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A Thought for the Next Legislature.

Our present law taxes the male citizens of Texas who are between the ages of 18 and 45 years to the amount of five days labor for the opening and repairing of our roads. This law is not without objectionable features, and I think, those features surpass, in magnitude at least, the commendable features of the same. In the first place the tax (for it is a tax) is unproportionate to the abilities of the tax-payers. For the poorest wage worker who may never use cart or horse on the road is taxed as heavily as is his millionaire employer whose vast trains of wagons, carriages etc. through our thoroughfares.

Again, the law forces a man out when called regardless of his condition or that of his family. But some may say that a sick man is always excused by the hands. While such is generally the case it is not law, and if it were, would it not be objectionable, for I may be a hearty man generally but suffering from some temporary disorder at the time set for the road work, while my less fortunate neighbor may be sick much of his time but is up at this special time, but is greatly needed at home to repair losses sustained during his days of greater illness. Here I would be excused and he taxed again, a siml invalid of 44 is forced to do work for his stout neighbor of 45. Again when road work comes on there is a confused scramble and collection of inadequate teams and tools, and men totally unskilled in the kind of work to be done. Even the foreman may be totally ignorant of the right manner in which the work should be done.

The time is consumed; perhaps there are some temporary improvements made but not infrequently is an injury done where skillful work was needed. After the investment of the full five days—enormous tax, the writer has known a rain to turn the whole thing to disadvantage, destroy the work and render the road impassable. Then the time had been consumed and, as to the law there was no way of repairing before the next season.

But it seems to me that by means of an advalorem road tax skilled workmen could be induced to to equip themselves with they necessary teams and tools and contract to do the work by the year, giving bond for the work to be done in "workmanship manner." Ofcourse this work should be let to the lowest bidder among the competent applicants.

Now perhaps some one will object to this plan because of its resemblance of a law we had away back in the latter part of the 60's and first of the 70's. But I think that administration more at fault than the real law. Nor do I have the least fear of a return of E. J. Davis domination. But I do believe that less taxes than are now paid in labor paid as property taxes and then paid out to skilled and equipped workmen, will more justly divide the road burden and provide better roads.

AD VANCE.
 We publish the foregoing because it is reflex of the erroneous opinion generally prevailing as to what the road law is, and it affords us an opportunity to expose the errors generally prevailing.
 We doubt if Ad Vance has ever read the road law.
 In the first place the legislature has anticipated Ad Vance many years and has provided for the levy of 15 cents on the \$100 for road tax. The law also provides for collecting the labor tax from those who use the public road and who have no property to be taxed and it also affords the farmer means of paying

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the tax in labor, and save the little cash left him by the tariff protectionist. The law excuses the youths and the aged, the minister of the gospel, and the invalid, but the "semi-invalid" can pay \$1 per day if his health or business interferes and we think it is as just a debt as his doctor or grocery bill. The poor invalid can be sick all the year, and his bills may run up into the thousands but sick or well he has to pay the 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of his property.

Texas has a good road law but the commissioners courts and people do not enforce it. This is a government of the people and it they do not enforce their own laws it is their own fault. We have no paternal monarch to enforce our laws and if they are not enforced, let the people bear the blame. If a few more of these "semi-invalids" were indicted and prosecuted, we would have better roads and they would not get too sick to work or pay as the law requires. Some men are always sick at roadworking time.

More About It.

FRANKLIN, Tex., March 26.—On last Monday evening one of the most cruel and blood-curdling crime was committed near Headsville, in the northern part of this county, ever recorded in the county. Mrs. Bettie McLennan, a young woman about 17 years old and just married about two months ago, to Robert McLennan, a young farmer, was alone at her country home near Headsville. Her husband was a mile away at work, and on returning home late in the evening he found his handsome young wife lying on the floor outraged and murdered. The villain had choked her to death and she was terribly bruised and mutilated. He had saturated her clothing with kerosene oil and set it on fire. All her clothing was burned off and her body was horribly burned. Two holes were burned through the floor, but fortunately the fire went out before burning the house. Bill Clark, a negro, had escaped from the county convict farm Monday morning and was trailed in that direction and was also seen near the scene of the tragedy. The infuriated neighbors made hot pursuit and caught Clark and carried him to the scene and placed his foot in the track of the murderer and it was an exact fit. Clark then confessed the crime and told how he did it, stating that he escaped from the county farm and a negro in that neighborhood cut his chains off and that he was making his way to Bremond and stopped and asked Mrs. McLennan for a drink of water, which she gave him. He said he then asked her for some thing to eat and she gave it to him and then seeing her alone he sprang upon her and choked her and outraged her, and finding that he had killed her he said that he poured kerosene oil on her and set her afire and left.

