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AN EARTHQUAKE.

Cleveland's Message to Congress on the Fisheries Treaty Like a Thunder Clap From a Clear Sky.

It is Regarded the Campaign Document for Years—The Republicans Dumbfounded.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The President's message to Congress today on the rejection of the fisheries treaty by the State on Tuesday created a profound sensation, not only in the House where it was read this afternoon, but throughout the entire city. Although the message was read in the House too late for the afternoon papers to feel an impression did it make on those who read it that it is the general topic of conversation throughout Washington to-night. The message was sent in duplicate to the Senate and the House. It reached both about 4 o'clock. The leading Democrats in both branches had printed copies, and doubtless Senator Edmunds knew the purport of the message, for immediately it was received he moved an adjournment of the Senate. As soon as received in the House it was read. After a few ringing sentences given in Reading Clerk Tom Pettit's stentorian voice, the attention of every member, Democrat and Republican, was riveted. From the Press gallery your correspondent had a plain view, and he but speaks the truth when he says the first few paragraphs were sufficient to give the Republicans a gloomy, sullen air, while the eyes of the Democrats glisten with an eager, keen delight and appreciation. The reading occupied about forty minutes, the end of which was greeted with prompt and

UNANIMOUS APPLAUSE from the Democrats, while the Republicans were evidently dazed.

The message was referred to the committee on foreign affairs and the chairman pro tem, McCrary obtained the unanimous consent for the committee to report at any time. After the House adjourned McCrary said he would call a meeting of the committee for Monday next.

Wilson, of Minnesota, by unanimous consent introduced a bill which he has already carefully prepared to meet the position desired by the President which was referred with the message. Fifteen thousand copies of the message and concomitant documents were ordered printed. That is all the House had the power to have printed without joint action of the Senate. But before attention was called to that McCrary had moved to print ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND COPIES.

It is regarded as the greatest campaign document for years for the Democrats on Canadian borders. Presently the republicans gathered in little knots on the floor and their mumbling conferences could be heard in the press galleries. It suggested the scene after the great earthquake shook in Charleston, when the frightened citizens gathered in corners and related their experiences and discussed their discomfiture. Pretty soon the House adjourned, and correspondents swarmed the House floor, getting the opinions of the members. Every one was enthusiastic over the message. For the first time this session Cleveland was the universal

HERO OF HIS PARTY in Congress. His name was in the mouths of Congressmen and the

masses to-day in almost redundant praise. It is conceded that the reputation of the treaty by the Republicans was a great successful card for the Democrats, and now folks smile who recall the suggestions of certain Democratic Senators that if Cleveland was afraid of the effect of the rejection of the treaty on the campaign, he should recall it before the final vote, and send it back to the senate next December. They did not know that the President was loaded. They need no longer fear that the President is taking no interest in the campaign. The message is regarded by low and high tariff Democrats the master stroke of the campaign. To add zest to the sensation of course

THE PROBABILITIES OF WAR with Canada are freely discussed. It is conceded that the position is grave, but that Grover Cleveland is master of the situation. The discomfiture of the Republicans is conceded. Senator Edmunds' private secretary was hurrying and scurrying among the offices of correspondence of Republican newspapers all night, doubtless putting the Senator's ablest and best phase on the affair. In braggadocio the Republicans say they are glad Cleveland has embodied the full spirit of their retaliatory measure. The President's point that the Senate rejected the treaty without an attempt to amend it and thereby plainly said they wanted no treaty at all places the responsibility for any trouble they may raise on the Republicans, whilst Cleveland must reap the reward of glory for his patriotic Americanism in urging

THE FULLEST RETALIATION. The Democrats say Cleveland not only wants an eye, but he wants both legs, too. There is absolutely serious talk to-night of a revolt in Maine sweeping away the Republicans like a cyclone. There is no division among Democrats here to-night. They are enthusiastically harmonious and Cleveland is the shibboleth of victory. It is truly impossible to convey by a brief telegram and cord type the magic effect of our message. Whether or not calmer consideration will be given to the question of the Democratic position, but certain it is that to-night every Democratic leader sleeps on his arms and dreams of glorious victories, spread sanguine smiles over their faces

Nominated for Floater.

