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WORRIED OVER BLAINE.

The Hoosier Statesman Finds the "Uncrowned King" to be Very Much of a White Elephant.

Harrison Men Fear and Dislike him - But They Dread Much More the Knife Which Struck Down Folger.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 1.—The lines between the Republican factions here are being drawn tighter than ever. The friction between the opposing forces to-day came near bursting into flame.

Where there formerly were but two wings—stalwarts and half-breed—there are now three, two of which are anti-Blaine. The men who followed Gresham never liked Blaine, and recently a well developed group of Harrison men has come to the front, who object primarily to the Uncrowned King's effort to make himself the chief figure in the canvass, and who distrust the Planned Knight's motives.

They look with suspicion on the man from Maine, especially since he took occasion to antagonize both Harrison and the Chicago platform on the question of trusts. They are by no means convinced that the wily Knight would not prefer to see the Republican ticket beaten this fall, and thus leave him master of the situation in 1892.

On the other hand Mr. Blaine has many warm friends here who would resent any slight put upon him as the half-breed did under Blaine's leadership in the celebrated Folger campaign.

The Republican national committee assigned Blaine to make five speeches here. The Harrison men who control the state committee heard this with fear and trembling. They corresponded with the national committee, showed the danger in turning Blaine loose in such a close and vital state, and this morning it was announced that Mr. Blaine would only make two speeches to the Hoosiers. Then the half-breed knife began to glitter in the air. The "Blaine-or-bust" contingent commenced to threaten, and the state committee in its fright backed down, and the old arrangement was restored. A dispatch from New York to night signed by William Cassius Goodloe announces that "Mr. Blaine agrees that the original appointments in Indiana shall stand."

Condensed Novels.

[New York Sun.]

"As you can only be a sister to me," he said in broken tones, "will you let me kiss you good night?" She shyly said she would.

Then he folded her in his strong arms, and gently placing her head against his manly breast, he kissed her passionately.

"Mr. Sampson," she said, softly, "this is all so new to me, so—so different from what I thought it to be, that is you will give me a little time to think it over, I—I may—"

"But let us withdraw from the sacred scene."

It was getting late when the girl said shyly:

"You look worried about something, Mr. Harkinton."

"I am," he replied. "I have in my pocket a \$50,000 package of government bonds which I foolishly forgot to deposit to-day, and—aside from that I love you so devotedly, Miss Schermerhorn, I am afraid to learn my fate."

"As for the bonds, Mr. Harkinton," replied the girl, with a business air, "papa has a safe in the house; and regarding the—other matter, why—why, I think so many of us are apt to borrow trouble, Mr. Harkinton."

QUARREL BETWEEN KINSMEN.

While Drunk George C. Clara Kills His Brother-in-Law Near Sulphur Springs.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Oct. 4.—Yesterday afternoon shortly before sunset a difficulty occurred between two farmers twelve miles southwest of town which resulted in the death of James M. Garrett. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon James C. Clara and his brother-in-law,

A GREAT STATE.

(Richmond, Va., State.)

Texas, with its 237,504 square miles, is the largest state in the Union—six times as large as New York. It is a state of wonderful resources. At the World's Fair, held in New Orleans in 1885, the Texas exhibit attracted more attention than any other. People were struck with the great variety of resources displayed in that exhibit. It was really a revelation. Texas is growing rapidly. We do not hear of periodical booms there, for that state is always booming.

Now one of the greatest features of Texas and one that accounts in a large measure for her remarkable prosperity is her Democratic vote.

In 1881 Mr. Cleveland's state majorities ranged from 1047 to 181,978. When the returns rushed in the day after the election the news came from Texas—90,000 for Cleveland! A few days later the news came, Texas gives 100,000 majority for Cleveland. And the returns grew better and better until the entire vote was in—132,000 in round numbers. In Somervell county Blaine did not get a single vote.

And as Texas increases in population and intelligence her Democratic majority increases. Two years after Cleveland's election there was a state election, and the Democratic majority was 173,376. The Republican claimed that they did not poll their full vote. That was true. They polled about \$6,000 less than they did in 1884, but it is about the vote of 1888 that the outside world is interested. The New York Sun has the following:

"Henry Exall, of Dallas, Tex., ex chairman of the Democratic State Committee, said last night that the Lone Star State is all right. 'She will raise the largest corn crop this year that ever was seen. She will raise \$80,000,000 worth of cotton, too, and will give the biggest Democratic majority of any state in the country. Notwithstanding the fact that our wool-growing interest is also the largest in the Union, our folks believe that an unnecessary tax is an injustice. Texas will give Cleveland and Thurman 150,000 majority.'"

