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FUTURE PROSPECTS.
There has been several real estate transactions in the past few days, and there are more on foot, among which is the sale of over three hundred acres by Mrs. S. E. Norris to Mr. Hupp of Waco. Also Mr. S. H. Johnson has purchased several tracts of land adjoining the town of Haskell, all of which transactions we are glad to note as business activity shows confidence in the prospects of our town and country. The time is near at hand for the people who have invested all they have in Haskell, to work together in order to strengthen our influence and bring men of means to help to develop the many resources of our country as well as assist in giving inducements to the rail road to come through our town, which is a very important matter to those who have all their means invested in town property.
The H. & T. C. R. R. is going to build at least 20 Miles of road on the North-western extension next year or forfeit their charter. While the financial condition of that road is not in good shape, yet the creditors are as much interested in complying with the terms of the charter as the owners of the road, and therefore a reorganization of the road will take place in the near future and in that event the road will be put through Haskell county somewhere, and it is to our interest to secure the road for Haskell.
It is reported upon good authority that the Huntington Syndicate has about gotten control of the H. & T. C. R. R. which means that the road will be built and equipped in the near future.
With this road completed and the S. F. from Kansas city to El Paso there will be the greatest facilities for developing the most territory of West Texas that has ever been witnessed in a similar extent of new territory in the United States, and the change from a pastoral to an agricultural country will be unprecedented, and the people in the east who want cheap homes had better take time by the fore lock and come west to grow up with a country where there is so vast a field open for the exercise of energy and enterprise in all trade business and professions.

CUBAN BANDITS.
They Seem to be Running Things to Suit Themselves.
New York Nov. 18.—A letter from Havana dated November 14, says: Wednesday last a party of bandits, under Romero, called at a sugar plantation belonging to Senor Francisco Pedraso and demanded \$10,000, declaring that if the money was not forthcoming they would burn the plantation. Senor Pedraso refused to give what they asked. Four hours later the flames destroyed not only extensive and well-cultivated cane fields, but factories, dwelling-houses, depots and quantities of corn, lumber, provisions, and nearly every thing of value on the plantation.
In the province of Cienfuegos a robber band under Nicholas Espinoza and his lieutenant, Lagasca, kidnaped Senor Baltazar Forcades, for whose ransom they demand \$80,000. They also have Senor Luciano Cazanave and two sons of Senor Lobato.
Bandits in the province of Santa Clara kidnaped the steward of Senor Eusebio Logarda. He was not ransomed for \$30,000.
When young Napoleon undertook to quell the Paris mob he used no blank cartridges; the cannon was planted to command the streets, and veritable shot ploughed down among the rioters. Gov. Oglesby's order to the troops est-

ed out to meet the rioters, that no blank cartridges be used, was a measure of wisdom as well as humanity. Short, sharp and decisive should be the course of action, where men depend upon the first impression. The noise of battle, without its results, only tends to infuriate men to wilder excesses, which, in the end, can only be met by the most destructive means. The sight of blood, one man carried off on a stretcher, will generally be sufficient to cool the ardor of any unorganized set of men and produce such demoralization as will end in utter rout. There are not wanting those who remember many instances where cool, deliberate action betokening stern determination has warded off most disastrous results.

THE STARTLING RUMOR.
NEW YORK, Nov. 16, 9 a. m.—It is rumored that ex-President Arthur died at 5 o'clock this morning. The rumor is believed to be true.
IT IS CONFIRMED.
NEW YORK, Nov. 18, 9:20 a. m.—The rumor of ex-President Arthur's death is confirmed.

AN ANCIENT SWINDLERY.
FORT WORTH FAKERS CONTINUE TO FLEE THE INNOCENT.
Mr. J. C. Cater is a nice old gentleman who lives near Alvord, in Wise county. He was in the city yesterday and expected to take the train for Waco last night. But while he tarried in the Fort he fell into the hands of the Philistines. During the afternoon he fell in with a smooth-spoken gentleman, who called himself Morgan, who was also going to Waco, and it suited they would travel together, so this proposition the kind-hearted old Wise county farmer readily agreed. Morgan confided to him that he had a lot of goods here that he had to transfer, and while they were talking about it a fellow came up and presented a bill for freight charges amounting to \$25. Morgan was sorry he had nothing with him but a \$1000 check which it was too late to get cashed at the banks, and modestly asked his friend to let him have that amount till they could go to the depot, where he had plenty of coin in a trunk. He asked the assistant villain if he had noticed two large trunks (describing them minutely), which belonged to him. Of course his pal had noticed them, and went on to give further details of their appearance.

