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Texas Central Time Card.

Passenger train leaves Albany daily at 6:10 A. M. Arrives at Cisco 7:50 A. M. Dublin 10:15 A. M. Morgan 12:35 P. M. Waco 3:10 P. M.

Makes close connection with east bound trains at Dublin.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Bran and oats at S. L. Robertson's.

—Prof. D. R. Couch of the Ward school was in town Saturday.

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI for female diseases.

—Bargains in all lines for next 30 days at F. G. Alex. & Co's.

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—Miss Etta Couch, who is returning at the Idaho school, and Miss Etta James spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

—Dried fruits, apples, peaches, grapes—bananas, evaporated apples and apricots at S. L. Robertson's.

McElree's Wine of Cardui and **THEOPHORD'S BLACK DRAUGHT** are for sale by the following merchants in Haskell, Tex.: A. P. McLemore, and K. J. Martin, Druggists.

—Mr. D. R. Cass of Hale county, nearly a leading merchant at this place, came in Tuesday from the west on a business visit.

—Choice Fresh Groceries at low, out-cash prices. S. L. Robertson.

The cheapest and best seed in town is Landreth's bulk seed at McLemore's.

Our peace officers, ever on the spur for law breakers, juggled an over-indulger in corn-juice on Thursday evening.

—The best stock of boots and shoes at S. L. Robertson.

—Col. Key, a prominent citizen of Fort Worth, and who has some property interests in our county is spending a few days in Haskell.

Buy Drugs and your Garden seed at McLemore's.

will count all his votes.

—Hankins Brown, county clerk, has been elected to the office of county clerk.

—Judge H. W. McCollister was on Monday evening, from A. M. The judge was not present at the court house on Saturday, Feb. 27th.

—If you buy for cash you can save money by buying from S. L. Robertson.

—Don't forget the immigration mass meeting to be held at the court house on Saturday, Feb. 27th.

—Mr. T. A. Witten, one of the progressive farmers of the Brown settlement, in the western part of the county, was in town Saturday with a fine load of sorghum for sale. Our horse now luxuriates on good hay.

—Our Fancy Patent, Straight Patent and Violet Flour is warranted equal to the best northern brands. For sale by the leading Grocers at Haskell. The best cash prices paid for wheat. Liberal exchanges.

Albany Milling Co.

—We will say to Mr. W. H. Jones that the people of Haskell will be glad to welcome him as a citizen. We have published no letter either to him or to any other person, but we will say to him that we are in sympathy with the progress of our country by an impartial and disinterested stranger.

—Capt. M. S. Pierson, president of the Haskell National Bank, returned home this week from Texas, where he has been for some time looking after his interests and other matters.

—Mr. T. A. Witten, who is now in the city, is expected to return to his home in the city.

—Mr. C. C. Gardner of the White Pine neighborhood was a caller at the Free Press office on last Saturday. He is a prosperous and intelligent farmer and expressed his approval of the Free Press efforts to get more farmers to come to our county, and said he would use his influence to help us.

—There will be a big boom in Haskell seed this year and you will get your share with Dickenson Bros., as we are not waiting to carry any of the seed.

Very respectfully,
Dickenson Bros.

—The card of H. B. McDaniel will be found among the notices and notices on our first page. Judge McDaniel is one of the leading lawyers at the Haskell bar and we have no objection in saying that his assistance in the hands of the people is prompt and efficient attention.

—RIKE, ELLIS & JONES—W. T. Jones, who has heretofore been with Johnson Bros. & Co., has gone into the Grocery business with Rike and Ellis, and the firm will now be known as—

—RIKE, ELLIS & JONES—We especially wish a share of your patronage. Respectfully,
Rike, Ellis & Jones.

—Mr. S. H. Johnson arrived home on Monday from a business trip to Austin. Mr. Johnson is one of our most progressive citizens, and while not here to participate in the mill meeting and the inauguration of the immigration movement on last Tuesday, he is in full accord with both projects.

—Come to the immigration meeting next Saturday, 27th. Come prepared to talk and DO business. Haskell county's fine lands must not longer lie idle. We must go to work to get farmers on them. "The gods help those who help themselves." Let's try it.

Below St. Louis prices: Hams, at Rike, Ellis & Jones', and other goods in proportion.

—Mr. C. R. Rains, one of the Free Press's new subscribers, was a caller at the office on Monday and expressed himself as well pleased with the paper and its course in trying to induce immigration to our county. Mr. Rains is a prosperous young farmer who says he has looked over a good portion of the state and likes Haskell county better than any other he has seen.

Bulk Garden Seeds at McLemore's are one half cheaper than any other kind.

—Mr. J. H. Kirby, who was here last week on a visit to relatives, has returned to his home at Greenville. He was accompanied by his brother, A. Lee Kirby, of whom some rumor is spreading that he will bring a large bride-home with him. There are too many pretty girls in Haskell for the Free Press to credit the story, but if it is true, it must be because one of them would I say yes.

—Judge Ed. J. Houser is the fastest man in town. He went to Graham as special judge to try a very important case that had been pending for ten years—disposed of the case to the satisfaction of all concerned—same home in a day and a half and as he returned from the buggy to greet his family the team took flight, pulled the buggy over the judge's saddle, crippling him badly, and ran off with the buggy, leaving one Mr. Houser's wood, but to offset this calamity his good wife presented him with a new pair of girl that same night, Feb. 15, 1893.

Attention, Citizens.

Your committee appointed to draw up articles of agreement for an organization of citizens to further the public interests of our town and county in securing a rail-road and other public improvements, have performed that duty and ask that all public spirited citizens meet them at the County Judge's office at 3 o'clock this, Saturday, evening, for the purpose of performing the organization.

Respectfully,
H. G. McConnell,
A. C. Foster,
P. D. Sanders,
M. S. Pierson. } Com.

Many Persons

Are broken down from overwork or household chores. **Brown's Iron Bitters** rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes all impurities and restores the vitality.

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A CARD!

To our friends and patrons of Haskell and adjoining counties: We want to thank you for the liberal trade you gave us in 1892, and to solicit your patronage for 1893. We have the largest stock of Groceries in West Texas, and can offer you inducements to do business with us and are in a position to extend favors to those who want it. We are strictly Headquarters, and will not be undersold. Come and see us.

Yours Truly,

J. M. RADFORD,

ABILENE, TEXAS, 1893.

The Railroad Meeting.

On Thursday afternoon an important meeting of citizens was held in the spacious offices of Judge McConnell. It was a meeting called together by Dr. J. G. Simmons, Col. Key and a few leading citizens, for the purpose of devising ways and means, if possible, for securing the building of a railroad to Haskell. The meeting was largely attended by leading business men and property owners and was pervaded by a determined air of business, rather than one of bluster, as is too often the case in such meetings. As it may not be wise to put our rivals in possession of the plan of action and methods to be pursued as decided upon by the meeting, we will simply say that an organization was effected on a purely business basis, and agents will be set at work to secure rights of way, and perform certain other work which may result in a railroad X at the town of Haskell ere the Christmas bells ring again.

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MARYSVILLE, Cooke Co., Tex., Feb. 12, 1893.

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I have been a reader of your paper since July 1891, and congratulate you upon the recent improvement, under the present management.

In the early spring of 1891 I passed through your county, in company with a squad of surveyors and hunters, at that time there was not a white man living in the county. Buffalo and other game were plenty. Our company, consisting of eighteen men, passed through quite a number of counties, and also into what was then known as Young Territory. We saw the country in a state of nature, and the beautiful prairies of Haskell strongly impressed me. In 1890 I took another trip up Red river, on the south side into Hall county there crossing over, bearing onto the plains and on into New Mexico, bearing north into Colorado up to Denver city. Turning due west to Georgetown in the Rocky mountains.

In the summer of 1891 I started west again to see the country, took a train on the Fort Worth and Denver City road to the town of Childress in the county of same name. There a party of three of us left the railroad, and with a two horse wagon and camp equipage, we passed through Cottle and Motley counties, crossing the Pease river high up in the sight of the plains. We struck the plains in the western part of Motley county, passing through Floyd county into Hale and Crosby counties, seeing some of the finest looking land, and occasionally drinking from the well of a settler, water that cannot be beaten any where. One of our men remarked that "they had too plenty of prairie, wind and water, and too none of anything else on the plains."

We spent several days on the plains and returned to Wichita Falls, from there I went to Archer City and looked around through the country some, where I found the finest dry land mosquitos I ever saw. I went back to Wichita Falls, and after spending a few days thereabouts, I boarded a train for Seymour, Baylor county, where some days were spent riding over adjacent country. I left there for Throckmorton, spending two days thereabout. I left for Haskell where I spent ten days about the town and country and everything considered, I believed that was the finest part I had visited. Plenty of fine land, either prairie or timbered, plenty of timber for fuel, and posts for fencing, plenty of good, pure, soft water and at reasonable depth, and especially is your town well blessed with good water, free from gypsum—and this is more than most west Texas can truthfully say, and I noticed that the people in the main are made

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up of as intelligent, sober and moral a class as I have met with anywhere in my rambles. Therefore I conclude that the town of Haskell and surrounding country, together with the inhabitants taken all in all, are above an average of the state and would not suffer by comparison with any country and people elsewhere.

In the summer of 1891 I made another trip west, or rather south-west. Accompanied by a friend, I left Fort Worth on a Texas and Pacific train, supplied with round trip tickets with short stop-off privileges at any points we might fancy. We went to Pecos city (so called) on the Pecos river to see that wonderful land where they irrigate. We soon agreed that we had left all the good country behind, we accordingly retraced our way to Abilene, Taylor county, and took stage to Anson, Jones county, passing through a fine country, we continued the next day on to Haskell, where we spent a few days in the adjoining country, immediately around town, and I must say that my former good impressions were not changed, but confirmed in regard to town and country. Haskell county is on the center of a belt stretching from the Colorado river north to Red river that is now the coming country, and ere long will be the grain belt, and consequently the best, the most prosperous portion of our glorious Lone Star State. Believing as I do, I would like to cast my destiny with the people of Haskell county, if I can make any arrangements to do so in the near future.

Very Truly Yours,
T. J. WILSON.

Sound as Gospel.

"The poorest education that a man can have is a book education having no object, no aim and no purpose." This short paragraph from the Atlanta Constitution contains a whole sermon. Too much of our modern education is of this character. In this day of close competition and severe training in all walks of life, the student should always enter school with a well defined purpose in life. If he proposes to enter a literary career or one of the professions, let him study with that end in view; or if he is to enter commercial pursuits, a mechanical trade or farming, let his education be such as to be of most value to him when he enters practical life.—Granbury News.

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PASTOR KOENIG'S NERVE TONIC

Either Be Without Bread. XI

Editor's Residence, Marquette, Mich., Nov. 1, 1891.