The largest corn crop, and \$80,000,000 cotton crop, and 150,000 majority for Cleveland and Thurman! That's the way to talk it.

To Drive Their Cattle to Terrell.

TERRELL, TEX., Oct. 2.—The cattle men are somewhat disappointed that they are unable to make suitable arrangements for shipping stock for breeding purposes. Last year several thousand head were shipped over the Texas and Pacific Railroad to this point, and fed during winter. They have been trying to make the same terms with the Texas and Pacific, so as to ship largely to this point again, but they have been unable to get rates that will justify them to bring their cattle over the Texas and Pacific, and as a consequence they have concluded to drive their cattle to this county, and in the spring ship from any point offering the best inducements. A great many cattle have already been gathered and will be ready for the drive in a few days. There will be some seven or eight thousand brought in from the west to this county to feed. Mr. Matthew Cartwright and other cattlemen have quite a lot of cattle gathered and were ready to ship, but they are now getting ready and in a few days will go west to start the drive, unless terms from the Texas and Pacific or some other road should be offered that would justify them to take the railroad.

A Sound Legal Opinion

E Bainbridge Munday Esq. County Atty., Clay Co. Tex., says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: "He positively believes he would have died, had it not been for Electric Bitters."

George's Last Request.

"George Ferguson, you have gone too far."

Pale with indignation and outraged pride, the young woman looked him in sterner in the face.

"Why, Laura," he stammered in helpless confusion, "I—I—er—ah didn't think you would care!"

"Didn't think I would care!" she echoed with freezing mockery.

"Did you think, sir, that my acquaintance of ten or twelve months entitled you to a privilege, unasked, that my most intimate friends of many years' standing would not have dared to claim? Have your no conception sir of the word presumption?"

What had this young man done? Intoxicated by her beauty, and fancying he saw in her glorious dark eyes a challenge, half coy and half saucy, he had raptuously kissed her.

Dumb with astonishment, George Ferguson now quailed before the lightning-like indignation of the high-spirited girl. He saw he had made a fatal mistake.

"This must end our acquaintance, Mr. Ferguson," she said "in many respects it has been a pleasant one. I had come to esteem you highly—to regard you as a young man of high and noble impulses, free from the trivialities, the weaknesses, the inordinate self conceit and assurance that the spirit of the age seems to infuse into the mental constitutions of the young men of modern society. You have thrown yourself down from the pedestal upon which I had mistakenly placed you. Mr. Ferguson," she continued sadly, "hereafter we meet as strangers."

"Be it so, Laura K-jones," replied he, with recovered self-possession. "I shall not presume to question your right to dismiss me thus summarily, however strong I might feel inclined to protest against the injustice of your act in so doing. I bow to your mandate. Henceforth we are strangers. But before I take my last farewell of you, as I am now about to do, and go out into the world to struggle with it as only a sorrowing lonely man, deprived of his last earthly hope must struggle to keep bitter despair from gnawing his heartstrings asunder—before I leave forever the presence of one with whom I have passed so many happy hours, whose memory will cling to me through all the cheerless years that may yet drag their weary length over my head, I have one last request to make of you."

"What is it, sir?"

"Please get off my lap."

Don't Experiment.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist on getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all Throat, Lung and Chest affections. Trial bottle at Druggists Large Bottles \$1.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS.

Money Made is Money Saved.

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

This great remedy will ward off, as well as Dongue, all Malarial Diseases, and for all Kidney Liver, and Stomach Disorders. Stands unequalled. Price 50c and \$1 at Drug gists.

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Saturday, October 13, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, announces to announce himself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the 30 Judicial District. Election in Nov.

W. B. HOUSTON, of Seymour, announces to announce himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of the 30 Judicial District. Election in Nov.

COUNTY JUDGE.

W. R. STANDEFER announces to announce himself as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

G. S. MARTIN announces to announce himself as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

J. A. FISHER announces to announce himself as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election in November.

SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

E. Y. HILDRETH announces to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

W. B. ANTHONY announces to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

A. D. TUCKER announces to announce himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in November.

F. M. MORTON announces to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK.

G. LONG announces to announce himself as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell county. Election in November.

