









HISTORIC HEADQUARTERS.

Where the Southerners Used to Rendezvous in New York.

In passing the New York hotel the observer chanced to recall an interesting piece of war-time history. At the outbreak of the rebellion this house became the stopping place and headquarters of those who were engaged in plotting treason and preparing to destroy the nation.

It is said that Hiram Cranston fed great numbers of rebels who came to New York during the war, and that he was the custodian of a large amount of personal property belonging to leading southerners.

Many New Yorkers remember the Lincoln campaign and the Wide-Awakes. The democrats, especially the Breckenridge faction, made the New York hotel their headquarters at that time.

Immediately after Lincoln's election the southerners began to gather in large numbers in this city, the leading ones putting up at the New York hotel, and the smaller fry meeting nearby every evening at a little saloon opposite one of the side streets.

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A Truthful Gentleman.

A well known citizen was summoned to serve as a jurymen, but he forgot to make his appearance. After remaining out until nearly three o'clock at morning, he entered his home. His wife asked him why he had not come home.

"Hung jury. Thought we never would get off. Murder case. Argued with the other fellows till they gave in. Mighty hard work."

"They have had you all day, eh?" "Yes, ever since early this morning. Went down from here right straight. Mighty confining. Don't want to serve any more."

"Are you sure that you were on the jury?" "Yes, why what are you talking about. Take me for a fool?"

"Oh, no," she replied, "you've got sense, even if you have no truth."

"Now, listen to you. Can't a man come home without being insulted? What do you mean by truth?"

"Oh, nothing. A short time after you left here this morning a empty sheriff came with an attachment after you. Said they wanted you on the jury, but couldn't find you."

"Well, we won't argue it, dear. Been so busy that I thought I was on a jury. Told man in store let you have all you wanted. Worked so hard don't feel well. I'll be glad to see you."

HERE AND THERE.

A stock company has been organized by San Francisco capitalists to build a Southern California university for law, medicine, art, and science.

In The Times office in Savannah, Ga., is hung up a human skull, on the back of which is labeled: "Last of a man who came in to see the editor."

Small change is so scarce in Orizava, Mexico, that tincois (1 1/2 cents) and cents which are counterfeit pass, and the people even take them eagerly.

William M. Twombly, of Saccarappa, Me., has a twelve-pound cannon-ball which was fired from the brig Enterprise into the British brig Boxer near Portsmouth in 1812.

It is estimated that there are at least two hundred varieties of wild flowers in Los Angeles county, California. One young lady has 150 varieties nicely pressed and preserved.

There is a lively discussion in the columns of one of the English magazines as to the proper spelling of the word "jubilee," some maintaining that it should be spelled "jubile."

When Alice, the widow of Jumbo, landed at New York, one of the custom-house officers chalked her trunk to signify that it was passed, and she went to her new residence free from duty.

The wife of a senator at Washington receives callers in the midst of her pets. As these are from four to six dogs of different sizes, ages, and breeds, a nervous visitor is not apt to bore her with a long call.

It is now said that the winter season in Florida has been large but unsatisfactory. Probably 75,000 northerners went to Florida, but it is said that they paid brief visits and gave a spasmodic character to the season.

Of the state libraries in the union that of New York is the largest. It contains 128,000 volumes. Next comes Maryland, with 75,000 volumes, and then California with 62,000 volumes. Illinois stands tenth on the list.

A suit in Natchez, Miss., was decided last week growing out of a contest over the possession of a petrified chicken, both the owner of the ground on which the chicken was found and the finder claiming it. They were offered \$20 for the chicken.

A mad-dog scare was created a few days ago by a small boy who daubed soap lather about the mouth of his terrier and chased the animal through a much-frequented street in New York, crying "mad dog," the while. He confessed the trick to save his dog from a police officer's revolver.

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The Big Bend tunnel, near Oroville, Cal., on which a large number of men have been at work for more than two years, has been completed. It is two and a half miles long and is designed to divert the course of a river so that a portion of its bed, supposed to be very rich in gold, may be worked.

Last week Mrs. Monstly, of Brooklyn, while sitting in her room was suddenly attacked by a pet cat, and terribly lacerated about the face. Since then her suffering has been intense. Her face is swollen so that she can hardly see. Every medicine or salve of which good results were to be expected has been tried without success.