McKinney, Tex., Aug. 23.—The Democratic floatorial convention for the counties of Collin and Denton met here to-day. R. T. Seay of Collin was chairman, J. B. Walker of Denton was secretary. After reports by the various committees, A. E. Owsley of Denton was placed in nomination by J. L. Dargett of Collin and was seconded by delegates Wilson of Collin and Austin of Denton. The nomination was then made unanimous and the convention adjourned.

Johnson County Democrats.

Cleburne, Tex., Aug. 23.—The floatorial convention meets in Cleburne Saturday the 25th, when the Democrats of Johnson county will meet in Cleburne to nominate a candidate to the Legislature to fill the seat of John Chitwood, resigned.

Australian invented the tightest Chinese clinch on record. It puts a head tax on them of \$500 apiece and forbids Chinese now on the country to engage in mining, and provides a fine of \$250 for evasion of the law.

A TEXAS PORT.

Arrival at Denver of Delegates to the Deep Water Convention. Colorado's Attitude.

The Part the Delegates From the Centennial State Will Take in the Fight for Location.

DENVER, COL., Aug. 23.—Already the delegates are commencing to arrive to the Deep Water convention and several of the gentlemen who will play important parts in the delegations of the convention are in the city. Headquarters for the Galveston delegation have been engaged at the Windsor, and orders for apartments are coming in rapidly. A telegram from W. V. Newlin assistant passenger agent of the Fort Worth and Denver, stated that a car load of delegates would arrive in Denver to-morrow night. A meeting of the Colorado delegates will be held at the Windsor hotel to-morrow to discuss the attitude which the state shall take on the question of harbor. The local importance of succeeding in insuring a deep water harbor for some point on the Texas coast which shall be constructed by the government is realized. When it is considered that a deep water harbor would make a difference of \$15,000,000 annually to Colorado, it may be safe to say that no little attention will be given to the subject. It appears to be the sentiment of a number of delegates who were met to-day that

THE QUESTION OF RIVALRY between Galveston and Aransas Pass for the place where the harbor should be located should not be entered upon, but the convention should simply memorialize Congress for a deep water harbor and send a petition to Washington with the backing of two great states.

The Hon. Samuel Hannab, representing the Board of Trade of Denton, Texas, and president of the First National Bank of that city said to-day he believed it could be accomplished; and R. A. Cameron, commissioner of immigration for the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Road, gave another view of what he deemed the proper policy to pursue. He said: "These Texas fellows are coming up here with their war paint on and they may be advised to sit around the camp fire in peace a little while but

THE FIRST WHOOP that is sounded will commence the fun. The Galveston people are determined to control the convention. They will come here for that purpose. The San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Aransas Pass people and all the vast country behind them are just as determined the convention shall not designate Galveston as the place. Now I'll tell you what would be the smart thing for Colorado to do," continued General Cameron. "Let this state say to these Texas gentlemen: Colorado wants two deep harbors, and will vote on that proposition as one man unless you agree. That would put them in a position where they should have to agree among themselves, or it will send forth to Congress, as the sentiment of the convention that we want the government to make two harbors. Congress would do the rest. It would act upon the matter probably in this way: We cannot appropriate money for two harbors, but will give you one, and as you can't agree where you want it we can, and we will locate it and make it. This is what would work." he concluded.

Warm Heart Under a Ragged Coat.

A New York reporter called to a little bootblack near the city hall the other day to give him a shine. The fellow came slowly and placed his box down under the reporter's foot. Before he could get his brush out, another large boy ran up, and calmly pushing the little fellow aside said:

"Here, you go and sit down, Jim my."

The reporter became indignant at what he took to be a piece of outrageous bullying, and sharply told the new comer to clear out.

"O! da's all right, boss," was the reply: "I'm only goin' to do it for him. You see he's been sick in the hospital for mor'n a month, and can't do much work yet, so us boys all turn in and give him a lift when we can,—savvy?"

"Is that so Jimmy?" asked the reporter, turning to the smaller boy.

"Yes, sir," wearily replied the boy; and as he looked up, the pallid pinched face could be discerned even through the grim that covered it. "He does it for me if you'll let him."

"Certainly, go ahead," and as the bootblack plied the brush, the reporter plied him with questions.

"You say all the boys help him in this way?"

