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The Finding of the Court of Appeal case in the J. W. Davis Case.

Of the Thirty-Six Assignments of Error, Only One Deemed Worthy of Extended Discussion.

TILER Tex., Dec. 12.—The court of appeals this morning affirmed the case of J. W. Davis vs. the State, Davis being charged with the murder of the late E. C. Evans of Fort Worth. Following is the opinion in full:

J. W. Davis vs. the State, from the district court of Tarrant county. This is a conviction for murder in the first degree, the penalty being death. The counsel for appellant makes thirty-six assignments of error. We have had the benefit of argument in support of several of these supposed errors, and we have carefully read the record and brief of appellant. The conclusion reached is that there is no such error in this record as requires a reversal of the judgment.

We desire to discuss but one question. To discuss all the assignments would require the writing of a small volume, which we have not time to write. We remarked, however, that each assignment has received our most careful examination. To support the conviction the state relies upon two excerpts of the case, and contends that if either be true the judgment should stand.

1. That Evans was sitting in a chair reading a newspaper when appellant approached him and spoke to him, and before Evans a rose, with the paper still in his hand, fired and killed him; that the killing was with a calm and sedate mind, and formed design.

2. Conceding appellant's version to be true, to-wit: That between 9 and 10 o'clock of the morning of the day of the homicide, deceased came down in the store and commenced talking with Davis and said, "Mr. Davis, I don't think I will need your services any longer than the 15th. This is not all. I have it from the best information that you have been too intimate with a lady in the house."

The defendant replied: "What lady is that?"

Evans said: "It is enough for you know that you quit on the 15th," walking off.

Evans left, and defendant commenced waiting on customers.

In the afternoon, Evans being in his office, sitting in a chair, defendant went to him and said: "I think I have a right to know what lady you have reference to."

Evans answered: "Davis, you know well enough whom I refer to, and that — and — are no better."

Defendant answered: "I say, Mr Evans, if you make that statement you are a liar."

Evans replied: "You are — liar," raised up and advanced toward defendant, throwing his hand to one side as if to draw a pistol, when Davis shot him.

Admitting, we say, that the above facts be true, the state contends that there are other facts and circumstances to demonstrate that appellant sought Evans, revived the matter relative to the women for the purpose of provoking a difficulty in order for a pretext to kill Evans; that with a cool, calm and deliberate mind the provocation was given and the occasion was produced and hence there was no murder of the second degree in the case.

We have stated the position of the state with a view of discussion of the only question we desire to discuss,

MURDER.

The state of the case presented by the testimony of appellant's counsel for him, contending that the court should have submitted to the jury the question of murder of the second degree, was not in the case. The counsel insists that it was and hence that there was error in the charge because it failed to submit the degree of homicide to the jury. The learned judge submitted the question of self-defense, but did not submit to the jury but one degree of murder, viz., murder in the first. There was no objection to the charge for this omission, nor did they request an instruction upon the second degree. We have reversed a great number of judgments in all manner of felony cases for this omission, though there was

NO CHARGE REQUESTED.

An objection is taken because of the omission to charge the law applicable to the different purpose of the case, but in the absence of requested charge or objection for the omission, what is the rule? We are discussing the matter upon the hypothesis that murder of the second degree is presented by some evidence in the record. The rule is stated in Bishop vs. the State, 43 Texas, 390, to be that if the charge is erroneous and is excepted to at the time, the judgment will be reversed; but though erroneous, if not excepted to or proper instructions requested, the judgment for this error may or may not be reversed. If the omission was a material error, calculated to injure the rights of defendant, though the error, is called to the attention of the court, first, in a motion for a new trial, the judgment

SHOULD BE REVERSED, but in determining whether the error is material and calculated to injure the rights of the accused, we are to look to the whole record bearing upon the subject. What was the nature of the testimony supporting the verdict? What the character of the testimony presenting the plea or theory of the case omitted to be noticed in the charge and upon which omission error is assigned? Was it all reasonable? Did it permit a theory which

A REASONABLE MIND

could entertain, or was it supported by such testimony as would be calculated to destroy the state's case when considered in connection with the other testimony in the case as well as the charge as a whole? Was the plan of the case simply an addition as made by the state and consistent therewith, or was it in direct conflict with the state's theory?

These are all important matters to be considered in passing upon the materiality of the omission so as to properly determine whether error was calculated to injure

THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED.

