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**Explosion at Benjamin.**

While firing the anvils at Benjamin last Saturday night, the sack of powder exploded with a serious result. It seems that a pasteboard funnel which they used to pour the powder into the anvils was on fire at the lower end, when a young man by the name of William Scott picked up the sack containing some two or three pounds of powder, and commenced pouring from the sack in through the funnel without noticing the fire, with which the powder came in contact, and exploded, knocking him down and burning his face and hands very badly, throwing a boy by the name of Saunders, who was standing by, some five or six feet in the air, and turning the hair and beard nearly off of Mr. Howell, the blacksmith at that place. The boy and howell were the worst burnt, and it is feared they may lose their sight.

**The Emigration Committee.**

Permanent Organization Per fected.  
 The emigration committee met at Dallas the 29th of Dec. and elected J. S. Daugherty of Dallas permanent chairman, D C Giddings, who declined to stand as a candidate for permanent chairman.

Mr. Smith of Fort Worth introduced captain Paddock a delegate from the railroad officials who by permission, said he was authorized by the railroad officials to ask to ask the committee at what time it would be the pleasure of the committee to meet the railway men, and 12:30 was appointed as the hour for the meeting.

A committee was appointed to wait upon the Ry. officials, and the meeting adjourned until 12:30 when the house was called to order, representatives of the following roads were present: Mr. Numan Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific Ry., W. H. Snyder Vice-President, and J. S. Clark general passenger agent of the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe.

Houston and Texas Central—O. Dillingham, receiver, A. Faulkner, general passenger agent.

Missouri Pacific—W. H. Numan, vice-president; D. W. McCullough, general passenger agent; John E. Ennis, land and passenger agent.

Fort Worth and Denver Morgan Jones, president; E. V. No land general passenger agent.

Texas and Pacific P. W. McCullough, general passenger agent.

Houston East and West Texas represented by J. S. Clark, general passenger agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe.

St. Louis and San Francisco represented by J. S. Clark.

St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas—W. Homan, general manager; P. W. LaBeaume, assistant general passenger agent.

Fort Worth and Rio Grande—Captain Paddock, President.

COLONEL NEWMAN SPEAKS.

Mr. Newman said that railroad men were not supposed to be speakers, but he was glad to meet the committee on behalf of the different railroads in Texas in conference—naming the different roads in the state that were willing to go into the immigration movement—and that each and all the roads would heartily co-operate with the people of Texas in this movement.

He said that they had not formulated any plan, but that he would make a statement of what had been talked over and agreed to among themselves, stating that they were desirous of being governed by what should appear best to all parties interested. He said that he hoped that the committee had a plan to submit to them, but in the absence of such he would say that the best immigration plan was by excursion and not by rate per mile. He thought that the committee should MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS,

two each month, beginning January and continuing to July. He gave his reasons why he thought the excursion plan was the best for round trip good for sixty days was what the state needed between this and the fall travel and a lower rate for immigrants one way only in the fall. He suggested that offices with intelligent agents be located at St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Atlanta, New Orleans, specially instead of sending agents into the different states. There would be a difficulty in fixing a rate by mile with connecting lines outside of the state. He was of the opinion that money spent in sending agents into the different states, would be money thrown away. He believed that if the people of Texas go at it right the railroads would co-operate with them and be

glad to do anything to further the plan of immigration into Texas. He suggested that the county organizations several names of prominent citizens should be in the advertisement in order that parties abroad might write and ask for information when desired. He spoke of many other important matters, and made many good suggestions. At the night session the report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted. Austin was selected as headquarters and McCullough was elected secretary. There is a grand work for this organization; any if this more continues Texas will experience a boom and period of prosperity, never before enjoyed by any state in the Union.

**PAY YOUR TAXES.**

Attorney General Hogg Addressing a Letter to the District and County Attorneys Regarding Taxes.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin Tex, Dec. 31.—Attorney General Hogg has sent the following circulars to the district and county attorneys of the state:

ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE, AUSTIN TEX, Dec 30, 1887.

