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## WOE, WOE, WOE.

### One of Our Foremost Citizens Shot Down and Killed.

### THE ENTIRE CITY IN MOURNING.

J. W. Davis, a Clerk in the House kills B. C. Evans, President of the Company.

(Fort Worth Gazette)

The most woeful occurrence ever chronicled in the city of Fort Worth is that which took place at 3:10 yesterday afternoon in which B. C. Evans lost his life, and a whole city is plunged in grief. The blow stuns, it paralyzes, men stand aghast with horror, grief and rage, while the poor heartbroken widow weeps and the fatherless children gather about the sacred dust of the once loving parent. Better had Fort Worth been laid in ashes than that B. C. Evans should have been robbed of his life in the way he was, for Fort Worth would have risen from her ashes more beautiful than ever, but the taking off of the good man, the loyal citizen, the fond husband and father, the great merchant and the promoter of public affairs cannot be undone.

At 3:40 yesterday evening J. W. Davis shot and killed B. C. Evans. Hundreds who were within a few blocks of the B. C. Evans Company's establishment on main street heard the sharp ring of a pistol five times with remarkable regularity, and from the interval between the shots, they were with great deliberation.

Men standing a block away could see the smoke from the pistol curling out through the entrance to the carpet department of the house and carried away by the gulf breeze. At the first shot hundreds started to the place, and when the last shot had been fired and Davis was putting the pistol in the inside breast pocket of his coat, scores of men were at the store. Marshall farmer was there, and at once took the pistol from Davis and took him into custody. Charles I. White, an employe of the company, ran to Mr. Evans who lay on the floor of the little office in the carpet room, his head and shoulder projecting under the baize curtain, and partially lifted him up. Physicians were summoned at once but nothing could be done and in ten minutes the soul of B. C. Evans was with the the Creator. A scene of wild confusion was witnessed both in the house and on the streets. As if on the wings of the electric current the news had flown down the streets. "B. C. Evans is dead." "B. C. Evans has been murdered," flew from lip to lip and passed from house to house.

**MEN PALE AND EXCITED**  
came running from every direction—the laborer, the mechanic, the banker, the lawyer, the merchant, the clerk, pressed forward to the place where the mortal remains of B. C. Evans lay. The clerks in the house came from every point and floor, and from every counter and gathered about the remains. The doors were closed hastily to keep out the crowd and hide from those without the body of the dead and the weeping employes. Yes many wept, as there was cause, for the best friend many a man and woman in that house had, would never again speak a kind word or lend a helping hand.

**BREAKING THE NEWS**  
to the widow was a heart-rending task. Two lady relatives went at once to the family residence on Lamar street and told the wife with choking sobs that Mr. Evans was badly hurt. Then Mr. Whit Dryden, a brother of Mrs. Evans, came and told her that the injuries were severe, that the doctors had little

hope; that Dr. Burts said there was no hope. And then came friend bearing the corpse of him who had been so much to her, and who but a few hours before had kissed her and his children good-bye, stopping at the threshold to take little Ethel, his two-and-one-half-years old baby girl in his arms and embrace her for the last time on earth. They bore the form into the parlor and laid it gently down, and even then the widow could not believe him dead and the agonized children called for him and to him.

In another home friends came and told a stately old lady of sixty-five that her son was in jail and why he had been placed there. That boy was her all, he was her son any she wept for him. He had supported and been kind in her old age and she grieved, she would have given her own life to have undone that days work, but too late and the inexorable laws of time and God went on went on with their work.

