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tions, and find that we have come out
far ahead.

Thanks!

To our customers for their liberal pat-
ronage, we hope to continue ahead, and
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ing trade justifies this stand, and we
are determined to keep it up. There is no
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ABILENE TEXAS.

siderable portion of whose prop-
erty lies in this county, in an in-
terview by the Albany News,
said:

"What do I think of the prevail-
ing idea that it will be hard to get
the big pastures divided up and
placed on the market to meet the
wants of new immigrants? Well,
I would say first that I do not con-
sider this section an exception to
the rule now well proven in cen-
tral and southern Texas, viz: that
large pastures will speedily be
divided up and farming—and es-
pecially stock farming—take the
place of them. I have fully de-
cided in my own mind that the
days of large pastures are number-
ed and that good seasons and im-
migration will hasten their de-
parture. Winter feeding will make
better cattle, and, as cattle cannot
be fed and attended to in large
bunches, the small farmer will
make money where the large pas-
tures will be run at a loss. The
expense and waste of running big
pastures has already put the own-
ers to thinking how the matter can
be remedied, and the natural so-
lution is dividing up into small
stock farms, and, by feeding, keep
the cattle in a thriving condition
the year round. Yes, the change
will come, for the pasture man
has a small elephant on his hands,
and as soon as there is a way out
he will "crawl from under" sure.
Small stock farms will be better
for the country and better for the
pasture man. May the day hasten.

HUNTING DOWN THE MUR-
DERER.

Chicago Ill, Feb. 9.—The hunt
in the dark for the clew to the
murderer of Amos J. Snell is
being energetically kept up by
the police department. Every
officer is on the lookout for sus-
picious characters and fully
twenty persons who cannot give
good and satisfactory accounts
of themselves are now locked
up at the armory. As an incen-
tive to encourage the search Al-
bert J. Snell has offered a re-
ward of \$10,000 for the arrest of
information leading to the ar-
rest of the murderer or murder-
ers of his father. The chief of
police is still keeping up the ar-
rest of tramps in hope of finding
the murderer of Amos J. Snell.
A dozen vagrants were hauled
up in the police courts to-day
and fined. Among those cap-
tured was John Thornell. He
had a 41 calibre revolver in his
possession, and talked mysteri-
ously of the job he had been en-
gaged in. Joe Burke, who was
found near the scene of the mur-
der with burglars tools in his
possession is still held. Chief of
Detectives Henshaw is working
a clew which will probably lead
to the arrest of a well known St.
Louis crack, who was seen near
Mr. Snell's house on the night
of the murder.

ORDERED TO LEAVE BON-
HAM.

Bonham, Tex. Feb 9.—The
Buchanan neighborhood, five or
six miles south of this place, is

worked up to a fever heat over
one of its most respected citi-
zens receiving notice to leave the
country. The citizen referred
to is Mr. W. J. Low, a very
peasible and quiet man. A
morning or two ago he found
between the slats of his gate the
following notice:

SIXTY DAYS NOTICE.

Mr. Low,
After the 15th day of March,
1888, you wont be safe in fifty
miles of Bonham. No safer than
I was the night I stopped at
your house and inquired the
way to the Ayers place. You
helped hunt Eli and Sam and
then helped hang them, and
give them no chance at all. We
give you sixty days, and you
better make use of it and don't
tell it to nobody. If you do wa-
ll see you sooner so take
what you have got and git and
remember the Bois d'arc tree in
Bonham and ask no questions
for you ant by your self.
[Signed] By Order of the Club,

The note within itself would
be very insignificant were it not
for the fact that it has strong
bearing on one of the worst
massacres that ever blotted the
name of Texas. Less than three
years ago this Buchanan
neighborhood was infested with
a gang of the worst desperadoes
that ever degraded on Texas
soil. The Sam and Eli Dyer
mentioned in the anonymous
note just received by Mr. Low
were the leading spirits of this
rough gang. On the 19th day of
May 1885, Sheriff Buchanan and
Deputy Sheriff Buchanan start-
ed out to this settlement where
they had learned the Dyer gang
were then staying, hoping to ef-
fect their capture for the num-
ous offenses they were guilty of.
After arriving in the neighbor-
hood, Sheriff Ragsdale deputized
several of the citizens living in
that section, and together they
surrounded the house where
the two desperadoes, the Dyer
brothers, were then hiding.
The men had no more than tak-
en their positions before the des-
peradoes ran out the door and
commenced shooting at the offi-
cers, who returned the fire with
out effect, as the desperadoes
soon gained a smoke house
which offered them protection
from the bullets, and at the
same time the cracks between
the logs of the building served
as part holes, through which a
hot fire was kept on the officers
and posse until both Sheriff
Ragsdale and Deputy Buchanan
were shot down. Ragsdale liv-
ing only a few hours, and Buch-
anan dying the next day. Dur-
ing the panic that followed the
shooting of the officers the des-
peradoes ran from the building
and getting their horses, made
a break for liberty. They were
immediately followed and Eli,
the elder was captured after he
had received a bullet wound in
the side. The other, Sam, made
his escape, but the entire coun-
try was so in a aroused and in
arms, he was captured in about
a week and lodged in jail along
with Eli. A few weeks after
pending District court, it having
been rumored that the despera-
does would escape with a life
sentence to the penitentiary,
the enraged citizens formed them-
selves into a mob, and on a Sun-
day night took them from the
jail and hanged them to a bois
d'arc tree in the edge of town.
It is thought that the note left
at Mr. Low's place was written by
a party of this gang of despera-
does, as several who were sup-
posed to belong to the secret or-
ganization mentioned in the note
as club, were never arrested,
there being no evidence against
them. Trouble is again appre-
hended, but Mr. Low say he will
pay no attention to the threat.

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LOCAL DOGS.

"Shoot!" "Why don't you shoot?" "Got your Gates?" "Got your K...?"

A fine selection of the latest novels at DeLong & Johnson Bros.

Miss Ella Hunt of Buffalo Gap is visiting relatives in Haskell.

DeLong & Johnson Bros. will give Abilene and Fort Worth prices on Drugs.

Mr. H. B. Jones has gone to Anson on legal business.

Go to DeLong & Johnson Bros. to get a good novel for 25 cents, which will betaken back for half price after you read it.

Mr. O. P. Woodruff of Anson was in this city this week attending to legal business.

Clara Gass has been quite sick this week, but is reported to be convalescing.

We will give full particulars of the new Idella school house next week.

DeLong & Johnson Bros. have just received a large assortment of stationery blank books, ledgers, blotters, writing tablets and novels.

Prof. Christopher and Miss Eric Henry opened up a subscription school Monday with fifty in attendance.

See Mr. Dodson's notice of woolen goods for cost, these are new goods and certainly ought to sell.

Don't forget to call on J. F. Lockney if you want to trade a pony of any sort.

Mr Walter Scott has returned from an extended trip through Hill, Williamson and Travis counties. He reports farmers in excellent spirits, and sanguine in regard to crops the present season.

DeLong & Johnson Bros. have replenished their stock of Drugs and Patent medicines and are prepared to fill any orders for such goods.

Messrs. R. B. Miller and J. S. Riddle have returned from Albany where they have been for some time building houses for parties in that city. The Free Press is happy to welcome them home.

Go to N. Porter for your genuine Cheyenne saddle trees. Rigged up in the latest Cheyenne styles for less money than they can be bought any where else.

Buggy harness, wagon harness, pack harness, whips, spurs and saddles down at bed rock prices. ABILENE TEXAS. June 25

Mr. E. M. Andrews of Anson was in this city this week. He was soliciting subscribers to a pamphlet that is a description of Haskell county, that is designated for the purpose of attracting immigration.

All persons indebted to Dr. J. H. McGee will please call at the office of McConnell and Johnson and settle their indebtedness as the books of said McGee have been left at said office for collection with instruction that suit be brought on all delinquent accounts.

I now offer at cost for cash a nice line of ladies and misses breakfast and chamber shawls, all wool, ladies' rubbers, ladies and misses all wool hose. Come and see for your selves.—B. H. Dodson.

Dr. Hollis of Anson was in this city Thursday. He was called in consultation with Dr. R. A. Anderson who is attending Miss Lula Gass in her present illness.

In view of the fact that we contemplate building a gin and corn mill at Haskell.

Farmers of Haskell county will do us a kindness by reporting the number of acres of cotton they intend planting the present year, please report to R. W. Barrett who will keep an account and report to us.