The Rev. J. Koening, of above place, writes: "I have suffered a great deal, and whenever I now feel a nervous attack coming I take a box of Pastor Koening's Nerve Tonic and feel relieved. I think a great deal of it, and would rather be without bread than without the Tonic."

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 19, 1891.

From this fact I write to say that I have been suffering for 25 years from the time my first child was born with spinal and brain trouble, and as I grew older the pain seemed to grow worse. I heard some time ago of Pastor Koening's Nerve Tonic. Am on the second bottle now and feel the pain in my neck very, very much relieved, indeed.

MRS. L. M. JOHNSON.

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The revolutionary Hawaii is to be Americanized. It might be well to begin by knocking an I or two out of its name and a lun or so out of its capital.

The attention of the survivors of the Dalton gang is called to the fact that Russia is cutting thirteen wagon loads of gold across Siberia to St. Petersburg.

Through the medium of a matrimonial paper a Pittsburg man has become engaged to his own daughter. He is at a loss now whether to sue the sheet for false pretenses or bring action against Providence for making idiosyncrasy a family trait.

France takes umbrage at the determination of England to occupy Egypt, and talk of war is heard in Paris. Any excitement on this subject would be premature. There is much more than the difference of a syllable between umbrage and carnage.

A scientific commission is searching over Brazil for the healthiest part of that country. In accordance with the new constitution of the republic the capital must be removed from Rio Janeiro, and the government has appointed a body of scientific gentlemen to select the healthiest geographical site.

Danvers, Mass., a scattering, sprawling town, is using its own electric lighting plant and finds 1200 candle power glimmers a trifle undernourished. This leaves an impression about in the atmosphere that there is money to be made in this business at the rate usually charged cities by companies supplying illumination.

Pork is dearer now than it has been in ten years, or since Bismarck began to make war on the American hog. This is doubtless in part due to the opening of European markets to our pork. With better prices for pork beans have also advanced, and the traditional New England dish of pork and beans has now to be paid for by those who would enjoy it.

Five years ago in Ashford, England, a woman was killed by a stranger. As a token of the surprise from which she seems never to have recovered, the stranger has just left her \$150,000. If the price of civility in England is governed by the usual law of supply and demand, the article is not only scarce there, but may not unfrequently be considered a luxury.

The stories of the suffering of London's poor are almost beyond belief. Individual cases of suffering are always to be found in large cities, but the existence of such large classes of destitute and starving is unknown outside of the countries ruled by the gaunt spectre of famine. The apparent lack of interest shown by the municipality and by people of means argues that there is little benevolence to be found in the British metropolis.

No thorough American, whether native or adopted, would deny that every child should be taught to read and write the English language. There is no man who is a thorough American who does not accept the fact that the English language is the language of the United States. Opposition to instruction in that language is exclusively foreign. It is born of a disposition to revolutionize and change existing institutions. "He that is not with us is against us."

GRAVEYARD insurance business is made slightly unpleasant in Canada when the men who are in it are brought before one of her majesty's courts. They do not escape by the payment of a small fine as did the death-rattle insurance secondaries of Pennsylvania last year. In fact, but a few days since two Toronto insurance men, C. A. Walton and his co-conspirator, Dr. E. C. Randall, were caught palming off a dying man as a safe risk and they are now each sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary. Honesty is the best insurance policy even in Canada.

CHIEFLY through the efforts of several energetic women of the country, conspicuous among whom is the widow of the late Chief Justice Waite, a large sum of money has been raised for the purpose of building a fitting monument at Fredericksburg over the remains of the mother of George Washington. For years the tomb has been neglected by the people of Fredericksburg and vandals have been suffered to commit depredations about it, and now that the ladies of the country have taken up the matter the negligent people of that burg have been seized with extraordinary interest and assume to boss the job. They, through their mayor, insist that everything done to beautify the neglected spot shall be done under their direction.

The Panama swindler Here is a picturesque prisoner. Not only is he permitted to stay at a hotel, but that he shall not be disturbed by the noise of honest people, all other guests have been expelled. From the demeanor of Here it may be judged that he will haughtily decline to go to jail.

The crown prince of Japan, it is now said, is coming to the Columbian exposition. He would be welcome, but the announcement is a fair indication that he has never thought of such a thing.

Another effort is being made to invade England through the Scandanavian. The recent remarkable flood written by Father Olaf is being made the occasion and reason for an appeal to public sentiment to demand the re-conquest of that territory by a British army under the Egyptian flag.

The son of President Hippolyte of Haiti is reported to have died suddenly of poisoning. This is a comparatively mild form of death for a Haitian in these troublous times, a circumstance that may lessen grief.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

A Seventy-Ton Engine Explodes With Terrific Force at Fort Worth.

ONE MAN KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED.

Shook Buildings for Blocks Around, Smashed Windows and Tore Up Track in the Yard.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 20.—Engine 219 of the Texas and Pacific railroad while being steamed up at the round house yesterday morning, exploded with terrific force, killing John Mills, colored, and wounding John Thompson, S. M. Deaton, W. A. Ford, W. R. Barrett and H. E. Haden more or less severely. It was just after 3 o'clock, and it jared buildings, rattled shutters and smashed glass. Bob Thompson was badly scalded on the face and breast and sustained a complicated fracture of the right leg. W. R. Ford, W. R. Barrett and H. E. Haden were only slightly injured, their bodies being bruised by flying shrapnel. S. M. Deaton sustained a bad fracture of the left arm and an amputation may follow. His face and chin are badly scalded and his left eye is hurt. They are all employees of the Texas and Pacific and nearly all are men of family. As to the exact cause of the blow up no definite information can be obtained. Mr. H. E. Waite, an engineer, who was on the 219 not three minutes before the explosion, says everything was all right then and she did not have too much steam the gauge showing 120 pounds, while the average pressure on an engine is 140 pounds. The negro Mills took the engine out of the roundhouse and built the fire which cost him his life. The engine was a ten-wheeler and weighed seventy tons. It was bought in 1891 and has been in use since. Several cars were badly damaged and the yard track torn up. The water tank in the yard was also injured, several leaks being sprung. The damage will approximate \$60,000.

Brakeman Killed.

SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 18.—Charles Crow, a brakeman on the Henrietta division of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, met a terrible death at Whiteoak, eight miles west of this city, yesterday morning. He is supposed to have been killed by his own train which pulled out of Whiteoak for Gainesville at 10:40, but his fate was unknown to the crew until they reached Gainesville. How it came about is not known. The body was cut in two. The right arm was mangled and torn off at the shoulder and crushed at the elbow. The right leg was also mangled into a pulp below the knee. Death was instantaneous. His body was sent to Denison where he has been lying for some time. The mangled body was discovered by the engineer of the east-bound Transcontinental passenger train perhaps a half hour after it occurred.

A Marriage Stopped.

RAYNES, Tex., Feb. 16.—Pettus Moore of this place was arrested and lodged in jail on a telegram from the United States authorities at Cadiz, Mo., where he is wanted to answer a charge of horse theft committed there in December. When arrested Moore had just procured a marriage license and was about to marry a young lady here, when Sheriff Lee came along and spoiled the fun. He is now in jail.

In Doubt.

SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 17.—It has developed that there is a considerable difference in opinion among the officers as to the identity of Dick Edwards as Ed Spears. This tangle renders the mystery surrounding the deeper and more important than the charge of horse theft. Edwards is charged with the murder of Mrs. Dr. Haynes at Denison last spring.

Railroad Commission.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 19.—In the federal court Saturday the commission cases were reset for March 20 by Judge Massey, over the protest of the attorney general, so that Judge McCormick, who granted the injunction restraining the commission from making and enforcing rates, can sit in the cases. Presumably this will delay action of the legislature on this question.

Child Smothered to Death.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 18.—Mrs. M. M. McCormick, wife of a Southern Pacific conductor, retired night before last with a little daughter and young baby. Yesterday morning the older child was found asleep lying across the baby's face, the infant having been smothered to death.

Eleven Thousand.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Louisa Seis has been awarded in the district court a judgment for \$11,000 damages against the International and Great Northern railroad growing out of the death of her husband, who was run down and killed by a train on a crossing last May.

Head Over.

BONHAM, Tex., Feb. 18.—Thurs. day before Justice Bang J. P. Thomas had an examining trial on the charge of theft and was bound over in the sum of \$500. Thomas is the man who recently escaped from jail by the aid of his wife.

Dance and Fight.

PERRY, Tex., Feb. 16.—At a Polander dance a few miles in the country Monday night a general row ensued, resulting in two American boys, Jess and Bob Robinson, being badly beaten up and one German being shot through the arm.

A Man Eaten.

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 18.—John Warren a negro living ten miles southwest of here lost a horse and mule Friday last from poison. Arsenic was found in the trough. No clue as to how it came there.

A Jealous Husband.

DENISON, Tex., Feb. 17.—Night before last J. L. Woosley shot and mortally wounded a young man by the name of George Sabin. Sabin was conveyed to the home of his sister,

where he died yesterday morning.

Woosley was arrested and when informed of Sabin's death remarked that he "stumbled bursting his heart wide open. He tore mine open and I was after him." He then made the following statement: "My wife and I were married something near a year ago in Dallas. She was Miss Mary J. Adams. We lived in Dallas then in Sherman and have been living in Denison over a year. I have a son in Dallas now, working in a harness factory. Last year we took George Sabin to board with us. It was not long until he began to come in between me and my wife. I drove him off and where he went I do not know. A few weeks ago he came back to Denison and was stopping near our home and he has succeeded in alienating the affections of my wife. We have two children, one 2 and other 4 years of age, and she has deserted us. I got a neighbor lady to take care of the children and I was getting ready to leave with them. Last night I met Sabin on Day street. I told him how he had destroyed my home and my family. My language was used and he made a play for his pistol, when I shot him." Mrs. Woosley was seen and said: "Woosley and I were married in 1881 in Sherman. We did not get along very well together and I left him. He was arrested at the instance of a former wife on the charge of bigamy. About a year and a half after that, and after he had gotten out of the trouble, we were married again. We lived here and there, having no permanent home until last year found us in Denison. Mr. Sabin came to our house to board and I never thought anything of him more than a friend. Last Sunday at our house on East Texas street, Woosley slapped me in the face because I would not occupy the same room with him. I left the house Sunday night and went to the house of a friend. Sabin came and I asked him to protect me from Woosley. I went to the home of another friend Monday and in the afternoon Woosley came and had some trouble and he knocked me down."

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A FAMILY POISONED.

They Eat Hog's Head Cheese and Two Die from the Effects.

