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FREAK OF NATURE.

What appeared to be a freak of nature in the way of a mule mare with a colt attracted considerable attention at the Center Point fair last week. The animals are the property of H. C. Wright, a stockman of high standing in Bandera county, and were found running together in Mr. Wright's pasture. The colt is the identical counterpart of the mare, and, what is more curious still, the mule nurses the colt. The strange pair are being exhibited by Mr. Wright as a curiosity and not as a money making scheme.—San Antonio Stockman.

The Silverton people raised about \$50 for Rev. Collard, which, for the size of the town was a large sum and shows them to be liberal as well as religious.

The yellow fever scare is about over in Texas. Trains are running all over the state.

In the death of Charles A. Dana of the New York Sun American journalism loses its most conspicuous figure and the country one of its most eminent citizens. He was a great editor in every particular and for many years his genius gave to the Sun the distinctive features which have made that journal pre-eminent. His entire career has been marked by brilliant achievements and each year brought rich honors won by a remarkably resourceful intellect and an industry which never waned until age and disease brought to him the wakeless slumbers of eternity.—Dallas News.

SEE TO THE SOWING.

Good intentions are at least the seed of good actions, and every man ought to sow them and leave it to the soil and the seasons whether they come up or no, or whether he or any other gathers the fruit.

Rev. Collard and his son left Tuesday for Clarendon, from which point they go to Bristol to conduct a meeting.

Rev. R. O. Eustace made his last trip here this week before going to conference.

Mr. Bruce Loring has our thanks for a cart wheel. The Stayer will stay with him a year.

The Live Stock Champion comes out with a pretty green cover this week. We are always glad to see evidences of prosperity in our neighbors. An increase in advertising necessitated the added pages.

Mr. R. Sedgwick has our thanks for some excellent tomatoes.

We have taken pains to learn what varieties of tomatoes our friends planted this year. The best we have seen was the New Stone raised by Mr. Frank Reid. The next best was, we believe, Trophy, raised by Mrs. R. A. Watson. Mr. Sedgwick had some fine Matchless and yellow pear. Mr. Reid also grew some fine red and white peach tomatoes which are exceptionally fine for preserving. We see no reason why our people should not raise an abundance of this delicious vegetable not only for present use but to can for winter.

Silverton needs a bank. It is lots of bother to do your banking in a town nearly a hundred miles away. If some one would come here with capital our citizens would subscribe stock enough to start a bank right away. The opening is here who will start the ball rolling.

The revival conducted by Rev. Collard, assisted by the local minister, Rev. Eustace closed Monday night of this week. Much good was accomplished. We hope its benefits will be lasting.

SHAKESPEARE WOULD SAY.

If Shakespeare had lived at this day and on the plains, he would not have said "Costly thine apparel as thy purse can buy" or in plain English, go buy you some fine clothes. "Nay, nay Pauline;" he would have said, go to Faulkner & Tuggle and buy you some Hereford stock and start right, to wear fine clothes not once but all the time.

American Horses in Belgium.

Antwerp.—The Hon. Bellamy Storer, United States minister at Brussels, visited this city Thursday and made exhaustive inquiries as to the present condition and future prospects of the American horse trade. It appears from information gathered by Mr. Storer that over thirty-five thousand American horses have been imported through Antwerp within the past five years, both from the United States direct and via English ports. The horses have been sold in Antwerp for distribution throughout Belgium and other parts of the continent. The trade is brisk and sales of 500 to 800 horses at a time are now being held at frequent intervals.

American horses are growing in favor and their price is exceedingly low. Good carriage horses and light draught horses can be bought for \$7.50 to \$10 in

the western prairies, and sold here at a profit of \$60 to \$75. the breed is hardy and most suitable to the wants of the buyers.

THE LOCAL PAPER.

Ex-Governor Francis, of Missouri, is quoted as saying:

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any other ten men. He ought to be supported, not because you like him personally, or admire his writing, but because a local paper is the best investment a local people can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or overcrowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the teacher or preacher. Understand me, I do not mean morally or intellectually, but financially.

Come a running and take the Stayer before it gets cold!

