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Speech of Hon. Temple Houston at the Dedication of the State Capitol.

The greatest of states commissions me to say that she accepts this building, and henceforth it shall be the habitation of her government. When the title to the noblest edifice upon this hemisphere thus passes from the builder to Texas, reason ordains a brief reference to the deeds and times that eventuate in this occasion. Texas has changed her site of government oftener than any other state in this union, or any nation on this side of the globe. Prior to the transfer of this building the site of government of Texas has been changed eleven times: to-wit: Felipe, Washington, Harrisburg, Galveston, Velasco, Columbia, Houston, Austin, Washington a second time, and Austin again, having been the successive seats of government of Texas. The state which to-day enters this building, stands

some which Marquette saw, and De Soto like Columbus, died in pathetic ignorance of his discovery. How sad that so knightly an one should sink to sleep in the bosom of that great stream which he had perished to find, an know not whence came nor whither went the dark waters that over him rolled. Winds and currents swept La Salle westward and he saw Texas where the gulf in vexed magnificence breaks upon Matagorda peninsula. The Frenchman's colonial scheme was futile. Dissensions among his followers, want of support from the home government, hostile and intractable Indians and finally, Spanish intervention extinguished the last vestige of French settlement upon Texas shores. Toward the upper Mississippi and the great lakes he bent his steps. He crossed the Lavaca, the Colorado, the Bernard, Brazos, San Jacinto, Trinity and Neches. In the bottoms of the latter stream the cavalier was assassinated by his own followers. With him fell the last hope of French dominion in Texas. He, like the cavalier that he was, gave his life to his king and his God. Never crusader's cross blazed on a braver breast, and in knightliest to-morrow there rode no nobler spirit. In all the chivalry that shone around the throne of Louis, there shined no firmer soul than him whose murdered form sleeps in the unknown wilds of the Neches forests, but his life and efforts were not without their results.

THE FRENCH ATTEMPT

At colonization roused the activity and jealousy of Spain. Grasping and ruthless as she was, Spain even set religion's seal upon her conquests, and as soon as she had quenched the last spark of French settlement within the borders of Texas, she began the establishment of missions, resulting in the erection of about twenty institutions, dotting the valleys of the San Antonio, the Neches and the Guadalupe, also, at Nacogdoches and on the San Saba. The noble order of the church, the Franciscan Fathers, reared these missions. Thou fathers, half priest, half knight, and all courage lend a mingled air of piety and romance to the annals of Castilian conquest. In those missions showed both the censer and the sword, the mitre and the helm, for those pious fathers in the spread of their master's faith, dared the wilderness, but whoever opposed their path felt the thrust of lance or stroke of sword.

REPOSE WAS BRIEF.

In 1522, shortly after the conquest of Mexico, the royal standard of Spain was unfurled upon Texas soil. DeNarvez and his glittering cavalry swept from the Rio Grande to Mobile. He paused not in his path. In vain might fairest valley smile or noblest landscape woo him (but to stay; gold alone was deemed worth the Spaniard's while, and in this fierce quest he pillaged all the isles of the ocean and the two continents from California to the Patagonia. However if the occupancy of the pueblo of Isleta by Coronado in 1540 may be regarded as permanent, Texas was the first state of the American union to be settled, and within her borders began that process of change that has transformed our country from a wilderness into an empire. But Spanish ascendancy remained inactive until excited by jealousy of French encroachments. On January 1, 1685, Le Sieur Robert Cavalier De La Salle, under commission from Louis XIV, landed upon Matagorda bay. The object of the French was to establish colonies at the mouth of the Mississippi. The piercing mind of La Salle saw that from the great lakes the trend of the water shed indicated the presence of

A GREAT VALLEY

in the center of this continent, drained by the mightiest of rivers, and he knew that this valley was the seat of a empire. He knew that the measureless current on whose calm grandeur DeSoto gazed, was the

THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE PURCHASE OF LOUISIANA AND THE SETTLEMENT OF TEXAS BY STEPHEN F. AUSTIN IS FILLED WITH TURBULENT EVENTS, BUT NOT SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT IN RESULTS TO ADMIT AN EXTENDED MENTION HERE.

The same year which witnessed the final liberation of Mexico from her 300 years of Spanish rule, beheld the inception of the plan which resulted in the freedom of Texas, the colonization by Stephen F. Austin. The interval of fifteen years between the arrival of Austin and the independence of Texas is filled with events to which such brilliant and exhaustive reference has been made by that scholarly jurist, orator and statesman who has preceded me, that any allusion from me would but mar the delightful memory that must linger of words that fell like pearls from lips so sage. But I will avert to one feature of that period. On March 1, 1836, the convention of the then province of Texas assembled at Washington on the Brazos. On the second day of its existence, that convention formulated a "Declaration of Texas Independence," which in literary merit challenges comparison with the finest productions of our language. That same body of men in fourteen days prepared the constitution of the Republic of Texas which remained for nine years without a suggested amendment, the organic law of Texas.

IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN

that this constitution was framed amid an overwhelming invasion; that participation in the proceedings of that convention was threatened death, and that those who drafted that constitution laid down their pens to grasp the sword; that it was indeed born amid the clash of arms and rocked in the cradle of war. The beneficence and perfection of its provisions, the rapidity with which it was prepared and the reverence with which it was obeyed, make the constitution of 1836 one of the evidences that the Anglo-Saxon race is capable of self-government. The men who devised that constitution were the apostles from Runnymede, they were the disciples of Jefferson, they were the evangelists of liberty, for, wherever that race breathes, on land or on sea, oppression ceases instantly.

THE PRINCIPLES WHICH THEY PROCLAIMED AT WASHINGTON ON THE 2d OF MARCH, 1836, THEY FIFTY DAYS LATER, AT SAN JACINTO SEALED WITH THEIR BLOOD.

