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NOW IN SIGHT OF DUMAS TO CONVICT NEGRO TROOPS

The time long looked for when the people of Dumas can see the construction machines on the E. O. & W. at work has now arrived, for anyone in the business section can now see the big grader when it makes the turn at the east end of the works. The distance is only about a mile and a half and but for the slight roll of the land out that way the works could be seen some distance along the grade.

If the weather clears up so the work can be pushed it will only be a matter of a few days before the works will reach town and the first thirty-five miles of the grade on the Enid, Ochiltree & Western will be completed and ready for the ties and steel. These are being laid as fast as the steel mills can turn out the rails and are being laid every week, and it is expected that in a few weeks before the rails are found in the direct-

ly bring large results. The crooks on the railroad have been seen and many and doubtless it will be a sad day to these would-be prophets when the first train hours into town and they see their reputation as "seers" destroyed and the men who have stood by the venture will have their turn at giving ridicule.

TO THE CHILDREN.

Old Santa Clause has just become a subscriber of the Pioneer and has requested us to ask the children of this county to write letters to him through this paper informing him of the presents you would like, as the old gentleman has so many children to see after it is absolutely necessary for them to give him some idea of what they wish. He also requests that each child give his or her age. So get busy, children, and help old Santa out by writing to him, care of the Pioneer.

NOTICE—Mr. T. A. Matheny is no longer in our employ and has no authority to list lands, contract any indebtedness for or transact any other business for The Monarch Land & Loan Company. Those having business with this Company will kindly address us at 342 New York Life Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

L. W. HAGG, Sec-Treas.

THE PANHANDLE BOOTH

Is Visited Daily By Thousands of People Who Are Interested.

Speaking of the Panhandle Booth at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition at Chicago, E. A. Wiest, who has just returned from there, declares that the booth and exhibits are both things of beauty. The booth is prominently located and the exhibit shows up to advantage. There are many there, he said, on which a great deal more money was spent, but few which rival the Panhandle display in attractiveness.

It is visited daily by thousands of people and all seem to have a keen interest in the panhandle country and are showing it in a thousand different ways. The booth is expected to eventually bring large results.

EXHIBIT CAR AT PAMA ILLINOIS.

The latest heard of the E. O. & W. car was information which came this morning. The car had just stopped at Pama, Illinois. The last stop was at Hillsboro, where it is claimed the boosters did a large business by way of selling Wilcoe lots.—Dalhart Evening News.

BIG SNOW.

A big snow fell all over Moore and adjoining counties Saturday night, continuing most of the day Sunday until the ground was covered for several inches on the level and in places the drift was several feet deep. However, Monday saw the snow melting and soaking into the ground for the benefit of the wheat crop already planted and putting a season in the ground that could not be obtained any other way.

We will sell at a bargain for the cash, the following: four Success sulkies, three Success gangs and five 14x16 Star disc harrows. If you are looking for real bargains, don't fail to investigate. Dumas Hardware Company.

School supplies of all kinds at the Dumas Drug Company.

EXPERT SOIL SURVEY

In the Panhandle Country Will Be Completed Early Next Spring.

The work of expert soil survey which has been in progress in the Panhandle country, will be completed early next spring. Work on this survey has been stopped for the winter and the surveying corps has been sent to Victoria for a continuation of the work along the coast around Corpus Christi.

The operations of the Bureau of Soils in Texas this winter and spring will mark the closing of a great survey of soil conditions extending from North Dakota to the gulf and covering more than 14,000 square miles of agricultural lands, most of it in the semi-arid belt. The surveys will be extended northward to the Canadian line, so that within eighteen months. A considerable amount of this work will be in the great pains country of the Texas Panhandle.

MR. AND MRS. JONES ENTERTAINS.

A very pleasant social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jones, twelve miles Northeast from town, last Friday night in honor of Miss Effie Daugherty of Gainesville, the following being present:

Misses: Rosie Burnett, Lella McKee, Hattie Phillips, Winnie Wynn, Bernice Nail, Vera Flack, Grace Hunt, Sallie Miller, Bertha Miller, Lena Miller, Beulah Cummings, Allie Hunt, Hettie Green and Mabel Walker.

