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small undertaking. I can assure you, to accomplish much of an organization under the circumstances, but Jim Cain was equal to the occasion. He

WAVED HIS SHIRT in the air and yelled frantically for the men to show their nerve. There was a loud call for the gallant Capt. McDonald of the rangers. Jim yelled that the captain had gone up the road, but as every thing must have a head and tail he would take the lead. Every man was ordered to secure a gun at all hazards. Jim jumped into his pants and rustled up two breach loading shotguns and two sixshooters.

A special train was ordered out to carry the posse to Salisbury. In the excitement Jim had gotten things considerably mixed. When the crowd got together they found Jim in the dining room of the hotel trying to cram a No. 10 shell into a No. 8 shotgun. He had a couple of 38 six shooters strapped on and his pockets full of 48 cartridges, yet he persisted that he was perfectly cool and willing to lead. The excitement had spread through the town and the streets were full of men.

RUSHING T. AND FRO. At this juncture Bill Cain appeared on an upper gallery shouting to the men to show their nerve. A hardware house was ransacked of all its arms and ammunition. Charley West carried 300 pounds of ammunition to the train at one load, while his capacity under ordinary circumstances is but 175. Frank Gale went back to bed leaving orders to be called if the Indians attacked the town. All these arrangements were the work of a few moments. When the train pulled out for the seat of war it was discovered that Capt. Jim Cain had forgotten his guns, but had a bottle of Belle of Nelson in each pocket. The train pulled out at 2:15 a. m. with Jim Coulter at the throttle, and made the run thirty five miles in forty seven minutes. Jim Cain ordered Jim Green, deputy, and Al Gentry, sheriff of Danley county to

RUSH ON THE STEAM and look out for Indians. As the train that had the gallant sons of Donley county flew through Memphis the frightened populace made frantic efforts to stop it, but it flew on to the seat of war. Arriving at Salisbury they found all excitement and matters in a serious shape. A ranchman, whose name we could not learn, had ridden on horse back from Wellington to Salisbury to give the alarm. He said when the Indians made the attack, which was about 10 o'clock last night, they set fire to the houses and proceeded to murder the women and children. He said his first idea was to get help and that he ran to his stable and jumped on his horse and started for the nearest telegraph office. His horse fell dead just before he reached town, having been ridden to death. Capt. McMurray and McDonalds arrived this morning from Amarillo and proceeded at once to the front. I leave at once for the seat of war and will keep The Gazette fully informed.

SALISBURY, Hall Co. Tex. Jan. 30.—The Indian scare was occasioned by the burning of a cowboys' camp. The excitement has subsided and the rangers returned.

A DEAD COW. "The Panhandle still wears its scalp," said Mr. J. V. Goode, train master on the Fort Worth and Denver, to a Gazette man last night, "and you can't find a man up the road who ever heard of a redskin."

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"But where did the scare come in? Weren't the reds on the war path at all?" "This message will probably help you out," said Mr. Goode. "It's from our agent at the site of war. You see when the report of the massacres reached Amarillo, Capt. McDonald in the absence of Capt. McMurray took charge of the available force, about a dozen men, and proceeded to Salisbury to investigate. The scene of the reported massacre was out about twenty miles from that place, and when the scouts returned it was with that startling information."

The telegram to the Fort Worth and Denver people ran as follows: "The scouts returned report that a woman saw some cowboys killing a beef in a herd of cattle and got scared. She got her children on a horse and started to get away when she met her husband and told him that the Indians were coming. As it was dark he could see the moving animals and took them all for Indians. The screaming was caused by the woman loosing one of her kids off the horse and not missing it until she got to the house. Every thing is quiet now."

"But the scare while it was on," continued Mr. Goode, "was the genuine article. Memphis, three miles from Salisbury, and Giles eleven miles distant, were up in arms, while every man that Salisbury could scare up was on picket duty and heavily armed."

"How many were there?" "Oh, about twenty five men," laughed the trainmaster, "and the entire force had two Winchester and seven old shotguns. It was death to the savage, you see."