IT WAS THE OLD CONFLICT

between the Latin and the Teuton. It had been fought between the armies of Arminius and Varus. It had been battled when the Alameda was dispersed, and at Trafalgar and Waterloo, and fate had decreed that the Anglo-Saxon should triumph, for whosoever on the face of the earth this knight errant of liberty plants his foot victory has greeted him and Christianity has been his companion. [Great applause.] When the last hour pealed, its sounds rang from a spot where the Republic of Texas died, where the state of Texas was born. On yonder hill where that clock chimed each fleeting hour, once stood an historic building—which now only lives in the memory of a venerated few. In a log building on that hill, the pioneer legislators framed the constitution of 1845, under which Texas was admitted into the union. When the seat of government was located here in 1839, this point was beyond the extreme outpost of the frontier. But the sublimity of the scenery, the majestic beauty of the spot, marked it as the place ordained by fate as the capital of Texas, and such shall it ever remain. [Applause.]

THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS

are indebted to United States Senator Charles B. Farewell and his brother, John V. Farewell, of the firm of John V. Farewell & Co., of Chicago, and Colonel Abner Taylor, not only for the best state house in the United States, but more especially for bringing our public lands into world-wide notice, by agreeing to build the house for the 3,000,000 acres set aside for that purpose. It will be recollected that these lands were offered for sale at 50 cents an acre, without attracting purchasers; while the building has cost nearly three times 50 cents an acre, and is really worth more than five times that amount, if we are to measure its value by the cash cost of similar buildings in other states. The state and the Farewell syndicate are to be congratulated on such a result as demonstrating, beyond the power of successful criticism, the wisdom of a contract which made it possible. The state, because she has realized for these lands much more than she could have done under her land laws for their sale and got them under tax, and at the same time secured the use of this noble building for all time, which probably would never have been built in any other way. The syndicate, because they have obtained 3,000,000 acres of the best land in Texas, and will in due time cover them with prosperous farmers and increase the wealth of the state by hundreds of millions of dollars, instead of leaving them for the free use of foreign cattle companies whose earnings would not have remained in the state.

EVERY TRUE AND HONEST TEXAN

must rejoice that the Farewells have found a way to turn our previously useless land into such a state monument as we are this day dedicating, and they must from self-interest—if from no other motive—cover these lands with farmers as soon as railroads have opened them up. From every point of view, therefore, I say emphatically, as a true friend of Texas, whatever may have been thought by critics, that we have done better than any of us thought, and the Farewells are justly entitled to our thanks, and this celebration by this vast concourse of our citizens is the best expression of our feeling toward the men who have made it possible. This magnificent building will speak for their skill thousands of years after we have ceased to speak. And when the state, in its citizens, shall realize a value in these lands, improved and settled up, of \$10 to \$75 dollars per acre, no one will say that the Farewells were not entitled to every dollar they will make as a just reward for benefits received by the state. In 1858, by the sale of her title to New Mexico, Texas occupied the capitol which was destroyed by fire in 1881. LET US NOT PASS LIGHTLY by that old structure. Its halls knew so much of the grief and glory of Texas, so much of her splendor and her sorrow, and so often saw her destinies alternately fit between triumph and ruin. Within the walls of that old capitol, whose buried foundations rest yonder, the government of Texas was administered for twenty-eight years. Beneath its roof were assembled thirteen legislatures and four constitutional conventions. There were framed the constitution of 1845, of 1866, of 1869 and of 1876, the organic law under which we now live, and containing the provisions for the erection of the capitol in exchange for 3,000,000 acres of the public domain. Concluded on fourth page.

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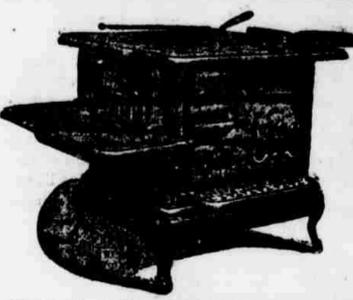
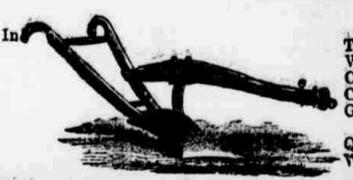
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Gen. Sheridan is now thought
to be on the road to recovery.

In Gregg county the Labor party
is putting out a full county ticket
to be beaten.

It is thought there will not be
much trouble over the confirmation
of Chief Justice Fuller.

The wool men are after Mr. Lan-
ham's scalp and they will leave no
effort untried to do it.

One of Colorado's leading stock
papers says that 200,000 head of
cattle died in that state last winter.

The management of the Pioneer
mills at Abilene, propose to con-
struct an elevator soon.

Messrs. Resgan and Lanham have
our thanks for various public docu-
ments which they have sent us
recently.

It is reported that a farmer near
Sulphur springs unearthed an iron
pot a few days ago, containing \$18,000
in gold.

There is natural gas in the vicini-
ty of the Albany News office, and
it would require no deep boring to
bring it to the surface.

Jones' county has had space
assigned her in the exhibition hall
of the State Fair. Is Haskell not
of a mind to do likewise.

Read the description of Haskell
county which appears in this issue,
and bear in mind that it is a cor-
rect and truthful article.

The indications all point to the
nomination of Cleveland and Thur-
man, as the standard bearers for the
grand old Democratic party.

Citizens of Greer county have
appealed to the authorities at
Washington for protection from
depredations of the Kiowa Indians.

Suit has been instituted against
the bondsmen of Kentucky's de-
faulting state Treasurer, in the hope
of recovering a part of the embe-
zled spoils.

The Colorado Clipper says:
The Austin drill managers think
they will have something left for
the stockholders. That is more
than any of their visitors had.