**THE FACTS OF THE CASE.**  
As far as facts and rigid investigation could arrive at the facts, they are these: Six years ago J. W. Davis entered the employ of B. C. Evans. Previous to that he had been with the St. Louis Dry Goods Company. He was a trusted employe of Mr. Evans, who had been very kind and lenient to him on many occasions. When sick the employer had gone to see him and saw that he wanted for nothing. Davis was addicted to drinking, and Mr. Evans had repeatedly spoken to him about the evil effects of the habit and its damage to his business prospects. Davis was in the clothing department, and some time ago, his drinking continuing. Mr. Evans placed James Johnson in charge of the department making him superior in rank to Davis and at the same time reducing his salary. Yesterday morning Davis came to the store and it is said had been drinking. Mr. Evans had a conversation with him in the morning and told Davis he could not stand his drinking any longer; he must stop drinking or quit his employ; he must begin new Monday or get another place. About noon Davis went to A. J. Anderson's and bought a 41-caliber pistol, saying he wanted to kill dogs. He returned to the store and it is evidenced that he abused Mr. Evans to the other clerks and made threats against his life. About 3:15 the conduct of Davis and the threats made, induced Robert Sandidge, one of the clerks, to go to Mr. Hollingsworth, the treasurer of the company, and tell him that Mr. Evans should be warned. Not believing that Davis intended harm but feeling that if Mr. Evans were told of Davis' actions the threats of Davis would be executed, nothing was said to him and he was utterly unconscious of his danger.

Mr. Fleming, who was in the store about 3:30 talking to Mr. Evans, noticed Davis walking up and down the carpet room while he was there, but thought nothing of it. He left about 3:35 and Mr. Evans seated himself at the desk in the office, and picking up yesterday's Gazette, began to read it. Mr. P. D. Hollingsworth, who was in the back part of the carpet room with Hugh Elliston Davis walking down the store to where Mr. Evans was seated. He turned his head for a second when he heard a shot. He faced about and saw Mr. Evans hold up the paper with both hands, and heard him say, "Don't Davis, don't." He saw Davis fire again, and Mr. Evans fell from the chair forward on his face, Davis continuing to fire into the body of the

prostrate man.

Charles I. White, the man who went in the store just after the last shot was fired, says he and Marshal Farmer entered about the same time. Farmer went to Davis, who was standing about the middle of the room, took the pistol from him and arrested him. White ran to Mr. Evans and lifted him up, the dying man gazed into his face and a gush of blood issued from his mouth. He gasped and said, "Oh, my God." Again he gasped and the blood flowed from his mouth a second time, in a feeble voice he said, "My God," and his eyes closed and his head dropped. White told those near to get a physician and Dr. Hayes was the first there. He placed his hand over the dying man's heart and said: "He is alive; get some stimulants quick." Drs. Burnt and Durringer then came in and found Mr. Evans still alive but with no earthly chance to recover. Dr. Field came in a few seconds, but all was over and the bullets had done their work. Mr. White says, "When I got to Mr. Evans he still had the Gazette in his hands, his right hand clutched the fifth page, his left hand rested on the editorial page. In falling a bunch of keys fell from his right pocket. I gently took the paper from his hands and as I did so the blood gurgled from his throat into my hands. I sent for blankets and we placed his head on them as a pillow. I then went for justice Reynolds and he came and viewed the remains took testimony as to the cause of death."

When Marshal Farmer said to Davis, "We had better go to the jail," Davis remarked, "I must get my hat," and not finding it he picked up a straw hat and told a clerk to charge it to him, it wasn't his but to charge it to it. Arriving at the jail his shoes were taken off and he was given a pair of slippers, he removed his coat, vest and hat and was placed in the cell.

**DAVIS' TRIAL.**  
J. W. Davis, who shot and killed B. C. Evans Saturday evening, was very down cast yesterday. He was gloomy and seemed despondent. He talked but little. County Attorney Ayres said yesterday that the preliminary examination would take place at 2 o'clock. He did not know who Davis' lawyers were or whether he had got any yet. It is said that if Davis' attorneys wish to they can waive a preliminary examination and he will in that case remain in jail until the grand jury meets and when indicted will be tried in the district court, which meets again in September.

