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AN UNFORTUNATE FIRE.

Senator Stanford's Palo Alto Stables and Many Fleet Racers Consumed by the Flames.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 18.—A fire at Palo Alto last night burned a portion of the stables of Senator Stanford. The following horses were roasted to death: Clifton, Belle, Rockford, Emma Robertson, Treubadour, Lowell and Howard, and Volante, who has a standing record the fastest for yearlings in the world is not yet dead, but it is impossible for her to live. Two or three others will probably die. The loss will reach at least \$200,000.

A LOSS TO THE TURF.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 18.—Later details of the fire which occurred last night at the Palo Alto farm of Senator Stanford indicate that the fire was incendiary. The following horses were burned to death: Clifton Belle, four years old, record, 2:44; Roxford, three years old, 2:24; Maiden, three years old, 2:25; Normarine, two years old, 2:31; also the colts Emma Robertson, Troubadour, Lowell and Howard. Two horses are yet alive, but they are badly burned. They are: Palo Alto, 2:20, and Mansanita. "Fastest to Date," 2:16. Clifton Belle, one of the mares that perished, was five years old, had a record of 2:24, and was valued at \$10,000. Roxford was five years old, had a record of 2:24, and was worth the same sum. Normarine was only two years old, was considered worth \$20,000. A year ago she made the fastest time on record for a yearling, 2:31. It is believed that Ozman and Hindoo Rose were in the stables which were burned. The latter had a three-year-old record of 2:16 \$25,000 had been refused for her. She was now seven years old. It will be seen that the stable contained some of the most rapid travelers on the turf and there are not many sportsmen in the country who will not feel a pang of regret at the death of the animals and a shock at the manner in which it was accomplished. A very few minutes before the flames were discovered in the shed the watchman made his usual rounds and found every thing in proper order. He had not reached his room before the presence of this fire was discovered, and almost before the stablemen could raise the alarm the one story wooden sheds were blazing fiercely. Every person on the farm ran to the barn to try to liberate racers, but almost before the door could be opened the heat had driven the men back, and they were forced to witness the cremation of the horses without being able to lift a hand to save them. Palo Alto, Mansanita and Normarine were at one end of the burning building, when the employes saw that no efforts could save the other horses they did what they could towards rescuing the three named. The latter was taken from Palo Alto's neck and the horse was turned loose and driven from the stall, but the glare had frightened him to such an extent that he made no effort to reach the corral, and it was only with difficulty that he was restrained from rushing into the flames. A number of other stablemen succeeded in rescuing Normarine and Mansanita. The first named was so badly injured it was considered a mercy to kill her, and the fastest yearling in the world was put out of pain. Mansanita is burned about the head, but not seriously injured, and with care will probably recover. The fire was rapid. An hour after the outbreak of the

flames the shed was in ruins, and the dumb animals were so many heaps of bones.

AMONG THE SAVED.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 18.—The latest reports are that the horses Palo Alto and Mansanita that were reported as severely injured are among the saved. Normarine, reported dead, is still alive, but is injured so seriously that no hopes are entertained. Cedric, a three-year-old, was also seriously burnt and can't live. Among the other horses that perished was Kris Kiting.

A DASTARDLY DEED.

A Fiendish Attempt on the Life of a Beautiful Young Lady Living a Few Miles From the City.

Last week Miss Annie Ferral, a young lady of seventeen or eighteen, some few miles from Fort Worth, not far from Ederville, went to that little town and got from the postoffice some letters and a box of candy. She went home and opening the box found it to contain gum drops of which she ate two or three. At the bottom of the box underneath the candy was a slip of paper bearing the words, "You are as pure as an angel." At the time the candy was eaten there was no one in the house. Miss Ferral's mother, who had gone with her to Ederville, having stopped to visit a neighbor, a few minutes later her mother rode up and calling to her daughter asked her if she did not want to take a ride. The young lady said "Yes," and mounted the horse, but had only gone a short distance when she was seized with violent pains in the stomach. So severe was the pain that the girl got off the horse and hurried into the house, saying she was sick. She grew worse rapidly, and Drs. Wallace and Isaacs were sent for. They pronounced it a case of arsenical poisoning and learning that she had eaten the candy found that it had been poisoned. Proper remedies were administered but the young lady grew worse and next day Dr. VanZandt of this city went out in company with W. J. Boaz, on whose place the Ferrals are living, and from Mr. Boaz the above facts were learned. Up to yesterday it was thought the girl was getting better, but it is said a message came to Fort Worth last night for a physician, that Miss Ferral was much worse and would likely die. It is learned that two young men living at Mansfield have been visiting and writing to Miss Ferral and that a short time back a coolness sprang up between one of the men and Miss Ferral. Since then she has been receiving letters written in a disguised hand, but signed with the name of the gentleman with whom she is on friendly terms. To these she has paid no attention. It is said the family positively refuse to give the names of the two men. It is likely the authorities will take cognizance of the matter to-day. A more dastardly and damnable crime was never committed. It might be well for people to refuse to eat candy coming from an unknown source. The wrapper on the box was so torn that it is not known where the candy was mailed.