His statement was corroborated by all the circumstances and the officers who had arrived started to jail with the prisoner, but the infuriated multitude who had gathered jerked him away from the officers and hung him to a tree and then shot him to pieces, thus saving the county the trouble and expense of a trial. The murdered lady was

a niece of T. J. Bates, a prominent citizen of this city and a daughter of J. S. Tomas, a farmer living in the northern portion of the county. Bill Clark had been convicted of negligent homicide for accidentally killing another negro, but it is now thought that he willfully murdered the negro, as no witness was present. The officers are not concerned, but the infuriated citizens are universally commended for their prompt action.

SAN ANTONIO SIFTINGS.

Trailing Horse Thieves in their Plans and Operations.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 27.—The extensive horse thefts which have frequently occurred in the section west of here, causing loss and no end of annoyance to ranchmen, have puzzled the officer and detectives for some months. On several occasions entire herds have disappeared and left scarce a trail behind. These wholesale depredations have been going on for a year or more, until the stockmen made up their minds to ferret out the thieves at any cost.

Lieut. McNeil was commissioned to hunt down the marauders. He began his work some time ago and has soon traced and located many of the stolen horses in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and other old states. By persistent inquiry and careful observation he became apprised of the gigantic scope and systematic organization of the plans of the thieves. A bunch of horses would be driven from the range to some distant and unimportant railway point where they would be shipped in charged of unsuspected parties, to points in the old states where they were driven through the country and sold to farmers and others. Not long ago a lot of six carloads was stolen and shipped away, and of these many have been located. In connection with these wholesale operations, Jim Pierce Wright, a well known character in this section of the state, has been arrested and jailed at Cotulla charged with complicity in the thefts.

Lieut. McNeil has been for several weeks traveling over Mississippi and Tennessee, where he succeeded in finding many stolen animals which will eventually be recovered by their owners. It was upon information learned during these travels that the arrest of Wright was made. Lieut. McNeil is expected here to-day. Well informed stockmen state that not less than 1000 horses have been stolen from this vicinity in the past year.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus write W. C. Haurick & Co. of Shely's N. C.—Get free triad bottle at Johnson Drugstore.

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Announcement Column.
 We are Authorized to Announce the following gentlemen as candidates for the several offices mentioned below.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.
 FOR JUDGE OF THE 39th JUDICIAL DIST.
 J. V. COCKRELL.
COUNTY OFFICERS.
 FOR COUNTY JUDGE.
 H. G. MCCONNELL.
 FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR.
 W. B. ANTHONY.
 A. D. TUCKER.
 FOR TAX ASSESSOR
 W. R. STANDEFER.

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.
 See 4th page for description of Haskell County.

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.
 BEWARE of the candidate who goes around and talks about his opponent. He would say the same thing of you if it was necessary to secure him some votes.

See the real estate column. We will keep a report of realty standing in the paper and make such changes from time to time as are required by the fluctuation of the market, which fluctuation we predict will be a rise in values.

WHEN you get through reading this paper mail it to a friend it is too valuable to be used for waste paper. He would be glad to read the description of the county as well as learn the cost of a home in Haskell.

AS THE idea seems to prevail in this, the 39th judicial district, that the Monitor is in the field in opposition to the re-election of the Hon. J. V. Cockrell as our district judge, we desire to contradict the impression in imphatic language and to state in unmistakable terms that the Monitor as a paper and its entire force, from Devil to Editor-in-chief are Judge Cockrell's friends and advocates and strong endorsers of his administration of public affairs. So much so, in fact that it has never occurred to us that any man in the district

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would show so pitiable a failure of sound judgement as to announce himself a candidate at the coming election for the honor of the bench which Judge C. now so gracefully wears. This feeling of security emboldened us in a recent issue of the Monitor to say that Baylor county would furnish the next District Judge. The statement was made to inflict a little misery on our honorable contemporary, the Texas Western, but we seem to have made "too big a boo for a filly," and, for the benefit of that paper, will say that the friends of Judge Cockrell in other parts of his district need have no fears of his strength in Baylor county. It is human to forget obligations and the time may be when Baylor will ignore her debt of gratitude to Judge Cockrell and block him at the ballot box, but such is not the case now. Our people remember too vividly the condition of affairs when he was first called to the bench to fail to show their appreciation of the flinty backbone, the sterling integrity and rare judicial ability exhibited by him throughout his entire administration.—Seymore Monitor.

