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HASKELL'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There is no one thing of greater import to a town or community than its public school. There is not a town in Texas that has a greater pride in its school than Haskell, and we believe that there is not a town in the state that has a better school system than Haskell, nor a county in the state with a more systematic and successful school work than Haskell county. Such a spirit of progress is commendable and something to which any community or county may point with a great degree of pride.

Haskell public schools closed week before last, marking an epoch of success that has never before been achieved. The Free Press desired to give a complete resume of the past year's school work in our last issue, but was unable to do so, and announced last week that we hoped to be able to this week, but we will still have to disappoint our readers and ourselves, with reference to details, for we have been unable to gain the necessary data, although we have made an effort to obtain same.

Generally speaking, we can only say that the school work has been very harmonious, thorough and the most successful in the history of the school. Patrons, school trustees and teachers are alike gratified and pleased, and when such conditions exist, the best results may be expected to follow.

A number of entertainments were given during closing week, and each of the pupils on duty acquitted him or herself creditably, reflecting honor upon themselves and their teachers, showing thorough and painstaking instruction on the part of the teachers and careful and studious attention to the subjects in hand by the pupils.

The Free Press rejoices over such conditions, and hopes that the Haskell public school will continue to accomplish the great work for which our educational system was first designed and which has since reached such satisfactory perfection.

School Picnic At Howard.

On Friday, the 10th instant the Howard school, Prof. Comer, teacher; Whit Chapel, Prof. Clyde Foote, teacher; Post School, Prof. Franklin teacher; celebrated the close of the schools with a joint picnic and exercises in one of the beautiful groves on paint creek in Mr. Wileys pasture. The Senior editor had the pleasure of attending and desires to say in this connection that he spent a most pleasant day. There was a large crowd and the ladies of that community made a spread for the dinner that was bountiful, and baked chicken, the country cured ham, cakes and pies, were piled on the linen cloths that covered the ground for a hundred feet or more.

We never witnessed a more congenial hospitality to visitors who were made to feel at home.

The schools rendered a splendid program that was a credit to both the pupils and teachers. The singing and recitation, evidenced the best training in expression. We were given an opportunity to address the children, and said what we could to encourage the pupils in their efforts to attain an education.

We have visited this community before and we truly believe that Howard has the most hospitable people of any community we ever visited.

MOTHERS' DAY OBSERVED

Last Sunday was Mothers' Day and was appropriately observed in Haskell. A program had been arranged for services at the Methodist church in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Waggoner of the Baptist church conducted the service. Rev. Morrison of the Christain church read a scripture lesson and Rev. Garvin of the Methodist church invoked divine blessings upon the occasion.

The music was good. Mrs. Wallace Alexander favored the audience with a vocal solo, which was highly appreciated.

The first subject on the program was "The Importance of this Occasion," which was ably discussed by Judge H. G. McConnell. He brought out some great truths with reference to keeping in memory the noble sacrifices of mother and how necessary it was to meet in such meetings to do honor to her.

Following Judge McConnell Mrs. E. L. Adams favored the audience with a recitation, which was so beautifully said that tears welled into the eyes of nearly every person in the large audience before she had concluded.

Prof. I. G. McGee then addressed the audience on "The Domain of Motherhood," which proved that the speaker had a right conception of this important subject, and he did not fail to interest his hearers.

After this, talks on "Incidents in Mother's Life," were made by H. E. Bell, John B. Baker and G. J. Graham. In each talk was given some touching incident of mother, and those who heard them recalled many things perhaps that mother had done for them to which at the time little importance was attached, but now the memory of which is a glad reflection or a sad retrospection.

The address of W. H. Murchison on "Our Mothers as Heroes" was touching and helpful. Mr. Murchison is a forceful speaker and he used his usual eloquence in presenting this exceptionally splendid subject to great advantage. Hardly a dry eye could be seen in the audience during his graphic recital of the heroism of mother, and his elucy to the dual man, who possessed the characteristics of the human and divine man was superb.

The last number on the program was an address on "How to Honor our Mothers," by Judge A. J. Smith. This was a heart-to-heart talk, in which was related several incidents of how mother had been honored by young men of noble impulses and some dishonoring mother because of their lack of those qualities of appreciation of mother's worth.

Altogether the service was one of much benefit and pleasure. At the close a collection was taken for the Mothers' Club of this county, to be used in furthering the cause for which the Mothers' Congress was organized.

We clip and reproduce below a eulogy on "Mother," from the San Antonio Express, which we believe will be appreciated by every reader of the Free Press who has any remembrance of a loving mother's tender care:

"Mother is the most potent

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WORKING FOR WEST TEXAS

Thursday of last week quite a number of Haskell citizens attended a meeting at Hamlin of citizens of this section, the object of which was to perfect an organization, thru which the agricultural interests of Central West Texas might be conserved. The organization was completed and harmonious throughout. Its membership is composed of the leading farmers, business men and commercial clubs of Central West Texas. In addition to the farmers and business men in attendance at this meeting were representatives of the Wichita Valley, Texas Central, Orient, Abilene & Southern and Stamford & Northwestern railways, and all agreed to work in harmony for the betterment of the agricultural conditions in this section of the state. The call was issued for the meeting to be held at Hamlin and in response to same representatives were present from Haskell, Hamlin, Spur, Stamford, Aspermont, Roby and Anson.

Hamlin received the visitors in a most cordial style, and the organization began its work immediately after a delightful repast furnished by the Hamlin citizens. F. G. Alexander, of Haskell was named as temporary chairman and Hon. Chas. Brewington, Mayor of Stamford as temporary secretary. After permanent organization had been effected, expressions were had from the different towns represented, as well as the representatives of the different railroads and also a number of farmers, all of whom agreed that such an organization was necessary and practical and all pledged their hearty moral and financial support to the same. It was then decided to go into permanent organization, the following officers being elected: A. D. McLaughlin, President, Hamlin; J. E. Poole, 1st. v-president, Haskell; Homer D. Wade, Secretary-Treasurer, Stamford. The By-Laws provide for a membership fee of \$2.50 per month for towns of 1,500 population and under, \$3.50 per month for towns 1,500 to 2,000, \$4.00 per month for towns of 2,000 to 3,000, \$5.00 per month for towns over 3,000. It also provides for an individual membership of \$1.00 per month and as much more as individual members desire to contribute. It also provides that editors of newspapers affiliating with the association are active members without payment of dues. All individual members are entitled to one vote in the meetings, and all towns holding memberships are entitled to three votes. The Association will have bi-monthly meetings and the second meeting will be held in Haskell, the second Thursday in July.

The boundaries of the Association were fixed as follows: The Texas & Pacific Railway from Abilene to Sweetwater, the Orient Railway from Sweetwater to Knox City, the Wichita Valley Railway from Abilene to Munday, the Stamford and Northwestern Railway from Stamford to Spur, the Texas Central Railway from Leuders to Rotan, the Abilene and Southern from Abilene to Hamlin, and all of the towns included in these boundaries.

J. W. Neill, director of Far-

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MILLIONS LOST YEARLY

The latest statistics from the best authentic source show the total losses through altered checks and drafts, in 1911, amounted to \$15,000,000, and is constantly on the increase. At first reading these figures seem almost incredulous; but statistics are hard things to get around, and we are brought face to face with a very serious condition.

To a carefully trained eye, a forged signature is easily detected in most cases, though the forger sometimes attains facilities for copying signatures that are next to the artistic. However, the most popular way among crooks seems to be that of securing, through various ways, a check of small amount with the genuine signature of a depositor, and raising the amount to a fancy figure. The banker, after close scrutiny of the signature, pays the check, and within due time—often two or three weeks, the man who originally signed a small check finds that a large one has been paid; and the hard part of it is that it is over his own signature.

It is much easier to raise a check than most people imagine. It doesn't require great skill to raise a check from \$4 to \$40, or from \$5 to \$50. This is true of almost any of the even multiples of five. Even when the face of the check can not be changed by adding prefixes or suffixes, the clever crook simply erases the writing with an acid and fills in an amount to his own liking. This is even done on "safety paper," which is supposed by many to be proof against such tricks of the crook. A case recently came to light in Texas where a check, written on "safety paper," had been raised from \$2.10 to \$50.10. A few slight changes with pen and ink, with one little acid change, accomplished the trick.

The cleverness of the check-raising crook is manifest by the fact that he never tampers with the signature, but devotes his operations to changing the amount. The banker is naturally interested in the signature, and that being genuine, raised checks are often paid by bankers. It is very necessary that all people doing a banking business exercise all possible care in writing their checks, as in nearly every case in which a check-raiser figures it is the individual giving the check, and not the bank which sustains the loss.

The banking laws are such that the man who draws a check is protected only in the signature, and not the body of the check. For instance, if a check signed by William Morris for \$5 has been raised to \$500, and the signature has not been altered Mr. Morris is the person who loses the \$495, and not the bank. However, if the signature has been changed and the bank paid the money on the check, then the bank is liable.

So many cases of check-raising have come to light in Texas that the association detective has asked the co-operation of all banks to stamp it out. Banks can aid greatly by advising and insisting on their depositors using all precautions in writing their checks.—Texas Bankers Journal.

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THE METHO- DIST MEETING

Attention is again called to the beginning of the protracted meeting at the Methodist church next Sunday. The public in general is invited to attend these services, and the co-operation of the christian people and signers of the town will be very much appreciated.

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It began to rain here Monday night and rained nearly all night and nearly all day Tuesday. This rain assures the best small grain and feed crop Haskell county has made in years.

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LOCAL NOTES

Miss Barton visited in Stamford Sunday.

We are in the market for poultry and eggs. Co-operative Store.

W. M. Ferguson of Sagerton was in the city Monday.

Miss U. T. Stodghill and children are visiting in Waco.

W. H. Reeves of Munday spent a day or two in the city this week.

Wanted—\$2000 worth of Haskell Co. scrip. J. H. Meadors.

Paul and Mrs. Turrentine left Sunday to visit in Missouri.

I have some gasoline engines for sale on trade. J. D. Kinnison.

Bring your eggs and poultry to Co-operative Store.

I. E. Warren was in the city Sunday.

Ernest McGee has returned from a trip to Abilene.

Join our club, \$1.00 per month. Club Tailoring Co.

Mr. R. H. Ewing is visiting in Fort Worth.

Miss Lucy Stogner is visiting in Denley county.