CONOVER, Tex., Feb. 11.—Alvin Franklin, a young boy, poisoned recently, presumably by eating hog head cheese, which Franklin purchased of a farmer here. Little Emma, a 1-year-old daughter, died in consequence of the poison, and Franklin and all the others of his family are seriously ill. The baby's condition being critical. The family have resided in Conover for the past three months. Franklin doing work on the Yellow Pine train road. Friday they removed from Conover to the tram camp about eight miles east of here, and upon reaching their new home ate of the meats they had purchased, and as death resulted soon after to a member of the family, the others becoming seriously ill, the opinion was reached that they were poisoned. About three years ago Elton Propp, wife and four children and a Mrs. Fraider were poisoned fatally from eating head cheese, at which time the preparing of such diet was discussed by the local papers, showing that the hog car contained poison which, if not removed in making the cheese, would poison the partakers thereof fatally. Parties who have just arrived from the camp report the death of the infant and say the entire family will probably die.

Snagboat.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 16.—Mr. D. C. Mitchell, who has been looking after the workings of the snagboat "Dallas" reports that all the crafts in the river between its mouth and Trinidad, in Henderson county, fifty-six miles from Dallas as the crow flies, have been removed to the river. The circumstances interfere the river with the clear of rafts from Dallas to the sea within two weeks, and the snagboat will then be at work extracting snags, cutting away overhanging timber and pumping out of existence the few sandbars that are to be found in the Trinity.

Two Negroes Dead.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 15.—Sunday evening at 6, W. Long and family were returning home from a neighbor's, where they had been spending the day, they found two negroes lying in the field near Long's house, one dead and the other dying and who died in a short time. They had been shot from behind, one receiving a load of buckshot in the back of the head and the other a lead just below the joint of the shoulder. The killing is a complete mystery and the excitement is very high.

Accidentally Drowned.

COLUMBIANA, Tex., Feb. 15.—At Mobile recently, Mrs. Mollie Kirkland, aged about 25 years, went fishing together with some neighbor girls. She soon left the party and they supposed that she had returned home. At night her parents became alarmed and search was instituted, resulting in the finding of her dead body in the stream near there the next morning. She was supposed to be epileptic and it is presumed she fell into the water and drowned while under the effects of her disease. No disector or blame is attached to her.

Too Many Wives.

DENISON, Tex., Feb. 16.—Dr. R. P. Wright, the Denison newspaper man who served a term in the Arkansas prison for bigamy, was placed under arrest again. The time is the Denison wife who makes the charge of bigamy. Wright was arrested at Hot Springs, Ark., and will be brought to Denison in a few days.

Hog Product Intended.

PILOT POINT, Tex., Feb. 18.—Telephone broke into Mr. Tompkins's, speakerphone and 1000 lbs. pounds of meat. W. H. Parker lost his year's supply of lard at the hands of the raiders.

Held In and Robbed.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 16.—A negro named Quinlan was held up by a negro last night at the corner of Sixth and Jones streets and made to give up \$5. The negro escaped.

Mrs. W. H. Perrell.

ROCKWELL, Tex., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Perrell died last night. She was the lady who was shot here last fall by her husband.

The Whisky Trust.

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HARRISON AND HAWAII. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says: The annexation of Hawaii has been decided on. President Harrison has fully made up his mind as to the proper course for him to pursue. In fact he has already given the annexation commissioners assurance entirely satisfactory to them of the course to be adopted by the present administration. The president has no intention of leaving this matter for the next administration to settle. His message to congress, now under preparation, will be completed probably today, and by to-morrow will be before both the house and senate.

Another Collision.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 20.—The east-bound express and west-bound Utah express on the Colorado Midland railroad collided near Bath station, twenty miles from Leadville recently. Both engines were completely wrecked and five passenger coaches demolished. Engineer McCammon, Fireman McIntyre and Fireman Bowen were instantly killed. Another railroad man had both legs cut off and cannot live. No passengers were hurt. The accident was caused by misinterpretation of or disobedience to orders.

Heavy Bond.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 20.—The grand jury has returned seven indictments against ex-City Treasurer Forrester for the alleged embezzlement of sums aggregating \$144,500. It will be remembered that the shortage in the city treasury, recently discovered, was \$64,000, and it is alleged that a larger aggregate was taken at various times, which with partial repayments at various other times, reduced it to the final shortage. Forrester was arrested, but gave bond in \$100,000 to appear for trial.

A Bad Negro.

MOBILE, Mo., Feb. 20.—John Hughes, a coal black negro who was studying for the ministry, and who lives at St. Charles, recently followed Miss Spangler some distance and made some insulting advances. He was promptly apprehended and jailed. A few minutes before 10 o'clock Sunday morning three unknown men, supposed to be brothers of the girl, stepped into the cell room and literally showered bullets into the negro's person. He may die. They have been arrested.

Money for the Indians.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 17.—The Chickasaw legislature convened at the capital, Annapolis, yesterday. It is understood that the extra session was called to ratify the recent action of congress granting the Chickasaws and Choctaws some \$2,500,000 in payment of their claim in the Cherokee and Arapahoe reservations reservations recently allotted and opened to settlement.

Will Quarrel No More.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Shirley Quilling and James Ewing settled a recent quarrel yesterday by fighting with pistols to the death. Ewing was shot through the heart and Quilling was mortally wounded.

Secretary of Agriculture.

LAKELWOOD, N. J., Feb. 18.—Mr. Cleveland announced yesterday morning that J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska had been tendered the secretaryship of agriculture and had accepted it.

Officially Announced.

LAKELWOOD, N. J., Feb. 16.—Mr. Cleveland announced the fifth member of his cabinet to-night—Hoke Smith of Georgia to be secretary of the interior.

Dead or Alive.

PUEBLO, Ariz., Feb. 20.—The legislature has passed a bill authorizing a reward of \$5000 for the body of "Kid" the renegade Apache, dead or alive.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Important Proceedings in the Various Departments of Government.

CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER NEWS.

The Sherman Bond Issue Amended—President in the Senate by a Vote of 31 to 16.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Sherman amendment to the sundry bill reducing the rate of interest on the bonds which can be issued by the secretary of the treasury from 4 and 4 1/2 per cent and reducing their life from forty and thirty years to five years has passed the senate by a vote of 39 yeas to 14 nays. Senator Stewart moved to amend the amendment by adding to these words: "And bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall not be used as security for the issuance of national bank currency." The amendment was lost—yeas 21, nays 32.

To the Our Canal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Stewart gave notice in the senate yesterday of a substitute to be offered by him to the Nicaragua canal bill. It authorizes the president of the United States to contract with the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the right of way for an interoceanic ship canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, on the route proposed by the Maritine Canal company of Nicaragua, and for a port at each end of the canal on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to agree that the canal shall be constructed, equipped and put in operation within ten years. It authorizes the president to negotiate with the canal company for the purchase of all its property, rights and franchises, and also to issue bonds not exceeding \$100,000,000 in amount and bearing interest at not over 3 per cent, not over \$8,000,000 of which shall be paid to the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica and to the canal company. The secretary of war, through the engineers' corps of the army, is to build, construct and equip the canal.

Will Be Annexed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Hawaiian treaty which will be made public today is the embodiment of diplomatic brevity. It simply proposes annexation and renounces all details as to the future action of congress. Even the mention of sugar bounty is thus deferred and omitted. The opposition to annexation, as expressed in executive session of the senate today, was feeble. One point was that it was a project of Spoone's to obtain the sugar bounty, but this was silenced by the potent fact that no provision relating to bounty is in the proposed treaty. The Hawaiian commissioners are very much elated, and are so confident of success that they are preparing for their departure.

A Conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Carlisle went to the capitol yesterday morning to consult with John Sherman relative to the proposed issue of 3 per cent bonds. He found Sherman in the finance committee room and was urged by the members of the committee to remain. This resulted in a general discussion of the financial problem between the members of the committee and the future secretary of the treasury during which it was apparent there was no difference of opinion as to the issue of bonds.

Appropriation Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Yesterday the pension appropriation bill was taken up in committee of the whole and its consideration completed. The committee then rose and reported the bill to the house and after a scene of confusion during which the speaker was appealed to it was passed. The house then in committee of the whole proceeded to the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. Without disposing of the bill the committee rose and the house adjourned.

Leath to Let Go of Power.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The sundry bill appropriation bill having been taken up yesterday at the close of morning business in the senate, a vote was taken on the amendment retaining the laws for supervising federal elections. It was agreed to. Yeas 27, nays 24.

He Will Tide Over.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In regard to the issue of bonds, Leath has been negotiating the country for the past week. It now looks as if the bankers of New York in loaning Secretary Foster gold for his greenbacks, will enable the present administration to defer the issuing of bonds.

Jackson Continued.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—There was not even the formality of a vote in the executive session of the senate on the confirmation of Judge Howell Jackson, as a member of the supreme court which was made without a single objection.

One Million for Giveaways.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The consideration of the sundry bill, in which is included the river and harbor appropriations, was before the senate all day yesterday. Galveston will get \$1,000,000.

Invalid Pensioners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The invalid pension appropriation bill monopolized the attention of the house yesterday. The debate was general. No vote was reached.

Car Coupler Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—In the house yesterday the car coupler bill was postponed until Tuesday next. This bill passed the senate some days since.

New Mexico Left.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The senate in session yesterday refused to consider the New Mexico statehood bill in the morning hour—yeas 14, nays 30.

The March Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—It is doubtful if Mr. Hatten will be able to get a vote on the anti-opium bill this session.

BUILDERS IN CONVENTION.

Important National Gathering in St. Louis—Plans for the Fall.

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—The convention of builders, which has been in session here this week, has been closely watched by architects all over the country.

The convention brought something like a thousand people to the city who were interested in architecture and building. All of the delegates spent an afternoon going through the big business buildings of St. Louis, and examining from carriages, as they rode along the boulevards, the handsome private residences of the city. The convention took very strong ground against the National policy of trusting important public work in the hands of "political architects," as Charles Dudley Warner calls them in his article on the World's Fair buildings in Harper's, protesting that it encouraged extravagance, and gave the country ugly and unworthy government buildings.

For some time work has been stopped on the comprehensive system of boulevards planned for the city last year, and it has required legislation authorizing an additional taxation of the property that would be benefited to get the money to carry out the plans. The property owners affected were willing enough to pay the small extra tax, but the law would not allow the tax to be collected, and so in this legislature the unique spectacle was presented of the owners of land begging for the imposition of a greater tax on their ground in order that its value might be increased. Now, the money being secured, work on the new boulevards will be pushed vigorously as soon as a favorable season opens, and by the end of summer it will be possible for a man to drive over smooth asphalt and telford paving for twenty miles without getting out of the city.