Then the victim and the sharp started toward the depot, when second crook called to No. 1 to return and get a receipt for the \$25 else he'd have to pay it twice. Morgan remarked to the old gentleman to go on to the depot and take possession of the trunks until he came, which would be but a little while. The guinea granger went, and spent a good hour hunting over the baggage department for those trunks. He never found them for a splendid reason, nor did he ever set eyes on the amiable Mr. Morgan and his pal. The officers have their suspicion, but no clue. —Fort Worth Gazette.

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A FATAL SHOOTING.

Special to the Gazette.
FORT SMITH, ARK., Nov. 18.—George K. Beeler, a prominent citizen of the Chickasaw nation, was brought in to-day on a charge of murder for the killing of his brother-in-law, Frank Fred, on October 27 last. His bond was placed a \$10,000, which was readily given, and his trial was set for the next week of court. Beeler and Fred married sisters, daughters of Col. Tom Grant, a wealthy stock-raiser and merchant of Fort Arbuckle. They were both living on Grant's Ranch, and some time before the killing seemed to get along badly together, and Beeler had decided to move away, and the very day of the killing was going so when he and Fred got into a dispute and had a fist fight which resulted in Fred drawing a pistol, which he was prevented from using by parties standing by. After the disturbance was apparently settled, Fred went into the house and Beeler went on loading his wagon. Going back to his room for something he was shot at by Fred and retreated into a room. As he came out Fred entered and fired another shot when Beeler fired three shots in succession at his antagonist with a six shotter, killing him. Frank Fred was a son of F. F. Fred, post-trader at Anadako, Comanche and Kiowa reservation, who is now in this city preparing to prosecute Beeler. There is some question as to the jurisdiction of the case, as both Beeler and his victim are citizens of the Choctaw nation by marriage. Several prominent men of the nation are here with Beeler, who claim that he acted purely in self-defence. The prominence of the parties on both sides adds importance to the case.

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The regular troops in Canada number about 7000 men, the active militia musters 37,000 all told, and Canada could place about 30,000 men in the field. In New South Wales the regular forces number 600 men, the volunteers 2,100 and there is an armed police force of 1,200. Victoria possesses a small naval force of 15 vessels, including 4 cruisers and 3 torpedo boats. The militia force numbers 1,428 men. South Australia, besides a volunteer force of 1,350 men, has a life association numbering 780 and a volunteer and naval brigade organized. Queensland has between 600 and 650 volunteers, two gunboats and a small torpedo boat. Western Australia has 555 volunteers and Tasmania 570.

New Zealand has 5,782 volunteers, and an armed constabulary of 1,000 men. The total number of men in 10 Australian colonies, exclusive of the police, is over 15,500. In South Africa the Cape mounted rifles number 985, the Cape field artillery 91, and the Cape infantry 520. Besides this there is a volunteer force of 3,000, and every able bodied man is liable for military service. Natal has volunteer mounted rifles, artillery and infantry amounting in all to 455 men, besides a mounted police force of 280 men and Ceylon has a volunteer force of 900. Thus the total strength of all the forces in the English colonies is less than 60,000, of which Canada contributes nearly 38,000. In India the active army numbers 120,000 men, besides which the armies of the tributary princes reach the enormous number of 200,000 men.—New York Sun.

Chemistry as a Profession.
Chemists as a rule receive from one thousand to twelve hundred dollars a year. This seems small when we consider to what expense a young man has been put to obtain the necessary education. Sometimes, however, in a manufacturing house where he has made himself particularly useful, a chemist may receive eighteen hundred or two thousand dollars, and as superintendent of works, he might get five thousand or ten thousand dollars; but such cases are very exceptional. One reason why salaries are smaller in our large cities is said to be found in the number of competent chemists who have come from Germany, and who are willing to work for lower wages than their American brethren demand.

When a chemist has, after years of study and long practice, thoroughly qualified himself in his profession, he can give what is called "an expert opinion." This, as Sam Weller might say, "is an opinion as is much more valuable than an opinion as is not expert." In a lawsuit, for example, chemists would be employed by both sides, and an expert would receive from fifty dollars a day to twenty-five dollars an hour. If an expert examined a mine, and reported on the formation, and gave his views on the likelihood of its being a people who intended to purchase it, he would be paid perhaps five or six hundred dollars and all expenses. But, remember, there are very few "experts," and these enjoy that reputation have paid the price of long continued study, of hard and enthusiastic labor, for the reputation they have made.—George Munson, in St. Nicholas for April.

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