Messrs. Lee Payne, W. O. Burnett, W. F. Manis, Bob Flynt, Jim Wynn, J. M. Daugherty, J. V. Mills, Bob Sims, Hub Foster, Oscar Mills, Luther McKenzie, Jim Morton, Dennis Mills, Billie Phillips, Tom Mills, Chas. Hunt, Chas. Bennett, Ray Bennett, Hugh Helm, John Glen, Brady Cummings, Willie Cummings, Mose Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wells.

For Moore county land address, G. A. Vawter, Dalhart, Texas. 14tf

Brownsville, Texas, Nov. 30.—New light was thrown on the Brownsville raid by the court of inquiry in its session here today and a number of here-to-fore undeveloped points were brought out, all of which are claimed to be detrimental to the cause of the negro soldiers charged with shooting up the town. Celso Olivere, a former policeman, and Manuel Morales, formerly a tailor at the post, were the principal witnesses.

Olivere testified that he saw Captain Macklin, whom he knew well, picking up scattered cartridges the morning after the raid. At the former inquiry, Captain Macklin testified the shells were found in one place, it being alleged they were placed there by citizens in support of a conspiracy. Morales told of a conversation he had with a negro soldier after the raid, in which the negro said he was sorry a man had been wounded, as the Americans were the only ones the negro troops "were after".

Among the other witnesses was Joseph K. Powers of San Antonio, former keeper of the National cemetery at Ft. Brown. Powers said he had a conversation with Major Penrose following the shooting, quoting the latter as saying he would rather have lost his right arm than have had his men do the shooting, and he would give a years pay to know which of the soldiers did it.

That the officers know who did the shooting, was testified to in addition to the above, Mrs. Kate Leahy, who said Lieutenant Greer told her the officers recognized the reports of the high-power rifles, but were afraid to leave their families to investigate, believing that the soldiers were fighting among themselves, as on previous occasions.

The court of inquiry concluded its hearing here late today and adjourned to meet at a later date in Washington. The inquiry will be completed by hearing such discharged soldiers as may apply for reinstatement in the army and who will be called to testify in their own behalf. The court of inquiry leaves tomorrow afternoon for Washington.

Get the advertising habit.

SEEM TO HAVE A GRIEVANCE.

Small Wonder That Chinese Postmen
Complain of Hard Work and
Poor Pay.

It is not only in France that postal employes are discontented with their lot, for the Chinese postal workers are also in a state of ferment. They are strongly protesting against the remuneration which they receive and which they consider little less than an insult when compared with the difficulty of obtaining employment in the postal service of the Celestial empire. The training is arduous and full of peril. The men urge, and apparently with reason, that as it is only the bravest who adopt the calling of postman the emoluments should not be in an inverse ratio to the difficulty of attainment.

A Son of Heaven wishing to enter the postal service must, to begin with, give evidence of courage, robustness, power of endurance, ability to traverse great distances over mountains and valleys, through dangerous forests frequented by wild beasts and robbers. These dangerous journeys must be undertaken alone and accomplished in a fixed time. After this the would-be letter carrier is sent into uncanny places which are considered to be the abode of evil spirits.

When the Chinaman has satisfied the authorities in regard to these matters he is appointed a letter carrier.

HEDGES AND GENTLEMEN.

A box hedge takes as long in the making as a gentleman, and when they are done the two are much of a sort. No plant in all the garden has so settled an air of breeding, so gentle a reserve, yet so gracious a message of sweetness for all of the world who will stop to learn it. It keeps a firm dignity under the stress of tempest when lighter growths are tossed and torn; it shines bright through the snow; it has a well-bred willingness to be background, with the well-bred gift of presence, whether as background or foreground. The soul of the box tree is an aristocrat, and the sap that runs through it is the blue-blood of vegetation.—Mary R. S. Andrews.