"They telegraphed to the Fort Worth and Denver for help and an engine and some volunteers were sent from Cleatendon."

"Are the people settled down yet?" "Everything is quiet up the road. You can't find a man who ever saw an Indian. In fact, its pretty hard to find one at all."

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CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 30.—The airship is a success. So at least, the large audience that witnessed the test this afternoon at the Chicago exposition building were decidedly inclined to believe. To all appearance it was thoroughly demonstrated that a craft has at last been invented that permits feats of aerial navigation never

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Land agents have sold all land they had from first hands, and the demand is growing daily. 250,000 acres of land in this county has changed hands in the last year. This is equal to nearly half the land in the county. The demand for land is growing and recent investors will be able to put their lands on the market this summer at handsome profits.

When your friend writes for a description of Haskell county, buy a FREE PRESS and mail to him. I will tell him more than you could tell in a week on paper.

See 4th page for description of Haskell County.

There is a bar at which the criminal and his lawyer will plead for a continuance in vain. Run, lawyer, run!—Dallas News.

New improvements are seen upon every side and "get there" seems to be the slogan all along the line.—Seymour Monitor.

Journalism in a Dog-Town. We can sit at our editorial desk and see prairie dogs scampering from one hole to another, exchanging friendly visits with their neighbors.—Seymour Monitor.

The FREE PRESS is the recipient of a copy of white squaw on grand march published by Mess. Thos. Gogan & Bro. of Galveston. Composed by Mrs. Robert Thomson. The price of this piece of music is 60 cents and is destined to be a very popular air.

There is a bill pending in the legislature providing for the distribution of the permanent school fund by deposit with the banks in the state at a low rate of interest. The bankers of the state favor this plan.

It is our opinion that this will not materially reduce the rate of interest and therefore we prefer Gov. Hogg's plan which will encourage railroad building and add to the material development of the state.

The FREE PRESS has been called upon to chronicle the burning of the plant of its esteemed on-worker in this field of Journalism.

There is no one who will miss the Star more than we, week by week it has furnished us an example for emulation, fired our ambitions, elevated our aspirations, and brought forth efforts and the display of energies that might otherwise have lain dormant. From its clippings often, we have embellished our own columns and filed them full of fresh crisp news. We will miss its visits and realize that it devolves upon us to exert our selves to the utmost to reduce its loss to the community to the minimum, until it shall come forth from the ashes to take its accustomed

place in the journalistic constellation.

The FREE PRESS knows how to sympathize with its unfortunate contemporary; she, herself, has been the wreck of a hurricane, which scattered her glittering roots, made splinters of her axes and leveled her summit to the ground. Nothing daunted she pulled her scattered remains together, and never missed an issue. The Star should not feel discouraged but should begin with a renewed energy the great work of developing the country, justified in the assurance that willing hands will lend assistance in its efforts to rise from the ashes.

In another column we publish the letter of an Austin correspondent. The same has a great deal to say about the farmers opposing Hogg's school fund policy. We think we can detect one of Hogg's strong opponents in our correspondent. We hardly think that Hogg's railroad monopoly opponents can injure him with his constituency by trying to make them believe he has sold out. If he has sold out in good faith his purchasers would not be so ready to put the people on for they would make it necessary to purchase another governor two years hence. Hogg is all right; he is still after the monopolist. If the public school money was invested in good railroad securities, and new roads built and no fictitious bond issued for the people to pay interest on, there would be one of the greatest booms ever inaugurated in this state. The idea is not at all original with Hogg. The state has held for years the bonds of several railroads and has never lost a cent by the investment. The farmers may be fools but we think the railroad men will have to employ sharpshooters if they can work the "rabbit foot" and get the farmers to throw their man over board.