The managers of the St. Louis Exposition have just made an arrangement with the World's Fair directors by which the art gallery of the great exhibition here will get the benefit of the finest of the pictures sent to the Fair by painters in this country and others. Paintings will be exchanged between St. Louis and the gallery of the World's Fair. The arrangement is a very costly one to the exposition, but it promises much better results than the old way of borrowing a few pictures here and there from private galleries in different cities, and then filling up the rest of the space with paintings that were for sale by New York artists. By the new plan visitors to the Exposition here will be able to see the very best works of art from the galleries of all the great cities of the United States as well as Europe.

From this time until the end of the year, the Health Department of the city and the Citizens Sanitary Committee will send over half a million dollars in carrying out the sanitary plans that were made last year. It is intended to make the streets, alleys and vacant lots of the city so clean that not only will it be impossible for any epidemic disease to break out here during the summer and fall, but more than that the intelligence of the wholesome condition of the city, going abroad, will reassure timid people who have not yet recovered from the shaking state of last season by New York, and will convince them that in St. Louis they will be protected against any sort of danger to their health. The widest publicity is to be given to this sanitary campaign, and it will be sure to leave St. Louis the best guarded city in the country, in the event that any plague from foreign shores comes their way.

Men Who Wear Diamonds.

They Look Far More Valiant Than Women Ever Do. It is always shocking to a foreigner when he sees an American woman adorned with jewelry in the morning. Diamond earrings at the breakfast table confirm his notions of the barbarism of this new country, yet, in reality, very few of our women are as guilty of bad taste in the matter of jewelry as certain types of men, who mark each era of their prosperity by an additional piece of jewelry.

The sport who wins at the races or on the result of a prize fight immediately buys a diamond stud or ring as large as he can get for the money he has to spend. It does not matter if he is off color or not, he flashes it before the eyes of his less fortunate companions with an air of triumph in its possession that the vainest woman could not have the boldness to essay.

What matters it if the shirt front is soiled or the finger stumpy and nails the worse for wear, that show up in glaring contrast to the headlight he is so proud of—his wearing diamonds, and that settles it.

Now to the mind which considers diamonds of whatever value prima facie evidences of wealth, there could never come the dawning of that innate refinement that prompts a man to eschew display the greater bank account he possesses. Wealth and simplicity go hand in hand, but the greasy sport or housewife rich will cling to his jewelry as the outward token of his financial property that must of necessity outweigh less favored mortals.

Financial Corals—Seven Dollars.

There is a woman's political club in New York city. A co-operative laundry, to be run by women, is being considered in England. Queen Elizabeth and Mary Stuart always handled their meat with their fingers.

The announcement is made that the nightcap is coming back into fashion among the ladies.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Choice Clusters of Crisp Cullings Condensed from Daily Reports.

RACY ROUND-UPS RENDERED READABLE.

More Recruits of Some of Interest Gathered from Every Portion of the Empire State.

Scarlet fever in Temple. Luling is to have an ice factory.

McKinney has 185 business firms. Corsicana wants a board of trade.

Galveston is contending with "bunco." Live Oak county has had a good rain.

Burglars have been working Laredo. Midlothian, Ellis county, wants a bank.

The lumber trade is brisk at Beaumont. Several cases of pneumonia at Cleburne.

Lamar county will have a fair this spring. Corpus Christi is shelling the streets.

Wolfe City wants a hook and ladder company. Galveston is to have two new school buildings.

Counterfeit money is in circulation at Sherman. Breham has 910 school children who attend.

Waco is to have a \$250,000 cotton seed oil mill. Motley county is to build a \$30,000 court house.

A bald eagle was recently killed near Palestine. A village in Hill county has been named Nugent.

The state senate has killed the World's fair bill. A county fair is talked of by Johnson county people.

Flores, Williamson county is to have a stock show. The crematory at Gainesville is nearing completion.

Near Lone Oak Hunt county, coal has been discovered. Greenville will soon have a new roller mill completed.

Cattle and crops are in good condition in Johnson county. Austin and San Antonio are to be connected by telephone.

Fort Worth has \$30,000 in cash subject to appropriation. El Paso complains of many people hunting work "tramps."

The snagboat "Dallas" has gone to rock cleaning the Trinity. Fourteen young Kentuckians have settled in Johnson county.

Diphtheria prevails at Celina, Collin county. School has closed. Officers at McKinney arrested seventeen gamblers on one raid.

Arlington is to have a bank. The building is being constructed. Greenville is anxious to secure one of the courts of civil appeals.

The contract for a fifty-room brick hotel has been awarded Hillsboro. A good many negroes are leaving Texas and going to Oklahoma.

Burglars are still making efforts to rob the sidemen of Hempstead. Citizens of Breckenridge have ordered an election for postmaster.

Crockett is putting on city airs, grading and graveling her streets. Crop prospects are good throughout the state for this time of the year.

Houston has a social organization called the "Forty Funny Fellows." John Kellier stole two monkeys from a showman at Waco, recently.

It is believed that Galveston will export 10,000 carload of grain this season. It is proposed to spend \$100,000 in beautifying the capitol grounds at Austin.

"Sheltering Arms," a house for fallen women, has been opened at Dallas. Dallas elevators are now registered in the visible supply in Bradstreet's reports.

Garland, in Dallas county, has several new residences in course of construction. The house committee, by a vote of 5 to 6, has reported a cigarette license tax of \$100.

Corpus Christi fishermen shipped 8000 pounds of fish to the interior in one day recently. John Meschell of Dallas a fruit vendor, recently shot at a negro burglar, who escaped.

Robert Meyers of Beville a 16-year-old boy, while out hunting, recently shot himself. A contract has been let and signed for boring an artesian well at Buckner orphans' home.

Citizens of Lafayette, Uphur county, rejoice over the erection of a large saw mill there. A Houston negro recently stole some game chickens, was arrested and gave a \$250 bond.

Horses have been attacked with blind staggers in the vicinity of Shero, in Irion county. A rich vein of coal has been discovered four miles northeast of Alexandria, in Erath county.

A Fort Worth man boasts of a beef steer, half Durham and half Texas, that weighs 2000 pounds. That destroyed \$22 worth of stamped envelopes for the postmaster at Hubbard City, Hill county.

Several thousand head of cattle will be shipped from Hood county this spring to the Indian territory. A large caravan of Louisiana negroes passed through Denison recently on their way to Oklahoma.

John Hunter, while scuffling a few

HOME AND FOREIGN.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Cable Flash from Foreign Shows Affluence with Late News of National Moment.

A circus trust is in contemplation. Patents on the Bell telephone expire in March next.

Judge Comery, ex-chief justice of Delaware, died recently. The payment of pensions for January foot up \$14,000,000.

The total gold exports for 1893 to date amount to \$15,850,000. Nearly 100,000,000 cigars were made in New York last year.

A Cincinnati O. patrolman's wife went down town shopping and lost \$200. The total production of lead in the United States in 1892 was 218,500 tons.

A Long Island N. Y. girl eloped, after the second attempt with an account. Total losses by fire in this country for the month of January is nearly \$18,000,000.

Not only Hawaii, but the island of Barturart, one of the Gilbert cluster, asks annexation. Joseph Cook of Cincinnati O. has four wives, which is contrary to law, and is in trouble.

In Schuykill county, Pa., \$67,000 has been appropriated to maintain the county almshouse. The treasurer of the United States paid out \$1,000,000 more during January than he took in.

Mrs. Whitney, the wife of ex-Secretary William C. Whitney of New York, died recently. In 1892 there were 739,300 tons of coal taken from Arkansas mines valued at \$1,212,000.

The output of the magnesia mine near Batesville, Ariz., for the year 1892 foot up 7060 tons. The Niagara Falls Wood Paper company have failed. Liabilities \$200,000, assets \$100,000.

A baby hippopotamus was born at the Zoo in New York recently, but it refused to nurse and died. A bill is pending before the legislature of Pennsylvania to allow women to become notaries public.

The Chicago cabmen are disgusted. The 100 Egyptian men at the World's fair are all mummies. Daisy Robinson, a negro at Helena, Ark. drank twenty-two whisky "straights," and then she died.

The state revenue of Pennsylvania for the next year is estimated at \$18,000,000 to \$22,000,000. While playing dual, recently, Willie Lewis, aged 10 of Niles, O. shot in the head Willie Harper, aged 15, who will die.

A bill has been introduced in the Kentucky house of representatives to prevent the sale, loan and wearing of hoop-kirts. Waltham, Mass., has a girl baby which weighed at birth two pounds and was thirteen inches long. It is male and hearty.

In a recent fire in a tenement house in New York a man, his wife and baby were burned up and three others barely escaped alive. Daniel Driscoll of Chicago, recently saved a man his wife and baby from cremation in a burning building. He deserves much praise.

Bill Pigeon, an Indian desperado, recently killed Deputy United States Marshal Rusk. Brown and Knight near Tahlequah, L. T. At Cattlesburg, Kan., the grand jury has indicted a number of society ladies for playing "pedro," whatever that may be, for prizes.

William K. Vanderbilt of New York has rented a residence in Chicago for six months, beginning May 1, for which he pays \$15,000. W. W. Holmes of Springfield, Miss., under sentence of death, has confessed that he murdered his wife. He was drunk and she scolded.

Miss Catherine Emery of Philadelphia, who has just retired from service, has taught school for fifty years continuously. She is now 80. Miss Matilda J. Blackstone of Altoona, Pa., became very sick recently, sent for her lover, they were married and she died four days afterward.

The West Virginia senate has struck a blow at the Pinkerton system by passing a bill prohibiting non-citizens of the state from doing police duty therein. A mechanics wife at Marshfield, Wis., noticed a blue flame issuing from the ground in her garden. She dug from curiosity and took \$11,000 in gold.

A Gloucester, Pa., man struck another on the nose with his fist, breaking it. The injured man brought a damage suit and the court awarded him \$30. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe company controls and operates 9345 miles of roads, the greatest mileage of any railway company in the world.

George Mullins, of Memphis, Tenn., was fooling with a pistol, that he "did not know was loaded," and killed his wife. She exonerated him in her statement. Burglars robbed the postoffice at New Madison, Ill., recently of \$7000 in stamps and registered mail, and a jewelry store of \$500 in cash, then fled. A little dog which got on the frozen-over city reservoir of New York and stayed there for six days and seven nights has been sold by its captors to a museum man for \$500 cash.

A new telephone company, with \$50,000,000 cash capital, has been chartered by the state of Illinois. It is styled the Harrison International Telephone company. The company will construct a circuit between New

THE 23d LEGISLATURE.

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Haskell county is situated in the southern part of the Panhandle on the line of the one hundredth meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is thirty miles square and contains 579,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874, when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed, and in 1880 the county could boast of fifteen or twenty inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1888, when the town of Haskell was laid off, and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of fifty-seven electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses, as the natural grasses furnish food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was beautiful. The acreage in farms have increased so at least 30,000.

TOPOGRAPHY. The county is an undulating plain, with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream, the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the breaks and rivers, but with rivers, breaks, rocks and poor land combined their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be fine agricultural land.