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS:—

To the Sheriff, or any constable of Moore county, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown heirs of Charles Ragsdale, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in Moore county Texas, to be holden at the courthouse thereof in the town of Dumas, on the third Monday after the first Monday in January, 1910, the same being the 24th day of January 1910 then and there to answer the plaintiff's petition filed in a suit in said court on the 11th day of November 1909, said suit being

numbered on the docket of said court No. 118, wherein the American Pastoral company, Limited, a corporation is plaintiff, and the Unknown heirs of Charles Ragsdale are defendants said petition alleging in substance that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, and is entitled to the title and possession of the following described lands, situated in Moore county, Texas, and bounded as follows to-wit:—Being one third of a League of land in said Moore county, Texas patented to Charles Ragsdale, by patent No. 501 Vol. 20 on the 31st day of August 1875, and bounded as follows to-wit:—

Beginning 301 Vrs. South of the N. W. corner of the Mary Johnson survey-- Thence North with the west line of said survey for Mary Johnson, pass it N. W. corner at 301 Vrs. at 2887 vrs. a mound. Thence west at 2556 vrs. Big Blue creek, 2886 vrs. to md. Thence South 2887 vrs. to mound Thence East crossing creek 2886 vrs. to the place of beginning. Plaintiff further alleges that on January 1st, 1908 defendants unlawfully entered upon and took possession of said lands and ejected plaintiff therefrom.

Plaintiff further alleges that it is the owner of, and entitled to the possession of, said lands for this:— that heretofore to-wit:— on the 10th day of May 1889 one David T. Beals by his deed of conveyance of that date sold and conveyed said above described tract of land to plaintiff which said deed of conveyance is duly recorded in Vol. 2 pages 400 to 405 in the deed records of said Moore County, Texas, and was so recorded on the 10th day of May 1899; plaintiff further shows to the court that immediately after the date of said deed of conveyance

named deed that it, through its agents servants and tenants, took actual, adverse, and open possession of said lands and has, at all times since taking possession thereof, been using cultivating, grazing and enjoying said lands adverse to defendants and to any and all claims of any and all persons and has continuously, and consecutively paid all taxes lawfully due and owing on said lands to the county of Moore and State of Texas, for each and every year beginning with the year 1890 and ending with, and including the year 1909.

Plaintiff says, and believes that the unknown heirs of Charles Ragsdale, is setting up some kind of pretended title to said land claiming the same as the heirs of Charles Ragsdale deceased, and are threatening to bring some kind of suit to recover said lands from Plaintiff, thereby clouding Plaintiff's title.

Wherefore Plaintiff asks that it have a decree quieting its title to said lands, removing the cloud from its title and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next regular term thereof this writ with your return endorsed thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, F. S. MaKeig—Clerk District Court, Moore County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Dumas, Texas on this the 13th day of November 1909.

F. S. MaKeig,

Clerk District Court,
Moore county, Texas.

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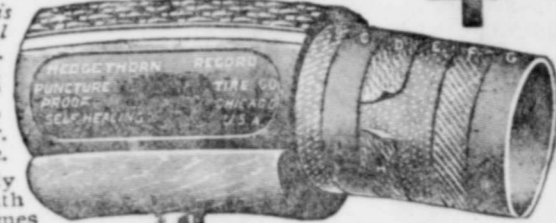
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders of the Enid, Ochiltree & Western Railroad Company, General Offices, Ochiltree, Texas, February 8, 1910.
Ochiltree, Tex., Nov. 9, 1909.— Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Enid, Ochiltree & Western Railroad Company will be held at the general offices of the company located in the First State Bank building, Ochiltree, Texas, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the Eighth day of February, 1910, for the purpose of author-

izing the making, executing and delivery by the company of a first mortgage on its line of railroad to be constructed between and connecting the city of Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas, and the town of Ochiltree, Ochiltree County, Texas, passing through Hurtle, Moore, Hutchinson and Hunsford Counties, Texas, including the franchise of said railroad company, together with all its easements, leases, rights and privileges, rights of way, road-bed, rails, ties, bridges, culverts, track and appliances; all depot grounds, terminal facilities, structures, equipment, improve-

