

The Haskell Free Press.

VOLUME XXI.

HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 24, 1906.

NUMBER 47

Cold Weather Season

is upon us in full blast and if you have not yet considered the buying of your winter's supply of Dry Goods, Clothing, etc., it is not high time that you should do so.

We can offer you the largest and best assorted stock of winter wearables of any one. We see to it that our stock does not become all broken as to sizes in the middle of the season. Although our sales on heavy goods have been immense, still we can offer you a stock of goods that is unbroken, because every day we are getting in goods by express to keep our stock up.

Blankets and comforts we show in a wide range of prices. We can give you blankets either all wool or cotton.

We have just received by express large quantities of ladies and children's jackets.

Men, boys and youths clothing and overcoats in all sizes and at any price.

Leggins, Boots, Overshoes, Rubbers and Shoes to fit any one.

Let us sell you your bill, we can save you money.

YOURS FOR TRADE,

D. EGGER & SON

"HAVE IT FOR LESS"

HASKELL, - TEXAS.

Haskell Lumber Co., HASKELL, - TEXAS.

We carry one of the largest and most complete stocks of
**Lumber, Sash, Doors, Screen
Doors, Cement, Lime, Etc.**

ever offered to the Haskell trade.

Don't fail to let us make figures on your bill, be it small or large.

Your first bill with us will only be the beginning of a continuous patronage.

This is a new stock and we give you prompt service and courteous treatment.

We Guarantee Satisfaction.
C. D. LONG, Local Mgr.

L. P. Davidson Grain and Coal Co.

Wholesale and Retail
Dealers In

**GRAIN, FEED STUFF
AND**

COAL

Deliveries Made in Town.

FLOUR, Wholesale Only.

South Side of the Square
Haskell, - Texas.

OF INTEREST TO GATTLE MEN.

Now Is Your Time to Kill the Ticks.

Stamford, Tex., Nov. 21, 1906.
EDITOR HASKELL FREE PRESS,
Haskell, Texas.

DEAR SIR:

As a good many people in Haskell and adjoining counties are interested in the effort now being made to eradicate the cattle ticks, I wish to call their attention to the present favorable condition for the work. We can kill the ticks on the cattle by dipping or hand applications—but we can't dip the pastures.

NATURE HAS DIPPED THE PASTURES FOR US!

This spell of cold weather has killed every seed tick on the pastures. There are mature ticks on the ground, and tick eggs, under litter and trash that protected them from freezing, so they are yet alive. But we can almost depend absolutely on winter to finish these and give us tick-free pastures, provided all ticks on the cattle are killed now, and first crop of ticks killed on the cattle next April.

There will never be an opportunity to clean up easier. In many cases, where ticks are scarce now, no dipping will be needed next spring if the cattle be dipped or thoroughly doped in the next two weeks.

Let me urge upon everyone, through your columns, that they take advantage of this early cold weather to finish up the ticks.

Clean cattle and horses of ticks before Dec. 10th, by dipping or "doping." Do a perfect job.

Look out for ticks next March and April, and if one is found, dip or dope all the cattle again.

If possible, put the cattle on tick-free pasture when they are freed of ticks this winter.

Very respectfully,
JOSEPH W. PARKER,
Inspector in charge of Tick Eradication in Texas.

THE USE OF CHECKS

Ninety per cent of modern business is transacted without actual money passing hands at all, and all by means of checks.

A owes B a hundred dollars and gives him his check for it. B endorses it over to C in settlement of an account. C deposits it in the bank to his own credit. The actual cash has never left the bank. In this way payments are made more conveniently and each party saves the risk of losing the actual cash. A lost check, if not endorsed, is valueless to any but its owner, and if lost to him it can be replaced with a little trouble.

Every man who wants to transact his business in a modern manner and protect himself against loss, should open a checking account in the

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

and then pay all his bills etc. with checks. It is not only safe but it is so convenient that once tried will never be discontinued.

H. C. WYCHE

CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.

All Work Done Up to Now!

HARRY & DAVISON,
PAINT CONTRACTORS
HASKELL, TEXAS.

Painting and Paper-Hanging
is our specialty.
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

HUNT & GRISSOM
COFFINS

Undertakers Supplies
Experienced Man in Charge.

We have opened up a real estate office in the McConnell building on the northwest corner of the square. We are now preparing literature and advertising matter to send out that will advertise the town and county of Haskell better than they have ever been advertised before. We will thereby call the advantages of this county to more homeseekers than any thing has yet done. If you wish to sell your land, either in the town or country, list with us and we will find you a buyer.

TEXAS LAND COMPANY,
B. M. Whiteaker, Mgr.

If you want anything in Stonewall County, see Holcomb & Allison at Aspermont.

Y. P. S. C. E. PROGRAM.
For Nov. 25, at four o'clock.

Subject: "The Man Who Saved Oregon."

Leader—Mrs. Daisy Watts,
Hymns—"Stand Up for Jesus,"
"Now is the Time."

Responsive Reading—Psalm 98.
Prayer—Mr. John B. Baker.
Song—Selected.

Scripture lesson—Hab. 2:1-4.
Sentence Prayers for Mission work in the West—Led by Miss Branham, closed by Miss Draper.

References and Comments—All.
Sketch of Marcus Whitman's Life—Miss Eva Fields.

"A Special Message on the Topic"—Mr. Brooks.

"Givers and Giving"—Mr. Lowrey.
Quartette—Misses Branham and McNeil and Messrs Terrell and Touchstone.

Clippings on Missions—All Present.
Recitation, Whitman's Ride—Miss Boone.

"The Story of one Man's Consecration"—Miss Ira Draper.

Recitation, "Yes, My Native Land, I Love Thee"—Miss Draper.

Duet—Miss Wilfong and Mrs. Baker.

Prayer—Miss Millie Brooks.

Mr. H. J. Moogk, the leading druggist of Freeport, Ill., says, "I take pleasure in recommending Hart's Honey and Horehound. It is a good seller and gives the best of satisfaction to my trade." Readers of this paper may rely on Hart's Honey and Horehound possessing more than ordinary merit for the cure of Coughs and Colds when a druggist such as Mr. Moogk recommends it. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 bottles. Sold at Terrell's drug store.

Dr. C. E. Terrell of Ranger, who has been visiting the family of his brother, Dr. C. L. Terrell, returned home Wednesday.

TERRELLS DRUG STORE.

..Haskell National Bank..

HASKELL, TEXAS,

FARMERS

You are now getting your Cotton on the market; we solicit your account and offer you a bank service that is

Safe, Sure and Accurate.

M. S. PIERSON, PRESIDENT. G. R. COUCH, CASHIER.

LEE PIERSON, VICE-PRES. M. PIERSON, ASST. C.

FLOUR, Big "M" FLOUR The Best on Earth.



ALL ABOARD. Many a well-meant, well planned attempt at bread making is wrecked on the shoals of poor flour. Good bread is not hard to make. Half the voyage is over when you get good flour. You can never reach the shore with poor flour. Big "M" Flour carries you to good bread without failure. Whiter, stronger, sharper flour cannot be made. It's a pretty poor cook that can't save money and delight the family with our flour.
Your merchants handle it.

C. C. MILL, ELEVATOR and LIGHT CO.
SEYMOUR, TEXAS.

HAD A CLOSE CALL.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickel, of Millets, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns, and injuries. 25c at Terrell's drug store.

Messrs. W. B. Wood and R. H. Darnell of the south side dropped in to see us a few minutes Thursday. Mr. Wood is the newly elected J. P. in his precinct. He had the address of his paper changed from Stamford to the Haskell office, as he says he now comes here oftener than he goes to Stamford. Several of our subscribers

have had similar changes made, which indicates that Haskell's increased business facilities are winning.

There is no Reason

why your baby should be thin and fretful during the night. Worms are the cause of thin, sickly babies. It is natural that a healthy baby should be fat and sleep well. If your baby does not retain its food, don't experiment with colic cures and other medicine, but try a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge, and you will soon see your baby have color and laugh as it should. Sold by Terrell's drug store.

A new line of fancy and plain lamps, very cheap, at the Racket Store.

There's No Use

talking, you can't beat Herbine for the liver. The greatest regulator ever offered to suffering humanity. If you suffer from liver complaint, if you are bilious and fretful, if your liver, and Herbine will put it in its proper condition. A positive cure for Constipation, Billiousness, Dyspepsia and all ills due to a torpid liver. Try a bottle and you will never use anything else. Sold by Terrell's drug store.

Mr. Wm. Oglesby returned this week from a business trip to the plains country, where we understood that he, together with Mr. F. M. Todd of this place and Mr. H. N. Atkins of Houston, purchased three leagues of land in Lamb county.

HASKELL FREE PRESS

POOLE & MARTIN, PUBLISHERS

HASKELL, TEXAS

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Anti-prohibitionists are asking for an election in Johnson County.

Three lives were lost in New Brunswick, N. J., as a result of a fire which destroyed several tenements occupied by negroes.

Four men were killed and a score were injured, several fatally, by the explosion of a boiler of a cotton gin at Canbyville, Ark., on the Arkansas Central Railroad.

It is rumored that Thomas C. Platt, Senator from New York, will soon resign his seat on account of family affairs, which have preyed upon his mind for some time.

An explosion in the McAlester Coal Mining Company mine at Buck, I. T., killed two men and practically wrecked the mine. The mine belonged to Pres Allen of St. Louis.

An increase of 10 per cent in the salaries to all employees now receiving less than \$200 per month is announced by the National Express Company.

Thousands and thousands of tons of cotton seed, it is said, are rotting in the State of Mississippi because of the inability of shippers to secure cars.

Interment of the body of "Uncle Bob," the old Belle Meade negro hostler known to turban throughout the United States, occurred at Belle Meade Farm, Nashville, Tennessee, Sunday.

Local capital will put in a packing house in South McAlester, I. T., in the near future. The stock will be \$100,000, every cent of which is already subscribed for.

The police of Bjornborg a few days since seized fifty boxes out of a total consignment of 298 boxes of military rifles, each containing twenty and destined for Russian revolutionists.

Two men are dead and two others fatally hurt and one seriously injured as a result of a pistol duel in an attempted hold-up of a saloon by two masked men in San Francisco.

Mrs. Prudence Shaw Wright, an old resident of Hubbard, died last Friday. She was born in Tennessee December 31, 1816, and came to Texas in 1849, settling in Navarro County, near Hubbard.

Daniel J. Sully, once known as the "cotton king," has abandoned the field in which he made his spectacular coups and has gone into soap and tallow. He has become the head of a soap corporation which has \$1,200,000 capital.

James Morgan, aged 11 years, pitched headlong from the roof of a five-story building in New York Friday. His screams startled Julius Seligman, who glancing up as the boy struck upon his shoulders, was knocked from his feet, but both escaped serious injury.

The United States secret service announces the discovery of a new counterfeit of \$10 "Buffalo" United States notes. This counterfeit is apparently a photo-lithographic production printed on two pieces of paper with a silk fibre distributed between them.

Grandmother McGee of Greenville, aged 102 years, went down the Midland and changed cars for Corsicana, where she goes to visit. She seems quite active and is making the trip alone. She also walks without support.

Prices on all kinds of mirrors will be advanced from 20 to 30 per cent after January 1, according to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Western mirror manufacturers in Chicago last week.

Bert Kyles and Emmet Dixon will wrestle at 127 pounds at Bush Temple, Dallas, on the night of December 15, catch-as-catch-can style.

The Farmers' Union at Lone Oak has just completed a cotton warehouse of 1,200 or 1,500 bales capacity.

The National Association of Employing Lithographers announce that the National strike of lithographers is nearly at an end. Of 1,127 presses affected, it says 792 are now in operation.

Senator Thomas C. Platt and his wife, formerly Mrs. Lillian T. Jancway, have agreed to separate, owing to incongeniality.

The new \$15,000 Frisco depot and station at Tulsa, I. T., has been completed and is now occupied.

Not since white men came has the state of Washington suffered from such a storm as raged Wednesday night and early Thursday morning. Railroads out of Tacoma and Seattle are demoralized.

Forty-Two Are Lost In Collision of Steamers.

Many Leap Into Water to Drown While Others Kneel in Prayer About the Deck.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 20.—The steamer Dix, Captain P. Hermon, bound from Seattle to Port Blakely, with passengers, sank two miles north of Alki Point shortly after 9 o'clock Sunday night, after having collided with the steamship Jeannie, Captain P. H. Mason of the Alaska Company. Forty-two passengers and members of the crew of the Dix are missing and thirty-seven are saved. The Dix is a total wreck. The Jeannie was not injured in the least and no member of her crew was lost. The master of the Dix was saved.

The cause of the accident was a misunderstanding of signals. The Jeannie struck the Dix on her starboard side amidships, and keeled her over. She filled with water, then sinking in five minutes from the time righted and went down stern first, of the collision. The Dix was on her way to Port Blakely, Seattle and the Jeannie was going from South Cove, Tacoma, to the smelters.

The collision occurred at Hill Sound which is almost as still as a mill pond, and the steamers had been steaming with each other for a quarter of an hour. The Jeannie was backing when she collided with the Dix and the impact was very slight. The Dix was struck abaft of amidships on the starboard side. She listed very heavily for a brief period, righted herself and then sank stern first.

There was hardly time to launch the life rafts or boats before she was almost entirely submerged.

Passengers jumped from the decks into the water, women screamed and officers and men called orders that could hardly be heard above the din. The passengers from the Dix who could swim their way to the sides of the Jeannie were dragged aboard.

The women, who had little chance for their lives, stayed with the sinking steamer and were drowned as if in a trap.

Consumption in the Capital.

Washington: Consumption killed \$26 people in this city last year. From 2,500 to 3,000 consumptives are now living in the District of Columbia. Ten deaths out of every seventy-five in the District of Columbia are due to tuberculosis. The disease costs the city \$6,000 a day, \$2,000,000 a year, estimating the loss of wages at only \$1 a day, which is extremely low, and the cost of living at \$1, which is also low.