WATER. It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of pure water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the north half of the country is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from northwest to northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL. The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drains in the rainfall and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, and the germination of misma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows and the land being level or generally rolling and easy worked, the use of labor-saving implements are profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over an 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS. Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the south. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons 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, Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

FIELD AND PRICE OF FARM PRODUCTS. The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50 cts to \$1.25 per bushel, wheat yields from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the kenne market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 200 bushels per acre.

SHIPPING POINT. As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 62 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad, Albany on the Texas Central 45 miles from Haskell on the southeast, and Seymour on the Wichita Valley road 45 miles northeast.

RAILROADS. There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state, where they control nearly all the land, and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox counties, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 52 miles north of the T. & P. R. R., and 90 miles north of the Ft. W. & D. R. R., and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Our school fund is perhaps the best of any country in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners' court have wisely executed a lease for ten years of our four leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which, added to the amount received from the state, gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year.

MAIL FACILITIES. There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson, and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany. These all carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. The religious and moral state of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county.

HASKELL. The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is eight years old, and has a population of 942. Has as good water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never-failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES. In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home, and assist to commence business in life, but cannot do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversation are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, 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 country.

We have a country 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 country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever exists. We have a country 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 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.

Reader, please hand this to your friend.



As You Go Through Life.
 Don't look for the best you go through life.
 And even when you find them.
 It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
 And look for the virtues behind them.
 For the blindest might be the truest sight
 Somewhere in its shadows hiding.
 It is better by far to look at a star
 Than the spots on the sun abiding.
 The current of life runs ever away
 To the bottom of the great ocean.
 Don't set your face against the river's course
 And think to alter its motion.
 Don't waste your life in the quiver—
 Remember it lived before you were born.
 Don't butt at the storm with your puny form
 But face and let it go over you.

The Redwood Tree.
 On the ramping grounds of the Do-
 leman Club on Austin Creek, and in
 the Armstrong tract near Guerneville,
 one finds the lowland redwood in per-
 fection. In such places there are often
 rings of great trees inclosing pits
 five or six feet deep, and thirty, forty,
 or even fifty feet in diameter. Each
 of these pits is supposed to show
 where the venerable ancestor of the
 surrounding circle of trees once stood.
 Long before it fell, innumerable
 sprouts grew from the yet living roots.
 Afterward, when the soil yielded,
 the rains washed new soil into the
 "bottoms" from the mountain sides
 to fill the deep chasm. For a century
 or so there was a struggle among the
 children of the fallen monarch, and at
 last only seven or eight remained to
 become great trees of twelve feet in
 diameter, set on the rim of the pit
 formed by the decay of the roots of
 the ancient tree, and each having a
 complete root system of its own.

Men Who Wear Diamonds.
 It is always shocking to a foreigner
 when he sees an American woman
 adorned with jewelry in the morning.
 Diamond earrings at the breakfast
 table, but confirm his notions of the
 barbarism of the new country, yet,
 in reality, very few of our women are
 as guilty of as bad taste in the matter
 of untimely adornment as certain
 types of men, who mark each era
 of their prosperity by an additional piece
 of jewelry.
 The sport who wins at the races or
 on the result of a prize fight immedi-
 ately buys a diamond stud or ring as
 large as he can get for the money he
 has to spend. It does not matter if it
 is of color or not, he flashes it before
 the eyes of his less fortunate com-
 panions with an air of triumph in its
 possession that the richest woman
 could not have the boldness to essay.
 What matters it if the shirt front is
 soiled or the finger stumpy and nails
 the worse for wear, that show up in
 glaring contrast to the headlight he is
 so proud of—he is wearing diamonds,
 and that settles it.
 Now to the mind who considers dia-
 monds of whatever water prima facie
 evidences of wealth, there could never
 come the dawning of that innate re-
 finement that prompts a man to eschew
 displaying the greater bank account he
 possesses. Wealth and simplicity go
 hand in hand, but the genius sport or
 nouveau riche will cling to his jewelry
 as the outward token of financial pros-
 perity that must of necessity overawe
 less favored mortals.

Codfish Mines.
 An old sailor to the Arctic regions
 has been telling how he misses really
 cold weather down this way.
 "Tain't the kind of air I'm used
 to," he said, "I don't believe I'll
 ever get what I want this side of
 Labrador. You don't have to fish for
 cod down to Labrador. You just get
 a pile and shovel and mine 'em—just
 mine 'em out of the iceberg. They're
 frozen in fast. Some of 'em have been
 in there for a million years, more or
 less. They got caught up some time
 and just frozen in."
 "A whaling man know his business
 can tell offhand where he'll strike
 a paying lead. He lands a crew on a
 berg and they cut a level place to
 stand on, and they just open galleries
 into the ice. You find the cod in
 seams the coal. I never worked in a
 coal pit, but I've had the thing ex-
 plained to me, and it's about the
 same. The cod were swimming around
 and a layer of plain ice under-
 neath, without any trimmings, and
 afterward another layer of coal. It's
 colder work than fishing, cod mining
 is, but the returns are quicker."

Old London Churches.
 The Church of St. Mary Woolnoth,
 which stands out conspicuously at the
 King William Street corner of Lon-
 don Street, London, was closed ten
 months ago, and it is clear from the
 station at of the restorer. It has been
 not premature. It has been his
 unhappy lot to be often started in the
 course of his services by a loud yet
 muffled sound, evidently issuing from
 the vaults under the church.
 As these vaults are now "hermetically
 sealed," the phenomenon may
 well have excited the imagination of

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 THE MODES.

**Five Pictures of Some Pretty Dresses
 to Be Worn at Dinner—Useful Hints
 for the Home—The Forgetful Girl of
 Maine.**

Dinner Gown.
 A lovely dinner gown is made of
 white transparent China silk with
 underdress of pink silk shimmering
 through. The bodice is made of ac-
 cordion plaited mousseline de chiffon,
 with wide laced for the coat effect. The
 skirt is of the same material.

A Rabid Pacifist.
 "The pessimism of some men is sim-
 ply astounding," said a visitor to a re-
 porter. "Why, I know a fellow who
 actually insulted another man for say-
 ing his life. The way it happened was
 this:
 "A devilish bright, but knock about
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 one day sitting on the veranda of a
 country hotel in a Southwestern State,
 chatting with a number of friends.
 Some one happened to call him by
 name, and an old white-whiskered gen-
 tleman standing near by came walk-
 ing up to the crowd, and holding out
 his hand to Whittaker said:
 "Is your name Whittaker?"
 "Yes," was the reply.
 "Ain't you little Willie Whittaker of
 Balesville, Ark.?"
 "Yes," again.
 "Well, don't you remember the
 time when you fell off a flatboat into
 the river about twenty years ago and
 how you'd got drowned if I hadn't
 dived in and saved you?"
 "Yes," Whittaker said, "I do, you old
 fool. What good did it do? I've been
 playing poker for twenty years and
 never won a cent. I've been kicked
 and cuffed over fourteen States and
 I'm out of a job now. Good-by." And
 the really indignant Whittaker
 stepped off down the steps, leaving
 his innocent benefactor agnash with
 surprise."

A Droll Council.
 A correspondent says that the good
 citizens of Kempen in Holland, where
 Thomas Kempis was born, do some
 droll things. At one time a fire broke
 out and much damage was done be-
 cause the engines were out of repair.
 The Council met, and after much argu-
 ment it was voted that on the eve pre-
 ceding every fire the town officers
 should carefully examine the engines
 pumps, etc.

One Kind of Inaugural Robe.
 A pretty evening gown that a bright
 American woman will wear at the in-
 augural reception in Washington in
 March is of pearl white satin, made in
 Empire fashion and embroidered round
 the hem with a garland of seed pearls.
 A line of pearls runs up each edge
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 under either arm, is knotted in the
 center of the bust, like the corners of
 a handkerchief, the two points stand-
 ing out butterfly fashion. The full
 sleeves are of velvet also. A deep
 berth of exquisite old Alencon lace
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First Woman Physician in Russia.
 Frau R. P. Sussion, the first Russian
 woman to take the degree of Doctor of
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 Frau Sussion is the daughter of a
 wealthy peasant of Nishni Novgorod,
 who was able to afford his clever
 daughter a good education, and sent
 her to a girls' school at Moscow.
 Thence she went to St. Petersburg,
 where she passed all the necessary ex-
 aminations, but was not allowed as a
 woman to take her degree. Nothing
 daunted, she went to Switzerland,
 where she took her degrees as doctor
 of medicine and surgery, and since
 then has practiced in Russia.

Barial of the Dead.
 The Mohammedans always, whether
 in their own country or one of adop-
 tion, bury without coffin or casket
 the body. During the time of the old
 Roman Empire the dead bodies of all
 except suicides were buried. The
 Greeks sometimes buried their dead in
 the ground, but more generally crem-
 ated them in imitation of the
 Romans. In India up till the last few
 years the wife, either according to her
 wishes or otherwise, was cremated on
 the same funeral pyre that converted
 her husband's remains into ashes.
 When a child dies in Greenland the
 natives bury a live dog with it, the dog
 to be used by the child as a guide to
 the other world. When questioned in
 regard to this peculiar superstition they
 will only answer:
 "A dog can find his way anywhere."
 The natives of Australia tie the
 hands of their dead together and pull
 out their nails. This is for fear the
 corpse may separate its way out of the
 grave and become a vampire. The
 primitive Russians place a certificate
 of character in the dead person's
 hands, which is to be given to St.
 Peter at the gates of heaven.

Why She Was Pleased.
 There are a good many Belgian ser-
 vants in Paris. They have no great
 pretensions, some of them get 30 francs
 a month, with a daily allowance of 50
 centimes (5 pence) for their food, and
 do not ask for more. Out of this they
 contrive to send, at long intervals,
 some assistance to the old folks at
 home. The other day one of the girls
 came to our back door. She appeared
 all smiles.
 "What is up with you this morning?"
 inquired her countrywoman, who was
 busy polishing her copper stepsons.
 "Oh, I am so pleased," was the reply.
 "I have had news from home. My
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 Railroad Superintendent—That
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 Mr. Suburb—Oh, that's all right.
 They were servid girls.
 Got Rid of Him.
 De Smile—Why don't you go to see
 the De Pinkie girls any more?
 De Bore—They are too careless.
 They leave the front door unlocked,
 and I lose a new overcoat every time I
 go there.
 A Fair Reasoner.
 Discouraged Suitor—Do you ever
 reason?
 Miss Flighty—Reason? I should
 say I did. I took up a paper only yes-
 terday, and reasoned out all this year's
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 ornamented with huge bows of yellow
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 off sashes evidently having been used
 for this purpose. Now I am quite
 sure that all of my readers will agree
 with me that the less ornamentation
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 No amount of ribbon or other orna-
 tion else can make piano legs beau-
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 ting piano legs in trousers as of
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 Leave them as plain as make made
 them, and stand so far outside of
 the realm of art as to be un-
 able to see anything beautiful or ar-
 tistic in painted and varnished, coat
 and soap shovels, wash-pans, pipes
 and clothes-pins.—The Housewife.