Goy. Ross has been attached as
a witness in a train robbery case in
Fayette county. He is in dense ig-
norance as to why his presence is
desired.

The Farmers Alliance of East-
land, Stephens, Shackelford, Calla-
han, Coleman, Brown and Erath
counties have purchased the Cisco
Roller mill, for \$12,000.

Governor Martin has pardoned
a murderer from the Kansas state
penitentiary on the sole ground
that he forever abstain from the use
of intoxicating liquors.

Brother Biame sneezed over in
Europe the other day and it was
immediately cabled over to this
country that his health was giving
way and that he is in need of abso-
lute rest.

The twelve companies of cavalry
stationed near San Angelo have
been ordered to Dakota, and have
already taken up the march. It
will take them nearly four months
to make the trip.

Clinton B. Fisk of New Jersey,
has been nominated by the prohibi-
tion party for president. While
we believe in prohibition, we can
not make a party issue of it, and
we shall scratch Mr. Fisk with as
much celerity as we will the name
of Mary Ann Martin for Governor.

The McGregor Observer says:
The people want good, solid sub-
stance for fuel, and this is what
they have found Coke to be. No
offensive smoke is given out, no
disagreeable crackling, sputtering
flame plays about no sickening
sulphurous odor is prevalent, but
all is cherry, bright, warm, spark-
ling, and the clear light emitted
and grateful warm given are sure
to cause the people to use nothing
else but Coke, so long as they can
get it.

SENATOR Blair of New Hamp-
shire wants a national Sunday law,
which will put a stop to all labor
on Sunday, even to a stoppage of
the mails. The Senator from New
Hampshire should either be muzzled
or confined in a lunatic asyl-
lum. He is a confirmed imbe-
cile.

Sweet Innocence.

Our little two-and-a-half year
old has evidently been receiving
some instructions in regard to the
preservation of her facial beauty;
at the dinner table the other day
she turned to us and said: "Papa,
mama told me if I go out doors
bare footed I will get old speckles
all over my face."—Throckmorton
Times.

An editor works 165 1/2 days per
year to get out fifty-two issues of
a paper; that's labor. Once in a
while somebody pays him for a
subscription; that's capital; and
once in a while some son-of-a-gun
of-a-dead-beat takes the paper a
year or two and vanishes without
paying for it; that's anarchy. But
later on justice overtakes the last
named creature, for there is a
place where he will get his desires;
that's hell.—Throckmorton Times.

ONE of the hardest duties of the
editor, says one who has been
there and knows what he is talking
about, is to whoop up the town—
announcing its superiority over all
its neighbors—when he knows the
advertising columns indicate he is
a liar. Editors are human and
have consciences and work and
write with the greatest vim when
their purses are full. No town
should allow its paper to go out
looking like the advance agent of a
cemetery managed by a profession-
al liar.—Exchange.

THE FREE PRESS is willing to
join hands with the Anson Western
in the matter of being considered a
part and parcel of the Abilene
country. Abilene is our railroad
and business point, and Haskell
is proud of the relation now exist-
ing. If the business men of Abi-
lene will include Haskell county
in the list of counties they spend
their money to advertise as the
Abilene country, the FREE PRESS
has no objections to urge, but wish-
es them God speed. The Abilene
country is the best part of Texas,
and we are not ashamed to be con-
sidered a part of the same.

THE St. Louis Republican says:
The Texas delegation to the dem-
ocratic national convention are in-
structed to support Roger Q. Mills
for vice-president. Mr. Mills
would grace the position of vice-
president, and his services to his
party and country have been such
as to fully deserve the honor. But
the time has hardly yet arrived
when it would be expedient to
nominate an ex-confederate for
vice president, and the national
democracy will not be likely to see
any necessity for nursing Texas by
honoring her favorite son. How-
ever to be endorsed for vice-presi-
dent by a state with 150,000 demo-
cratic majority and 3,000,000 people
is an honor that any man might
well be proud of.

The following is a pretty fair sam-
ple of how the wool men view Mr.
Lanham's course on the tariff ques-
tion:
"Our" congressman (save the
mark) has said his say on the Mills
bill and said that the Mills bill was
too protective and not free trade
enough to suit him; that he favor-
ed a few amendments, but if they
could not be incorporated in it
then he was for the bill as it is.
Although he represented a district
which was largely interested in
sheep and wool, yet he would vote
for wool being placed on the free
list. He thought it would be for
the interest of his district to have
no duty on wool. He said there
were 1,036,336 sheep in his district,
valued at \$1,186,936, and yet he
was willing to vote for free wool.
He was not afraid of his constitu-
ency on that question, at least. And
the Enterprise might add, that this
constituency is not a fraud of him
and will show it by "exposing"
him from his seat next fall.—San
Angelo Enterprise.

ALAN N. Y., June 4.—Governor
Hill to-day signed the bill abolish-
ing hanging for all the murders
committed after January 1, 1889,
substituting death by electricity
therefor.

A Dallas Alderman Arrested
Two ladies swore out a warrant
last Saturday for the arrest of Al-
derman W. F. Johnstone and Mr.
W. H. Lason, charging them with
permitting gross disorderly conduct
in their place of business. The case
was called before the recorder to-
day and continued until June 8.

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 rea-
sons. Some to restore lost health,
some to make their first beginning
in the world, others to repair finan-
cial 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 in-
vestment to choose from, with
chances greatly in your favor.
In coming to Haskell do not imag-
ine we are a people wild and wool-
ly and indigenous to these "west-
ern wilds," that we are loaded with
dynamite and shooting irons, that
our conversations are collections
of cuss words and Mulhatten
mixtures, but rather that we are
a people reared among the same
surroundings, that we have re-
ceived the benefit of the same ad-
vantages, that we have availed
ourselves of the same educational
privileges, that we have had the
same christian instructions you
yourselves have had. Be enlight-
ened by past experience. Fortu-
nates have been made by the de-
velopment of new countries, and
fortunes are yet to be made in our
new and equally as good country.