J. L. JONES announces to announce himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell county. Election in November.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

S. J. PRESTON announces to announce himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

H. R. JONES announces to announce himself as a candidate for County Attorney of Haskell county. Election in November.

J. E. WILSON announces to announce himself as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

TAX ASSESSOR.

D. J. WILLIAMS announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in November.

D. L. SMITH announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in November.

E. ROBERTS announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in November.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my official duties as Tax Assessor of Haskell county for the past two years and believe that I have filled the office to the satisfaction of Haskell county citizens, I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for re-election at the November election. W. J. SOWELL.

ALEXANDER ERWIN announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in November.

S. BEVENS announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

J. H. CARTER announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in November.

J. W. CHRISTOPHER announces to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

HIDE AND ANIMAL INSPECTOR.

W. H. ETHRIDGE announces to announce himself as a candidate for Hide and Animal Inspector of Haskell county. Election in November.

"Lives there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, I'll go forth with and pay the printer, For fear I go where there is no winter."

-Cool weather is here.

-100,000 to loan at the Haskell County Bank.

-Abilene is composed of live enterprising business men.

-SAVE YOUR MONEY!!!! by patronizing W. H. Parsons.

-BORN:- To Mrs. Geo. Cook last Tuesday a fine girl.

-E. M. Boyd of Abilene, was here this week.

-Johnson Bros. are getting in their new goods.

-Messrs. Miller and McGregor was in the city Sunday.

-BORN:- To Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garren, on last Thursday morning, a bouncing ten pound girl.

-Don't forget that D. M. Winn, at the postoffice, has one of the best lots of Lemons in town.

-Mr. J. A. Jones made a flying business trip to Crystal Falls last week and returned Monday.

-The enterprising Johnson Bros. are filling their house with a select stock of crisp new goods.

-Mr. Chas. Head representing Messrs. B. C. Evans & Co., of Fort Worth, was in the city this week.

-School Books, and school supplies are sold at Bass Bros at Abilene Texas. Call on them.

-The Northern part of the county was visited by a copious shower Wednesday.

-I will pay you the highest market for your Cotton and Grain goods cheaper than elsewhere. Call and see.

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You will be here, of course. You should be, you must be. We offer four premiums. We would like you to get at least one of them.

Read this: For the best article of wheat bread, we offer a premium of 100 pounds of Abilene Fancy Patent Flour. For choicest production of Irish potatoes, one Whittaker Star ham. Finest exhibit of

to maize, Kaffir corn, Durro, corn, etc., five pounds good tea. Most excellent article of sour pickles, a five-gallon keg of vinegar (Roberts & Mackechnoy's own make and GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY PURE FRUIT VINEGAR).

New isn't this fair isn't it? Send us for pamphlets giving particulars of, and rules governing the same, and we will mail them to you free of charge. Our fair advice is come to the FAIR, Bring everything of a fair nature; it may command a fair premium.

Everybody and everything will be on a boom; even the railroad, except the fare, which will be reduced to half fare.

You have no excuse—come. Bundle up the fair women, gather up the fair children, get your fair self in shape, and make a fair showing at

The Fair, Abilene, Texas, October, 3, 4 and 5,

WITH HEADQUARTERS AT

ROBERTS & MACKESHOY

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"PI!"



Our Senior "Pie" a "Case" of Type this week and our Junior had his spinal Column bent ever since.

-D. E. Gass will have a car load of best quality of flour in stock in a few days.

-A. Wysebetzki, the Plumed Knight of Austin, left for that city Thursday.

-Go and see the well selected stock of dry goods and clothing at Johnson Bros.

-The Flinidy wagon is working in the southern portion of the county.

-Competition is the life of trade, give W. H. Parsons a call. All work warranted first class.

-Sheriff Tucker has returned from an extended business trip to Montague county.

-We want a good live correspondent from each neighborhood in the county.

-Messrs. Hammons & Barrett have purchased the Mail line between this place and Anson.

-Every body has returned from the Abilene fair and report favorably of the same.

-An immense line of Gloves, Gents Underwear, Overshirts, Dress Shirts, Hats, Shoes and Clothing at Johnson Bros.

-Mr. H. S. Martin of the Benjamin Exchange came to the city Friday night and remained until Tuesday.

-Mr. Bennett Wray passed through Haskell Wednesday with a bale of seed cotton he was taking to market.

-Clocks, Watches and Jewelry repaired to order by W. H. Parsons, West side of public square. All work guaranteed.