We are indeed glad to note the foregoing and extend our gratulation to the Monitor. It is a great source of pleasure to be associated with the Monitor in a pull for any good officer or candidate. We do not intend to undertake to down any body, but we shall use every endeavor to give the people of this district Judge Cockrell's record as a judicial officer. He has a record that is an honor to himself, and those who put him in office. He made a record in Baylor county worthy of the man he is, and many good citizens of Baylor, including ex-Sheriff Board will attest his efficiency.

The Monitor is in position to investigate his work there and the people may look for a full report of the status of crime in Baylor when he went on the bench and what he did to suppress it and the effort made by the criminal class to bulldoze him.

An Appalling Sight.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March, 28—Between 8 and 9 o'clock last night a tornado struck this city from the southwest northeastward. Outside of the closely defined limits the citizens knew only of a heavy rain accompanied by slight wind. Soon came the alarm of fire from a dozen different stations, and the horrors of the calamity began to dawn on the people. A great stone warehouse, halls of amusement and dwelling houses all went down be-

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fore the mighty powers of the storm.
 The storm soon ceased, the cloud scattered and the moon cast its light over a sorely stricken city. Relief parties were soon organized. The whole force of the fire department was at work.
 The wrecked portion of the city lies between Eighteenth, Broadway Eighth and Main street, the destroying elements passing diagonally across the section, which is probably a mile square.
 Probably the greatest loss of life occurred at the Falls City hall, which was in the center of the tornado. In the lower room of the hall was fifty or seventy-five children with their mothers and other relatives taking dancing lessons. There were at least 125 persons on the lower floors and seventy-five more attending a lodge meeting on the upper floors when the terrible wind swept down upon the building. The entire structure in less than five minutes was a shapeless mass, burying 200 helpless victims, of which number few escaped uninjured.

Ruffian.

A fine saddle horse 15 1/2 hands high, sired by Robin Hood, and Robin Hood was sired by Gaines. Bob Roy and he by old Blue Jeans. Ruffian's Dam was sired by Howard's celebrated Glencoe. His Dam was sired by a Hamiltonian horse of Dr. Herr's of Lexington Ky.
 Ruffian will make season at Haskell stable for \$10. No insurance but mare returned should she fail to fold, free next season.
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THAT FIGHT
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LOCAL DOTS.

—The rain!
—How it poured.
—Three days in succession.
—The prairie wears a court of green.
—Farmers and stockmen are happy.
—J. S. Post was in the city this week.
—Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Frost a fine girl.
—O. C. Post was in the city Thursday.
—The boom continues with accelerated force.
—The rain makes the wheat crop a sure thing.
—A good residence for sale by Oscar Martin.

—120 acres of improved land for sale by Oscar Martin.
—Johnson Bros. receive new goods every week.

—McLemore's is the place to buy a pair of spectacles that will fit you.
—Mr. Courtwright is building a residence in the east part of the city.

—Mr. Marsh started after his family this week and will be absent about three weeks.

—Cattle buyers are thick, and the demand for young steers is greater than the supply.

—The trail herds are beginning to pass through this county to the Northwest Territories.

—There is capital enough invested in Haskell to put up a reasonable bonus to secure a railroad.

—Johnson Bros. will soon have the complete stock of general merchandise ever in Haskell.

—D. E. Gass & Co. will deliver goods free of charge to any part of the city from their store and respectfully solicit a liberal patronage.

—For genuine "Spoonier Pat. horse collars" also Team Collars of our own make call on N. Porter Abilene Tex. 3-16t.

—Sherrill Bros. & Co. have just received a lot of cotton and corn planters. Also a lot of new breaking plows, and invites the farmers to call and inspect them.

—John Chalk deputy sheriff of Fisher county arrested a trail boss in Haskell Thursday for theft of cattle found in his herd that he was driving up the trail.

—See in an other column the advertisement of Mrs. W. P. Paris Mrs. Paris intends to spare no pains to select such goods as the demand of the trade at this place requires.

—Sherrill Bros. & Co. have their stoves set up and arranged now, and they have a fine display. If anybody in the the country wants a good cookstove go around and examine their stoves and prices and you will probably find what you want.

—The place to buy the different kind of Dogpoisons is at Bass Bros. Abilene, Texas. Be sure to see them before buying.

—McLemore has just received a full line of Boman's white crystal spectacles.

—W. H. Parsons has sold the room which he kept his confectionery and has bought the house which the restaurant was in. He will move it over on his lot and put in a stock of groceries.

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LOST! \$5,000 REWARD!