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 ex-
treme 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
as honest and industrious, as hos-
pitable and good natured, as law
abiding, patriotic and religious as
can be found anywhere in the Unit-
ed 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
4-5 is arable or agricultural.

WATER.
The water supply comes from
the Double Mountain Fork of the
Brazos river, in the western por-
tion 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
northeasly 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 coun-
ty, which 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 abun-
dance, form the basis and founda-
tion 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 choco-
late, and by reason of its porosity
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 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. Excep-
tation of mosquitoes 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.

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 ex-
press 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 Cum-
berland 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 meet-
ings.

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—averag-
ing 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 engag-
ed in to a great extent. Other
crops make good yields and com-
mand 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 ship-
ping done to Albany, a town 45
miles southeast, on the Texas Cen-
tral 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 ex-
pect to get an extension of the
Texas Central Railroad from Al-
bany 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 west-
ward 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 agricul-
tural 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.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE.
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 suffi-
cient 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 or-
ganized 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 addi-
tional 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 enlighten-
ed views of our people and wise
management of our county gov-
ernment.

HASKELL.
The town of Haskell is the coun-
ty 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 silver
smith 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce
W. R. Standefer as a candidate for
the office of County Judge, next
November election.

LOCAL DOTS.

Cotton knitting yarn at Dod-
son's.

We had another fine rain Thurs-
day.

Mr. S. C. Hammons has returned
from Dublin.

All kinds of dress lining at Dod-
son's.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Wiser, a daughter.

Ladies Lyle thread hoes at
Dodson's.

Mr. Dick Gordon was in the
city this week.

Polker paper seems to be very
numerous on the streets.

Go to D. R. Gass to find best
assortment of Virginia tobacco.

J. L. Baldwin says his oats will
thresh out at least 50 bushels.

Mr. Burns and family of Paint
creek have moved to the city.

Mr. J. C. McLaren, of Stou-
well, was in the city this week.

Mr. J. L. Jones went out to
Capt. E. J. Wilfong's Thursday.

Miss Mattie Couch has returned
from her brother's on Miller
creek.

Mr. E. Y. Hildreth brought
some very fine kid to the city
Thursday.

Array yourself in a thin coat and
vest at Dodson's, he has them from
\$1.75 up.

Our efficient County Assessor,
Mr. W. J. Sowell, has gone to
Buffalo Gap.

Mr. W. H. Parsons has built an
addition to his business house on
the west side.

Miss Annie Tyson, cousin of
Mr. B. J. Tyson, is in the city
visiting relatives.

Call at B. H. Dodson's for Dole
& Son's Famous Buffalo Brand
Breakfast Bacon, Hams and Lard.

Mrs. D. F. Williamson was in
town Thursday and brought very
nice vegetables to B. H. Dodson.

Mrs. D. F. Williamson has been
bringing some very fine beats, on-
ions squashes and beans to the
city.

Mr. McGregor had one of his
work horses killed by running
against a wire fence and breaking
his neck.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lomax went
to Anson last Saturday and spent
a day with Rev. J. W. Wiseman
and lady.

Dr. J. H. McGee and Mrs. Mas-
sey have gone to Buffalo Gap to
attend the closing exercises of the
college at that place.

The crops of Haskell county
have not needed rain a day this
year. It has been the most success-
ful spring we ever saw.

When you want good tobacco go
to DeLong & Johnson Bros. who
will sell you good tobacco 3 lbs for
1.00. Every thing else at a similar-
ly low price.

The occupants of our sanctum
were the happy recipients of a vis-
it from the Misses Dillahuntty,
Wray and Owsley Thursday eve-
ning.

Don't forget that you will find a
nice line of ladies and misses hats
at Dodson's which he proposes to
close out at cost.

Mr. Ed J. Hamner's little folks
have the whooping-cough. He
says his little girl who was quite
ill is now convalescing.

Mr. N. C. Spith had the reaper
started to work cutting his rye
Monday. This is the first crop of
grain ever harvested in the coun-
ty by a reaper.

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Mr. Fields deserves great credit for the care he is taking to keep the doors and windows of the court house fastened.

Mr. C. M. Darling has returned from Denver Colorado. He says that city is composed of buildings in the latest style of architecture.

Mr. S. H. Johnson and Mr. Fletcher Turner left Monday for Buffalo Gap, to attend the commencement exercises of the college of that place.

If any person wishes to know how a bay horse looks running away with the fore wheels of an old buggy tied to him, let them inquire of F. P. Morgan, attorney-at-law.

Grand opening of ladies and misses slippers, low shoes, and Newport ties at Dodson's, Saturday, June the 9th.—Don't forget to call and see them and purchase before the stock is culled over.

When commissioner Vernon voted in the election for school trustees the other day it elicited considerable comment, he having voted out of his commissioner's precinct. He has either voted illegally or he has forfeited his office. Mr. Vernon ought to be a little more consistent.

Mr. Morgan with his family was out driving several miles north of town Tuesday, when the linch-pin came out and let the front wheels separate from the hind ones, dropping the front of the buggy to the ground. Fortunately no one was hurt. The horse took fright and ran off with the front wheels, and left Mr. Morgan and family to walk to town, seven miles.

Our junior accompanied by Mr. J. L. Labery went out to Mr. Post's farm on Paint creek, Wednesday and found Mr. Post very much elated over the fine crops.

Mr. Hyde had 5 acres that would make 50 bu per acre, and that Mr. Clifford had 12 acres that would make as much as that of Mr. Lovinggood's.