O. M. Addison of Parkerton was in the city Monday.

Rev. T. N. Akis of the north west side was in the city Monday.

Miss H. D. Yeager is visiting her sister at Cisco.

Suits made strictly to your measure at custom made prices. Rube Brewer.

W. C. McCollum returned Thursday from a business trip to Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Andrus of Mufson are visiting relatives in this city.

Buy a club membership for \$1.00 per month. Club Tailoring Co.

C. D. Walker, representing the Fort Worth Record was in the city Monday.

Miss Gladis Odum has arrived from San Angelo where she has been attending school.

Barley, corn, milo maize and wheat seed for sale at M. A. Clifton.

Miss A. C. Sherick has returned from a visit to her brother at Brown, Texas.

500 acres of land in Oklahoma, some money and an automobile to exchange for Haskell county land. T. G. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pace returned from South Texas Monday.

Mrs. J. K. Quinn of Thorndale is visiting her son, F. L. Daugherty of this place.

Grover and D. D. Dunwoody of Anson, spent Sunday with their brother, Will Dunwoody, in the city.

Why have your wife to do it when you can get it done for \$1.00 per month by the Club Tailoring Co?

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garrison of Hollis, Oklahoma are visiting W. H. Parsons the father of Mrs. Garrison.

Misses Kinnie and Emmie Hardeman have returned from an extended visit to relatives at Gainesville.

I have some small farms in Comanche county to trade for Haskell county land. See me at once. J. D. Kinnison.

Miss Bessie Cooper who has been visiting in Rule took the train here Thursday for her home in Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. W. Collins and daughters, Misses Ellene and Mare Sue left Thursday morning to visit relatives at Munday.

Remember I have two of the best and finest Tailoring companies on the market, Ed V. Price & Co., and Meyer & Co., Chicago. Rube Brewer.

Misses Jeanette and Esther McCulloh visited in Stamford this week.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

Prof. Fred Mendick, left on the south bound train Monday for Avoca in Jones county.

Rev. S. D. Roberts has returned from a visit to his old home at Barlett.

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Mrs. W. T. Hudson visited her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Robertson at Weinert several days this week.

Mrs. Alice Nolen visited her son, Dr. Nolen of Weinert Thursday.

I can make money and you can save money. Hair cut 25cts. at A. P. Kinnison's Barber Shop.

Miss B. Hefner left Monday for Goree where she is visiting friends.

Rowden by boll cotton seed, \$1.00 per bushel. Come at once. M. A. Clifton.

L. V. Smith left Monday for Port Arthur. He said he might move his family to that place.

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Messrs Gus Grussendorf and Riechle have returned from a visit to Gainesville.

Mrs. F. P. Smith of Waxahachie is visiting her son, J. Walker Smith of this city.

Mrs. E. A. Chambers and children left Thursday for Seymour to visit relatives in that city.

Let me put a concrete top on your storm cellar. G. B. Powell.

Miss Fannie Carr of Greenville is visiting her brother, I. P. Carr of this city.

Mrs. Henry Johnson has returned from a visit to relatives in Stamford.

Mrs. B. H. Getz, who has been visiting Mrs. A. M. Getz returned to her home in Fort Worth Friday.

Miss Catharine Davis visited Throckmorton the early part of the week.

Miss Bird McNeely of O'Brien is visiting Mrs. J. W. McNeely, of the east side.

Mrs. J. A. Lackey, of Stamford, visited her son, Mabrey and family in the city this week.

Misses Maggie Moore and Mamie Odell and Messrs. Jack Swope and Fred Alexander attended a baseball game at Stamford Monday afternoon.

A. Yates who has been visiting in this city has returned to his home at Wichita Falls. He was accompanied by his brother, B. F. Yates.

Mrs. F. M. Todd and daughter Miss Eupha left Thursday for Waco and Killeen where they will spend some time visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Gordon B. McGuire and children and her sister, Miss Jimmie Morgan left Thursday for Palacios, where they will spend the summer.

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Rev. Geo. H. Morrison, Pastor of the First Christain church left Sunday for the State Convention of Christain Churches at Houston 13th to 16th.

Will Furnace and wife and little daughter left Tuesday of this week for Belton to spend a week or two with relatives and old friends.

Judge Thomas and District Attorney Stinson of Anson, passed through here Monday on their way to Throckmorton to hold a term of court. On Monday, May 27th District court will convene at this place.

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Rev. J. E. Nicholson and family of Avoca, and Miss Sweet Warren of Bethel were visiting the families of T. E. Bowman and B. M. Whitaker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reeves of Rule were in the city Monday. They were accompanied by W. B. Phillips; a brother of Mrs. Reeves, who took the train here for his home at Abilene.

Payments, hereafter, for lights will be required to be made at light plant office or by check not later than the tenth of each month and if not paid by this time service will be discontinued. It is too expensive to keep a collector. Haskell Power Co.

Lost—Between Haskell Free Press and H. G. McConnell's residence, a purse containing key and two bright pieces of steel (printers rules). Return to this office and receive reward.

J. F. Collier has returned from the Confederate Reunion at Macon, Georgia. Mr. Collier visited his old home in Georgia as well as in Alabama where he lived and has a younger brother.

Miss Madge English, who was called here a few days ago to attend the bedside of her father, Lacy English, who died a few days ago, returned to her home in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Fields Entertains.

At the hour of three, Thursday afternoon, more than fifty ladies assembled at the beautiful home of Mrs. J. U. Fields to meet her charming house party consisting of Mrs. Press Baldwin, Miss Baldwin, Miss Edith Baldwin of Windom, Texas, Mrs. B. H. Getz of Ft. Worth and Miss Flo Tandy of Oklahoma. Roses in profusion decorated parlor, reception hall and dining room, lending their beauty and perfume to the already attractive interior. Twelve tables of "42" furnished diversion for several hours, followed by a daintily prepared luncheon of salad, cream and cake. A half hour of enjoyable conversation with the visiting ladies completed a most delightful afternoon. Mrs. Fields was assisted in caring for her guests by Mesdames Hollis Fields, Bruce Bryant, Lewis Ellis and L. M. Garrett. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of this gracious hostess were:

Mesdames Bryant, Cogdell, Getz, B. H. Getz (Ft. Worth), Key, Long, McGregor, Scott, Wilson, Blanks, Williams, Keister, McConnell, Shook, Ira Ellis, H. Fields, Martin, Press Baldwin, Guest, Geo. Fields, W. Killingsworth, Morton, W. Alexander, Graham, Ross, Rike, Patterson, Adams, Robertson, Sanders, Lewis Ellis, McCulloh, Sutherland, Baker, Montgomery, Couch, Bailey, Garrett, Elkins, Pitchford, Misses Baldwin, Edith Baldwin, Flo Tandy, McConnell, Dulin Fields, Lucile Hughes, Mamie Meadors, Analida Hughes, Minnie Ellis.

G. J. Miller has returned from the old confederates reunion at Macon, Ga. He had the misfortune to get his arm broken by being thrown from a buggy in north Georgia near his old home. We can report however, that he is getting along all right and said he enjoyed his trip.

Mrs. Joe Murphey of Ft. Worth, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collier, returned to her home Friday. She was accompanied by her nephew, Master Henry Collier, who will visit with her a few days.

Miss Day's Recitals.

Haskell people were given a treat on Thursday and Friday nights of last week that will long be remembered with pleasure and satisfaction in the oratorical and declamation contests.

Thursday night was the oratorical contest in which six young men, Buel Baker, Ernest Grissom, Cleveland Pierson, Curtis Ballard, Paul Loven and Raymond Lewis fought a battle royal for first and second honors. The orations were original ones, and each of the young men in his production showed excellent talent, great depth of thought and a quick and active conception of his subject, and each deserves special commendation for the splendid manner in which he presented his number. Ernest Grissom won first place and Curtis Ballard second place, and each was awarded a handsome medal.

Friday night in the declamation contest there were eleven boys in the contest, as follows: Robert Williams, David Falkner, Eugene Williams, Homer Tompkins, Delbert Hudson, John Loven, Alfred Pierson, Alex Bullock, Thomas Ballard, Miller Woodson, Clyde Grissom. Each of the young men acquitted himself very creditably. Alex Bullock won first honors and Clyde Grissom second, and each was awarded a handsome medal.

At each entertainment delightful music was interspersed by local musicians.

Miss Day may well feel proud of her work in Haskell. Her class has proven her a very competent expression teacher, and this feature of school work is gaining in favor every year with parents who have pride in the improvement of their boys in oratory.

Singing Convention.

The West Haskell Singing convention will meet at Whitman's school house the 4th Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to attend and bring a well filled basket.

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LEON GILLIAM, Assistant Cashier

G. A. Wilmuth of Fort Worth was in the city this week. Mr. Wilmuth was a citizen of the old Ample community ten years ago. He owns a farm in Jones county. While here he called on his old friend P. G. Yoe of this city.

LOST—A small purse in Haskell Tuesday evening, the 9th, at or on the way to the depot, from Holland hotel. Has a pair of eye glasses, grab hook to hook on other glasses, about \$2.00 in silver. Finder will be liberally rewarded. Please notify or send to Mrs. J. C. Wiggins, Rochester, Texas, Route 2, Box 4.

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J. R. WALTON, Prop.

HASKELL, TEXAS.

Obituary.

Word was received here this week from members of the family that Grandma Tucker died at Pecos on Sunday, May 12th and was buried there next day. This news will cause sorrow to most of the pioneers of this western country.

From the meager information available at this time the following facts are given in connection with her life. Francis Adaline Duncan, was born in Mississippi in 1820, she being a daughter of Vardeman Duncan of Mississippi. She was about ninety-two years old at the time of her death. She was married to Col. Thos. F. Tucker in Shelby County Texas, at an early day and they moved to West Texas the year after the war. The family moved to Haskell county several years before the county was organized in Jan. 1885. Col. Thomas F. Tucker was the first county judge of the county and his oldest son Alex was the first sheriff. Col. Tucker's remains rest in Willow Cemetery in Haskell, he having been buried there with Masonic honors the date of his death being May 21st, 1886. Of a family of eight children they were all with her at the time of her death except a son who was in Arizona and could not be reached, and Mike, who was killed by lightning near Southeast corner of the public square in Haskell over twenty years ago. The surviving children are Mrs. J. F. Massey, Bug Tucker and Thomas F. Tucker, Jr., who live at Pecos; Joe and Babe Tucker who live in Arizona, and Alex and George Tucker who live in New Mexico. The youngest son, George is a member of the legislature in the newly organized state of New Mexico. Mrs. Tucker was looked after during the last eight years of her life with faithful solicitude by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kate Tucker, the widow of Mike Tucker.