Respectfully, Carter & Tyson

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to the citizens of Texas during the past week and reported especially for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co. Patent lawyers, Opposite U. S. Patent office, Washington D. C.

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Northeast corner of Haskell Co. --Feb 1st 1888.

Dear sir: As I have never seen any thing from this portion of the Coin your valuable columns, I write a few items. We are having fine weather now. Grass is growing some, and stock is looking better. Farmers are preparing for a crop. Mr. E. Y. Hildreth one of our stiring farmers is plowing his land just right to make corn. Mr. R. B. Pearce another one of our industrious farmers is enlarging his farm. Your writer is making some farm improvements, have begun to garden a little.

When the immigrants begin to come, send some of the moneyed ones out here, as this portion of the country is very rich.

WILD HORSE.

The following is a clipping from the Dallas Morning News as descriptive of our last Grand Ball:

DELAYED SOCIETY NOTES.

HASKELL.

The young folks of this place gathered at the city hall Friday night to enjoy a few hours of Terpsichorean festivity. The floor was waxed and it was almost necessary to wear ice skates to protect the back of ones head. There was a full attendance of "fair women and brave men." Elegance of toilettes and beauty and sweetness held sovereign sway till the small hours. The appended list of names and toilettes will convey an idea of the magnificence of the affair: Miss Minnie House of Ennis, white beaded stio, decollette and sleeveless, real lace and diamond and powdered hair. Miss Carrie Cain, Nile green faille silk, with Russian tulle overdress, pink flowers, diamonds. Miss Mary Q. Wyane of Sherman pink broad ed ottoman silk Sicilian repp draperies, ottoman silk sash, topaz ornaments, white linc flowers and powdered hair. Miss Cus Stenifer, plain pink satin bodice with skirt and drapery of handsome beaded silk, looped with pearl ornaments, duchesse lace. Miss Bulah Dillahunty, elegant costume of blue plush and pink satin, with embossed front of pink and blue velvet, en train diamond ornaments. Miss Sallie Wray, cream albatross and Egyptian lace. Miss Ella Hodge, white albatross and olive plush, natural flowers. Miss Ida Hodges, white wool bobisti lavender plush. Miss Jessi May Taylor, white satin, draped with silk illusions, en train ornaments, Rhine stones.

Notably among the gentlemen present were Messrs Charles Was on, H. B. Martin E. M. Standefor, Frank Williamson, John Agnew Dr. R. A. Anderson, William Wiseman, Eliza Hodges and Eliza Edge, James Norris Richard McGee, N. A. Mathews V. Hogan. H. R. Jones, Hugh Raps, Oscar Martin, John Massie, Walter E. Johnson, Will Hills, G. P. Widmer, Jim Dillahunty, Sam Smith, Bill McGee, "Ellin" Smith, John Kester, A. T. Shipman, Jate Winn and R. H. Fasset. Every one present informs the News reporter that this was the grandest affair of the kind ever witnessed in the city of Haskell.

CHEAP COAL.

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of coal lands in the vicinity of Trinidad embraces 1900 square miles of 640,000 acres. According to the estimate each acre contains 12,906 tons of coal, making the enormous amount of 8,250,810,000 tons of coal.

"As to the immediate demand to be supplied, the country between the Platte and Canadian rivers comprises an area of 240,000 square miles of arable land capable of sustaining at least eight families to the square mile, or 1,910,000 families. Computing the coal consumed by family at five tons per year, it will require the amount of 9,600,000 tons per annum. Manufacturing and the cities in this district at a fair estimate will consume the same amount, or a total of 19,200,000 tons, or 52,000 tons per day.

"To transport this amount it will require 3200 cars at ten tons each. It would therefore require fourteen roads to supply the above district with necessary amount of coal, upon the general estimate that each road could transport twenty five trains of fifteen cars each per day.

"In addition to the above country to be supplied from our fields, a large portion of Kansas and a greater portion of Nebraska will be dependant upon us. Texas also will have to depend upon this place for the fuel necessary to supply the northern and western portion of that great country.

"Never fear but that Trinidad will be equal to the demand, for at the rate of 325,000 tons out put per day we have enough coal to last us over 450 years or enough to supply the present demand of the world for a period of forty years.

"This coal is dug from the pit at 50 cent per ton, and is equal to the Pittsburg coal. It can be put upon trains for Texas at \$1.50 per ton. The present managers of the road declare they will be able to lay it down in Fort Worth at 84 per ton, and to bring enough to supply the whole state of Texas."

A WORTHY CAUSE.

LET ALL HELP

Mrs. Mary V. Hogan of Ennis Texas, hands us an appeal for help to build the "White Cross Home," of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Texas. She says the home is to be built at Garrett, on the H. & T. C. R. R., 31 miles south of Dallas. Land is bought and paid for, and some lumber and shingles donated, and some money paid in: but more is needed at once. The home is for the fallen women anywhere in Texas who desire to lead a better life and be separated from old associates. A good Christian woman is waiting to take charge as matron as soon as the house is built.

She appeals to all for help, and says send along your money by Postal Note, Registered Letter, Money Order or Bank Check, or send Due Bill for Lumber, Shingles etc., to Ennis, Texas.

One Dollar donated will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mrs. Hogan. Any who desire to know more of the work can correspond with Mrs. Hogan.

EXECUTION BY ELECTRICITY.

Albany, Jan. 27. —Before the judiciary committees of the Senate and Assembly in joint session yesterday afternoon, Elbridge T. Gerry advocated the infliction of capital punishment by electrical shock. To his colleague Mr. Southwick, he gave chief credit for the suggestions of the commission. To a query Mr. Gerry replied that he skill on the part of the executioner can make a hanging always successful. Wisdom dictated the transfer of the condemned to the state prison nearest the place of conviction. The criminal would be safer there. A man like Driscoll could not have been held by any county jail. "Your bill pro-

vides for the execution in a state prison, by prison officials?" asked Assymbllyman Saxton. "Yes, no expert is required to touch the button successfully," said Mr. Gerry. "The indefiniteness of the time of execution provided by the bill," he continued, "lends a dreadful solemnity to the murderer's end, as does the provision for only a statement of the fact of execution by the press. Thus the criminal is not made an idol or hero before his criminal associates. Death by electricity," he continued, "would be painless. No distortion—too quick; no convulsions, no time for convulsions; and no horrible details, with a sick man or tainting woman. Criminals would infinitely more dread a silent going away—to be deliberately killed by a terrible but silent force to them unknown. There would be no wakes, no religious rites at the burrial, no idolizing of a murderer or his corpse under the new system, and no long reports in the press."

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

In the District court, March term A D 1888. To the Sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making public of this citation in the Haskell City Free Press, a newspaper published in the county of Haskell, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof you summon Annie Gonzales, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Haskell at the court house thereof, in Haskell, on the 12th day of March 1888. File number being 39. Then and there to answer the petition of Ben F. Gonzales filed in said court, on the 1st day of February A. D. 1888 against the said Annie Gonzales and alleging in substance as follows to-wit: that

plff. and deft were married in Palo Pinto Co. Tex. May 26th 1883 and lived together as man and wife until march 1st 1884, when deft abandoned plff. and has since failed and refused to live with him. Plff. prays for judgment dissolving the marriage. Herein Fail Not, but have you then and there before said court on said march 12th 1888, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. L. Jones, Clerk of the District court of Haskell county.

Given under my hand and the seal of court in Haskell this the 1st day of February A D 1888, J. L. Jones clerk Dist court Haskell Co. Texas.

Issued on the first day of February, A. D. 1888, J. L. Jones, Clerk Dist. Ct. Haskell Co.

An Anxious Inquirer.

A correspondent in Kansas, who signs himself "Anxious Inquirer," asks which we think is superior, Fact or Fancy? At this is a matter of more than national importance not only to our correspondent, but to the universe at large, we proceed to allay the impending crisis by the following timely remarks:

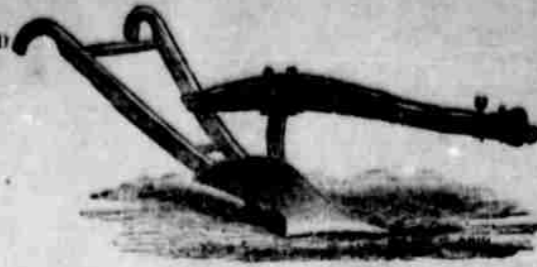
Fact is ball-rock, hard-pau. Fancy is soft color—deceitful; he down from the thicket bush. Fancy has father for much of an imaginary flavor. We prefer the solid comfort of a genuine mine pie to the gloomy festivities of the nightmare, which is sure to follow. The one is solid fact, the other purely idea, and fancifully convulsive.

