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#### HE MUST DIE.

The Governor of Missouri Refuses Further Respite to Maxwell, the Murderer of Prother.

The Sad News Broken to the Prisoner—Scenes Between Him, and His Sister and Mother.

St. Louis Mo., Aug. 9.—Governor Morehouse refuses to grant any further respite to Maxwell. Upon receipt of the information Maxwell was removed to a new cell to guard against suicide. He has not yet been informed of the Governor's decision. Maxwell's mother and sister are at the jail weeping bitterly. When they and the condemned meet a sensational scene is looked for.

#### THE REFUSAL ANNOUNCED.

The news of Governor Morehouse's refusal was conveyed to the condemned man by his confessor Father Thian. Maxwell blanched and his lips trembled, but he soon recovered. After the departure of the priest the following telegram was handed Maxwell by a deputy: "JEFFERSON CITY Mo. Aug. 9.—Commutation of sentence has been refused by Governor Morehouse. The respite is also refused on the grounds presented. The Governor is still considering the request to grant further time for your father to come from England.

[Signed] John J. Martin.

Maxwell read the message slowly and placed it carefully in his vest pocket. Then followed a pathetic scene Mrs. Brooks the mother of the condemned, and Miss Brooks, his sister, had learned of the result at Jefferson City through Corner's Clerk John F. Ryan. They asked to be permitted to go within the screen and the request was granted. When they reached the cell Mrs. Brooks rushed into Maxwell's arms and embraced him, kissing him twice and crying out, "Oh, my poor hunted boy!" Then the sister embraced her doomed brother. Both ladies endeavoring to hide their emotion. Maxwell was deeply affected, and for a time lost control of himself, but soon rallied and presented an undisturbed exterior. In response to a query he said he would like to see his father before he died, and believed the Governor would be humane enough to grant the time needed for his father to reach St. Louis. When Mrs. Brooks and daughter departed it was with the understanding that they were to be granted another meeting with the condemned at 4 P. M. There is a great crowd in and about the jail, and intense interest is being manifested.

#### FURTHER RESPITE REFUSED.

After Governor Morehouse had refused further respite for Maxwell his attorneys entered a plea that the condemned man be given thirty days life in order that his father might come from England and see him before he died. After due consideration the Governor said "My secretary will read you my answer to Secretary Bayard, and I desire now to state that that is my answer to your last request, and it is my final decision." Here is the letter:

Jefferson City Mo., Aug. 9, 1888  
Hon T. F. Bayard, Secretary of State, Washington D. C.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of August 2, enclosing a communication from Sir Lionel Mackenzie West, asking a respite for Maxwell, sentenced to be hanged in St. Louis on the 10th instant. The only reason assigned for this request is the allegation that "it is a

respite for the condemned man for further inquiry." Nowhere is it you are aware, sought to obtain a statement at the British government, wishes to make inquiry into this matter. On the contrary, from a careful consideration of the communication and there being no question of international law involved or suggested, I am to believe that the inquiry heretofore prosecuted here may be further extended. Being thoroughly satisfied that all the facts bearing upon my action in the case are fully before me and well understood by me I have declined to grant any further respite.

[Signed] ALBERT P. MOREHOUSE, Governor of Missouri.  
Maxwell's attorneys then filed an appeal for time to cable the British government, but this, also, was denied.

There was nothing of special interest transpired after the morning meeting between mother, son, sister and brother, until the return of Mrs. Brooks and daughter at 4 o'clock for the final farewell. They entered Maxwell's cell accompanied by two deputy sheriffs who watched closely to prevent the passing of any instrument of death by the sister or mother to the condemned man. Maxwell received the visitors with outward calmness and during the forty minutes conversation his face never brightened. The conversation was devoted to a re-summé of the case, and the mother bitterly denounced Governor Morehouse, the state of Missouri and the United States. She concluded with the remark that when Governor Morehouse wants his final appeal to Heaven it will go unanswered. A deputy sheriff notified the ladies their time was up.

The mother threw her arms about Maxwell with the words, "O, my God, my God!" kissed him twice and hiding her eyes with her hands she passed out.