If the state wants to dispose of its surplus free school money (which it should do) that is piling up in the treasury, why pass a law by which the money can be borrowed by her own citizens at a rate, say 8 per cent per annum. The rate is enough; the different counties according to population, thereby giving all counties the same show. The money to be loaned on real estate and to remain in the state treasury until loans are negotiated. Let the bill contain a clause compelling the County treasurer to be placed under a special bond as agent for the State and when a loan is negotiated and accepted his draft on the state should be paid. Such a law in our estimation would be perfect to save for the state and at the same time be bringing in a revenue. The \$300,000 now on hand with the many bonds that are fast becoming due and being paid would add greatly to the now depleted circulation medium, and would stimulate trade of all kinds. The money would then be in all portions of the state and the rate of interest would be reduced on thousands of dollars that foreign loan agents are robbing the people of.—Rayner Lasso.

The Lasso has developed into a statesman very rapidly. We are sometimes at a loss to know if those fellows it "laffs" weekly are of the same caliber. The Lasso is in politics in Stone wall county and we fear its presumption of the gullibility of the people over estimates the susceptibility of its constituency. Now all you dear people who think the Lasso would make a grand rudder to the ship of state just figure a little. Population of the state is 3,500,000. Suppose Stone wall county has 1,700 inhabitants her pro rata of the \$300,000 would be six and six sevenths cent apiece and the total loan due the whole county \$116.57. Now wouldn't this incline the circulating medium of Stone wall county. Is this a fair specimen of "Journalist statesmanship?"

Such editorials as the above may catch a few unsophisticated, but we do not believe a majority of the people will be led by such gull.

KANSOG.

Round! Round! Round! Mr. John Smith is opening up a "fall line" of groceries and dry goods in our city, while Mr. S. Heggard is now ready to do the black smiting for the surrounding country.

Emigrants are arriving frequently, a girl at Mr. Napier's quite recently and now a bouncing boy at Mr. Jim Rose's.

Mess. Moore, John Holman and L. L. Tackitt, A. D. Douley and G. B. Bright have each graced our community recently with elegant residences.

Wheat is promising an abundant crop and the farmers are preparing for oats, corn etc.

Young Ladies Nonpareil Circle.

On Friday evening Jan. 23, a number of the young ladies of Haskell met after school in Prof. Warren's department, and organized a "Young Ladies Nonpareil Circle." Miss Mollie Dewberry was chosen President; Miss Eugenia English, Vice-President; Miss Beulah Dillahunty, Secretary; Miss Fannie Tandy, Treasurer; Misses May Shipley and Alice Pearson, Door-Keepers; Misses Mollie Whitman and Minnie L. Sney, Committee on duty to visit the sick.

This Society is organized for the benefit of its members as enterprising workers, and for the good it may do for the town. We cordially invite all of our girl friends to join us.

Our motto is, "Excellence Unqualified."

MOLLIE DEWERRY, Pres. BEULAH DILLAHUNTY, Secy.

HOGG WONT BACK DOWN

He'll Stick to His Views on the School Fund.

AUSTIN, TEX., Feb. 1.—Before Gov. Hogg's message was read in the legislature few people were disturbed about the permanent school fund. How it should be invested puzzled those who thought about it, but the question never occasioned any extraordinary worry. When the new governor's message was made public, and his recommendation to invest the permanent school fund in bonds of railroads to be hereafter constructed, became known a howl was raised among the political "farmers." They attacked the governor and hinted that he had gone over the railroad side that he had been "influenced" by political sharpers and all that. "A long with these insinuations went a demand that the governor recede from his position or take the consequences. Well, Jim Hogg may be an extremist and bull headed, but he is anything but a receder. He hasn't receded worth a cent, and he proposes to stand or fall on his "school fund policy."

In the meantime the question has become an issue. Next to the railroad commission it is attracting more attention than almost any important question before the legislature. In order to give the public all the intelligent information to be had on the subject The News correspondent has carefully investigated the matter with a view of showing the governor's side of the question, inasmuch as the opposition has been pretty thoroughly ventilated.

The public school fund of Texas is now \$22,000,000, consisting of bonds, land notes and cash. In addition it owns nearly 30,000,000 acres of land now being rapidly sold at prices ranging from \$2 to \$5 an acre. During the past ten years the proceeds have reached \$14,000,000. At the increasing rate at which the lands are now being sold, it is reasonable to expect that in twenty-five years more all

will be sold. The state will then have on hand for a permanent school fund the splendid sum of \$100,000,000.