Nominated for Floater.

Galveston, Tex., April 27.—Hon. Guy M. Bryan was nominated as floater for this Representative district to-night, to fill out the unexpired term of Hon. B. Rush Plunly, deceased.

GETS A VERDICT.

Fotheringham Allowed Damages Against the Adams Express Company.

St. Louis, Mo., April 19.—The jury in the suit of David S. Fotheringham against the Adams Express Company, for damages for false imprisonment, were instructed this morning, and being out three hours and a half, agreed on a verdict of \$20,000 for the plaintiff. The case grew out of the Jim Cummings express robbery on the Frisco road in 1886, when robbers secured \$53,000. The three robbers Wittrock, Haight and Weaver, were captured in Chicago in the winter of 1887, and \$41,000 of the stolen money was recovered. The men confessed exonerating the express messenger, David S. Fotheringham, who had been held and as it seemed to the jury, hounded by W. H. Damsell, agent of the company, and Pinkerton's detectives. The trial has occupied over two weeks, and more witnesses have been examined than any other case before tried in the city. The original suit claimed was 60,000, and the suit was originally instituted against Pinkerton, Damsell and the Adams Express Company, but the detectives and the agent were dropped out of the suit. The sum of \$20,000 awarded by the jury was the full amount claimed on the first count of the indictment, that of false imprisonment. In the other two counts and for malicious prosecution the jury awarded them nothing. An evening paper sums up the cost of the robbery to the express company as follows: Detective expenses and attorney fees in first prosecution, \$1139, mortgage raised on Mrs. Wittrock's house, \$17,000; Robert A. Pinkerton and assistants, \$10,000; Henry D. Laughlin attorney for the express company, 10,000; railroad fares and other expenses, estimated, \$15,000; money taken by the robbers and not returned \$12,000; verdict for damages, \$20,000, actual cost to the company, \$89,839. Besides this, must be added the cost of the court.

A YOUTHFUL MURDERER.

An Eight Year Old Boy shoots a Servant Girl.

EDNA, TEX., April 20.—A horrible accident occurred last night at Edna, resulting in the death of a young German girl, named Josephine Stark, who arrived at Edna April 19 in search of work. The girl was sitting at the supper table at the Emerald house, kept by Mrs. Young. Two young sons of Mrs. Young had been quarreling and the mother had refused them their supper. While she went into another room the eldest boy, Simon, came to the girl who was eating and asked for something to eat. She told him to go to the cook, whereupon the youngster took a gun that was standing in the corner and pointing it at her, demanded that she cook him an egg. Upon being refused the boy pulled the trigger and the poor girl fell lifeless. At the inquest this morning the boy acknowledged having done the killing, demonstrating how he done it, and affirming that he was angry at the time. He is only eight years old and hardly responsible mentally for the act. It is positively known that he had no malice before the killing. He has been arrested and placed under a \$1000 bond to appear before the May term of the District court. The girl was about twenty years of age. Her parents reside at Alleton Tex. The body was interred at Edna to-day.

A BRILLIANT EFFORT.

Representative Mills of Texas Received Unanimous Praise for His Argument on the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Democratic members of the ways and means committee are unanimous in praise of the manner in which Mr. Mills presented the tariff question before the House yesterday. Mr. Wilson of West Virginia said: "It was a very excellent speech, and one which will place Mr. Mills in the position before the country which ought to have been accorded him before. The opposition press have been ridiculing Mr. Mills and declaring his incapability to deal with so important a subject as the tariff. After the speech of yesterday they will be unable to reiterate such a baseless charge. He has acquitted himself admirably, and had just such a speech as was wont to open the eyes of debate."

Mr. Breckenridge of Kentucky said: "His speech showed him to be what I already knew him to be—a complete master of his subject. It was a very able presentation of the Democratic position, and one upon which we can all stand. On account of his recent sickness we were a little bit afraid his voice might give way, but it continued clear, precise and strong to the end. His arguments were irresistible."

McMillan of Tennessee: "It was a very fine speech indeed. It covered the ground in a most complete manner. In fact, it contained more solid material than I would suppose could be pressed in an argument of that length."

Mr. Bynum of Indiana contented himself with saying that Mr. Mills' speech was exactly fitted to the occasion and well put together and delivered."