Amber.
 Genuine amber is becoming scarce
 every year, and it will not long be
 found in a real amber cigar holder or
 pipestem will be a rarity and a lux-
 ury. The true amber is a fossil gum
 which was produced in large quanti-
 ties by trees having a resinous sap,
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 gathered in masses at the roots. It
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 other places where forests flourished
 in former times, and is also secured
 by dredging. The Baltic and Black
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 ties, but their supplies are now pretty
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 A writer in the North China Herald
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Economy.
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What has done for the westward seed,
Where are the many fathers' names...

JEALOUSY.

"I just wish you'd tell me!" said
Minnie with the least perceptible
pout on her lip.

"Women's curiosity!" said I, with
a shrug of my shoulders, "and feminine
jealousy!"

"Nonsense, said Minnie, coloring
up. "I suppose men are never curious,
nor jealous either!"

"Never!" quoth I, with a smile of
calm superiority.

"Then you won't tell me, Clarence?"
"Think, ma chere, your curiosity
—and the other emotion—need a little
restraint!"

"She did not say a word, but turned
quietly away, and went up stairs for
the little bouquet of heliotropes and
geranium leaves that she generally
fastened into my button hole before I
went away, and in the very instant
that she closed the door I saw the
downward flutter of a little white
slip of paper from her dress."

"Instinctively I stooped to pick it
up, and as I stooped I could not
avoid reading the characters. In-
scribed thereon in a clear, masculine
chirography.

"E. M. Mason & Dobell's. No disapproval
sent this time."

"I felt the hot blood mounting to my
temples in a burning current, as I
read and re-read the mysterious words,
"Evered Mason was Minnie's second
cousin, and a provokingly handsome
fellow at that! Had I forgotten that
people used to think what a "pretty
couple" they would make before I
stepped on the tapis?" Not by a long
sight!

"E. M." indeed! And I
clenched my fist instinctively, as I
crumpled the paper in its grasp.

"What are you looking for, Minnie?"
She stood with one hand resting
lightly on the door knob, glancing
uneasily round the floor, while there
was a guilty flush on her cheek.

"—That is—have you seen a little
slip of paper lying about?"

"No."
I uttered the lie with deliberate
calmness, even while the tell-tale
billow lay in my hand. So—she was
anxious about it, eh? She didn't like
the idea that I should have an insight
into her little arrangements with "E.
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"It must have been something very
important," I remarked, maliciously,
as she hurriedly turned over the
books on the center table, still search-
ing for the missing treasure.

"I suppose I left it upstairs," she
said, artfully evading a direct an-
swer. "You are not going, Clarence?"

"I am going."

"Good night!"
I held her hand a moment in mine,
but I did not kiss her as usual—the
iron had entered far too deeply into
my soul for that.

"Not until I was safe in my own
room did I open and re-examine the
odious little slip of paper."

"—Of course the whole
thing was as plain as daylight. To-
day was the fourth of the month—it
was simply an appointment for to-
morrow at 11 o'clock. I ground my
teeth as the truth flashed across my
brain."

"Is Mr. Dobell in?"
"Yes, Mr. Dobell was in, and one of
the clerks respectfully ushered me
into the little private office where my
honest friend Jack was sitting dock-
ing a voluminous pile of letters."

"Clarence Page! Sit down, old
fellow. What good wind blows you
here?"

"He drew out a big, leather-covered
easy chair with a hospitable welcome,
but I declined it."

"Dobell, I want you to do me a very
great favor—will you?"

"Certainly, if I can."

"I looked up at the clock—it wanted
just 15 minutes of 11—and I hurriedly
confided the whole story of my wrongs
to Jack's honest breast. He stroked
down his red whiskers reflectively."

"My dear fellow, I really think you
are attaching too much importance to
a mere trifle."

"A trifle." I bit my lips until the
blood came. "It's very plain to see
that you're not standing in my pecu-
liar position, Dobell."

"Shall I send for Mason? He is in
the store, I have no doubt."

"You will do nothing of the sort."
"Well, then, what is it you require
of me?"

"Listen! This is come here, probably
at 11, to—see Mason, confound
him!"

It is rather too suggestive of both no
commendations.
But my patience was not confined
to go on indefinitely—indeed, I had
been actually waiting for the clock
to strike ten, when I saw that the
face of all these great men was
"the sound of Minnie's sweet faint
voice."

"I am sorry I lost that moun-
tain, Everard."
(Sorry? I heard it!)
"Isn't it a bit of disappointment,
Minnie, we'll make it all straight?"
(Would he?)

"Let me see, said Everard, reflect-
ively. "Hush, said, in eleven shil-
lings, would be \$1.57. When do you
want it finished?"

"By Thursday it's Clarence's birth-
day."

"(I pecked up my ears attentively.)
—I think I can promise it to you by
that time. I was sorry to disappoint
you before, but we really hadn't a bit
of anything in the store that was at
all appropriate for a dressing gown."

"This material is elegant—elegant
leaves, you see, on a fawn-colored
ground."

"Beautiful!" ejaculated Minnie,
ecstatically.

"And you want it lined with crim-
son silk, with crimson cord and
tassels?"

"Of course. How pleased Clarence
will be!"

"If there had been a crack in the
bottom of that wardrobe, I must as-
surely have fallen through it, so ex-
ceedingly cheap did I feel!"

"Dear Clarence!" went on my in-
nocent Minnie; "I don't think he felt
very well last night—he was a
strange and abrupt in his manner."

"Very likely," yawned "E. M." with
a provoking indifference. "By the
way, Minnie, what direction are you
going?"

"Home, of course. Clarence may
call this afternoon."

"My devoted little darling! I only
wished that I and the wardrobe were
in the midst of the Libyan desert or
some other equally distant spot."

"Then I'll walk around with you.
Dobell will be back presently and
there's no necessity for my staying
here. Just wait half a second until
I get my hat."

"The blood in my veins seemed
turned for a second to ice, and then
again to fire. What a blockhead I
had been not to foresee this emer-
gency! I held my breath and clung
desperately to the inner handle of
the wardrobe as I felt Everard
Mason's touch on the outer."

"I felt," soliloquized, "that young
gentleman, in a puzzled tone of voice,
"what on earth all this door handle
—!—!"

"And he gave it an energetic wrench
that defied all my efforts to impede
its revolution. The door flew open
and I stood revealed among the coats
and dusters like a modern edition of
one of Belzoni's mummies!"

"Hallo!" ejaculated Mason, staring
at me in blank astonishment, while
Minnie's eyes grew bigger and bluer
than I had deemed it possible for
eyes to be.

"I knew there was no alternative
but to step bravely forth and face the
music which I did, accordingly."

"Well," said Everard resignedly,
"it'd like to know how you came here?"

"I wasn't going to favor him with
any explanations, so I turned some-
what sheepishly, to my little be-
trothed."

"Minnie—darling—you'll think me
very ridiculous and very absurd, but
I confess that—that—"

"I courageously drew the slip of pa-
per from my pocket and placed it in
her hand."

"I found that on the parlor floor
last night, Minnie; it excited my curi-
osity, and I fancied all sorts of ridi-
culous things. So I came down here
to—"

"To hide in a wardrobe," said Miss
Minnie, mischievously. "Man's curi-
osity! and to find out what I meant
by coming to see poor dear Edward-
man's jealousy! I didn't suppose
that two such emotions existed in
the masculine mind."

"Minnie!" I pleaded, appealingly,
while that coarse wretch, Everard
Mason, burst into a laugh that jarred
on my every nerve.

"I won't tease you any more, Clarence,"
she said, putting up her robe-
bud lips for a reconciliation kiss.

"Isn't a woman always ready to for-
give any fault that springs from too
much devotion to herself? To Minnie's
credit be it spoken, that from that
day to this I have never heard of
the wardrobe business. But then,
to be sure, I have been particularly
careful not to mention the well-
known fact that women are jealous and
curious, in my wife's presence."

"And I am writing this little con-
fession in the identical fawn-colored
wrapper, with crimson palm leaves,
trimmed with cord and tassels to
match!"—New York Times.

A Modern Tourney.
A Pennsylvania girl referred a
prize fight between her two lovers
the other day, kissed the winner and
will marry him. She liked both of
the young men so well that she could
not decide between them, so they
resorted to the test of physical
strength, skill and endurance to set-
tle the matter. The girl went along
to see that each had a fair show, and,
fearing partially in a referee, she
performed that function in person, to
the eminent satisfaction of everybody
except the fellow who was beaten.

The fight was a twenty-one round
mill with bare knuckles.

A Chinaman's Opal.
The Chinese baby at Washington,
which is yet so young that it has not
been through one presidential term
of four years, has already fallen heir
to the finest opal in the world. The
opal belongs to the Chinese minister.
It is as large as a pigeon's egg and
is surrounded by beautiful white
diamonds. The minister wears it in
his cap on state occasions, and the
baby wore it upon the day in baby's
life which corresponds to an American
christening.

CATS BY THE HUNDRED.

MRS. ROBERT JOHNSON'S BIG
FAMILY OF PETS.
Aristocratic Tom and Tabasco, Angora
Heavens, and the other cats, who
Save to Look Pretty and
Eat Good Things.

Mrs. Robert Johnson has 200 cats,
and each one of them has a pedigree
that extends back over many genera-
tions.

As Mrs. Johnson has several mil-
lions of dollars her pet cats live in
a style befitting their long ped-
igree, says the San Francisco Exami-
ner.

They live at Buena Vista, Mrs.
Johnson's country mansion near
Sonoma, and it takes three servants
to care for the pussies. Everyone of
these cats is a real Angora, and the
most exacting part of the duties of
the three Japanese who look after
them is to see that no wandering
nighthawk of a common fence-hau-
ting, slumber-disturbing, tom or tabby
shall gain entrance to this feline
paradise.

There are about 3,000 acres in the
grounds about Buena Vista, and the
residence stands in the center of ten
acres of flower pots and lawns. The
house is reached by a long avenue
shaded with ornamental trees, and is
seen to stand on the crest of a slow-
rising knoll. Seen from the veranda
the beds of flowers and velvety lawn-
s with Golden Gate park on a small
scale. Here and there are built
short flights of stairs leading down
to tiny lakes, on which swans and
ducks disport themselves in com-
mon tenancy with myriads of fancy
fish. Rustic bridges span many of
the brooks, and lily-like plants abound
beneath sturdy oaks and towering
eucalypti. There is also a pond of
warm mineral water, fringed with a
thicket of bamboo, and the fragrance
from lemon and orange trees abounds.