Under the constitution no part of this fund can be used, but only the interest arising from investments made with it. To be of any service to the school it must be invested. To properly invest this enormous sum of money is a question of profound interest to the people to-day and deeply affects the state. It would seem that any effort which seeks to place this money as a debt upon the people, by which they are to be taxed to pay the interest and sinking fund, cannot be contemplated with confidence, and would inevitably lead to repudiation and loss of the fund. Yet the drift of legislation is surely in this direction.

The twentieth legislature, confronted with an immense accumulation of cash belonging to the school fund, proposed an amendment allowing the investment in securities other than state and United States bonds. The amendment was adopted and already \$3,000,000 has been invested in county bonds. When it is considered that this money has in many instances been used to build grand courthouses and jails, in many cases unsuited to the needs of the counties erecting them, and often built to hold a county seat and frequently but costly failures, adding nothing to the progress of the counties or their material welfare, it cannot be doubted that in many cases this system has done more harm than good. No doubt some of these investments will be permanent, but at the rate money is being borrowed, especially in the poorer counties, the time may come when all the school money will be invested and the legislature filled with representatives pledged to relief and repudiation.

But there are two other methods of getting rid of the school fund suggested, and a bill has been introduced looking to that end, viz:

- 1. To loan direct to the people.
- 2. To loan to the town and villages organized into school districts.

These methods, like Gov. Hogg's have their objections and weaknesses.

However desirable the first may be to introduce cheap money into the country, the proposition is met at the outset with appalling difficulties. Among these may be named the peculiar weakness of Texas land titles arising out of the undying claims of married woman and minors, the laws of limitation, conflicting locations require liens and other questions that require the services of experts to pass upon. Even then the home-stead exemption prevents the loaning to the very classes who would need it most, those who want to build up and improve their homes. Admitting that the entire fund could be loaned in this way, what would be accomplished but saddling a debt upon the people of the state that may possibly be eventually repudiated and lost?

Fourteen million dollar's worth of land notes are in the treasury to-day, and there are constant defaults and appeals for relief. Suppose it were \$100,000,000, what would become of the school fund?

Regarding the proposition to loan the money to towns and villages, perhaps this method will be found to be more pernicious than any. These school buildings would fall to pieces long before the debt would mature, and the benefit be gone while the debt remained upon the people, and no way to enforce it. The villages and towns may disappear before a flanking railway or whole towns may be abandoned, as in west Kansas to-day, by people who cannot pay the taxes. It was observed that the vice in all these methods is the same. It is simply converting the school fund of the state into a vast debt upon the people to be paid for by taxation.

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YOURS TRULY,

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It is Gov. Hogg's policy to convert the school fund into a living fund. To this end he points to the first lien bonds on roads now being constructed in the state as an investment. He knew that this would be no experiment in Texas. The state has already \$1,750,000 of the school fund invested in first lien railroad bonds, and while it is charged that wreckers have loaded down those railroads have again and again gone through the devious methods of United States courts, sham suits of receivers, yet the common school fund bonds of these roads have been protected through all vicissitudes. The bonds

the state paid for were honest bonds and held the first lien, and through all the change, the interest amounting to \$50,000 per annum, has all ways been promptly paid. Gov. Hogg think that Texas, with her millions, should not longer be made a football of Wall street; that while the state wants and well comes capital, she is able to assist by her own strength the development of the state. By investing the school fund in first lien bonds, properly guarded by honest regulations, railroad building will be encouraged in the state in spite of the decree of the magistrates that no more railroads should be built in

Texas for the present. With a commission to protect these roads so constructed from the clutches of the larger system the school money would be absolutely safe. In addition to the probable returns from this investment these roads would largely assist in the development of the state. Thus in creating volumes, from which the state will derive additional and valuable revenues. Thus, notwithstanding opposition to the governor's plan from the "farmers" at the capital, it has its good points which all must admit in view of the schemes presented in lieu of it.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—A Clock for \$1.50 at Glover's.
—Have you paid your subscription?
—McLemore's is the place to buy what you need in the drug line.