If the Rev. J. B. Boen was to sit around on the street and hear the remarks some of the young men make about the young ladies, he could truthfully say of them what he insinuated at the private lecture he gave the ladies last winter. Is the dance or sociable responsible for this? or do the girls really deserve to be criticised in a vulgar manner on the street? To the last we would say no, and regret that some of the young men who now move in the social circles, will make use of such disparaging remarks.

By a request of a committee of citizens we here call a mass meeting of the citizens of Haskell county, to meet at the court house next Wednesday, at 2 p. m., to appoint the necessary committees to prepare for the coming fourth of July celebration. Every body is especially requested to attend and take an interest in the affair. The people in the country have heretofore waited for the people in Haskell to make all arrangements, now we urge that they come to the meeting and help to work up an interest in the celebration. Haskell is noted for the grand style in which such affairs have heretofore been conducted, and we want to see this one come up to the usual standard.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Haskell, Haskell county Tex. June 1st 1888.

Notice.

Those who are indebted to me will please settle with Mr. J. L. Jones as I have left the accounts with him to collect.

W. E. WISEMAN.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by M. S. Shook estrayed before R. C. Lomax J. P. precinct No 1 Haskell Texas on May 31st 1888, and appraised by Ed. J. Hamner and L. R. Lynn at Thirty-five Dollars. one bay bald faced horse about 8 years old 14 hands high and branded with Spanish brand on left thigh and C on left jaw.

(LS) Witness my hand and seal this June 2nd 1888.

J. L. Jones,
C. C. H. O. Texas.

We have been considering the grave question, by what inducements a girl expects to catch a rich husband if she has not had the advantage of a common school education, and has never learned to do fancy work, nor play on the washboard, but who will stand by and see her old mother do the family washing, nor play on the sewing machine, stove, piano, harp or other stringed instrument? If she can't play on any of the above instruments, what can she play on with the desired effect? It may be that such a girl possesses some hidden treasure like the unpolished diamond worthy of the most gallant hand in the land, but we must admit that we have not been so fortunate as to discover the same.

THE NINTH PLANK.

Hon. J. N. Rushing Interviewed—The Action at Fort Worth Ill-Advised.

BAIRD, TEX., June 1.—The Gazette reporter meeting Hon. J. N. Rushing asked him the following questions concerning the national convention: "What do you think of the general action and result of the Democratic national convention at Fort Worth, and especially the ninth plank of the platform?"

He replied rather reluctantly as follows: Well, I suppose it is wrong to turn a news reporter away empty, but you are treading on tender ground. You ask what I think of the ninth plank? It might be better to pass this unnoticed and let time heal what I consider the greatest error committed by the Democracy since the endorsement of Horace Greeley. This plank seems to me to be an open, unwarranted insult to every Democrat who voted for the prohibition amendment the 4th of last August, and I fear this mistake will lose the party from 40,000 to 60,000 votes. It by all means should have been left out, as it has nothing to do with the principles of the party.

Our large majority emboldens place hunting politicians (who are always hunting a hobby horse to ride) to drag every issue into the party that will even remotely advance their mercenary motives, such as free grass, lease law, deep water and even ardent spirits. We must at all hazards, if we would keep pure the principles of our grand old party, check these wild, aspiring leaders and place party principles above party spoils. I join in the belief that this question should not be agitated at an early day. I never favored local option in my life, yet I have no right as a Democrat to impugn the motives of others who do favor state prohibition or local option. The ninth plank virtually denies the right of petition, the superstructure of the Democratic party. The legislator who refuses to grant the petition of a majority of his party constituency is not a true Democrat and an enemy to representative government, notwithstanding party inhibitions to the contrary. The people will not stultify their conscience to satiate the greed of a well organized, but a considerable minority of the Fort Worth convention.

Fourth of July Celebration.

Yes, we must have it, Roasting ears, melons, fruits & will be in season by that time.

Why not all the people of Haskell and adjoining counties come together, yes, and the candidates too, and let them tell the people what they are prepared to do. Of Course a Grand Ball at night will be in order.

Dilatory Tactics of the Republicans to Prevent a Vote on the Tariff Bill in the Near Future.

Washington, June 2.—In the course of a speech to-day Mr. Cox of New York said he hoped the Republicans would not, by their dilatory tactics, compel the majority of the House to amend the rules in order to insure a vote on the tariff bill before August. The remark was significant of a determination which has been virtually reached by the Democratic leaders to put a stop to such discussion as the tariff bill has received so far, a discussion which has no purpose except to consume time. While nominally considering the paragraph putting lumber on the free list the Republicans have simply repeated their old platitudes about protection and free trade and have rambled aimlessly about all over the bill as though it was still under general discussion. There have been half a dozen speeches on wool, and a Pennsylvania member yesterday devoted all of his time to quinine, which has no connection with lumber except that it is made from the bark of a tree. This sort of discussion is simply filibustering in a very thin disguise, and if it is continued the Democrats will exercise the right of the majority to put a stop to it by the usual method of amending the rules and cutting short the profitless debate.

How the laws of our statute books will be interpreted in Haskell county in the future, is a question of grave import, and one of equal interest to every citizen of the county. The FREE PRESS has no war to make on the Commissioners court, or the old gentleman they have placed upon the county bench, but we are fearful of the results of the latter's incompetency. We know that there are many men who hanker for the county judgeship in nearly all the counties of the state, who if elected would have to be removed on account of incapacity. These men let their thirst for political preferment outweigh their judgment, and as a general thing, the only way in which they can be brought to a realization of the true state of affairs, is for the people to sit down upon them with a dull sickening thud. Judge Evans is an honest man, and an honest man is the noblest work of God; but from some cause, Judge Evans has got into the wrong pew. He may know what is right between man and man, but that does not make him capable of deciding a point of law. If we have no need for one capable of deciding points of law, what use have we for a county judge? Why not abolish the office altogether and rely entirely upon a board of arbitration? The county clerk is one of our most important legal tribunals. It has jurisdiction over matters and amounts that would involve the all of nearly every man in Haskell county. Then, is it not evident that our Commissioners court should have appointed a man of some legal ability? The FREE PRESS has no axe to grind in this affair, but we have the interest of Haskell county closely at heart, and we shall work for the advancement of that interest as we deem proper. There are now but two remedies. One is some body's resignation, and the other is the decision of the ballot-box. Which shall it be?