Such are the surroundings in which
these beautiful cats live in luxury.

They are fed three times a day, not
on horse-flesh or neck-beef, but on
nicely cooked meats, or fish or fish
or game, with the richest of cream.

"Madame is ill and not allowed to
see anyone," says the housekeeper,
"but I will see if I can gain her con-
sent for the cats to be brought out,
and will you please rest on the ver-
anda until I return. Strangers, you
know, have never been allowed to see
them."

Only intimate friends are
given that privilege, as a rule; so if
you succeed in your quest you must
feel highly complimented.

Madame was gracious, and the vis-
itor was introduced to the favorites.
For though all these cats are of the
very highest, there is still among
them a sort of ultra-aristocracy.

There is no use trying to describe
these cats that lie around on rich
divans and stretch themselves on soft
rugs. In fact, the art of keeping the
cats would be too monotonous for the
casual eye there is a great simi-
larity between one Angora cat and
another. To the eye that knows them
and loves them, however, each has
a perfect individuality.

They seldom fight among them-
selves, because as soon as their eyes
are opened they receive vigorous
lessons in the art of keeping the
peace. While they are yet kittens
and are rolling on the floor, the
Japanese, who have a peculiar gift
in the art of instructing cats, teach
the kittens that they must keep their
claws sheathed in the velvet, else
they will go suppers to bed. So
when they grow older they learn they
must not fight.

The biggest cat in the collection is
Grandfather William. He is an old
white fellow, with the dignity that
age and a career of age and peace can
give a tomat.

The Japanese boys say he knows
more than any other cat in the world.
When he was a kitten he was taught
many things—to jump over a stick at
the word of command, to lie on his
back with his four paws sticking up
when told he was dead, to shake
hands, and to receive his tail, which
complicated was he that he was always
being put through his tricks to en-
tertain people.

This went on for a long time. One
day, however, William ate too much
and was very sick. When somebody
came to order him to do his tricks he
could only lie on his side and cry
pitiously.

They did not make him perform.
That taught him something, and
whenever he got the notion that he
was going to be called upon, over he
went on his side, his fur turned the
wrong way, and he moaned like a
dying cat.

They soon found out that he was
malingering, but his cleverness so
impressed his mistress that she
would not permit him to be discipl-
ined, and William enjoyed a
holiday from that day to this.

His Bliss Postponed.
"I love you madly, Blanche," the
young man declared, with all the ar-
dor of a passionate lover. "Will you
marry me?"

"I don't know about that, Charley,"
replied the girl. "I admit that I look
on you with favor, and could learn to
love you—but, dear?"

"How are you fixed financially?"

"I must acknowledge that I am
poor, but my wealthy great-uncle has
made me his heir, and he may die any
day."

"I don't like the idea of waiting
for dead men's shoes."

"Neither do I, but you're practical. My
great-uncle has decided to marry your
wealthy great-uncle myself, and when
he dies you may renew your atten-
tions. An avoird.—Pittsburg Chroni-
cle.

Prevention of Poisoning.
Every now and then a coroner's in-
quest has to be held on the body of
some unfortunate individual who has
swallowed the contents of a bottle
which was intended for external use
only. Such mishaps are impossible
in Germany, where the law requires
the druggists to put up all medicines
and drugs in round bottles, and all
lotions for external use, in ribbed or

REAL MEXICAN TAMALES.

How to Make the Hot but Appetizing
Rolls.
Corn husks; flank of beef; five, red
peppers, 10c, white corn meal, 3 pint
olives, (without liquor) 1 pint rais-
ins, 1 beautiful lard, 3 large onions,
and salt and black pepper, to taste.
Choose corn husks of good width and
white, and to put them to soak in a
tin of clear, cold water early as pos-
sible the day before wanting for use
and let them soak, changing the
water frequently until wanted; this is
to get them soft and clean.

Soak cornmeal over night. Boil
meat until half done, saving the
water. Rustle here goes span any lit-
tle. Put in a pot the lard; cut the onions
fine, and let them fry in it; then add
the pepper (previously mashed and
strained as for chili sauce); the
meat cut fine; olives and raisins, and
boil until real tender; take off the
fire and add vinegar, salt and pepper,
and while the mixture cools get your
corn husks ready for drawing them
through the hand to get all the water
out.

Then take the cornmeal and add a
little of the juice of the mixture to
it; then spread the tablespoonful on
each leaf and lay them on the table,
being careful not to get too much
cornmeal on.

When all are so prepared (as far as
your cornmeal goes) take one in your
hand and put in it two large spoonfuls
of the mixture of the meat mixture;
roll it up like a cigar, and so on for
each side, so that they lay over the
top and bottom only; squeeze the
corn tightly as possible to keep them
from leaking. When done they should
be about five inches long and very
"fat."

When all are made boil them for
two hours slowly in the liquor saved
from the meat, adding more water if
necessary. Eat while hot. This quantity
will feed ten persons on ten large
plates. If the "mixture" seems too
thick, add a little of the water the
meat was boiled in, as it needs to be
quite sloppy."

THE ARMY MULE.
An Old Friend Made Up of Ears, Hoofs,
and Hoop.

The old soldier who passed a couple
of years in close proximity to the
wagon trains of the army, will ap-
preciate the following description of
the army mule, whose long ears,
beautiful voice and light heels fur-
nished many a joke for the boys. It
was read at the last G. A. R. en-
campment at Washington:

Being of the mind, the army mule,
said an elderly matron to her better
half in a boiler shop whisper; "if
you had always done what a beauti-
ful grove of trees would have around
our house now."—Eric Dispatch.

Wasted Opportunity.
During a social gathering at the
house of a hospitable West Side
neighbor the other night a young wife
told how she and her husband had
quarrelled, but had "kissed and made
up" again, and to remember the occur-
rence had planted a young tree in the
garden. "Do you hear that, John?"
said an elderly matron to her better
half in a boiler shop whisper; "if
you had always done what a beauti-
ful grove of trees would have around
our house now."—Eric Dispatch.

SOMEWHAT JOCOSE.
Pauline—I broke a fellow's heart
once. Priscilla, with awe—How?
Pauline—I told him I was rich when I
wasn't.

Small Son—Mamma, there's a boy's
clown in the farm-house. Can I join?
Mamma, horrified—Indeed, son-shan't
Small Son—I'm glad of that. The
minister is getting it up.

"And what did the doctor say was
really the matter with you?" "Well,
miss, his words was: 'You're suffer-
ing with a gutta in the stomach, with
a great want of tons.'"
The Heiress—How can you ask me
to be your wife, Mr. Symphonie, when
you are dependent on your father for
an income? Symphonie—But, gad, I
won't be if I can't get you.

Minister—So you go to school, do
you, Bobby? Bobby—Yes, sir. Min-
ister—Let me hear you spell kitten.
Bobby—I'm getting too big a boy to
spell kitten, sir. Try me on cat.

Mrs. Parayvany—I'm most afraid to
wear more than four diamond neck-
laces to onset, for fear it will make me
appear vulgar. Mrs. Heighline—Oh,
you needn't be afraid of that score.

"They are going to be married?"
Why, I didn't know they were en-
gaged. "Well, you see there are so
many engagements broken nowadays
that they thought they wasn't get-
ting engaged, just simply married."

A very thin man was once saying
hasty things to a very fat one. "If I
were as fat as you," said he, "I'd go
and hang myself." "In the event of
my taking your advice," retorted the
fat man, "I'd use you for a rope."

Mr. Simpore—People say that a
young couple can get along very nicely
now-a-days on a small income if the
worse—wife is of a practical turn of mind.
Sweet Girl—Oh, I'm practical. My
favorite piano piece is an imitation of
a spinning-wheel.

"Have you heard about poor Mrs.
Slipnot?" asked a Chicago lady, ad-
dressing a friend. "No. What's the
matter?" "Didn't she get her divorce?"
"She did, but no alimony, and the
man she wanted to marry is as poor
as a church mouse."

TALMAGE IN ROME.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE COL-
OSSUM'S PYLONS.
A Thrilling Picture of the Dreadful
Scenes of the Arena Two Thousand
Years Ago—Shattered Idols of Pa-
ganism.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 12.—The Rev. Dr. Talmage
this morning, after commenting on the Scrip-
tures of the Bible, and the words of the
Apostle, preached the Gospel to the
people of the city of Rome, at the
Colosseum.

Rome! What a city it was when Paul
visited it! What city it is now!
Rome! The place where Virgil sang
and Horace satirized and Terence
laughed and Catiline conspired and
Vespaian persecuted and Sulla glori-
ated and Cicero thundered and Aurelius
and Decius and Caligula and Julian
and Hadrian and Constantine and
Augustus reigned, and Paul, the
Apostle, preached the Gospel to the
people.

I am not much of a draftsman, but I
have in my memorandum book a
sketch I made in the winter of
1880, when I was on a tour to the
Colosseum, through which Paul uttered
Rome, and walked up the very street
he walked up to see somewhat how
the city must have looked to him
as he came in in the first century
era and proposed in the text. Palaces
on either side of the street through which
the little missionary advanced. Piled
up wickedness. Kathroned accused
men. Temples of the gods. Pillars,
arched, domed, turreted abomina-
tions. Wickedness of all sorts at a
high premium and Righteousness
nearly extinct and three-fourths per cent
of the population were slaves. The
foundations of a building which is to be
almost unparalleled for vastness. You
can see by the walls, which have be-
come to rise, that here is to be some-
thing enough as to the grandeur of the
centuries. Aye, it is the Colosseum
started.

Of the theater at Ephesus where Paul
fought with wild beasts, of the temple
of Diana of the Parthenon, of the
palace at Memphis, and of other
great buildings, the ruins of which I
have seen, it has been my privilege to
address you, has a member of my fam-
ily asked me recently why I had not
spoken to you of the Colosseum at
Rome, since its moral and religious les-
sons are so impressive.

Perhaps, while in Rome, the law of
contracts was upon me. I had vis-
ited the Mamertine dungeon where
Paul was incarcerated. I had meas-
ured the opening at the top of the dun-
geon through which Paul had been let
down and it was twenty-three inches
by twenty-six. The ceiling, at its
highest point, was seven feet from
the floor, but at the sides of the
room, the ceiling was five feet, seven
inches. The room at the top, where
Paul was kept, was a seat of
rock two and half feet high. There
was a shelf four feet high. The only
furniture was a spider's web suspended
from the roof, which I saw by the
light of a torch. There was a grate
in the wall through which the subter-
ranean passage from the dun-
geon to the Roman forum, so that the
prisoner could be taken directly from
Alban to trial in the dungeon.
The wall of the dungeon was built out
of volcanic stone from the
Albano Mountains. Oh, it was a dismal
and terrible place. You never saw
coal hole so dark or so forbidding.
The place was to me a nervous shock.
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It Cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Croup, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the advantage of Kemp's Balsam for Cough and Croup.