La Grippe is raging all over town and county.

—For the next 60 days I will sell at cost, Mrs. W. P. Paris.

—The First National Bank building is nearing completion.

The Baptist organized to build a church. Let the good work proceed.

—Wall Paper: at F. E. Turner & Co cheap.

—Lee Fitzgerald was in the city Wednesday.

—Clocks of all description at Glover's.

Try **BLACK-DRAUGHT** tea for Dyspepsia.

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

—Bas Bros. Abilene Tex., have a large stock of Dog Poison, is the place to get bargains.

—Mr. B. H. Owsley of Lake creek was in the city Thursday trading with R. S. DeLong & Co.

—Go to McLemore's for your wall paper, will trim it for you free of charge.

—Get your gardens in good condition, and be ready to sow the seed in the Spring.

—Mrs. W. P. Paris is selling out to make room for her spring stock.

—W. L. Smith left Wednesday for his old home. Mr. Smith is an exemplary young man and made many friends while in Haskell.

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

Becknell & Rupe, prop's **WINE OF CARDUI**, a Tonic for Women.

—R. W. Traummell of Birmingham of Birmingham Ala. was in the city this week prospecting.

—The cattlemen have been busy staving the cattle out of the buck at this week.

—Miss Ollie Moore, the little grand daughter of Capt and Mrs. Springer left for her home at Doub lin.

—NOTICE—

Parties indebted to us must come and settle at once. We can only sell on 30 days time. Resp't Dickenson Bros.

—C. C. Gardner one of Paint creek's good farmers was in the city Wednesday. He is in high spirits and says he feel very sure of a good crop this year, and that all his neighbors are in the same high spirits.

—Kill your Dogs now is the time you will find the poison cheap at Bas Bros. Abilene Tex.

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

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DEAD.

As we go to press we learn the sad news of the death of John Williams who past away Friday at 6 o'clock a. m.

—Married on last Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents; E. Pitner to Miss Nannie Cather, by H. G. McConnell officiated. Pitner is one of the pioneers of Haskell county and Miss Cather her parents moved to this city in 1889 and since she came she has made many friends among those who know her.

—The Free Press wishes they could send all their brightest articles, and that their path through life will be strewn with sweet flowers.

—J. E. Glover has a display ad in another column, read it.
—Ladies if you want millinery, call on me I will sell at cost. Mrs. W. P. Paris.

Dr. J. G. Simmons of Star City Ark. arrived Wednesday. The Dr. is interested in some fine properties in Haskell.

—J. F. Strop's ad will be seen in another column. He is getting ready for his spring stock.
—McLemore will sell you wall paper cheaper than Abilene, and it costs you nothing to have it trimmed.

—**BLACK-DRAUGHT** tea, cures Constipation.

—Remember the red flag estences the gray-mule and ready to do your deliverting.

—Bas' Dog Poison will do the work, and you can get it at A. P. McLemore's Drug Store. 1-31 St.

—Mess DeLong & Co. have a large display ad in another column. Read what they propose to do.

—Go to W. P. Paris' when you want your deliverting done cheap, for the cash.

—Geo. Mason & Co. ordered their card increased this issue. They offer special inducements to the public.

—Subscriptions have been coming in rapidly. Judging from the increase of subscribers last year and the events that followed, the bounty will be on in a few weeks.

—General Delivery by W. P. Paris. Will deliver Merchandise to any part of the city at 10 cts.

McElree's **WINE OF CARDUI** for female diseases.

—Jim Johnson of Crockett, who is a brother of Mess S. H. and W. E. Johnson is in the city visiting his relatives.

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

—After Jan. 1st the Haskell and Albany Hack will run three times per week regularly. Leaves Haskell Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's, Paris' headquarters for express. Yoe & Paris.

