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A TERRIBLE DISASTER.
**Steamboat Careened Against a
Bridge and Wrecked.**
THE PILOT UNDER ARREST.
Lives are Lost and a Panic Ensues
Among the people—Another Break
in the Levee on Red River.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 8.—The levees on the Pandora place in Bossier parish, some seven miles above here, broke about 9 o'clock last night and the water rushed in with such a rapidity, that the people had to flee for safety. A large number of hands have been kept at work on this levee day and night for the past week and it was the hope of all that it could be saved. The water through it will cover a great area of Bossier and has also covered the track of the Shreveport and Arkansas road (Cotton Belt). No trains went out to-day. The breaking of this and the Colquit levee in the same neighborhood, which only spread it a short time, caused a decline in the rise in Red river at this point and only three inches rise is reported to-day. The streets have been crowded to-day with the flood sufferers and everything is being done for their comfort. To add to all the rest of the misfortunes a sad disaster happened this morning between 9 and 10 o'clock. The United States steamer Howell, one of the most elegant in the engineer service, which has been tendered the relief committee, started down the river in answer to appeals coming from the terror-stricken people to save them. The whistle was blown to open the draw of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railway bridge, which was promptly done. The sides of the boat were released, and under the management of a pilot she was whirled with full force against a pier of the bridge and terribly wrecked. Four men are reported knocked overboard and drowned and several others were scalded and otherwise injured. The pilot was placed under arrest. The elegant steamer is badly wrecked and is jammed between the pier of the bridge in a careened condition. The damage to the bridge is not yet known. Thousands of people have crowded the levees all day sightseeing. This accident is doubly unfortunate as there is no other steamer in port to rescue the people below upon whom the water is still rapidly rising. District Attorney Shephard is investigating the cause of the terrible disaster.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
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To be held at Abilene, Texas, from
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While the material prosperity of Abilene is rapidly advancing, we watch with jealous care its educational advantages. To this end we are desirous of establishing permanently a Summer Normal which shall afford the teachers of the Abilene Country advantages equal or superior to any in the state. Last year the Normal was so much of a success, notwithstanding our meager facilities, that with our new building, library philosophical apparatus, we feel that we may reasonably hope for the founding of such a Summer Normal as will present to the teachers of West Texas unsurpassed advantages.

Prof. G. W. Roach, superintendent of Abilene public schools, and Prof. B. A. Davis, who has done Normal work both in the north and east will have charge of the normal for the ensuing year.

Believing that those who receive the benefit should meet the expense, the nominal sum of five dollars will be charged for each registration in the Teachers Course and three dollars for registration in the Preparatory Course. Teachers will not be charged extra for evening programs, lectures, etc.

Necessary arrangements have been perfected for lectures on educational topics, evening programs and the Issuing of State Certificates. In fact everything has been done to render the Normal a success in every particular.

For further features of this school, including daily and evening programs, you are referred to additional circulars.

D. W. Wristen, John Honey, Jr., J. M. Isbell, Henry Sayles, J. H. Parramore, Ed S. Hughes, Joe Cockrell, T. O. Anderson, O. W. Steffens, J. G. Lowdon, Geo. P. Phillips, Directors.

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THE HAMILTON CYCLONE.
Verification of the Swallowing-Up
of a Man and a Woman.
DRIVING A TWO HORSE WAGON
And a Man on Horseback by the Black
Funnel—Shaped Cloud—when
Last Seen the outfit Was
Flying Above
Tree Tops.

HAMILTON, Hamilton Co., Tex., May 7.—On the day following the terrible cyclone of May 4, in this county, it was reported in Hamilton that some strangers traveling along the public road were caught by the storm and carried up into the air. This, at the time, was considered an idle rumor. Further investigation develops the fact that it is too true. A man and woman, seated in a two-horse wagon, were going along the Hamilton and Goldthwaite road, in the direction of Goldthwaite. The off horse was gray. Following them was a man on horseback and a loose horse.

A number of eye-witnesses, whose veracity cannot be doubted, says that they saw the cyclone strikes the parties, and saw them carried high into the air, where they were swallowed up by the dark cloud and were not seen again. The man on horseback was still sitting on his horse in the air when last seen. The woman was taken from the wagon and was plainly seen in the air higher than the top of the trees. One of the eye-witnesses was a lady, who fainted at the awful sight.