Some additional facts have come to light since Saturday which show some thing. City Marshal Farmer says he saw the last shot fired and that Mr. Evans was lying face downward with his head slightly raised from the floor and his eyes directed to Davis who shot him in the back of the head when his head dropped to the floor. As Farmer arrested Davis, Mr. Capps came in and said, "Who did this?" Davis responded: "By God, I did Capps." As they passed through the store one of the clerks said to Davis, "Will, you have done a bad thing," to which Davis responded: "I don't know whether I did or not." As Farmer, Witker and Jim Maddox were taking him to jail he said to Witker; "Joe, such is life." All who know anything of the killing who were seen yesterday say the account published in the Gazette was correct and that no material fact was omitted. The remark of Davis that he might stay in jail twelve months, eighteen months or three years was greatly commented on yesterday.

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The birds are destroying the grain in the shock. Farmers should take steps to prevent waste.

The general cow work is over until the 15th of August. The stockmen will devote the interim to selling their beaves.

EXPERIENCE has taught Sam Jones a valuable truth. He says, "The corset must be crushed. And all over this fair land, thousands of brave young fellows stand ready to crush them."

The noted John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain met in a fistic contest near Richburg in Mississippi on the 8th inst. and fought seventy-five rounds. Sullivan easily gained every round except first. Kilrain got first blood. The men weighed a few pounds over two hundred each, but Sullivan had an easy task.

South Carolina's reputation is saved by the verdict of acquittal of McDow, the murderer of Capt. Dawson. No white man can be hung in South Carolina.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The man who kills the protector of female virtue cannot be hung in any community in which the Inter-Ocean and its like have been able to force the negro into the jury box. The creators of the negro juror are responsible for McDow's acquittal. Twelve white men could have been found who would not have rendered such a verdict.

ONE of the best men in Texas, one who has done more to help develop the resources of this great state, B. C. Evans of Fort Worth was shot down in his business house last Saturday by a heartless assassin who says, he may lay in jail a year or probably two years but he confidently expects to come out acquitted. Is it possible that the leniency of jurors encourages the assassin to commit murder with impunity? Or is it a defect of our jury system by which incompetent men always compose the jury?

There should be some thing done. The protection of life, liberty and property demand it. Justice calls for vindication.

The press, the noble champion of law and order, has done its duty, but as a majority of the men who compose the jury are men who do not read the Press can do nothing to educate them to their duty and responsibility as jurors, and if a juror has read enough to know what occurs in his own county this alone generally furnishes a ground for challenge for cause and these challenges in connection with the peremptory challenges is sufficient to dispose of every juror of the panel who is qualified intellectually and practically for a good juror.

The FREE PRESS has heretofore supplied every body with a copy to mail to a friend without cost when requested. It has also sent out thousands of copies to be distributed when it would induce immigration but owing to the treatment it has received by businessmen at home of late it will in future charge a fee for copies.

This is not a retaliation nor is it for health, but it is strictly business.

We do not have the home patronage that we had when the FREE PRESS was only a patent sheet. This is not because it is not a good paper but each merchant and business man wants the others to pay for the publication of a paper. They all want the advantages they will derive from a good journal in their town. When they want to get up something to attract visitors, they organize, get themselves placed on some important committee, and call on the FREE PRESS for a big lot of advertising; when any of them leave town or die they want a long notice of the same all free of cost.

It costs Money to run a newspaper and in a new country it is necessarily dependent upon the business community for its support. And if they fail to contribute the means to support a paper the paper will necessarily have to adjust itself to fit the penuriousness of the people.

The individuals who compose the FREE PRESS corps like to hear the jingle of the dollar and unless things take a change the number of the force and size of paper will be reduced.

We could have made money to have done this before but preferred to be the proprietor of a first-class news paper than to be that of a patent sheet. But now we have about enough glory and are short on cash and unless matters make a change we will make the changes indicated and our senior will draw out to engage in a more remunerative pursuit.

The FREE PRESS has never encouraged foreign advertising for every dollar of trade that is thus induced to go to the railroad towns is a loss to Haskell, but unless the thing changes in the near future we are going to spend some time and money in this direction.