DEAR SIR:—The evils and frauds reputed to be so commonly practiced in rendering property for taxation by the owners and agents thereof, added to the failure by many persons in each county to pay their taxes at all, produce the necessity of vigilant, determined action on the part of the county and district attorneys throughout the state to effect a healthful and salutary reform in this particulars. That taxation should be equal and uniform is a cardinal principle that can only be upheld by a rigid enforcement of the criminal and civil statutes bearing upon the subject in all its relations. Under valuation of property should be prevented or made the ground of atonement; and the payment of all taxes should be enforced if not voluntarily made. The law intends and requires that all property subject to taxation shall be on oath rendered and assessed at its full and true value, which means that price it would bring at a fair voluntary sale for cash. This is the true legal rule, and where property is rendered below it inquiry should be made into the cause. Complaints are common that men having large estates in many instances on oath greatly under value their property for the purpose of escaping the burdens of taxation. In such cases these and all others of like character a criminal remedy by indictment for false-swearing or perjury is respectfully suggested. It is consistent with your duties and are hereby urged in the future to consult your tax assessor and inspect the tax rolls with a view of ascertaining all parties who commit crime in this way, so that the facts shall be fully and intelligently laid before the grand juries, by whom indictments in the proper instances can be presented. No man should be indicted who by honest mistake incorrectly values his property, but he who willfully or with design undervalues it, should be indicted and brought to punishment therefor. In consulting the assessors and looking over his tax rolls there will be but little to find out every one who dodges his legitimate taxes by false renditions and valuations. The disparity between his valuation to the assessor and the price at which it is commonly known that he can sell it in cash by private sale, often is so striking that his crime is at the instant apparent. Should further investigation support the theory that he has committed perjury by his oath of false swearing in his answers to the Assessor touching the value of his property, prosecute him therefor.

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THE OLD KICKER.

Gentlemen, you behold in me a financial wreck...

Well, you are a bigger d-d fool than any of us gave you credit for...

That is just it, said the kicker in a husky voice...

You bet your life, said the insurance man...

What do you think of taking with you, asked the insurance man...

If there is justice in this state, said the old kicker...

What do you think of taking with you, asked the insurance man...

What do you think of taking with you, asked the insurance man...

Overstaked nothing, said the old kicker, with indignation...

Wasn't there a hundred tons of ore on the dump?

That is the question, said the old kicker...

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ment to go out to dinner, and was afraid thieves might break through...

No, there is no doubt but what they are on to it, said the old kicker...

You bet your life, said the insurance man...

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Boys and Girls.

If a person had entered the classroom of a certain high school on a bright, cold day...

Our particular heroine with her bosom friend walked up the broad avenue toward a fashionable hotel...

I have no home to go to this Thanksgiving, Alice, our heroine was saying, rather sadly...

Let's you and I dress up, and go over to Front street, and act the part of girls who want situations for housework...

Let's go in here, said Nellie, as they stopped before a handsome brown stone house...

Why, she was just a saying this morning, she didn't know what she'd do for waitresses to-morrow...

They were ushered into a pleasant sitting room, with a bright fire burning in the open grate...

Can you wait on the table? Can you wait on the table?

Yes, I am, replied Nellie, I have nowhere to go this Thanksgiving, and that is such a pleasant home!

The next morning Nellie was on hand in good time, and all the day long she prepared for the big dinner...

All the "cousins and the sisters and the aunts" were there, as well as the nephews and the brothers and the uncles...

There's something uncommon about that servant you've engaged, mother. I don't believe she is what she seems to be...

Dear Mrs. Graham, I have a confession to make. I am not an Irish servant girl, and my first coming here was only a girlish prank...

My child, you are only seventeen years of age, and you propose getting married too soon...

That is the soap and arsenic poet writes most of the rhyming advertisements that you see in the papers...

Comstock—Is this heaven? St. Peter—Yes. Comstock—Well, I have a warrant against your master for allowing people to be born naked...

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THE GOOSE QUESTION.

An error about geese is bowling around and doing much harm—a much, perhaps, as all the foxes, raccoons and marauding crows combined...

Even in a state of nature, geese live and thrive equally well in lakes and marshes, or upon the bald hills devoid of water...

One of the most successful raisers of geese in this country is a farmer of Walden county, who has no water for them except a wooden trough beside his well...

Geese are profitable birds to raise. They are self-sustaining, and require little attention...

Game cock ideas. You can judge a fool according to his folly, but you can't judge a game cock by external appearances...

A game cock should be accustomed to undisputed sway upon his walk. One thorough test is of more value in deciding upon the merits of a strain than a pedigree as long as that of George III.

Never place games, either cocks or stags, upon walks where there are turkeys or geese. The game cock must be absolute master of his walk, and if he is true grit he will be absolute master or cease to exist...

Dr. Lee, of Burnsville, Ala., has a game cock of which he has killed four pigs and a large number of ducks. It is a Cuban Dominique.

In game parlance, a dunghill is any bird that will flee from steel. Mrs. Ada C. Bittenbender is a candidate for the supreme bench of Nebraska.