Year returned delinquent or reported sold.		Owner	Description of town lot				State and County Taxes Due.							
Reported sold	Returned delinquent		Silverton Lot	Town Lot	Block	Poll	State			County				
						Ad Valorem	School	Total	Ad Valorem	Special	Poll	School District	No. District	Total
1894		J. L. Doobs	9		21									
"		"	14 and 15		63									
"		"	10, 11 and 12		15									
"		"	1 and 24,		22									
"		"	3		39									
"		"	10, 11 and 12		40									
"		"	15, 16, 17 and 18		120									
"		Unknown	8		76	\$1.34			\$2.21	\$1.85	\$5.40	\$3.70	\$4.42	\$4.42
"		"	7		2				.004	.003	.007	.005	.002	.01
"		"	8, 11, 12		4				.005	.006	.012	.006	.004	.016
"		"	12		9				.01	.01	.02	.02	.01	.05
"		"	8, 9		12				.01	.01	.02	.02	.01	.03
"		"	8, 9		15				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	8, 14, 15		16				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	6		18				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	7		41				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	12		50				.02	.01	.03	.02	.01	.06
"		"	5		56				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	6		29				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	10, 11		62				.005	.005	.01	.01	.005	.025
"		"	6, 10		65				.01	.01	.02	.02	.01	.05
"		"	4		66				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	5, 17		69				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	9, 10, 11, 12		73				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	13, 18		73				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	24		74				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	17		75				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	6		76				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	1, 2, 7, 8		81				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	1		84				.01	.01	.02	.02	.01	.05
"		"	1, 2		87				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	10, 11		89				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	10, 20		94				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	2, 3		99				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	10, 11		101				.02	.01	.03	.02	.01	.06
"		"	19, 20		120				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.03
"		"	7		134				.01	.01	.02	.02	.01	.05
1895		"	2		1				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
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"		"	4		1				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	6		1				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	9		2				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	9, 10		4				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
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"		"	9		35				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	18, 19		36				.02	.01	.03	.02	.02	.08
"		"	13		36				.04	.03	.07	.04	.06	.13
"		"	17		38				.04	.03	.07	.04	.06	.13
"		"	9		38				.10	.08	.18	.10	.16	.34
"		"	17, 18, 19, 20		42				.03	.02	.05	.03	.04	.09
"		"	20		43				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	20		47				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	10, 11, 12		60				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	18, 19, 20		68				.02	.01	.03	.02	.01	.05
"		"	10		89				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	1		89				.04	.03	.07	.04	.06	.13
"		"	10		95				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11		101				.03	.02	.05	.03	.04	.09
"		"	ALL		125				.04	.03	.07	.04	.06	.13
"		"	7, 8, 9		60				.07	.06	.13	.07	.12	.25
"		"	3		14				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	7		7				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"		"	17		38				.05	.04	.09	.05	.08	.17
"		"	16		21				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
1894		"	9		21				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"	1896	"	10, 20		1				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"	"	"	11, 12		6				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"	"	"	2, 3, 5, 6		7				.015	.015	.03	.015	.015	.06
"	"	"	14		10				.005	.005	.01	.005	.005	.02
"	"	"	4		12				.005	.005	.01	.005	.005	.02
"	"	"	9, 12, 1, 6		16				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"	"	"	10, 11, 12		15				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"	"	"	6		19				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
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"	"	"	2		21				.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	.04
"	"	"	17 and 11		22				.005	.005	.01	.005	.005	.015

All are in District No. 1

* Nos 2 and 13 redeemed May 13; certificate No 8746
Lot 16 in the line below the * was redeemed May 13; No of certificate 8745

Lands of Briscoe County Returned Delinquent.

Returned delinquent, 1894; owner, unknown; abstract No. 320; original grantee, D. & S. E. R. R. Co.; Certificate No., 142; Patentee, Gunter & Munson; Quantity, 68; class, scrip; date of patent, April 3 1880, No 140, vol. 49; survey No. 183; Block M 10; number of acres assessed, 640; number of acres delinquent 68; state tax; ad valorem 20cts., school, 17; total, 37cts; county tax; ad valorem, 31cts.; special, 40cts.; total, 74cts.