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ments and real estate; rolling stock, machinery, engines, round-houses, shops, buildings, and tools of every kind and character, wheresoever situated, now owned or to be hereafter acquired, respect to said section of said railroad between Dalhart and Ochiltree, Texas, except that it is understood that the interest in townsites that have been or may hereafter be given said Railroad Company as a donation shall be and are to be exempt from the operation and provisions of said mortgage, which mortgage is to secure bonds to be issued to an amount not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars per mile of said line, or so much thereof as said stockholders' meeting may provide for, as the Railroad Commission of Texas may hereafter authorize from time to time; said bonds to bear interest at not exceeding six per cent per annum payable semi-annually, and said bonds to be made payable at a period not exceeding thirty years from their date, and to authorize the Directors of this Company to apply to said Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue said bonds and for authority to register the same; and for the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before said meeting in connection with said matters.

By order of the Board of Directors.
George M. Perry,
President,
Attest: J. B. Cartwright,
Secretary.

**For fine Panhandle
lands address, Franklin
Land Co. Lieb, Texas.**

Local and Personal

Bob Sims made a business trip to Dalhart this week.

Henry Heasler, the expert automobile man, is here working over several cars.

W. J. Morton, president of the First State Bank, has returned from a business trip to Amarillo.

Rev. Skinner, pastor of the Baptist church at Stratford was in Dumas this week.

The Pioneer job department this week received a big stationery order for a drug house at Gainesville, Texas.

Monogram stationery makes a nice Christmas present. We make the monograms and print them. Look at the ad in this issue.

You can get your Christmas presents as cheap at the Dumas Drug Company and a nice line to select from.

Another nice line of candies fresh from the factory, are on the road for the Dumas Drug Company, due to arrive Tuesday.

Ladies' Home Journal and Womans Home Companion for sale at the Pioneer News stand.

For Sale—Good team. Pioneer Printing Co.

Combs, brushes and toilet articles at the Dumas Drug Company.

Finest line of stoves ever seen at Dumas. Dumas Hardware and Implement Company.

The Dumas Drug Co. can supply your wants with pure fresh drugs at reasonable prices.

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PHONE NO. 1.

ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED IN MOORECO.

DON'T be a knocker—Hide your
little hammer and try to speak
well of others, no matter how small
you may know yourself really to be.
When a stranger drops in, jolly him
Tell him this is the greatest town
on earth—and it is. Nobody gets
stuck on a knocker.
—Selected.

There was an old man with a flute,
Who tutored two young tooters
to toot,
Said the tooters to the tutor
Is it easier to toot or tutor two
tooters to toot?

LETTERS to Santa Claus are
now in order.

THE FIGURING TIME of the
year has come—Oh, those
Christmas presents!

ABAND is soon to be organized
by the Modern Woodmen of
Dumas. Every town needs a
good band and the citizers should
give the woodmen every aid they
can in their organization.

ONE TEXAS EDITOR, so we
are told, refused a five dol-
lar bill because it was filthy. Go
on, you can't fool us; that editor
is trying to make somebody en-
vious by claiming he has had as
much as five bucks poked at him
at one time—but again, you can't
fool us!

NOW HONEST, arn't you glad
you live in Dumas
where there is always something
new being built? Even though
you do not sometimes see the im-
posing sight of several wagon

TOO LONG

I am young enough yet to feel the chug
Of my heart when I think of the long ago,
When my memory smiling starts in to lug
Before me scenes that I used to know,
Starts painting me pictures I basely scanned
When they were spreading before my eyes,
When I was holding a little hand
Somewhere out yonder beneath the skies.

Somewhere out yonder beneath the skies,
When life was purple and green and gold;
Somewhere out yonder where Romance lies
In the yellow sun. I shall ne'er grow old
If age means looking away to where
Love tiptoed into the world to me,
And never having a throb to spare
At the thought of life as it used to be.

If I ever turn from a winding road,
Or turn from a path through a hazel copse,
Or turn from a river where once I rowed
With her alone when the rushes' tops
Were stirred by the wind till they'd bend and lean
Together, or turn from a wild bird's song
To the ways of Mammon all smudged and mean,
I shall know by that I have lived too long.