What then was the nature of the states evidence in support of murder in the first degree? We will not repeat the testimony but will say that upon the first plan of the state's case it is almost absolutely demonstrated, not only by positive evidence of main witnesses, but by all the surrounding facts, that this was a calmly and deliberately planned assassination, that the appellant with a cool and deliberate mind and previously formed design approached Evans, who was sitting in a chair reading a newspaper, and before he could raise shot him, an unarmed man, and continued to shoot until he was in a manner dead.

Upon the second plan of the case the surrounding facts place it beyond contradiction that appellant, if what he says is true, calmly and deliberately provoked the difficulty, produced the occasion with but one single purpose, and that was a pretext

TO SLAY THE DECEASED.

All of the facts not only tend this way, but form a mighty torrent leading irresistibly to this conclusion.

Now then, this being the nature of the evidence in support of the second plan of the case contended for by the state, we can concede that what the appellant swears was true, and still as he calmly and deliberately adopted this method to provoke the difficulty or produce the occasion with intent to slay his victim, there is not only no self-defense in this case, but there is no murder in the second degree, and in view of the overwhelming conclusiveness of the facts in support of murder in the first degree, if a charge had been submitted permitting the jury to find a less degree, no juror with the least degree of intelligence, unless corrupt, would have entertained for a moment the suggestion of any theory less than murder in the first degree.

The plain, simple truth is that an honest, conscientious man can not read this record without concluding that the appellant's version of the case was sheer fabrication, but it may be insisted by counsel for appellant that his version may be true, and that he may not have provoked the difficulty or produced the occasion for the purpose of killing deceased, and hence that this was a question for the jury; that the jury should have been permitted under proper instructions to pass upon the matter; that while the jury may not believe he acted in self-defense they may have believed his version of the facts and found him guilty of murder of the second degree. It is possible that the jury may have believed that appellant's theory was true, and it is possible that they may not have believed that he

PROVOKED THE DIFFICULTY or produced the occasion to have a pretext to slay the deceased, and it may be possible that murder in the second degree would have been the verdict; but there was not the most remote probability the jury would have done any of these things and there is not the slightest probability that appellant was injured by the omission.

Now if counsel for the appellant had objected to the charge of the court for the omission to charge murder of the second degree, or had requested a charge upon that degree and it had been refused, there being some evidence tending to present this degree of the homicide, we might have been required to

REVERSE THE JUDGEMENT.

This however, is quite doubtful, because the appellant's theory of the case tends only to meet the state's first plan of the case mentioned above, leaving the second position of the state unquestioned, that is, that the appellant calmly, deliberately and very cautiously provoked the difficulty in order to produce the occasion for but one purpose, to kill the deceased.

As above said, we have carefully examined the record in the light of the argument and brief of counsel for appellant and in view of the awful verdict and judgement in this case, but we have failed to find an error requiring a reversal of the judgement. We have discussed but one question presented by the record, but we have given to all the others a most careful consideration, and we do not believe any of the assignments present an error for which this judgement should be reversed.

The judgement is affirmed.
HURT, J.



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All men who have an idea that they can plead self-defense when they cap a row and kill a fellow man, ought to read the court of appeals' decision in the case of J. W. Davis for killing B. C. Evans.

LAND COMMISSIONER HALL has mixed things in Callahan county. He has had lands on the market in that county as grazing lands when it was classified as agricultural and should have been sold to actual settlers only.

GEN. JOHN SAYLES remarked to the editor a few days since, while commenting on the present delightful weather, that during the winter of 1854-5 the weather was very similar to what we have been enjoying this fall. He said that on the 24th of December he gathered fresh vegetables from his garden in Washington county for Christmas dinner, and that on Christmas day the thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero, and continued from eight to twelve below for six weeks. It may be that such another cold spell is coming this winter. -Abilene Reporter.

Christmas Tree Meeting.

HASKELL, TEX., Dec. 16.—The citizens of Haskell assembled in mass meeting at 8 o'clock p. m. in the church house in the town of Haskell to perfect arrangements for having a Christmas tree. Mr. S. H. Johnson was, on motion elected chairman of the meeting and S. W. Scott secretary. A motion was unanimously carried that the citizens of the town of Haskell and surrounding country have a Christmas tree at the church house on Tuesday night Dec. 24th. The chairman was by motion authorized to appoint all committees that might be necessary in having the tree and seeing that it was a success.