Now, Mr. Anxious Inquirer, if a young lady particularly struck your fancy and hit it hard, don't you think you would prefer to have a five-man-ice-cream with her, for a fact, than so through the long weary ways of life feeding on substantial rarities of a dream, and hugging all sorts of impossibilities about her? Some to us you should. A dollar in your pocket, for a fact is worth the sum total of Aladdin's dream. That's another fact, Mr. Inquirer.

Fancy is feminine. Fact, masculine. Fancy is too much like warm taffy—more blessed to give than to receive. Fact sets before a man a square meal. Fancy feeds him on memories of things that have been, and hope of things that are to be. Fact always has a clear head; the brain of Fancy has the inflammatory rheumatism. Fact builds a railroad; fancy ministers to a mind diseased. Fact marries a man and sets him up in business; Fancy makes him love-sick and melancholy as an invalid monkey in the branches of a dead cocoanut tree. Fact is a business man and thrives on beefsteak. Fancy is a poor poet, and drowns his words in a sea of words. The country is flooded with 'em."

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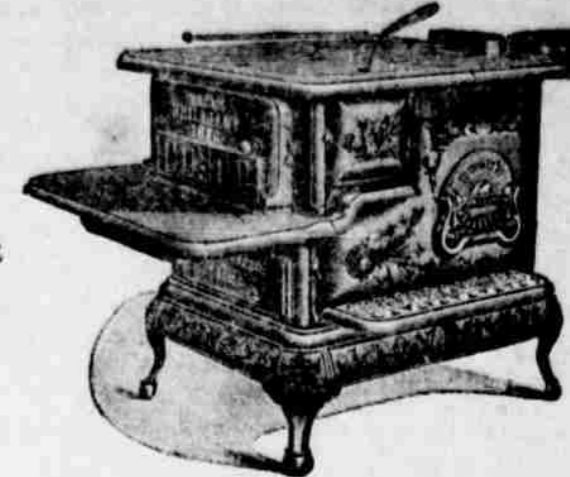
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FACT AND FANCY.

From Dec. 15 to Dec. 31, 1887, fifteen bodies were cremated at one crematory in New York.

A wagon load of squirrels were sold at Hot Springs, Ark., a few days since, the vendor selling them by the bushel.

Mexicans propose to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America in 1492 with a grand world's exposition.

The council at Logan, O., has ordered the ringing of a bell at 9 P. M. to notify parents to call their children in from the streets.

A Nevada ranchman, to protect his cattle from the effects of blizzards, has painted them all with a mixture of tar, red clay and lincsed oil.

A kindling-wood factory, about to be started at St. Johnsbury, Vt., will employ thirty men and use ten thousand cords of slabs a year.

A farmer in Tyler county, West Virginia, recently sold a lot of well-seasoned railroad ties, which he had cut and hewed thirty eight years ago.

At Boston last Monday 180 poor widows received a silver half dollar as a Christmas present from a fund led by W. H. Knight for that purpose.

Forty men and five girls were sent to Jacksonville, Fla., by a bogus employment agency in New York, which charged them \$3 each for places they didn't get.

Forty-one calico aprons were among the Christmas presents received by a female resident of Belfast, Me. She had previously told her friends that all she cared for was a calico apron.

It is said that an apple tree in Pleasant county, Virginia, which has borne fruit for a number of years, has never been known to blossom. This year it bore largely of fruit that had neither core nor seed.

The San Francisco Examiner has contracted with a New York publishing house for 1,000,000 copies of a magazine supplement for that paper, which will give reliable information about California and its resources.

At Waterbury, Conn., the other night, John Miller was seriously stabbed in the groin. He stopped the hemorrhage by pinning the edges of the wound together, and then put himself under the care of a physician. He will recover.

A Maine man as an experiment clipped the fleece from a pet Newfoundland dog and had it carded and spun into yarn. It yielded four skeins of jet black yarn, weighing two and one quarter pounds, and was as soft as wool.

A handsome buck deer was recently shot near Rock Springs, Ky., which for the past ten years had been a target for the rifles of the hunters of the neighborhood. It weighed 175 pounds and its antlers were of unusual size.

The pastor of a wealthy New York church is said to have recently received a fee for marrying a young couple a handsome locket on which were the initials of the pastor's wife set in diamonds. Inside of the locket was a \$100 bill.

A gift of \$30,000 was received Tuesday by the president of Yale college from Alexander Duncan, of London, who graduated in 1835. It is Mr. Duncan's desire that the money be used in providing immediate necessities for the college.

At Mount Vernon, Me., recently, was witnessed the novel sight of a farmer mowing on the ice. The swamp had frozen up but left enough grass remaining above it to warrant a thrifty farmer cutting it and drawing it home for horse-bedding.

A seal went up Mystic river, Connecticut, last week as far as the bridge, and was seen there at intervals for an hour or more. It was a rather remarkable trip, as it took his sealship a mile inland to a place where the river can not be much above two hundred feet broad.

One Wagner night at the Metropolitan opera house, says *The New York Sun*, is almost enough to put those who sing the principal parts in sick-beds, so great is the strain upon their voices and physical strength. The light opera almost invariably succeeds one of Wagner's works on this account.

The Rev. George F. Peck, the well-known evangelist who gave up a pulpit at a salary of \$8,000 a year, to enter the revival field, is having a disturbance with church people at Augusta, Maine, because they published his receipts from his new labors, and intimate that he is making more money than he received on a salary.

At Wooster, O., Tuesday, Laura Sidle instituted legal proceedings against Byron A. Fouch for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise. Fouch is a Wooster university graduate, and until recently practiced law at Findlay, from which point he was taken to Wooster several weeks ago to answer a criminal charge preferred against him by Miss Sidle and which was compromised.

Naugatuck (Conn.) Congregationalists are building a parish house, a modern idea, worthy of imitation. It will have twenty-four rooms, besides hall, cloak-rooms, and closets. The first floor has an assembly-room, reception-room, Sunday-school library, and seven class rooms; the second floor eight class rooms, reading-rooms, kitchen, and dining-rooms; third floor for pastor's study and a gymnasium.

They tell in Dover, Me., that two strong temperance women one day came upon a man lying drunk by the roadside, while his wife sat by his side knitting. She had been walking home with him when he collapsed. One of the ladies asked the faithful wife: "What would become of him if he should die in that condition?" "I don't know what his destiny would be in the future, but he seems to have a good time now."

The archbishop of Lima has sent a letter to the Peruvian minister of justice, education, and religion, protesting against a performance that a circus company was to give for the benefit of the Masonic hall about to be erected in Lima, "thus scandalizing," said the archbishop, "a Catholic city, insulting its religious belief, and violating the laws of the republic, which recognizes the Catholic religion as that of the state and prohibits all others." The archbishop asked the government not only to prohibit the performance alluded to, but also to prevent the erection of the Masonic hall. The executive has taken no action in the matter.

Presence of mind is all well enough in some cases, but when a man finds himself in danger of freezing to death he shouldn't try to keep too cool.

GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS

THOBRE-CARLISLE CONTEST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Every member of the House committee on elections was in attendance this morning to resume consideration of the Thobre-Carlisle contested election case. Mr. Hallam, of Covington, Ky., appeared in behalf of Speaker Carlisle and J. Hale Sypher appeared for the contestant. The chairman announced that the presentation of affidavits in behalf of the contestants was in order.

After the affidavits were presented the committee went into secret session. The first motion put was one to postpone further consideration of the case, which was rejected by a strict party vote of nine to six. Then a motion was made to reopen the case. Mr. Rowell (Republican) asked to be excused from voting, and Mr. Cooper (Republican) voted with the Democrats. So the motion was lost. Another motion was made to declare Thobre entitled to his seat, and on this vote four Republican members were excused from voting, the remainder voting with the Democrats against the proposition. Then came the final vote on the motion affirming Mr. Carlisle's right to his seat. All of the Democrats voted in favor of this proposition, and with them stood Messrs. Cooper, Rowell and Johnson, of Indiana, making the affirmative vote 12. Messrs. Lyman, Houk and Lodge, Republicans, were excused, so there was no negative vote.

The position taken by the Republicans who abstained from voting is that while they are not convinced that Mr. Carlisle is entitled to his seat, it is proper for the committee to reopen the case and afford an opportunity for the production of any new evidence that might throw light upon the contest.

Under instructions of the committee Chairman Crisp will report to the House a resolution declaring Mr. Carlisle entitled to his seat.