LIKELY TO BE LYNCHED.

Colorado Ranchmen Indulge in a Fatal Dispute About a Woman's Chastity.

SALIDA, COLO., April 19.—News reached here last evening of the murder of Enoch Patterson near Howard station. The murder was committed by Charles Bell and Mart McLellan, ranchmen, living two and a half miles below Howard and occurred between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The three men spent Tuesday in Salida and during their stay drank heavily and quarrelled frequently. About 10 o'clock at night they left for home and before their arrival at their destination they engaged in a quarrel relative to the virtues of different women. During the dispute Patterson cast reflection upon the chastity of Bell's sister, and upon their arrival at the latter's ranch Patterson attempted to enter the house. Bell warned him off but Patterson paid no attention and was summarily ejected. He returned in a few minutes accompanied by a friend named Cole Bates, and again tried to get in the house. The moment his figure showed in the doorway Bell and McLellan opened fire, killing Patterson instantly. Bates received an ugly wound in the left side, plowing a ridge across the chest, and landing in the lining of the coat under the right arm. The killing caused intense excitement. The murderers escaped to the woods immediately after the killing, and have not yet been captured. A posse of neighbors are in pursuit and will hang them if caught.

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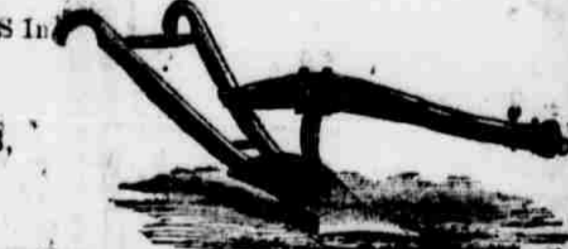
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LIEUTENANT Gov. Wheeler has announced his candidacy for re-election.

H. L. BENTLEY of Abilene, will be a candidate for the State Senate, to succeed Mr. Calhoun.

THE FREE PRESS is ready to begin on that contract with the Immigration committee.

HASKELL county is developing rapidly, and is destined at no distant day to be the finest agricultural county in the west.

Judge cockrell is still confined to his home by sickness. A. H. Carrigan served as special judge of the Baylor County District Court.

THE Governor has called an extra session of the State Legislature, for the purpose of reducing taxes. Does not this speak volumes for Texas.

THE Seymour Cresset says: The Haskell Free Press has put on a new dress and has enlarged to a seven column paper. What strides the Free Press is making!

THE FREE PRESS is being complimented on all sides on the great improvement that has been made in its tone and appearance. We are bending every effort to build up the paper.

SEYMOUR and Baylor county should be content with furnishing the District Attorney. A fair and equal division in the matter of representative, is what the Free Press is craving.

GRASS is fine and stock of all kinds are in excellent condition. This is one of the finest stock countries on the face of the globe. It is also most excellent for the man with the hoe.

Our rates for announcements cover the cost of putting your name on the ticket, which we will furnish free for all who announce. Those who do not announce will pay full announcement rates to have their names placed upon the ticket.

The Throckmorton times says:

Miss Minnie House, a charming young lady from Ennis, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. M. H. Gossett, for the past few months, returned home on last Friday. She made many friends while here, and all regretted very much to see her leave. May she return often is the wish of all her friends and admirers.

The Fisher County Call is responsible for the following:

The management of the Haskell Free Press has purchased the material of the Jones County Voice and the Voice has become one of the things that were—has turned it into the daisies—has passed into history. The Free Press comes to us enlarged and greatly improved, and begins to look like a newspaper. We knew something would happen when we heard that McEachin, of the Anson Western, had thrown his feet under the editorial mahogany of the Free Press.

TO BRO. MARTIN: Will you please inform the people of Haskell county through your valuable paper that Seymour has commenced the erection of the finest flouring mill in northwest Texas, and will be prepared by the first of September to grind the wheat for your farmers. It will be nearer to Seymour than to Albany.—Seymour Cresset.

We take pleasure in advertising your enterprise, and can truthfully say that your mill men will be more courteous than the slothful Albanians to patrons.

MR. W. R. STANDEFER received a letter from one of his correspondents in Idaho, who has recently visited California and Texas, and this is what he has to say in reply to Mr. Standefer's last letter to him: "I gave your address to my brother-in-law in Nebraska. He is now in your state, perhaps in Haskell county. He is looking at the country with a view to locating. If you would like for me to distribute a few circulars, send them along. Your country is all sights for a boom in the near future. I will be there in July next."