The sister embraced her brother and kissed him but he apparently failed to return the caresses of either and, as they passed weeping bitterly, the mother staggering in her woe Maxwell lit a cigarette and, throwing his head back unconcernedly puffed out a volume of smoke and coolly returned to some manuscript he was correcting. Half an hour later he partook of a light supper.

#### STILL TRYING TO SAVE HIM.

John J. Martin, one of Maxwell's attorneys, returned from Jefferson City on the night train and called on his condemned client at one, assuring him that the efforts would not cease to prevent the execution from being carried out in the morning. Mr. Martin said he had been in telegraphic communication with Washington and expected to receive a cable from England at any minute. Maxwell seemed brighter when the attorney left the cell. Martin repaid to his office, which is just opposite the jail, where the attorney declares he will receive before the hour set for the execution a message that will prevent it.

#### HIS LAST DAY BEGINS.

St. Louis Mo., Aug. 10.—At 12:30 Father Thian returned to the jail and entered Maxwell's cell. The condemned man closed the cell door and complained of the lack of privacy, denouncing what he termed the unfeeling curiosity of those in the jail. The father confessor was with Maxwell fifteen minutes, and when he left the cell he said to an Associated Press reporter: "He will go to his death bravely asserting his innocence."

For the first time since his incarceration Maxwell realizes that he is doomed, and he is beginning to grow restless, nervous and irritable. At this hour (midnight) he is sitting at a table in his cell reading a book left with him by Father Thian. Maxwell is never without a cigarette and smokes while he reads. At a few minutes before 1 o'clock Maxwell fell asleep and is now sleeping peacefully as a child. During the last hours of wakefulness he wrote a number of letters to attorneys.

Halsted, A. M., Ph. D.

George Bruce Halsted, A. M., Ph. D., is, we believe, professor of mathematics in the University of Texas. He was imported several years ago from New Jersey to draw perhaps, the largest salary he ever pocketed in his life, and to sow the seed of New Jersey civilization in the benighted West. We do not betray any private confidence vested in us by the eminent professor when we state that the press of Halsted, A. M., Ph. D., has been fattening at a healthy rate since he came to Texas; that it has grown fat and sound, and it is a very rare thing for Halsted A. M., Ph. D., to have his cheeks thrown out of back. The Texans are a generous people; they saw that the eminent abilities of Halsted, A. M., Ph. D. were not duly appreciated on his native heath (what nazarine ever expected good from nazareth?); they gave him a pedestal all to himself, emancipated him from the ignoble cares of life, and bade the affluence of the A. M., Ph. D., soar to its proper sphere. That Halsted A. M., Ph. D., improved his advantages goes without saying. He is from New Jersey, and through New Jersey, doesn't manufacture woolen nutmegs, if does a paying traffic with its brothers and sisters, and keeps a large part of their marbles and dolls in pledge. Halsted, A. M., Ph. D., knows a good thing when he sees it and he knows that there millions in Texas lands at \$1.50 an acre. He has planted a few thousand there himself, and would feel quietly and contentedly on the pleasurable anticipation of a boom were it not for the shrill voice of the tax gatherer crying like Patrick Henry's Tory for beef. Halsted is justly indignant, and in chess, scholarly. A. M., Ph. D., language expresses his indignation thus:—  
W. W. Mail.  
University of Texas,  
Austin, Texas, June 10th 1888.  
To the Commissioners Court at Haskell:

SIR—An all sufficient reason why the valuation of property rendered by me for 1888, namely \$1 50 per acre, should not be raised, is that I have been throughout the year, and am still trying to find any one that will pay that for the land, nothing is legally worth more than it will bring, and to tax me for more, is stealing, and any court which does it is a stink-pot, throwing disgrace to civilization. Very sincerely,  
GEORGE BRUCE HALSTED, A. M., Ph. D.—HASKELL, FREE PRESS.

It has been charged in days past, on account of his make-up and jaunty air, that Halsted, A. M., Ph. D., was a dude. We submit that no dude could ever have written the above; imagine the horror of that innocent lamb-like individual at the mention of a "stink-pot." We are glad to announce that our eminent A. M., Ph. D., has exonerated himself from this base slander, and to note that his vocabulary in numbers and language is quite as great as in mathematics. Let the good work of civilization go on.—Ft. Worth Herald.