Santa Fe Connection Undecided.

San Angelo: Surveyors for the Santa Fe are working out of Coleman, making a preliminary survey for the proposed cut-off which is planned to run to Roscoe, Lubbock and Texico. It is understood that the point of connection with the San Angelo branch of the line has not been definitely determined upon and propositions will probably be made by San Angelo and other towns along the line.

Baptists Prosper.

Dallas: Dr. J. B. Gambrell, corresponding secretary of the Baptist general convention of Texas states that the total amount raised this year by the Baptists of the State for missions and churches in the mission districts would amount to \$296,604. There were erected 102 meeting houses. December 4 has been selected for the meeting in Dallas of the board of missions of the general convention.

Two Men Killed in a Wreck.

Denison: A southbound Katy freight left the track north of the switch at Tioja yards at 1 o'clock Monday morning. The engine turned over and caught Engineer Jim Kent, Fireman McDuffy and Brakeman Worsham under the debris. Twelve loaded cars were piled up and blocked the track. McDuffy and Worsham were instantly killed while Kent is probably fatally injured.

Territory-Gulf Pipe Line is Sure.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Announcement is made that the National Tube Company has been given an order by the Mellon interests for 420 miles of eight-inch pipe. This probably means the laying of the long-talked-of pipe line from the lines of the Indian Territory and Kansas Petroleum Company to the lines of the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company in Texas, and will probably cost about \$8,000,000.

At the Farmers' and Ginners' Oil Mill at Sulphur Springs, Vede Zent, a young man, got caught in the shafting and was seriously injured. He had to have one leg amputated. John Hollander, a switchman in the employ of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway at Fort Worth, while in the discharge of his duty, stepped directly in front of a backing locomotive Monday afternoon and his body was severed near the middle by the wheels.

STORM IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY BLIZZARDS SWEEP NORTHWEST

Eight Lives Known to Be Lost in Valley Storms—Blizzard is Unusually Severe.

Memphis, Tennessee, November 19.—Late last night reports are that eight persons are known to have lost their lives, scores of others injured and property and crops suffered great damage, the extent of which, because of the meager reports yet obtainable, cannot be established at this time as a result of one of the most violent wind and rainstorms ever experienced in this section. The storm, which originated on the Gulf Saturday night and early Sunday, swept northeastward through portions of Alabama, Central and Northern Mississippi and Western Tennessee, and, in its northward course, razed scores of substantial buildings, partially demolished hundreds of others, caused a complete demoralization of railroad traffic and cut off telegraphic communication with many points in the affected territory.

Cotton in the fields blown down by the wind was beaten into the ground, and if not totally is badly damaged. Besides the loss of life and property damage which is known to have occurred a number of points directly in the pathway of the storm can not be communicated with, and when complete reports have been received it is feared loss to both life and property will be greatly increased.

Throughout almost the entire district rain continues to fall tonight, but in decreased volume.

The storm approached Athens, Alabama, from the west and cut a path three hundred yards wide through the southern portion of that city. A score of buildings were wrecked, but no one was killed or seriously injured.

Near Oklaoma, Mississippi, three lives were lost. The property loss at this place can not be ascertained tonight.

At Mabon, Mississippi, Ben Wofford, a telegraph operator, and his wife sustained injuries which may cause their death. At this place the Mabon Bank and several brick buildings were demolished.

At Bolivar, Tennessee, nine inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours, and thousands of head of cattle were caught in the lowlands. Relief parties were out today, but because of the high stage of the water little could be accomplished in rescuing the drowning cattle.

All of the railroads passing through Jackson, Tennessee, are tied up by washouts near that city, and about one thousand feet of the Mobile and Ohio tracks near McNairy, Tennessee has been washed away. The water in this vicinity is higher than ever before known.

Grenada, Miss., where serious damage was reported to have occurred, escaped practically unscathed, the damage being insignificant.

Among those points in the storm's path from which communication is cut are West Point and Columbus, Mississippi. Throughout Northern Louisiana a heavy wind, rain and electrical storm was also reported, causing serious damage in some sections. In portions of Arkansas some damage was done to crops by a heavy rainfall.

Trinidad, Colorado, November 19.—The worst blizzard experienced here in a decade is now raging. The storm started Saturday and gradually grew.

Death's Silent Summons.

Lancaster: A. Deam, a old citizen of Lancaster, died Friday of heart failure. He was sitting in his chair at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Moffett. A sad and remarkable coincidence is that there have been two deaths in the same house from the same disease within a week. Each deceased party was sitting in a chair when the fatal summons came. Joe U. Moffett, son-in-law, passed away Wednesday.

Iowa Monument at Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss.: The dedication of the Iowa Monument in the Vicksburg National Military Park passed off Thursday without one incident to mar the events of the day. The veterans of Mississippi and Iowa mingled together and exchanged reminiscences. At the Iowa State Memorial speeches were delivered by Gov. Vardaman, Gov. Cummins, Colonel Charles A. Clarke, Captain J. F. Merry and General Greenville M. Dodge.

Natural Gas Company at Denison.

Denison: R. O. Deming, of Oswego, Kansas, has applied to the city for a franchise granting him the right to build and operate a system for the distribution of natural gas. A representative of Mr. Deming was in the city and stated that the Deming interests will prospect for gas between Denison and Madill, I. T. If they do not strike it there the gas will be piped from Indian Territory fields further north.

in severity until today, when it assumed the proportions of a blizzard, increasing in severity each hour. The Colorado and Southern Railroad reports the storm extending into the Panhandle of Texas. In northern New Mexico the blizzard is the worst.

Amarillo, Texas, November 18.—For twenty-four hours snow has been falling here. About four inches has fallen and still snowing. As cattle are in excellent shape and farmers have an abundance of feed for them, little damage along this line is expected.

Paris, Texas, November 17.—The high wind which prevailed in the early part of last night, accompanied by hail and rain, blew down a smoke-house on S. H. Hancock's farm, eight miles from the city, and blew down and unroofed a number of barns and outhouses and prostrated telephone wires.

Corsicana, Texas, November 19.—A norther came on Corsicana Saturday night and threatening clouds hung over the city all day Sunday. There is a general desire for rain, as moisture is needed for fall planting, and some farmers say they are short of stock water.

Kingson: The severest hailstorm in many years visited here Friday night. Much damage to open cotton and glass was sustained. The stones were of unusual size. Reports indicate a small scope of country damaged.

TO THE HILLS FOR REFUGE.

Floods Cover Valleys Between Tacoma and Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17.—Homeless and suffering from hunger and exposure, in hourly dread the rising waters will overwhelm them, thousands of residents of the fertile valley lying between Seattle and Tacoma are camped in the foothills near by with what few provisions and effects they could carry in their hurried flight.

Six deaths have thus far been chronicled, due to the floods which followed the rapid rise of the rivers in King and Pierce counties. Three men met death in the floods trying their utmost to prevent the log jams that endager residents of places further down the river. F. W. Kilmer, of Auburn, was the first to lose his life while working on a jam on a jam in White River. Two other loggers who were working for the Decker Lumber Company, trying to break the jams and whose names are not known, were drowned in Green River three miles from Auburn.

Black, White, Cedar, Stuck, Snoqualmie and other streams having their source in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains have risen over night and flooded thousands of acres of land and caused incalculable damage. How many farmers' families have lost some members through the rapid advance of the treacherous waters will not be known until the waters subside.

J. W. Bains, of Fredericksburg, aged 62 years, died Sunday morning after a lingering illness. Capt. Bains was Secretary of State during George Allen's administration.

Mineral Wells to Trinidad.

Dallas: A report comes from Denver that George Gould has ordered an extension of the Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railroad to Trinidad, Colorado. If this report proves to be correct it will bring joy to Mineral Wells. For sometime surveys to the north of Mineral Wells have been made, but the definite plans of the railroad management have not been made public.

Most Remarkable Incident.

Hopkinsville, Ky.: Hon. James Hodge, a prominent lawyer of Smithland, Ky., returned to his home Thursday in apparently good health. When at the steamboat landing he fell to the ground and died almost immediately. When Lawyer Bush, who for years practiced law at the same bar, heard of the death of Mr. Hodge, he was deeply affected and soon after dropped in an unconscious condition and expired.

Victim of the Fatal Wash Fire.

Bonham: Mrs. Tom Starnes was fatally burned at Bonham Thursday morning. She was in the yard doing the family washing. A strong wind was blowing and her skirts became ignited and in a few seconds she was enveloped in a blaze. Before assistance could reach her every shred of her clothing was burned off. The unfortunate woman suffered great agony until night, when death came to her relief.

Children Mangled by an Engine.

Pine Bluff, Ark.: While the four little children of J. W. Smith, a brakeman on the Iron Mountain, were standing on the railroad tracks in front of their home Sunday morning, a switch engine knocked three of them from the track. The youngest one, about 3 years of age, was not seriously hurt. The other two, Walter and Henry, twins, were both seriously injured. The arm of one was so badly crushed that it was amputated. The skull of the other was fractured and the child suffered internal injuries, from which it may die.

State Fair Pans Out Well.

Dallas: The net profits of the State Fair of 1906 were in excess of \$105,000, a figure which surpasses the estimate of all the guessers. The financial report of the secretary shows that on November 16 the net receipts were \$101,926.46 and that to be added to this are uncollected assets amounting to \$3,884.44, making the total \$105,770.90. The statement shows that the State Fair now has a cash balance in the bank of \$81,402.80.

Mabank Hotel Fire.

Mabank: Added details of Saturday's fire, in which Abraham Mittenthal of Dallas lost his life, show that the total property loss to the Mabank Hotel was \$1,500. The body of young Mittenthal was almost entirely consumed by the flames. Friends were notified and arrived Sunday morning and took charge of his body. Other guests of the hotel had narrow escapes. Two other small buildings were also burned.

Roosevelt After Grafters.

San Francisco: The Chronicle says: "A new investigation is progressing in the course of developments in the local graft scandal. It now appears that many sums of money, large and small, that were sent from different States to San Francisco for the relief of sufferers, never reached the relief commission. Some of these amounts which aggregated a large amount, were mailed and about 1000 government agents have been making an investigation. President Roosevelt is the moving spirit behind the inquiry and he declares that no man guilty of diverting the relief funds shall escape justice."

To Build Straight Road.

Denison: To build as straight as the crow flies from Kansas City to Denison is the plan of the Missouri River and Gulf, for which surveys are now being made. The Harriman interests, which are to construct the line, are not building it for the purpose of creating a large amount of traffic through the territory through which it passes, but to provide the shortest connection possible for thru business from the Union Pacific to the Southern Pacific.

Mad Dog's Work in Ellis.

Waxahachie: Several days ago a dog bit Tommie Moyers, Dick Edwards and Robert Mitchell, three small boys of Ferris. The dog had shown no symptoms of the rabies, but he was killed. The head was sent to the Pasteur Institute at Austin for inspection. A telegram was received from Dr. Worsham stating that the dog's brain showed unmistakable symptoms of hydrophobia. The boys were taken to the institute for treatment.

Official advices in London confirm the recent reports of the serious illness of the Shah of Persia. It is said that his death may occur any day.

Bad Blaze at Temple.

Temple: A fire early Wednesday morning destroyed half a block. The establishments of the following concerns were involved and were totally destroyed: The Temple Weekly Times, J. F. Crouch, publisher; J. C. Vickers, photograph studio; Temple Ice Cream Factory, T. B. Noel, proprietor; Temple Fuel Company, J. B. Conlisk, proprietor; storage yard of N. C. Erskine, owner.

Leading Mason Dead.

Galveston: Col. M. F. Mott, grand commander of Grand Commandery of Texas, A. F. and A. M., and for many years a well known citizen of Galveston, died Sunday morning. He was in his 69th year. On October 18, Col. Mott fell from a street car and sustained injuries from which he never recovered. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Grand Commandery of Texas of the Masons acting as escort.

John Longer, a Bohemian farmer, living near Alma, was seriously hurt in a runaway accident while returning from Ennis Saturday night, having four ribs and his collar bone crushed in. He is not expected to recover.

A family of negroes living on Ben Blocker's farm near Oak Grove, Bowie County, went to the cotton patch Friday, leaving the two smaller children fastened up in the house. The clothing of one of them caught fire and it was burned to death.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

One hundred and ninety-one persons committed suicide in New York City during the three months previous to July 1, last.

It has been decided to hold the annual feast of the McLennan County 'Possum and Tater Club on the night of December 18.

John Webb, a wealthy farmer near Aquilla, was crushed to death by his team running away and overturning the wagon.

Plans are being made for the launching of a movement to raise funds to erect a Y. M. C. A. building at Sherman.

The Dilley gin, owned by C. L. Busby, at Pearsall, burned Friday night. Value, \$5,000; insured for \$2,000. Also 100 bales of cotton burned belonging to farmers.

Premiums amounting to \$1,000 or \$1,500 are to be offered at the show which is to be given in Dallas by the Southwestern Poultry Association on January 8-11.

In a collision between a train on the Texas and Pacific and one on the El Paso and Northwestern near El Paso, Bob Myrtle was killed and H. C. Palk was seriously injured.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas, as quickly as attention can be given the matter, will begin work upon its freight yards in Dallas that will double their capacity.

Mrs. D. J. Barrow, of Hico, while on a visit to Houston, was asphyxiated by gas from an open burner in her room. It is thought that the burner was accidentally left open.

Hon. Sam Sparks, State Treasurer-elect, and Mrs. Bertha Mulkey, daughter-in-law of Rev. Abe Mulkey, the evangelist, were married in the First Methodist Church at Corsicana Thursday.

A committee representing cotton spinners of Manchester, England, was in Shreveport recently conferring with cotton planters with the view of having cotton bales made smaller and more compact.

P. H. Rembard, of Denison, is fattening a turkey to be sent to President Roosevelt for Thanksgiving, providing he can bring his weight up to thirty pounds. The bird is a splendid specimen of the Holland White variety.

Mrs. Annie Morrow, of Beaumont, daughter of Sam Houston, has presented a Steinway piano which was a present from her father in 1861, to Baylor University. Gen. Houston was one of the first trustees of Baylor.