We do not have to beg support. There is a good market on hand for our advertising space and though we may incur the displeasure of a few neighboring business men, we can't help looking after our own interest and that of our friends. We propose to be independent, we have a large circulation in the best country on this beautiful earth, and by making this known to business men on the railroads, they will eagerly take all our space.

But Haskell should have a paper all her own, though we have maintained this with limited support as long as we intend to do so.

### Lovers Drowned While Boating.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn July 7.—A peculiarly sad accident occurred at Lake Harriet, a few miles from this city, about 5 o'clock this afternoon. Charles Ide, assistant superintendent of the Minneapolis gas light company, and Miss Langdon secured a boat and started for a ride, when but a few rods from shore and while attempting to pass each other to change places the boat was upset, and the couple was thrown into the water. Before assistance could be rendered both were drowned, in plain view of thousands of spectators on shore. The body of Miss Langdon was recovered at 8 o'clock but Ide's body has not yet been found. The young people were lovers and were to have been married soon.

### Tragic, Murder and Suicide.

LaSalle, Ill July 7.—Capt. A. Goshinski of the polish guards of this city fired three bullets into his sleeping wife this morning, and then tried to end his own life. Mrs Goshinski, in her night dress and with blood spiring from her wounds, jumped through the window and ran to a neighbors house. With a revolver in each hand Goshinski climbed out upon the balcony of his house, where he defied the police, and the fire department was called out and a stream of water was turned on the enraged captain, where upon he placed the muzzle of one pistol over his heart and the other in his ear and pulled the triggers. Both he and his wife are still alive, but have no chance of recovery. Financial difficulties formed the motives of the tragedy.

### Sentenced to String.

St. Louis, Mo., July 3.—A motion for a new trial in the case of John W. Miller, who was convicted in the circuit court at Mexico, Mo. June 23 for the murder of Samuel Apgar, about a year ago, was argued yesterday and denied. Judge Huges then sentenced Miller to be hanged Aug. 23, and gave Geo. Mortimer an accomplice of Miller's and who pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, fifty years in the penitentiary.

### Boy Hurt by a Mule.

Interesting County Statistics.

Bailey Tex. July 3.—Saturday while Jimmie Turner and John Laster were both riding a vicious mule it became angry, commenced bucking and kicking, threw them to the ground striking John Laster in the face over the left eye with its hoof as he fell, cutting an ugly gash from which the blood flowed freely, but he is not seriously hurt.

From County Clerk Noble's report to Commissioner Foster at Austin is taken the following statistics for Fannin county for the year 1898: The number of marriage licenses issued 536; the number of divorces granted, 30; the number of mortgages taken on crops, 1513; the amount of same on crops, \$182,070.25; the number of mortgages on land, 148; the amount of same on land, \$180,038.88.

### Sam Jones.

Some Choice Expressions from the Evangelist's Sermons in New Orleans.

Christianity is the science of life. You boys keep quiet or git out. Now dont you feel mean, you old devil you?

A preacher who does not hold family prayer ain't fit to be pastor of a litter of pups. Some of you will go off and criticize. You blab-mouthed fools, who cares what you think!

Brother Black there don't want any more members for half he has got ain't worth killing.

The only difference between the Baptists and the Methodists is the difference between high cook-a-lorum and low-cock-a-highrum.

If any one here don't believe what I say, and will tell me so, I will give him a hat and some dent; at a job of replacing his teeth, from the wisdom tooth down.

I, the biggest fish that swims. The penitent sinner is the man who falls down, jumps up, rubs his shins, and goes a running.

You are all black mouthed devils who belong to the church, and when the yellow fever came were white with fear.

I dont know of anything too bad for you old mangy honnds who refuse to vote against the damnable whiskey traffic. I dont know who is the fellows' spiritual dady. You old skunk, you!

A high-licensed preacher wont be in hell ten minutes before the devil will have him saddled and bridled, riding him around and exhibiting him as a curiosity.

If any merchant here keeps open during these meetings it will be some little fifteen-cent skin-a-fleer-his-hide-and-taller member of some church.