-Mr. D. M. Edge brought another load of melons to town Tuesday, and presented the FREE PRESS with a couple of fine ones.

-N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex., -

-FOR- CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.

-We received a communication from "From the Country" this week, but the real name did not accompany it so it was handed-down to the waste basket.

-If you want to buy the best Sewing machine in the west for the least money, see W. A. Flint & Co., Abilene.

-If you want to educate your children, you can send them to Haskell, where we have a good school, and you can get board cheap.

-Geo. Clayton will sell you more Dry Goods and Groceries for the money than any merchant in Abilene.

-Messrs. F. M. Morton and E. Roberts have returned from Abilene with lumber with which to build a school house in district No. 3.

-If you want bargains in Dry Goods and Groceries, go to Geo. Clayton's, on Chesnut Street, Abilene.

-Prof. Olifton reports 92 pupils enrolled, and says he expects an increase. The trustees have ordered patent seats, and this will add greatly to the comfort of the school room.

-See W. A. Flint & Co., Abilene, for Furniture. They have the largest stock in Northwest Texas.

-Messrs. J. C. Bohanan and Walter Wright on last Monday, delivered eighty head of good mares, to Dr. H. K. Plummer to whom they had sold them, consideration was two sections of good land in Haskell county.

-Allen M. Winn, of Sherman, Texas, brother of our efficient postmaster and stationery dealer, D. M. Winn, came in on Wednesday's hack. Mr. Winn will henceforth make Haskell his home.

-Selicia all colors, velvet all colors, creton, cotton checks, cotton stripes, waterproof, red and white flannels, canton flannels and a large variety of like goods at Johnson Bros.

-The society people had a nice hop at the court house Monday night. The music was furnished by the Haskell string band with four pieces. It was very fine, and excited the terpsicorean emotion of the young to the highest pitch.

-Satin, Woisteds, Ginghams, Seersuckers, Twills, Novelty Cards, Linsey, Shambray, and numerous other dress goods just received at Johnson Bros.

-Mr. York who lives on the river in this county, sent into town the other day, two stalks of cotton raised by him on sod land, one of which was three feet high and had 105 matured bolls. The other stalk was much larger and had a great many more than the first. The first stalk was about an average of his field.

-To arrive at Geo. Clayton's about Oct 1st., a large and well selected stock of Dry Goods, Notions and Millinery. Chesnut St. Abilene.

-Mrs. Hall, sister of Mrs. A. H. Tandy, and their mother came in last week and spent a few days with Mrs. Tandy. They returned to their home in Fort Worth Wednesday.

-Flint & Co., Abilene, want to exchange the best sewing machine in the world for cotton with which to make mattresses. They will allow you a good price for your cotton.

-Mr. T. A. Gillmore while on his way to Albany the other day, had his leg broken by a kick from a horse. This accident is to be deplored very much. Mr. Gillmore is one of Haskell county's best farmers and has many sympathizing friends.

-We have just opened up a beef market at the old market stand and will keep fresh meats constantly on hand. Steak will be sold at 7 cents and Roast at 5 cents per pound. Respectfully,

BECKNELL & WATERS.

-Mrs. S. J. Preston left Wednesday, to visit her daughter at Kaufman, Mrs. R. D. Willoug who is very sick and is not expected to recover. Mrs. Willoug and husband, Mr. E. D. Willoug were of the first settlers of Haskell county and they have many friends here who will regret very much to learn of that lady's ill health.

-Mrs. Geo. Mason while driving to her home four miles in the country the other day, dropped her gloves, and the ponies being very gentle she got out of the buggy to get them and left her baby in the buggy, the ponies being a little restive started up and she made a grab for the reins, missed them and fell. She then became frightened and screamed, scaring the ponies which ran away. The babe was thrown from the buggy after they had gone about a mile, but was uninjured. The little thing had gotten up and was toddling toward the house, when met by Mr. Mason who had heard the cries of Mrs. Mason. Mrs. Mason has been prostrated for several days by the unfortunate occurrence but she is up again.

-Mr. W. E. Johnson, our young and popular merchant left last Wednesday to attend the Fair at Dallas. He will go from Dallas to Crockett where he is to be married next Thursday, to a beautiful young lady of Crockett. The young couple expected to visit Florida but owing to prevalence of yellow fever, they will confine their tour to the State. Mr. Johnson is an attentive young man to business and since he has been in Haskell has made many friends. The FREE PRESS wishes the young couple a long life of conjugal happiness, and that all their troubles may be little ones.