Despondent, penniless and miserable, J. W. Clarke, about 28 years old, shot himself through the heart in his room at Beaumont. He was unmarried and is survived by a father and mother and other relatives at Roanoke, Virginia.

The report of the Penitentiary Superintendent shows that there were 3,791 convicts on hand on Oct. 31. During that month 96 new convicts were received, 1 was recaptured, 4 were returned by Sheriff, 90 were discharged, 5 were pardoned, 3 escaped, 5 died, 1 was delivered to a Sheriff and 1 was paroled.

Will Steward, a floatman at Dublin, while enroute home on his wagon, became dizzy and fell from the wagon between the horses. They became frightened and ran away, one of the wheels striking him on the head. He became unconscious and lived only a few hours.

Over twenty-two millions of dollars are on deposit in Dallas, and nineteen and one-half millions are in the keeping of the national banks alone, as shown by the recent official statement.

A resolution was adopted by the Texas Fruit and Truck Growers' Association at Edna condemning the National appropriation for distributing free seeds to farmers and petitioning the Senators and Representatives of Texas to vote against the bill.

On a petition of 252 signers the Commissioners' Court of Delta County ordered an election for December 8 for the entire county. Local option has been in force there for ten or twelve years.

At Seaton Thursday, a boy named Ben Dreyer, aged 17 years, an employee at the J. A. Schiller cotton gin, was working about a gin stand when his arm was caught, stripping every bit of the flesh clear of the bone up to the elbow of the right arm.

The Ennis City Council has granted a franchise to the Central Texas Traction Company to build and operate its interurban electric railroad into Ennis and on the streets and alleys of that city.

The Texas and Pacific Railway will commence the erection of a freight and passenger depot at Fruitvale, in Van Zandt county, in a few days. With shipping facilities, it is expected a large acreage of early market produce will be put in.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW

THE GOVERNMENT DETERMINED ON STRICT ENFORCEMENT.

ATTY GENERAL'S LETTER

Attention Called to a Decision Defining "Extraordinary Emergency" and "Ordinary Business Risk."

Washington, Nov. 14.—The attorney general has sent a letter to the United States district attorneys, calling attention to the eight-hour law. The letter says:

"The government is determined upon a strict enforcement of this statute, and you are directed diligently to investigate all complaints which may come to you from any source of violations of this law, and upon your own initiative to make investigation if there appears to you to be any reasonable ground for suspecting violation of this law.

In every case in which you can secure sufficient evidence, you will submit that evidence to the grand jury, with a view to securing an indictment. "Extraordinary Emergency" Defined.

"Your attention is particularly directed to the exception in the first section of the statute under which laborers and mechanics may be worked more than eight hours in a calendar day. In case of extraordinary emergency. In a recent case in the district of Massachusetts Judge Dodge defined that phrase as follows:

"An extraordinary emergency, such as is contemplated by the act, is the sudden, unexpected happening of something not of the usual customary or regular kind, demanding prompt action to avert imminent danger to life, limb, health or property. The possibility of danger is not enough. The peril must be certain, unusual, imminent and actual in order to constitute an extraordinary emergency such as the statute contemplates."

"Judge Dodge also ruled that probable pecuniary loss to the contractor, unless due to an extraordinary emergency, as defined above, is only an ordinary business risk.

Be Vigilant and Active. "I desire to impress on you the importance of using every effort to execute these directions; of being vigilant and active in this matter. You will make prompt and full report to me of all cases, and of your action thereon, with your reasons therefor. You will report immediately the action of the grand jury, and the results of all trials, with a specific statement of the penalty imposed."

WITH POMP AND CEREMONY.

King Haakon of Norway Invested with the Order of the Garter.

London, Nov. 14.—King Edward invested King Haakon of Norway with the Order of the Garter, at a special chapter, held in the throne room of Windsor castle. The investiture was attended with great pomp and ceremony.

Although knights of the order are elected from time to time as vacancies occur, there has not been an investiture like this one since 1855, when Queen Victoria conferred the honor upon Napoleon III. and Victor Emmanuel, then king of Sardinia. King Edward is the only surviving member of the royal house of Great Britain who participated in that historic rite.

CRASHED INTO A LOG WAGON.

Locomotive Then Dived into a Grist Mill, Partially Wrecking It.

Newcastle, Pa., Nov. 14.—One trainman was killed and three others seriously injured when a fast eastbound passenger train on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie ran into a wagon heavily loaded with logs at a grade crossing at Edenburg, six miles west of this city. The engine became uncoupled from the train and ran 150 feet along the ties and then crashed into a grist mill, partially wrecking the building. Fireman Patrick Carnes remained at his post and when the engine overturned he was crushed to death.

U. S. CASHIER SENTENCED.

Seattle Assay Office Employee Given Ten Years.

Seattle, Nov. 15.—George Adams, former cashier of the United States assay office in Seattle, pleaded guilty in the federal court to stealing \$35,000 in gold dust, which he replaced with black sand from Nome.

The government claims he got \$112,000. He was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. Adams spent large sums in trips to New York.

Jordan Resigns.

New York, Nov. 15.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the simplified spelling board, held in the offices of the board, the resignation of David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, was received, but no action was taken upon it. President Jordan had been quoted as saying that he objected to having the committee commit him to such spelling as "thr" without first consulting him about it.

Bomb Explosion in Rome.

Rome, Nov. 15.—A bomb was exploded in front of the Cafe Aragon, in the center of the city. The fashionable throngs at the cafe were thrown into confusion, and one man was seriously wounded. The perpetrator of the deed escaped.

ROCKEFELLER'S DAUGHTER

MRS. CHARLES A. STRONG PASSES AWAY IN FRANCE.

Showed Symptoms of Illness Four Years Ago, When She Withdrew from Social Life.

Cannes, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Charles A. Strong, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, died here in the Hotel Du Parc. Mrs. Strong had been ill for some time, and suffered a paralytic stroke on Nov. 12, after which she sank slowly until the end. The body will be sent to America the end of this week.

(Mrs. Charles A. Strong showed symptoms of illness four years ago when living in Lakewood, N. J. She withdrew from social life at Lakewood and lived very quietly. About two years ago she was taken to Cannes for her health, but the change brought no material improvement in her condition. Mrs. Strong's husband was a professor of philosophy at Bryn Mawr and later a professor in Columbia university. It was said last spring that the illness of Mrs. Strong was the principal reason why John D. Rockefeller consented to go to Europe.)

EVANS' OPINION OF THE NAVY.

We Need More Ships, More Guns, More Officers, More Men.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who was the guest of honor at the fourth annual dinner of the Alumni association of the United States naval academy at the Auditorium, in responding to the toast, "The New Navy," said: "At the present time we have nothing more than a respectable nucleus for a navy, adequately to represent the United States. It is not my business to criticize, but it sometimes puzzles us of the navy to know what congress is driving at. Frankly, we haven't ships enough, we haven't guns enough; in fact, we haven't a spare gun to put on one of the ships tomorrow in case one of the guns now in use should become disabled."

In addition to all this we have not officers enough, and there are not half enough officers on any of the ships. We haven't men enough, but what we have are the best in the world."

PARIS RELIEVED MONEY MARKET

Remittances Not Only Eased London, but Reduced New York Flurry.

New York, Nov. 15.—Sterling exchange at Paris has fallen back from Tuesday's high point, but still rules high. The remittances in progress from Paris to London are reported to be on account of an installment of subscriptions to the Pennsylvania railroad loan issued in Paris, and their remittance to London evidently operated to satisfy demands on New York at that point, and so relieved the tension in the money market here, although private discounts rose above the bank rate at London. Money on call loaned at a maximum of 9 per cent, compared with 14 per cent Tuesday and 20 per cent on Monday.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN LOST.

Burned to Death in Their Home in Michigan.

Coldwater, Mich., Nov. 15.—Mrs. Charles Howry and her three young children were burned to death in their home on a farm at Batavia station, near here. The woman's husband rose early and built two fires in the house. He then went to the barn to do chores, and while there discovered that his house was afire. He rushed back, but the flames had made such headway that he could not enter the house and his calls through the windows to his family brought no response. It is thought that the mother and three children were suffocated to death while asleep.

Allowed Ten Days to Plead.

Kansas City, Nov. 15.—Judge Garland, in the United States district court, allowed Davis H. Kresky, a freight broker, and W. A. McGowan, local agent for the Nickel Plate Fast Freight line, indicted here, charged with conspiracy to violate the interstate commerce act, and Henry S. Hartley, a grain dealer, indicted on a charge of accepting rebates on freight shipments, ten days to plead.

Erie Firemen Decide to Strike.

Cleveland, Nov. 15.—At a meeting of the firemen of the Erie railroad here it was unanimously voted to strike to enforce their demands for increased pay and shorter hours. Similar action has been taken at other points.

American Cutlery Co. Burned Out.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—The plant of the American Cutlery Co., in Mather street, was destroyed by fire. Three buildings, where more than 500 persons were employed, were burned. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

Gummers Leaves Fez.

Tangier, Nov. 15.—It is reported here that Mr. Gummers, the American minister to Morocco, who has been on a mission to Fez, has left the capital, and is on his way to the coast.

T. G. Bush Resigns.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 15.—T. G. Bush, president of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Co., has resigned that office.

Heavy Snow in Alabama.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 15.—A heavy snowstorm passed over this section and the ground is covered with four inches of snow.

SERIAL STORY

Lavender Creighton's Lovers

By OLIVIA B. STROHM

(Copyright, 1905, by Olivia B. Strohm.)

CHAPTER VIII.—CONTINUED.
Winslow continued: "If, as I understand, this gentleman has lost, and the woman was the stake upon his side, then, according to the laws of gambling—for I believe, there are laws of gambling—the woman is yours." He indicated the winner by a polite bow. Then may I inquire the amount staked against her?" he added.

A pause followed this abrupt question. The planter, whose courage gradually rose with his springing hope, muttered: "One hundred dollars."

"One hundred dollars? A pitiful sum! You gave frightful odds. But of course you felt sure of winning." Winslow added, with suave sarcasm. Then turning to the captain, he proceeded: "It appears, then, that the woman is yours, but she is evidently an unwilling prize. Does not this fact considerably lessen her value? Suppose we play again, she the stake on your side—this time."

He drew a small sack from his pocket, and laid it upon the table. No sound followed the click of metal, out a woman's shuddering sigh.

Under gloomy brows her old master stared at the new. The latter stood for a moment, a frown of baffled rage distorting his sinister face.

"She was fairly staked, and fairly won," he declared. "The odds are not my business, and d-d if I'm to be bamboozled out of the profit of a fair game!"

"But what profit is there in an unwilling slave? You might sell her, to be sure, but that would not be sportsmanlike, and—" here Winslow stepped nearer with insinuating clink of money: "Come, you are no Shylock to stick to the letter of the bond; come!" and he slowly counted out \$100 which he slid to the table. The sack he replaced in his pocket.

All eyes were upon the boatman as his hungry glance sought the glittering pile. All the lust of the cards was on him. Winslow had counted upon this, and upon the gambler's faith in success.

"Done!" cried the captain, and with the scraping of chairs and a shuffle of cards, the game was on.

In breathless silence the spectators huddled about the players—the one frowning, his close-cropped head held rigid in the thick, short neck, his eyes gleaming like small coals out of a red-veined face.

The other was paler than usual, but placid, self-contained.

The Spaniard looked on with an amused, cynical smile. That this easterner, gallant, and the air of a student, should break a lance with so hardy an opponent, aroused feelings of admiration and pity.

The woman crept nearer, her heart in her eyes.

Two or three loungers strolled in, and there was an interested ring about the players.

A few more turns of the cards, and both men pushed back their chairs—the game was over!

"She is yours, take her, and go to the devil!" roared the captain. Then, hiding his rage and discomfiture under a grim laugh, he strode from the room.

There was some excited talk, and a stifled scream from the octoroon. For the first time Winslow addressed her: "I believe they call you mine, since the cards have so decreed, but pardon me, if I decline the honor. It would save me responsibility if you would remain under the care of this gentleman, and he waved his hand toward the planter.

Without a word, but with a world of gratitude in her deep eyes, the woman glided to her old master's side. He murmured a half articulate "Thank you" to Winslow, and together they left the room.

"Well, you are a sottie!"

"What are you skinned of?"

But Winslow was glad to escape the jeering congratulations, and quickly made his way out and up to the deck, followed only by the Spaniard.

"This is Mr. Winslow, I believe?" the latter said. "My name is Gonzaga."

After a few preliminary words, he said, admiringly: "You play well, sir, for an American," adding, with a smile, "I think my countryman must have had a glimpse of you revealed to him when he wrote his story of 'Don Quixote.'"

Winslow laughed. "You flatter me, and yet in the matter of ridicule, perhaps I do share his honors."

The Spaniard did not reply to this and the two men smoked in silence.

At last Gonzaga spoke. "You have been knight-errant to fairer dames than this octoroon—is it not so?"

At this meaning tone Winslow frowned; it was plain whither the question tended. He had observed this stranger's eyes following Lavender in bold admiration. It was only a matter of time when, in the little privacy afforded by the crowded boat, he would have an opportunity to

thrust his acquaintance upon them. This Winslow meant to defer as long as possible, from motives he could not have explained.

But this foreigner was not to be lightly turned from his purpose. "I quite envy you, sir," he persisted, "you are not dependent for society upon the rabble of the boat. Would it be too much to ask an introduction to your charmed circle?"

At that moment Lavender appeared on deck. Seeing Winslow engaged with a stranger, she would have turned back, but Gonzaga spoke loud in an affection of civility: "Pray, do not let me disturb you," and in his manner was evident expectation of the introduction, which Charles grudgingly gave.

Lavender courtesied low, then, turned to Winslow with a teasing smile: "I hear you have been gambling," she said, "but in such a cause we won't scold you."