#### EXCHANGED WIVES.

An Arrangement Between Farmers in Tennessee which has not Proved Satisfactory.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 5.—There is a big sensation at Cleveland, Tenn., over the swapping of wives by William Van Patten and R. E. Brooks, which has just come to light. Van Patten and Brooks, came south two years ago from Michigan, and bought farms three miles from Cleveland. The families have always been on the best of terms, there being two children in each family. By the consent of both husbands and wives the two men traded partners three weeks ago, and the trade has proved very satisfactory until yesterday when Van Patten went to Cleveland and consulted a lawyer to ascertain if he could not compel Brooks to trade back. Mrs. Brooks is entirely satisfied with Van Patten, and is willing to live with him. Brooks is said to have got the best of the bargain, as Mrs. Van Patten is a beautiful woman. Prominent citizens of Cleveland threaten to take a hand in the matter to-morrow by having all of the parties arrested.

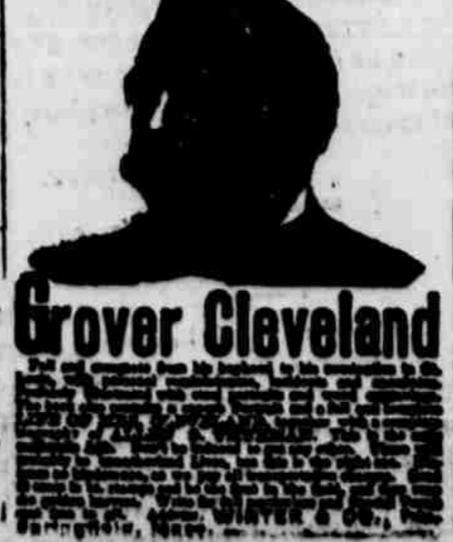
#### It was a Whopper.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The huge Watermelon weighing seventy five pounds sent the president and Mrs. Cleveland by J. C. Cooper of Omaha, Tex., arrived Tuesday morning. It was forty-five inches in circumference and thirty-eight inches long. It was found to weigh an even seventy-five pounds. There is no doubt that short work would have been made of the monster the curious ones standing about but for the fact that it bore address. "To the President, White House, Washington, D. C." It came on the southern express, and the caution, "Handle with care," was carried out to the letter. The porter in transferring it from the car to the truck fairly groaned under the weight of it. A few minutes later a wagon took it to the place of destination. Here the chief cook looked at it with delight. A big piece was cut out of it and sent to the president's table. The president and Col. Lambert devoured the monster this morning for breakfast and enjoyed it very much. He was exceedingly complimentary about the melon and the products of Texas in general. He will write a letter thanking Mr. Cooper in a few days.

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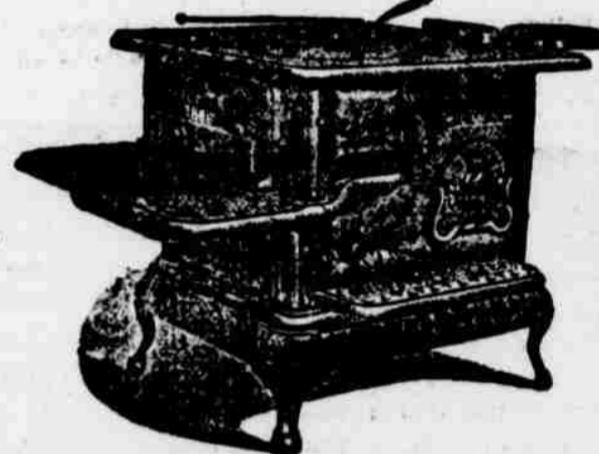
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The Radicals are now explaining how they are going to do us up; in less than ninety days they will begin explaining how we did them up.

Two eight year old boys in a Northern State quarreled recently and one shot the other to death. Our people are horrified at reading of such affairs, but we must print the news.