At the time this writer came to Haskell county in the early part of 1884, the Tucker family were liv-

ing at the old California Ranch just below where the McKenzie trail crosses California Creek, 15 miles southeast of Haskell.

He lived with the family there during the winter of 1884, and became well acquainted with them. Grandma Tucker was probably the first home keeper in Haskell county and her home was a haven of refuge for all the cowboys for a hundred miles around.

I have seen her and Mrs. Massey get up in the night to administer the needs of the cowboys of distant ranches who had been without food for more than a day. They kept an open house, and I never saw Col. Tucker charge anyone for his accommodation. They were made welcome as long as they wanted to stay and on departing were urged to come again. Such lavish hospitality was necessarily a great drain on the limited resources of Col. Tucker. There was no latch string but the door always stood open to welcome every guest. They were typical of this western country in that day and time—a day that has passed away, never to return. I have never known a kinder or more motherly woman than Grandma Tucker. This writer can bear witness to her goodness of heart, when a mere lad and far from home and loved ones, and in illness he was cared for with almost a mother's solicitude.

He with every other old timer who knew her drops a tear to her memory and tenders sincere sympathy to her children.

Peace to her dust.

S. W. Scott.

There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all dealers.

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A Beautiful Word Picture.

I have wondered a thousand times if an infidel ever looked through a telescope. The universe is a dream of God and the heavens declare His glory. There is our mighty sun robed in the brightness of his eternal fires, and with the planets forever wheeling round. Yonder is Mercury and Venus, and there is Mars, the ruddy globe whose poles are white with snow, and whose other zones seem dotted with seas and continents. Who knows but that his roseate color is only the blush of his flowers? Who knows but what Mars may now be a paradise inhabited by a blessed race, unsullied by sin, untouched by death. The giant orb of Jupiter, the champion of the skies, belted and sashed with vapor and clouds; and Saturn, haloed with bands of lights and jeweled with eight ruddy moons, and there is Uranus, another stupendous world speeding on its prodigious circles of tireless journey around the sun. And yet another orbit cuts the outer rim of our system, and on its gloomy pathway, there, the lonely Neptune walks the cold, dim solitude of space. In the immeasurable depths beyond appeal millions of suns, so distant that their light could not reach us in a thousand years. Here, spangling the curtains of the black profound, shine the constellations

is there no life and intelligence in this throng of spheres? Are there no sails on those faraway summer seas, no wings to cleave those crystal airs, no forms divine to walk those radiant fields? Are there no eyes to see these floods of light, no hearts to share with ours that love which holds all these mighty orbs of space.

It cannot be! It cannot! Surely there is a God! If there is not, life is a dream, human experience is a phantom, and the universe is a flouting lie.—Bob Taylor.

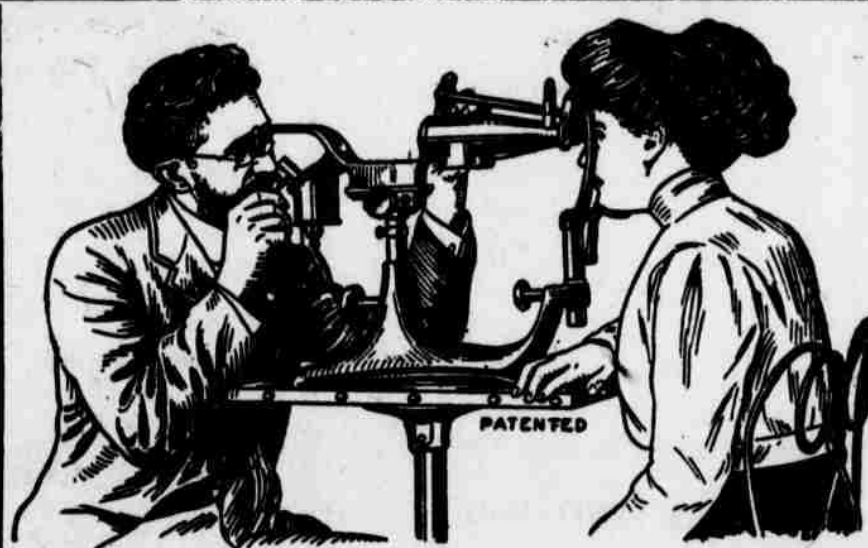
Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your digestion and improve your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

POPULAR EXCURSION TO GALVESTON VIA I & G N RY., FRIDAY, MAY 24 ACCOUNT OPENING GREATER GALVESTON CAUSEWAY.

Excursion tickets will be sold for Trains arriving Galveston Friday afternoon, May 24, and Saturday morning, May 25. Returning leave Sunday May 26. For rates and particulars call upon Ticket Agent.

Mrs. M. Bishop, Columbus, Kansas, suffered from a weak back a good many years, as a result of kidney trouble. "I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon after the pain left my back and today I am fully cured." For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

Subscribe for the Free Press.



This shows our New Optical Instrument in use.

PARSONS & BREWER

North Side Square.

that sparkle like crown jewels of God. There are double and triple and quadruple suns for different colors, comingling their gorgeous hues and flaming like archangels on the frontier of stellar space. If we look beyond the most distant star, the black walls are flecked with innumerable patches of flimsy light like dewey gosamers of the spider's loom that dot our fields at morn. What beautiful forms we trace among these phantoms of light, circles, and eclipses and crowns and shields, and spiral wreaths of pale silver. And what are they? Did I say phantoms of light? A telescope revolves them into millions of suns standing out from the ocean of white hot matter which contains the germ of countless systems yet to be. And far removed from us are these suns that the light which comes to us from them tonight has been spreading on its way for more than two million years.

What is that white belt we call the milky way which spans the heavens and sparkles like a Sahara of diamonds? It is a river of stars; it is a gulf stream of suns, and of each of the suns holds in its grasp a mighty stream of planets, as ours does, how many multiplied millions of worlds like ours are now circling in that immeasurable con-course?

Oh, where are the bounds of this divine conception? Where ends this dream of God? And

Losses Adjusted.

The following claims of losses and damages by hail that came on May 3rd have been adjusted by the Hail Storm and Underwriters Co., of Fort Worth, Texas.

J. M. Jiles	\$148.61
H. A. King	230.47
W. A. Tanner	34.37
J. A. Kemp	65.25
F. M. Edwards	65.62
G. S. Berry	36.00
G. R. Medley	86.87
J. M. Medley	18.90
E. H. Yates	102.12
J. R. Mitchell	112.50

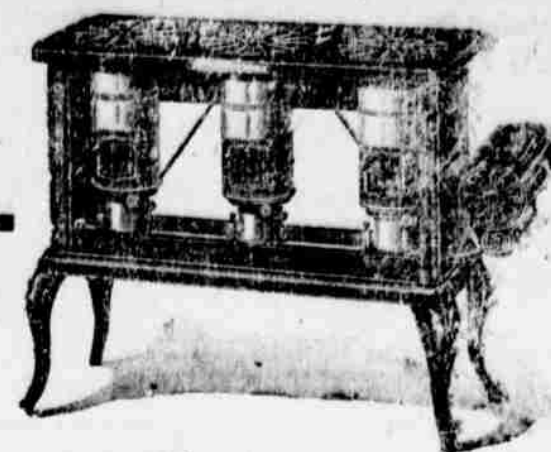
H. H. EDWARDS, AGENT, WEINERT, TEXAS.

Henry Ferris, Hadar, Nebr., is the father of ten children and for the past 20 years has used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound with the best of results. He tells us: "I think Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the best cough medicine in the world for I have used it for the past 20 years and can recommend it to anyone needing a cough medicine." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

County Court.

The county court has been in session for the past two weeks, and has about completed the docket for the term. There were two convictions for theft. One of the defendants got ten days in jail and a fine of ten dollars. The other got three days in jail and a fine of ten dollars. The court tried five civil cases and continued several.

Phone 79 for pressing or cleaning, Rube Brewer, north side square, Haskell.



The Blue Flame Oil Stove

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All The Latest Improvements

SEE THEM AT

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Commissioners Court.

The Commissioners Court convened Monday, and passed orders follows, viz:

Petition of C. W. Dodson et al for new road granted and W. Z. Wadzeck, W. M. Harrwell, H. A. Lamb, Will Broan and W. M. Mosely were appointed a jury of view.

Petition of C. W. Brown et al for new road granted and C. W. Denson, J. C. Johnson, A. B. Williams, Phil Aycock and J. A. Hester were appointed a jury of view.

Petition of J. L. Jones et al for new road granted.

Petition of M. J. Nix et al for election to levy a school tax in district No. 13 granted and election ordered for June 13, 1912.

Order entered nunc pro tunc authorizing suit to be brought on the official bond of J. W. Meadors and authorizing the employment of counsel.

The quarterly reports of Guy O. Street, district clerk; W. J. Fairis, commissioner precinct no. 2; W. D. Falkner, sheriff; J. S. Post, J. P.; and Emory Menefee, treasurer, were approved by the court.

There were several orders made correcting errors in assessments and collection of taxes and refunds of money paid on same.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

Notice.

Every body welcome to loaf with me—glad to have you. Rube Brewer.

Abilene Normal and Simmons College Summer School.

Covers both series of examinations, June 10, Aug. 11. Faculty of six College graduates and Primary teachers.

College credit for courses completed. College equipments and surroundings.

Board \$15.00 a month. Tuition, Normal Course, \$25.00, one series, \$10.00 both. College \$6.00 to \$10.00. Address J. D. Standefer, Coordinator and President Simmons College.

Tomlinson's Liver.

Simmons' Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for constipation and disordered liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.

M. M. Tomlinson, Oswego Kansas.

TAKEN UP—A black Poland China sow. No mark or brand. Owner please call for the sow and pay expenses for keeping her also for this notice. 20-2t pd Frank Blakemore.

Farm Loans.

If you want a loan on your land it will be to your interest to see me, as I am prepared to handle all good business offered, and can give you prompt inspections and satisfactory service.

