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### "OLD HUTCH."

A Sketch of Chicago's Wealthiest  
Member of the Board of Trade.

The Chicago supplement of *Once a Week* gives a very interesting sketch of Mr. Hutchinson whose flour deal lately caused so much excitement throughout this country.

Benjamin P. Hutchinson, better known in Chicago as "Old Hutch," and also of late throughout the United States, and wherever the influence of the Chicago board of trade extends, was born in North Reading, Mass., in 1823, where he was raised on a farm, receiving only a very limited education, and was forced to "hoe his rows" during his early years under unusual obstacles. However, after trying several other occupations, he arrived at the position of a shoe manufactory in Lynn, Mass., that great center of the shoe trade, where, after acquiring a little wealth, he left in 1855, bringing his family west to Chicago, the great Mecca of all enterprising men. He stayed a year only, going to Milwaukee, where he found in one year or more that he had made a mistake in his last move, and promptly returned to Chicago, immediately after war is engaging in the grain and provision trade.

A genuine specimen of a New Englander, both in looks and the peculiarly sharp business ways with which they are credited, of very pronounced eccentric habits he has not inspired much love nor esteem among his large circle of business acquaintances. Social, or rather society, friends, he has but few, although having a family whom all who know admire and respect. But if he is not respected his great wealth, which is estimated at \$10,000,000, and his extremely plain, blunt manners to desire them in mild terms—make him feared by all whom he has dealings, and was to those who may incur his displeasure. It is said that the principal sufferer in his last great "corner," of which more hereafter, was his own partner, whom he squeezed to the tune of a great many thousand dollars. Although getting up in years, and possessed of a large share of this world's wealth, but very few hours of his life are spent away from the board or its neighborhood, being a member of the Century club, which has its rooms in adjacent building, and whose members are somewhat kindred spirits.

The hours not spent on the floor directing his brokers are there whiled away with cigars, cards, etc and 'tis said that some very high priced colored "chips" may be seen on the tables after the board closes; and also when there is nothing very exciting transpiring on the floor you may safely venture in saying that "Old Hutch" is over at the club, sitting behind a "full hand," his usual look attending him even there, as some of his

associates know their cost. A striking illustration of the power for good and evil to the country at large, by any one possessed of the means and inclination, is the latest corner known as the "Hutchinson deal." The life and death almost of many a poor struggling farmer, who toils early and late, in heat and cold, in the far-distant prairies, is dependent on the will, even if successful speculations of any man like "Old Hutch," at whose whim the grain he has labored so hard to raise may be enhanced in value sufficiently to leave a large margin after expenses, or made so low as to ruin him; not he alone, but every one in the land, from the mill millaire, to whom more or less on the price of a barrel of flour matters but little, down to the humble artisan, whose weekly pittance is terribly strained by any addition to the cost of the staff of life, and one effect of "Old Hutch's" deal was the raising of the price of flour \$3 a barrel in as many weeks.

But to return. "Old Hutch" closed his deal making, it is said, \$3,000,000 by it, chiefly, if not entirely, out of board of trade men, but which reacted throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is not strange, therefore, that he has the respect of but very few. The portrait on this page is said by one who is very nearly related to him, to be the best he ever saw. It was sketched by a young member of the board who has the talent of making a perfect likeness almost instantaneously. "Old Hutch," has never had a photo or any portrait taken since his marriage, and is extremely averse to being sketched, but, thanks to the artist, we are fortunate in being able to give the best likeness of him ever made.

### BROUGHT FORTH MONSTROSITIES.

Influence of Quack Doctor and Fright from a Horse on Ladies Approaching Maternity.

Cincinnati Enquirer.  
Sidney, Ohio, Feb. 11.—The birth of two monstrous children occurred here within the past three days. In the case of the first child the entire top of the skull, as if a line were drawn around it an inch above the eyes, was missing; the place was covered with a film through which the brain, partly missing could be seen. The child lived only a few hours. A traveling quack doctor, who made a specialty of treating catarrh, called at the house several months ago, and discoursed to the mother the virtues of his remedy. During his talk he touched her forehead to illustrate his point, and to this the freak is attributed.

In the case of the second child it proved to be, from its stomach up, a complete horse. Its arms stood out like the forelegs of a horse, and instead of hands were perfectly formed hoofs. The child lived two days. Several months ago the mother went into the barn with her husband. She passed in front of the mangers and a horse snatched at her, causing great fright.