The Republicans of Indiana seem to be of the opinion that they will not have any chance to elect their Governor this year, unless they can induce ex-Governor Porter to make the race, and that they will not have any extra chance even with him.

The San Francisco Alibi tells us where we are in the campaign: "The campaign has reached the stage at which the Republicans carry the Virginia Tennessee and Kentucky. They do this every four years in July and loose them in November.

While both sides are claiming Indians we are inclined to think the claims of the Democrats are more to be relied on than those of the Radicals. The Indiana Democrats are as true as can be, and they are working like beavers. They deserve the credit for having given the Radicals many stinging defeats, and we believe in them.

A Radical speaker in Indiana, the other day, thus insulted the intelligence of his audience: "Henry Waterson is a rank free trader. He is not a free trader for patriotism; he was a rebel and hates the country, and he is a free trader because he is bribed by British gold, and so is Frank Hurd. All the rebel brigadiers are free traders, and if you vote the Democratic ticket, you vote for the men who met you with back and ball. They tried to destroy the country; now they are trying to destroy the manufacturing of the country."

When you visit Abilene call at the drug store of Bass Bros. & Co. and examine their stock of wall paper, paints, oils and glass. They carry a large stock and sell at low prices for the cash. Call on them.

It is supposed Throckmorton county got up an eclipse of her own, as the Times gives a lengthy description of the eclipses of the moon on Saturday night. All the rest of the United States witnessed the eclipse on Sunday night.—Albany News.

We are so accustomed to be a head of our neighbors and the rest of the world in general that you can account for our getting a little ahead on the eclipse, if we did it, but we are, as usual, inclined to lay it on the typo.—Throckmorton Times.

Yes; like all fast livers in general, you will have run your career and become a thing of the past, longer the short span of five years shall have passed into the Cemetery of time.

### The Abilene District Fair.

The Fair to be held at Abilene on the 3rd 4th and 5th of October promises to be the biggest thing for that section of the State that has ever occurred, all surrounding counties will have an exhibit there and citizens of Haskell county should take an interest in the Fair and see to it that Haskell county is well represented. What is there that some one has not raised in this county this year? We can show every thing that any other county can, if we will make the effort.

The fact that a fair will be held at Abilene on 3rd 4th and 5th of October for that section of the state will be advertised all over Texas; the railroads will all give excursion rates to the Fair, and thousands of strangers will be there to see the production of our country; No county can excel ours either in rich cheap lands or in the bountiful production of our country, and we must have a proper exhibit at Abilene, worthy of our country and which will be attractive to strangers many of whom will surely make their homes with us if we only do our part. Let every one make the start at once and you will see how easy it will be to get up an exhibit for a District Fair that would be a credit to any country, we can have nothing without a little labor and with that Haskell county can carry away the banner of being the best country in all this section. We will all work for this.

All patrons of the City Hotel are respectfully notified that on and after Monday August the 8th will be absolutely necessary for this house to advance the price of meals to 35 cts. This advance is necessary on account of the scarcity of vegetables just at this season. This we hope will meet the approval of our patrons, who have always shown themselves to be very liberal and considerate.

Respectfully,  
W. F. Rupp,

### SKILLFUL WOMAN VS. BUNGLING MAN.

A woman would take no delight in building a wire fence, neither has she any particular art in stock- ing a bull-tongue plow. I never saw a woman with a hod on her shoulder carrying mortar to the third story of a brick house, neither would she make a good hand to make up mud, but, land of wonders! see what women can do with a little insignificant pin. It looks like a woman could pin a glass knob to a door lock.

A woman cannot walk as many miles around a billiard table or smoke as many cigars as a man and she could not possibly walk 500 miles in six days on a banister; sawdust track for a price of \$1,000 but I would not be afraid to bet she could walk 100 miles in 10 hours up and down the crowded aisle of a Dry goods store especially if the merchant had advertised a reduction in dress goods. A man gives out in 5 minutes with a 10 pound baby, but a little sickly woman can walk the live long night with it and call it "sweet darling" in the morning.