If ever the lilt of a maiden's laugh
Shall not make me pause as it strikes my ear,
If ever in life I prefer to quaff
From a cup when a cool spring bubbles near;
If ever I meet in the path some two,
And she is loving and he is strong,
And my heart throbs not as it used to do,
I shall know by that I have lived too long.

If e'er when a beautiful maid goes by
Where I am standing in a lane or street,
And I look not after her with a sigh
And a murmured prayer that her dancing feet
May move in time to a happy heart
Through all her years and in every throng,
If I love her not for her lips apart
With joy, then I have lived too long.

Oh, Lord, of the blessings of every day,
Oh, Lord, of the glories I here have sung,
Oh, Lord, of the babies that romp and play,
Oh, Lord, of the mother glad eyed and young,
Oh, Lord, of the breezes that stir the trees,
Oh, Lord, of the maiden's and wild birds song,
Oh, Lord, of the blossoms about our knees,
I pray You, don't let me live too long!

—J. M. Lewis in Houston Post.

loads of hogs brought from a
neighboring county lined up load-
ing onto cars for shipment? Well,
we had rather see the money come
to the county than to see the hogs
loaded, hadn't you? But we will
soon get to see both and that is
better.

NEXT WEEK will be excursion
week, and many home seek-
ers will be in Moore county look-
ing for a home in this great land

of promise. When we say land
of promise, we mean just that.
for if there ever was a promise
for a great crop it is evidenced
right here at this time. The snow
of the last week has put a season
in the ground that many rains
would fail to put in it and unless
some unforeseen calamity should
be visited upon the community it
will become a vertible land of
milk and honey.

THE FOURTEEN ERRORS OF LIFE.

To set up our own standard
right and wrong and expect every
body to conform to it.

To try to measure the enjoy-
ment of others by your own.

To expect uniformity of opinion
in this world.

To look for judgement and ex-
perience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all cir-
cumstances alike.

Not to yield in unimportant
trifles.

To look for perfection in our
own actions.

To worry ourselves and others
about what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate, if we can, all
that needs alleviation.

Not to make allowances for the
weaknesses of others.

To consider anything impossi-
ble that we ourselves cannot per-
form.

To believe only what our finite
minds can grasp.

To live as if the moment, the
time, the day were so important
that it would live forever.

To estimate people by some
outside quality, for it is that
within which makes the man.

THE BEST BARGAIN

In reading matter your money
can buy is your home paper. It
tells you what you want to know
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CONVICTS ENJOY MUSIC.

At the French penal colony, No-
mea, New Caledonia, the convicts
have organized a band. The leader
is a notorious murderer, and was
once in the orchestra of the Paris
opera house. The cymbal player
killed a subpoena-server, and the
drum player murdered his landlady
with a hammer. The first cornet
is guilty of murder, with robbery
the motive, and one of the clarinet
a tavern keeper, used to kill his
patrons for the same reason. The
assistant bandmaster was convicted
of having cut his wife to pieces.
This convict band gives daily con-
certs to the inhabitants of Noumea,
who are enthusiastic over the new
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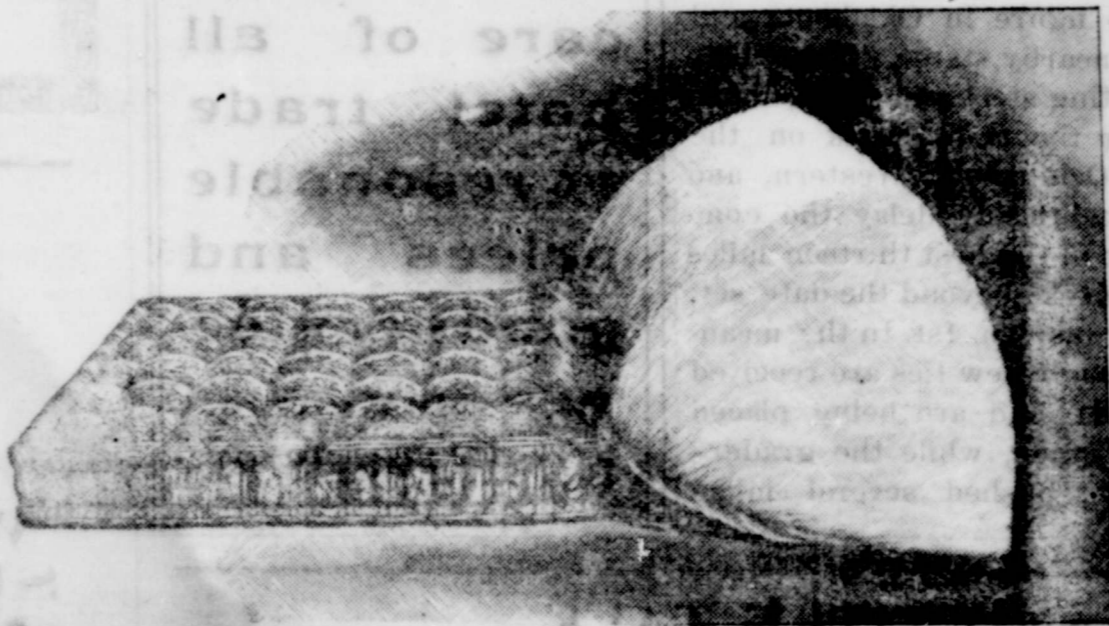
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THE CAUSE OF IT.