"Yes, sir. When they ain't got no job themselves, and Jimmy gets one, they turns in and helps him, cause he ain't very strong yet, ye see."

"What percentage do you charge him on a job?"

"Hey!" queried the youngster. "I don't know what you mean."

"I mean, what part of the money do you give Jimmy, and how much do you keep out of it?"

"You bet your life I don't keep none. I ain't no such sneak as that."

"So you give it all to him do you?"

"Yes, I do. All the boys give up what they get on his job. I'd like to catch any feller speaking in on a sick boy, I would."

The shine being completed, the reporter handed the urchin a quarter saying:

"I guess you're a pretty good fellow, so you keep ten cents, and give the rest to Jimmy there."

"Can't do it sir; it's his customer's. Here, Jim!"

He threw him the coin, and was off like a shot after a customer for himself, a veritable rough diamond in this big city there are many such lads, with warm and generous hearts under their ragged coats—Metropolitan.

Twenty Ninth District Senatorial Convention.

Baird Tex., Aug. 23.—The Democratic senatorial convention of the Twenty ninth district convened here at 1 o'clock to-day, Judge F. A. Fisher of Sweetwater was elected chairman. After forty one ballots H. T. Sims of Coleman was unanimously nominated and was instructed to vote for Richard Coke for United States Senator. The utmost harmony prevailed.

Would it not be a good idea to have a trade display and parade on the second day of the fair? We believe it would prove a good feature and would like to see the business men take the matter in hand.

—Abilene Reporter.

The "Old Roman" enjoyed a continual ovation all the way from his home in Ohio to Port Huron. The enthusiasm of the people for Thurman is of the genuine sort which needs no padding to make itself seen and felt.

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The Albany News is stirring her people up on the question of a railroad on the old cattle trail route.

The republicans of the state are organizing, and will make a strong effort to capture some of the state and many of the local offices.

They are discussing the next governor. And they will go home and be in as much doubt as to his name as when they came to the convention.

The good results of our immigration organization are beginning to appear. Why not call a meeting and let the organization continue its activity.

Jim Blaine will do for the Godless Republicans to worship, but he will never, by his trust policy, add any strength to his party. The Republicans had better lead him out.

The Republican party is greatly disconcerted by Cleveland's message on the rejection of his fishery treaty with Canada by the republicans in the Senate.

The FREE PRESS has always advocated the same "pay as you go" policy in our county finances that applies so successfully to the private business of individuals.

Jim Blaine is trying to ape Cleveland by speaking make a platform for his party, but it is now too late, he should have done his due before the convention met; he will do better next time as he will probably as near as he can emulate Cleveland.

The tendency of the Brooklyn bridge policeman to fall asleep while on duty has become so pronounced that Superintendent Martin has issued orders that in future such an offence will be punished by suspension. For a second nap the officer will be dismissed.

Lieut. Gov. Wheeler is considered a lucky man. In fact there are many of his friends who would like to secure his services in buying lottery tickets. But it is gradually dawning on the public that there is something above luck in Wheeler's make-up. He seems to have a good eye, a good keen eye, and perhaps many of the honors he has reaped in fell to his lot because of his possession of an industrious disposition and a level head.—Ex.

Mile Esmeralda's snake charmer, while performing at New Brighton, England, was attacked by a large cobra, which coiled around her body and badly bit her the blood flowing in streams from the wounds. She nevertheless finished the performance.

The new school building will soon be ready for occupancy.

The great artesian well of the Texas and Pacific is now down 107 feet. The hole is fourteen inches in diameter and the well will be the largest in the state of Texas. The drill is now in solid rock.

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Cleveland has set an example as a political reformer, worthy of emulation. He has demonstrated that brains and honesty will win, and strengthen a political party.

Harrison has allowed himself to be eclipsed by a sensational politician.

The republicans are not very consistent, they are in favor of taking the tariff off of sugar but not wool.

3,000 acres of Land for sale on main Brazos, on line of Stonewall and Haskell counties, known as the Geo. G. Alford. Surveys Nos 43 & 44. Price \$3.00 per acre, one half cash balance on as long time as desired at 10 per cent interest. Apply to G. F. Williams county surveyor Abilene Texas.

The Fair and their Relation to Railroads.