TEXAS PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The following Texas pensions were issued to-day: Mexican war, Leonora, widow of George Campbell, Brenham; Ida, widow of John Phillips, Austin; James Lindsey, Kerrville; Emanuel H. King, Winnsboro; Thomas Carney Galveston.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate went into executive session at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and three-quarters of an hour later took up the nomination of Mr. Lamar. Its consideration lasted until 4 o'clock, at which time the nomination was confirmed by a vote of 82 to 28. Senators Riddleberger, Stanford and Stewart voted with the Democrats. All other Republicans voted against Mr. Lamar, and all Democrats were in his favor.

CARLISLE ILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Speaker Carlisle was suddenly taken very ill Tuesday, and grave fears are entertained as to his recovery.

LATER: Speaker Carlisle is much better, though still quite sick. It will be some time before he can resume his duties in the House.

INSTALLATION OF LAMAR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Supreme court of the United States sits with a full bench to-day for the first time since the 4th of May, 1885. Mr. Lamar reached the capitol a little after 11 o'clock this morning and proceeded to the justices' room of the Supreme court, where the oath of office—the ordinary modified oath—was administered to him in private. The judicial oath was administered to him in public immediately after the day's session was opened.

TO PREVENT THEIR LANDING.

The Treasury department is informed that a number of convicts liberated at New Caledonia, are on their way to this country via California. The Collector of Customs and the Commissioner of Immigration at San Francisco have been notified to look out for such immigrants, and to prevent their landing.

DISCUSSES THE WOOL QUESTION.

Mr. C. B. Burbank of Texas, a large ranch owner, was on the floor of the house this morning, discussing the wool question with the Texas members. He represents the owners of about 500,000 sheep.

Hon. J. D. Sayers' wife is reported very much better and hopes to see her friends again soon.

PARDONED.

The president has pardoned W. J. Sherrill, of Arkansas, violation of postal laws; J. S. Pace, Texas, mail robbery, and W. Ross, Arkansas, violation of internal revenue laws.

The sentences of William Johnston and Jefferson Cook of Alabama, violation of pension laws, have been commuted to three years' imprisonment.

THE TREASURY SURPLUS.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Farwell introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to apply the surplus money in the Treasury to the purchase of the United States bonds and to perpetuate the national banking system by providing further securities.

THE MINORITY VIEW.

Views of the minority of elections committee on the Thobre-Carlisle contested election case were presented to the House this morning by Mr. Lyman of Iowa. The report says that had the case been submitted to the committee on the record as made at the beginning of the present session of Congress, there would not probably have been a dissenting voice. The vote would have been unanimous for the resolution adopted by the majority; but at the first meeting of the committee the contestant made a strong ex parte showing. It believes that a reasonable showing having been made by the contestant, he should, in all justice and fair dealing, be allowed to establish by legal and competent evidence if he can, the allegation of fraud made by him.

TEXAS PENSIONS.

The following Texas pensions were issued to-day: Mexican war, Elizabeth, widow of Phillip C Paul, Lamar; Mexican war, Carey W. Styles, Meridian; Jonathan Storey, Eagle Ford; increase, Henry Parker, Greenville.

THE REFUNDING BILL PASSES.

In the Senate to-day, after various amendments, the refunding bill was passed—yeas 46, nays 10. The bill directs the Secretary of the treasury to credit each state and territory and to the District of Columbia a sum equal to all collections made therefrom or from the citizens or inhabitants thereof or other persons under the direct tax act of Aug. 5, 1861. It remits all money still due to the United States under such act, and it appropriates an amount necessary for reimbursement; the sums collected directly from individuals to be held in trust by the state for the benefit of the persons from whom they were collected or their legal representatives.

Mr. Blair's educational bill was then taken up and Mr. Brown addressed the Senate in support of it, stating that its defeat throughout the whole south.

At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's remarks, Mr. Blair continued his speech in support of the bill. In the course of his speech he complained that many newspapers throughout the country had criticized his bill in an unfair and unfriendly manner. After speaking for about an hour and a half, he yielded for a motion to adjourn.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The national Democratic committee will meet in this city on February 22 to fix the time and place for holding the national Democratic convention. Delegates will be present to urge the claims of a large number of cities which desire to have the convention, among them New York, Boston, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and San Francisco.

AMENDMENT INTRODUCED.

An amendment to the interstate commerce bill introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Butler provides that no railroad shall charge any passenger more than two cents a mile for a distance greater than 300 miles, nor more than 3 cents per mile for a less distance. It also provides that no common carrier subject to the provisions of the act shall permit any employes engaged in the transportation of passengers to continue work for more than twelve hours consecutively.

TEXAS PENSIONS.

The following Texas pensions were issued Thursday: V. H. Phelps, Galveston; J. W. Waskom, Gainesville.

PLAIN "JO."

Representative Abbott of Texas is decidedly Jeffersonian in the simplicity which characterizes not only his attitude but his manner. Yesterday he addressed the following note to an officer of the House:

"DEAR SIR—I respectfully ask that you instruct the Journal clerks to see that my name constantly appears in the Journal as 'Jo Abbott.' My name is 'Jo' simply, not 'Joseph,' nor 'Joe,' nor 'J.', but plain 'Jo.' Yours respectfully, JO ABBOTT."

SPEAKER CARLISLE IMPROVING.

Speaker Carlisle passed a comfortable night, and is much improved to-day.

FOREIGNERS ALLOWED TO OWN MINES.

The Senate committee on mines and mining this morning perfected an amendment to the alien land law, extending mining property from its operations—that is, allowing foreigners to purchase and own mines in this country.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate made the following confirmations to-day: D. L. Pringle, consul-general to Guatemala.

United States consuls: W. O. Patton at Bahia, Brazil; N. J. George, Charleston, Prince Edwards Island; J. E. Gill, Motovideo; A. F. Dickson, Gaspe, B. sin; G. C. Tanner, P. ton, N. S.; R. W. Danlap, Stratford, Ont.

Among the postmasters were: J. H. Stapp, Barnet, Tex.; V. E. Reed, Cameron, Tex.; W. H. Allen, Eunis, Tex.; L. W. Yarrington, Eagle Pass, Tex.

E. Sempie, Governor of Washington territory; W. C. Hall, Secretary of Utah territory; S. D. Shannon, Secretary of Wyoming; James Sheakley, Commissioner for Alaska.

Colonel Wesley Merritt, Fifth Cavalry, to be brigadier-general and a long 1st of army and navy appointments.

THE FIRST SKIRMISH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The first skirmish of the opposing lines on the subject of revenue reform took place Thursday in the ways and means committee resulting in a slight victory for the tariff reformers. Chairman Mills who has been indisposed for a day or two was unable to attend and McMillan of Tennessee presided. A former motion made by him to refer to appropriate sub-committees the various bills referred to the committee that have been received from the Public Printer was adopted. McKinley of Ohio then moved to take up and consider his bill repealing the tobacco tax. Some discussion ensued from which it appeared that the Democratic majority was averse to considering any specific tax reduction bill at this time preferring to take up that class of bill in connection with the general tariff reduction bill which it is the intention of the committee to present to the House. Finally Mr. Breckinridge moved to defer consideration of McKinley's bill until the general subject of revenue reduction is taken up by the committee and this motion prevailed by a strict party vote of five to four. The subject is expected to come up again at the meeting of the committee next Tuesday.

ANNUAL PENSION BILL.

The committee on appropriations made ready Thursday morning the regular annual pension bill for report to the House. The bill appropriates \$80,275,500 as follows: For the payment of pensions, \$79,000,000; for fees and expenses of examining surgeons, \$1,000,000; for salaries of agents, \$72,000; for clerk hire, \$170,000; ruts, \$20,000; fuel, \$750; lights \$750; stationery and incidentals, \$12,000.

The estimates originally made aggregated \$76,212,400. A subsequent letter from the Commissioner of Pensions brought the sum up to the amount of the bill.

STATE ITEMS BY WIRE.

WHITEWRIGHT, JAN. 20.

There has been erected here since Oct. 1 forty dwelling houses, and contracts have been let for about twenty-seven more. A new dry goods firm opens up here soon with a capital of about \$80,000. The Farmers' Alliance will also open a large store at an early date. Real estate is active and changing hands lively, especially in East Whitewright.

HONEY GROVE, JAN. 25.

A wood famine exists in Honey Grove at the present. For several weeks the roads have been in such a condition that no hauling could be done, and the stock of the local dealers is exhausted. It will require at least two weeks of fair weather to make the roads passable, and it is feared that there will be actual suffering.