"The boy wants to get well, doctor, so he can go back to his balloon ascension experiments. He's got the aviation fever."

"Humph! That may account for the rise in his temperature."

NOT ALWAYS ANSWERING.

"He handles his subject without gloves, as all men ought to do."

"Oh, not all men, I hope."

"Why not?"

"But think of the electric line men!"

To the Public:-- Do you like good fresh beef, or hot chili or do you wish to buy or sell chickens, eggs or produce? If so, we cordially invite you to give us a call. Respectfully, **City Meat Market.**

Daugherty & Sims, Proprietors.



UNROMANTIC.
Adolphus--And if there is no moonlight, will yer meet 'e by gaslight, Angelina?
Angelina--No, Adolphus; I am no gas-metr.

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DELAY IN STEEL

The following dispatch appeared in the Dallas News last Saturday under a Dalhart date line:— Three cars of steel rails for track laying on the Enid, Ochiltree & Western Railroad arrived Wednesday, sufficient to push the road a little further toward the first station out from Dalhart to the east. This is the first steel to arrive in two weeks, it being claimed by the steel mill people at Chicago that while they are running their mills day and night trying to catch up with orders, it is impossible to do so, the orders ahead of the Dalhart road's order, for Texas mileage alone, being sufficient to keep their mills running six months, not to figure in Oklahoma and other nearby states. This delay in getting steel is seriously hampering the track work on the Enid, Ochiltree & Western, and will doubtlessly delay the completion of the first thirteen miles some weeks beyond the date set, which was Jan. 1st. In the meantime, many new ties are received every day and are being placed on the grade, while the graders are now pushed several miles

beyond Dumas, the Moore county capital. Since Nov. 1st the Oklahoma end of the road has been organized at Enid, and the Commercial club of that place reports very satisfactory progress in the work of raising the stock and bonus for the 130 miles of the road which will be built in Oklahoma.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.—To the Sheriff or any constable of Moore county, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to summon, the unknown heirs of Napoleon Jones, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in Moore county, Texas to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Moore county, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof in the town of Dumas on the third Monday after the first Monday in January 1910 the same being the 24th day of Jan. then and there to answer the plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 11th day of November 1909, said suit being numbered on the docket of said court No. 117, wherein the American Pastoral Company, Limited, a corporation, is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Napoleon Jones are defendants said petition alleging in substance that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, and is entitled to the title and possession of the following described lands, situated in Moore county, Texas and bounded as follows to-wit:

Beginning at the North west corner of a survey of 1476 acres of land in the name of Charles Ragsdale; thence West 1505 Vrs., to a mound—Thence South 1505 Vrs. to a mound—Thence East 1505 Vrs. to a mound—Thence North 1505 Vrs. to the place of beginning; said tract of land being surveyed by virtue of H. K. certificate No. 1030-1127 issued to Napoleon Jones by the Commissioner of the General Land Office on the 28th day of December 1848.