Reported sold, 1894; returned delinquent, 1896; owner, unknown; abst. No. 324; original grantee, D & S E R R Co.; cert. No. 138; patentee, Gunter and Munson; Quantity, 102; class, scrip; date of patent, May 14 1880; No. 110; Vol. 49; survey, 183; block, M 10; number of acres assessed, 640; number of returned delinquent, 68; state tax, ad valorem 20cts.; school 17cts.; total, 37cts.; county tax; ad valorem 34cts.; special, 40cts total, 74cts.

Reported delinquent, 1896; owner, unknown; abstract number, 54, original grantee D S & E R R Co. cert. 1-792, patentee John F Barker, Quantity 320, class scrip; date of patent, June 23 1881, No. 179; vol. 33, survey 39; No. of acres 320; No. acres returned delinquent 320, state tax, ad valorem 96cts., school 86cts.; total 1.82; county tax, ad valorem \$1.20 special \$1.92 total \$3.12

Returned delinquent, 1896; owner, unknown; abst. No., 123; original grantee, B. S. & F.; certificate No. 1-791; patentee, Swan H. Olson; Quantity, 480; class, scrip; date of patent, Aug. 5 1884; No. 246; vol. 33; survey no. 37; number of acres assessed, 640; number of acres delinquent, 480; county tax; ad valorem, 1.41; school, 1.30; total, 2.71; county tax; ad valorem, 1.80, special, 2.80; school dist. 72; total 5.41.

Returned delinquent 1896, unknown, abst. No. 715, original grantee W H Morten, cert. No 11 patentee Chas. Goodnight, quantity 241, class scrip, date of patent Sept 26 1884 No. 35, vol. 10 survey No. 7. No. acres assessed 341, No. of acres delinquent 241 state tax, ad valorem 72cts., school 65cts. total \$1.37; county tax, ad valorem 90cts., special \$1.44, school district 36cts, total \$2.70

Reported delinquent, 1896; owner, unknown; abst. No. 715; original grantee, J. Poitevent; cert. no. 2-204; patentee, H. W. Daves; Quantity, 176; class, scrip; date of patent, Mar. 9 1882; no. 443; vol. 33; survey no. 13; number acres assessed, 176; number acres delinquent, 176; state tax; ad valorem, 55cts. school, 48cts. total 1.01; county tax; ad valorem, 66; special, 1.00; school dist. 27cts.; total, 1.99.

Returned delinquent, 1896; owner, unknown; abst. No. 770; original grantee, A. S. Sikes, patentee, A. S. Sikes, Quantity,

169, class, premt, date of patent, June 8 1894, no. 466, vol 26, survey no. 4, block No. number acres assessed, 163, number acres delinquent, 160, state tax; ad valorem, 48, school 43cts; total, 91cts; county tax; ad valorem, 60cts; special, 96cts; total, 1.56.

Returned delinquent 1896 owner unknown, abst no 813, original grantee Adair & Goodnight, patentee Adair & Goodnight, Quantity 80, class scrip, date of patent Oct 6 1883, No 475 vol 6 survey No 89, no acres assessed 80, No acres delinquent 80 Block G 6; state tax ad valorem 24cts school 22cts total 46cts county tax, ad valorem 30cts, special 48cts, school district, 12cts, total 90cts

Returned delinquent, 1896; owner, unknown; abst no, 783; original grantee, T. & P. R. R. Co., cert no. 2-845; patentee, T. & P. R. R. Co.; Quantity, 176; class, scrip; date of patent, Sep. 21 1876; No. 393; vol. 33; survey no. 89; number acres assessed, 176; number acres delinquent, 176; state tax; ad valorem, 53cts.; school, 48cts; total, 1.01; county tax; ad valorem, 66cts; special, 1.06; total, 1.72.