A woman can ride 500 on the cars without going to the smoker. She can sit through the entire play at the theater, without going for a breath of fresh air. She can go to town and do a wearisome days shopping take care of half a dozen children, and have a good time generally with three or four friends; when a man would require various drinks and social games during the day to stand up under the fatigue, and more than all that, a woman can endure the torturing distraction of a house full of noisy children when a man would spank the whole outfit and drive them off to bed in less than twenty minutes. A woman will go into hysterics at the sight of a cow and scream if a wee little mouse runs over her toe—but a picture man could not scare her away if he had an image of the devil over his tent door: But she is the salt of the earth the spice of the church and the pepper of the choir. The boy who has a sister is blest and the boy who has two, is doubly blest; but the boy who has somebody else's sister for a sweetheart, is blest and when he gets her for a wife he is blestest—that is if he has plenty of money and no bad habits.

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### Her Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

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

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

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural.

### WATER.

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

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county, 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 abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

### PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pastureland 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.

### INDIAN CORN, WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, RYE, DURUM CORN, MILLET, SORGHUM, CASTOR BEANS, FIELD PEAS, PEANUTS, PUMPKINS, AND ALL THE SQUASH FAMILY, TURNIPS AND COTTON ARE GROWN SUCCESSFULLY AND PROFITABLY. ALSO SWEET POTATOES DO WELL, AND IRISH POTATOES AS WELL AS ANYWHERE IN THE SOUTH. GARDEN VEGETABLES GROW TO PERFECTION, AND MELLONS LUXURIATE IN HASKELL COUNTY SOIL, GROWING TO FINE SIZE OF SUPERB QUALITY. BESIDES THE NATIVE GRASSES THAT GROW ON THE PRAIRIES, SUSTAINING LARGE NUMBERS OF CATTLE, HORSES AND SHEEP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, JOHNSON AND COLORADO GRASSES GROW TO GREAT PERFECTION AND THE HAY MADE FROM THESE GRASSES FORM A VALUABLE ADJUNCT TO THE WINTER PASTURE, IN KEEPING STOCK OVER WINTER.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS  
The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels, and the price varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 80 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound; chickens 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 shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

### RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

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

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest.

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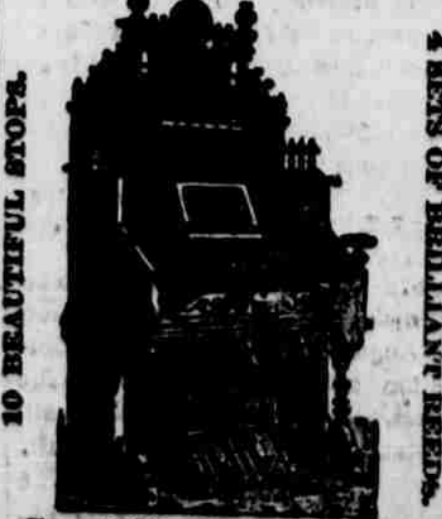
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Saturday, August 18, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Attorney

We announce J. F. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, as a candidate for District Attorney of the 39th judicial district. Election November 6, 1888.

We are authorized to announce W. B. BRUSTON, of Seymour as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of this the 39 judicial District. Election November 6th 1888.

County Judge.

We announce W. R. STANDEFER as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

OSCAR MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce E. Y. HILDEBRAND as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce W. B. ANTHONY as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce A. D. TUCKER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

F. M. MONROW authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in November.

County & District Clerk. C. D. LONG authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell County. Election in November.

For County Treasurer. We are authorized to announce Mr. S. J. PRESTON as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Haskell county. Election in November.

County Attorney. H. R. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Attorney of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Tax Assessor. We announce D. F. WILLIAMSON as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce D. L. SMITH as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce E. ROBERTS as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my official duties as tax assessor of Haskell county for the past two years and believe that I have filled the office to the satisfaction of the Haskell county voters. I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for re-election at the November election.

W. J. SOWELL. ALEXANDER ERWIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, of Haskell County Texas. Election November 6th 1888.

S. BRAVERS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Haskell County. Election November 6, 1888.

NOTICE!! All persons are hereby notified and warned not to buy any of the L. A. L. and O. V. (the O's) within the V's brands of cattle from any one except myself.