A. H. Carrigan's prominent attorney of Throckmorton, has changed his location. The times says:

Mr. A. H. Carrigan left for his new home, Wichita Falls, on last Sunday. We understand he has formed a law partnership there with Dist. Atty Geo. E. Miller. Mr. C. had numerous friends and clients here who regretted to see him leave, but he thought it would be to his advantage to make the change. He is an earnest and enthusiastic worker for his clients, and we wish him success in his new field.

WHAT is the matter with our friends who aspire for office this year? None are yet announcing and the people are anxious to know who you are. We learn that there is some complaint in regard to our rates being too high for announcements. They are no higher than in Jones and Fisher counties, and we shall make no reduction. While we would be pleased to have your announcement, we can not and will not suffer the public to dictate prices to us, in any particular. The Free Press is run on business principles, and tries to give value received for all favors; but we are running on our own brains and backbone, and if you don't like the rates you need not announce. We can stand it if you can.

THE junior editor of the Free Press is in receipt of the able argument "protection" by C. L. Edwards of the Ennis Bar. Mr. Edwards has succeeded in arraying the thousand corps of protection ideas in very pleasing habiliments, he has needed in sugar coating the bitter pill of protective tariff with its scented flowers gathered from the gardens of corporation and monopolists. The pamphlet entitled "Protection" should have gone further and included the rich to the exclusion of the poor. The protective tariff is pleasingly presented and ably argued from a protectionist standpoint, and he is to be congratulated, though not commended, for the superficial knowledge and sarcastical language he has been able to relieve himself of. "The G. O. P. will greedily gobble him up."

If any of our readers wish a copy of this able treatise send 25 cts to C. L. Edwards, Ennis, Texas.

Sheepmen of Haskell County.

We here give the names of a few of the gentlemen who came to Haskell and engaged in wool growing, together with a few facts connected with their success.

We are aware that by this report the names of some of our most prosperous growers are omitted. C. J. Chapman of Jones county came to this county in 1884, he brought with him a small flock of sheep and had the pleasure of seeing them increase to several thousand.

He has exchanged all of his ewes for muttons and will drive about 3,000 to the northern market this spring.

G. T. Bogart of Shackelford county, came to Haskell in 1884, engaged in raising sheep and owing to good management was able to drive about 2,000 muttons to market last season. He still owns about 3,000 high grade sheep, and will get a heavy clip this spring.

Mr. F. E. Turner came to this county from Shackelford county in 1884. He kept a flock of sheep on shares until last fall when his contract expired leaving him with about 1,000 high grade ewes. He is now raising sheep on his own account and is noted for being one of the most business young men in the county.

D. L. Smith from Ellis county came to Haskell in 1884 and engaged in raising sheep. Mr. Smith has been unusually successful and has a fine flock of about 3,000 head, his clip this spring will be immense.

S. K. Mills came to Haskell sometime in 1883, and took charge of a flock of sheep for Mr. L. W. Campbell. The Extreme cold winter of 1884-5 caused him to suffer great loss, but he has entirely recovered the loss in the size of his herd and now has about 4,000 head of graded Marinos; his spring clip will be heavy.

Mr. E. Hill came to Haskell in 1885. In 1886 he bought a small flock of sheep, and by close attention he has increased the size of his flock to about 2,000. His flock went through the winter in good shape and his spring clip will be heavy.

Louis Jones came to Haskell from the Panhandle some time about 1882. He bought a few head of sheep and settled on Miller creek. He has managed his flock well and increased them to about 2,000 head. He has also opened up a farm in connection with wool growing.

John Cooper of the Panhandle came to Haskell some time in 1882, and though he began with a small flock, his sheep now number about 2,500.

His sheep are high graded and produce heavy fleeces.

Albany.

THE Albany News compliments the Free Press as follows:

The Haskell Free Press under the new management is a good paper, and a credit to the city of Haskell. The business men of that little city now have a medium which they can support with pleasure and profit to themselves.

Thanks to the News for the above friendly notice. In return we will say the News has out there, felt sympathy for the way the business men of Albany let it drudge along with a patent sheet. We know that your talent deserves more encouragement than your town furnishes by its scanty patronage. But we have no hope for you, you are wasting your talent, time and energy, trying to build up a journal in that city, where the moss-backs thrive to such an extent that, the product of your business men would run every Mattress factory in the United States all the year round.

Just think of one of your bankers telling the Free Press representative who visited your city last week, that "he did not want any truck with Haskell," as he lazily raised himself to a sitting posture and with an effort drooled out this answer, when asked if he did not want to compete with Abilene for the banking business of Haskell.

Another one of your prosperous houses though very courteous regretfully said that their trade was more than their firm could handle.

There is an evident lack of competition that is going to starve you and the people who go there to trade.