A small boy, about the size of a Jumbo, wearing a mutton-chops coat with bead-scup lining, is cross eyed at the back of his neck, his hair is cut curly. When last seen he was shoveling wind off the Haskell court-house to get money enough to buy a suit of clothes and some spring and summer Calicoes, Laces, Fine Dress Goods etc.. out of Dodson's mammoth lot of new goods which are just in. His aunt Patter is very anxious about him, for she knows that, if he gets to Dodson's, they'll sell him goods so cheap that they'll scare him to death. Any one giving information concerning the above boy will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of September, Anti-Peanuts, 1800 and froze to death at Dodson's Cheap Store, Haskell Tex.

N. B.—The above mentioned boy, not yet found.

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At Hymen's Altar.

MARRIED:—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. K. Hollis, last Wednesday evening, March 26th, Mr. Max R. Andrews to Miss Hattie E. Hollis, Dr. G. A. Paris, of Abilene, officiating.—Anson Weston.

The FREE PRESS wishes them a long and happy life.

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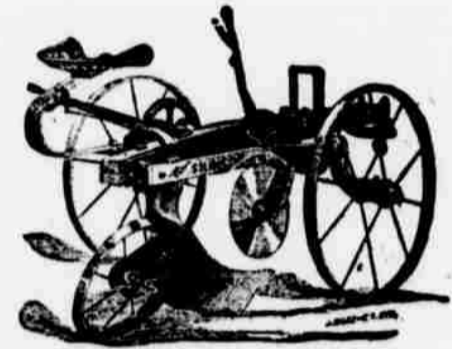
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Collision With a Spout Avoided.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A roaring waterspout and the German ship *Camelia*, fifty-three days from Rotterdam, came near having a collision on Feb. 17 when about 100 miles west of the coast of Portugal. The *Camelia* had all sails set steering west with a northerly wind over the beam. The waterspout was observed when four or five miles away bearing down in the track of the boat and apparently heading for the ship. Capt. Ahrens had all the light sails taken in and kept on under lower sails. The ship got out of the course of the monster just in time. It passed southward within 600 feet of her. The rush of air into the vacuum created some trouble. The spout was about 100 feet high and 70 feet at the base and as thin as a man's waist in the center. The *Camelia* passed on March 6, about 150 miles east of the coast of Florida, a vessel, either a ship or bark, at about 1000 tons, bottom up. Nothing could be seen to indicate her name or nationality.

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Haskell County,

Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

Topography, Water, Soil, Products, Shipping Points, Railroads, Public Schools and Mail Facilities.

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 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 1881, 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 undulated plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by the 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 plows, 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 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, 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 our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

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 a weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half mile 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 any where, 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.

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

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Joe Bowers Jr.

PEDIGREE.

Joe Bowers Jr, is a blood bay, black mane, tail and legs, white hind feet 16 hands high, weight 1100 to 1200 lbs. Travels every gait a horse can travel, and has paced several one mile heats in 2:20 min. He was sired by old Joe. Bowers with a pacing record of 2:22. Sold immediately after having one eye knocked out by a trainer for \$1400. He sired by McMeins Traveler. He by old Traveler. Joe Jr's first dam Fannie was by Lounds, (thoroughbred) Lounds by Childs Harold out of Sea Head, 2nd dam by old Traveler, 3rd dam Beula by Boab a Canadian pacer, 4th dam Stockholder (thoroughbred) 5th dam Sallie Gant by McMeins Traveler, 6th dam by old Lexington. Joe Jr's dam has the best pedigree of most mares living. She had a grandson that can pace in the two twenties only 3 years old, \$3000 will not buy him; Joe Jan with trotting record of 2:15 sold for \$8000. Joe. Bowers 3rd sired by Joe. Jun, can trot a mile in 2:20. Echo another one of his colts can pace under 2:20 with about 60 days training, shows a 2:16 gait on quarter. Cyclone another one of his colts can pace a mile in 2:24. Joe. Bowers 3rd will sell for \$1500 or 2000, Echo for \$1000, Cyclone for \$750. Several other colts just put on Columbia Fair Course that show speed, not valued. Joe. Jr. has one colt at Merces first station above Abilene that sold for \$600 only 4 years old, one at Hubbard City Tex. 2 years old sold for \$300. In August 1889 I refused three offers for Joe. Jr. \$1500, \$1300 \$1000; by different men. References, B. S. Thomas, Sec. Columbia Fair Course, W. P. Gant, Columbia, Tenn. A. F. Johnson, Cleburne, Tex. Joe Bowers Jr. will stand this season at \$15. Persons wanting mares bred will drop me a card, I will send in for them and return same in good care.

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