell on the south east, and Stage road to Abilene via W. V. road 6 miles on the northeast.

There is one road being built from Seymour to Haskell and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas central will have to extend in a short time from Abilene to Haskell as charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The local men of Austin have organized a company to build a rail road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the lumber business of the principal members owns 150,000 acres of this and Knox county, and also owns the large addition to the town of Haskell in the south.

Haskell is 8 miles north of T. & P. R. and 27 miles south of the Fr. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island and G. C. & S. R. propose to extend their lines.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL.
This school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$80,000 per capita, our commissioners' court have wisely excused a lease for 10 years for 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund ample sufficient to run several schools of the capacity ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organization school community of the country.

MAIL FACILITIES.
There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson and a tri-weekly mail north to Beaufort and to Seymour on the Wichita valley railroad; these lines also carry express and passengers.

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 having organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching in other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.
The town of Haskell is the county seat and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is six years old and has a population of 800. 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 five 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 anywhere. Two Millinery establishments one gin and mill. Also has two drug stores two hardware one furniture store one notion the hotel and one

restaurant, three blacksmith shops, two cabinet and wood shops, one lumber yard, one national bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop, one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop, two meat markets, two livery stables, three doctors, 10 lawyers and land agents, two first class newspapers and job offices and only one saloon, all doing good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, location, climate, good water and fertility of soils is destined to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and rail road 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 take store leases, others seem to make their living in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who love comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a 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 either and newer localities.

Friends we could say you are just the people we want.

Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not bring us we are a people wild and wooly Indians to these "western wilds" that we are located with dynamite and shooting irons, that our only Indians are emigrants of ours who now number 10,000 more, but rather that we are a people rearing among the same surroundings, that we have no enemies, the benefit of the same advantages, that we have applied ourselves to the same educational privilege that we have the same opportunities as you yourselves may have. Be strengthened by past experience. Purchases have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good security.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grain, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no mortal sickness ever comes. We have a country of the test lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mosquito and blackberry time for diversion and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business team in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and courageous as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room and invite you and all who contemplate a changed abode, to come and see us. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

Please, please hand this to your friend.

THE CENSUS AND THE TEXAS REAPORTMENT.

The census showing an increase of over 40 per cent in the population of Texas furnishes an adequate exhibit of the growth and development of the state. In the last decade tax-rate values have increased 118 per cent, values now 265 percent, city real estate 150 per cent, banking capital (estimated) 650 per cent, factories (estimated) 1000 per cent, and test is 90 per cent. As compared with 1880 the state now expends 225 per cent more on public schools. The per capita wealth of the state has increased about \$100 per cent. Development has been greatest in the northern and western districts but has been gratifying in every section. The increase in population in the congressional districts is in round numbers, as follows:

District	Population, 1880	Population, 1880
First district	194,000	42,400
Second district	159,400	27,800
Third district	195,700	41,100
Fourth district	202,300	56,900
Fifth district	208,800	68,400
Sixth district	221,100	82,000
Seventh district	184,600	40,800
Eighth district	185,600	41,000
Ninth district	236,100	49,000
Tenth district	235,100	75,100
Eleventh district	229,100	106,400

An additional congressional dis-

trict, it appears, must be carved

out of the north and northwest, or

rather out of the fifth, sixth, tenth

and eleventh districts. Eastern

congressional districts under the

higher basis of appointment, will

probably be unchanged except in

transferring a few counties from

the more northern to southern

districts. While the eastern dis-

tricts may be subject to little change

the others are likely to be entirely

remolded. It is time to divorce

Dallas from Fort Worth, Austin

from San Antonio, and El Paso

from the contiguous 100 miles to the

east. The farmers here control

of the twenty-second legislature will

have a more efficient problem in

the apportionment of congressional

and legislative districts than in the

regulation of the railroads. Meas-

ure looking to the latter will be

prescribed by their lawyer friends

such changes as unite them sol-

tarily, but the snags of congressional

candidates in the legislature are

intent upon carrying out districts

for themselves will make legisla-

ture like a burden. The census

disclosed even greater necessity for

redistributing the judicial distri-

ction than for a new legislative ap-

pointment. The fifth district has a

population of 82,496 the sixth 97,237,

the seventh 80,520, the fifteenth 90,315, the thirty-first 47,82, the

thirty-second 48,90 the thirty-sixth

18,255 and the forty-first 10,670. The difference between extremes

encompasses business as well as popu-

lation.—Dallas News.

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