McElree's **WINE OF CARDUI** and THEDFORD'S **BLACK-DRAUGHT** are for sale by the following merchants in Haskell county:

F. E. Turner, Haskell.
D. R. Gass, Haskell.
Johnson Bros. Haskell.

Dr. M. L. Bagard of Paint creek was in the city Wednesday. The Dr. was in a cheerful mood and brought a good report from his neighborhood. He ordered THE FREE PRESS for one year and made us happy to add him to our list of readers.

—Mess M. E. Parks and F. L. Parks have returned from Waco. They purchased a sulky plow and are breaking considerable land. Mr. M. E. Parks was in our sanctum Saturday and reports wheat in his neighborhood as doing splendidly. He and his brother have twenty five acres in wheat, and will plant about seventy five acres in other crops this year.

Notice.

All Taxes must be paid by the 10th or cost will be added. W. B. Anthony, Collector.

Money! Money!!

Any one having Vendors Lien, Notes and wishing to get the money on them, should call on S. W. Scott, office in court house. Notes extended and money loaned on long time at lowest rates, with real estate security.

Lost Stock Horses.

One bay mare with bell on and colt, one grey mare and colt, one grey horse three years old, one bay horse three years old, two blue horses two years old, one bay mare four years old, one sorrel mare work mule seven years old, all branded D E on shoulder. Will pay \$15 for said stock delivered at Haskell or pay a fair price to know where they are. W. D. Koonce.

Groceries! groceries!

To the People of Haskell and Haskell County:

While 1890 was the Largest annual Business we have ever done we want to increase it in 1891 and are again in the field for **NEW TRADE**. We invite old customers to **STAY** with us and new ones to Give us a trial. We carry the Largest **Stock** and **Make the LOWEST PRICES** of any house in the city. Give us a trial we are able to take care of you and want your trade.

Yours Truly,

J. M. RADFORD,

UNION BLOCK,

ABILENE, TEXAS.

GROCERIES! GROCERIES! GROCERIES!

Fire Fiend.

ON last Tuesday night at about 8.30 p. m. our little city was called forth by the alarm of fire to witness the burning of the Star office and plant. Two hundred men rushed to the scene with buckets of water, but the walls of the office melted away like thin ice in an August sun. The roof of the building fell in fifteen minutes after the fire was discovered. Nothing was saved except the desk and law library of S. H. Woods Esq. and some news paper. The house was the property of F. P. Morman and was worth \$400 dollars and insured for \$200. The contents of the house was the property of Messrs Warren & Woods and was valued at \$1000 and insured for \$755. The insurance was with companies represented by Messrs Lindsey & McGregor.

There is no clue to the origin of the fire. The publishers of the Star who used to sleep in the building about a week ago moved their beds to a room in the DeLong & Co. building, and were there when the alarm was given. They had left the office at 6 o'clock p. m. and no one had been about the building.

Mr T. J. Lemon passed the building about five minutes before the fire was discovered and he says there was not even a light in the same. He walked a block from the same went into his residence and started to go to bed, when he heard shooting and ran to his door and saw the hungry flames had leaped all over the building.

The night was unusually still or the whole of the business part of town would have been in ashes.

Hymenal.

Married Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Dick Corothers to Miss Eley Tanner. Squire Walker officiated. The groom is one of Haskell county's young and prosperous farmers and the bride is one of Haskell's fair belles. The FREE PRESS joins their many friends in wishing them a long, happy and useful life.

A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Huffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he was under the care of two prominent physicians, and need their treatment until he was not able to go around. They pronounced his case to be Consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds and at the time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found before he had used half a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to use it and is today enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or chest trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at A. P. McLemore's drugstore.

You are in a Bad Fix

But we will cure you if you will pay us. Our message is to the Weak, Nervous and Debilitated, who by early Evil Habits, or Later Indecretion, have trilled away their vigor of Body, Mind and Manhood, and who suffer all those effects which led to premature Decay, Consumption or Insanity. If this means you, send for and read our **BOOK OF LIFE**, written by the greatest specialist of the day, and sent (sealed), by addressing Dr. Parker's Medical and Surgical Institute, 153 North Spruce St Nashville, Tenn.

The First step.