The latest things in pepper boxes are little fasks of oxidized silver, that come in pairs. Very wide cashes of black brocade are at the rage, and are worn with all sorts of costumes.

Coarse braids are more stylish than any of finer weave for dressy hats, either in black or colors. The colored pearls—rose, gray and black, the latter for mourning—are very much the fashion.

Bracelets are never worn in pairs. In fact, it is the fashion only to manacle the right arm at present. Sailor hats are still worn on almost all possible occasions, their principal rivals being the broad Lehman hats.

Salvation Oil is guaranteed to cure rheumatism, sore throat, swellings, bruises, burns and frostbites. Price only twenty-five cents a bottle.

For Throat Diseases and Coughs use Brown's Bronchial Troches. Like all really good things, they are imitated. The genuine are sold only in boxes.

Every person is interested in their own affairs, and if this meets the eye of any one who is suffering from the effects of a torpid liver, we will admit that he is interested in getting well...

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Mrs. Alice M. Longfellow, a daughter of the late poet, has been chosen a member of the Cambridge School Committee.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says: Messrs. F. J. Cheney & Co.—Gentlemen:—I have been in the general practice of medicine for most 40 years, and would say that in all my practice and experience, have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with as much confidence of success as I can Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by you.

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LOCAL DOGS.

Mr. B. J. Tyson and son have returned from Milam county.

A brand new boy is the center of attraction at the residence of Mr. C. W. Jones.

Taxes have been coming in at a very rapid rate for the last two weeks.

Messrs J. C. McClellan, C. W. Joell, Chas. Lynn and John Miller were in the city this week.

Mr. C. M. Darlings house was burned last Monday it is not known how the fire broke out.

The change in the and could not be made this week as the order came to late, but will appear in next issue.

Misses Sallie and Jennie Ray and Miss May Walker of Stone wall Co. attended the ball last evening.

It is estimated that since the bounty law on wolf scalps went into effect, there have been a thousand killed in Haskell county.

Mr. L. Casner of Miller creek gave a grand ball and supper at his residence Monday night, and we are told it was a grand affair.

We received a card from Mr. J. G. Lowden cashier of the Abilene National Bank requesting the bank to be changed as to amount of capital and surplus from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Lowden says:

If you want bargains don't fail to call on J. E. Lowery as he is going to discontinue selling goods and for the next 30 days will sell at some prices if you wish to buy, they are getting there all. We rejoice in the prosperity of that institution for through Mr. Lowden, it has been a strong friend of Haskell and the Free Press.

The Leap Year Ball last evening was a grand success, and was highly enjoyed by all present. The girls certainly did not understand their privileges or we would have had several proposals.

The Rock Island, Houston and Texas Central, Fort Worth Western and the Dallas and Archo railroads are painting for Haskell.

T. A. Westbrook who left her some time since drew on the Haskell Co Bank for \$100 the draft came in last night. Westbrook had no money on deposit and we guess some one is out \$100.00.

This man can neither read nor write but he has several times played off this trick with success and loaded the penitentiary. The draft was from Dallas and the money was advanced by the American National Bank.

Mr. M. H. Lashby an enterprising farmer of our county gave a grand entertainment at his residence last Friday night. A large crowd from town attended and found Mr. Lashby prepared to feed and care for all horses and company. The company gathered by dusk, and the dancing began immediately and continued until daylight.

Messrs McConnel and Johnson received a letter from Mr. R. P. Powell who states he has just finished farming and putting up wind mills on four leagues, a school house in Cochran county, located by the commissioners agent for the same. He says there are some excellent wells on the land some of which are only 21 feet deep the others are 30 and 35 feet deep.

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R. H. Dodson.

\$10 Reward.

For the recovery of a pair of brandy glasses of the side and a plain letter 8 inch length way on the top and two large spotted boxes packed together with a main cord around the top on the side and the other secured with a black rubber band. A reward of \$10.00 will be paid for their delivery to W. S. Collins.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by B. M. Rogers and applied for by J. L. ... and W. R. ... before R. C. Jones, J. P. ... No. 3, Haskell County, Texas. One bald faced bay horse, about 18 hands, 4 years old, one dark bay, both blind feet white nearly to hooves and branded with the letter 'A' on left shoulder.

To all of which I certify. J. L. ... Clerk, Co. Ct. Haskell Co. Tex.

All parties are notified from and after this date, that if any sheep or herd of any kind of stock on the tract of land in Haskell county known as the Smith Smith claim Range survey—about 373 surveyed by virtue of certificate No 3468-3563. On and after this date, parties deprecating on said land will be dealt with according to law.