The Dallas News says: It is reported that the scab is so bad among the sheep of Haskell county that the flock-masters pooled issues and organized for the purpose of extirpating the disease from that section. Scab is a highly contagious disease of the skin, due to the presence of a parasite in or upon the skin. There are three forms of parasites which produce the scab, the most common one in this country being that known as the dermatodectes ovis. It dwells upon the skin, deriving its nourishment by sucking the fluids of the animal. Its bites cause severe irritation and a discharge of serous fluid, which dries on the surface in the form of scabs, whence the name of the disease. The notion that the scab is the result of cold, wet, inadequate nourishment and general neglect, is absurd, as it would involve the spontaneous generation of the disease. It is, however, worse under such conditions, and it occasionally arises without known cause. This is owing to the intensely contagious nature of the complaint, the astonishing fecundity of the insect and its tenacity of life. It is said that a pasture that has been trod by a flock of scabby sheep has been known to give the disease to another flock three years afterward. The first and most prominent symptom is itching, which soon gives the animal a ragged appearance, tufts of wool being pulled out, leaving bare patches. Examination of these places discloses a small reddish pimple upon the surface of which is a blister, and the insect may be discovered in the vicinity. Under this irritation the sheep becomes very restless, rubbing against trees, fences and rocks, and biting and scratching itself with its teeth and feet. The scabs are thus torn off, sores form and extend, the appetite is lost, the fleece is ruined, and, worn out with torment, the animal dies.

The treatment consists either in dipping the sheep in a solution of some insecticide preparation or in rubbing such a preparation into the skin. The most effectual sheep dips are those containing arsenic. Finley Dun speaks very highly of the following: Three pounds each of arsenic, pearlsh, sulphur and soft soap, mixed in ten gallons of boiling water, and then increased by the addition of cold water to 100 gallons. The sheep except his head, is held in this from a half a minute to a minute, while it is well rubbed into his fleece. He is then placed on a slatted drainer over a tub and the wool well squeezed out, and is then placed in a yard a few hours, as it is unsafe to turn them on a pasture with the poison dripping from them on the grass, as animals have been known to be poisoned by neglecting this precaution.

The Views of the Senators.

WASHINGTON, June, 5.—While everything is red hot for the red bandana at St. Louis, a very cold wave seems to have struck the Thurman boom at the capitol, and but few Democratic Congressmen could be found to-day who were prepared to advocate his nomination. The revolution in sentiment on this subject cannot be accounted for unless it is that upon sober second thought they realize his age and infirmities and incapacity for the requirements of the campaign. Several Democratic Senators to day while discussing the situation at St. Louis were very emphatic in their opposition to Thurman, not on personal grounds, but because they consider his nomination EXCEEDINGLY BAD POLITICS.

Said one of the Senators who served in the Senate with Judge Thurman who entertains high personal regard for him. "I can't understand how Thurman can think of accepting since he has always been named as probable head of the ticket, and his known views, while harmonious with the President's in principle do not agree altogether in respect to practical application." But few of the Senators present while these remarks were being made went so far as to endorse them but all agreed Thurman can add

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but little strength to the ticket; besides none who saw him during his last visit to this city will forget how feeble in body he appeared.

A NEW PLATFORM NECESSARY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 5.—There is a plan on hand to simply reframe the tariff plank of 1884 and omit all reference to the President's message. Henry Watterson, who is a member of the committee on resolutions, said of the revenue: "The old enemy of revenue reform is about as tireless sleepless, and expert as ever in his purpose to confuse the Democratic councils and to play in the hands of the protectionists. When you hear a man talking about the re-adoption of the tariff plank of 1884 set him down at once as an enemy of revenue reform. The re-adoption of the old straddle plank of 1884 on the tariff would not only fly in the face of the President's message, and make the withdrawal of the Mills bill a necessity, abandoning all the ground we have gained in the last four years, and particularly in the last six months; but would send every true revenue reformer home sick at heart, and would delight the Republicans and

DIGEST ALL HONEST MEN.

It is a tricky device of a mere corporal's guard composed of men largely and personally interested in high tariff taxes, who are making their last struggle to obstruct reform. I am clear in my mind that we should stand squarely by the President and our friends and representatives in Congress. The Mills bill is a simple measure no yet perfected, and liable to amendment of course. The platform which is to lay down the fighting lines for a campaign which is to last nearly six months could not take it for a basis, but we could endorse the principles of the message and the purpose of those in Congress. We should tolerate no straddles. Whether we like it or not we have to face the music of the President's making, and we ought to face it like men."

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READY FOR A ROW.
 Steve Dorsey Going to the Chicago Convention to Make Trouble in the Republican Camp.

Steve Dorsey has an ax to grind. DENVER, CO., June 1.—"Steve" Dorsey the ex-star router, at present one of the cattle kings of New Mexico, arrived here yesterday from his ranch at Palo Blanco on his way to the Chicago convention. He is going simply as a spectator, but if his statements are to be believed he goes "loaded for bear," and is confident of his ability to bring down some good sized game before his return west.