For instance, those who carry wool to your town cannot get it handled as readily as they can in Abilene, and we have heard great dissatisfaction expressed by those who ship from Albany. If the News would furnish the Free Press with a list of her subscribers who are near to Abilene as Albany, we could do them a great favor by opening their eyes to the disadvantage of trading in a town where there is an entire lack of competition.

Your people cried bitterly for help during the recent drought, and no wonder; the business of Albany is in the hands of those of four merchant princes, and the people had been so heavily taxed to build up these monopolies they could not go very long without aid when overtaken by misfortune.

We are aware that we are paying Albany a great compliment, making a place where the merchants are happy and never want a customer, and we suggest, that if you would advertise this fact and let capitalists know it your merchants would cease to oppress their customers by high prices, and instead of a patent sheet, you would soon be able to come out a lively at home point.

Haskell is the child of Albany was founded by your enterprising citizen, L. W. Campbell, Esq., and for the first year we did all of our business with you, but we soon saw that it was better to sever our banking, and other connections, and turn to another city, ten miles further where we could get some competition in trade.

If the News is the Voice of the people, it ought to make some effort to induce foreign capital to break the present monopoly. There is certainly more room in your town for mercantile establishments.

"Competition is the life of trade."

The Official Vote.

New Orleans, La., April 20.—The official vote of this city is as follows: Governor—Nichols, 28,108; Warmouth, 14,246. Mayor—Shakespeare, 23,313; Pavey, 15,635. The indications are that Nichol's majority in the state will reach 50,000.

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The Hours of Labor

In an article entitled "The Hours of Labor" in the North American Review for May, Mr. Edward Atkinson arrives at the conclusion that the organization going on in the ranks of labor is a sign of progress and enlightenment, and save where the power is exerted in violence, must lead to good results. He holds that the combination of labor is salutary because it protects labor from capital, and thus enables each workman to develop his individuality or ability to produce the things on which he must subsist. But to go beyond this, to try to regulate the hours of labor by state legislation or by organization of labor is to interfere with the liberty of individuals by depriving them of the freedom of contract. He says that though many efforts have been made of late years to shorten the hours of labor, little has been done except in a minor way. These efforts were special rather than general; and the statute relative to children in factories was an instance. Mr. Atkinson states that in 1840 the earnings of the average factory operative, man, woman and child, in the cotton mills of New England were \$175 per annum in compensation for from thirteen to fourteen hours work daily. Since then, there has been a general reduction in the working hours and an increase in wages, until at the present time, there are certain factories in which the average wages paid are from \$285 to \$290 per year for 10 1/2 hours work daily. "This change has been effected with little regard to statutes," says the writer. "A very large number of the most intelligent employers of labor in factories having long since reached the conclusion that there was no profit to themselves in excessive hours of work and no benefit to their working people in the long run, even if a little higher wages be earned in long hours as compared to short. Many of the most intelligent employers work their machinery only 10 hours by their own choice."

On the other hand a long line of statistics is arrayed to prove that the workingman injures himself more than he injures anybody else by impeding production; because he is the largest consumer and depends directly upon the fruits of his labor for support, while the capitalist during temporary inaction, may draw from his fund of wealth for subsistence.

Mr. Atkinson seems inclined to view the present unrest in the world of labor as a phase of progress, and asserts that when the true lesson is learned it will become apparent that there is but one way of improving the condition of all. "The capitalist must adopt every improvement in machinery, even if it makes it necessary, as it sometimes has, to break up and sell for old metal new machines bought within a few months; while the hours of labor for the whole working force can only be diminished by doing better and more productive work in less time than is now required—the present product, whatever number of hours labor it may require, being only sufficient to meet the present average standard of subsistence, whatever that may be."

The Stream in the Woods. Bright stream that wanders here and there, Laughing the whole day long, Your voice across the woodland calls Like a remembered song.

Here, as of yore, the beeches spread, And grass and flowers are sweet, Where oft your babbling waters ran Across my childish feet. A golden time! I knew it not In those far days of old; But left the field and left the stream To seek for other gold. Oh, dear to me your sunlit wave, And dear the leafy shore; But you have borne upon your tide That which returns no more! —Julia E. Webster, in The Oracle.

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We call attention to the ad of Hughes Red & Co. on 2d page. Mr. W. K. Murchison passed through Haskell Wednesday with 2365 head of beef steers.

We have subscribers who are two years behind on subscription, it seems that some of them would bring us a load of wood.

A party of young people went out on lake creek Sunday to preaching. The party was composed of Mr. G. P. Widmer and Miss Carrie Cave.