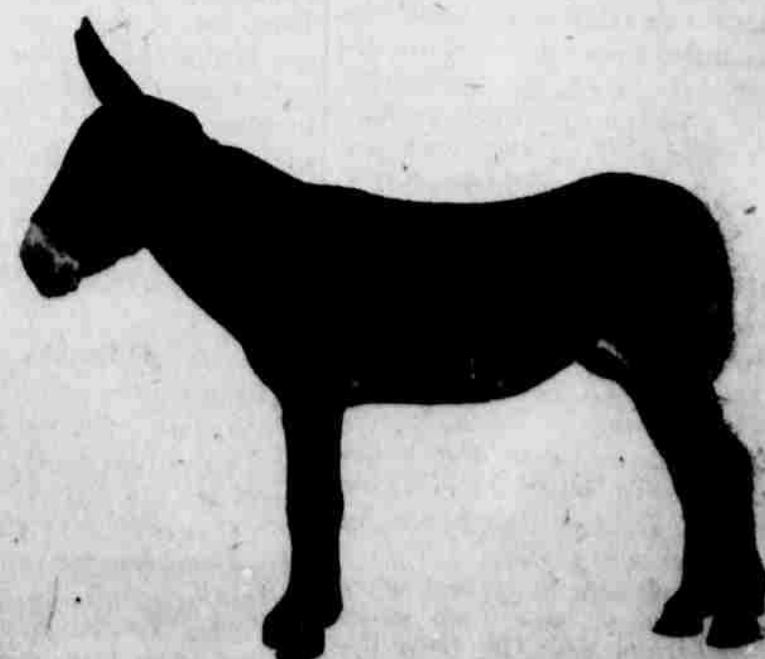
Better get that loan matter adjusted while prospects are good. Remember last season! J. L. Robertson, In State Bank, Haskell, Texas.

A Painful Operation.

"I have got to perform a very distasteful operation this morning," remarked the eminent surgeon.

"What is that?" "One of my rich patients wants me to cut a little something off his bill."—Pittsburg Post.

"BLACK PAT"



Black Pat is 2 1/2 years old, 15 hands high, black Mammoth with white paunch. He will make the season at my place near the Haskell cemetery. Terms 10.00 to insure foal.

I WILL also have the J. L. Linville horse, which I will make the season at my place, at \$10.00 to insure foal.

W. A. NEAL

YOUR ATTENTION

You like to live well. You can't enjoy life in the best way without fresh and pure

GROCERIES

We appreciate your liberal patronage in the past, and promise to give you the best service and best goods to be had in the future.

Haskell Co-Operative Store

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cents per line per issue.
Obituaries, Resolutions and Cards of
Thanks, 5 cents per line per issue.

HASKELL, TEXAS, May 18, 1912.

The editor of this paper is a democrat and likes to indulge in politics as much as any one who is not a politician; he wants Harmon to be president of the United States; but this question, with all its vital importance, is nothing compared to us folks here in Bartlett getting a sewerage system or a fine brick hotel.—Bartlett Tribune.

Now, that sounds like good old common, business sense. What's the use to waste time and space talking politics, when you know everybody is going to vote like he wants to, anyway. The thing for the local paper to do, is to tell of the good things his town has, and suggest the good things it is in need of.

Do not lose your good judgment over politics, candidates and political measures. Study political questions and discuss them with your neighbors if you wish, but remember that your neighbors have a right to their opinions. In looking for candidates to support consider their moral qualifications as well as their scholarship. No man who is not morally clean, no matter how intellectual he may be, deserves support.—Farm & Ranch.

It is more fun to see a man read a puff on himself in a newspaper than to see a fat man slip on a banana peel. The narrow minded man reads it over seven or eight times, and then goes around to appropriate what copies he can. The kind-hearted man goes around to the office and pays what he owes. The successful business man who advertises regularly and makes money by it, immediately starts out to find the editor and the two walk silently down the street, and the business man takes sugar in his and they both eat a clover or two and life is sweeter and peace settles down on their hearts for a moment. Such is the experience of a mustard seed that falls on different ground.—Gilpin Observer.

Singing Convention.

Last Sunday we attended the singing convention at Joe Bailey. There was a large crowd in attendance and we met many old friends as well as many new acquaintances. The singing was good and everybody enjoyed it, but no one could ever forget the beautiful dinner provided by the good wives of the community. There was an improvised pavilion provided in Jake Shipman's pasture, and that gentleman put in the day making everybody feel welcome. Among the old settlers were the Clarke's, Grissom's, Foats, Overby's, Livingood's, and many more who have become identified with the citizenship of Haskell county. There were our old friends we use to know in Ellis county in the later 70's. We met Mrs. H. E. Bland, whom we had not seen in 32 years.

We saw some of the best wheat and oats we have seen in the county and with the rains that have fallen in the past few hours and as we write this the Joe Bailey community are going to make an abundance of everything this year.

Notice To Breeders.

I am 4 1/2 miles on the Throckmorton road and am breeding for \$5 and \$8 and have fine blooded Jacks. See them. Warren T. Boatwright.

In Advertising.

Says an Exchange:
"If you took your little toter and then lay way your horn, There's not a soul in ten short days will know that you were born."
The man who gathers pumpkins is the man who plows all day, And the man who keeps a humping is the man who makes it pay.
The man who advertises with short and sudden jerks Is the man who blames the editor because it never works.
The man who gets the business has a strong and steady pull, He keeps his trade and paper from year to year quite full, He plans his advertisement in a thoughtful, honest way, And keeps forever at it until he makes it pay."

City Building Notes.

By Commercial Secretaries.
You can start a city but it takes capital to make it go.
To be progressive is to hold the card of entree to the money bags of capital.

The majority of visitors notice the condition of a city's streets and side walks the first thing. If the streets are unkempt and the sidewalks few and far between, they usually take the first train back.

Good roads are more essential than million dollar court houses, the one benefits the masses, the other the classes.

A commercial organization is the backbone of a city; it builds factories, advocates home industry and is in favor of every movement that makes for the progress and upbuilding of the city.

The success depends on the progressiveness of its citizens.

Keep a pushing and a pulling, and it will not be long before others will join in and help lighten the burden.

Boost your city with a membership card in the local commercial organization.

Experience shows that by devoting half your time to boosting the city, your business will double as a result.

Keep your city in the limelight. Cities have sprung into prominence in a day.

Make your city the "bright spot" of Texas.

"Brighten up"—swat the fly and never say die.

Patronizing home merchants is not a charitable act, but a dutiful one.

Alfalfa Hay.

Last Monday we saw two tons of alfalfa that was grown on the farm of F. L. Daugherty, six miles south of Haskell, that looked good to us. Mr. Daugherty said he sowed the alfalfa last April, that it stood the drouth of last year and that he had cut about five tons from his five acre patch. He sold the hay to E. A. Chambers, the grain man at \$21 per ton. The rain Monday night probably spoiled three tons, but it will soon be replaced by the new crop that will come right away. Mr. Daugherty holds the honor and distinction of being the first farmer in this county to market alfalfa hay of his own production. In this connection we would suggest that alfalfa hay would be the thing to have for early spring feed. Every farmer should sow some alfalfa now. Diversification will be the salvation of the farmers of Texas.

A Safe Investment.

If you take out hail insurance on your crop you can't lose, if you have only a small hail storm it will damage you to the amount of your premium, and if you have a total loss you will get full amount of your policy, so come and take out hail insurance in the St Paul Fire and Marine, the only Old Line Company writing this kind of insurance. Henry Johnson, Resident Agent Haskell, Texas.

Notice.

If you desire any kind of insurance Henry Johnson has the agency.

GREAT MAY SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR EMBROIDERY, WHITE GOODS, SILKS ETC.

A fortunate purchase of Muslin Underwear enables us to offer you the greatest Muslin Underwear values in the history of our business. We bought the entire muslin underwear stock of Harris Lipsitz Dry Goods Co. for less than factory cost. They wanted to close out their entire lot of muslin underwear and we bought it for less than it cost them in New York.

Likewise we are in position to give and are giving real genuine bargains in White Goods, Silks, Embroideries, etc. Our Stock is brim full of the newest things in these goods. In fact it is too full and in order to reduce it we make these unusual prices.

Sale Begins Friday Morning May 17th.

And Ends Saturday May 24th.

Below we list some genuine bargains in New desirable and seasonable goods and right at a time when you need them most.

A Magnificent Display of Beautiful Under-muslins at Lowest Prices

Correctly designed, prettily trimmed and priced as good under-muslins never were before. This collection of Dainty Princes Slips, Corset covers, Skirts and Gowns, presents a rare opportunity to supply your needs for months to come at substantial savings.

UNDERSKIRTS

Daintily trimmed in Lace and Embroidery made of good material and priced for less than their real worth.

\$3.50 quality for	\$2.25
3.00 " "	1.95
1.50 " "	.95
1.00 " "	.75
.85 " "	.55
.65 " "	.40

GOWNS

Here are real gown values. They are perfectly made, neatly trimmed and offered at real bargains.

\$2.50 quality for	\$1.85
1.75 " "	1.15
1.50 " "	.95
1.25 " "	.85
.85 " "	.65
.65 " "	.45

PRINCES SLIPS

The Seasons Daintiest Creations perfectly made, handsomely trimmed and made of the best lingere and lawn—Rare values.

\$3.50 quality for	\$2.85
3.00 " "	2.35
2.50 " "	1.90
2.00 " "	1.45
1.50 " "	1.10

Real Silk Bargains

Beautiful foulards and Mesaline in New Rich patterns at extremely low prices.

\$1.00 quality	79c
.75 " "	55c

By all means buy your silk during this sale if you expect to buy this season.

SILK STRIPE VOILE

in Light Blue, Lavender and pink. A beautiful cloth. A regular 50c value for only

35c
50c FANCY SILKS
in a large assortment of designs for only
35c

Real Fine Embroideries were never so Low

Beautiful, Imported Swiss Embroideries for less than their worth. We have bought to heavy on this high class embroideries and to reduce our stock offer you this beautiful, freshly new and clean embroidery for less than its actual intrinsic worth.

42 Inch Flouncings

\$2.00 Baby Irish flouncings beautiful design on fine quality Bateste for **\$1.45**
\$1.50 Irish embroidery new designs for only **\$1.15**
\$1.25 quality **95c**

Swiss Embroidery

in all widths from 3 to 10 inches. Some patterns with insertion to match. All beautiful in design and quality and priced at substantial savings.