### THE SAMOAN QUESTION.

Indications that Representatives of the Present Administration will Not be at the Berlin Conference.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 14.—The Washington correspondent for the Baltimore Sun telegraphs his paper as follows regarding the proposed conference at Berlin on Samoan matters: "It looks now very much as if the Samoan conference at Berlin will not be held by representatives of the present administration. Count Arco Valley, German minister, called upon Secretary Bayard yesterday and informed him that the latter's answer to Bismark's proposal for a conference had been sent to Berlin by mail about the 20th. The German foreign office will probably take several days to consider Mr. Bayard's suggestion, and its answer, if sent by mail, would hardly reach this country before the beginning of Harrison's regime. There would seem to be no good reason why the correspondence should not have been conducted by telegram except on assumption that Bismark's resort to mails is simply a trick to gain time in which to punish the Samoans before negotiations at Berlin will begin. In well informed circles here there is a suspicion that Germany has already sent reinforcements to Samoa to revenge the killing of a number of men in the recent fight with Mataafa, and it is not at all unlikely that we will ultimately hear of another bloody battle. If however Bismark is playing fair and accepts Mr. Bayard's proposal of truce in good faith, a commissioner will be sent by Mr. Bayard to represent this country at Berlin, provided, of course, Prince Bismark's reply is received in time. Minister Pendleton, though much improved in health, is hardly strong enough to conduct the negotiations. The hitch in the matter, aside from delay of correspondence by mail may arise from Bismark's unwillingness to accept Mr. Bayard's proposal, that instructions to suspend belligerent action in Samoa, country be telegraphed at once to German agents and representatives of the other treaty powers. It is thought to be quite possible that Bismark will insist upon reprisals by way of asserting German prestige in the Pacific and satisfying national pride, which has been lashed in a tenler spot by the defeat of the German landing party by Mataafa. Mr. Bayard, however, has made a most vigorous protest against such a course, and has already said that it would be scarcely worth while to hold a conference unless Germany gives practical evidence of sincere desire to promote the restoration of peace in the islands or foregoing her desire for vengeance."

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kell county.

The coalminers in Erath county  
are on a strike.

COME to Haskell county and  
raise grain and stock.

Let the law be vindicated, and  
it will command respect.

REPORTS show the Panhandle  
is developing at a rapid rate.

The courts have been adminis-  
tering justice to the erring ones  
this week.

IMPROVE your farm and pre-  
pare to take good care of your  
stock next winter.

WHY can't Haskell produce her  
own oatmeal. It is a cheap, health-  
ful and nutritious diet.

The farmers are all about through  
sowing oats. They will now prepare  
for corn and other crops.

HASKELL will need a mill to  
grind corn and a gin to prepare  
the coming crop of cotton for mar-  
ket.

The several committees are be-  
ginning to flood the legislature  
with reports on bills. There have  
been no laws of great importance  
passed so far, but a number of bills  
are ready to be put upon their pas-  
sage.

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satisfaction, or money refunded.  
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Our ink gave out this week and  
we had to add oil to what little we  
had to get out this issue, and con-  
sequently the impression is very  
bad. We ask our readers to excuse  
the print. We have had ink and  
other material in the Depot at Abi-  
lene for several weeks but have  
not been able to get a freighter to  
haul the same. They have had all  
the freight in bulk they wanted  
and would not bother with small  
packages.

It has been lately discovered  
that a Frenchman invented barbed  
wire long before it was ever pa-  
tented in the United States, and a  
description of the same having  
been published in a French Journal  
prior to the application in this  
country for a patent, under the de-  
cisions of the United States courts  
the patent allowed in this country  
was void whether the patentee  
knew of the prior invention or not.  
Suit will be brought to recover  
royalties heretofore paid to the  
patentee. If this patent are can-  
celled wire will be very cheap to  
farmers.

#### NOTICE

#### Stockholders Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors  
a meeting of the Stockholders of  
the Texas North Western Railway  
Company is hereby called and will  
be held at the office of the company  
in the City of Fort Worth, Texas,  
on the 27th day of February, A.  
D. 1899 at ten o'clock a. m. of  
said day, for the purpose of author-  
izing the Board of Directors to pro-  
ceed to construct and equip said  
railway and to issue the bonds of  
the said company in aid thereof  
and for such other business as may  
properly come before said meeting.  
C. B. EASTMAN, Secretary  
Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 26. 1888.