BONHAM, JAN. 25.

Sheriff Evans arrived from Cleburne Friday morning with Sid Mason who was under indictment here charged with forging an order on J. B. McKee of Honey Grove, about one year ago. When searched here ten burglar saws were found, sewed in the inside of the leg of Mason's drawers. Mason stated that he procured the saws from a prisoner in the Dallas county jail, where he was kept over night on route to this place, who had 300 of them. The saws were smaller than the smallest knitting needle and of the finest steel. Sheriff Evans has heard from officers of five other States who are wanting Mason.

SEYMOUR, JAN. 25.

The wheat crop of this county is standing the winter nicely, and it is thought there will be garnered the coming season at least 5000 bushels. There have been many fine rains during this winter, and the farmers are very hopeful for a good crop this year.

CLARENDON, JAN. 27.

W. C. Kogler, foreman of the Kogler Ranch, says they lost about twenty-five head of cattle in the recent blizzard, but the loss was confined to the old and poor of the herd. He reports that the range is good and cattle likely to pull through in fine condition.

EL PASO, JAN. 25.

Last Saturday night a railway car standing on a side track in Paso del Norte was burglarized. The car was in the hands of Mexican custom officials, and contained a valuable cargo of bonded imported goods, including jewelry, laces and silks. The exact value of the goods taken, either is not known to the Mexican officials, or will not be given by them, but it is reported to be several thousand dollars. Seven Mexicans have been arrested on suspicion.

HOUSTON, JAN. 25.

Mr. Thatcher of Sugarland, has arrived in the city. He says that the continuous rains and cold weather have caused a cessation of work in that part of the country which will cause the crops to be later than last year. Col. Cunningham has decided to use the diffusion process in making his next crop of sugar. He will take this step owing to observations at the government station. By it 225 pounds of sugar can be taken from a ton of cane, while only 150 pounds can be extracted through the old process. Mr. Thatcher is of the opinion that the sugar crop of next year will go far over that of this year, which was more than 3,000,000. This will be on account of an increase in acreage by himself and Messrs. Cunningham & Ellis.

MAXWELL MUST HANG.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Supreme Court of the United States Monday rendered a verdict in the case of Hugh M. Brooks, alias W. H. Maxwell, against the State of Missouri. This is the famous Maxwell-Preller murder case. Brooks, or Maxwell, plaintiff in error, is now in jail in the city of St. Louis, under sentence of death for the murder of C. Arthur Preller, in April, 1885. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Waite, and its effect is to affirm the sentence of death pronounced by the State court.

PRETTY THINGS.

ROSE DESIGN FOR TABLE SCARF.—The same paper also illustrates a hand of old gold silk sateen with discs embroidered in outline stitch with silk of a deeper shade. Within the discs is a conventional design of wild roses, one rose for the middle of each circle, embroidered with pink silk, the center of the flower light green, the stamens of yellow, with a knot stitch at the end of each. The green leaves, one of which projects from beneath each petal of the rose, thus making five, are outlined and veined with a medium shade of olive green silk. The ground-work back of the flowers within the discs is then darned with the deeper shade of gold silk which has been used for outlining the circle. This design is also pretty for a piano cover.

SEWING CHAIR.

HAVE you not, says Christie Irving, in Farm and Fireside, an old chair somewhere about the house that by the addition of some paint and drapery can be made into a thing of beauty? Paint the woodwork white, and make the drapery of pale blue sateen, which can now be bought very cheap, as they are selling all the summer sateens as low as fifteen, and in some stores twelve and a half cents. It drapes prettier than cretonne, and cretonne is a little out of style now, other things having taken its place.

STATE HAPPENINGS.

WACO, JAN. 24.

The Stone building was burned to the ground Sunday morning. The building belonged to J. E. Stone, and was insured for \$5000. It was occupied by E. Nicholson, millinery, whose store was insured for \$3000; J. C. Craig, groceries, stock insured for \$2500, Eugene Kainer, job printing establishment, insured \$2500; the Fifth Street Hotel, insurance \$12,000. The upper rooms were occupied by D. Well, who had an insurance of \$500 on his furniture. The losses of roomers on the upper floors and boarders are considerable. Prof. A. Hers who burned out a few days ago moved into the Stone building, and it was lost in this fire, without insurance. The fire started in the millinery store, at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets at 10:30 and spread with startling celerity. The loss is about \$30,000 and the total insurance \$17,000.

LAREDO, JAN. 24.

Reports from the outlying wool districts of Laredo give but comparatively little stock lost in this section by reason of the late blizzards, and the number is principally confined to lambs and old sheep. One of the heaviest losses is reported by Mr. Showalter, who has just imported two carloads of blooded cattle from Kentucky for use on his ranch on the Nueces River. These cattle were caught on an open prairie by the cold spell within a few hours after they were unloaded from the cars, and five bulls, worth about \$200 each, died from exposure. Reports are received from Encinal county that three shepherds were frozen to death while tending their flocks last Sunday morning.

ANDERSON, JAN. 24.

Last Tuesday evening Uncle Miles Taylor, whose age is 87 years, fell in the fire in his room near to or at Ike Kelley's residence. A negro boy, who happened to see him, was standing in the yard, and ran and told Mr. Kelley that Mr. Taylor was in the fire. Mr. Kelley hastened to the room, and found him lying head foremost in the fire, all ablaze, and very badly burned. He pulled him out and threw a bucket of water on him and succeeded in putting out the flames. Mr. Taylor's arm was very badly burned, and Wednesday the old man died. He was one of the oldest settlers in this county.

GALVESTON, JAN. 24.

The Sealey Rifles Battalion held their annual meeting for the election of officers Friday night. There were some fifty-three members present. The battalion decided to enter two teams at the Austin drill and Tuesday night the teams will be finally selected, after which work will begin in earnest. While only two teams will enter the prize drill at Austin, the entire battalion will attend the encampment with the view of giving exhibition drills.

QUEEN CITY, JAN. 24.

The continued bad weather of the past month has almost entirely suspended the operation of the lumber mills. Another cargo of rails has arrived for the extension of the track on the East Texas Transportation Company's road. The necessity of building a large brick school house here is being agitated and favorably discussed. The building now being used is too small and uncomfortable for school purposes.

MARLIN, JAN. 24.

The district court, Judge Eugene Williams presiding, has been engaged for the past three days in the trial of Louie Hawkins, charged with the murder of one Addison Washington, Sept. 26, 1887. The trial resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree, with a life term in the penitentiary.

CARBON, JAN. 24.

On the night of Jan. 14, about ten miles south of here, in a herd of 500 goats, 175 perished of cold. So far as known no other stock have frozen in such large numbers, but individual losses in many cases are reported among farmers. It is extremely cold and more losses are expected.

SHERMAN, JAN. 24.

The Alliance committee, composed of J. P. Loving, W. E. Staples, J. W. Lanham and W. Scott, met to-day and decided to build a mill of 150 barrels capacity here at once. Saturday afternoon Albert Mayers, a youth of about 16 years fell from a trestle about forty feet from the ground killing him instantly.

WHITEWRIGHT, JAN. 21.

A wood and coal famine prevails here now. Coal dealers say they cannot get coal before March, and the roads are in such condition that the wood haulers can not get to town.

VAN ALSTYNE, JAN. 24.

Some cotton is occasionally seen on the streets, but the cotton market has virtually closed here. About 9000 bales have been purchased here. All farm lands have been rented, and immigrants are finding some trouble getting located.

STEPHENVILLE, JAN. 24.

A girl, 14 years of age, residing at Seldon, eight miles south of here, was burned to death. The name of the girl could not be learned. The girl was of unusual mind.

SHERMAN, JAN. 21.

James and Oldham, two men bound over by a justice of the peace on a charge of theft, were brought over and put in jail Thursday. Coal is said to have been found in paying quantities on the Dr. Scott farm, near Gordonville.

HOUSTON, JAN. 21.

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning the Texas Base Ball League convention met at the Social Club parlors, pursuant to adjournment. All the delegates were present. It was decided that the base ball season should be inaugurated on April 1. Considerable miscellaneous business of an important character was transacted by the delegates and provisions made to meet contingent expenses. A resolution was presented and adopted thanking the Houston Social Club, members of the Houston Base Ball Club and the press for courtesies extended. Nominations were made for places in which to hold the next convention. It was finally decided by ballot that the next convention should be held in Dallas in October. At 12 o'clock the convention adjourned.