A very practical April fool joke was played in New Orleans. A secret connection was made between the city water-works and an artesian well in which there had been a great deal of interest taken. The result was a stream of water forty feet high. Some of the stockholders of the water works sold out before the trick was discovered.

James Sullivan, a hatter of Danbury, Conn., is lying in the hospital at that place as the result of a cruel trick which was played upon him by an acquaintance several weeks ago. He is suffering from necrosis or decay of the backbone. His chum placed a bent pin in the chair to see him jump. The pin penetrated the backbone, to which its decay is attributed.

Miss Eddy, a newsdealer in Bennington, Vt., having been notified by two men, one of whom was a stranger, that if she sold a certain New York newspaper she would be boycotted, the citizens of Bennington are expressing a determination to sustain her in the sale of the paper and to enforce the severe penalties provided by law against any persons who shall interfere with her.

W. W. Gilman, an eccentric millionaire, who recently died at his tenancy near Port Jervis, N. Y., left a document in which he stated that \$30,000 was to be given to a little girl whom he had picked up and cared for at his home. The parents of the waif have never appeared. The heirs of Gilman admitted the document to probate without opposition, and the little girl will get her fortune.

A new arrival at Castle Garden refused employment as a coachman, because he had not come three thousand miles to be a servant. When asked what he wanted to be, he said he wanted to be a plumber, for, in course, he didn't know anything about plumbing, "but they write home to say to send out all the men they can, as the plumbers in New York make fortunes."

In a few months he will probably advertise to do sanitary plumbing. D. E. J. Westford, of Middleton, N. Y., has an interesting relic of the "Harrison log-cabin" and "hard cider" campaign of 1840. It is a silk badge bearing the portrait of Harrison, the whig candidate, with a record of his birth and the successful battles he fought—Maumee, Fort Meigs, Thames, Tippecanoe, etc. There is a picture of a log cabin and a man plowing, over which is the inscription: "We will take him from the plow."

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FOR ASSESSOR.
We are authorized to announce W. H. Parnell, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Haskell Co. at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Ruble as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Evans as a candidate for tax assessor.

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We are authorized to announce G. W. Cook as a candidate for tax assessor.

For Constable.
We are authorized to announce J. B. Holmes, as a candidate for Constable.

LOCAL DOTS.

Splendid rain.
What delightful weather!

Our editor being away, the "devil" will do his best to please the people.

Haskell Co. script is selling at par. This speaks well for the co. commissioners.

The dinner given by the Bible Tract Society last night was highly attended. Mr. Parnell is holding a nice front addition to his house.

The delinquent list of land upon which the taxes had not been paid, are being sold this week and our town has the appearance of business.

If you want to pay cash for groceries go to R. S. DeLong.

We failed to get our new material this week.

The prairie has been on fire between Haskell and the Double Mountain fork this week, but was checked before much damage was done.

Anderson & Co. prepares a Sure Cure for Cuts & Ulcers by Dr. H.

Mr. C. M. Deering was in the City this week.

Rev. N. N. Norris of Denton, will preach at this place tomorrow.

Miss Tammie Building of Weatherford, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. G. Alexander. We hope she will have a nice time.

Judge J. D. Poole and lady of Throckmorton, spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones.

Mr. Geo. Mason is moving into his new commodious & spacious residence 3 miles south of town.

"Our Boss" has gone on an extended business tour through Anson, Abilene & Albany.

Mr. John Penick of Houston Co. has located in Haskell Co.

Drs. Gary & Anderson left for Abilene Thursday on "biz".

Mrs. R. C. Louax left yesterday morning on several weeks visit to her mother's residence at Granbury.

Dr. C. C. Mcgregor of Waco after spending three days in our little town returned home having added other lands to his list owned in this county.

Mr. Mauphries with his family has moved to Abilene where he will open up a restaurant.

We are glad to hear that the little son of Dr. Lewis who has been very low with brain fever is in a fair way of recovery.

Anderson & Co. are the best Druggists. If you need pure drugs & want them at reasonable prices go to Anderson & Co.