Perhaps you are run down, can't eat, can't sleep, can't think, can't do anything to your satisfaction, and you wonder what ails you. You should heed the warning, you are taking the first step into Nervous Prostration. You need a Nerve Tonic and in Electric Bitters you will find the exact remedy for restoring your nervous system to its normal, healthy condition. Surprising results followed the use of this great Nerve Tonic and Alternative you appetite returns, good digestion is restored, and the Liver and Kidneys resume healthy action. Try a bottle. Price 50c. at A. P. McLemore's Drug Store.

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Haskell County.

Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the 100th 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 Milan counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a poll of 57 electors. Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

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

In 1880 and 1887 the entire west from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming began in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all expectations, corn made 25 bushels per acre, oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The average in farms have been increased to at least 20,000 acres.

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

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

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

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

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

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of 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 heaving 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 plow 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.

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

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels 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 \$1.90 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 10 to 12 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, Albany on the H. & T. C. 45 miles from Haskell on the south east, and Seymour on the W. V. road 45 miles on the northeast.

RAILROADS. There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth to Haskell. The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or Fort Worth to Haskell, 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 90 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. K. 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 northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of four 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 a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Bonham and a tri-weekly mail north to Bonham and to Seymour on the Wichita valley railroad, these lines also carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each 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, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is six years old and has a population of 800. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has five drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where, two Millinery establishments one gin and mill. Also has two drug stores two hardware one furniture one notion one hotel and two restaurants, three blacksmith shops

two cabinet and wood shops, one lumber yard two national banks, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; two meat markets; two livery stables; three doctors; 13 lawyers and land agents; two first class newspapers and job offices and two saloons, all doing a 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 this.

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 a home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, 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 country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grain, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country 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 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.

Reader, please hand this to your friend.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency. WASHINGTON, NOV. 25, 1890. WEEKLY, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that 'THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK,' in the town of Haskell in the county of Haskell and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edward S. Lacey, Comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that 'THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK,' in the town of Haskell in the County of Haskell, and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and Seal of office this 25th day of November 1890.

E. S. LACEY, Comptroller of the Currency.

Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household care. Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and restores vitality.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

A Breezy Budget of Legislative Happenings.

Correspondence to the Free Press.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 29.—The recommendation by Gov. Hogg that the school fund be invested in railroad bonds does not meet favor, and it is hardly possible such a bill can be worked through even by a strong railroad lobby. One of the suggestive incidents in connection with this matter, is that all the newspapers which were leaders in opposing Gov. Hogg are endorsing his proposition. Quite a number of bills have been offered providing for investment of this fund—each being a candidate to substitute the recommendation of Gov. Hogg. One bill provides for investment of the fund in the bonds of the cities and towns. Another is for the loan of the fund on real estate security. Hon. Miles Crowley, of Galveston, will offer a bill to invest \$2,000,000 in a bridge from the island across the bay to the main land. It is also understood that a bill will be introduced, if the Constitution is not in the way, to fund the school money in six per cent. bonds of the State, thus transferring it to the general revenue, and reduce taxation all along the lines. It is argued that by this means the school money is made more secure while the principal is virtually loaned to the people at low interest—or, rather, that the taxes abolished will save the people from borrowing money at high interest. It is also urged that this may be made a continuous plan, and will increase the invested school fund about in proportion to increase of population, and by this means secure a permanent endowment for our public schools. It remains yet among the problems as to which ray of light above named plans will be adopted.

The discussion of the school fund investment has developed most opposition to Gov. Hogg from among his warmest supporters. The farmers, especially, regard it as a violation of the spirit of the campaign. They hold that a proposition to lend the people's money to railroads at low interest, while the people themselves are paying exorbitant rates is an outrage upon them. There is strong talk among the agricultural element that it is hard to find a lawyer who will keep faith with them in the gubernatorial contest. They say that in the past the farmers have yielded almost blindly to the legal fraternity in congressional and State offices, and that they have often suffered grossly from the neglect of their interests. Some go so far as to argue that the farmers ought to elect farmers to office. No such deep feeling as that which exists against Gov. Hogg has been apparent as to any State officer in the past. The farmers feel they have been imposed upon and are not in any very good humor about it.