BURNET, JAN. 21.

Mr. E. J. Russell, agent of the Wells-Fargo Express company at this point, was arrested by Constable R. H. Smith on a charge of embezzlement. The complaint was made by Mr. Duncan, route agent of the company, and charges the appropriation by Russell of the sum of \$200. Defendant asked a temporary postponement of preliminary trial and it was granted and his bond fixed in the meantime by Squire Ward at the sum of \$500, which being given he was released from custody. The date fixed for the preliminary trial is Thursday, January 26.

LAREDO, JAN. 21.

Mr. Gus Harrison, who has been in charge of the Mexican National Railroad at Rodriguez Station on the Salado River in Mexico, was brought in seriously wounded. In his statement he says that Tuesday night while he was attending to his duties, he was fired upon and the ball whistled unpleasantly close to his head. Turning around he was confronted by a Mexican pointing a Winchester directly at his body. He succeeded in grasping the gun just as it was fired and depressed the range, so the ball entered his body below the hip. Timely succor arrived before the wound would be fatal and complete the work. The physician attending him has been up to this time unable to locate the bullet which has lodged in his body.

EL PASO, JAN. 21.

Ah Sing, aged 35, and Miss Ah May, aged 28, both native born Celestials, were married here Thursday night. The ceremony was performed by District Judge T. Faivey. The groom and his friends were extremely anxious that the ceremony should be of the most binding character, and they therefore insisted on having the district attorney present as a witness. A cousin of the groom acted as interpreter, and about thirty Americans, including several ladies, were present. Ah Sing and wife will open a laundry in Paso del Norte, Mexico. Within the past two years two Chinamen have married Mexican girls here, but this is the first Chinese marriage in the Southwest. There are but four Chinese women in El Paso.

WHITEWRIGHT, JAN. 21.

Something new in the way of drunkenness was seen on the streets here Wednesday. A pet coon belonging to one of the clerks in the postoffice was made gloriously drunk by some wag who carried him to a saloon and gave him two glasses of whisky. He staggered, danced and went through all the antics of a drunken man. The doctors report several cases of pneumonia. What is growing off much better than was expected some days ago. The immigrants that arrived here a few days ago from Kentucky and Tennessee express themselves as well pleased with Texas and her people.

TERRELL, JAN. 21.

As the stock begin to thaw, quite a number of them die. It is reported that on one farm, where the horses were not protected from the wind, thirteen head died from the effects of the freeze.

MERKEL, JAN. 21.

As the result of the Dallas immigration convention, Judge Lock McDaniel, with County Surveyor Thomas, are here, and are cutting the four leagues of Grimes county land into 150 acre tracts, which will be put on the market in a few days at reasonable prices and good time. This is the finest body of land in the West. The soil is a deep loam, very rich, and on any portion of this tract the best of water can be had at from twenty to fifty feet. These lands not being on the market heretofore have been quite a drawback to this beautiful little town, and the citizens are elated by the prospect of a large influx of settlers this coming spring and summer. It is expected a cotton-gin and perhaps a small mill will be erected this summer. The college and public school, which are united, are flourishing, and have about 150 pupils enrolled. The new college building is almost completed and will be ready for many terms.

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ROAD NOTICE

The State of Texas, Haskell County.

Whereas the county Commissioners court of Haskell county on the 17th day of November A. D. 1887, appointed G. R. Couch, B. H. Owsley, J. S. Post, Wm. Ward and J. M. Thompson a jury of view to lay out and establish a first class public road leading in the direction of Anson Jones county to south boundary line of Haskell county and to assess damages incident to the opening of same.

Now therefore by virtue of authority of law we the said jury do hereby notify the several non-resident owners (whose names are to us unknown) of the land herein described that we will on the 18th day of February A. D. 1888, meet in the court house in Haskell city and proceed to lay out and establish said first class public road on the line and across the tracts of land hereafter designated; said road to extend 30 feet on each side of said line and to be 60 feet in width when not otherwise specified herein, and will at said time proceed to assess the damages incident to the opening of said road, and the said owners are hereby notified to file with the said jury on or before the said day last mentioned a statement of such damages as they may claim incident to the opening of said road.

Beginning at south end of Campbell street on South line of Peter Allen survey, the same being the north line of section No. 29 Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co. 149 vrs west from N. E. cor. of same.

Thence west on south line of Peter Allen survey and north line of said No. 29, 1538 vrs to N. W. cor. of said No. 29, 60 feet south of said line taken for road.

Thence south on west line of No. 29 and east line of Blk 1, H. & T. C. R. Co. at 1827 vrs. the S. W. cor. of said No. 29 and S. E. cor. of said No. 21 the same being the S. W. cor. of No. 10 and N. E. cor. of No. 11, H. & T. C. R. Co.

cor of No. 22 of Blk 1, H. & T. C. R. Co.

Thence on the line of said No. 19 and 22 at 3654 vrs the S. W. cor. of said No. 19 and S. E. cor. of 22 on north line of No. 17.

Across No. 17 Blk 1 H. & T. C. R. Co. as follows:

Beginning on north line of said No. 17, 1078 vrs, west from the N. E. cor. of same, Thence S. 16 W. 1015 vrs to the N. W. cor. of No. 16 same being an ell. cor. of said No. 17.

Thence south on west line No. 16, same being a line of No. 17 Blk 1 H. & T. C. R. Co. at 171 vrs, the N. E. cor. of Wm. Walker league survey, same being a cor. of said No. 17. Thence on E line of said Wm. Walker survey at 1508 vrs the S. W. cor. of said No. 16 the same being the N. W. cor. of No. 15 Blk 1 H. & T. C. R. Co. at 2657 vrs the S. W. cor. of said No. 15 the same being the N. W. cor. of John Husband survey at 4357 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Wm. Walker survey, same being the N. E. cor. of W. G. McDaniel survey in west line of John Husband survey at 6157 vrs the S. E. cor. of said McDaniel survey, the same being the N. E. cor. of A. S. Randolph survey No. 71, at 8357 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Randolph survey, the same being the S. W. cor. of John Husband N. E. cor. of Theo. Winfree sur No 70 and the N. W. cor. of No. — Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co. at 10257 vrs the S. W. cor. of said No. —, same being the S. E. cor. of said Winfree sur, on north line of No. 8 Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co.

Thence west on south line of Winfree sur, No. 70 same being the North line of said No. 8 Blk 1 H. & T. C. R. Co. at 702 vrs the N. W. cor. of said No. 8, the same being the N. E. cor. of G. T. Baggett Preemption sur. at 1111 vrs the N. W. cor. of said preemption sur same being the N. E. cor. of No. 87 Blk 1 H. & T. C. R. Co. at 1009 vrs the S. W. cor. of said Winfree sur 2295 vrs a point in S. E. line of A. S. Randolph sur No. 69, and North line of No. 87 in T. C. R. Co.

Thence across No. 87 Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co. as follows:

Begin on north line 291 vrs east from N. W. cor. of same. Thence south 1015 vrs. Thence S 14 W 801 vrs crossing bridge on Timber branch to west line said No. 87, 1820 vrs south from N. W. cor. of same.

Thence south of west line of said No. 87, same being the east line of No. 88 Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co. 620.

Thence on said No. 88 as follows:

Begin on east line of same 2410 vrs. S. 14 W. E. cor. Thence west 125 vrs. Thence S. 11 W. crossing bridge on Paint creek 150 vrs to south line of No. 88, 952 vrs. west from its S. E. cor.

Thence across Coryell Co School League as follows: Begin on north line 1508 vrs west from the most northern N. E. cor. of same. Thence S. 14 W 3599 vrs S. 31 W 1100 vrs the west line of said No. 60 158 vrs north of its S. W. cor. The three last surveys mentioned appear irregular on account of being erroneous.

Thence S. 31 W 156 vrs across Ahlerbeck & Bro. sur. No. 2 to the north line of M. E. P. & F. R. Co. sur No. —, 97 vrs west from N. E. cor. of same.

Thence south 311 vrs 1111 vrs to north line of said M. E. P. & F. R. Co.

Co. 670 vrs west from S. E. cor. of same.

Thence south 312 w 19 vrs S 10 W. 533 vrs to north line of sur No. 12 B B B & C R R Co.

Thence on said No. 12 as follows: Begin on north line 608 vrs west from N. E. cor. Thence S. 10 W 68 vrs S. E. 276 vrs to south boundary line of Haskell county. 170 vrs east from stone set for Jones County.

Witness our hands this the 18th day of Jan. A. D. 1888.