BARGAINS IN WHITE QUILTS

Everything that is white is the motto of this Sale so all white quilts are reduced. \$3.50 quality for **\$3.00**, \$3.00 quality for **\$2.40**, \$2.50 quality for **\$1.95**, \$2.00 quality for **\$1.65**, \$1.50 quality for **1.25**

Laces are the favorite

trimmings this season. There are many beautiful new designs in our stock which we offer at reduced prices.

LACE BANDING

in White and Ecru in all widths from 4 to 9 inches at big reductions.

WIDE TORCHON LACE

3 inches wide per yd	5c
5c Val. lace " "	2 1/2c
10c " " " "	8c
15c " " " "	12c
12c " " " "	10c
20c " " " "	15c

White Goods, Sheer and Beautiful at Reductions that will surprise and appeal.

The newest, freshest white goods of the season are in our stock and are priced at big reductions such as the following.

35c Lace Stripe Goods	25c
75c " " " "	45c
25c Dainty Dimity Checks	19c
12 1/2c " " " "	10c
40c White Goods for	29c
50c " " " "	39c

Everything in White Goods is Reduced.

BARGAINS IN SILK POPLINS

65c quality in Lavender Copenhagen, Champagne, in a beautiful 40 inch material for only per yd.	35c
85c quality in same cloth for only	49c

American Beauty Corsets at Big Savings

American Beauty Corsets conform to the latest dictates of Dame fashion. They are scientifically designed giving comfort, grace, ease and service to the wearer. They are the product of skilled artists and

EVERY CORSET IS GUARANTEED

\$2.00 quality for only	\$1.49
1.75 " " " "	1.35
1.50 " " " "	1.15
1.00 " " " "	.90

LADIES UNDER VESTS

25 Dozen New Vests at Special Prices	
20c Vests for	15c
15c " " " "	12 1/2c
25c Vests for	20c
12 1/2c " " " "	10c

Big Savings in Things You Need

Various articles of Standard worth, Seasonable and in demand right now. They are yours for less than their actual worth.

LADIES HANDKERCHIEFS

of cross bar and plain with dainty figures embroidered in corner regular 10c value now 4 for

25c

SERPENTINE CREPE

in all the new colors and designs a 20c value for per yard

per yard	15c
20c flaxon for	17c
Summer Lap Robes 85c and \$1.00 values for	55c
Ladies 50c Black Lace Hose	25c

LADIES TAILORED WAISTS

in plain white and some trimmed in blue \$1.50 values for only

75c
\$1.25 Tailored Waists for
3.00 " " " "

LIGHT PERCALE

for aprons is in big demand right now, excellent 10c quality for

8 1/2c	
12 1/2c and 15c figured lawn for	10c
New Curtain Nets beautiful new arabian nets at big reductions, 35c quality	25c , 50c quality 40c , 65c quality 50c

Hardy Grissom



These Are the Best Beans I've Ever Tasted

I have been identified, one way or another, for a good many years with the pure food question. I suppose there are few canned goods I have not tasted and tested—I know there are no canned beans I've not tried, because I'm fond of good beans. The best I've ever eaten (and I'd not lend my name to this if I were not convinced) are

White Swan

PORK AND BEANS

WITH TOMATO SAUCE

I want you to take my advice and try these beans—the entire clean, careful process of preparation has been explained to me and I can recommend them heartily.

Served hot or cold—for home use or for picnics, outings or Chautauques there can be nothing so delicious or served with less trouble. **MISS WALKER.**

Our Word

You get the real "home-cooked" flavor in White Swan Pork and Beans—you get the delicate pork flavor—just a touch; the rich, spicy tomato sauce cooked with the beans—evenly distributed; and the beans themselves—all hand picked and of uniform size, and so delightfully cooked that they fairly melt in your mouth leaving not a hull or a husk behind. In every way belonging to the single high standard maintained in all the White Swan Food Products and Canned Goods—"better than the law requires."

Your Choice of Three Sizes.



Ask Your Grocer
If he has not yet put them in stock or if he is sold out he will be glad to get them for you.

Waples-Platter Grocer Co.
Dallas—Denison—Ft. Worth

The Uses of Salt.

Salt on the fingers while cleaning fowls, meat or fish will prevent slipping.

Salt thrown on a coal fire when broiling steak will prevent blazing from the dripping fat.

Salt as a gargle will cure soreness of throat.

Salt in solution inhaled cures cold in the head.

Salt in water is the best thing to clean willow ware and matting.

Salt in the oven under baking tins will prevent their scorching on the bottom.

Salt puts out a fire in the chimney.

Salt and vinegar will remove stains from discolored teacups. Salt and soda are excellent for bee stings and spider bites.

Salt thrown on soot which has fallen on the carpet will prevent stain.

Salt put on ink when freshly

spilled on a carpet will help in removing the spot.

Salt in whitewash makes it stick.

Salt thrown on a coal fire which is low will revive it.

Salt used in sweeping carpets keeps out moths.

Never salt meat that is to be grilled, as it hardens the fibres of the meat and tends to extract the juices. Salt on the platter just before sending to the table. No meat should be salted uncooked, but after the surface has been seared and the meat is partly cooked.

J. E. McKeen, 1301 Cleveland St., Wichita, Kansas, reports: "I suffered from kidney trouble, had severe pains across my back, and was all played out. I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and there was a decided improvement. Finally the pain left entirely and I am fully cured of all my kidney trouble." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

An Old Citizen Goes.

W. C. Jones, son of Allen and Mary Jones was born in Clarke county Alabama, October, 19, 1827, and died at the home of his son-in-law, T. B. Russell in this city, at 5 o'clock a. m. May 14, A. D. 1912. He joined the Missionary Baptist church at the age of 19 years and afterwards became a Primitive Baptist in belief. Moved with his father's family to Choctaw county Mississippi at the age of 22. Was made a master mason in 1862. Enlisted in the confederate army in 1862 and served until the siege of Vicksburg, where he lost his left arm. Was married to Delila Armstrong on May 30th, 1858, to which union were born five sons and five daughters. Two daughters died in infancy, two others lived to be grown, the eldest daughter, Bonita, married R. B. Maxwell and died in the spring of 1881, leaving a son, Bruce Maxwell. The other daughter, Arizona, married J. E. Poole of Haskell and died in 1899, leaving four daughters. The baby of the family, Ethel married T. B. Russell and with her husband and mother resides in Haskell, Texas. The five sons, J. L. Jones, and J. F. Jones of Rule, and J. E. and J. S. Jones of Eldorado, Texas, and J. A. Jones of Somerville, Texas, are all living and have families. He is survived by his widow, five sons and one daughter, and 21 grand children, (five boys and 15 girls.) The deceased has lived an exemplary life and had the esteem of all who knew him. He and his wife lived a life of devotion to each other for years. Mrs. Jones has watched over her invalid husband, and they were never separated an hour. They have spent their declining years in the full enjoyment of ripened companionship. May the bereaved wife and family be comforted, and may they meet again in the great beyond and enjoy the companionship typified by their lives in this life. There is one comfort this couple have had in their declining years, that is, the devotion and care of dutiful sons and daughters. Their devoted children have provided them every comfort and care, and have honored their parents in a manner worth of emulation.

Flagged Train With Shirt.

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50 cents at Jas. R. Walton's.

Advertised Letters.

Advertised May 13, 1912.

Wm. Ward.
Claude Thomas.
J. D. McCullough.
H. B. McCornish.
Clay May.
Jim Maxwell.
Rollie Loue.
Miss Ollie Shelley.
Mrs. Oscar Atkins.

A Great Building Falls.

when its foundation is undermined, and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at Jas. R. Walton's.

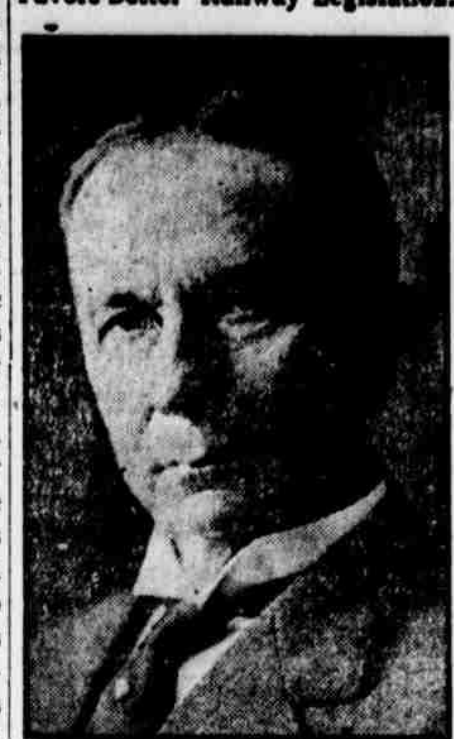
Now Is The Time To Buy.

I have for sale several farms close to town at bargain prices. I have farms to trade for city property and city property to trade for farms. I have for sale or trade a number of dwellings in the best locations in town. I write all kinds of fire and tornado insurance. Call at my office and make known your wants and I will do the rest.

T. C. Cahill,
Haskell, Texas.

Subscribe for the Free Press.

Favors Better Railway Legislation.



Mr. Robert Lovett, chief of the Harriman lines, addressed the Texas Welfare Commission in session in Dallas a few days ago. He declared the Texas lines were not prospering and favored an amendment to the Stock and Bond law that would permit railroads to issue bonds for improvements without regard to previous issues and favored an amendment that would allow railroads to refund their securities. He also called attention to the inequalities in assessment of railroad and other property for taxation.

The Southern Pacific is the only system in Texas that is constructing new mileage. The system hauled 4,000,000 passengers, 10,500,000 tons of freight and operated approximately 3,000 miles of road last year valued by the Tax Commission at \$91,000,000. The Texas lines own 435 locomotives, 12,000 freight cars and the payroll amounts to approximately eleven million dollars. The employees and families of the Southern Pacific in Texas would make a city equal in population to Fort Worth.

Mr. Lovett is a native of Texas, having been born and reared in San Jacinto County. He got his first railroad experience making ties for the Houston, East & West Texas Railway which is a part of the system he now manages. The advent of Judge Lovett into Wall Street excited curiosity among the big financiers but he brought into this great financial thoroughfare an integrity of character and strength of purpose much needed in its mammoth transactions and he has shown them that honesty is the best policy.

"Nails."

"Nails are mighty good things—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted, and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch, and less than one box cured me entirely." J. M. WARD, Index, Texas.

The Persistent Inquirer.

Small Girl (entertaining her mother's caller)—How is your little girl?