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LOCAL DOTS.

I guess they walked. Old vests at Dodsons. It looks like it is going to rain. Mens and Boys Hats at Cassees. Miss Sarah Marr was in the city this week.

Mr. G. L. Poey was in the city the other day. Mr. D. F. Williamson was in the city Wednesday.

Misses Sarah Marr and Vannie Agnew paid the FREE PASSES a visit this week.

Ladies like thread Hose at Dodsons.

It has not been uncomfortably cold this week nor rain enough to damage the crops.

Messrs Johnson, Lomas, Martin and Yates have gone to Dallas to attend the convention.

Tenants and Walkers Boots and Shoes at Cassees.

The Convention to nominate a representative for the 43rd district meets in Vernon on Wednesday September the 6th 1888.

Just received a nice line of Boys pants at Dodsons.

"No, Mr. Smith," she said, gently but firmly "I can never be your wife." He is now talking of leaving the country.

Just received a nice line of Boys hats at Dodsons.

We are anxious to hear from our delegates to the Dallas convention it is rumored here that they have lost themselves in the great city by wandering around taking in the sights, reading signs etc.

Cleveland and Thurman headquarters at Dodsons.

Miss One Standefer gave the young people an entertainment at the residence of her parents Tuesday evening; all expressed themselves as having enjoyed the occasion hugely.

The young, fair, and handsome all attended.

Just received a nice line of ladies and Misses shoes at Dodsons.

Some of the citizens of precinct No. 3 were in town this week, talking about petitioning the commissioners court to give them representation, claiming that precinct No. 1 has two members and Young Co. one and that the 3rd and 4th precincts go unrepresented.

Nice line of gents cuff Buttons and Celluloid collars and cuffs at Dodsons.

The young elite of the town attended a social hop, Thursday night at the residence of Mr. O. P. Killough about three miles out of town; every one arrived early and "tripped the light fantastic" until about 12 o'clock. All who attended are loud in their praises of the manner in which they were entertained and threaten to pay Miss Killough another such visit in the near future.

If you want the genuine Stetson Hat call at H. H. Dodson's, he has them fresh from factory.

A CALL.

All Master Masons in this jurisdiction who are in good standing are requested to meet in the town of Haskell on the 1st Saturday in September 1888, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a Masonic Lodge. All members are requested to bring their demits.

[Signed] J. W. EVANS, B. H. DODSON, H. K. PLUMMER.

S. O. & L. on their way to Abilene got into a discussion about what they would get for dinner when they arrived at Abilene, L. bet S. the beer for the crowd, that they would have chicken, S. accepted the bet. And when dinner was announced they took their seats and began looking for the chicken. but none was to be seen, S. looked at L. and smiled as much as to say old

I've got you, L. saw that he had lost and went on eating his dinner, nothing further being said until they were about through, when L. walked the waiter with a dish of chicken consisting of one foot and the neck and a big lot of pastry, L. won the beer.

Oscar Martin Esq. left Saturday ostensibly for the purpose of attending the Dallas convention but in reality to visit Ennis where he will take a look at a House that he wishes to possess.

After attempting for several months to give the public a cheap boarding house, and restaurant, I find it impossible to continue my past very low prices, but upon consulting a number of my patrons they have agreed that the price of meals may be raised to 35 cts. which price will be changed hereafter. This change in price is made necessary on account of the scarcity of vegetables at this season.

Respectfully, J. W. BUCKNELL.

Don't Experiment.

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

Miles Williams of Rockwall Co. was in Haskell this week. Mr. Williams intends moving to Haskell or Jones county; as the health of his family is very bad in Rockwall Mr. Williams owns one of the finest farms in Rockwall Co. and should he move to our county he would receive a warm welcome. What our county needs is men means to develop its resources. Haskell county extends a hearty welcome and offers superior inducements to men of Mr. Williams class.

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Fire!

The town of Haskell was thrown into a state of excitement Tuesday morning at about 9 o'clock by the cry of fire! fire! every body ran out to ascertain the cause of alarm and discovered the residence of Mr. B. H. Dodson in flames, every man in the city rushed to the scene and by hard work soon extinguished the fire, which was caused by a defective flue, damages done amount to about \$100,00 no insurance.