At the time the cyclone struck them, these people were whipping their horses, evidently trying to run out of reach of the storm. The identity of the parties is unknown. They were seen passing along the Goldthwaite road at Capt. John D. Hunt's ranch a short time before the cyclone. They were no doubt strangers traveling through the country.

A large number of men have been searching the surrounding country in hopes of finding their remains. Nothing so far has been found excepting a bunch of woman's hair, a ladies' plush sachel, a pair of saddle bags with sheep shears in them, and a mans' vest with blood on it. Pieces of flesh has been picked up, but it is impossible to distinguish whether it is that of a human being or not. A wagon tongue, suppose to belong to this wagon, was found stove into the ground some distance away.

The general impression is that

the people, wagon and horses were all torn to atoms by the cyclone and will never be found.

THE LEE MONUMENT.
Miss Virginia Lee Letcher Will Probably Unveil the Statue.

RICHMOND, Va., May 9.—Ex-Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, who was some time ago chosen by the Lee monument association as the chief marshal on the day of the unveiling of the monument, was in the city yesterday, and in alluding to this matter said he intended to ask to be relieved from this duty so that some distinguished man outside the state could be made marshal. Gov. Lee says that he is perfectly willing to fill a subordinate position on that interesting occasion. As he is a near relative of Gen. Robert E. Lee, he thinks some one else ought to lead the procession. Several prominent Lee camp men who were standing near while General Fitzhugh Lee was talking, insisted on his retaining the marshalship, but he said he was of the opinion that his views were correct. All of the members of the monument association who have been approached on the subject say Gen. Lee ought to occupy the place at the head of the line. Arrangements are being made to raise the Lee statue in its proper place on the pedestal. This work will probably begin to-day and will doubtless occupy several days. The name of Virginia Lee Letcher of Lexington, the daughter of the Hon. John Letcher, Virginia's war governor, has been suggested to unveil the monument. Miss Letcher was born in the executive mansion during the war, and Gen. Lee, in whose honor the statue is erected, was her godfather. The committee having charge of the selection of the person who is to perform this duty will probably make its choice during next week.

IMMENSE GOLD FIND.
"Way-Up Lode" Thought to Be the Richest Strike Ever Made.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 10.—The "Way up lode," owned by Geo. Barnard and Charles Genning, located on Jumper mountain is now certainly known to be an extension of the famous Congress mine, from which it lies distant seven miles northwest. To the west of the "Way Up" lies Jumper lode, and on the north boundary Park Elgar and Yarnell report the Jumper vein to be fifty-five feet across, all containing a greater or less extent of free gold. They have extended their location to the north-west across Fool Gulch into Mortinez creek and the Florence Nelson. The last staked claim is about four miles southwest from great Congress on Jumper mountain. The formation is reported to be an immense porphyry dyke between granite walls. Toward Martinez creek the lode narrows and quartz crops out more freely. The northwest end of "Way up" passes the Prescott stage. The recent Grand canyon strike will doubtless prove to be the largest and richest strike ever made. The ledges become richer as developments continue.

Secretary Blaine on His Bond.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 9.—Weeks Armstrong colored, who was postmaster at Rokeby Mountain, was arrested and is now in the penitentiary for embezzlement of the postal funds. A negro woman was appointed to succeed him but could not give bond. Then Lee Person a negro man, was appointed. He gave bond but until to-day there has been a mystery as to how he gave it. It is now discovered that Secretary James G. Blaine is on his bond.

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Announcement Column.

We are Authorized to announce the following gentlemen as candidates for the several offices mentioned below.

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 FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
 W. H. STANDEBER.

REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

PRICE OF LANDS.

UNIMPROVED land is selling at \$3 to \$5 per acre in the country. Land within a radius of five miles of the town of Haskell is selling at \$5 to \$100 per acre. Town lots bring \$100 to \$1000.

Realty has made an advance of at least 100 percent in value on figures of Jan., 1889. A great deal has gone many times over and all realty has advanced 100 percent.

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. It will tell him more than you could tell in a week on paper.

See 4th page for description of Haskell County.

HON. SAM RANDALL was a High tariff Democrat. His successor will be Richard H. Vaux who is in favor of tariff reform.

COURT JUDGE F. C. COOK is being urged by his friends to become a candidate for the legislature of this the 33rd district. The Judge is an able man and would make an excellent representative.—Boyer Monitor.

WORTHMAN is the man to succeed Gov. Lubbock for State Treasurer. He has been in the department for several years, and should be promoted to the position for which he has qualified himself.