Caller—I am sorry to say, my dear, that I haven't any little girl.

Small Girl (after painful pause in conversation)—How is your little boy?

Caller—My dear, I haven't any little boy, either.

Small Girl—What are yours?

A Texas Wonder.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism, and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by all druggists.

Come to the Free Press for your warranty deeds. We have them with or without the vendor's lien clause.

THE Thomas School for Girls

A school of limited numbers for the thorough education of girls and young ladies. Ten teachers trained in the best colleges of this country and Europe. Building large and comfortable and especially designed for the school. Excellent advantages in music, art, elocution, physical culture, shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, and Spanish.

Write for catalogue. Address

President Thomas School, 927 Alamo St.
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A New Creed.

During a heated debate in the U. S. senate the other day on the failure of former President Roosevelt to prosecute the International Harvester Corporation Senator Williams of Mississippi read to the senate the following parody on the Apostle's creed which nearly precipitated a riot in that august body:

"I believe in Theodore Roosevelt, maker of noise and strife and ambition, his only creed (my Lord.) He was born of love of power and suffered under William H. Taft; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Africa, and the third year he rose again from the jungle and ascended into favor, and sitteth on the right hand of his party, whence he shall come to scourge the wicked and the dead."

"I believe in the 'Outlook,' the big stick, the Ananias Club, the forgiveness of political activity, the resurrection of presidential ambitions and third term everlasting. Amen, amen, amen."

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Subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July, 1912.

For Representative of the 102nd Legislative District:

R. B. HUMPHREYS, (Re-election)

For District Attorney:

JAS. P. STINSON (Re-election)

For County Superintendent:

T. C. WILLIAMS, (Re-election).

D. F. BELLENGER.

For County Judge:

A. J. SMITH, (Re-election).

H. R. JONES,

For County Attorney:

GAYLORD KLINE.

F. L. DAUGHERTY.

OSCAR MARTIN.

C. B. (Buford) LONG.

For Sheriff:

W. D. FALKNER, Re-Election.

For District Clerk:

L. C. ELLIS.

GUY O. STREET, (Re-Election).

E. W. LOE.

For County Clerk:

JOHN L. ROBERTSON.

JESSE D. HALL.

ROY ENGLISH.

For Tax Assessor:

R. H. SPROWLS.

J. W. TARBET, (Re-Election.)

OTIS B. SMITHEE.

For Tax Collector:

J. E. WALLING, (Re-Election.)

For County Treasurer:

EMORY MENIFEE (Re-Election.)

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1:

A. T. CREWS.

C. H. RUSSELL, (Re-Election).

E. L. NORTHCUTT.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 2:

WILL MABRY.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:

R. C. WHITMIRE, (Re-Election.)

T. A. WILLIAMS.

J. S. MENEFFEE.

J. A. PARISH.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:

R. H. OWSLEY.

W. J. FAIRIS—Re-Election.

E. L. RIDLING.

W. R. HUNT.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

J. B. DAVIS—Re-Election.

S. R. RIKE.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:

G. W. SOLLOCK, (Re-Election.)

R. D. C. STEPHENS.

D. M. GUINN.

For Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1:

J. S. POST, (Re-Election.)

For Constable, Precinct No. 1:

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on altogether, counting himself, and two of these ought to be posted in the upper story. He's bound to need more; that firing is very steady."

"He's got the women loadin' for him, and that helps some."

"The women?" I asked, staring at him in amazement. "Do you mean to say Mrs. Brennan and Calla Minor are there in that front room?"

"Don't know who they are, sir—two mighty fine lookin' young ladies,



"I Believe You Have Already Been Assigned Your Duties."

an old lady with white hair, an' a big, rough-lookin' female, sir. The last one was handlin' a gun to beat the band just afore you came."

"And he keeps them there, exposed to all this heavy fire? What can the man mean? Why, Corporal, that constant shooting must have completely shattered the windows. There could be no safety for any one except lying flat upon the floor."

"Well, 'tain't quite so bad as that, sir," he protested, seemingly anxious to shield his officer from adverse criticism. "You see it's a double parlor, with a wall an' foldin' doors steeven, an' the women are all in the rear room. Of course, it's almighty lark back there, an' they has to lie pretty close, but blamed if I know of any better place for them. This house hain't got no cellar."

A man groped his way in from the lighted hall, but halted close beside the door, unable to perceive us in the darkness.

"Is Captain Wayne here?" he asked. "Yes; what is it?"

"Major Brennan has had two of his men hit, sir, and wishes you to spare him three of yours, unless you are hot-pressed."

"All right; there's nothing doing here," I answered, instantly determining upon my course. "Corporal, I shall leave you in command of this side for a few minutes. I believe I can be of more immediate value elsewhere. Bungay, you and Elliott come with me."

The lower hall, having no windows in it, was the only safe place in the building, and here a light had been kept burning. The door which, as I judged, must lead into the back parlor, was closed, and fastened upon the inside. At least it refused to yield to my hand when tried. Another in front stood very slightly ajar.

"Report to Brennan," I whispered into Jed's ear, "and forget to mention I am with you. I desire to investigate matters for myself a few moments."

He nodded to intimate that he understood, and then we crept, one at a time, into the front apartment, hugging the floor closely to keep beneath the range of the bullets which swept every now and then through the broken windows, and chugged into the wall behind us. I was the last to wriggle in through the narrow opening, and rolling instantly out of the day bar of light, I lay silent for a moment, endeavoring to get my bearings. I was determined upon just one thing—to obtain speech with the woman, learn, if possible, their exact situation, and, if I found it necessary, assist upon their better protection. An insane jealousy of me should not continue to expose them to unnecessary peril.

Brennan was directly across the room from where I lay. I could hear his voice issuing low, stern orders. "If you'll only keep down you're safe enough," he said gruffly. "There isn't a shot come within a foot of me. The ground slopes out yonder, and those fellows can't fire low. Put the men at the central window, and let them shoot at every flash they see. Bradley will pass back their empty guns."

I wondered how long our supply of ammunition would hold out with such a fusillade kept up, but ventured upon no protest, for I was already groping my way through the darkness along the inner wall. Furniture lay overturned in every direction, and I experienced considerable difficulty in making progress through the debris without attracting attention. A great square piano stood directly across the entrance to the back parlor, left by the drawing nearly together of the sliding doors. I waited until Bradley had crawled through with an armful of loaded guns, and then entered also, creeping silently between the piano legs. As I did so a bullet struck the case above, and the whole instrument trembled to the impact, giving forth a strange moan, as if in pain.

Some one was groaning in the corner at my left, and supposing the wounded to be lying there, I turned more toward the right, keeping as close as possible to the wall, hopeful I might come in contact with one of the women. I do not honestly know why I did this—really I had no excuse, except my natural distrust of Brennan, coupled with an eager desire to be of service to the woman of my heart. There was little to guide me in the

search, as the flame of the discharging rifles did not penetrate here. Once I heard the rustle of a skirt, while a faint sound of whispering reached me from the rear of the room. Then my hand, groping blindly along the wall, touched the lower fold of a dress. It felt like coarse calico to my fingers.

"Mrs. Bungay," I whispered cautiously, "is this you?"

The woman started at sound of my voice, but replied in the same low tone: "That's my name; who might ye be?"

"A friend of yours, and of your husband," I answered, for I doubted if she would recall my name. "Did you know Jed was here?"

"My man? Given he's praised! But I'll knock her head off that little devil if ever I git my hand on him, I will that. What's ther little imp bin all ther time?"

"Hunting for you, and crying his eyes out," I answered, smiling to myself in the darkness. "Where is Mrs. Brennan?"

"Just beyond me, thar in ther corner."

As she spoke a bullet whizzed past us, having missed the obstruction of the piano. I could feel the wind stirred by its passage, while its peculiar hum told me it was a Minie ball.

"You are too far out from the wall," I protested. "You are in range." "Can't help it if I be. I'm yer ter take ther guns from ther sojer, an' pass 'em back."

I crept slowly along beyond her, keeping close to the wall, but had progressed hardly more than a couple of yards, when I felt a hand lightly touch me.

"I recognize your voice," said a soft whisper, "and am so glad you are here."

Who can guess the motives that inspire a woman? This was my welcome, where I had anticipated coldness and repellant pride.

CHAPTER XXXI.

A Conversation in the Dark. In my extreme surprise at the intimate cordiality expressed by her words and manner I failed in utterance. Anticipating coldness, indifference, possibly even resentment at my presuming to approach her, I was instead greeted by an unstudied warmth of welcome that made my heart beat fiercely.

"Surely I am not mistaken," she questioned, rendered doubtful by my silence. "Is not this Captain Wayne?"

"There is no mistake," I hastened to assure her, "but I had anticipated from our last meeting a far less cordial greeting."

"Oh," she exclaimed, with a light laugh, "and is that all? Yet surely, if I was to believe my own eyes I was perfectly justified in my actions then. However, Captain, I have been forced to realize the truth of that situation, and am now disposed to make up to you in kindness for all my unjust suspicions."

"I am more than delighted to learn that cloud is no longer to overshadow us. Miss Minor has made a full explanation, then?"

"You have been completely exonerated, and restored to my good graces."

As she spoke, I became aware that she was busily engaged upon some task, and when she ended I felt the steel of a gun-barrel touch my hand.

"Please pass this to Maria," she said calmly, "and hand me back the one she has."

"You are loading, then?" I asked, as I complied with her request.

"We have all been busy. Isn't it terrible? I was so frightened at first, but now they tell me that you and your men have come, there is no longer danger of those horrible creatures getting in here."

"You knew, then, that I was in the house?"

"I was told some noble Confederates had accompanied Lieutenant Caton back to aid us, but your name was not mentioned."

"Then my appearance must have proven a complete surprise?"

"Yes, and no," she answered frankly. "I was not sure it was you, of course, and I did not venture to ask, but I knew you were in the neighborhood, and that such an act would be in a way characteristic. I was certain you would come if you knew, and I—I, well really, I hoped it was."

In spite of a slight effort at restraint I groped in the darkness until I touched her hand. For the moment she permitted me to retain it, as if unconsciously, within my grasp.

"Why?" I questioned, scarcely relying upon my own voice.

"Oh, one always trusts friends more readily than strangers, and I have seen you in danger before, and possess such confidence in your courage and resource."

"But Miss Minor took particular care to inform me you felt little or no interest in me—that you never even spoke of me except as she compelled you to do so."

light."