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The Lord can't catch these infidels; the trouble is, He hardly has a hook small enough for them to swallow.

I can put one-hundred of these little infidels in my vest pocket and never know they were there except I felt for my toothpick.

What are you old Presbyterians kicking about—you old possum-eared hounds? Live ones kio, dead ones don't. If a man was to come to my town and talk about my church like I have yours, I would either cowhide him or build a new church.

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### THE COURTS.

Divorce Proceedings Against "a Scion of a Rich and Noble Family"

Proceedings for a divorce were entered yesterday in the district court by Mrs. Neva A. Holly vs. David E. Holly, reciting that they were married in Dallas on the 11th day of last month and lived together as man and wife until the 27th of said month. The petitioner alleges that before their marriage the defendant falsely represented to her that he was a scion of a rich and noble family residing in New York city; that he owned an ample fortune of many thousands of dollars; that he loved the petitioner and would make her life one of pleasure, ease and happiness, surrounding her with the environments of luxury.

The petitioner further alleges that she is unlearned in the wiles and guile of man, and that she entered said matrimonial alliance on the strength of the false representation aforesaid, to better her condition and have a home in the full sense of the word, for the present, for the future and for declining years.

The petitioner next charges that about five days after her marriage the defendant forced her to go on the streets to seek employment and to earn her living; that during the time she lived with him he was drunk many times, that he treated her shamefully, scolded her harshly and was subject to fits of a strange character, during which he carried a pistol and talked madly about shooting people.

The petitioner further charges that the defendant is a poor peniless wanderer on the face of the earth and he charged her with scattering her affections.

She asks for the restoration of her maiden name, Neva A. Harris.

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### Quite a Serious Accident.

Midlothan Tex. July 5.—Quite a serious accident occurred near here Monday. Will Morgan left here to go to Waxahachie to sell a fine horse for Robert O'Brien. Arrived at Long branch he found it out of its banks, but concluded to make the horse swim it, and plunged in. The horse became unmanageable, and in his struggles kicked Mr. Morgan on the head, inflicting a severe wound. Mr. Morgan left the horse and saved himself, but the horse was drowned. The horse and saddle were seen to go down the stream at Waxahachie, six miles below where the accident occurred.

### A Preacher Poisons His Wife.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 4.—A special dispatch from Birmingham, Ala. in regard to the death of the wife of Rev. Henry Duncan, and the preacher's elopement, says: The body of Mrs. Duncan was exhumed yesterday, and it was found she had been poisoned. A place where Duncan bought morphine and strichnine a week previous to her death was also found. The father of Miss Baldree is nearly crazed by the developments. A report received last night announced the arrest of Duncan at Dalton, Ala. If he is brought back to his home he will be lincned.

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Saturday, July 13, 1889.