Since his arrival in Denver he has on several occasions "given it out cold" to more than one of his friends that he intends to make trouble in the Republican family this fall or at least employ all his efforts in this direction as a return favor for the shabby treatment he has received at the hands of the party, both national as well territorial. In conversing to-night upon the result of the Chicago convention he said he had no idea whatever regarding the probable choice, although he himself had some preferences, but under no circumstances whatever would he support

JIM BLAINE.
 Dorsey has never had the most kindly feeling for a number of the Republican managers since the conclusion of the famous star route cases at Washington, in which he so prominently figured as a defendant at a cost of over \$300,000, and during which he now claims to have been deserted by some of the party leaders whom he considered as his friends. This feeling of unfriendliness has been intensified by the snub given him by his party in New Mexico during the last two territorial campaigns. Since his residence in the land of the Montezuma he has unsuccessfully endeavored to control the political machinery of the territory, and he and his friends have spent no little money to accomplish this result. His candidate for delegate to Congress, Colonel Ryerson, now a member of the national committee, was overwhelmingly defeated four years ago by Joseph De Tevis, who two years later again defeated Dorsey's Candidate, Colonel J. W. Dwyer, in face of the fact that the territory had always been considered

STRONGLY REPUBLICAN.
 His Washington experience, coupled with his repeated defeat at home, has aroused the spirit of the old campaigner and he is now ready to run up the black flag and battle for revenge.

A prominent Colorado Republican this evening while discussing Mr. Dorsey and the course he proposes to pursue said: "His angry threats about going to ruin the Republican party and defeat the choice of the national convention is absurd and will have no effect whatever upon any part of the Republican party. It is apparent to all that Dorsey is on the decline, he is growing old very fast, his sight is rapidly failing him and his nervous system is suffering greatly from the effects of high living indulged in during his political career in Washington, and which has been continued since he came to New Mexico. Above all he has no money with which to carry on the fight even were it possible for him to make one. Dorsey's principal trouble is his dissatisfaction with the retired life he is compelled to live upon his ranch. His inability to again get into active politics makes him sour and cranky upon every subject, and this last out break of his will be taken by the people as the complaints of a spoiled child than the threats of an influential politician."

TO HAG.

Conrad Jackson Sentenced to Hang at Waco July 16.

WACO, TEX., June 1.—Conrad Jackson was sentenced to-day in the District court of McLennan county to be hung on July 16, 1888, for the killing of John Talley on July 16, 1887. Conrad Jackson was convicted of murder in the first degree, and his punishment assessed at death at the October term of the District court, 1887. His case was appealed to the Court of Appeals and was affirmed by this court.

The crime of which Jackson stands convicted and sentenced is one of the most heinous, cold-blooded and dastardly that ever soiled the fair name of McLennan county, and is speedily met with the summary punishment it so richly deserves.

John Talley, the young man killed, was one of the rising young stockmen and farmers of this county. Conrad Jackson was a colored farm hand working on the farm of Mr. Talley. On July 16, 1887, while Talley was working in his field Conrad Jackson approached him and it is presumed asked for a slight difference which occurred in one of their former settlements of accounts. The amount was \$2. Talley denied the amount and turned his back to the negro Jackson and continued working. Jackson's cowardly nature seized this opportunity and he pulled his deadly sixshooter and shot Talley in the back of the head, causing instant death. Jackson then mounted Talley's horse, which was hitched to the plow, and rode, about five miles, when he left the horse and stopped with a negro in Tehuacana bottom, for the night. By this time Talley's body was discovered, and a great hue and cry was raised, which surpassed anything of the kind ever seen in this country.

Officers and citizens covered that part of the county. They came upon Jackson, and he fled in the direction of Fairfield but was caught the next day, after traveling about forty miles on foot. He was brought back some time afterward, as it was found Judge Lynch couldn't await the law's delay, but would meet out the punishment of death upon Jackson for the killing of one of McLennan county's most prosperous and popular young men. So ends this heinous crime which shocked the entire county at the time of its commission.

There was one year between the commission of the crime and the execution.

HELD FOR IDENTIFICATION.

Marksberry, who Escaped the Day Before He Was to Hang, Behaved to be in Custody.

MERIDIAN, TEX., June 1.—John N. Metcalf, sheriff of Bosque county, returned last night from the east, bringing with him one Marksberry, whom he takes to be the member of the firm of Marksberry & Swafford, who were convicted in the District Court of this county in 1876 for the murder of one Dixon. Marksberry and Swafford were found guilty of murder and were to be hanged, but just before the hargman's day and after the affirming of the case by the Court of Appeals, they made their escape. In 1876 McCullough, Pearce and Steadham had a shooting scrap with these parties. Wise, a marshal of Fort Worth, was killed in trying to make their arrest in Hancock county Miss. Sheriff Metcalf and his deputy, Jay White, made the arrest. Swafford was in the same neck of the woods, but they failed to find him. The party will be held for identification.

The Chronicle makes a strong plea for its town as the proper place for locating the Congressional convention of the Sixth district: "Cleburne wants the next Democratic Congressional convention of the Sixth district. If there is any one opposed to it will he speak out? Cleburne is near the center of the district, has the railroad facilities, ample hotel accommodations, and if anything more is wanted let it be asked for and it will at once be provided."

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 Within these walls, since wasted by fire, passed much over which the historian of Texas must ponder. It was there that the fair fruits of annexation withered beneath the simoon breath of war. Here, too, in frantic haste was consummated the act which shattered the golden link welded by sixteen years of union, and hurled Texas into the vortex of secession. And after

SOUTHERN VALOR
 had wrecked itself against the might of the union, that same old capitol on whose ruins many of this multitude stand, saw reconstruction plait the crown of thorns around the weary brow of Texas and press the sponge of bitterness to her lips. Yet that same old building saw the departed scepter return to Judah when the Fourteenth legislature calmly grasped the reins of power and submitted the constitution under which we live. In the adoption of that constitution, you, the people, decreed the erection of the building which you to-day accept and dedicate to your use. It decrees the eternal union of Texas. Hereafter let no man seek to put asunder that which the fathers united. Let the fiends who wait upon the lost hiss their hate and shriek their curses in the ear of him who would plot the dismemberment of Texas. To-day is an era in our history. The survivors of the early struggles who view this building realize that all which they did was not in vain. Texas stands

PERELESS AMID THE MIGHTY.
 and her brow is crowned with bewildering magnificence! This building fires the heart and excites reflections in the minds of all. It stands alone the naughtiest type of modern civilization.