W. G. Coan.

The Free press has now begun its third volume, and it is with regret we look back over the past, what might have been accomplished had the business men of our town taken a greater interest, and given us more aid financially.

We do not reflect upon those who have always done what their business would justify, but we mean those who have not done a thing for the last year for the Free Press except adobe, we feel as a challenging subscriber.

Out of all the land fraud insurance agents, lawyers etc we have not received one dollar with last year, and that all these are eminent before the advertising of the country. These gentlemen who are generally foremost to help up a paper in their region, have not only by and let the merchants bear the expense of the Free Press alone.

You can't expect a man to do good service without pay, nor can you expect to get first class labor for nothing.

Without some assistance, this paper will be a mere expense account. It is impossible for us to do more our whole time to the Free Press, and expect to be shown that we had better be careful how we rely upon home patronage or we may go "bursting."

We have always been in need of first class printing, and the printer of the Free Press, who has been such a long time in the business, and we don't want to change, but we don't want to be disappointed in this line, and we don't want to be disappointed in this line, and we don't want to be disappointed in this line.

to pay the expense; because we are learning that one man waits for another to contribute money for such purposes and as much as we are proud of our own interest first. We have plenty of patriotism, but we don't want to be first.

The mechanical execution of our sheet, as well as the taste displayed in the make-up of our forms, have much improved during the last year, for which improvement our assistant Mr. H. B. Martin deserves great credit. He has gone into the office with out experience, and without having assumed the responsibility of a compositor.

Of course many of our subscribers came to light in a crucial and at times the people would complain, but their complaints were always hastened with a proposition to do better for the cash.

The last few months we have been able to get up a good sheet as any of our contemporaries abiding under similar local disadvantages, and have reasons to feel that the conservative people among whom we live, have not will to side our position in the line of progress, and we feel much encouraged, looking forward to the future with bright anticipation, still relying upon the generous indulgence of a people of whose patronage we shall ever be proud.

DOGS FROM THE SANDHILLS.

Editor Free Press: I learn that your people are having quite a nice time at the city this pleasant Christmas. We too had a nice time on that day. Our neighbor and friend Mr. Cook presented us with a fat turkey which was quite a treat, he and family took dinner with us which, also Mr. Ray and family. Things were very nice as a marriage bell with all have the writer, who had a slight disappointment but his past, now and almost foretold things that were, that he had a very good party to have on a very happy day.

Many thanks to Mr. DeLong for a nice home as a Christmas present, I find it very convenient this cold weather.

I wish all the readers a happy new year, but one especially, who is many miles away. Dec. 28, 1887. Mollie Jackey.

W. H. Smith received his pardon Christmas day, and returned home Tuesday night. He is in good health and spirits, and is looking better than we ever saw him. Such, old fellow, here's to you and may the number within you assert itself in such a manner that by-gones may be forgotten, and prosperity and happiness dawn upon you.—Texas Western.

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J. D. Schofield, Rogers, Cotton Churner.

W. W. Wilson's San Antonio Barrel truck.

T. O. Eberhardt, Cotton Addressing machine.

THE ROCK ISLAND.

An enthusiastic railroad meeting was held at Wichita Falls, Saturday morning at which meeting of the Rock Island was only represented by Messrs A. A. Clarke and W. D. ... The object of the meeting was to confer with the ... of the Rock Island engineering corps.

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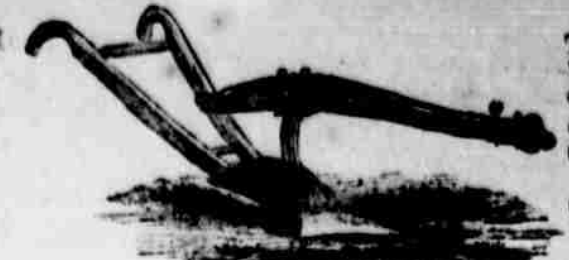
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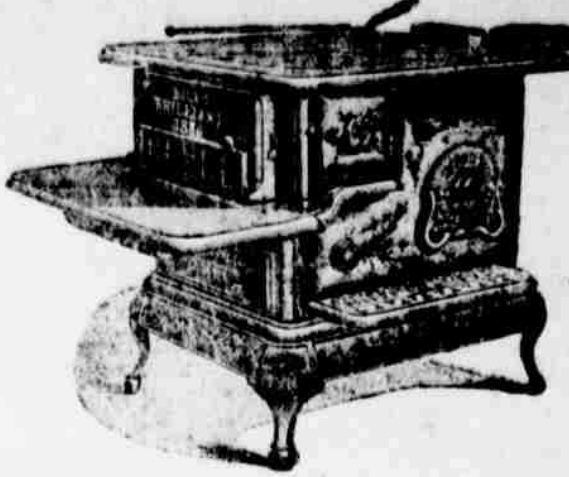
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Taxes are due and required to be paid in the counties where the property is situated, without reference to the residence of its owner. Should you consult your assessor you will doubtless find that many of our residents who are paying no taxes are rarely if ever paid. Look well to this class of delinquents; sue them, obtain judgement and healthful results will follow either by collecting all back taxes or by localizing the ownership of the lands. If in preparation of either the criminal prosecution or the civil actions suggested hereby you encounter any difficulties this department on demand will cheerfully render you all the advice and assistance proper and necessary.