### LOCAL DOGS.

—Ben Clifton was in town Saturday.  
 —Henry Post was in town this week.  
 —Pete Hasiewood was in town Tuesday.  
 —John Humphries was in town this week.  
 —J. W. Becknell was in town Tuesday.  
 —Mr. J. A. Fisher was in town Monday.  
 —F. M. Morton was in the city Monday.  
 —M. S. Lasky was in town Monday.  
 —Prof. J. W. Clifton was in town Monday.  
 —T. A. Gilmore was in town one day this week.  
 —Jas Bailey was in town several days this week.  
 —J. T. Bowman was in from the range this week.  
 —F. G. Alexander was in town a few days since.  
 —Lee Gragg was in town several days this week.  
 —Gus George was in town several days this week.  
 —S. S. Cummings is spending a few days in town.  
 —Jas. Geter of Paint creek was in the city Monday.  
 —James Dillahunty was quit sick Tuesday night.  
 —Miss Emma Post is in town at tending writing school.  
 —Have your Sewing machine repaired by W. H. Parsons.  
 —E. C. Dillahunty had been in town several days this week.  
 —L. B. Lynn has purchased the beef market of W. R. Barret.  
 —Messrs Mace and John Gossett have come in from the range.  
 —H. B. Martin our junior went to Abilene Thursday on business.  
 —Jim Dillahunty and Charley Gass were in from the range this week.  
 —John Tatum, brother of Tom Tatum arrived from California last Saturday.  
 —Bass Bros at Abilene compete in price and quality of wall-paper with any one.  
 —Examine the Blank Books and writing paper at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.  
**MONEY TO LOAN.**  
 At the Haskell County Bank on unincumbered real estate. 6-15-17  
 —E. F. Yates one of Haskell county's prominent stockmen left Wednesday for his home in Mansfield.  
 —Grand Tournament on the 25th. 1st prize fine saddle, 2 prize fine Blanket, 3 prize fine Bridle and Spurs.  
**General Repair Shop.**  
 —Saddles, Harness, Sewing Machines, Boots and Shoes repaired to order by W. H. Parsons.  
 —Mess C. F. Mulligan and Gus George left Wednesday for Ellis county.  
 —Just received, a mixed car load of CAERONTA and WINSLOW'S SCOTCHIE STUFF at Johnson Bros.  
 —Barbecue meeting at the court house to night every body come. From the way the subscription comes in our barbecue on the 25th will be a success.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—  
 —FOR—  
**CHEYENNE SADDLES,** Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.  
 —The Reading Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. F. G. Alexander on Saturday evening July the 13th.  
 Fannie Hudson, Rec. Sec.  
 —A new firm composed of J. B. Kelster and S. M. Hammons was formed this week and they have bought out the saloon business of Hammons & Bates.  
 —The Albany Milling Company will pay the highest market price in cash for good milling wheat.  
 N. H. Burns, Gin Mgr.  
 —Dr. J. H. McGee and son Wm. McGee have returned from Buffalo Gap. We are glad to know that the Dr. is getting better and is able to walk around.  
 —All notes and accounts due me must be settled by the first of July 1889 or suit will be brought on same.  
 6-29-14 D. R. Gass  
 —Mr. Henry Crane was running a cow the other day when his horse fell on him and broke his collar bone, but he will be up again in a few days.  
 Rev. John M. Lane of Cisco will be here on the 9th of August to conduct a protracted meeting. Mr. Lane will come to work for the up-building of morality and christianity.  
 —See here—One of the best places in the west to buy Oil for painting, and for machinery is at Bass Bros. Abilene—They have a large stock and will sell by the gallon or barrel—try them.  
 —Master R. C. Hampton was in the city Monday, and presented us with a fine watermelon, and a dozen roasting ears. He says his father has 36 acres of corn that will make 50 bushels per acre.  
 —Parties buying from us on 30 days time, will please be prompt on the first, unless by special agreement. If we fall behind with our creditors we have to pay interest.  
 W. B. Anthony & Co.  
 —The Druggists, Bass Bros. Abilene Tex., carry one of the largest stocks of blank books, school books, Bibles Poems and Novels in the west and you would do well to examine them before buying.—An elegant bound book for 90.  
 —See here—when in Abilene we would advise you to go to Bass Bros Drugstore and price their Blank Books, Memorandum, Writing Paper, Inks & C.—They have on hand a large stock and will sell lower than any one,—try them,  
 —To the citizens of Haskell and adjoining counties I wish to say that I am now with John R. Jones & Co. Abilene, Lumber Dealers where I will be pleased to see my friends at all times, and if they want lumber I will fill their orders from the largest and best stock of dry lumber west of Fort Worth and at prices as cheap as any other yard.  
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 —N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—  
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**Notice.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the Rayner (Gis) and Mill company will on the 15 day of August 1889, cause books to be opened for receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the corporation at their office in the town of Rayner.  
 S. W. HARDY  
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 J. C. MCLAREN  
 I. HOLLOWAY } **DIRECTORS**  
 W. W. COOK, Secy.