#### Notice.

I now have for sale or exchange  
for land in Haskell county a good  
farm of fine level black waxy land  
223 acres; 100 acres in cultivation,  
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ments, good water, all in Wilham-  
son Co., Tex., healthy location.  
Also a fine little stock of good cattle,  
consisting of about 600 head. Will  
sell cheap, or exchange for Haskell  
county land. I also have a good  
farm of 160 acres in Stonewall Co.,  
69 acres in cultivation, good im-  
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satisfaction guaranteed, or money  
refunded.—Price 50 cts. and \$1.00  
per bottle at Druggists.

ALL personal property is subject  
to taxation in the county where it  
was situated on the first day of  
January. And the owner is bound  
to render all property he owns in  
the state, when called upon to ren-  
der by the tax assessor of the county  
of his residence.

He can not excuse himself by  
saying he has or will render prop-  
erty in other counties than his resi-  
dence.

If he renders property in any  
county other than that of his resi-  
dence, the list of same will be for-  
warded to the controller who will  
again forward to the tax assessor of  
the proper county, under the in-  
struction that he will not make a  
double assessment though the  
property had been listed to him.

The idea prevails with a few  
owners of sheep that if their herd  
was in some county other than  
their residence on the first of Janu-  
ary they will not have to render  
the same, when they list other  
property, but this is a mistake as  
they will discover from the oath  
they take.

The subject of levying a school  
tax for district No. 1, will be voted  
on the 12th of March and that sub-  
ject is now open for discussion.

There are two questions involv-  
ed that will influence all honest  
votes polled.

One is, is it right for the people  
to tax themselves for the purpose  
of educating the children of the  
country? Certainly if a majority  
of the people levy the tax, the ben-  
efit people at large is acknowledged  
by the best statesmen of all civil-  
ized countries, that rank high in  
Christian morality, to be commensu-  
rate with the burden of the tax lev-  
ied. This principle is recognized  
by our laws and constitutions, and  
many young men and women of  
Texas to-day are enabled to enjoy  
the blessing of a common school  
education by the patriotic foresight  
of the founders of Texas institu-  
tions. Had it not been for the  
generous provisions of our fore-  
fathers, thousands of little children  
whose parents can scarcely cloth-  
and feed them, would grow up ill-  
literate, and thus reflect disgrace  
on a great state. Is there  
a man so unthoughtful that would  
refuse posterity the same blessing,  
that generous ancestors have vol-  
untarily provided for his enjoy-  
ment. We already have a state  
system of taxation for school pur-  
poses, and we don't see why we  
can not have a local system.

As to whether we need it or not  
we would say we ought to have a  
ten months school each year, and  
unless the fund of the state and  
county are supplemented by district

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taxation it will be impossible to  
employ a competent force of teach-  
ers for more than four months in  
the year.

Some will say it is not right to  
make one man help pay to educate  
another man's child and leaves out  
the consideration of citizenship in-  
volved in the education of the  
masses which directly effect all the  
members of society.

THE FREE PRESS would ask the  
question, does a man have the right  
to use force upon the per-  
son of another to prevent that  
person from committing a misde-  
meanor by using language in his  
presence concerning him or his  
female relatives calculated to pro-  
voke a breach of the peace? For  
instance suppose A approaches B  
and begins to abuse him in a man-  
ner calculated to provoke a breach  
of the peace. With the first abusive  
sentence showing its relation to B.  
A has committed a misdemeanor  
complete within itself but thought  
not necessary to the offense, A con-  
tinues to abuse B, and these sub-  
sequent acts would be a part of and  
constitute the original offense. But  
any citizen would be just-  
ified, to use force necessary to  
prevent the commission of an off-  
ense, or any act in the perpetration  
thereof, but would B be justified  
in using force upon the person of  
A to prevent the subsequent acts  
in the case stated? We are not pre-  
pared to answer these questions in  
the affirmative, but do hope, that  
they will be resolved in the affirma-  
tive by the courts of the country.  
It is a severe law indeed that  
would require a citizen to submit  
to a personal insult under pain of  
great punishment and it is unrea-  
sonable that any gentleman should  
be required to stand and listen to  
all the vituperations that some  
men may choose to heap upon  
him, without being allowed to pre-  
vent a continuation of the same. In  
a civilized country like ours when  
men are taught to prize their per-  
son and self, it is no more humili-  
ating to stand and submit to a bat-  
tery than to submit to personal  
abuse, and where men are so con-  
stituted as to be able to comply with  
the law under such circumstances  
they are dead to all sense of  
honor and are not worthy of citi-  
zenship. Then why make a law