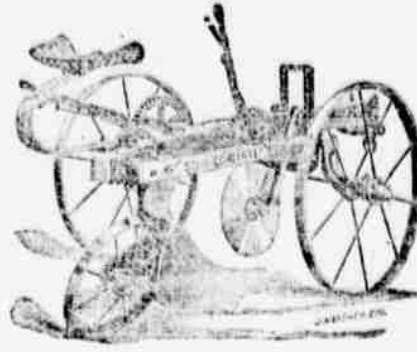
HOGG seems to be the leading candidate for governor, and we have no serious objection to the man. We believe Mr. Hogg favors proper regulation of railroads and we do not believe him to be the demagogue his enemies say he is.

In another column see the announcement of the West Texas Summer Normal to be held at Abilene. There will be arrangements made to give a course in Book-keeping and commercial law. Arrangements are being made to

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cure the services of Col. F. W. Parker of Chicago.

GREAT war is being made against Hogg on account of his commission proclivities but nothing is said about Throckmorton who is of the same persuasion. It occurs to us that there is an old political school in this state whose members hang together to down all who are deemed upstarts.

ALL politicians of any note agree that railroads are subject to state regulation. Some say it should be done by general law, others say that general laws cannot be enacted to meet the exigencies of the railroad service under varied circumstances, and that a commission of a few men devoting all their time to the matter can do greater justice than the cumbersome body of the legislature in a hurried session. We believe a commission with power to fix reasonable and uniform rates, is but analogous to the power of juries to award reasonable damages, and quantum meruit, with the right left to parties to appeal to superior courts.

SAM RANDALL'S VACANCY.

Richard H. Vaux the Nominee—The Reform Tariff Platform.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. May 12.—Hon. Richard Vaux was nominated for congress by the third district democratic convention this morning to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel J. Randall. The special election in the third district will be held on May 20. Richard H. Vaux was born in this city in 1816, and was admitted to the bar when 29 years of age. During President Van Buren's administration he acted as secretary of the American legation at London. He was elected mayor of Philadelphia on the democratic ticket in 1856, and served one term. He has always been a stalwart democrat, and is popularly known as the "Baron of Barbours."

Before coming to a vote for the candidate the convention adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the great and varied industries of Philadelphia, and the maintenance of compensating wages for labor absolutely demand tariff reform that will give our industries free raw materials, greatly reduce the cost of the chief necessities of life, and the overthrow of all trusts and combines which certainly oppress the masses. Both parties have solemnly promise the people tariff revision and revenue reduction, and we demand that the pledges shall be kept by congress, by free raw materials for industries, removal of all needless taxes on the

necessaries of life, and a reduction of tariff taxes which have bred and fostered monopoly.

J. W. THROCKMORTON

Announces His Withdrawal as a Candidate for Governor.

CONDITION OF HIS HEALTH.

Tending to Complete Physical Prostration, Impelling Him to Take This Step. McKinney, Sherman and Dallas Resolutions of Sympathy.

McKINNEY, Tex., May 12.—To the people of Texas: When I announced myself a candidate for governor sometime since my health was better than it had been for ten years. Shortly after that announcement I was attacked with a gripe then an epidemic, and from over exertion and exposure since I have had frequent attacks of rigor, followed by fever, which rendered me totally incapable for days at a time of either mental or physical exertion. My experience on a recent visit to Belleville and inability to speak at Cleburne, convinced me that the hope of overcoming this trouble is not only delusive, but that my health will break more and more under the fatigues and exertion which the canvass demands. I have, therefore, determined to withdraw from the race, and whilst it pains me to think of the disappointment which I know this announcement will occasion my friends, I feel that good faith to the people of the state requires that it be made. In leaving my friends to select some other standard bearer, I desire to return to them throughout the state, my sincere thanks for their devotion and efforts in my behalf; and express the hope that they may find a servant more capable and worthy than myself to direct the destinies of Texas to a grander and nobler civilization.

Respectfully,
 J. W. THROCKMORTON.

AN INHUMAN BRUTE

Attempted to Crucify Her Child and Then Strangled It.

PARIS, May 9.—An inhuman brute, in the guise of a woman, one Josephine Hoegell, has just been sentenced to penal servitude for life for the murder of her 8-year old daughter. The poor child appears to have been the victim of ill usage during the entire term of its brief existence. Crippled by the kicks and blows of its mother, it was compelled to lie abed, where it was frequently drenched with ice water. After tying her hands and feet, Josephine actually attempted to crucify the child, but finally succeeded in an effort to

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R. A. MASON.

strangle it. The woman narrowly escaped lynching on her trial. She seemed entirely indifferent to her fate, except that she expressed a wish that her punishment might be death rather than imprisonment.