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May depend upon the way you treat the various ailments which nature gives. A few bottles of this medicine will do you good. It is a certain cure for all ailments.

He Wants to Add His Name. "Permit me to add my name to many other testimonials in commendation of the great curative properties contained in Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sore Throat and Hoarse Voice Remedy. It is the best I ever used."

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LAFED AND PENATES.

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THE ORCHARD GHOST.

The Rev. Exodus Sarcoxie, pastor of the colored Baptist church in Green Turtle bayon, in Arkansas, was dead.

It was a very popular divine, and it had been his boast that he had plucked no dirty sinners in de Mississippi than any other brother minister in the state.

Naturally he had a great following in the colored community in which he dwelt, and when the tidings of his sudden decease became generally circulated there was much waiting about in the land. His cabin was soon thronged with visitors and lamented by friends from all parts of Green Turtle bayon, who had hurried in to pay their last respects to the memory of Exodus Sarcoxie.

About a half a score of friends volunteered to remain and sit up with the corpse, which was not to be interrupted until the following afternoon.

Among those holding this solemn vigil was the good man's favorite niece, Miss Venus Louisa Sarcoxie, who had come 40 miles from her home up in the hills to gaze her last upon the venerable face of her uncle.

Miss Venus was a maiden just 30, with stout, rotund figure, and a crown of jetty kinks, covering a head always held defiantly high. Like all of her race she did not look her age, and had not her friends possessed fertile memories, she might easily have passed for 20. But Miss Sarcoxie had no ambition to appear younger than she really was. The children of being in an old maid had never disturbed her. Her intimates had always feared her rustic tongue too much to attempt passing jokes on her age.

Two years before Venus had passed several happy months in the Rev. Sarcoxie's household, assisting his wife in various domestic duties. At the same time Job Robinson, Mrs. Sarcoxie's nephew from Alabama, was employed to help with the cotton and the yams on the little cultivated patch over on the hillside.

Job and Venus, thrown almost constantly together, formed a warm attachment for each other. At every stamping, or place of amusement which she attended, the Alabama Yankee was her shadow. When the girl gave up dancing and joined her uncle's church, the lover followed suit and if, as his associates dared assert, Job had a legal religion, the girl had a legal one.

Job and Venus, with the full approval of uncle and aunt, became engaged to be married. But a trifling quarrel muffled the surface of their stream of love, and they foolishly drifted into the frigid sea of estrangement.

Despite the honest, if blundering efforts of the Rev. and Mrs. Sarcoxie to bring about a reconciliation between the separated lovers, the gulf widened and the engagement was declared off. Venus returned to her home among the hills, and Job consoled himself by backsliding and "going with" other belles of Green Turtle Bayon.

Venus Sarcoxie had never married, but Job took for a wife one of the daughters of the neighborhood, and for eight years he had been wretchedly hen-pecked. At last death had removed his dark Nantippe, and the young widower was again strutting about with all the freedom of a man rid of an incubus which had unmercifully held him plumed to the wall for eight remorseless years.

Now Job Robinson, too, was one of the watchers at the Sarcoxie cabin. Since their disagreement 10 years before he and Venus had not met. Although they had brushed against each other in the cabin, had shed tears side by side over the pastor's dead body they had never spoken to each other.

Venus went out doors and sat down to her work in the moonlight. Job and he went to the spring for a bucket of fresh water. Having deposited his burden on a table near the door, and having quaffed liberally from a big gourd dippin', he remarked:

"Miss Venus, I believe," and he approached her.

Venus looked up from her meditation.

"You 'low no 's aimin' to hinder yo' from believin' in de resurrection?"

"I certainly 'low in de resurrection, 'specially 's you 'low in de resurrection."

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IS SPELLING A LOST ART.

Words That Paralyze the Great Majority of People.

Eighty-five per cent of the population in a spelling contest at Teachers' Institute in Lockport, recently. Their participation in the contest was compulsory, although a prize, a dictionary, was given to the winner. Of the three hundred and fifty-five spelled "correctly" correctly, "acknowledged" was misspelled by sixty-three, or about seventy-four per cent of the entire number of contestants.

"Superior" was misspelled by fifty-eight; "testament" by fifty-four; "excellence" by fifty-six; "beneficial" by fifty-eight; "business" by forty-eight; "medial" and "maintenance" by forty-five each; "milder" by forty-eight; "pretensions" and "gaseous" each by forty-three, and "concede" by forty-nine. That is, each of these words was misspelled by over one-half the contestants. In the local columns we enter more fully in detail as to the other words misspelled by a large percentage, but the instances noted above will be sufficient for our purpose and show the general character of the words pronounced and misspelled, says the Lockport Sun.

Now, when so large a proportion of teachers misspell so heavy percentages as these, and it is borne in mind that the average teacher is not a word expert, it is not surprising that the word, properly so called, appears in the entire list. It justifies, we think, the inquiry with which we introduce this comment. It must not, however, be hastily concluded by any ambitious neighbor that Niagara is alone in the poor spelling of her teachers. Far from it, on the contrary, Instructor Sanford informs us that she averages well with other counties in which he has instituted similar spelling contests. In Rensselaer county, for instance, the seat of literature, laundrying, breweries, enlightenment and the Troy Press, seven contestants could not spell the name of their own county. It appears, in fact, to be a puzzle everywhere. Prof. Sanford gives it out.

"-edness" never fails to bug a goodly number of victims; and "Niagara" can always be relied on for a few. Shall we confess to Prof. Sanford that we are not so sure "Niagara" if pronounced might not have been misspelled by a half dozen or so? One-fifth of our letters from points within the county come directed "Niagara." No day do we doubt that a similar number of Chautauqueans would fall on the name of their county, and we imagine it would be a safe wager that seven teachers, at an institute held in that place, provided no previous hint was given, would misspell "Skaneateles."

Yet it can not be denied that these are common geographical names, mostly of localities in one over state, and no great proportion of teachers should misspell them. Again, "colleged," "exchangeable," "religible," "chrysanthemum," "parallel," "paralysis," "cathedral," "hemorrhage," "separate" and "symmetry" are words so persistently misspelled that the very fact should attract notice in our schools, and the teachers should not only spell them correctly and without hesitation themselves, but teach their scholars to do likewise.

Restore the spelling bee!

Foot-Ball.

At the conclusion of the game between the Harborno and Handsworth foot-ball teams at Harborno, England, recently, Mr. H. B. Love allowed his dog, which is a beautiful black-and-tan Australian terrier, to play the victorious team for about a quarter of an hour. As soon as the dog was brought on to the field he seemed anxious to get at the ball, and when all was ready, and he was let loose among the team, in a few seconds he got the ball, which was covered by a net, firmly between his teeth.

He dodged the players with great agility, and when surrounded held the ball tightly between his fore feet, and, try as the players would to obtain possession, their efforts were in vain. Then, seeing an opportunity, he would dash off toward the goal sticks with his opponents in hot pursuit. Passing, dribbling and dribbling did not prevent him getting the ball, and once the net between his teeth, it was futile to try by kicking and pulling to release the ball. After about a quarter of an hour's "play," which caused the spectators much amusement, the net on the ball was torn and the sport was abandoned, "neither side having scored."

Sure to See Him.

Mrs. Bilkins.—Oh, goodie! Here's a letter from Cousin George.

Mr. Bilkins.—Huh! Who cares for him?

Mrs. Bilkins.—Eh? Why, he lives in Chicago, and his house is close to the fair grounds, and it's the very place for us to go next summer. I wrote to him, telling him we were all just dying to see him, and his lovely family. I wonder what he says. Read it! I'm too nervous.

Mr. Bilkins, reading.—My Dear Cousin: You will soon have a chance to see us all once more. I have rented my house, and we shall make you a good long visit next summer.

BEWARE OF FRAUD.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES FOR GENTLEMEN.

A sewed shoe that will not rip; soft, seamless, smooth inside, more comfortable, stylish and durable than any other shoe ever sold at the price. Every style. Equals custom-made shoes costing from \$4 to \$5.

The following are the same high standard of merit:

Black and \$5.00 Fine Calif. Hand-Sewed. \$3.50 Public, Farmers and Letter-Carriers. \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2.00 for Working Men. \$3.00 and \$1.75 for Youths and Boys. \$3.00 Hand-Sewed. \$2.50 and \$2.00 Douglas, L. & Co. \$1.75 for Misses.

IT IS A DUTY you owe yourself to get the best value for your money. Economize in your footwear by purchasing W. L. Douglas shoes, which represent the best value at the prices advertised as long as can be seen. Do you wear them?

Every man you "hear something" about has a "practical," "sound" something about him.

When Edward \$100.

The reader of this page will be pleased to learn that there is at least one brand of shoe that is not only comfortable, but also stylish and durable. It is the "Bull Durham" shoe, which is the only shoe in the world that is made of the finest tobacco leaves and is guaranteed to last for years.

Anything that pays a man in one way, generally pays him in half a dozen.

"Hanson's Magic Corn Salve."

Wanted to cure my corns. Ask your druggist for it. Price 10c.

People can not afford to have things "given to them."

If the Hair is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use the best and most reliable. Mrs. W. L. Douglas's "Cutting Teeth" is the best.

Nearly everybody who owned the smartest dog in the world.

Lane's Medicine Moves the Bowels Each Day. In order to be healthy the intelligent smoker uses BLACKWELL'S BULL DURHAM SMOKING TOBACCO, which requires the stomach and bowels. Price 5c and \$1.00, at all dealers.

Every time people talk about trying to pass their brass money as gold.

THE MODERN INVADED.

Has tastes, medicinal, in keeping with other luxuries. A powerful laxative, and is easily absorbed, it forces nature to do some in emulsion, truly beneficial in effect and entirely free from every objectionable quality. If really ill, he consults a physician; if enfeebled, he uses the gentle laxative ELY'S Syrup of Figs.

When a man is sick it always makes him mad to hear his wife complain.

We eat too much and take too little exercise. This is the fact of our modern civilization. It is claimed that Cardiac Tea, a simple herb remedy, helps nature to overcome these abuses.

The people who are not compelled to do your work are always urging you to take a vacation.

Fits. All fits stamped from Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. It is the only medicine that will cure fits. Price 50c and \$1.00.

To want your own way is a very bad habit, for you will never get it.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Get your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. 1.00 bottles 50c and \$1.00.

There never was a raised bed sort of a woman who was a happy wife.

Sudden Changes of Weather cause Throat Diseases. There is no more effectful remedy for Croup, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, etc., than Brown's Bronchial Trochies. Sold only by Druggists.

When a man forgives, does he