Haskell county needs a railroad to bring people into our magnificent country; we need it to carry the productions of our rich lands to the markets of the world; and to carry away thousands of fat cattle that would be driven from the north to it: We need it to increase in the many ways the taxable values of our country, that we may have without imposing additional burdens on our citizens, good schools all over the country and bridges and better roads wherever needed. Railroads come and improvements rapidly follow when a country is being sought after by home seekers, and when its lands are being improved for cultivation.

We have a splendid country, the like of it can hardly be found anywhere. Our productions are equal if not superior to those raised anywhere else. When our District Fair takes place at Abilene on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of October our country will be simply beautiful and the green grass will be growing everywhere. Turn in all hands and get up a magnificent exhibit for our District Fair and induce a large number of the strangers who will be at Abilene to come our way.

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HASKELL COUNTY.

Her Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portions 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 first 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 homes, 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 and indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mublaton 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.

We have a county endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a county well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a county where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a county of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and invite you and all who contemplate a change, to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural.

WATER.

The water supply comes from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, in the western portion of the county; Calloria creek entering the county from the south, then running an easterly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the west line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lake creeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northeasterly course into Baylor county. The waters of these streams are pure and free from mineral or alkali.

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure freestone water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying 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 these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drought and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drought without any serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drought in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. Except mequite 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.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum 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 luxuriant 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 20 bushels, and the price varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 50 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 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.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

At present there is no prospect of a railroad building into Haskell in the immediate future. We expect to get an extension of the Texas Central Railroad from Albany to Haskell, but that road is in the hands of the U. S. Court, and not likely to be extended until it is discharged from the control of said court. We also think that the Fort Worth Western Railroad will build from Fort Worth westward through Haskell, and it is believed that the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad will build southward through the Panhandle and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie lands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one-third cash, and the balance in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent. interest.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest

in addition to the amount received from the state, about \$3.50 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. The fund of Haskell Co. is all sufficient to run the school without voting a special school tax provided by law, thus relieving our people of the additional tax, to maintain an efficient school system.

In Haskell there is a flourishing school with more than 100 scholars enrolled, besides several flourishing schools in different parts of the county. Our school fund is ample for all who may come. It is a source of pride to our citizens and an evidence to all of the enlightened views of our people and wise management of our county government.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell county, that at the town of Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the mail 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, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

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 drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store, one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank, one barber shop; two silver smith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three 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 of the surrounding country, 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 this.

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Saturday, September 1, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Attorney. We announce J. F. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, as a candidate for District Attorney of the 39th judicial district. Election November 6, 1888. We are authorized to announce W. B. HOUSTON, of Seymour as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of this the 39 judicial District. Election November 6th 1888.

County Judge. We announce W. R. STANDEFER as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888. OSCAR MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Sheriff & Tax Collector. We announce E. Y. HILDRETH as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888. We announce W. B. ANTHONY as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

County Attorney. We announce A. D. TUCKER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

F. M. MORTON authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in November.

County & District Clerk. C. D. LONG authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell County. Election in November.

For County Treasurer. We are authorized to announce Mr. S. J. PRESTON as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer of Haskell county Election in November.

County Attorney. H. R. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Attorney of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Tax Assessor. We announce D. F. WILLIAMSON as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce D. L. SMITH as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce E. ROBERTS as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my official duties as tax assessor of Haskell county for the past two years and believe that I have filled the office to the satisfaction of the Haskell county voters. I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for reelection at the November election.

W. J. SOWELL. ALEXANDER ERWIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, of Haskell County Texas. Election November 6th 1888.

S. BEAVERS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Haskell County. Election November 6th 1888.

We announce Mr. W. M. CARTER as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

LOCAL DOGS.

Old dog at Dodsons. Haskell has a muzzled dog. Men and Boys Hats at Gassess. Every body is saving turnips. Ladies Hse thread Hose at Dodsons.

The land agents are beginning to reap a harvest in their line. Tenants and Walkers Boots and Shoes at Gassess.

Just received a nice line of Boys pants at Dodsons. The rates has seriously interfered with the mail the past week.

Just received a nice line of Boys hats at Dodsons. Mr. Tom Tatum has been quite sick for several days. But is recovering.