Gonzaga interposed: "Truly, the woman seemed well worth the effort." But the suspicion of evil in his tone was too carefully veiled for Lavender's understanding. "Indeed, she is," was her simple comment. "Such gratitude I have never seen. We are all grateful, for humanity's sake."

Charles waived further discussion of the subject, and as soon as possible



"I HEAR YOU HAVE BEEN GAMBLING," SHE SAID, "BUT IN SUCH A CAUSE WE WON'T SCOLD."

found an excuse to take Lavender below.

The Spaniard stood alone, pensively watching the smoke from his cigar, as it idly curled above his head, or with a sudden frown was blown away in whirling rings.

Shrugging his shoulders, he said, half aloud: "A rose blossoming in the wilderness!"

His teeth showed in a sardonic smile. "Nor is this rose without its guardian thorn. Well, so much the better worth plucking!" and he joined the others in the cabin.

CHAPTER IX.

Thenceforward the little party was thenceforward by the unfeeling presence of the Spaniard, Gonzaga.

Yet the newcomer bore himself in such quiet, gentlemanly fashion, as to disarm objections. He was never obtrusive, and contrived to make his society so agreeable that to none was he unwelcome. Even Winslow, who secretly deplored his coming, could not but admire his tact, his graceful, flowery conversation, his knowledge of the world.

To Mrs. Creighton one day the stranger said: "I have no plans, madam, and when I hear you talk of your future home, and of all you mean to do there, I feel like a wanderer, a good-for-naught. And in truth, I am. A long sojourn in New Orleans became fatiguing; I heard a great deal of this wonderful new land which my own country was foolish enough to let slip from its crown. One day a boat started, thither bound. I embarked—I am here, your servant."

And that was all he ever vouchsafed in explanation of his presence.

There were, however, two of the party to whom this new acquaintance was most welcome. Though America and the Indian guide kept ever in the background, they were alert and watchful; keen to observe the slightest change in the situation.

In spite of the antipathy of race and habit, there was a bond uniting these two—a bond stronger than creed or custom. Red skin and black covered hearts that beat in unison to the same refrain, love for those they served. They would sit apart from the others, native antagonism bridged by this common interest.

The stranger they eyed with disfavor, with that instinctive dislike which needs no warrant. With the Indian this was suspicion—a habit of blood. With America, a conservative fear of change.

"I ain't got no call to complain," she said to Owatoga, "an' dis yer Spaniard may be all right. But we don't need 'im. We done come so fur widout his comin', an' I reckon we kin go de res' ob de way."

And Owatoga grunted assent, for what of America's words failed to impress his untutored ear, her gestures and manner conveyed.

But there was another on board for whom the Indian felt a far deeper aversion, and that was the captain, Finch. It was plain to Owatoga that ever since the gambling episode, this man had cherished for Winslow a secret grudge. Over his every movement, therefore, he kept anxious watch.

Quarters on the boat were so crowded that in sheer necessity of rest and change, Mrs. Creighton and Lavender spent much time on deck. Here games were indulged in, principally matches for rifle practice, with the captain for leading performer. His aim was unerring, and he was reckless in his display. Many a luckless pig on shore owed the loss of his tail to this man's

pro prowess. Once when Lavender ventured a pitying remonstrance, he blurted: "Don't you worry about them tails, miss. They kin be thankful I'm sech a good shot and leave 'em the rest of their carcasses."

The octoroon, too, had observed the malevolent glances with which the captain's eyes traveled from her to Winslow. There was no mistaking their baleful glitter, and Winslow was her savior from worse than death, the object of her reverent gratitude. Over him, she, too, kept unmarked vigilance.

One afternoon she noticed the two in conversation, and hovered near in time to hear the last of the boatman's words: "Try it jest to show that ye bear no ill-will. I'm right proud of the trick."

"But I'm afraid I don't understand," she heard Winslow say, and the man explained. "The idea is to knock a cup off'n a man's head at 20 paces, and never make a hole in it."

Winslow shrugged his shoulders. "But how about the man?"

"Never tetch 'im! It may take some nerve to stand up agin a loaded rifle, but lots o' men hev done it, and I ain't never spiled my man yet. Ye see, it's on the principle of barkin' a squirrel; ye aim at a spot above the critter's head, and the concussion does the business. That's the way with the cup—the shock knocks it off, and there ye are. It's easier 'n fallin' off a log."

He was determined to prove his words, and the test found not witnesses only, but assistants.

"You try first, Pete."

In response to the suggestion, a shock-headed youth came forward frowning—not with anger, but with embarrassment at finding himself the cynosure of all eyes.

The cup was placed upon his head. "Stand right against the post," Pat commanded, "I'll shoot at the knot above your head, and the cup'll drop off; see if it don't. Now, stand still!"

The silence which followed was broken only by the click of the captain's rifle. Then a sharp bang, a woman's scream, and the clatter of the cup to the floor.

"Bully fer you, Pat," roared one enthusiastic auditor. This the marksman received with a surly: "Wha' did I tell yer?"

The shock-headed youth, a trifle pale, but otherwise none the worse for his experiment, stumbled to a seat. His place was filled by another, anxious to prove his mettle—with the same result. Another and another—the boatsman's aim was ever steady, his eye ever true.

The Spaniard left his place by Lavender's side. "Let me try," he called to Finch.

The girl detained him by a gesture. "It is foolhardy, dangerous."

But he gently shook off her restraining arm. "I am fond of experiments in general, and this one in particular will enlarge my experience." For this man well knew that by his worldly knowledge, wide range and varied exploits, he had won the attention of this simple girl, to whose romantic side it was his plan to appeal.

"You never seem afraid of anything," she said, with direct and honest compliment.

He rewarded her by a glance full of tender import, and took his position at the post.

Winslow had seen the little hy-play, and an all unreasoning anger deprived him of his usual sober judgment. In vain he argued within himself that Lavender's anxiety was purely womanish, born of no personal preference. In vain he reflected that her manner was always unduly earnest, with an inclination to the dramatic.

He resented the attitude; he would test her upon the first opportunity.

From the position at the post, all unarméd, Gonzaga descended with a smile of triumph, and walked directly up to Lavender ready for his meed of praise.

"You are brave," she said, extending her hand.

At that moment the marksman beckoned to Winslow. "Well, are you ready for a hand at the game?"

There was a taunting ring in the captain's voice—a thinly veiled contempt as in expectation of a refusal. But Winslow was in no mind to refuse. He knew it to be a risk; a foolhardy exhibition of misplaced heroism. Nevertheless, he went steadily to place.

"Mr. Winslow—Charles, no, no," Lavender begged, but he shook his head firmly and smiled. A chorus of rowdy cheers drowned her remonstrance.

A voice in her ear whispered: "Are you, then, afraid for your friend?" There was a covert sneer in the Spaniard's manner which the girl resented.

"Mr. Winslow is as equal to the absurd test, but as liable to hurt, as those of less sense. The whole business is idiotic; the game surely not worth the candle. I—we can let him take the chances."

"And I? How about my chances?"

But Lavender failed to detect the double meaning in his question, nor did she catch his ardent glance, for her eyes were following the scene on the forward deck.

The man at the rifle waited with his back toward her, directly in front of the post where Winslow stood. And near him—so close that warning shouts urged her back, stood the octoroon.

"Look alive, there!"

"Git out o' the way!" But the woman paid no heed. If she moved at all, it was but to steal nearer the mark.

The cup was placed upon Winslow's head, and Pat Finch raised the rifle. The dark woman, crouching almost in

its range, gazed fascinated at the gleaming barrel. Then her glance ran like lightning to the cruel eyes behind it. There was a flash, a report, and the thud of a falling body. Both Winslow and the slave he had redeemed lay prostrate at the foot of the post.

Instantly there was an uproar, and the rush of excited men to the rescue. With a scream of terror, Lavender darted forward, but before she could reach the spot, and to the general amazement, both rose and faced the crowd.

In the silence Winslow stared at the woman beside him. Her olive skin was darker with horror, and she staggered to the post as if for support.

"What's the matter?" demanded Finch, striding forward.

"I can offer no explanation," Winslow returned, calmly, "except that the young woman," he indicated the octoroon, "was overcome and fell against me. Not expecting the weight, I toppled ignominiously," he concluded, with an apologetic smile.

Then, at the captain's urging, he replaced the cup on his head. But the dark woman snatched it away, and threw it out far over the water. "No, no, not again; no, never!" she poured out the words in a torrent of feeling. "The rifle was not aimed true! I saw it, but it was too late. I saw the flash, and then—I pushed you—out-of-range. I—I could think of no other way," she concluded, with a burst of sobs.

A hush fell upon the company, sobered by the sudden happening of the wings of Death.

A voice from the crowd at length broke the spell: "Well, Pat, I reckon ye're glad the wench saved ye from bein' a murderer; but how in h— come ye to make such a mistake?"

[To Be Continued]

DIAMONDS FOUND IN MAINE

Valuable Gems Taken from Boulder That Contains Many Poor Garnets.

People who have visited Fryeburg and who have, of course, interviewed that immense boulder in the woods known as Jockey Cap, will undoubtedly be much surprised to learn that the old rock contains diamonds within its mass, reports the Portland Argus. For many years it has been known that Jockey Cap was stuck as full of garnets as the average plum cake is filled with raisins, but the garnets are of little value since their cleavage is such that they cannot be polished without breaking into fine powder. Then, too, their color is not of the best, so that a Fryeburg garnet that amounts to anything is a genuine rarity.

Recently, however, a man while prospecting on the old boulder came across a small piece of crystal which seemed to him to possess qualities that admitted of professional treatment. He gave a piece of it to Gardner Walker, the Portland manager of Prince's express, a former Fryeburg man, suggesting that it was susceptible of treatment that might result in making a beautiful gem.

Mr. Walker thought so, too, and after he had secured professional advice he was led to send a piece of the crystal to a laboratory to have it cut into gem form. The result has now been arrived at and it is even better than was at first thought to be possible. Mr. Walker's daughter, Miss Catherine Walker, is the proud possessor of two as handsome diamonds as were ever seen provided they were not precisely the real thing from Africa. One of the stones cut to about 1½ carats and the other one to about a carat, or a trifle less.

They are cut in the so-called rose form and show all of the beauties of native diamonds together with beautiful reflected color lights, but no streaks of color within themselves. They are far and away ahead of any of the so-called Brazilian diamonds or other forms of rock crystal which are so largely exploited, and when mounted in rings, as they will shortly be, they will be genuine gems in every sense of the word.

There is no knowledge at present of the amount of this material that is to be found on Jockey Cap or in that vicinity, since this was found only by accident. The rock called Jockey Cap is of the same material that the other ledges in and around Fryeburg are, and as there are garnets everywhere in that section, there may also be crystal diamonds everywhere.

Absent-Minded Minister.

At the Chautauqua assembly a number of stories about absent-mindedness were being told.

There was the story of the absent-minded doctor who handed his patient a fee and took his prescription himself; the story of the professor, who, coming home to dinner too early, and seeing the table cleared, went back upstairs again, muttering that he had quite forgotten having dined; and there were many other stories told.

But Bishop Vincent, among all these anecdotes, carried off the palm with a story about an absent-minded minister.

"There was a minister," the bishop said, "who was so absent-minded that he once lathered and shaved his reflection in the mirror."

Not Experienced.

A judge in a southern town of Kentucky, hearing a case where a colored woman had been arrested for beating her child cruelly, and who, after hearing all the facts of the case, was about to pass sentence, remarked:

"I don't see how you could have the heart to beat your own child that way."

After a pause the woman answered, "Look here, Master Judge, is ye ever been the mother of a black rascal like me?"

"Why, no," answered the judge. "Well, then, how do you know how to treat one?"

THE FREE PRESS.

POOLE & MARTIN, Editors.

Entered at the Post Office at Haskell, Texas, as SECOND-CLASS MAIL-MATTER.

SUBSCRIPTION: One Year \$1.00 Six Months .50c

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING.

HASKELL, TEXAS, Nov. 24, 1906.

We hope that every citizen will read and consider the article about organizing a county fair.

The conviction and fining of the Standard Oil Co. \$5000 at Findlay, Ohio, has been followed at Cleveland, Ohio by the indictment of John D. Rockefeller and three other Standard officials.

Perhaps the biggest landslide in the recent elections occurred in New Jersey. The New Jersey legislature last year consisted of 57 Republicans and 3 Democrats. By the last election it changed to 31 Democrats and 29 Republicans.

Newspaper statisticians and advertising agencies estimate that each copy of a weekly newspaper is read by an average of five persons. If that is correct the FREE PRESS is read each week by considerably more than five thousand persons.

Speaking of the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people, about the only way to ever bring that about is for the people in every legislative district in every state to absolutely pledge every candidate for the legislature against voting for any candidate for the United States senate who does not file with the legislature his pledge in writing to work and vote for the submission of a constitutional amendment requiring the election of senators by the direct vote of the people.

The suit by the attorney general of Texas to oust the Waters, Pierce oil company from the state on the charge that it is a part of the Standard Oil Co., or is in a trust with that company, is set for trial at Austin next Monday. Assistant Attorney General Lightfoot returned a few days ago from a visit of several weeks to a number of the Northern and Eastern cities where he took numerous depositions of witnesses to be used as evidence in the case. He refused to discuss the evidence secured by him further than to say that he was well satisfied, and the State was ready for trial. An Austin dispatch states that the preliminary motions, demurrers, etc., will be argued before the judge the latter part of this week. A motion filed by the Oil company's attorneys asks the court to strike out a portion of the State's pleadings on the ground that they are scandalous, and it is predicted that the arguments will grow warm over this question and that the State's lawyers may tell just why such matter was included in its petition, even though it is scandalous. It is surmised that this refers to the "political influence" clause which is supposed to refer to Senator Bailey. The public will await the developments with considerable interest.

Always Was Sick.

When a man says he always was sick—troubled with a cough that lasted all winter—what would you think if he should say—he never was sick since using Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Such a man exists.

Mr. J. C. Clark of Denver, Colorado, writes: "For years I was troubled with a severe cough that would last all winter. This cough left me in a miserable condition. I tried Ballard's Horehound Syrup and have not had a sick day since. That's what it did for me." Sold at Terrell's drug store.