Returned delinquent 1896 owner unknown, abst no 784, original grantee T and P R R Co, cert no 2-861, Quantity 179, class scrip, date of patent Sept 21 1876 No 407, vol 33 survey No 121, no of acres assessed 176, No acres delinquent 176, state tax ad valorem 53cts, school 48cts total \$1.01, county tax ad valorem 66cts, special \$1.06, total 1.72

T. B. Micheal, tax collector of Briscoe county do certify that the list of lots and land here attached is true and correct as far as the records of the tax collectors show

T B Micheal,
Tax coll Briscoe county
The State of Texas
County of Briscoe.

I, T L Anderson, county clerk do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is the list of all lands, lots or parts of lots, returned delinquent, or reported sold to the state of Texas since the first day of Jan 1885, situated in Briscoe county by T B Micheal, Tax collector of said county and state of Texas to the commissioners court for correction. Given under my hand and seal of office this aug 30 1897

T L Anderson, county clerk
Briscoe county, Texas

Local and Personal.

Eggs and butter are scarce.

Mr. P. L. Crawford and wife will soon be home.

Big lot of dry goods next week, cheap.

Daniel & Dickenson

Mess. George & Cross closed a most successful class in penmanship last Thursday night. They will teach another right away.

New dry goods next week. Low prices. Good stock.

J. W. Cowart & Co.

Sweet potatoes are plentiful just now.

Mr. D. B. Gass and family of Tulia passed through Silverton to-day on their way home from a visit to relatives and friends at Ringgold. Mr. Gass reports plenty of rain below.

Don't forget Mrs. Osborne's class in elocution is still open for pupils. Terms very low and satisfaction guaranteed.

We cant keep groceries but will have a car load next Thursday.

J. W. Cowart & Co.

There is a great demand for hands now to gather the enormous feed crops raised this year.

Our clever young friend, Walter Griffith is back after some months absence.

Harvey Riddel will leave Saturday for Estelline to meet his mother who has been visiting in Erath county.

W. A. P. MATTHEWS'S BLACK SMITH

and Wood Workman.

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Texas

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AND

Feed Store

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AND NICE RIGS

Silverton,

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AND ENGRAVER

Clarendon,

Texas.

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District watch Inspector of the
Ft. Worth & Denver City R. R.

Persons wanting work done can send articles, to be worked on, to the Estelline Supply Company and no charges will be made for expressage from Estelline to me and return to Estelline.



SILVERTON HOTEL

Table is supplied with the best
the market affords.

P. L. CRAWFORD

PROPRIETOR.

OUR INDIA

A Correspondent of the Early Days of Texas.

Editor Hesperian:

Every people have their traditions and legends of their early days and reverently cling to them. In America the stories of the early settlers are preserved with religious veneration and many of them are taught in our schools.

The adventures of John Smith and Pocahontas, Miles Standish, Captain Church, the wars with King Philip and many other events of that kind have passed into history and are embellished in story and song.

Why not the early times in the history of Cook county be made just as interesting? We had men just as brave as John Smith or Miles Standish. We had maidens as gentle and beautiful as Priscilla and we had a foe to contend with just as cruel and more crafty than those they met. And we passed through scenes of bloodshed as shocking and heartrending as any that they ever witnessed.

And perhaps if our early history were touched by the brush of the painter, hallowed by the genius of Longfellow and veiled by the mists of time it would be as interesting, as romantic and as touching as anything New England and Virginia can boast of.

Why not some one gather our early history and preserve it in some enduring form? Why not do this while some of the actors are alive?

There can be no darker or more blood-curdling stories told of Indian warfare than a true recital of some events that took place in Cook county during the time it was exposed to the attacks of the Comanches and Kiowas. Many an old settler can remember the horrors of warfare carried on by those cruel, blood-thirsty savages. Many a home was turned to mourning and many a brave man and tender woman was butchered with revolting cruelty.

One instance among many will serve to show the dangers to which our pioneers were subjected:

On Sunday January 3, 1868, the people in the vicinity of where the village of Rosston now stands, in the western part of Cook county, were following their usual avocations, not dreaming of a foe near them.

It was a warm, beautiful day, and most of the settlers improved it by getting out among their stock and riding over the prai-

ries.

Among those good people lived Daniel G. Menasco and his good wife. Their two little girls, May and Lizzie, were the pride of the whole settlement.