The chairman desiring time to make his selections for the various committees, announced that there would be another meeting had on next Tuesday night Dec. 18, at which time he would make public his selections for the various committees.

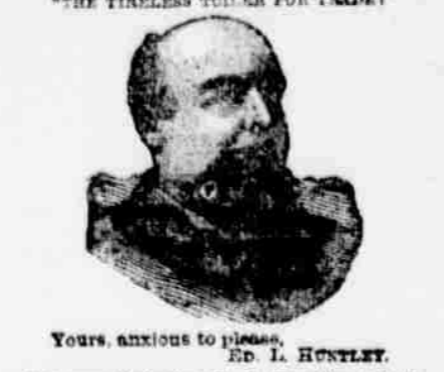
There being no further business the meeting on motion adjourned.
S. H. JOHNSON, Chair.
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The following Committees were appointed to-wit:

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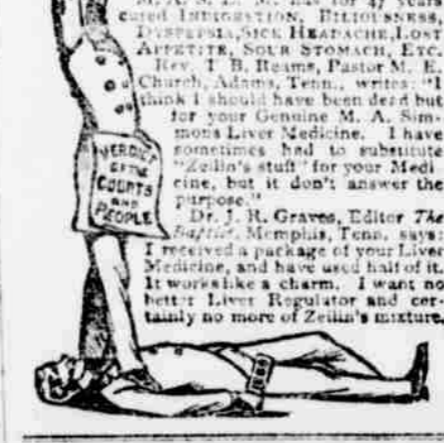
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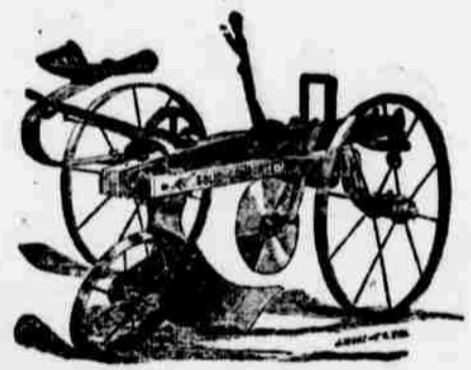
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 —Whisk holders at Dodsons.
 —J. T. House came in last Saturday and stayed until Monday.
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 —Ladies Work stands at Dodsons.
 —S. W. Scott Eq went out to the country Wednesday.
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 —Miss Annie Coker was in the city visiting this week.
 —Linen primers at Dodsons.
 —We are selling Christmas goods at cost for cash, Gass & Anderson.
 —Flavoring Extract at Dodsons.
 —J. A. Tucker joined the christian church Sunday.
 —Childs picture books at Dodsons.
 —Call at Johnson Bros. and price their emence line of Toys before you buy.
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 —Dr. J. E. Lindsey has returned from his old home at Kaufman.
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Cranberries at Dodson's.
 —Mrs. Lynn is building a residence in the northern part of town.
 —Tea Cakes of all kinds at Dodson's.
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 —Messrs Gass and Anderson are building a twenty foot addition to their business house.
 —Go to Dodson's and see those nice Rugs.
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 —Christmas and new years' Cards at Dodson's.
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 —FOR—
CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.
 —F. E. Turner has the nicest line of Christmas goods ever brought to Haskell, which he will sell at the lowest prices. Call and examine them before buying elsewhere.
 —The hop given at the City Hotel last Tuesday night was well attended.
 —Candy, Nuts, Lemons, Oranges raisins and Apples at Dodsons.
 —Every child in the town and surrounding county will get a present off the Christmas tree.
 —Don't forget that the actual Cost will save you about 50 per cent at Johnson Bros.
 —Cranberries Jellies Dried Grapes, Prunes and Citrons at Dodson's.
 —Mr. T. E. Herndon and lady of Benjamin passed through Haskell Saturday on their way to Austin.
 —A CHOICE STOCK of Shade Trees, Fruit Trees and Grape vines for sale in Haskell at John Jones'. Call and examine Trees and prices. J. W. Koen, Nurseryman.
 —Mr. Dudson has put another addition to his store house and every department is full to overflowing.
 —E. A. Anderson has gone to visit his old home in North Carolina and will be absent about thirty days.
 —TAKE NOTICE—
 I have a few Notes and Accounts I propose to sell to the highest bidder. Parties owing me will please be at the auction. I owe money! D. R. Gass.
 —When you want to see a nice line of Christmas goods call at B. H. Dodsons, he certainly has them.
 —G. T. Barget will buy furs pelts and hides and pay the largest market price for same. North side public square Haskell Tex.
 I am in receipt of a nice line of Jewelry, something good and durable. When you want anything in this line call and see me B. H. Dodson.