The FREE PRESS ads are fresh and new. Look them over before you go to buy goods, and you will get pointers that may save you money.

See Holcomb & Allison's Stonewall County land ad in this issue.

ROOSEVELT STANDS PAT.

Various negro organizations, religious and others, are condemning and denouncing President Roosevelt for disbanding the three companies of negro soldiers, members of which were in the Brownsville riot and murdered a citizen of that place last August. The negroes are denouncing the President on the alleged ground that he had no right to punish the innocent with the guilty. In view of the fact that the guilty soldiers could not be identified and the innocent, if there were any such, have steadfastly refused to divulge the names of the guilty, although they, or, at least, many of them, must have known who were the absentees on the night of the riot, most of us believe that the President was exactly right in condemning all of them. Petitions have poured into Washington requesting a reconsideration and revision of the order dishonorably dismissing these negro soldiers and, President Roosevelt being absent, on his trip to Panama, Secretary of War Taft took it upon himself to stop the dismissal until the President's return and further action in the matter. We are pleased to note that a correspondent of Collier's Weekly reports by cable from Panama that the President stands pat on his action dismissing the negroes from the service of the United States. The correspondent summarizes the President's position as follows:

"The President's views are clear and unchanged. The disbandment was due to him. In the first place he took the battalion from Brownsville to avoid local reprisals and for a regular military trial in which the negroes to a man refused the information necessary to the apprehension of the criminals. Had white troops done the same thing they would have suffered the same penalty."

"Be the offenders black or white the President proposes to combat race antagonism. There can be no amelioration of the penalty until the men concerned show their sense of duty, as citizens and soldiers, by giving up the offenders to justice."

No reasonable man can question the correctness of his position in this matter.

The Organ, Ring and Watch Contest.

VOTES FOR ORGAN	
W. O. W., Haskell.....	59,129
Baldwin School House.....	60,654
Haskell High School.....	8,690
Methodist Church, Haskell.....	100
Cook Spring Church.....	25
Presbyterian Church, Haskell.....	62
Baptist Church, Haskell.....	61
Baptist Church, Knox City.....	32
Foster School.....	11
Pleasant Valley School, No. 1.....	40
Rochester Church.....	3
L. O. O. F., Haskell.....	17,857
Rochester School.....	9
Rule Baptist Church.....	1
Tanner School.....	11
Gray Mare Church.....	7
K. of P. Lodge.....	398
Christian Church.....	5,296
Brushy No. 2.....	10

VOTES FOR DIAMOND RING AND GOLD WATCH.

Miss Cattie Hughes.....	931
" Mabel Wyman.....	13,341
" Addie Thompson.....	2,588
" Ola Hollis.....	24
" Kate Lemmon.....	19,902
" Jennie McCulloch.....	10
" Jutie Carroll.....	10
" Ora Buchanan.....	55,857
" Jestany Ellis.....	2
" Gertrude Cummings.....	12
" Lola Wallis.....	5
" Beulah Hill.....	64
" Mary Lee.....	7
" Emma Nicholson.....	224
" Louie Mary Thorpe.....	1
" Alice Williams.....	15
" Myrtle Hubbard.....	1993
" Meda Clayton.....	1
" Bell Rupe.....	7
" Lettie Bishop.....	10
" Ora May.....	1
" Mary Johnson.....	298
" Mildred Brook.....	4,735
" Della Courtney.....	27,791
" Syldell Wyche.....	7,172
" Dulin Fields.....	27,296
" Cecil Hughes.....	2
" Sallie Olepant.....	8
" Ruby Poole.....	547
" Imogene Bishop.....	63

MADE HAPPY FOR LIFE.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Albans, W. Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little girl had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by Terrell's drug store. Price, 50c.

The official bonds of Sheriff and Tax Collector M. E. Park have been approved by the comptroller and he is now in full charge of the office. Sheriff Park has appointed Mr. D. M. Winn as office deputy and Mr. W. D. Falkner as deputy for the outside work.

PROFESSIONAL.

D. J. D. SMITH
Resident Dentist.

Office, over the Haskell National Bank.
Phone: Office No. 12
Residence No. 111

D. A. G. NEATHERY
Physician and Surgeon.

Office Northeast Corner Square.
Office Phone..... No. 50.
Dr. Neathery's Residence..... No. 23.

FOSTER & JONES.
Law, Land and Live Stock.

A. G. FOSTER, ATT'Y at Law
J. L. JONES, Notary Public
Haskell, Texas.

J. E. LINDSEY, M. D.
Chronic Diseases.

Treatment of Consumption
...A SPECIALTY.
Office in Wriston Building,
Abilene, Texas.

OSCAR E. OATES.
Attorney at Law.

Office over the Bank.
Haskell, Texas.

H. G. MCCONNELL.
Attorney at Law.

OFFICE IN
McConnell Building S.W. C. Square

E. E. GILBERT.
Physician and Surgeon.

Office North Side Public Square,
Haskell, Texas.

S. W. SCOTT.
Attorney at Law.

Offers Large List of Desirable
Lands. Forfeitures Abstracts of
Title. Writes Insurance.....

All kinds of Bonds furnished
in a Standard Guaranty Com-
pany at reasonable rates.....

Address: S. W. SCOTT,
Haskell, Texas.

W. H. MURCHISON.
LAWYER

Office over
FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
Will practice in all the
Courts.

DR. W. A. KIMBROUGH
Physician and Surgeon

TERRELLS DRUG STORE
HASKELL, TEXAS.
Residence Phone No. 124.

DR. T. A. PINKERTON.
DENTIST.

Office up stairs McConnell building.
PHONE No. 52.

DR. W. WILLIAMSON.
RESIDENCE PHONE 113

OFFICE OVER
Collier-Andrews Drug Store.

A. W. MCGREGOR.
Attorney-at-Law

OFFICE—Corner rooms over
FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
Will practice in all the Courts.

J. W. DENNINGTON,
Architect and Supervisor.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.
OFFICE AT RESIDENCE.

W. N. MEREDITH
Architect and Superintendent.

Estimates and Sketches
FREE OF CHARGE.

OFFICE—over Collier's Drug Store.
Phone No. 72. Haskell, - Texas.

Elmwood Camp No. 24.
T. B. Russell, Com. Com.
Joe Irby, Clerk.
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Visiting sovereigns invited.

L. O. O. F.—Haskell Lodge, No. 525.
T. B. RUSSELL, V. G.
JOE IRBY, Sec'y
Lodge meets every Thursday night.

PETE HELTON W. C. JACKSON
HELTON & JACKSON,
LAWYERS.

Office in—McConnell Building
Haskell, Texas.



Winter Clothing

We are showing an immense stock of

Men's, Youth's, Boys

heavy winter clothing. This entire line of clothing is the Schwab make, which is understood by experienced buyers of clothing to mean that it is not excelled for quality, style of cut and intrinsic value of material.

OVER
COATS

Men's Overcoats, ... \$5.00 to \$12.50
Children's and Youth's, ... 3.00 to 7.50

SUITS

Children's.....\$1.00 to 4.50
Youth's.....3.50 to 12.50
Men's.....5.00 to 22.50

S. L. ROBERTSON & CO.

We Have Moved

into our commodious new buildings where we have our large stock of

Furniture, Hardware and Implements

much better displayed and can show you the goods with much more satisfaction to you and ourselves than ever before, and we will be pleased to have you call and look through our store when you come to town.

OUR FURNITURE

department is now very complete, carrying a full assortment of about everything needed in any home, at prices to suit any purse and taste. We call special attention to our line of

Bedroom Set in Solid Oak at \$20 to \$100
" Veneered Oak at "

PARL R SETS IN OAK, LATEST DESIGNS,

3 to 5 pieces at \$20 to \$40
Rocking Chairs \$1.50 to \$12.50
Bed Springs 2.00 to 4.50
Cane and Dining Chairs 55c to \$3.50

SEE OUR ROLL TOP OFFICE DESKS \$20.00 to \$25.00

In Hardware

we carry everything from tacks to cooking stoves, cutlery and carpenters tools and have full stock of

Corrugated Iron Roofing

Our line of Implements, Wagons and Buggies is unsurpassed. We lead with the John Deere Sulkey, which experience has proven to be the plow for this country.

BUCK'S
Cason Cox & Co.

Mr. W. R. Hunt called in last week and added his name to our list of readers. Mr. Hunt moved here last May from Hopkins county and settled on 330 acres of new land east of town, where he has erected a good seven room dwelling, good barn, stables, etc. Asked how he liked his change from East Texas, Mr. Hunt said we might judge of one feature of it from the fact that, owing to poor health, he had hardly been able to do a good day's work for thirteen months before leaving Hopkins and that with a family of eight he has bought only fifty cents worth of medicine since he has been in Haskell county and has half of that unused yet. He looks strong and robust now. As to the rest, he said, from his experience and what he had seen here so far he

had no fear of having to live on branch water and scenery, as some people back east thought, but he expected to make a good living.

Be Charitable

to your horse as well as to yourself. You need not suffer from pains of any sort—your horses need not suffer. Try a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It cures all pains. J. M. Roberts, Bakersfield, Mo., writes: "I have used your Liniment for ten years and find it to be the best I have ever used for man or beast. Sold by Terrell's drug store."

Drop in at the Racket Store and see that new opalescent glassware and those Bohemian glass water sets.

Alma, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lamkin, died Monday night of diphtheria and was buried Tuesday. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community in their loss. The attending physician attributes the disease to some local cause, as there is no epidemic of it. If this be true it emphasizes the necessity for all to use more sanitary precautions.

FAMOUS STRIKE BREAKERS.

The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on a strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. 25c at Terrell's drug store.

We're Busy as Bees

With the Great Fall Sales.

For Thanksgiving and Holiday Trade, we are Splendidly Prepared.

WOMEN'S COATS AND SUITS.

The interest shown in this department is constantly increasing, and to meet the demand we have just received a new assortment. A full line of sizes and colors will be found in this lot, and the purchase of a garment at the Big Store insures the style.

Furs Continue--Fashion's Favorites,

and one can not wonder at their popularity, for they are pretty, luxurious and practical

We have a nice line of furs this season in the most desirable styles in neck pieces, and our prices are right.

A Matchless Sale of Dainty Linens

Every requirement in Linen can be filled from our very complete stock. We have just received a line of Lunch Cloths, Tray Cloths, Doilies, Dresser Scarfs, Center Pieces, Etc. These are to be found in plain hemstitching, Mexican drawn work, eyelet and mount mallick embroidery. No such line of linens has ever been shown in Haskell before.

Our line Table Linens is complete. See those Bleached Satin Damask cloths, 72 inches wide, extra fine linen, with 24 inch dinner napkins to match. The Bourbon lilly and poppy designs are extremely pretty.

Thanksgiving Sale of Groceries

affords remarkable opportunities in ready prepared dainties.

Plum Pudding made from an old English receipt, comes in 2 lb. cans.

Your Thanksgiving dinner will be incomplete without one of these Plum Puddings.

Jellies, Jams and Preserves of most all fruits and flavors can be found in our line.

A choice line of Olives, Pickles and Relishes to give zest to the appetite.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF FINE CANDIES, FRUITS AND NUTS.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE COMPANY

THE BIG STORE,

HASKELL'S ECONOMY CENTER.

Wm. R. Hearst's Chances for the Governorship OF NEW YORK.

Were conceded by all well informed parties to be good, but they were as nothing compared with the opportunity now offered to you to secure a home in the rich productive valleys of Stonewall County that will bring health, wealth and the peace that passeth all understanding. Advertising is too expensive to indulge in idle talk and we would not be so foolish as to waste our money for it if we did not know that we can make good every assertion in regard to our lands, their quality, the prices, terms, etc. For SEVEN LONG YEARS, this firm has dealt in Stonewall County lands, and we know it by quarter sections as well as you know your own premises. During the past 3 months, we have sold numerous tracts to citizens of Haskell County, and have been told by them that there were many more of their neighbors who would like to buy homes in this County. We have what you want.

Agricultural lands from \$6.00 to \$15.00 per acre.

Half agricultural lands and balance good grass lands, \$4 to \$6

Pasture lands from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per acre.

1. 640 acres, 300 fine agricultural, balance fine grass, everlasting spring of water, all fenced, 1 mile from public road, 7 miles from Aspermont, 15 miles from Hamlin. \$5.00 per acre, one-half cash, balance in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years at 6 per cent interest. Now, we ask you—is that a bargain? You say "of course it is if your statement here is true." We answer: "If it is not true (you to be the sole judge), we will pay you back your expenses after you have come over to look at it." That's fair, isn't it?

2. 164 acres shinary mesquite land, two-third agricultural, in 1 mile of postoffice, gin and store, unimproved. \$6.00 per acre, half cash, balance easy terms.

3. A well improved section of fine agricultural land within 6 miles of railroad station at \$12.50 per acre.

These are only a sample of the many bargains that we control. Our contracts are exclusive—no other agents handle the lands that we represent, hence you know what you are doing when you deal with us. Write—or better still, come and save money and time, and we know that we will satisfy your wants and make a friend of you.

RESPECTFULLY,

HOLCOMB & ALLISON,

ASPERMONT, STONEWALL COUNTY, TEXAS.

THE ABILENE DISTRICT.

Assignments Made by the Broomwood Conference.

Following is the list of assignments of preachers made by the Northwest Texas Conference at Brownwood to the various points in the Abilene District:

John R. Morris, presiding elder; Abilene, D. L. Callie; Albany and Moran, R. F. Brown; Anson, J. A. Briggs; Avoca, C. D. West; Baird, C. B. Meador; Capps, J. A. Hallars; Clyde, E. L. Sisk; Cottonwood, C. E. Lynn, supply; Hamlin and Rule, C. H. Ledger; Haskell Station, J. H. Chambliss; Haskell Mission, M. M. Reavens; Lawn, J. N. Vincent; McCauley, C. W. Young, supply; Merkel, J. W. Rowlett; Nubia, T. H. Davis, supply; Nugent, D. N. Peeples; Pinkerton, J. L. Mills; Putman, R. E. L. Stutts, J. H. McNally supernumerary; Stamford, R. B. Evans; Sweetwater, W. H. Jordan; Sweetwater Mission, J. C. Moore, supply; Trent and Cross Roads, R. J. McClath; Truby, D. A. Shaw, supernumerary; Tye, J. S. Calloway; Weinert, E. H. Mays, supply; Conference Sunday School secretary, C. S. Field; president Stamford Collegiate Institute, Jerome Duncan.