The Jewelry firm of Ritch & Clark, Abilene, has been dissolved. Mr. Ritch who has had exclusive charge of the repairing department

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Memorial. By Genie Williamson. Affectionately inscribed to the memory of Mrs. Fannie Fitzgerald, who died after a protracted illness, November 10, 1886.

Candidates at Rockwall. Rockwall, Tex., April 20.—Our little county has enough candidates for one of much greater proportions.

Arrested for Bigamy. Whitewright, Tex., April.—Geo. A. Scarborough, Sheriff of Jones County, arrested here yesterday evening Thomas Suggs on a charge of bigamy in the above named county.

Result of the Rhome Election. Rhome, Tex., April 20.—The election held to-day to elect a representative from this county to fill the unexpired term of Hon. J. P. Humphries, resigned, passed off in an exceedingly quiet manner.

To the Democrats of Haskell County. The Democrats of Haskell county are requested to meet on Thursday, May third, at two o'clock, at the courthouse in Haskell.

Chair. Dem. Ex. Com. Hask. Co. Republicans at Houston. Houston, Tex., April 21.—The Republican convention to select two delegates to the Chicago convention, assembled here to-day

Higher Courts. Boze Shook vs. the State, from Haskell, conviction for gaming under article 135, Penal Code. Indictment in substance charges that appellant, in the town of Haskell, Haskell county, Tex., did engage in a species of gaming, and did then and there play at a game of cards for a horse.

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Grayson County Labor Convention. Sherman, Tex., April 21.—The Union Labor party of Grayson county held a convention at courthouse in this city this afternoon for the purpose of appointing delegates to the congressional convention of that party.

Our people are in greater hopes of the success of a railroad over the "cattle trail route" than ever before. The preliminary line between Baird and Albany has been run, and the profiles and estimates made.

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and one vote for each fraction of not less than 150 vote so cast, provided that every organized county will be entitled to at least one vote in each of said conventions. The chairman of the Democratic executive committee in each county will take such action as he may deem necessary in the premises to the end that the Democracy of the state may be properly represented in said conventions.

From the Graham Leader we extract the following account of the stage robbery near that place: The Weatherford and Graham stage, was "held up" near Cave Spring, last Saturday, by a lone highwayman, and all of the letter mail was taken. There was one passenger aboard, Dr. M. L. Jamison, of Camden, Ark., who did not believe in quietly submitting to the performance, but showed fight, exchanging shots with the robber and ran into the brush.

Here is a scientific fact of great promise to the farmers of Kentucky and the adjacent States. Protracted and intense drouths fertilize the soil. It is a costly process of fertilizing this time, as the losses on all our staple crops from the effects of the long and terrible summers fall drouths of 1887 might be recouped in millions of money, but all that is done, and settled, and we must now look forward for the recompense and not backward for a topic of useless regrets.

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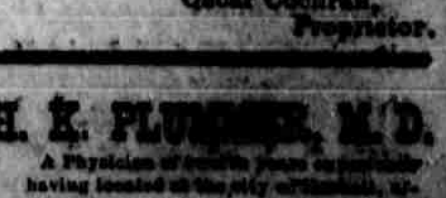
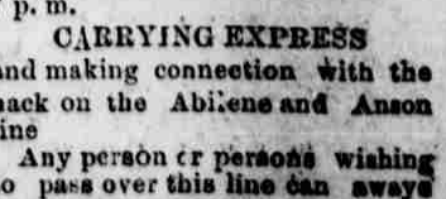
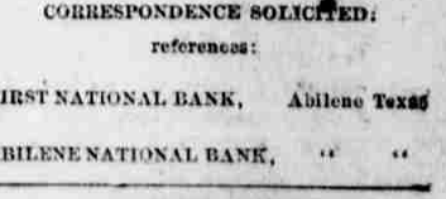
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Died of His Wounds.

MIRAL WELLS, Tex., April 21. The shooting of County Commissioner L. M. Ray by E. Whatley, the morning of the 19th inst. led in the former's death last at 1:25 o'clock. Parties into town this morning for a outfit, and for Esquire to hold a coroner's inquest over the remains. Dr. M. E. Bow- ers, the attending physician, reports that he was shot twice with a 45 calibre pistol, one shot entering at the left side of the spinal column, rupturing it and passing through the liver below the diaphragm and coming out on the right side. The other shot entered the back below the right shoulder-blade, passing under the skin to the left side tearing away a portion of the backbone in its passage. There were three eye-witnesses to the tragedy, and from what they tell, and from the statement made by Mr. Ray himself before he died, it seems that the statement made in yesterday's Gazette that it was a cold-blooded murder, is correct. Ray was shot while approaching his own door by the murderer from within. There had been no previous altercation between the parties. Mr. Ray was one of the foremost citizens of Palo Pinto county, and his untimely and tragic death is lamented upon all sides while a strong feeling prevails against the murderer in the community, yet it is believed that no attempt will be made to interfere with due process of trial. Nothing has been heard here from the prisoner since his arrest and incarceration. The theory of probable insanity as the motive or cause of the act has been entirely dispelled by actions and talk of the murderer since the killing.