Mr. Dodson says; that the old adage a friend in need is a friend in deed was fully felt and appreciated by him in this instance: Every one worked with a will to save the house and contents.

A Card of Thanks.

Permit me through your paper to extend my thanks to the kind people of Haskell for their kindness while I was writhing under the cold shades of adversity although they could not stay the hand of affliction or heal the deep wound their free will offerings smoothed the rough path and wiped away many tears and life's deepest sorrows there is pleasure derived from benefits bestowed by the reflection that there are those in the world who can feel and appreciate the woes of others. I offer my heart felt thanks to our intelligent Editor for his kind and honorable consideration of my necessities. And to many others whose benevolence was rendered more valuable by the delicacy with which they were conveyed.

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We call attention to the announcement of Hon. W. B. Houston as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney for the 39th judicial district. Mr. Houston is so well known in this District that it is wholly unnecessary for us to call attention to him in this connection, but we must say in justice to Mr. Houston that he has discharged the duties of that office for the last three years, and in such a manner as to become a terror to evil doers; that is to say, he has made an excellent officer, and should he be re-elected we are satisfied that he will continue to do as he has done heretofore.

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The Washington girl so gentle, sweet  
 Let her I meet the coming day  
 With rapturous warmth and ardent soul  
 Floats off on a sea of bliss.  
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The Charlotte girl, she beats them all  
 So charming, graceful, good  
 As true as eve before her fall,  
 She'd warm your best heart's blood.  
 —Charlotte Observer.

The Reidsville girl has got some sense  
 She's none of your fra-lis-lis.  
 She dances, rides, can leap a fence.  
 And always kisses pa.  
 —Reidsville Weekly.

The Winston girl has dainty lips,  
 A joyous light in her eye;  
 Fit sector for the Gods to slip,  
 Just taste them once and die.  
 —Winston Daily.

The Durham girl is modest—  
 In saying you'd think her tame,  
 "Help yourself" is all she says.  
 And she gets there, just the same,  
 —Durham Recorder.

The Ft. Worth girl is winsome and neat  
 Her cheek has the bloom of the rose  
 Her lips as they part and they meet,  
 Say: "Your kisses I do not oppose."  
 Fort Worth Gazette.

The Dallas girl is stylish and gay,  
 Her eyes fairly sparkle with mirth,  
 Should you ask her to kiss you, she'll say  
 "For shame, sir you're not in Ft. Worth."  
 —Dallas News.

The Albany girl is charming and sweet  
 Her beauty is simply divine.  
 If you ask her to kiss you she'll say,  
 "Excuse me, that's not in my line."  
 —Albany News.

The Haskell girl is sweet and frank;  
 She is beautiful and frank;  
 If you ask her for a kiss she'll say,  
 No sir; you must be a crank.

**Langham's Bill.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—By dint of hard work and good luck, Mr. Langham succeeded in passing his bill authorizing the construction of a street railway bridge over the Rio Grande from El Paso to Paso de Norte. This is the bill which Mr. Schurz and others are interested in. They came on here only a week ago to get the measure through. Their efforts have been successful. Mr. Langham took it immediately and succeeded in getting the necessary votes for it. He deserves great credit for it, as at this late juncture it is almost impossible to obtain any private legislation from congress. Senator Coke and Reagan will look after the matter, and there is good prospect of the bill becoming a law.

The Washington Post says that when the President wrote Mr. Fuller tendering him the nomination to the Chief Justiceship, there was a lack of readiness of response which rather astounded the White House. True, Mr. Fuller sent a polite letter acknowledging the receipt of the tender, but nothing further. A week passed—ten days this was unheard of. Hesitating over accepting the chief justiceship! What did it mean? A trustworthy friend was sent to investigate. The President then learned that Mr. Fuller's hesitation really had a foundation. His law practice was worth \$30,000 or more per year. He had an extensive establishment—eight girls. Just think of it! and a drop to \$10,500 a year meant comparatively penny.