that would force such a character  
upon the people, why deprive a man  
of the plea of self defense when  
he defends his noble mind and no-  
ble sentiment, and repels by blows  
injury thus inflicted. If a man  
were justifiable in repelling an  
assault with intent to produce  
disagreeable emotion of the mind.  
The village bullies would often sit  
a man up instead of relying on his  
fear and respect which he entertains  
the law. This injustice has been a  
burden to the administration of  
the law long enough. Let a man  
have to run the risk of a justifi-  
able punishment and punishment by  
law for using insulting language,  
and the number of offenses of the  
character will be very few as com-  
pared with the number under the  
present law. A good citizen is  
often provoked to commit an as-  
sault and battery, to stop some  
enemy from following him around  
and abusing him with all the epi-  
thets known to the English language,  
and after he has been insulted, and  
probably beaten, he is jerked into  
a court of justice bleeding and sore  
and heavily fined and the ruffian  
that got him into the trouble of-  
ten escapes with the plaudits of his  
friends.

#### Stonewall County Column.

—John Umphreys of Stonewall  
was in Haskell Thursday.

—J. E. McCreless of Stonewall  
county was in Haskell Thursday.

—The stationary, and office  
furniture for Stonewall county has  
arrived in Haskell.

—Pursuant to an order entered  
by the Hon. County Court of  
Stonewall county Texas, sealed  
proposals will be received by the  
county Clerk at his office in the  
town of Byrnes until 10 o'clock  
a. m. Feb. 25th 1889. To build a  
clerk's office with a fire proof vault  
plans and specifications of which  
are on file in said office each bid  
must be accompanied by a certifi-  
cated bond in double the amount for-  
bid for the faithful performance of  
the contract and completion of the  
building by the 25th day of April  
1889. The court reserving the  
right to reject any and all bids.  
Herbert Frey,  
Co. Clerk Stonewall Co. Tex.

### Which is the Best Plow

for use in the Abilene Country?

### The Blue Grass Sulky.

The Proof of it is:

- 1.—Ed. S. Hughes & Co. have placed their order for their third car in less than 12 months.
  - 2.—They have sold over eighty in that time under a strict guar-  
antee, and everyone of them is in successful and satisfactory opera-  
tion.
  - 3.—When one man in a neighborhood buys one, all of his  
neighbors follow suit.
  - 4.—There are four in use in one field on a farm near Anson,  
an adjoining field has two, another adjoining field one, with more  
in the neighborhood, and the parties who own them say they are the  
best, the lightest draft, and in every way the most satisfactory  
tool they ever used.
- These proofs are surely sufficient to recommend them to you, and  
we invite you to investigate their merits.

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Saturday, February 23, 1889.

—Billie Fields was in town Wednesday.

—J. O. Marcey was in the city this week.

—Dick Pogue has returned from east Texas.

—J. G. Bowles' little girl is convalescing.

—Geo. Mason was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. Caruthers was in the city Thursday.

—Mr. Messer was in the city Thursday.

—Billie Fields was in the city Wednesday.

—J. A. Fisher has sold his farm to a new owner.

—Early Rose seed potatoes at B. H. Dodson's.

—Mr. and Mrs. McGregor was in the city this week.

—F. E. Ross of Wild horse was in the city this week.

—Lots of early rose seed Irish potatoes at Johnson Bros.

—R. C. Lomax Esq. went to Anson on business this week.

—The juveniles had a social Monday night at Mrs. Martin's.

—Prof. Olifton was sick Wednesday and had to dismiss school.

—T. D. Labell sheriff of Knox county was in Haskell this week.

—Joe Gilkerson of Stonewall county was in the city Thursday.

—Capt. E. M. Pusey shipped a fine lot of hides and pelts this week.

—The Masons have been quite busy this week enlisting new members.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dillahunty gave the little folks a social Tuesday night.

—J. C. Bohanan has returned from an extended visit to southern Texas.

—C. P. Woodruff Esq. of Anson was in the city this week on legal business.

—Messrs. Riddle and Miller are doing a good trade in hardware and machinery.

—Mr. and Mrs. Standifer gave the young people a social Wednesday night.

—J. L. Jones has been planting oats on his eighty acre block joining the town plot.

—Our efficient Tax assessor has finished sowing oats and has begun to take assessments.

—Travis House has returned to Haskell, and will probably work in this range this season.

—County attorney Wilfong has moved to Mr. E. O. Wilfong's place in the north part of town.