—Mr. R. C. Lomax and family have returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Grandbury.
 —If you want Christmas Goods to make you happy buy of us for we don't propose to let any one un-sell us Gass & Anderson.
 —Go and see those nice scrap Books at Dodsons, and buy before they are all gone.
 —The ball Christmas night will be the greatest social event in the history of our town. Refreshments will be a great feature.
 —Miss Luta Wade who has been visiting in the city several days went out home Monday. It is hoped she will return and spend Christmas in town.
 —When you want a suit of clothes of any kind from a lined duck to a Genuine California suit call at Dodsons.
 —The Delmonico restaurant will be prepared to serve the guests of the grand ball Christmas night with all the delicacies the market affords.
 —Geo. Posey, E. Y. Hildreth and J. W. Agnew, will furnish music and refreshments for the grand Ball Christmas night for one dollar per couple. Both music and refreshments will be first class.
 —The citizens of Haskell and Haskell county are going to have a Christmas tree at the M. E. church next Tuesday night and everybody will be expected to be there by 8 o'clock. Nobody barred out! Everything free!
 —Call and see what a line of misses, children and ladies shoes Dodson carries in stock.
 —The Druggists Bass Bros. of Abilene have the most beautiful assortment of plush goods, such as dressing cases, whisk-broom holders, manicure sets, work-boxes, cuff and collar boxes, with a select line of glassware, dolls, toys etc. all of which they are selling at very reasonable prices, and it will pay to call and see them.

City Meat Market.

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 You Will Always Find us Prepared to Furnish You With **Fresh Beef** As we will Butcher every evening.
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—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.
 —We received a communication from Lake Creek last Wednesday which was intended for our last issue, but was by some means delayed. We hope we will hear from Lake creek again.
 —W. H. Hampton handed us the following report of his crop for 1889: Corn 50 acres, 1800 bushels, cotton 35 acres, 9 bales average 400 lbs., millet 7 acres 20 tons, oats 20 acres sory, about 20 bu. per acre sorghum 3 1/2 acres good 4 tons per acre, irish potatoes fair, sweet potatoes 1 of an acre about 20 bu. Receipts from cotton \$241.40, 150 bushels of corn at 50 cents per bu. \$275. This is the work of Mr. Hampton and his little boy.
 —"Look Here!"
 —All persons knowing themselves indebted to the Mill & Gin business of Smith & Jones will please come forward at once and settle their accounts as they have obligations outstanding which must be met by Jan. 1st 1890.
 Yours Respectfully,
 Smith & Jones.

—H. G. McCConnell had his stable burned Sunday night. He had some meat in the buggy shed to smoke and the fire originated from that. His horse an buggy were not at home at time of fire or they would have burned.

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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 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 1883, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

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

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

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming 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 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.

TOPOGRAPHY.

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

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

WATER.

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

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

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

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

SOIL.

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

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

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squish 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 superior quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

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

SHIPPING POINT.

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

RAILROADS.

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

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides 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 Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

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

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where. Also has two drug stores one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; two cabinet and wood shops; one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; 19 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

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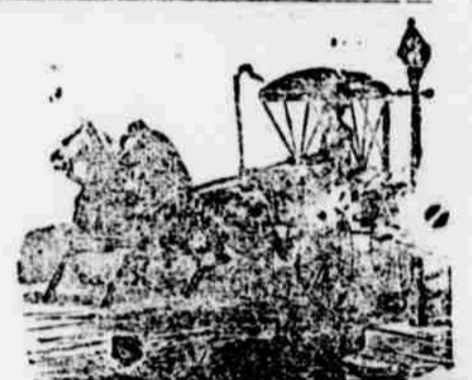
The town donated 100 lots to the county.

Lockney is bound to be the county seat, nearest town on the plains to wood, and water of an abundance and only 50 ft. deep.

For any further information address town site company.

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