PARKER COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

WEATHERFORD, Tex., April 21.—At a mass-meeting of the Republican party of Parker county, in convention assembled in the courthouse, on the 21st day of April, 1888, the following resolutions were adopted:

- Resolved, 1. That we indorse the principles of the Republican party as enunciated by the Chicago convention of 1884.
2. That we are in favor of a protective tariff discriminating in favor of American industries of all kinds, especially protection for raw materials.
3. That we are in favor of such legislation as will protect all kinds of labor, and that will conduce to the development of our vast resources and diversified industries.
4. That we are in favor of such legislation as will protect the people against the demoralizing influence of the whiskey power in elections, and we hereby declare ourselves in sympathy with the anti-saloon Republicans of New York and other states.
5. That we are disgusted with the many fair promises of the Democratic party and their utter failure to carry out such promises made to the people.
The following delegates were elected to the state and congressional convention which convenes in Fort Worth on the 21th day of April 1888: Delegates, E. W. Morten, D. E. Coleman, G. S. Thompson; alternates, Dr. J. P. Vallentine, C. C. Baker, F. D. Pincham.
An executive committee was chosen with G. S. Thompson chairman and Dr. J. P. Vallentine secretary executive committee.

A LESSON TO THE PINKERTONS.

St. Louis, Mo., April 21.—Lieutenant Governor Charles P. Johnson chief counsel for David P. Fotheringham in his suit against the Adams Express Company for damages for false imprisonment, said to a reporter to-day: "The verdict is perfectly satisfactory to us. It is just and right. I think one effect that it will have will be to put an end to sweatbox methods of the Pinkerton, Furlong and all other detectives who have so long infringed upon the rights of men, imprisoning them at pleasure and using such means to extort admissions of guilt. So large a judgment has never before been recovered in a similar case, and it is therefore a lesson to such men as Pinkerton and others that was greatly needed. If this verdict does not deter such men in future from restraining persons of their liberty without warrant of law, I need not much insist."

Taylor County Convention called.

Abilene, Tex., April 21.—A convention of the Democracy of Taylor county has been called by the chairman, F. B. Huston, to be held at the courthouse on Saturday, May 8. Object to elect a delegate to the state convention which will meet in Fort Worth on May 22.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

A New Step Under the Liquor Law of Kansas.

WITCHATA, KAN., April 21.—A new step under the liquor law has been taken which is said to be the first instance of the kind on record. Attorney general Hollowell has filed a petition to foreclose a lien of \$3200 on the property of Rosa Weiner, a large brick block on the most prominent street in the city. The defendant had, it is claimed, knowingly rented her property to one Rode for the purpose of running what is known as a liquor joint. This man on January 12 was convicted of violation of the liquor law, sent to the county jail for over two years, and fined \$2600 and cost of suit. The importance of the suit becomes apparent when it is remembered that in many business blocks is found these joints run by men irresponsible and as willing to be paid for staying in jail as for keeping a bar. All fines and costs against him which have thus accumulated and now amount to large sums will be charged to the owner and will no doubt be enforced by execution if the case is decided in favor of the state.

HORSE WHIPPED.

The County Attorney of Webb county Whipped by Two Ladies of the Town.

LAREDO, TEX., April 19.—About noon to-day as County Attorney Vanderwerker was coming down one of the principal streets of this city and had arrived at the corner of the market plaza, he was assailed by two enraged female members of the demi monde who horse whipped him severely. One held him while the other administered the punishment with a raw hide riding-whip. He was unable to defend himself in the least against their attack and would have fared much worse had bystanders not interfered. Upon being interviewed Mr. Vanderwerker claimed that the women had forfeited an appearance bond and that the man who had the same to pay had been instrumental in having them attack him. The women claim that he has persecuted them in various ways almost amounting to black-mail, and that they had already paid a fine each upon the case referred to, and when again summoned to appear in the same case they concluded to chastise him with the above result as a last resort. They were arrested but will doubtless be cleared.

United Laborites at Crawford.