G. R. Couch, B. H. Owsley, Wm. Ward, J. S. Post, J. M. Thompson, Jury of view and to assess damages.

ROAD NOTICE

The State of Texas, Haskell County.

Whereas, The County Commissioners court of Haskell county on the 17th day of November A. D. 1887, appointed G. R. Couch, B. H. Owsley, J. S. Post, Wm. Ward and J. M. Thompson a jury of view to lay out and establish a first class public road leading from Haskell city in the direction of Stonehill to west boundary line of Haskell county and to assess damages incident to the opening of same.

Now therefore by virtue of authority of law, we the said jury do hereby notify the several non resident owners (whose names are to us unknown) of the land herein described that we will on the 18th day of February A. D. 1888 meet in the court house in Haskell city and proceed to lay out and establish said first class public road on the line and across the tracts of land hereafter designated; said road to extend 30 feet on each side of said line and to be 60 feet in width when not otherwise specified herein and will at said time proceed to assess damages incident to the opening of said road, and the said owners are hereby notified to file with the said jury on or before the said day last mentioned a statement of such damages as they may claim incident to the opening of said road.

Begin at N. W. cor. of court House square in the town of Haskell thence west on Walton street 5200 vrs to west line of Peter Allen sur 945 vrs north of S. W. cor. of same, said point being in east line of No. 20 Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co. 581 vrs north of S. E. cor. of same, at 6359 vrs the west line of said No. 20.

Thence north on west line of said No. 20 and east line of No. 27 same Blk and R. Co. 882 vrs to N. E. cor. of said No. 27.

Thence west on north of No. 27 and S. line of No. 28 Blk 1 H & T. C. R. Co. at 1978 vrs pass N. W. cor. of said No. 27 and S. W. cor. of No. 28 same being the S. E. cor. of No. 42 N. E. cor. of No. 41 same Blk and R. Co. at 2956 vrs the S. W. cor. of said No. 42 and N. W. cor. of said No. 41 same being the S. E. cor. of No. 40 and N. E. cor. of the 49 same Blk and R. Co. at 3934 vrs the N. W. cor. of said No. 40 and N. E. cor. of No. 50 same Blk and R. Co. at 7912 vrs the N. W. cor. of said No. 50 and the N. W. cor. of said No. 59, same being the S. E. cor. of No. 63 and N. E. cor. of No. 64 same Blk and R. Co. at 8990 vrs the N. W. cor. of said No. 63, same being the S. E. cor. of No. 70 and N. E. cor. of No. 69 same Blk and R. Co. at 11868 vrs the N. W. cor. of said No. 70 and N. E. cor. of No. 69 same being the S. E. cor. of No. 73 and N. E. cor. of No. 74 same Blk and R. Co. at 12946 vrs the S. W. cor. of said No. 73 and the N. W. cor. of said No. 74 the same being the S. E. cor. of No. 82 and the S. E. cor. of No. 84 same Blk and R. Co. at 15224 vrs the N. W. cor. of said No. 82 and the S. W. cor. of said No. 83, said point is in the east line of the W. R. Rice survey 2910 vrs south from then cor. at 16382 vrs the west line of said Rice survey 2910 vrs from its N. W. cor. said point is in the east line of J. Pollock no. 1, 900 vrs south from its N. E. cor. thence west 2072 vrs on said No. 1 making 16594 vrs in all across bank of Doublet Fork of Brazos river.

Thence S. 30 W. 400 vrs to west line of said No. 1 and S. E. cor.

of No. 8 B B B & C R R Co

Thence west on the line of said No. 8 & 9 at 3723 vrs pass S. W. cor. of said No. 8 same being a cor. of No. 13 same Blk and R. Co. at 3884 vrs to west boundary line of Haskell Co 510 vrs north of 14 mile post.

Witness our hands this the 18th day of January A. D. 1888.

G. R. Couch, B. H. Owsley, Wm. Ward, J. S. Post, J. M. Thompson, Jury of view and to assess damages.

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Beginning at east end of Walton street of the town of Haskell 981 vrs north of the S. E. cor. of the Peter Allen sur, thence north on the E line of said Peter Allen sur 1743 vrs to a point 933 vrs south from N. E. cor. 60 feet east of said line taken for road.

Thence east on vacancy and Isidro Roman sur 7376 vrs to E. line of said Roman sur 930 vrs south of N. E. cor. of same. Same being the west line of L. Willoughby sur 930 vrs south of N. W. cor. Continuing East on said Willoughby at 9637 vrs to east line of said Willoughby 932 vrs south of N. E. cor. of same.

Thence north 930 vrs on E line of said Willoughby, same being the west line of J. M. Cass, to the N. E. cor. of Willoughby and N. W. cor. of J. M. Cass, thence east on north line of J. M. Cass and south line of Jno Campbell survey at 2291 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Campbell and N. E. cor. of said Cass survey the same being the N. W. cor. of Moses Butler and S. W. cor. of Hiram Tidwell surveys at 1562 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Tidwell and N. E. cor. of said Butler surveys the same being the N. W. cor. of J. B. Cox and S. W. cor. of Robt G. Cummings survey at 6422 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Cummings survey the

same being the S. W. cor. of M. Pevetoe survey, at 8030 vrs the N. E. cor. of said Box survey, same being the N. W. cor. of P. Casanova survey, at 8362 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Pevetoe survey the same being the most western S. W. cor. of sur No 1 g h & h r r co. at 9930 vrs the N. E. cor. of said Casanova, the same being an ell cor. of said No 1 g h & h r r co. thence N 74 E on said No 1 690 vrs to E line of same. 1136 vrs south of N. E. cor. same being the west line of No 2 g h & h r r co. 1136 vrs south of its N. W. cor. Continuing N 74 E at 1914 vrs the N. W. cor. of Sarah Smith survey the same being the S. W. cor. of U. R. Craig survey on E line of said No. 2 814 vrs S from its N. E. cor.

Thence East on the north line of Sarah Smith survey the same being the south line of H. R. Craig survey at 2191 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Craig, the same being a cor. of No 10 B B B & C R R Co, at 3800 vrs the S. E. cor. of said No. 10, same being the S. W. cor. of No. 11 at 4878 vrs the S. E. cor. of Sarah Smith sur, same being the S. W. cor. of Jas Sectt Labor survey, at 5700 vrs the S. E. cor. of said No. 11 and N. E. cor. of said Scott sur thence 805 vrs on north line of No. 27 and south line of No. 25 B B B & C R R Co 6505 vrs in all to the East boundary line of Haskell county 598 vrs north of the 15 mile stone

Witness our hands this the 18th day of Jan A. D. 1888.

G. R. Couch, B. H. Owsley, Wm. Ward, J. S. Post, J. M. Thompson, Jury of view and to assess damages.

CITATION

The State of Texas.

In the District court March term; A. D. 1888. To the sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the county of Haskell, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon all persons interested in the estate of Hubert DeFaaz Deed, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Haskell, at the court house thereof in Haskell on the second Monday in March 1888, File number being 37 then and there to answer the petition of the state of Texas, filed in said court, on the 5th day of January A. D. 1888, against the said persons interested in the estate of Hubert DeFaaz Deed, and Mrs. R. H. Hanna and her husband R. H. Hanna and alleging substantially as follows to wit: State of Texas, County of Haskell.

In the District court of Haskell county, March term A. D. 1888. To the District court of Haskell county. And now comes the state of Texas plaintiff by Oscar Martin, County Attorney

and complaining of Mrs. R. H. Hanna and her husband R. H. Hanna defendants, represent that defendants reside in the county of Travis state of Texas. That Hubert DeFaaz whose residence at the time of his death it to plaintiff unknown, died sometime between the year A. D. 1859 and 1870, the exact date of said demise being to plaintiff unknown seized in fee simple of the following described real estate, to wit:

Being 910 acres survey No. 67, in the name of Hubert DeFaaz abstract No. 140, situated in Haskell county on the waters of Paint creek west from Fort Belle Mead and originally in Cooke land District. Beginning at the N. E. corner of survey No. 66 a stake, from which a mesquite 6rs. S. 75. E. 43 vrs a mesquite 6rs. N. 65. E. 23 vrs.

Thence S. at 1900 vrs a stake S. B. Corner of sur. No. 66, for the S. W. corner of this survey.

Thence East 1900 vrs a stake

Thence North 1900 vrs a stake from which a mesquite 6rs. N. 71 W. 112 vrs a mesquite 6rs. N. 82, W. 16 vrs.

Thence west 1900 vrs to the beginning.