Blaine is the substance and Harrison is the shadow, says the Brooklyn Eagle. The voice of the Republican party utters the name of Grandpapa's Benjamin, but the heart of the Republican party beats for the Maine meridian. Harrison presents to its mental vision the "immaculate" of hope; in the installation of Blaine as the power behind the throne itself would be found the thorn fruit and full fruition of all Republican longing. Harrison is the stalking horse and Blaine is the hunter. The stone which the Chicago builders rejected has become the corner stone of the temple of later day Republicanism.

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**THE CALL**

IN ACCORD with the resolution passed by the Deep Water Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, July 10, and in compliance with the request made by a committee of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and the Colorado Real Estate Exchange, I hereby call an Interstate Deep-Water Harbor Convention of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi river, to be held at Denver on the 28th day of August, 1888.

The basis of representation at that convention will be as follows:  
 Two delegates from each senatorial district, to be appointed by the Governor of the State or Territory.  
 One delegate from each county, to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, or by the Chairman of said board.  
 Five delegates from each chamber of commerce, board of trade, or corporate body in the various States.

One delegate from each town having a population of three thousand or less, to be appointed by the Mayor or president of the trustees of such town.  
 In each city or town having over three thousand inhabitants, one additional delegate for each five thousand inhabitants or fraction thereof.  
 Five delegates from each editorial association in the States or Territories indicated.  
 In all cases where delegates are appointed an equal number of alternatives shall be appointed by the same authority.  
 The purpose of this convention is to secure the united and harmonious action of the Middle Western and Western States in a movement looking to the establishment of a deep-water harbor somewhere upon the Gulf of Mexico.

So important will be the influence of such a harbor upon the prosperity of every farmer, artisan, miner and citizen of the great West, that it should impel every official to whom this call is directed to take prompt and effective action that will result in a great and influential convention.  
 ALVA ADAMS,  
 Gov. of Colorado.

**Brice Asks for Advice.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Mr. Brice the chairman of the national Democratic campaign committee, has called into service a number of Congressmen for suggestion with regard to running the campaign. He has invited several of the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate to visit New York and give the campaign committee the benefit of their experience and judgment on various subjects that are likely to arise during present canvass. It is said that Mr. Brice proposes to gain as much information as possible regarding the various sections of the country, with a view to covering thoroughly those sections which may be regarded as valuable.

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**A Strange Petition.**

Washington, July 21.—Very queer and very amusing are some of the petitions that find their way to the House and Senate. One of these bearing date of Cambridge, Iowa July 22nd, was presented by Mr. Anderson of that state. It reads as follows: "Being profoundly impressed by the gravity of the occasion and the magnitude of the matter at issue, in that all my worldly possessions are invested in two dozen hens, and realize that there should be no discrimination against American industries and being advised some 16,000,000 dozen eggs are annually imported into this country. I would respectfully pray your honorable body to pass a law to protect my interests against the infernal activity of the pauper hens of Europe."

The statement is made that the farmers of Michigan county have a cooperative telegraph line. It began by two neighbors connecting their houses by wire and learning to manipulate the sounder. The system now has sixty-five miles of wire and runs to ninety farm houses. Every farmer is his own operator, lineman, battery-man. One of them recently took poison by mistake and wired for a Doctor. The answer came to fill up with sweet milk and hold it till the Doctor got there. This saved his life. This cooperative line is used to disseminate news, send orders to the store and report the markets. Its success suggests that our people have not yet by any means exhausted the domestic usefulness of the telegraph or telephone.

The Bishop of London, who preached in Westminster Abbey, lately declared his intention to abandon his bishopric, palace seat in the House of Lords, and a salary equal to that of the President of the United States, and of henceforth devoting his life to the cause of suffering humanity. His valedictory sermon was a scathing arraignment of the rich as a class, and has caused considerable comment, both in England and America.

A traveling printer, for want of employment at his trade, went work on a farm. He came one day to ask his employer if a hen should be set solid.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION.**

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Elizabeth Mays (who is a non-resident of this state) by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county. If there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 30th judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 30th judicial District to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Haskell county to be holden at the Court House thereof.

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