—Wm and John Veale attorneys at law from Breckenridge was in the city this week, looking after lands.

—Just received 90 cases Ladies, Misses, Children, shoes, and men and Boy's Boots and Shoes at B. H. Dodson's.

—John Jones of Crystal Falls brother of our citizen J. L. Jones brought a load of pork to town yesterday.

—Just received 500 bushels new Oats, 5000 pounds of Flour and Meal, 1000 pounds of Bacon at B. H. Dodson's.

—Special Attention given to the sale of Flour to retail dealers every where by the Alliance Association Abilene Texas.

—Mrs. W. B. Anthony and Mrs. S. E. Norris left Haskell this week to visit friends and relatives at Waco, and Caldwell.

—Very few cattle have died during the winter, and sheep are beginning to fatten, the spring clip will be heavier than usual.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—

—FOR—  
**CHEYENNE SADDLES, Price \$17 00, \$20 00, \$25 00 and \$30 00**

—J. F. Clark of the firm of Adair and Clark of Abilene has returned to Abilene. Mr. Clark says Haskell is one of the best towns in the west.

—Perry Day of Austin was in Haskell this week prospecting. He owns extensive ranch property in this state and the Indian Territory.

—Wall Paper window glass, paints and oils are sold at very reasonable prices at Bass' Drug store Abilene Tex. Be sure and call on him.

—Messrs. Miller & Riddle have just received a consignment of Nails staples pumps windmills and farming implements call and inspect their stock.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wilfong have gone to Kaufman county to spend a few months. Mr. Calvin Wilfong accompanied them, he will go from Kaufman to his home in North Carolina.

—The Masonic lodge at this place will be a strong one, and that organization will have a good influence upon the morals of the county, for a man who is a good consistent mason is well founded in the principles of christianity.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—

—FOR—  
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 I am yours Truly,  
 D. R. GASS.

—The following is a list of the jurors at the February term of the county court. T. A. Gillmore, R. D. Smith, T. J. Lemon, Mack Walters, Walter Fitzgerald, M. L. H. Marr, W. H. Parsons, Wm Edge, T. L. Marr, Frank Powers and W. B. Anthon.

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—M. H. Gossett has returned from a business trip to Ellis county. He says while there Mr. Henry Bucheler who owns an interest in the H. 4 ranch in this county had his barn burned on his farm in Ellis county. The loss is estimated at \$3000. There were horses in the barn at the time but they were all saved.

—The jury in the case of B. Ball vs. B. B. et al, were out about 18 hours before they reported. They gave the case careful consideration and were not hasty to report that they could not agree. They showed a noble disposition to discharge the duties of jurors, and did not attempt to shirk. We commend their action to future juries and would urge them to take more time in deliberating, and not to become discouraged at not being able to readily agree.

—Justice court convened Monday, and adjourned over until Thursday. In the case vs. B. M. Kegans charged with an assault and battery the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.00. The case vs. C. E. Jewell and Jim Keller charged with disturbing public worship was dismissed at the request of the county attorney; in the case of the State vs. C. E. Jewell charged with using abusive language in the presence of a person concerning him calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, was continued.

—County court resumed its session Monday, and the business transacted was as follows:

State vs. S. C. Hammone charged with carrying a pistol was dismissed.

State vs. J. A. Tucker, and Tom Tucker charged with aggravated assault, trial by the court and verdict for defendants. State vs. Big Tucker aggravated assault and trial by the court, convicted of simple assault and fined \$10. State vs. A. D. Tucker aggravated assault, verdict of not guilty. State vs. J. W. Agnew aggravated assault verdict of not guilty. In the case of R. H. Bull vs. G. W. Boyd, E. M. Pusey intervenor, the jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$93.00 for house rent, and in favor

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 of defendant for \$5. damages, and in favor of the intervenor for the value of the hay levied on \$40 and \$10. damages. And found that the suit was prematurely brought which Texas all costs against plaintiff.

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## CONSERVATIVES.

Representative Citizens of Weatherford Want No Radical Railroad Legislation.

WEATHERFORD, Tex., Feb. 18.—A very important meeting of the Commercial union club was held at their club rooms at 7:30 o'clock to give an expression of the club as representing the business community of Weatherford regarding the pending railroad legislation. After a thorough discussion the following resolutions were adopted as an expression of the club.  
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 Witness my hand this the 23rd day of February A. D. 1889.  
 Oscar Martin.