**Notice.**  
 —All contractors desirous of building the Methodist church soon to be erected in Haskell, will send in their bids on or by July 20.  
 For plans, specifications and all particulars call on P. D. Sanders, S. H. Johnson, R. O. Lomax or H. G. McConnell Haskell Tex.  
 "Beats Oklahoma"  
 I will donate lots to all parties who will build and locate in Rayner the county seat of Stonewall County within a reasonable time will offer special inducements to those first, engaging in any kind of business.  
 W. E. Rayner, Rayner, Texas.  
**Surrogate.**  
 The following is a list of the names of parties who compose the executive and soliciting committees for the barbecue on July 25th.  
 The soliciting committee is requested to go to work and report to the executive committee as soon as possible:  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**  
 S. H. Johnson, B. H. Dodson, W. B. Anthony, D. R. Gass and P. D. Sanders.  
**SOLICITING COMMITTEE.**  
 J. O. Maree, Wm. Ward, D. F. Williamson, R. W. Harret, B. H. Dodson, Mrs. F. G. Alexander, Mrs. M. C. Dillahunty, Mrs. A. H. Tandy, Mrs. J. S. Williams, Mrs. T. J. Lemon, Mrs. G. E. Couch, Mrs. M. E. Massey, Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Mrs. K. W. Barrett, Mrs. W. B. Anthony, Miss Lizzie Killough, Miss Carrie Cain, Miss Mattie Preston, Miss Belah Dillahunty, Miss Mollie Syinger, and Miss Etta Shock.  
**When First Knave:**  
 First jury, 970.  
 Pins used, 1450.  
 Needles used, 1545.  
 First cast iron, 1545.  
 Matches used, 1829.  
 Surnames used, 1162.  
 First newspaper, 1494.  
 Coal used as fuel, 1834.  
 Lead pencils used, 1596.  
 Window glass used 604.  
 First gold coin B. C. 206.  
 Tobacco introduced, 1838.  
 First steam railroad, 1830.  
 First postage stamps, 1840.  
 Kerosene introduced, 1836.  
 First illuminating gas, 1792.  
 Electric light invented, 1874.  
 Iron found in America, 1815.  
 First insurance, marine, 535.  
 First wheel carriage, 1855.  
 First American express, 1821.  
 Musical notes introduced 1838.  
 Latin ceased to be spoken 580.  
 Bible translated into Saxon 637.  
 Photographs introduced 1802.  
 Old Testament finished a. C. 480.  
 Emancipation proclamation, 1863.  
 Paper made by Chinese a. c. 230.  
 Bible translated into English 1534  
**A GUNSMITH SHOT:**  
**A Negro Carelessly Handling a Winchester Discharges It.**  
**BRENNAM, Tex., July 8—**At 11 a. m. to-day Lorenz Becker, a gun smith who works for August Pielop, was shot by E. J. Francis, a negro, Becker was standing behind his workbench when Francis came in and picked up a Winchester, began looking at it, cocking and uncocking it in a careless manner. Becker told the negro twice to put the gun down, that it was loaded, but he did not do it. When he was told the third time to let it alone the gun was discharged. The bullet struck the bench and glanced upward, hitting Becker in the stomach, producing a dangerous wound. The wounded man came here only a short time since from San Marcos. He is badly scared and completely prostrated by the shock. The attending physician thinks he will recover.

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The following bargains for this week:

1 Case Bleached Domestis at	=	=	5 cents
1-Case Challies, (New Goods,)	=	=	5 cents
1 Case Victoria Lawns at	=	=	5 cents
1 Case Nainsook Checks at	=	=	5 cents
1 Case Gents' Shirts and Drawers at	=	=	25 cents each
30 Doz. Fercal Shirts at	=	=	50 cents each
15 Doz. Cheviot Shirts at	=	=	75 cents each
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**A Cloud Bursts:**  
 New York July, 9.—Efforts to communicate with any point within localities of Johnstown, N. Y. and Amsterdam, where rumors would lead to the impression that there has been a disaster of no small proportions, were unavailing on account of the fact that telegraph wires throughout that section have been destroyed.  
 Some reports have reached here that a cyclone caused a disaster, while a more serious character is given to the story by the indefinite and as yet unconfirmed rumors of considerable loss of life.  
 Schenectady, N. Y. July 9.—A cloudburst washed away the Central railway tracks between Aikens and Tribes' hill, stations about five miles west of Amsterdam, this afternoon, causing another delay to all trains.  
 The wreck of the freight train which blockaded all four tracks in the morning, has just been cleared and delayed trains began to move both east and west when some of them were caught by the new mishap and a second blockade occurred more serious than the first.  
 The west-bound limited and two other express trains, which left here about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, came back here between 7 and eight o'clock and were sent west over the West Shore road. It seems impossible to get any particulars here this evening as to how bad the break is or how long it will take to repair it.  
 Some of the trains are hurrying to make up lost time, narrowly escaped the cloudburst, but all did escape. One house was partly washed away but no lives have been lost. There is no wire west of Amsterdam and there is a rumor that the storm extended to Johnstown in Fulton county.  
 Troy, N. Y., July 9.—A later telephone from Johnstown says: The town is in total darkness and nine bridges washed away. The electric light plant was washed away also three mills at Gloversville. One body has been recovered. The water is three feet deep in the town of Fonda.  
 At 12 o'clock rain is falling in torrents in Johnstown and the flood is assuming a terrible appearance and sheds are being carried rapidly away. It is beginning to rain here (Troy) and looks like a heavy storm.

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**POWERLESS TO SAVE.**  
**A Woman Drowned at Galveston Before the Eyes of a Multitude.**  
**GALVESTON, Tex., July 9.**—About 12 o'clock this afternoon Mrs. Bischoff, took passage on the cat-rigged sloop Velociped, Capt. Watkins, to return to their home on Bolivar, they lived fifteen miles from the point of the peninsula. When the sloop was getting fairly under way and in the channel of Kuhn's wharf Mr. and Mrs. Bischoff were sitting on the cabin of the vessel, Mrs. Bischoff, knocking her overboard. Mr. Bischoff and Capt. Watkins remained on the sloop with their faculties apparently paralyzed. A large crowd of people were on Kuhn's wharf watching the result of the yacht race then in progress, and though according to the statement of the spectators the unfortunate floated upon the surface for over five minutes, no well directed effort was made to save her until Phil McDonald jumped overboard from the lighter in time to see the unfortunate woman sink for the last time. There were a number of skiffs not more than 100 yards from the scene of the drowning yet the amazed crowd seemed to be completely at a loss as to how to meet the trying ordeal.

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## HASKELL COUNTY,

### Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

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 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 59 electors.

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

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

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 acres.

**TOPOGRAPHY.**  
The county is an 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 a fine agricultural land.

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

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

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

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

**SOIL.**  
The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark

chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drains in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

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

**PRODUCTS.**

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

#### YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

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

#### SHIPPING POINT.

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

#### RAILROADS.

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

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

Haskell is 60 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state

gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

#### MAIL FACILITIES.

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

#### RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

#### HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygoods 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. Also has two drug stores, one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop, two cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop, one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; three doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon, all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

#### ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.

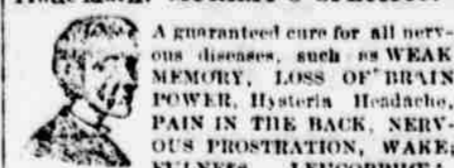
In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhatten mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

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- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$15.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1 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 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. 100 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. 2134 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 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, \$17.0, 1 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 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 cash.
- No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for a 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 northwest of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1 cash, balance on easy terms.
- No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1 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 cash.
- No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1 cash.
- No. 22. 288 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 cash or \$2.25, 1 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 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 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 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 cash.
- No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1 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 cut to suit the purchaser.
- No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1 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. We also have a good farm of 160 acres in Stone wall 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.