Every body keep a keen watch for flies and lets make an effort to find out who lets them get out.

The grass is dried and every reasonable man ought to know, with hard and dry carelessness, the prairie is set on fire, the parties are just as guilty as if they had set it on purpose.

Mr. A. D. Tucker our district sheriff was out riding with his mother and two of her lady friends when one of the horses became frightened and kicked one foot over the line. Mr. Tucker had to let them run some distance before he succeeded in getting the line out, we are glad to say that no one was hurt.

When you want any thing in the way of stationery, Lamp, combs, ink, pens, etc., go to Anderson & Co. they have the best and cheapest.

The principal purchasers of the tax sale are Messrs. Johnson, Foster, Biddle, Morgan, and Jones.

The stock men are all putting on suits & shortening their long faces since the recent rain.

The first German Colony in Africa. More than two hundred years have elapsed since the first German colony was planted on the west coast of Africa.

The enlarged appearance of the Free Press entitles its editor to a full grown baby as the subscription price, however, our legal knowledge should inform us that a female is an adult at the age of 15, and that no contract concerning the transfer of her person or property is valid, or can be legally ratified without her sanction, therefore, you are at liberty to call.

I would suggest, however, for your enlightenment, the avowed policy of the Free Press being contrary, that a small baby is less expensive than a big one for it can be quieted with a stick of candy, a toy wagon or a crying doll.

Man Without money.
May 18, '86.

You can always get fresh Lemons at Anderson & Co.'s drug store.

Fort Worth drummers have been lively on our streets this week, the Fort is doing a good business with our merchants. Abilene had better send some men out here or she will loose trade.

Anderson and Co. keeps a sure cure for cuts.

Mr. G. W. Cook and Mr. Wm. Wason were in town this week attending to road business. Haskell county will have the best roads in the state.

Anderson and Co. keeps the celebrated chicken colic cure.

Notice to all parties knowing them selves indebted to us will please call and settle their account at once, as we must raise some money by the 1st.
Draper & Baldwin

To Wool Growers
F. H. Littlehale

Wichita Falls!!!!
During the present wool season.

Has orders for all grades of wool. Buying on commission for mills and manufacturers as he does, he will be able to pay the highest prices, all growers who brought their wool here last spring may be sure of the same fair treatment this spring.

Mr. R. S. DeLong has bought his former partner, Mr. Norris, out and is now doing a strict cash business. Feeling thankful to the good people of Haskell for their patronage in the past, he solicits a continuation of the same.

The stock men of the Double Mountain general work have suspended work until the 15, inst. or until it rains. They will next meet at Wyman's rancho on the mouth of Ruff creek.

Jas. B. Cockrell refuses to become a candidate as his private business will not permit.

Furnishave or hair cut go to A. L. White, W. H. Parsons old stand, send the little folks to him have their hair cut for summer.

The slow rain of Wednesday & Thursday filled the streams to overflowing, and the cattle are happy.

Dick Darrel will circulate a petition in a few days to raise a tobacco fund look out for him as his "side partner" is on the temporary widowers list.

Let the stock men keep a watch on strangers who handle fire carefully and prosecute every person who sets the prairie on fire, with vigor.

Notice to parents.
It is rumored round town that the boys are having dead suppers and stalling chickens from the citizens. Stop them in time!

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Notice.
Is hereby given to Frank Burk who was in 1886 residing in this county but present residence unknown, that I have duly filed upon and made My application to the State Land Board for same section once claimed by him, section no 94 Blk. 1 H. and T. C. R. R. Co. Cert. 12-557 in Haskell County Texas. Haskell May 16, '86. E. A. Rose

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"How the temperance drink and lunch-counter business is booming now" was a remark addressed yesterday to a Boston pioneer in the business.

"Yes," was the reply, "it is wonderful; I can hardly account for it."

"What were the different steps by which your own business grew to be so extensively as it is?"

"Well, about three years ago, when I was quite a young man and was considering different schemes for adding to the limited number of shovels then in my possession my attention was called to the feasibility of hiring a small stove-rooms on Washington street and putting in a small soda fountain as an experiment. My trade was very small still from the first, and I was surprised to find that the soda fountain was a success and that the soda water was sold at a profit.

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