The third house, or lobby, has not so far been largely attended. The railroads, school-book men and the oil dealers are here really in the interest of the people of the State. The bills on the school text-book question which have been introduced so far, do not, in the opinion of the best educators of the State who are here and among whom is Hon. Oscar H. Cooper, solve the problem at all. They are neither Democratic, economical or just. They comprehend State uniformity of text books which is nothing more or less than a species of paternalism and sumptuary legislation. It compels the use of text books prescribed by law and the thirty or forty counties in the State which have already adopted a uniform system of school books, will be compelled to throw them away and buy those adopted by the State. The system of distribution as provided for in the bills will bring the cost of school books to 60 per cent over present prices. It seems to be the prevailing idea here that the best thing the Legislature can do for the people on this question, is to let well enough alone.

The oil men are having the easiest going time. So far, no opposition has been developed. They naturally think they and their "barrels" are all-right. But there are whisperings that it may not yet get through like it was oiled.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is, as usual, trying to work a "rabbit-foot" on the Helms

members are daily receiving letters from wholesale merchants and other great concerns in this interest. The company extends the concerns named special favors. You wash our feet, says the Western Union and we'll abate your hands. "Twas ever thus, etc." Austin is before the Legislature with a charter to extend its limits so as to give it room to spread, Austin seems determined to reverse the old saw that riches take to themselves wings and fly away, that is, unless they take their wings somewhere else and fly toward Austin. This city is certainly assuming a substantially remarkable in the extreme. It is becoming known that when Austin's dam is complete she will have the greatest water-power in the West—being capable of providing 15,000 horse-power for manufacturing enterprises. The contractor in charge of work on the dam says it will be finished in sixteen months. There is no doubt that there will be mills along the banks of the classic Colorado to utilize this power when it is ready. Investments in realty by strangers are being made every day.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED. The Most Important Discovery as to Race of the Age. Alvin News: By accident the editor of this paper on a recent visit to Houston chanced upon a piece of information of the most important character, and which is likely to soon shake the world.

Dr. T. J. Boyles, who is probably the best known physician in the State, and who has been connected with all the railroad, city and county hospitals in Houston, and who is equally well known by the hotel which bears his name, has made a discovery that is not only astounding but that which which cannot be conceived.

About a year ago Dr. Boyles visited Europe traveling incognito under the name of Monsieur de Docteur d'ou (French for boils), and visiting all the cities of the old world. While on his trip he came in contact with all the leading physicians of Paris, Berlin, Vienna, London and other places which he visited, and learned much of the celebrated Pasteur Brown-Sequard and Koch remedies, upon which these eminent men were then working.

While studying over these subjects the thought crossed his mind that some such process might solve the great problem which is perplexing the whole American nation and make it possible to change the whole negro population to Caucasian hue. He at once set about discovering a remedy that would produce the desired result, which he was not long in doing, but, like Dr. Koch, he wished to be sure that he was right before making public the results of his studies. He found three negroes, all black as the ace of spades who for a consideration agreed to allow him to experiment upon them. They say nothing about it until permitted by him. Some of them commenced to bleach while on the other white spots began to appear, which gradually spread, and they are now nearly all white. Of course this phenomenon excited remarks and the secret leaked out, and in that way we became possessed of the secret.

In an interview with Dr. Boyles he stated that thus far his experiment had been successful, but that in order to make it a complete success it was necessary to find a means of taking the kink out of the negro's head and to remove the horns on his head. This the doctor expected to be able to do, when he has completed his method of memorization he will proceed to Washington and lay it before the president and request him to lay the matter before congress with a recommendation that an appropriation equal to that for the galveston ship channel, for the purpose of transforming the negroes of the country into whites, and thus forever wipe out one of the most difficult problems of the present age, the relations of the two races in this country.

We should have stated that one of Dr. Boyles' patients was a woman, and that since she has been under his treatment she has given birth to a child which is almost white, but the doctor refuses to explain why the effect should be so much more marked in the offspring than in the parent, but

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