Crawford, Tex., April 21.—The United Labor party met at Squire A. F. Herring's office in Crawford to-day at 4:30 p. m. and organized. A. F. Herring was chosen chairman and John B. Poulson secretary. On taking the chair Squire Herring made a very eloquent and earnest address. He said he had always been a strict partisan and a Democrat until forced to part with the party now calling themselves Democrats, who had abandoned the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy and became tools of monopolies and syndicates. He was now for pure principles and pure men, and moved that the whole of the declaration of principles set forth by the Union Labor party of McLennan county at Waco on the 19th inst. be adopted, which was carried unanimously. Squire Herring's office was selected as the place for the meeting of the club, and provisions for seating and lighting the spacious rooms were arranged. Saturday evening was set as the time for the meetings of the club. The members all joining without one exception are Democrats, and about equally divided as to pro and anti-prohibition. Political excitement runs high and candidates are getting very numerous.

The Legislature.

Austin, Tex., April 20.—Mr. Edgar Rye, of Albany, Texas, was elected journal clerk in place of F. D. Wilson, resigned, being the only nominee and receiving 78 votes, to 11 scattering. The House could hardly have made a better selection. Mr. Browning presented a petition of citizens of Jones county, praying for change in the school law.

Canton.

Canton, Tex., April 21.—The Coker-Nulton murder case was called in the District court here yesterday. The killing occurred in Henderson county last summer, when T. J. Fulton was shot down in his own home while taking a drink of water. This occurred after dark. Circumstances led to the arrest of Lee Coker as being the assassin. A change of venue was granted by the District court of Henderson county and it was moved to Vanlandt county. After exhausting a venire of about 100 men the Jury was made up to-day about 11 o'clock and the testimony is now being heard. The state is represented by District Attorney Stafford and W. H. Gassett of Kaufman.

"Out in the Street" was played here last night by the Canton Amateur Dramatic Club, the second time this week. There was a crowded house both nights. The play was well rendered and would have been a credit to even older clubs. The play will be reproduced at Wills Point in about two weeks, at which place they have been strongly solicited to go.

Stabbing Affray at a Picnic.

Palestine, Tex., April 21.—A grand excursion and picnic was given by the firemen at Long lake to-day in honor of San Jacinto day. A large crowd went out from the city. Hon. John Young Gooch delivered the oration. Near the picnic grounds a difficulty occurred between two railroad men, Brakeman D. Holcomb and Conductor George Lowrey, in which the latter was dangerously stabbed five times, and it is feared fatally. The wounded man says Holcomb came up behind and began stabbing him before he knew of his presence. Doctors Williams and Dupuy did all they could for the suffering man until he was brought to town and carried to his boarding house this evening. Holcomb was captured and lodged in jail late this afternoon by officers who were on the excursion. The wounded man was the only witness to the affair, and at the time he was attacked he was sitting under a tree eating a lunch. The parties had words some time before the cutting.

Cleburne, Tex., April 21.—The meeting of the Democratic club of this precinct was largely attended this evening. After being called to order the committee on programme and resolution reported, recommending that the club meet every Saturday night, and that the club only support Democrats for office. The resolution that the club meet every Saturday night was subsequently reconsidered and a resolution passed that the club meet alternately on Saturday evenings and Saturday nights, that is, that on next Saturday the club meet in the evening at 3 o'clock and the Saturday following they meet at night, and so on to the end of the campaign. An executive committee, consisting of M. M. Crane, A. H. Yeager, W. J. Capps and W. J. Rutledge, was appointed. After a few short speeches the meeting adjourned to meet next Saturday when Major E. M. Heath was invited to address the club.

Alliance Exchange.

BELTON, TEX., April 19.—The location of the branch Alliance Exchange is settled at last and Belton has secured the prize. To-day the deeds were executed to valuable property on Main street here, upon which a substantial building is to be erected within 100 days. Pending the erection of the new house temporary quarters will be opened opposite the alliance lot, and business will be inaugurated at once under the superintendency of Mr. Jones of Dallas, who is expected to arrive to-morrow. The contest for this location has been animated, and Belton only secured it after a prolonged contest in which her chief rivals were Temple and Taylor. The location of this exchange here is regarded as an assurance of 75,000 votes of Belton as the season's receipts.

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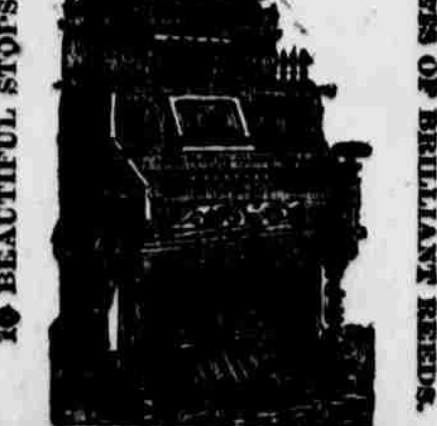
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