Amarillo was selected as the place for holding the next annual conference.

AN HONEST STATEMENT.

Mr. William Acton of 212 Fourth St., Lincoln, Ill., says: "Our daughter, aged sixteen, was suffering with a severe Cough and cold on her lungs. Common remedies seemed to afford no relief and myself and her mother feared pneumonia or consumption. She began taking Hart's Honey and Horehound and in less than two weeks was entirely cured. We always recommend Hart's Honey and Horehound to anyone suffering with a deep-seated Cough or Cold. Sold at Terrell's drug store."

ORGANIZE THE FAIR.

The Bosque County Fair closed last Thursday. This is the first year of the fair and it is asserted that the exhibits in the agricultural, machinery and live stock departments were good, especially the Durham cattle exhibit, which is said to have been of unusual merit. The fair is a charter-

ed institution and owns thirty-four acres of land within two blocks of the Santa Fe depot. A half-mile race track has been put into good condition and the races both days of the entertainment were run by Bosque County horses. There is no better method of demonstrating the advantages of different features of farming, stock raising, horticulture, etc., than by holding fairs. There the result of the work of the different exhibitors is shown in the objects on exhibition, whether stock or machinery, corn or peaches, tomatoes or watermelons. The fair is, or should be, a crystallized exhibition of the efforts of various persons in their several lines of work, and can but be of benefit to the man who is interested in departments of industry represented in the exhibits.—Dallas News.

The above item is reproduced for the purpose of making the comment that we have never seen in any newspaper nor heard any person make an adverse criticism as to the benefits of fairs, but on the other hand they are always encouraged, and lauded as being highly beneficial to the people of any town and county where they are held. For four years Haskell has had a Street Fair each fall and we believe that it has been of interest and benefit to many. We also believe that its work could be made more effectual and beneficial to the entire county if it were properly organized so that it could be conducted on better business principles. To this end we here suggest that the matter of such organization be taken up by the business men of Haskell and the farmers and stockraisers throughout the county and the fair be put on a substantial and permanent footing. It occurs to us that during the coming term of district court, when many representative citizens of the county will be here as jurors, witnesses, etc., will be an excellent time for this work. Let it be done now so that the prospectus and premium list can be issued early next year, thus giving the people the entire growing season in which to prepare their exhibits in conformity with the premiums offered. Do this, and we will have a county fair that cannot be excelled in the state and that will be greatly beneficial to every interest in the county.

Mr. J. T. Roberson of the north side was in Haskell this week.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT MCCULLOH

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to remove from our midst by death our worthy brother Robert McCulloh, be it Resolved, That in his untimely death, while in the prime of life, Haskell Lodge No. 682 A. F. and A. M. has lost a true and faithful brother, and one who, by his quiet and upright life has reflected nothing but credit on the order.

Be it further resolved, that by his death, his family have sustained a loss which can never be repaired, and that this lodge tenders to them its sincere condolence and sympathy in their sad bereavement.

And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of the deceased, a copy be furnished the Haskell FREE PRESS and a copy recorded on a memorial page of the minutes of this lodge, in memory of our deceased brother.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Foster
H. G. McConnell
S. W. Scott,
Committee.

A Year of Blood.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven, permanently cured." Guaranteed for Sore Lungs, Coughs and Colds at Terrell's Drug Store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Chambliss returned Wednesday from Brownwood, where they attended the Northwest Texas conference of the M. E. church. Bro. Chambliss was returned to the Haskell church by the conference, where he has already served three years and done excellent work. Not only his own church but the people of Haskell generally are greatly pleased that they are to have Bro. Chambliss with them for another year.

Mr. J. C. Holt, one of the up-to-date farmers of the north side, was doing business in town Wednesday.

Mr. G. W. Ables of the north side was in the city Wednesday.

If you want land come to Crosby county; we have a large tract of land that we are cutting up in small tracts on easy terms. You had better investigate this. Neal, Morgan & Carter, Emma, Crosby Co., Texas.

Mr. Bob Massey of McKinney is visiting the family of Mr. M. S. Shook.

Mr. Bob Robertson, knight of the grip, was doing business with Haskell merchants Wednesday.

Locals and Personals.

It's Judge Irby now.

Bring your eggs to MODE.

Mr. Mark Whitman was in the city Thursday.

When you want to go to the depot ring No. 25 for Simmons' Wagonette.

Mr. Ira Ellis visited Abilene this week.

Mr. F. G. Alexander visited his firm's Monday house this week.

WANTED—Two or four boarders, close to square. Inquire at this office.

Stonewall County land men—Holcomb & Allison, Aspermont.

Mr. J. E. Hubbard of Cliff was in the county capital Thursday.

Mr. S. W. Scott visited Stamford Thursday on professional business.

300 Doz. eggs wanted at Mode's.

Wanted position as stenographer by a young lady. Address FREE PRESS.

Top of the market paid for eggs at Mode's.

Messrs. F. M. Blair and C. H. Merchant of the east side were doing business in Haskell Thursday.

Mr. Jeff Lee of Cliff was in Haskell Thursday.

Mrs. Eaves who has been visiting Mrs. J. A. Bailey, returned to Mineral Wells Thursday.

Don't use any other flour when you can get "Light Crust." Phone S. L. Robertson & Co. for it.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

Capt. W. M. Wood, one of the pioneer settlers of the northeast part of the county, was in town Thursday.

Mr. H. P. Whitman of the south side was in the city Thursday.

Mr. J. O. Stark, the new county Commissioner in precinct No. 3, called in Tuesday and subscribed for the FREE PRESS.

Great danger of fires these winter months—better let the Haskell Real Estate Co. write you some insurance and feel safe.

Mr. T. C. Cabill of the Haskell Real Estate Co. left Thursday for a trip in Central Texas.

Mr. Joe Bevers of the Pinkerton community was trading in Haskell Thursday.

A large line of plain white and decorated table ware at Racket Store.

Wanted—Second hand chops and bran sacks, Fox & Scott.

Mr. Lewis Howard of Paint creek had business in town Thursday.

Mr. Bacon of the Wooten Grocery Co., Abilene, was in Haskell several days this week.

Light Crust Flour, the best on earth, is handled exclusively by S. L. Robertson & Co.

W. J. Evers, the new saddler at Haskell, gives you a better buggy whip for 25 cts. than you have ever bought before. 34tf

The Haskell Real Estate Co. is writing lots of fire insurance—have you seen them about yours. They represent the most solid companies.

Mr. T. L. Green of the Paint creek community was in Haskell Thursday with two immense loads of wood, for which the cold weather made ready sale.

Mr. Marshall Pierson, assistant cashier of the Haskell National Bank, returned Thursday from a business trip to Dallas.

We are still selling as much property as any concern in the county. West Texas Development Co.

Have your saddles, harness and shoes repaired at Evers' new shop—north side of square. 34tf

See the Stonewall County land ad of Holcomb & Allison.

50,000 Acres in any size tract from 160 acres up, easy terms. All good land, close to town. Neal, Morgan & Carter, Emma, Crosby Co., Texas.

When you want a well, cistern or storm house dug, see Alfred Leavitt, Haskell, Texas. (5t)

The freezing cold weather and sleet the first of the week put an end to everything green. It was the first weather we have had cold enough to kill any but the tenderest vegetation.

Good 5-room house on Main Street, close in. See us.

West Texas Development Co.

Mr. R. P. Moore is back from a visit to Waxahachie.

Miss Fannie Isbell has accepted a position with the dry goods firm of D. Egger & Son, where she will be pleased to serve her friends.

If you desire a loan on Farm and Ranch Lands see Texas Land Co. (3t)

"Upper Crust" flour is milled by the Burrus Mill and Elevator Co. of Ft. Worth, who use only the best selected wheat for this brand. It is sold in Haskell only by S. L. Robertson & Co. When you get it, you get the best.

When you want to buy a house and lot come and see the Haskell Real Estate Co. at their new office east of the Lindel hotel.

We want to impress upon you the fact that you don't have to be rich in order to become a land owner in Haskell county. We will accept a small payment down and balance on long time. See or write the Haskell Real Estate Co.

Cut this out and take it to Terrell's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For biliousness and constipation they are unequalled. They improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion and regulate the liver and bowels.

W. J. Evers who runs the new saddle shop at Haskell does all repairing in leather at reasonable prices and makes goods to order. All his work is guaranteed. 34tf

Mr. J. B. Tompkins, one of the leading farmers of the north side, was doing business in town Thursday.

Miss Mattie Mayes of Jud spent several days here this week visiting Miss Maud Isbell.

We are the exclusive dealers in Upper-Crust flour in Haskell, S. L. Robertson & Co.

FOR SALE CHEAP—2 Good lots close to square. Terms are good. Apply at this office.

W. J. Evers is the name of Haskell's new saddle, harness and shoe shop man. North side of square. 34tf

Mr. Hugh Smith is building a residence in the north part of town.

The Haskell Real Estate Co. have moved into their office just east of the Lindel hotel.

W. H. Parsons is now ready to resume the work of repairing all kinds of watches, etc. at his residence.

The nearest approach to genuine cut glass is found in "Press Cut" glass. Some beautiful four-piece sets, berry sets and water sets in this goods at the Racket Store.

The POST RANCH is now subdivided in small tracts, see us for bargain in a home on easy payments.

West Texas Development Co.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

Phone S. L. Robertson & Co. when you want the best flour—every sack guaranteed.

Miss Kate Kelley was called to Monday last week to the bedside of her sister Miss Mamie, who was ill with typhoid fever. Miss Kelley was taken to Stamford the first of this week, where her mother accompanied by their family physician from Belton met her and took her home to Belton. Miss Mamie's many friends in Haskell will wish for her a speedy recovery.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

Phone S. L. Robertson & Co. for East Texas pumpkin yam potatoes.

A reliable medicine and one that should always be kept in the home for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the groupy cough appears. For sale at Terrell's drug store.

Big lot of fascinators, bought cheap and are on the market at the lowest prices, at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

I want 300 dozen eggs MODE.

Miss Mamie Meadows took a case in our composing room Thursday and helped the FREE PRESS out of a tight.

Six young jacks for sale by Turner & Hoblet, Ample, Tex. 4t.

R. M. Craig, practical watchmaker, next to Postoffice.

Lot 3, block 1, B. & R. addition, at a bargain—West Texas Development Company.

Dr. Tom Patterson of Duster, Comanche county, was here on a professional call this week.

Mr. Bob Irby of Monday spent Sunday with Haskell relatives and friends.

Good four-room house, good well, windmill, shed. Lot 176x300 feet, in south part of town. Will sell at a bargain. J. F. Vernon. (2t)

For quick Loans and quick Inspections of securities, see West Texas Development Co.

Mrs. L. F. Catron, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John L. Robertson for several weeks, left on last Sunday for her home at Summerville, Tenn.

The Texas Land Co. is a new firm organized in Haskell for the purpose of doing a general real estate business, buying and selling on commission and locating homeseekers. The firm is well equipped for their line of business, being composed of Prof. B. M. Whiteaker of this place and Messrs. Pete Helton and W. C. Jackson, late of Comanche, Texas. The firm has already negotiated several deals and is pushing its business energetically. Persons desiring to buy or sell land should consult this firm.

THE BEST ALWAYS



IF WE were to attempt to go into details about our stock of goods it would take several pages of print and no doubt but that it would be impossible then. To name all the advantages to be had in trading with us would take some little time. We are not going to attempt anything like that, but to be brief and at the same time give ourselves and customers the justice due, we know of no better way to describe our store to you,

than to say we have the best goods and have them all the time. In years past selling goods was done in a different way from the modern business methods of today. What people want these days is values for their money. With the special lines of goods which we carry we feel that we are better able to, and can give you your money's worth on every purchase. Our business career in Haskell has not been one of very long time yet we having been here barely two months, but in that short time our business has reached the point where we are doing the largest business in our line not only in Haskell, but in Haskell or any of the surrounding counties.

You find no fake schemes or other grafting ways connected with the Egger Stores.

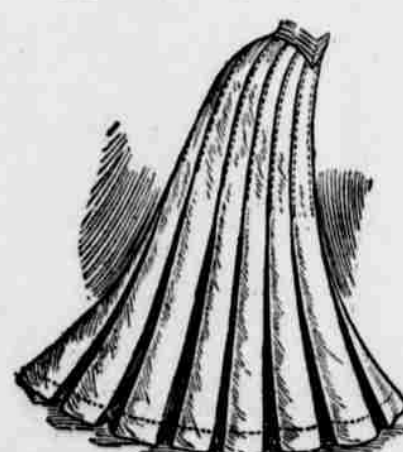
We do business on the merits of our goods only. We have friends and lots of them, and we have won them just by doing those things which we promise to do. Whenever you see an ad of ours in the paper you can depend on it that you can get just what we advertise.

Although having been in Haskell less than two months, we have, back of this business, more than twenty years of actual business experience and today we are after your trade, with good goods and low prices.

Dress Goods and Silks is one line that we especially pride ourselves on, because we know we can show you an assortment of patterns and fabrics that is equaled by none.

Percales, Dress Gingham, Calicoes, Domestic, Cotton Checks, Apron Checks, Gingham, etc., are shown by us in a wide assortment.

Ladies' Cloaks, Jackets, Capes, Skirts, etc., are here in any price and any style.



In order to reduce our skirt stock we are making some special offers along this line. A full line of babies' cloaks and jackets.