Plaintiff alleges that on the 1st. day of January 1908, defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and ejected Plaintiff therefrom and took possession thereof:—

Plaintiff further alleges that it is entitled to the possession of, and is the owner of said lands for this—that on to-wit:—the 22nd day of October, 1900, John W. Jones, M. H. Hancock, and V. G. Hancock (husband and wife) Mamie Mosely, Thomas A. Howze, J. S. Helms and his wife Annie Helms, had executed and delivered to plaintiff their certain deed of conveyance, wherein and whereby they conveyed to plaintiff the land herein before described; that said deed of conveyance was duly recorded in Moore county, Texas in the records of deeds of said county on the 22nd day of October 1900 in Vol. 3, pages 434-5-6, Plaintiff says that immediately after the execution and delivery to it, of said deed of conveyance, and for a period of more than five years next before the filing of this suit it, through its servants, agents, tenants and employes has had actual possession of said land, using, cultivating and enjoying the same adverse to every and all persons and especially defendants; that it has been in such possession consecutively for more than five years next before the filing of this suit, and that it has during the time it has owned, and been in the possession of said land paid all taxes of every character both state and county that has become due and owing on said land.

Plaintiff says that it believes and alleges the fact to be that said unknown heirs of Napoleon Jones, are setting up some kind of claim or title

to said land and they are threatening to bring suit, that such claim forms a cloud on plaintiff's title:— Wherefore Plaintiff prays for judgment for a decree quieting its title, and for possession.

Herein fail not but have you this writ, at the next regular term of said court, on the first day thereof, with your return endorsed thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, at Dumas, Texas on the 13th day of November 1909.

F. S. MaKeig,
clerk District court,
Moore county, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.— To the Sheriff, or any Constable of Moore County, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to summon, the unknown heirs of Mary Johnston, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in Moore County, Texas, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Moore County, Texas, to be holden at the Court house thereof in the town of Dumas, on the third Monday after the first Monday in January 1910 then and there to answer the plaintiff's petition filed in a suit in said Court on the 11th day of November 1909, said suit being numbered on the docket of said Court No. 116, Wherein the American Pastoral Company, Limited, a Corporation, is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Mary Johnson are defendants said petition alleging in substance that the Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, and is entitled to the title and possession of the following described lands situated in Moore County, Texas and bounded as follows to-wit:—

That the Plaintiff is the owner of, in fee simple and is entitled to the possession of the following described lands situated in Moore County, Texas, and bounded as follows:—

Being 1380 acres of land originally granted to Mary Johnson by letters patent No. 502 Vol. 20—beginning at the N. E. Corner of Survey No. 50 in block No. 47 made for the H. & T. C. Ry. Co.—thence North 1267 Vrs. Big Blue Creek—4102 Vrs. to mound; thence west 1900 Vrs, thence South crossing Creek 4102 Vrs. to pile of rocks—thence East 1900 Vrs. to place of beginning; Plaintiff alleges that on January 1st, 1908 defendants unlawfully entered upon, and took possession of said lands and ejected Plaintiff therefrom:—

Plaintiff further alleges that it is the owner of, and entitled to the possession of said lands for this: That on the 19th day of August 1884 one David T. Beals by his deed of Conveyance of that date sold and conveyed said above described tract of land to James W. Barclay, J. Hyde Sparks, Andrew Whitten, James Duff, and W. P. Miller as trustees for this Plaintiff— which said deed of conveyance was on the 7th day of November 1884 duly recorded in deed records of Moore County, Texas—then attached to Oldham County for Judicial purposes—that Plaintiff at once after the execution and record of said deed as aforesaid, took actual possession of said lands, and has since said date had said lands in it's actual, adverse

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Plaintiff says that it fears and believes that the unknown heirs of said Mary Johnson will set up some kind of pretended title to said land, and thereby cloud it's title thereto—Wherefore it prays that it have judgment quieting it's title to said land and for general relief.

Herein fail not but have you this writ with your return endorsed thereon, before said court on the first of the next regular term of said court showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court on this the 13th day of November 1909.

F. S. MaKeig,
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