"But why not warn him?"

"Major Brennan would scarcely welcome any interference on my part."

"But surely, as a soldier, he must value the advice of another soldier?"

"Possibly you forget," I explained, striving to speak as lightly of it as might be, "that there is a lack of friendship between Major Brennan and myself."

"Still?" she asked. "Truly I thought that might all be over. Even if it survived until now, this noble act of yours in coming to our defense should have earned you his gratitude. He has never once mentioned your name to me since that night."

"Not even when I came here with my troop, I believe?"

"No; yet I did not connect that fact with the other. I supposed it a mere oversight, or that he believed the mention of your name would not greatly interest me. Surely, Captain Wayne, you are not keeping open this unhappy wound?"

"On my word, no; but I regret to confess it is very far from being closed."

"He—Major Brennan does not know, then, that you are here now with me?" She evidently hesitated to ask this question.

"Certainly not," in surprise at her apparent innocence. "You cannot have supposed I had been sent here by him to talk with you?"

"I—I did not know. I do not think I realized," she stammered, vainly seeking for words with which to make clear her bewilderment. "I imagined you might have come at his suggestion to see that we were amply protected. This is all so very strange. He does not even know you are here with us?"

"No," I admitted reluctantly. "Perhaps I have no excuse even for being here at all. My duty as a soldier is certainly elsewhere, but I could not rest content until I knew you were in a position of safety. Believe me, Mrs. Brennan, I have intended no indiscretion, but I was informed by a soldier that you were being held here under fire."

Her hand touched mine impulsively, and it was warm and throbbing.

"I can merely thank you with all my heart, Captain Wayne, and assure you I both understand and appreciate your purpose. But truly I do not wish any trouble to occur again—you will go back to your post, will you not? You can serve me best in that way, and retain the gratitude and admiration I have ever felt for you."

"At once, Mrs. Brennan," I returned earnestly. "I realize I have done wrong in ever coming here as I have. It is my first act of disobedience to orders in all my military life. But tell me first that I have forfeited neither your confidence nor your friendship?"

She paused a moment, then added quickly, as though in sudden rush of feeling: "No friend stands higher in my esteem than you—now please go, Captain Wayne."

As I crept back through the darkness, passing beneath the piano into the front room, which was filled with the choking fumes of powder, my mind was a chaos of emotions impossible to analyze. The very depth of love which drew me to her operated now in restraint. God alone knows the struggle in the darkness as I continued to move slowly away from her and toward the door. So deep was my agitation, so intense my thought, that I scarcely realized I was creeping along barely beneath the dead line of those bullets which constantly swept the apartment. Their crashing into the wall was almost meaningless, and I barely noted either the dense smoke or the fitful flashes of flame as the little garrison returned shot for shot. It was Brennan's voice—how hateful it sounded then—which recalled my attention.

"Mapes," he said, with the sharp tone of wearied command, "take a crack at that fellow over yonder by the big tree; he must be in range. You men, I verily believe, shut your eyes when you shoot, for there hasn't a man dropped out there in the last half hour."

I had reached the door by this time, but paused now, determined to venture one word of expostulation at his recklessness.

"Major Brennan," I said, speaking sufficiently loud to be audible above the uproar, "do you not think they will attempt to charge the house?"

"Not while we keep up this fire," he returned coldly, evidently recognizing my voice.

"I grant that, at least while darkness lasts. But you have just complained that your men were doing but small execution, and is there not danger of exhausting our stock of ammunition by such a useless fusillade?"

"It will last until our fellows get here—that is, if your man was ever really sent for aid, as you say."

There was a thinly veiled sneer in the words as he spoke them, but I curbed my temper.

"Well, in my judgment, sir—and I tell it you because I deem it a duty—I retorted plainly, "you are making a grave mistake which you may realize when it becomes too late to rectify it. Possibly I have no right to criticize one who is technically in command, yet I am serving as a volunteer, and the conditions are peculiar. I not only remember the scene witnessed by me in the lines yonder, but also recall the fact that you are here to fulfil a sacred duty—the defense of helpless women from outrage. A fatal mistake upon our part would be horrible."

"Very well, sir"—and his tone was rough and overbearing—"then kindly recall your soldierly instincts to another little matter. I chance to com-

mand here by authority of rank, and hold myself responsible for the proper defense of this portion of the house. I believe you have already been assigned your duties; if you will attend to them I shall be greatly obliged, and whenever I may desire your valuable advice I shall take pleasure in sending for you."

I turned away in silence and strode back to my post, white with anger. The dining-room remained as I had left it, and when I lay down in my old position and peered out through the broken blind I could mark no change in the appearance of our besiegers.

(To be Continued.)

Unreasonable Woman. Although much has been said and written on the subject, we do not yet realize how desperately lonely a woman can be in a thinly settled farming community. Probably no one can ever realize it except the woman herself.

They had taken Seth Hodgkins' wife to the state insane asylum. The day after she left him, Seth—who had been a good husband to her from the date of her tin-wedding anniversary to the date of her silver-wedding, and through all the intervening anniversaries—which there had been no parties to celebrate—received a visit or condolence from his nearest neighbor, two miles away.

Seth turned from a sink piled high with dirty dishes, to clear a chair for his guest.

"I shall have to hire more help. It seems as if she had been gone a year," he said.

"I always supposed that Harriet enjoyed good health," said the sympathizing friend.

Harriet Hodgkins' husband looked in dazed and futile inquiry from the sprawly pattern on the bright new oil-cloth that she had bought with the carefully saved egg-money to the view from the kitchen window, a wide, snowy field, some tall, funereal evergreen-trees and a patch of darkening sky. The kitchen did not face the road.

"I cannot understand," he said, "what ailed Harriet. She has hardly been out of this kitchen for fifteen years."—Youth's Companion.

Her Personal Plate. A young girl who has a great many valuable small belongings and never loses any of them, says that it is solely because of her plan of marking everything distinctly with her full name and town and country address.

For her parasols and umbrellas she has a set of small silver plates of oblong shape and with screw equipped ends, which are readily detached from a handle and put upon another one. Her golf sticks, tennis racquets, hand luggage and the valuable collars which her dogs wear are marked in the same manner and on all of her toilet articles she has plate markings which cannot be obliterated or easily wrested off.

The first cost of these plates was not very great, although all are of solid silver, and they were accumulated so gradually that the money was not missed from her allowance.

"If."

The farmer and his wife watched their dog as he chased madly down the track after the 4 o'clock train. He did it every day and always returned wind-

"I wonder why he chases that train?" remarked the wife with her eyes on a little cloud of dust that showed where Rover was.

"That's not what's bothering me," answered her husband. "I'm wondering what he'd do with it if he caught it."—The Housekeeper.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

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Five-year-old Margaret was the guest at dinner at neighbor's one day, and before beginning to eat the family one by one said grace.

Margaret looked on in wonder and finally asked:

"What are you doing?"

"We are thanking the Lord for giving us this bread to eat," said Mrs. Wilder. "Don't you give thanks?"

"Why, no," answered Margaret, "we buy our bread at the store."

—Harpers Magazine.

BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN HASKELL. Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler's, the German appendicitis remedy. The Corner Drug Store states that this simple remedy antiseptizes the digestive system and draws off the impurities so thoroughly that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY.

County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our Regular Correspondents.

Whitman.

Hello Editors and Chat. How are you all enjoying this cool morning?

Health in our community is not good this week. Mr. Mantooth is on the sick list, also Allen Adams and Mrs. Bailey.

Alvin Corzine, from east of town, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Henry Smith.

Misses Beulah and Alice Hayes spent Friday with Mrs. Tom Eastland.

Miss Laura Corzine and Thomas Ponce of Haskell visited Whitman Sunday school Sunday eve.

Ira Bouldin and Miss Ethel Weaver of Haskell visited at Whitman Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alice Hayes spent Sunday with Miss Minnie McNeeley.

Mrs. Parr visited her daughter Mrs. Frank Tompkins Friday eve.

The singing at Mr. Tompkins was enjoyed by a large crowd Sunday night. All reported good singing.

Tom Baker and wife of Ballew spent Sunday evening with Mr. Treat and wife.

Miss Nellie Couch and her brother Gaunt visited our Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

J. W. McNeeley of this neighborhood celebrated his 54th birthday Sunday May 12th. He said that garden peas, onions and lettuce were just as good as they were fifty years ago. Misses Alice Hayes and Laura Corzine ate dinner with them.

Miss Annie Eastland and Mrs. Clyde Williams visited Mrs. Tom Eastland Friday afternoon.

Lome Bledsoe spent Monday with Ruth Hayes.

Mrs. C. Sears and Mrs. Myers of Northeast Haskell visited Mrs. Jim Ferrell Friday.

W. F. Hayes spent Saturday with his brother, G. L. Hayes. Rosebud.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barceloneta, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico."

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Kirkdale.

Hello Editors and Chats, Health in our community is very good at this writing.

How did you all like the rain that fell last night?

I. A. Leonard and family of this place and Mr. Russell and family of the Rose community, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McElroy and family.

J. H. Stodghill and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Booker Hunt and sister, Misses Ruth and Bertha attended the unveiling at Roberts Sunday eve.

John Jordan and wife of Haskell spent a few days with J. H. Stodghill and wife of this place this week.

Frank Haley of this place spent from Friday eve till Sunday at Rochester.

Oscar Leonard spent the day with Bryan Hunt Sunday.

Press Baldwin and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baldwin, of Haskell.

On last Saturday morn the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCandless and took from them their two months' old baby, Bessie Mae. It was laid to rest in the Roberts cemetery

Saturday eve. The bereaved family have our heart-felt sympathy. Mrs. W. R. Hunt spent Sunday eve with Mrs. J. H. Stodghill.

Come again, all of you good writers. Vidette.

Mrs. Norris Makes Statement Regarding Husband.

Mrs. Norris makes the following statement: My husband bought a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil for Rheumatism. He has been bothered for over two years. It has done him a great deal of good and he thinks it will cure him. Mrs. Mollie Norris, Colbert, Okla. There is nothing better for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, and the like.

Minutes of The South Haskell Singing Convention.

MORNING SESSION. South Haskell Progressive Singing convention met with Joe Bailey 10 a. m. Sunday, May 12th, 1912.

Opening song by V-President J. M. Riley, entitled "In that Home of the Soul." Prayer by Chaplain.

The programme committee appointed as follows: W. E. Johnson, R. B. Shipman, H. M. Redding.