Blankets, Comforts, heavy lap robes, and all other winter requisites we are headquarters.

"QUEEN QUALITY" shoes for ladies are the best your money can buy. In them you will find combined those three essential features that it takes to make a shoe a good shoe, Style, Fit and Durability.

We will have a full line in a few days.

For the men with such lines as Mans' "Urfit" shoes, Boots, Cuffs & Monarch shirts, Stetson and Tiger hats, Wrights' Health Underwear all grades &

Bell System Clothes and OVER-COATS



we know we are better able to take care of your wants than anyone else.

"Your Money's Worth, or Your Money Back" is What We Give You Every Time

There's a tempting bargain on every shelf here;
An eye pleasing article on every counter:

A delightful something in every show case;
An attractive value in every window.

If it's New it's here, if it's here it's a BARGAIN

If not right
We make it right

D. Egger & Son

Have it for Less

HASKELL, TEXAS.

THE WEDDING CAKE

CONFECTION REQUIRES MUCH CARE AND TIME.

Fundamental Rules to be Observed in the Preparation of This Most Important Adjunct to the Marriage Feast.

In getting ready for the wedding cake, it is easier to prepare the fruit a day or two ahead of the baking. Weigh, after seeding, two pounds of raisins; clean two pounds of currants by rubbing in flour; shave fine a pound and a half of citron, keeping it separate from the other fruit; shred two ounces each candied orange and lemon peel and chop fine one pound sweet almonds that have been blanched and dried; mix together thoroughly, excepting the citron, and dredge well with flour, using about a half cup. The next morning you can finish mixing the cake, then set away over night in a cold place to ripen, or bake the same day, as preferred. A celebrated wedding cake baker in Boston always mixes her cakes the day before baking; and just here let me caution you about the baking itself. No matter how rich the ingredients are and how carefully put together improper baking spoils everything. If baked too fast the cake will be an ugly brown instead of black. Do not try to bake a fruit cake in the oven of a gas range if you can possibly avoid it; the heat is too intense. Five hours' slow baking is about the time required for the proper baking of a wedding cake. It should not rise quickly, like a cup or sponge cake, but slowly swell while the rich fruit juices permeate the whole. There must be slow baking to have the cake as it should be, black, moist and richly fragrant. If you find yourself limited to the gas oven, steam the cake in a steamer until three-fourths done, then finish in the oven with one burner turned half on.

For a coal fire, bank it up to last six hours with the addition from time to time of a shovel of coal. Do not put on enough to reduce the oven heat, which should be slow and uniform. If it shows signs of baking too fast, cover with paper and set a little dish of cold water in the oven, changing for cold as it gets hot.

And now to return to the mixing. And first, the dry ingredients. Into one pound sifted pastry flour mix thoroughly two teaspoonsful each cinnamon and mace, one teaspoonful each nutmeg and allspice, half a teaspoonful each salt and cloves.

Next beat to a very light cream one pound each butter and soft coffee sugar. When light add 12 eggs, one at a time, beating hard between each addition. It will be much easier to do this beating with the hand, as confectioners do, instead of with a spoon. When these are well blended add the sifted flour mixture, alternating with the moisture, which should include two tablespoonsful strained honey or molasses, as preferred, two ounces each brandy or port wine, or the rich fruit syrup from preserved cherries, peaches or tutti frutti and the juice of one orange and one lemon. Mix thoroughly and smoothly, then set away over night in a cold place. The next morning, when ready to bake, mix again, turn into pans lined with several thicknesses of oiled paper. Do not make over three inches in thickness, as the batter swells in the slow baking. The citron may be put in with the other fruit or saved out and put in rows across the width of the pan in the batter. If preferred, a few figs, candied cherries or chopped dates may be used in place of so many currants. Watch the cake faithfully all during its baking, not allowing it to brown too rapidly. The oven must be kept at a proper heat by an intelligent use of the stove dampers. If it seems too hot after the dampers are all turned off, set a pan of cold water in the oven, changing it for fresh as it grows hot. When done, take from the oven carefully, set out of a draft but let it stand in the tin until quite cold.

As rich wedding cake improves with age, it is desirable to make it some time in advance of the ceremony. If for any reason, however, its baking has been delayed, the loaves may be pierced with a skewer or knitting needle and a little brandy poured in to hasten its ripening.

Salt Raising Bread.
Into a pint of scalding water stir a half teaspoonful of salt and enough flour to make a soft dough. Beat hard for 15 minutes, cover and set in a warm place to rise over night. In the morning stir a teaspoonful of salt into a pint of luke warm milk, with sufficient flour to make a stiff batter. Work this into the risen dough, mixing thoroughly; cover again and set to rise until very light; then knead in enough flour to make the batter the consistency of ordinary bread dough. Make into loaves, and set these to rise until light, then bake.

Varnishing Wall Paper.
Before being varnished wall paper should first be given a coat of weak glue size to prevent the varnish penetrating too deeply into it, and otherwise the paper would, to a certain extent, become transparent. After the size has been dried thoroughly, apply white shellac varnish.

French Lamp Shades.
Some beautifully imported shades for lamps and electrolights are made entirely of beads, worked into butterfly, bird and flower designs in beautiful colorings. The finish is a row of bead fringe.

AWFUL SUFFERING.

From Dreadful Pains from Wound on Foot—System All Run Down—Miraculous Cure by Cuticura.

"Words cannot speak highly enough for the Cuticura Remedies. I am now seventy-two years of age. My system had been all run down. My blood was so bad that blood poisoning had set in. I had several doctors attending me, so finally I went to the hospital where I was laid up for two months. My foot and ankle were almost beyond recognition. Dark blood flowed out of wounds in many places and I was so disheartened that I thought surely my last chance was slowly leaving me. As the foot did not improve, you can readily imagine how I felt. I was simply disgusted and tired of life. I stood this pain, which was dreadful, for six months, and during this time I was not able to wear a shoe and not able to work. Some one spoke to me about Cuticura. The consequences were I bought a set of the Cuticura Remedies of one of my friends who was a druggist, and the praise that I gave after the second application is beyond description; it seemed a miracle for the Cuticura Remedies took effect immediately. I washed the foot with the Cuticura Soap before applying the Ointment and I took the Resolvent at the same time. After two weeks' treatment my foot was healed completely. People who had seen my foot during my illness and who have seen it since the cure, can hardly believe their own eyes. Robert Schoenhauer, Newburg, N. Y., August 21, 1905."

WHEN CUBA WAS FOR SALE.

Offered to France for \$6,000,000 in time of Louis Philippe.

It is not generally known that Cuba very nearly became a French Colony in the reign of Louis Philippe, for Spain, being without means of raising money, Queen Christina offered some of the principal Spanish colonies for sale.

Secret negotiations were carried on at the Tuilleries between Senor Campano, the Spanish ambassador; Senor Aguado, the banker; Prince de Talleyrand, and King Louis Philippe, and the first article of the treaty, by which Spain was to sell Cuba to France for 30,000,000 francs, or \$6,000,000, was quickly agreed to.

But the second article, relating to Porto Rico and the Philippines, broke off the negotiations, for Spain asked \$2,000,000, whereas France would offer only \$1,400,000. King Louis Philippe asserting that the acquisition of the Philippines might very easily involve him in a war with England.

It is significant that in those days neither party paid the slightest attention to what the United States might think; but the Spaniards must now regret that they did not accept for it would have saved them many millions in the ensuing 60 years.—London Sketch.

CHINA THE LAND OF DUCKS.

Staple Article of Food for Residents of Celestial Empire.

There are more ducks in China than in all the rest of the world. China, literally, is white with these birds, and day and night the country resounds with their metallic and scornful voices.

Children herd ducks on every road, on every pond, on every farm, on every lake, on every river. There is no back yard without its duck house. There is no boat, little or big, without its duck quarters.

Even in the cities of China ducks abound. They dodge between the coolies' legs. They flit squawking out of the way of the horses. Their indignant quack will not unsexed down the roar of urban commerce.

All over the land there are great duck hatching establishments, many of them of a capacity huge enough to produce 50,000 young ducks every year.

The Chinese duck is extremely tender and delicate—the best game duck for eating in the world. Duck among the Chinese is the staple delicacy. It is salted and smoked like ham or beef, and duck eggs are eaten as chicken eggs are in America.

COFFEE IMPORTERS

Publish a Book About Coffee.

There has been much discussion as to Coffee and Postum lately, so much in fact that some of the coffee importers and roasters have taken to type to promote the sale of their wares and check if possible the rapid growth of the use of Postum Food Coffee.

In the coffee importers' book a chapter is headed "Coffee as a Medicine," and advocates its use as such.

Here is an admission of the truth, most important to all interested.

Every physician knows, and every thoughtful person should know, that habitual use of any "medicine" of the drug-stimulant type of coffee or whiskey quickly causes irritation of the tissues and organs stimulated and finally sets up disease in the great majority of cases if persisted in. It may show in any one of the many organs of the body and in the great majority of cases can be directly traced to coffee in a most unmistakable way by leaving off the active irritant—coffee—and using Postum Food Coffee for a matter of ten days.

If the result is relief from nervous trouble, dyspepsia, bowel complaint, heart failure, weak eyes, or any other malady set up by a poisoned nervous system, you have your answer with the accuracy of a demonstration in mathematics.

"There's a reason" for Postum.

Carpet can be colored on the floor with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Ask your druggist. 50c per package.

The man of many parts seldom parts his name in the middle.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, cures colic, cures wind colic. In a bottle.

There's a lot of people so perfectly good they cannot give the rest of us a chance to be pretty good.

It's a Hustler.

Hunt's Lightning Oil is up and doing all the time. It cures your aches, pains, cuts, burns and bruises while you sleep. Rub a little on your misery and feel it disappear.

Dick (looking at picture-book)—"I wonder what the Noahs did with themselves all day long in the Ark?" Mabel—"Fished, I should think." Bobbie—"They didn't fish for long." Dick and Mabel—"Why not?" Bobbie—"Well, you see, there were only two worms!"—Punch.

Don't Delay.

If you have a bad cold, cough or sore chest. Go right in to cure it. You can do so by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It's sure and quick and will save you money and health.

Fine Wireless Station.

A Berlin writer states that a wireless station is now in course of erection at Norddeich for the German government postal authorities, which will have an effective radius of 932 miles, equal to the distance from Naples to St. Petersburg. The station consists of four iron towers, 213 feet high.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: J. C. HENNEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. Take daily's Family Pills for constipation.

Four-Footed Thieves.

In Winchester, England, a grocer began to miss money from his till, and set his wife to watch. After two weeks the wife was not able to detect the thief, though money was stolen almost every day. There were two clerks in the store, and the grocer finally called them thieves and discharged them.

When two others had taken their places the money continued to disappear, and the case was given to the police. An officer who hid under the counter solved the problem. He found bits of paper representing about \$50 that the mice had made nests of. They had entered the till through a hole in the back and taken the bills one at a time.

The two clerks who had been discharged for dishonesty brought suit for damages, and the other day the grocer was compelled to pay them \$300 each.

A MISSOURI WOMAN

Tells a Story of Awful Suffering and Wonderful Relief.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman street, Columbia, Mo., says: "Following an operation two years ago, dropsy set in, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he would have to tap out the water. There was constant pain and a gurgling sensation around my heart, and I could not raise my arm above my head. The kidney action was disordered and passages of the secretions too frequent. On the advice of my husband I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using two boxes my trouble has not reappeared. This is wonderful, after suffering two years."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

"OLD MAN" LIBBY'S DEER.

Remarkable Story of Killing Told by Blind Guide.

"Old Man" Libby is one of the best known guide camp keepers in the state of Maine, and for years has been totally blind. Four years ago he carried into Bangor the carcass of a deer, and had it taken to the office of Fish and Game Commissioner Carpenter. Libby expressed the wish that the venison be given to the Bangor hospital.

Carpenter wanted to know who killed the deer, and was much surprised when Libby claimed to have been the destroyer.

"Why, Libby," he asked, "how did you, a blind man, manage to kill this deer?"

"Well, you see," drawled Libby, "I was standing outside my tent yesterday morning, ax in hand, just going to chop a little wood, when I felt this durned critter rushing onto me. I thought 'twas a bear, so I hauled off and soaked him."

The commissioner always has a grin on tap when telling this story, for he has doubts as to who killed the deer.

FEARFUL PAINS

SUGGESTIONS HOW WOMEN MAY FIND RELIEF.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to be the plan of nature that women should suffer so severely. This is a severe strain on a woman's vitality. When pain exists something is wrong which should be set right or it will lead to a serious derangement of the whole female organism.

Thousands of women have testified in grateful letters to Mrs. Pinkham that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound overcomes woman's special pains and irregularities.

It provides a safe and sure way of escape from distressing and dangerous weaknesses and diseases.

The two following letters tell so convincingly what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will do for women, they cannot fail to bring hope to thousands of sufferers.

Miss Nellie Holmes, of 540 N. Division Street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—Your medicine is a wonderful medicine for women. I suffered misery for years with painful periods, headaches, and bearing-down pains. I consulted two different physicians but failed to get any relief. A friend of mine advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so, and no longer suffer as I did before. My periods are natural; every ache and pain is gone, and my general health is much improved. I advise all women who suffer to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I might have been spared many months of suffering and pain had I only known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

WASTING STRENGTH

Women who suffer from unnecessary, disagreeable, painful, weakening, female complaints, will find that Wine of Cardui is a safe and pleasant remedy for all their ills. It acts directly upon all the delicate, inflamed tissues, purifying the blood, throwing off the clogging matter and relieving female disorders such as irregular, scanty, profuse, painful catamenia, prolapse, etc.

Also relieves headache, backache, dizziness, cramps, dragging pains, nervousness, irritability, etc.

If you need advice, write us a letter, telling us all your symptoms. We will send free advice (in plain sealed envelope). Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

ALL DRUGGISTS SELL IT IN \$1.00 BOTTLES

"I WROTE YOU for advice, and by following it and taking Cardui, my Female Troubles were cured."—Mrs. R. S. Wallace, Lavaca, Ala.