-The announcement of Mr. J. A. Fisher as a candidate for the office of county Judge will appear in this issue. Mr. Fisher has been a resident of Haskell county for more than two years, and for more than a year has been faithfully performing the duties of a good and just Justice of the Peace. We solicit for him a careful consideration by all voters who are interested in the enforcement of law and order. His learning and good judgment eminently qualifies him for the position to which he aspires.

-Mr. A. Wycshetki of the firm of Wycshetki & Co., of Austin, Texas, is in this county having an enormous amount of land surveyed, that he has located. Mr. Wycshetki has been in Baylor county on similar business, and was at Seymour, the county seat of Baylor. He expressed himself as being much surprised at the amount of business done at Haskell, and says it surpasses Seymour, though Seymour is nearly twice as old as Haskell.

-Adair & Clark, Jewelers, Abilene, Texas. The largest stock of Diamond Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and silverware west of Fort Worth. We are the only house in Abilene who carry a full stock of everything in the Jewelry line. We will discount prices of any house who is a legitimate dealer East or West North or South. We do any kind of repair work, and only ask you to give us a trial if your watch or clock is out of repair.

-D. M. Winn keeps the best old fashion Virginia Natural Leaf tobacco in town, when you want a good chew call round and try it.

-Mr. Ed Springer received a letter from his brother in New Mexico a few days since, inquiring the price of land in Haskell county. Mr. Springer mailed him a copy of the FREE PRESS and called his attention to F. P. Morgan's advertisement. By this, two purposes were served. Mr. Morgan's business was advertised and a home seeker got cheap and reliable information. Who says advertising is not a good investment?

-Don't forget when you go to the city of Abilene that E. L. Ritch, the Jeweler, located next to the post-office, has the prettiest and newest line of Jewelry in the place, which he sells lower than any other house and besides, for every \$2.00 worth of Jewelry you buy or for Watch and Jewelry Repairing he gives you a chance at a gold watch worth \$150.00, either for gents or ladies size. Call on him, we guarantee he will treat you right. 9-29 1m

-Mr. J. S. Post said a prospect or came along the other day and camped near his place, and seeing his fine crop proposed to buy him out. His proposition was accepted by Mr. Post the next morning and trade consummated. Mr. Post made a handsome profit on his improvements and purchased another tract of land adjoining the one he had sold and will improve again.

Just Arrived

The largest and best stock of Ready Made Clothing in town at the lowest figures. Call and see and price. No end to California pants, hats and boots of every description, can fit any one from 6 year old boy to the largest man in town. D. R. GASS.

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HASKELL COUNTY.

Her Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

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

To such we would say, you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly and indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are led with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good county.

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

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres, of which 445 is arable or agricultural.

WATER.

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

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county. It can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is

nearly pure freestone water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

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 miasms. It is these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drouth and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drouth without very serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drouth in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. 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.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and mellons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to the 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 bushels, and the price varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound; chickens 16 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.

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

RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

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

PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one third cash, and the balance

in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent. interest.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

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

MAIL FACILITIES.

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

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any county. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store; one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank; one barber shop; two silversmith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon; all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil of the surrounding country, is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish this. Reader, please hand this to your friend.

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The following is ONLY a PARTIAL LIST of the Lands I am offering for sale in this County, the Titles to which are regarded as absolutely perfect:

- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years, 10 per cent interest.
- No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich, level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial payments.
- No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
- No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 6. 304 acres of fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1/2 cash, balance 1 year.
- No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek, good land and good grass, \$1.50, 1/2 cash. (Vining.)
- No. 9. 1280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
- No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
- No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
- No. 14. 645 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creeks 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
- No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
- No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
- No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined, makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
- No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance on easy terms.
- No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
- No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
- No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.50, 1/2 cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash balance on easy terms.
- No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
- No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 27. 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, 1/2 cash down.
- No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.
- No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
- No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
- No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
- No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county, on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or out to suit the purchaser.
- No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1/2 cash.
- No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms, very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.
- No. 36. 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.

The above are only a portion of the splendid bargains I now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase. I also offer for sale some nice 90 acre blocks on the Peter Allen survey adjoining town, also many choice vacant and improved town lots, cheap for cash, and on easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call on or address me. Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.

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