Credentia Committee appointed as follows: J. P. McIntyre, C. N. Grishman, D. T. Dotson.

Committee on arrangement as follows: C. W. Campbell, Buford Baugh.

A number of songs were rendered before noon by the different leaders after which they adjourned and ate a sumptuously spread dinner, (see the Senior Editor for a better description of dinner, for he was there and I am sure he did full justice to it as did the rest.)

AFTERNOON SESSION. The convention called to order by president. Minutes read and approved. Credentials were called for and delegates responded as follows: Joe Bailey—Buford Baugh, Eunice Baugh, Addie Barrow, and R. B. Shipman. Sayles—J. R. Fouts, W. A. Hardeman, Monterey McKinley and Imo Johnson.

Officers were elected as follows: J. M. Riley, president; J. R. Fouts, vice-president; Jno. E. Fouts, secretary; Chaplain, W. S. Fouts elected by acclamations.

Bunkers Hill was then chosen for the next place to meet.

After the business session there was an excellent program rendered. Among which were a number of Quartettes, Trios and Solos by the different classes.

The convention closed with prayer by W. S. Fouts, to meet again in June.

J. M. Riley, V-Pres. W. W. Brooks, Sec-Protem.

Leroy Thacker, Watertown, S. Dak., says: "I suffered with rheumatism for over 8 years, and it seemed at times that I would go crazy with pain. Three bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured my rheumatism and I gladly recommend them." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

Mrs. Adah J. Panchard.

Mrs. Adah J. Panchard of this city died May 15th at a sanitarium at Abilene and was buried here in the Haskell cemetery the 16th day of May A. D. 1912. She was the wife of J. F. Panchard, who survives her, and was a sister of Mrs. H. C. Wyche and Mrs. J. B. Davis. The Free Press joins their friends and neighbors in expressing sympathy for the bereaved family and relatives.

Mrs. Wm. A. Allen, Chacon, New Mexico, had so severe a cough that it nearly choked her to death. Mr. Allen says: "We tried many things without helping her when by good luck I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It helped her at once and finally cured her. It is the best medicine we ever used." For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

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Inter-State Baptist Encampment.

This is an Encampment for the Baptists of the two States, Oklahoma and Texas. It had its inception during the Fifth Annual Session of the West Texas B. Y. Assembly at Stamford last year. In September 1911 President Joseph P. Boone, Jr., called for a meeting of the proposed Executive Committee for the new Encampment. Both Oklahoma and Texas were represented. The proposition was carefully gone over and fully determined to launch the move, the Committee faced the future with high hopes. June 18-July 2nd was decided upon as the date for the First Meeting.

Recreation.

The scene for the Encampment is upon the shores of Lake Wichita, a Lake covering between 2,000 and 3,000 acres of land, perhaps the largest inland body of water in the State. The Lake is six or seven miles from Wichita Falls and is reached by Electric Cars running out from the City.

\$200,000 worth of improvements including among others a large Two Story Pavilion, Commodious Hotel, Spacious Coliseum Building, Camp Houses, Piers, Concrete Walks, Boats, Swimming Pool, etc., will be used by this encampment.

The afternoon will be given to recreation. To those who enjoy Summer outing, special inducements are offered along this line.

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Plenty of boats and launches for those enjoying boating. The waters will afford a fifteen or twenty mile round trip ride. For those delighting in bathing and swimming daily a large Swimming Pool is in evidence. It is built of concrete, hence no mud. Fishing is said to be very fine, with now and then some large catches. The angler will find the finny tribe of this lake game. Tennis Courts, Croquet Grounds, Basket Ball grounds will be arranged for the pleasure of the visitors.

For further information and the securing of reservations write Rev. Joseph P. Boone, Wichita Falls, Texas. More anon.

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HASKELL COUNTY EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

T. C. WILLIAMS, Editor.

The trustees' election in the independent school districts in the county May the 4th, indicates harmony and co-operation in school affairs. There has been some excellent work done this year in these districts and the people as a whole seem to appreciate the faithful efforts of the school boards and teachers.

The County Board of Education met at the courthouse Monday,

trustees organization (of which T. J. Ried is president) expects to call a meeting, also, in the near future. It is hoped that these meetings may be called at the same time and that all the trustees in the county will be able to attend.

The "social center move" continues to manifest itself. One of the best examples of this was at the closing exercise of the Cliff



McCONNELL SCHOOL HOUSE

May the 6th, with the district trustees to discuss some features of the new school law. The following districts were represented: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 21, 23, 24, 28, 31, 33, 24, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44 and 45. Many of the district trustees were of the impression or opinion that children above the seventh grade could not attend school in the rural district. After several discussions on the subject it was

school Thursday night, May the 9th. The community worked in harmony and a splendid program was given by the young people of the community. It is safe to say that nine out of every ten of the patrons of the community attended this meeting. Let the good work continue to spread until every fellow feels that he or she should take an ACTIVE part in the educational uplift of the



PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL HOUSE

decided that this was not the intention of the law and the County Board ruled that the law did not intend to deprive any scholastic child from a single day of schooling but granted privileges and offered greater possibilities for more and better instruction for said high school children.

The County Board decided, (at the request of the district trustees,) to have a call meeting in the near future. The district

community in which he or she lives.

It is time for the trustees to begin to plan for the coming year's school work. The first thing is to have a meeting and organize by electing a president and secretary and to find out the needs of the community and other things.

The write-up came too late for publication last week, hence the cut was not given. Two schools are given this week instead, McConnell and Pleasant Hill.

Telling The Truth.

A Missouri editor recently announced that for just one issue he would tell the truth. Here are a few items from that issue: "John Bonin, the laziest mer-

chant in town, made a trip to Bellville yesterday. John Doyle, our grocerman is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and dusty and notoriously odoriferous. How can he expect to do much? It is needless to say that the local paper never contains his advertisement.

Rev. Styz preached Sunday night on charity. The sermon was punk. If the reverend gentleman would live up a little closer to what he preaches; he would have a larger congregation.

Dave Sonkey died last Sunday at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. The fact is that he was drunk. His home was a rented shack on Rowdy Street. He has gone whence no rowdies return, and he has abundant company.

MARRIED—Miss Sylvia Rhodes and James Canahan, last Saturday evening, at the Baptist Church parsonage. The bride

is a very ordinary town girl who does not know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known as an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks all his life and doesn't amount to shucks. They will have a hard life while they live together and the News has no congratulations to offer, for we don't believe any good can come from such a union."—Ex.

Jas. C. Dahlmann, serving his third term as mayor, Omaha, Neb., again was successful in receiving the overwhelming support of the voters in the primary election. He also successfully rid himself of a bad case of kidney trouble by the aid of Foley Kidney Pills, and writes, "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and they have given me a great deal of relief, so I cheerfully recommend them."

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Mothers' Day Observed.

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word in the English language. It is one word that rings with the most meaning in any language. It compasses a love that is unbounded, a power of sacrifice beyond the ability of any man. It speaks of a heroism beside which the bravery of Tristram or Richard Coeur de Leon glimmers as does a candle to the sun. Mother is a word that is linked with divinity.

It is the first word lisped by infant lips, the sign that the gates are closing for a brief span on one great mystery and opening of another. The soul that has been born to earth by the angels is passed to the tender custody of the angel whom the child greets with its first cry, as it turns to her for life. Mother is the last word on the lips chilling with the frozen presence of death.

To the man's mind in the retrospect of his life comes the knowledge, many times borne on the stinging flood of tears, that mother is the outward and visible, as well as the inward and spiritual, sign that Christ still lives on earth. She lives through her Gethsemane, the bitter cup is placed to her lips, and she descends into the valley of the shadow of death. The world was given by the Master the message, "Love ye one another." The love of a mother for her child is a parting of the curtains affording a glimpse into heaven.

Should the mothers of the world together take a stand and forbid the terrible aftermath of barbarism, command the bloody giant of war to sink into the waves of the purifying ocean of peace, there would be no war. For the influence of mother is of this world and beyond it. She calls forth an obedience from her sons; out of her wisdom she knows what is best, and it is a poor specimen of a man who refuses to listen to the counsel of his truest, his best friend, the one who has brought him to man's estate, to whom he is responsible for his very being.

What mother wants mother will have. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Is it too much to conceive, now that women steadily, surely, in the arts, the sciences, the professions, is making her way, taking more and more a part in the affairs of the world that some day the mothers, the topsy turvy the unbalanced things in this old world, will be set right; that love, the beacon light, the radiance in the soul of every mother, will bring to the higher understanding, the perfect plane to which, blindly, dumbly, yet intuitively, unerringly, mankind is turning?"

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Working for West Texas.

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mers Institute of the Department of Agriculture was in attendance and assured the new association of the full co-operation and assistance of the State Department of Agriculture.

The officers will have an early meeting and organize fully for the purpose of carrying out the ideas of the organization.

Application has already been made to the Federal Department of Agriculture to have a special agricultural bulletin issued on conditions in Central West Texas. The association will gather and disseminate all possible information relating to agriculture and, it cordially requests the fullest co-operation of the business men of the different towns mentioned above, as well as the railroads traversing this section of the state, the farmers, and in fact, everyone who is interested in the agricultural development of Central West Texas.

Any information will be gladly given by the Secretary at Stamford, or President A. D. McLaughlin at Hamlin, or Vice-President J. E. Poole at Haskell.

Letter From Mrs. Goforth.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25-cent bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw, and I can't just keep house without it." She is right.

Lessons From the Farm—No. 4.

Plant sweet corn in patches, short rows running east and west so that the prevailing winds can scatter the pollen from the tassels over the waving silks, instead of wasting most of it on the ground and in the air, as would be the case with long rows, wide apart.

Plant cucumbers along in the onion rows, because the ill-smelling "Mexican delicacy" will help to keep away the bugs, and the onions are always ready to harvest before the vines take the soil and space. If bugs come anyway sprinkle tobacco and ashes over the young cucumber plants. Really a garden furnishes much food for mental development as well as physical growth.

Can any one find out why English peas and snap beans will not get mixed, while squashes and gourds, cucumbers and cantaloupes, and the best varieties of tomatoes will soon run down to be vegetable vagabonds.

There isn't anything that will condescend to identify its interests with the onion, and a sweet potato will make just as delicious pies when dug from an Irish potato row as if it had grown alone.

How many families or divisions of garden vegetables are there?

A Cook County Observer.

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