Their home was on the east side of Clear creek where Thomas Berry now lives.

On that day the little girls were visiting their aunt, Mrs. Edward Shegog, a sister of their father, who lived about one mile west on the other side of the creek.

Daniel was out among his stock, leaving his aged father and his wife at home.

In the afternoon a runner came from the settlement above in Montague county with the information that a large band of hostile Indians were coming in that direction.

The old gentleman on hearing this left Mrs. Menasco alone and hurried across the creek to bring the two little girls and his daughter, Mrs. Shegog, home with him. He told them the news and all hurried away in-

to reach Daniel's home the hostiles got into the settlement. Mrs. Shegog and a few months ago she was also a little girl, only six or seven years old, were going with them.

The yell started, out just as they reached the crossing on Clear creek the Indians rushed upon them, killing and scalping the old gentleman where they found him, and made the balance of the party prisoners. They started on with them and passed near the house where the anxious mother was waiting alone for the coming of her children. Part of the Indians started to the house, but the heroic little woman showed herself in the door, gun in hand and they passed on without molesting her. They started east and crossed Blocker creek about a half a mile above where the Gainsville and Rosston road now crosses it. Perhaps in the annals of Indian barbarities, prisoners never suffered more than these. About the time they were crossing Blocker Mrs. Shegog's baby began crying. They ordered her to quiet it, they struck it and finally one of the savages took it from her arms and turned away with it. This was the last time she ever saw it alive. They killed it and threw it on the ground near where she last saw it. They held on their course until darkness. Then the prisoners lost all knowledge of where they were.

What was endured by them that night no one can ever tell. The horror struck neighbors

gathered and followed the trail until night and then returned with no tidings of the lost ones.

During the night one of those sudden blizzards that mark our winters came up and the mercury sank to zero in a few hours.

The next morning a woman with scarcely any clothing on was standing shivering at the gate at the residence of Sam Doss, where County Clerk Peery now lives, at the western limit of Gainsville.

They thought she must be some insane woman, but in those days no one refused to take in any one in distress. Imagine their astonishment when they found Mrs. Shegog, with whom they were well acquainted.

Just where she went that night and how she got there she herself never fully understood. She remembered traveling a long while and finally they entered the timber. The Indians

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A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by All Dealers.

We learn with sincere regret that Rev. W. Taylor Douglass, Missionary priest of the Episcopal church for the Panhandle, will be transferred to some other field. It was our pleasure to be one of his flock and a more earnest, faithful and devoted shepherd we have never known. Our best wishes go with him wherever his lines may fall.

We wonder how many cigarette smokers who listened to Rev. Collard's vivid description of the "leper" in his sermon last Thursday morning know that the innocent looking little sheets of paper they roll and smok with such gusto is manufactured by the Chinese among whom leprosy is common. Thousands of them die every year from that loathsome disease. For aught you know to the contrary, the very paper you are smoking this minute has passed through half rotten fingers. Now you need not throw down this paper and say, newspapers are always telling scary tales, just investigate for yourself and you will quickly find the truth of these statements.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened to disease. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than a special course of medicine. For sale by All dealers.

FT. WORTH & DENVER CITY RAILWAY.

MORGAN JONES, Receiver

SHORT LINE FROM TEXAS TO
COLORADO,

Passing Through

TRINIDAD,
PUEBLO

And the Great Wichita,
Red River and Pease River
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corn and cotton producing
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THE NEW WAY.



WOMEN used to think "female diseases" could only be treated after "local examinations" by physicians. Dread of such treatment kept thousands of modest women silent about their suffering. The introduction of

Wine of Cardui has now demonstrated that nine-tenths of all the cases of menstrual disorders do not require a physician's attention at all. The simple, pure

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

taken in the privacy of a woman's own home insures quick relief and speedy cure. Women need not hesitate now. Wine of Cardui requires no humiliating examinations for its adoption. It cures any disease that comes under the head of "female troubles"—disordered menses, falling of the womb, "whites," change of life. It makes women beautiful by making them well. It keeps them young by keeping them healthy. \$1.00 at the drug store.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

W. I. ADDISON, M.D., Cary, Miss., says: "I use Wine of Cardui extensively in my practice and find it a most excellent preparation for female troubles."

The Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition starts off in grand style with more and a greater variety of attraction than ever before secured by its managers.

OUR INDIAN WARS.

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held a consultation and left her to herself for a little while. After talking among themselves a while one of them came up to her, led her horse off to one side a little way and then pushed her off the horse. They immediately left her and she saw no more of them. She was suffering terribly from cold and from fright and anguish. Hearing chickens crowing for day she summoned strength enough to get to Mr. Doss. She knew nothing of what had become of her two little nieces.

In a short time she was taken back home.

But what of the other prisoners?

Daniel Menasco was, of course almost wild with grief. He went to all the Indian agencies along the frontier, thinking that his children were captives, and that the Indians would part with them for a ransom, one of their strongest motives in making these raids. They took women and children and sold them back to their relatives. Mrs. Shegog's little baby was found dead near where they took it away from her.

But no tidings of the little girls came. Spring came, but brought no joy to that stricken neighborhood. The fate of little May and Lizzie cast a damper over every one.

The dead were mourned, and the sorrow was softened by time. But the dreadful uncertainty which hung over the fate of these two lovely little girls was worse than the most agonizing sorrow for the dead.

Finally, after months of anxiety and suspense, the skeletons of the two little girls were found upon the prairies between Elm and Cedar Creek, along the route the Indians had taken. The little negro's remains were also found close by.

The remains were tenderly and carefully interred, but to this day no one knows whether those children were killed outright by the savages or whether they froze to death on that bitter-cold night. It is probable the Indians lost their way during the night and got nearer Gainsville than they intended, and in their haste to get out of the country before daylight they abandoned the children who were so benumbed they could not ride any further.

Even after the lapse of a quarter of a century those who were here can hardly endure to think of those horrible scenes.

There were perhaps one hun-

dred Indians in the band and they escaped out of the country without being molested.

And this was only one among many such raids that afflicted the early settlers of Cooke county.

Reader, if you knew all the facts you would not wonder that many of our old settlers feel bitter toward the United States government. The Indians were fed and protected by the government; they were even armed and furnished with ammunition by government officials. They carried women and children to their reservations and government agents made money by selling them back to their relatives. They encouraged these raids, because often they made big money out of the ransoms of captives.

For a long time the government turned a deaf ear to all our cries for help. The brutal Sheridan who had charge of this department reported that we had no cause of complaint. He claimed that the people in other parts of Texas murdered negroes, hence our frontiersmen deserved no sympathy.

It was not until General Sherman himself made a tour of the frontier posts, and with his own eyes saw the brutal work of these savages and traced them to a government reservation, that we got any protection.

He came near being murdered himself.

Near Jacksboro a band of Comanches attacked a train of wagons, killed the drivers and burned the wagons. He came along a few minutes later and saw the men weltering in their blood. Then he hurried to the reservation and was there when the Indians came in with some of the plunder. He arrested three of the leaders, sent them to Jacksboro and had them tried in the Texas courts for murder. They were sentenced to the penitentiary for life. After that the government protected us from these savages.

The poet and novelist can find all the material they want in the experiences of our early settlers. And some day these stories will be as interesting as any Longfellow or Cooper ever related.

[We publish the above by request of relatives of the two little girls.]

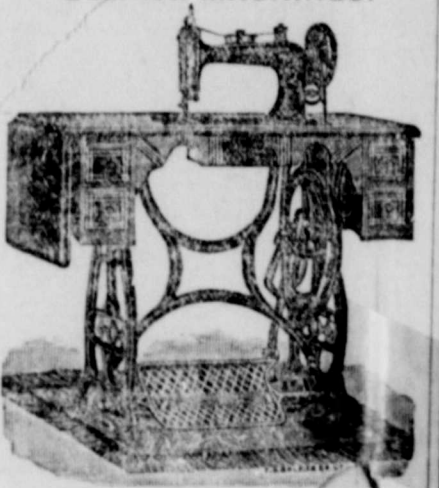
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