Cleveland and Thurman handkerchiefs at Dodsons. Just received a nice line of ladies and Misses shoes at Dodsons.

Mr. J. D. Roberts was in town Wednesday. It has rained several times this week.

Nice line of gents cuff Buttons and Caluloid collars and cuffs at Dodsons.

Go to Andersons for fresh drugs. He will treat you right. Mr. E. Y. Hydreth has moved to town to live.

If you want the genuine Station Hat call at B. H. Dodson's, he has them fresh from factory. The W Cross ranch has just received and branded 1,600 head of very fine southern cattle.

Ladies hand made shoes at Johnson Bros., the best ever offered at this market.

Mr. Geo. Boyd traveling salesman for Geo. Walshe & Co., Abilene Texas was in this city Tuesday. A fine line of patent medicines always kept in drug department of Johnson Bros.

Mr. Fred Cook brought a load of melons to town Thursday that would average 30 lbs. each. Messrs B. W. Ainsworth and Chas. McGregor left Monday for Waco.

Miss Carrie Caine spent several days in the country this week visiting Miss Killough. Mr. Hyde on Paint creek has a fine crop of cotton, some stalks of which has 200 bowls and forms.

Mr. John Lee had his horse to fall with him the other day, and he has been unable to ride since. Miss Carrie Rogers has returned from an extended visit to her friends at Albany.

Just received a nice line of youths and childrens clothing at Johnson Bros.

Mr. Oran Wade passed through the city Thursday on his way to Abilene for lumber to improve his farm. Prescriptions carefully compounded day or night by W. E. Johnson the druggist at Johnson Bros.

Johnson Bros., has on the road a very fine assortment of over coats. They will be here by the time you need them.

Mr. Barrett sold his residence to Mr. T. J. Lemons, Mr. Barrett has bought the old home place of Mr. W. R. Standerfer and will live there in the future.

Walter Wright and J. W. Becknell exchanged silver dollars the other day, and Mr. Wright gave a postal card to boot, and said he was anxious to make the trade.

Messrs Frank McGregor, B. W. Ainsworth, Herzy White and Chas. McGregor passed through Haskell Monday for Abilene. They will bring back lumber to be used in the construction of Mr. McGregors dwelling on the doublemountain.

The people in the territory tributary to Vernon are going to take advantage of the natural agricultural resources of their country and are going to sow a heavy wheat crop.

The farmers of this section should follow their example.

The little daughter of Prof. Child was killed the other day by a colic. Just as she was passing the animal taking the whip in a horrible manner. Wags the wound is very ugly it is not dangerous and will probably be healed without leaving much of a scar.

Their is great excitement over the copper mines near Kioway Peak: The owners who live in New York are having a shaft sunk and are making preparations for an expert to examine and report on the value of the ore.

These mines are only 25 miles from Haskell, and if they are opened up it will increase trade at this place.

Mr. Shakespear Brown who has presided for some time at one of our cases has severed his connection with us, and returned to Anson. Shakespear is attentive to his business and promises to make his mark in the world.

Master Jos Jones Brother of our county clerk, has accepted a position as typo on the FREE PRESS.

We call attention to the announcement of W. M. Carter who is a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor Mr. Carter has been a citizen of Haskell county three years and has proved himself to be a high minded honorable gentleman. We commend him to a careful consideration of the people.

Notice. Dr. Anderson has the best stock of drugs that has ever been brought to Haskell.

Messrs Lee and Hammons have formed a copartnership and will keep a meat market on the south side of the square. It is their intention to keep at all times fresh meats and the public are solicited to extend a liberal patronage.

Money Made is Money Saved. We can save you money by coming to see us and getting our prices and looking at the quality of our goods before buying. Send us your repair work. North 2nd st Abilene Texas. ADAIR & CLARK.

A CALL. All Master Masons in this jurisdiction who are in good standing are requested to meet in the town of Haskell on the 1st Saturday in September 1888, at 2 P. M. for the purpose of organizing a Masonic Lodge. All members are requested to bring their demits.

(Signed) J. W. EVANS, B. H. DODSON, H. K. PLUMMER.

After attempting for several months to give the public a cheap boarding house, and restaurant, I find it impossible to continue my past very low prices, but upon consulting a number of my patrons they have agreed that the price of meals may be raised to 35 cts. which price will be changed hereafter. This change in price is made necessary on account of the scarcity of vegetables at this season.