In other lands the hand of man hath reared walls as stately as these and pierced the sky in prouder heights. The architecture of civilization is its most enduring feature, and by this structure shall Texas transmit herself to posterity, for here science has done her utmost. The quarry has given its granite and marble, and the mines have yielded their brass and iron, and an empire has been passed as an equivalent for this house. All that enlightenment and art could do has been done. Were I to repress the reflections that occur to me now, I would be untrue to my convictions and to this occasion. It would seem that here glitters a structure that shall stand as

A SENTINEL OF ETERNITY,
 to gaze upon passing ages, and, surviving, shall mourn as each separate star expires. Were we to feel thus, precedent would justify us. Those who builded the Pyramids thought Egyptian empire eternal; those who reared the Coliseum boasted that it was a pledge that Rome was everlasting. More solemn lessons are taught at our own doors. Great races have swept o'er this continent like waves o'er the bosom of the deep, and left traces almost as faint. Who reared the Pyramids of Uxmal, the palaces of Palenque, the mausoleums of Mitla? The splendors of towered Tulcom. What is the date, the origin, the fate, of those mysterious civilizations which have vanished forever in the forests of Mexico and Central America, and that flee from the searcher like those illusive lights that flash and fade above the silent tomb? They were our predecessors. Shall oblivion fling her darkening pall over us? Ah! we are but one of that vast procession of races which it was decreed should pass across this hemisphere. We have no right to say that our own is the first or the last of those civilizations whose impress it was ordained this continent should feel.

MORE THAN ONCE THE WORLD
 has lost and regained civilization. If our civilization possesses the elements of perpetuity it differs from any of its predecessors. If the lessons of the past have not been taught in vain, they tell us that the future hold in hand an hour when the curious antiquarian shall wander through

THE ROOFLESS CHAMBERS,
 amid the shattered arches and fallen columns of this imperial magnificence, and ask when were these walls reared—was this edifice, palace or prison, tomb or temple? Does it seem impossible? Balbec's marble columns are as proud as these, yet who ohsided them? Who carved the hieroglyphics that plead for interpretation from the sculptured walls of palenque?

The past bath a fearful lesson of the instability of earthly greatness. Men dwell upon the earth thousands of year ere they ascertained its shape. They shed seas of blood before they learned that a drop of it circulated. They proudly claim an existence of 6,000 years, yet their annals do not include half of it. They cannot explain their diversity in language or the secret of their existence. The destruction of public virtue caused the decline of other civilizations, but does our civilization carry with it the means of its perpetuation? Under certain conditions it may. It possesses characteristics that mark none of its predecessors and particularly can this be said of the State of Texas.

THE CIVILIZATION OF TEXAS,
 of which this proud capitol is one of the voices that shall speak to after ages, is beneficent. The form of our government is the creation of an expressed wish of the people whom it affects. The officers are elected and are the servants not rulers of the people. We have no obligatory form of worship; our rights of free speech have no limitation; before our laws all men are equal; our government is a subject of criticism, not of hideous dread. Our armies and fleets are for the protection, not oppression, of the people. Our institutions enjoin an education of the masses, and assume that the government is not the heritage of one man, but the property of the people. Texas says to whomsoever casts his home within her benignant realms, she tenders his offspring an education without money and without price. This education is given to whatever child that abides within her border,

NO MATTER WHAT RACE
 may shame its origin, or what reproach clouds its birth. Texas pledges 35,000,000 fair acres and 12 1/2 per cent. of her taxable values, amounting to millions, that every child that asks it at her generous hands shall receive a free education. The first government of the earth to enact the homestead exemption in favor of the family, she stands pre-eminent in her beneficence to the helpless. Within sight of this structure are the grand charities which Texas bestows upon the blind, the deaf and dumb and the insane; she also has remembered the orphan, and her statutes provide for the indigent. All these would indicate a perpetuity of public virtue. This noble edifice is a fit seat for such a government. It and the features of our civilization are all we can leave our posterity, and, even should they prove unworthy of our bequest, we can at least pass from life's stage with the proud reflection that we leave behind us a purer civilization and a nobler edifice than has been bequeathed to us by preceding ages.

A dispatch from Caldwell Kan., says:
 A train load of teams and scrapers arrived here last night for the purpose of commencing work on the extension of the Rock Island Railway from here to Texas. Work will begin at once and dirt thrown as fast as possible, as the company has a contract with cattle-men for the shipment of 60,000 head of cattle at a certain point in the Indian Territory, where it must be in readiness at a certain time to receive the cattle. The city presents an animated appearance to-day, as the graders are laying in large supplies of provisions to last them while at work. Caldwell will be the supply point for this vast army of men and teams during the time of their grading the 210 miles necessary to reach the north line of Texas. —Dallas News.

Bought From the Cattle Trust.

CHICAGO ILL., June 1.—A transaction interesting for its magnitude, but more for its reversal of the usual order of a change in the tendency of the times is announced to-day as completed. The parties to the transaction are the American Cattle Trust on the one hand and Nelson Morris, the Chicago live stock magnate, on the other. Instead of the gobbling-up process by the Trust the opposite is the case. Mr. Morris has bought back from the Cattle Trust the Fairbanks Canning Company and has satisfactorily dissolved all relations with the Trust. The consideration paid in the repurchase was \$2,000,000.

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