NO MORE MUSTARD PLASTERS TO BLISTER.

THE SCIENTIFIC AND MODERN EXTERNAL COUNTER-IRRITANT.

CAPISICUM VASELINE

EXTRACT OF THE CAYENNE PEPPER PLANT

A QUICK, SURE, SAFE AND ALWAYS READY CURE FOR PAIN—PRICE 15c.—IN COLLAPSIBLE TUBES—AT ALL DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS. OR BY MAIL ON RECEIPT OF 15c. IN POSTAGE STAMPS. DON'T WAIT TILL THE PAIN COMES—KEEP A TUBE HANDY. A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-alleviating and curative qualities of the article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve Headache and Sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all Rheumatic, Neuralgic and Gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household and for children. Once used no family will be without it. Many people say "it is the best of all your preparations." Accept no preparation of Vaseline unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. SEND YOUR ADDRESS AND WE WILL MAIL OUR VASELINE PAMPHLET WHICH WILL INTEREST YOU.

CHESEBROUGH MFG. CO.

17 STATE STREET, NEW YORK CITY

In Tenth Century English.

Dr. James W. Bright, of the Johns Hopkins university, has completed an edition of the Gospel of St. Luke in the West Saxon. This is his fourth in his series of books in the English of the tenth century. He is also at work on several other volumes.

A. N. KELLOGG & COMPANY, INC. MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTROTYPES AND STEREOTYPES

SALESMEN WANTED to look after our interests in your own and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., CLEVELAND, O.

W. L. DOUGLAS

\$3.50 & \$3.00 Shoes

BEST IN THE WORLD. W. L. Douglas \$4 Gilt Edge line cannot be equalled at any price.



SHOES FOR EVERYBODY AT ALL PRICES

Men's shoes, \$3 to \$10.00. Women's shoes, \$2 to \$10.00. Children's shoes, \$1 to \$5.00. Try W. L. Douglas's shoes. They are made in my large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would then understand why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other make.

Wherever you live, you can obtain W. L. Douglas shoes. His name and price is stamped on the bottom, which protects you against high prices and inferior make. Take no substitutes. Ask your dealer for W. L. Douglas shoes and insist upon having them.

For Color Card and full list of shoe styles, write for Illustrated Catalog of Last Styles.

W. L. DOUGLAS, Dept. 12, Brockton, Mass.

Standard Quality

Snowdrift

HOGLESS LARD

THE PRIDE OF THE SOUTH

Made Under U.S. Government Inspection

The Southern Cotton Oil Company

YOU CANNOT CURE

all inflamed, ulcerated and catarrhal conditions of the mucous membranes such as nasal catarrh, uterine catarrh caused by feminine ills, sore throat, sore mouth or inflamed eyes by simply dosing the stomach.

But you surely can cure these stubborn affections by local treatment with Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic

which destroys the disease germs, checks discharges, stops pain, and heals the inflammation and soreness.

Paxtine represents the most successful local treatment for feminine ills ever produced. Thousands of women testify to this fact. 50 cents at druggists.

Send for Free Trial Box

THE R. PAXTON CO., Boston, Mass.

Texas Farmers

Located in the Panhandle. Complete equipment and stock for sale. Also for rent. Write for particulars.

BANK ACCOUNTS.

THE PANHANDLE.

QUICK ACTION.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

THE DENVER ROAD.

Give Us a Look AND WE Will Sell You Sure

What do you think of this line of implements? We think they are all right:

Parlin and Orendorf Buggies,
BAIN WAGONS,
Superior Grain Drills,
Success Sulky Plows,
Canton Walking Plows,
U Bar Lever Harrows,
Canton Disc Harrows,

Wood, Manse, Halladay and Comet Windmills.

**Superior Cook
AND
Heating Stoves**
For Wood
or Coal.

**Guns, Pistols and
AMMUNITION**

All kinds of tin work done
promptly to order.

Come and See us on East Side of Square

McNEILL & SMITH.

Haskell Telephone Company.

Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and
Direct lines to the following local places.

Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake,
Marey, Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton,
Coff, Irbey Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford,
Bayner, Orient, Gatlin, Munday, Seymour.

Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday.
Telegraph messages received and transmitted.

J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

CHINA AND QUEENSWARE

Attention is called to our extensive as-
sortment of plain and decorate china and
queensware.

Our line of ALFRED MEKIM'S English
china in handsome decorated patterns
will please you.

JAPANESE GOODS

Our line of hand decorated Japanese
vases and fancy ware is the prettiest
ever brought to Haskell.

Haskell Racket Store.

The wheel of a loaded wagon ran
over Mr. W. T. Lackey, who resides
a few miles south of town, last Sat-
urday, bruising and hurting his hips.
Dr. Gilbert was called to attend him
and reports him doing well and not
permanently crippled.

Mr. Joe Cato representing the Dal-
las Semi-Weekly News spent a day
or so in Haskell this week. He did
some business with the land agents
and got an ad from the Commercial
Club inviting inquiries from home-
seekers.

I HAVE SECURED THE AGENCY FOR WM. CAMERON & CO'S WALL PAPER

It is the finest selection out this year.
Cheap grades for all purposes; also
fine AMERICAN, ENGLISH and GER-
MAN PAPERS. Let me show you
the WM. CAMERON & CO. line; also
do your painting and paper hanging.
DROP ME A CARD OR LEAVE ORDERS AT

J. M. CORBIN, HASKELL.

No. 7825.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers National Bank, at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov. 12th, 1906.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	62,245.29
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,152.74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	909.15
Bonds, securities, etc.	211.82
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	4,500.40
Other real estate owned	1,225.00
Due from National Banks (not re- serve agents)	10,410.08
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,543.52
Due from approved reserve agents	31,846.48
Checks and other cash items	284.94
Notes of Other National Banks	1,045.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	10.20
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	
Specie	3,800.00
Legal-tender notes	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas- urer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	146,746.53

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,217.82
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	1,148.51
Due to State Banks and Bankers	12,116.50
Individual deposits subject to check	77,569.00
Time certificates of deposit	3,000.00
Total	146,746.53

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:
I, R. C. Montgomery, Cashier of the above-
named bank, do solemnly swear that the above
statement is true to the best of my knowledge
and belief.
R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19
day of Nov 1906.
H. S. Wilson,
Notary Public.

Messrs C. Boardner and J. V. Jones
of Stonewall county shipped four cars
of cattle from Haskell Thursday to
Fort Worth.
We have what you are looking for;
we will sell you 160 acres, and have
50,000 acres to pick from. Come now
and get first pick. Neal, Morgan &
Carter, Emma, Crosby Co., Texas.

WEST TEXAS LEADS.

The writer was a silent listener at
dinner the other day to a conversa-
tion between several drummers rep-
resenting Dallas wholesale houses, in
which they were discussing the mer-
its and conditions in the different
sections of the state in which they
travel. Not to attempt to report
their conversation, we will state that
they were agreed that Western Texas,
and especially several counties in
this section, were the most prosperous
in the state and were making the
most rapid strides in development.
One of them who was traveling for a
hardware and implement house
backed up his argument in favor of
this section with the statement that
their East Texas man had so far this
year turned in about \$70,000 worth of
business to the house while he from
West Texas and another man from
Central Texas had each turned in
nearly half a million dollars worth of
business, and he properly claimed
that his Western business was rela-
tively larger than that of the Central
man because of the much heavier
population throughout Central Texas.
It appeared from their conversa-
tion that Eastern Texas is less pros-
perous and its farming population in
more straitened circumstances than
in any other portion of the state. We
take it that their talk was a genuine
expression of their belief and of facts
within their knowledge, as the writer
was the only Haskell man present
and they did not know that he was a
newspaper man.

In Time of Peace

In the first months of the Russia-
Japan war we had a striking example
of the necessity for preparation and
the early advantage of those who, so
to speak, "have shingled their roofs
in dry weather." The virtue of prepa-
ration has made history and given to
us our greatest men. The individ-
ual as well as the nation should be
prepared for any emergency. Are
you prepared to successfully combat
the first cold you take? A cold can
be cured much more quickly when
treated as soon as it has been con-
tracted and before it has become set-
tled in the system. Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy is famous for its cures
of colds and it should be kept at hand
ready for instant use. For sale at
Terrell's drug store.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a special
meeting of the stockholders of the
Wichita Valley Railroad Company
has been called to convene at the gen-
eral office of said Company in the
town of Seymour, Baylor County,
Texas, at 8:30 o'clock p. m. on Mon-
day, the 26th day of November, 1906,
which meeting is called for the pur-
pose of considering and authorizing
the execution and delivery of the
First Mortgage Bonds of said Com-
pany in an amount not exceeding \$30-
000 per mile of completed standard
gauge railroad at any time owned by
said Company, said bonds to be pay-
able in gold coin at a time not ex-
ceeding thirty years from their date,
and to bear interest of 6 per cent per
annum payable semi-annually; and
for the purpose of authorizing the
making, execution and delivery of a
First Mortgage on the corporate prop-
erty and franchises of said Company
to secure the payment of the princi-
pal and interest of said bonds; and for
the purpose of authorizing and sanc-
tioning the issue and disposition of
its First Mortgage Bonds aforesaid;
and for the purpose of ratifying and
approving the minutes of the proceed-
ings of a directors meeting of this
Company held on June 26th, 1906, the
minutes of an adjourned meeting of
said Board held on the same date,
and the minutes of the proceedings of
a stockholders' meeting held on the
same date.

This, September 11th, 1906.
W. E. KAUFMAN, Secretary,
Wichita Valley Railroad Company.

Sells More of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than of All Others Put Together.

Mr. Thos. George, a merchant at
Mt. Elgin, Ontario, says: I have had
the local agency for Chamberlain's
Cough remedy ever since it was in-
troduced into Canada, and I sell as
much of it as I do of all other lines I
have on my shelves put together. Of
the many dozens sold under guar-
antee, I have not had one bottle re-
turned. I can personally recommend
this medicine as I have used it my-
self and given it to my children and
always with the best results." For
sale at Terrell's drug store.

Mrs. Marshall Surratt of Waco is
visiting Mrs. Wm. Oglesby at this
place. Her husband, Judge Surratt,
is the present district judge in the
Waco district.

GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

Common salt should be eaten with
nuts to aid digestion; Re-Go Tonic
Laxative Syrup should be used for
the certain cure of Constipation and
Biliousness. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bot-
tles sold at Terrell's drug store.

Miss Blanche Bazemore visited at
Stamford Wednesday.

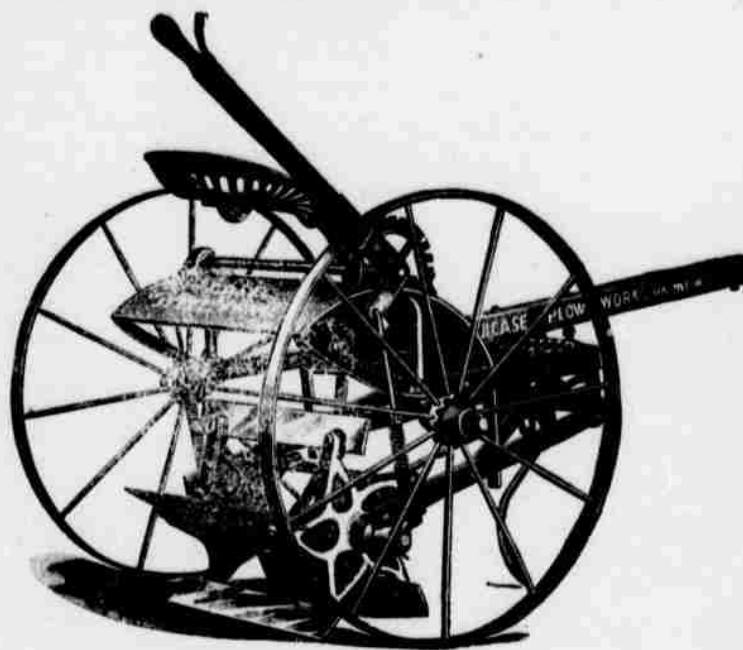
We have a large line of
House, Roof,
Barn and Buggy Paints

—ALSO—
Varnishes, Stains
and Enamels

which we are going to sell out between
now and JANUARY 1st at a very low price.
Don't fail to call on us and get our prices
before painting. We will save you money.

Collier-Andruss Co.

North Side Square - HASKELL, TEXAS.



THIS IS THE

J. I. CASE

steel frame stalk cutter with a 5 knife head. Equipped with
spring hitch, relieving horse of jar when at work, also, the head
spring relieves the operator of motion and prevents the loosening
of frame connections. Can apply any pressure, stalks never too
large or too small, just what you need this fall. Come and see them.

SHERRILL BROTHERS & CO.

J. W. BREWER Architectural and Building Company CONTRACTORS and BUILDERS

PLANS REASONABLE, ESTIMATES FURNISHED on Application.
Stair Building, Trimming and Decorating—SPECIALTIES.

Agents for Alfred Peats Wall Papers.

J. C. BREWER,
General Mgr.

E. M. BREWER,
R. A. BREWER.

J. W. BREWER,
Mgr. Paint Dept.

OPERA HOUSE STABLE HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

DAILY HACK TO RULE—Leave Haskell 7:25
Meets northbound train at Rule at 10:58 a. m.

We will furnish good rigs to all surrounding points.
Charges Moderate.
TRY US FOR PROMPT BUSINESS

SIMMONS BROS.

PRESSED BRICK

I am representing here the

Lone Star Pressed Brick Company OF FERRIS, TEXAS.

I will take orders for not less than carload lots for delivery at any
railroad station in the county.

The above company is making excellent brick which are giving
good satisfaction to builders. The company has a capital of \$40,000.

Phone No. 50. J. P. O'DANNEL, Local Agent,



CITY MEAT MARKET

MARSH & ENGLISH, Prop'rs.

Your Patronage Solicited.

We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meats Ob-
tainable in Their Seasons.

Subscribe for the FREE PRESS and Dallas News, \$1.75