Respectfully, J. W. BECKNELL.

Dissolution Notice. The firm of DeLong & Johnson Bros. is by mutual consent dissolved. S. H. Johnson and W. E. Johnson, styled the firm of Johnson Brothers, succeeding the old firm of DeLong & Johnson Bros. The new firm will attend to the settling up of all matters pertaining to the old business.

Respectfully, R. S. DELONG, S. H. JOHNSON, W. E. JOHNSON.

All patrons of the City Hotel are respectfully notified that on and after Monday August the 6th will be absolutely necessary for this house to advance the price of meals to 35 cts. This advance is necessary on account of the scarcity of vegetables just at this season. This we hope will meet the approval of our patrons, who have always shown themselves to be very liberal and considerate.

Respectfully, W. E. ROBE.

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New isn't this fair isn't it? Send us for pamphlets giving particulars of, and rules governing the FAIR, and we will mail them to you free of charge. Our fair advice is come to the FAIR. Bring everything of a fair nature: it may command a fair premium. Everybody and everything will be on a boom; even the railroad, except their fare, which will be reduced to half fare. You have no excuse—come. Bundle up the fair women, gather up the fair children, get your fair self in shape, and make a fair showing at

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Mr J. F. Lockney and wife and his father and mother, accompanied by Mr. W. L. Covey and family have moved to Wise county. In these people Haskell county loses some of her best citizens.

The farmers should begin to get ready to plant wheat this fall. This is a wheat country and that crop should not be neglected.

Mr. J. S. Post was in the city the other day, and said he would make ten tons of sorghum hay per acre on his farm on Paint creek. Mr. Post is very much interested in the Abilene Fair, and he will take samples of his crop to the same for exhibition.

The land agents are advertising to buy Haskell county scrip. One enterprising agent, A. O. Foster Esq. wants \$50,000 worth. What other county in west Texas which has such a small amount of this character of indebtedness afloat, that it is not hawked around on the market at a great discount. This state of affairs speaks well for the present commissioners court and is a high compliment to their financial policy.

In levying a tax sufficient to produce this state of affairs, they have some times been censured by individual tax payers, but when the real resources and liabilities have been thoroughly understood by the tax payers, they have endorsed the policy of the court.

County commissioners are hired public servants, and when they fail to do their duty they should be held to account, and when they do their duty well they should be encouraged by a prompt acknowledgment the same as a man would do if they were the employes of an individual.

Don't forget when you visit Abilene that the Druggists Bass Bros carry a large stock of school books and school supplies, and sell low. School Books, and school supplies are sold at Bass Bros at Abilene Texas. Call on them.

NOTICE!! All persons are hereby notified and warned not to buy any of the L. A. L. and O. V. (the O is within the V) brands of cattle from any one except myself.

S. J. PRESTON.

One of the most grand social affairs of the season was the occasion of a social dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mason on last Tuesday night. A large company of elite young ladies and gentlemen were in attendance. At 9 p. m. the company had assembled and a few couples had taken position in the west room, and were tipping the light fantastic toe to the sweet music of the violin.

The dance continued until 11 p. m. when the guests were invited in couples to take positions around a huge table laden with meats, salads, pies, cakes, fruit and in fact, every thing that heart could wish, with which to appease a sharpened appetite. Mr. and Mrs. Mason had spared not pains nor money, to give their guests a fine supper, and it has been our pleasure to hear many just and deserving encomiums pronounced on this hospitable host and hostess. After the conclusion of supper the terpsichorean feats were resumed and continued until 2 a. m. at which time the young people having exhausted themselves in innocent revelry, and the soft moon having risen to kindly illumine their several ways home over the undulated prairies, they bid each other good night, and went spinning over the level roads to their homes singing some sweet melody.

Cleveland never allows his action to be influenced by any political consideration, but he always consults the good of his country. He never ponders to partisan whims, and therefore, never has any unnecessary issues to meet. This is why he is said to possess the firmness of Jackson, and why he has had such unprecedented success as a political reformer. His honesty of purpose and fearless manner in which he has followed real principals, has excited the admiration and in many instances gained the support of great men who were formerly his political enemy.

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