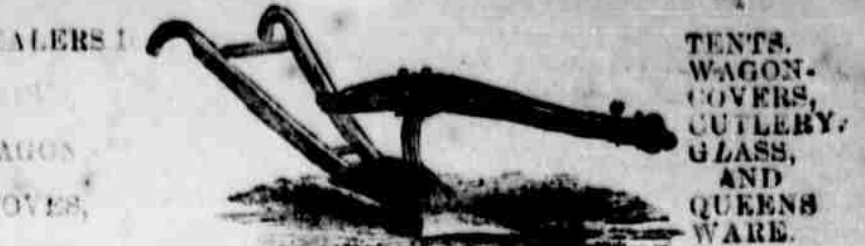
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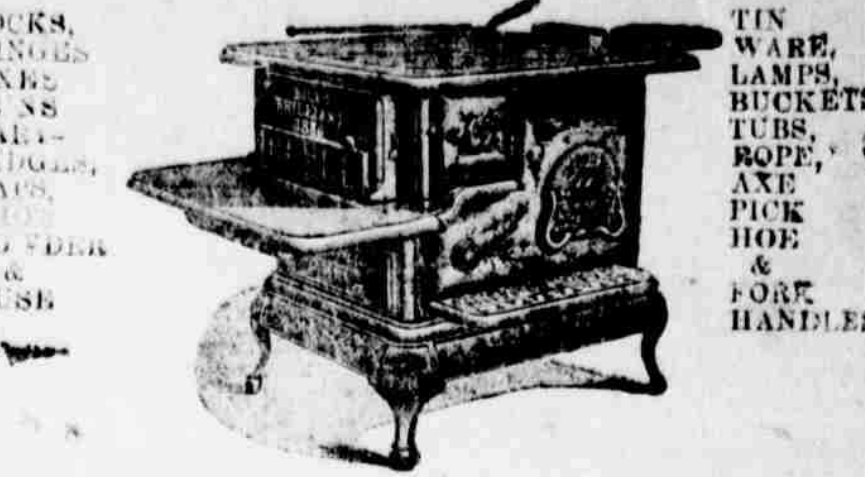
Twice Forty Years.

From the Boston Transcript. For an age which is supposed to be peculiarly that of the young, when the saying is common that he who has not made his mark at 40 is a failure, there are a good many active and non-giving direction to affairs, or still fresh from great careers. Count von Moltke is 87, and is three years younger than his imperial master, Mr. Gladstone will be 76 in December. Dr. Leshop, who says he will finish the Panama Canal before he dies, is 82. President Gray bears the trouble of a double battle for a man of 50, steps into one of the most energetic of modern Pontiffs at 77, and still has the energy left to you that he has not surrendered, though he is 80. Some of these men attracted the world's attention forty years ago; of them all the Pope and Von Moltke were best known to the very young people of 1860.

Von Moltke's career is full of encouragement to the poor man of talent. The end of a noble but impoverished family, he passed his boyhood in the Prussian army, and had more paid for on his uniform than could be made in the pocket. He went to Turkey to study war in the camps of the Russians, against the Turks, and wrote a book which military men prized. Afterward he attended himself to the administrative department of the Turkish army and did much to raise it from a hodge to an organization. At 45 he returned to Prussia. Fourteen years later he had attained the rank of Lieutenant General, but still was little known outside of the army. Not until he was 60 did his opportunity come. Then he smashed the Austrian power, as four years later he brought Napoleon III. to his downfall. The last seventeen years he has passed in the quietude of his position, organizing campaigns in secret and putting away plans to person holes. His motto has been "I will be ready," and he has always lived up to his motto.



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