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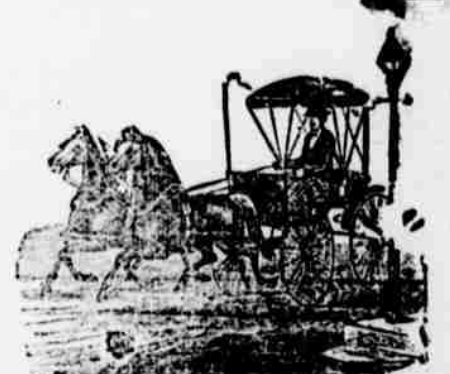
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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 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 polled vote of 57 electors.

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

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

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, 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 acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 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 a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.

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

Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to 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.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitable. 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, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

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

SHIPPING POINT.

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

RAILROADS.

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

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to

the town of Haskell on the south. Haskell is 60 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of four 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the line from Abilene via Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

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

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is five years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought anywhere, one gin and mill. Also has four drug stores one hardware one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; two blacksmith shops; two cabinet and wood shops; one lumber yard one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office and only one saloon, all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

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SHUMATE ASSASSINATION.

Johnson and Wife Remanded Without Benefit of Bail—The Wife's Confession.

EMORY, Rains Co. Tex. May 8.—Quite a crowd was in Emory yesterday in attendance upon the examining trial of H. W. Johnson and his wife, charged with the murder of Col. Shumate. It was supposed that all the testimony would be circumstantial. After spending pretty much all day in examining witnesses, the woman said that she desired to make a confession. After being warned she confessed to the murder, giving the details. She stated that Col. Shumate was sitting reading when Johnson struck the fatal blow with the hammer of a hatchet; that the first blow crushed in the skull and that the hatchet sunk to the handle in his head. The murder was committed for the purpose of getting away with Col. Shumate's money and property.

Outside of her confession, it was one of the strongest cases against the defendants found on circumstantial evidence. The evidence is substantially that Col. Shumate had a room in the house with Johnson, who was cultivating Col. Shumate's land. Johnson had repeatedly made threats against the life of Shumate. On Sunday evening after supper Col. Shumate left Mr. Shepherd's, where he took his meals, to go to his room. Next day Johnson was in Emory, eight miles from where he lives, by 8:30 o'clock and tried to get goods on Col. Shumate's account, but not having an order he could not get the goods. He went the same day to Donelson and Miller Grove, and at each place tried to get goods by giving a mortgage on the horse that he was riding. He told parties in the neighborhood that he had taken Col. Shumate to town and that he had taken the train. On Monday evening he was seen driving up the horses and mules.

Wednesday some of the neighbors going to the house found the place vacated and all the stock gone. Suspicious of foul play arose and they sent to town and telegraphed to Bells to know if Col. Shumate had gone there. Thursday morning receiving an answer that he had not, search was made and the mutilated body of Col. Shumate was found. There was found in the room signs of blood on the floor, walls and where a horse had been led up in the yard. Blood showed in the yard on each side of where the horse was. The horse tracks were followed to where a body seemed to have been thrown in the sand. Bloody signs indicated where the head had struck. From there the body had been dragged some twelve or fifteen yards out in a thicket. Johnson was overhauled in the

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northwest corner of Fannin county, with the two wagons, a pair of mules, one horse and all of the household clothing and plunder of Col. Shumate. He had traded Col. Shumate's watch and two of the horses. The watch and horses have been recovered from the parties to whom Johnson said that he had sold them.

Upon this evidence Johnson and his wife were remanded to jail, bail being refused them. Just after dinner, as Johnson was being brought into the court room, he selected a time when the crowd was thick and made a dash for liberty, but Mr. Adams, one of the guards who was with the sheriff, shot him just as he was about to jump out of the court house door and brought him down. The ball passed through the fleshy part of the arm and is but a slight wound.

Sheriff Will Go for Him.

BAIRD, Tex., May 10.—Sheriff Jones of this county will go to Breckenridge tomorrow after J. A. Ferguson, who is charged with murdering E. Platt near Putnam May 9, having been captured near that place yesterday. It is said Ferguson was a TAVING maniac in the woods when found. He is now in the Breckenridge jail.