That said Hubert DeFaaz was the person last lawfully seized of the said estate and that said Hubert DeFaaz died without any devise of said estate and without having heirs of his the said Hubert DeFaaz deceased, that there are no persons in actual possession of said estate and that the said Mrs. R. H. Hanna and her husband the said R. H. Hanna have set up a claim to seventy acres of said estate and are the only persons known to claim the same or any part thereof or the whole estate aforesaid.

The premises considered the said estate has escheated to the said state of Texas.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants and all persons interested in said estate be cited, to answer this petition, and that it have judgment for said land, cost of suit and an award of a writ of possession; and such other relief as plaintiff may show itself entitled.

For which plaintiff will ever pray.

Oscar Martin County Attorney, Haskell County Texas. Herein laid not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. L. Jones, Clerk of the District court of Haskell county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, in Haskell this, the 6th day of Jan. A. D. 1888.

J. L. Jones Clerk Dist. Court, Haskell Co. Texas.

(Endorsements on the back.)

The State of Texas vs. Mrs. R. H. Hanna et al.

Issued on the 5th day of Jan. A. D. 1888.

J. L. Jones Clerk Dist. Ct. Haskell Co.

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LOCAL DOTS.

SALUTATION.

In associating myself with Mr. Martin in the publication of the FREE PRESS. I will make no large promises. It is our intention to make the paper an all home print four page journal; a paper which will be a credit to the town and a source of pride to the people. Just so far as the people of Haskell encourage the enterprise, will it prove a success, and I believe the paper will receive a liberal support from the home people. My duties on the Anson Western are so arduous that the most of my time will be required there, but with the assistance I can give Mr. Martin I am confident we can give you a good paper. Arrangements are now in progress for an intelligent compositor and the mechanical department of the paper will be much improved. Possibly a couple of weeks will elapse before we can make the contemplated changes, and we trust our readers and patrons will be patient with us.

And just here, I would suggest that you come up with a liberal patronage in order to justify the expenditures now necessary.

Very Respectfully,

HEC. A. McEACHIN.

Mr. Geo. Cook was in the city yesterday.

The private school still has a full attendance.

Mr. A. D. Tucker has gone to Abilene on official business.

Mr. D. L. Smith was in the city yesterday.

Novels of the latest edition at DeLong and Johnson Bros.

Tom Smith, cousin of our townsman W. C. Smith, is in the city.

25 cts will get a good square meal at the Delmonico Restaurant.

Mrs. W. M. Carter has returned to Haskell.

Fresh Garden seed at DeLong and Johnson Bros.

Mr. C. M. Darling has been in the city for several days.

Onion sets at DeLong and Johnson Bros.

J. C. McClarren was in the city several days.

Eruption oil 40 cts per gal.—DeLong and Johnson Bros.

Mr. Eben has gone to Benjamin to preach to-morrow.

Seed Irish potatoes and Onion sets at DeLong and Johnson Bros.

Messrs. Lee Smith, J. W. Waters and S. P. Baker have returned from Marlin, where they have been attending court.

The Delmonico Restaurant is receiving a large share of the patronage.

Messrs. C. E. Joell and John Humphries have been in the city this week.

Early Rose and Goodrich seed Potatoes at DeLong and Johnson Bros.

Farmers have sown very heavy crops of oats this season, and it is to be hoped the crop will be abundant.

Mr. Mason has been quite sick for several days, but has not been dangerously ill.

Mr. H. C. Lopez went out to Mr. Mason's yesterday to spend the day.

Miss Lula Cruse is much better and her physician has every hope of her recovery.

Miss Lula Wake accompanied by Mr. E. E. Martin and Miss Mary Weston left for her home today.

Wagon and horse hire at DeLong and Johnson Bros.

We failed to get our paper this week so we had to use old paper for this issue.

The Anti dupe society had a splendid ball last evening. The boys all wore the badges of their order.

Mr. A. W. Walker of Johnson county is visiting his nephew Mr. W. A. Walker one of our Commissioners.

Mr. J. L. Jones of Crystal Falls brother of our efficient county clerk has been in this city several days visiting his brother.

Miss Lula Wade and her brother Mr. I. L. Wade of Knox county have been spending several days with friends in this city.

Miss Minnie House returned to Throckmorton Thursday. Her many friends, will regret very much to learn of her departure.

Mr. J. H. Carter has lost a gold cuff button probably about the public square, the finder will be liberally rewarded for its return.

Big Nick should have had a wife last night so that his family could have been represented at the two benefits given him.

Selah.

An execution was levied on the A heart 75 cattle belonging to M. O. Lynn Monday. The execution was in favor of Draper and Baldwin for \$139.40.

We were visited by a slight snow storm Tuesday night. The snow was not very heavy, and soon melted and today it threatens to rain.

Claud Gass has been steadily improving for several days. Everybody is very much interested in Claud and are anxious to hear of his recovery.

The following persons were appointed overseers of roads for this year. Warren Edge, F. M. Morton, G. R. Couch, W. R. Standifer, W. B. Anthony and Oscar Martin.

Mr. Saunders, the secretary of the immigration society has drawn drafts on all non-resident land owners for the amount of their assessment, to be used in advertising Haskell county.

Indignation Meeting!

A lawyer, a J. P., a Notary public, a County Attorney, a land agent, a saloon man, a shepherd, and a merchant.

Mr. Wason has gone to Milan county to attend to his bees and get them in shape to work this summer. Mr. Wason brings his honey to this place and retails it at \$1.00 per gallon.

J. A. Clark of Hill county who bought the Delgado place was in this city Tuesday and he subscribed for the Free Press. Mr. Clark is an enterprising farmer and has planted and will plant in all about sixty acres in grain.

It is reported here that four masked men rode into Cisco the other day and robbed the bank of \$6000 in cool cash. The last account says the sheriff and posse were in shooting distance of the robbers, and were in hot pursuit.

Mr. Wray of Stonewall county was in the city Wednesday he says he is going to plant 25 acres in cotton this year. He says his neighbors are going to plant heavily this year and they are very much interested in having a gin built at Haskell. Our merchants should encourage some one to build a gin as it will be a great encouragement to farmers and a great advantage to our town. We must have a gin.

The poor prospective candidates are beginning to dodge their friends on the street corners, to keep them from persuading them to run for an office, but it is no use to dodge, for they are beginning to look — already and cant hold out many days longer. We have been looking every-day for some of these unfortunate fellows to corner us up and break the news of their consenting to serve the dear people elected.

We would regret to persuade one of our friends to run for an office and see him get left, we would be afraid we would thank we were settling with him for 40 cts a hour.

IDELLA SCHOOL.

The people of school District No. 2 have erected a dressed boxed house 18 by 20 feet, and have named their school Idella.

The school house is near Mr. Geo. Cook's, in a good neighborhood, and the people of Idella deserve more than usual credit for building a school house during the stringent times as said house was built mostly by private donations, for only \$35.00 of public funds was allotted to the district. Where only a few years ago the hoot of the owl, the howl of the wolf and the hideous yell of the warlike Comanche alone broke the stillness the traveler is now greeted by the generous stranger, the shrewd sheepman and the cheery cowman. All alike strive to build up the country and better their fortunes.

The better class of every sort live around Idella; and success to them.

It is certainly a great affliction to have too many self constituted missionaries. They nearly always try to lead in Sunday school prayer meeting and in fact, often by their persistence in trying to be recognized as leaders, disrupt the church and organization to which they belong.

The Sunday School superintendent should be allowed to conduct the Sunday school without too many interruptions, unnecessary discussions and suggestions that create unpleasant sensations in the audience.

The Free Press has refrained for some time to refer to this subject, but duty compels us to say some thing, because we have by popular vote elected a superintendent who has shown by his conduct, that he has the interest of the school truly at heart, and we cannot sit quietly by, and these religious services disturbed Sunday after Sunday without protesting.

Some of these parties ought to be prosecuted for disturbing public worship.

If it was a "kid" who did this he would be gobled by the miners of the law too quick to mention.

County Commissioners court met Monday and levied taxes for the year. They made the levy to the full extent of the law in order to avoid the raising of values to produce the necessary fund for county purposes. This will greatly lessen the burden to taxpayers, for if as heretofore they raise values and cut the per cent down, the state gets nearly half the money paid by property owners, while if they levy to the extent of the law the state only gets about one third of the money collected.

They also apportioned the funds to the several roads and appointed overseers. The court adjourned until Monday to allow the juries of view time to report on the roads they have laid out.

Editor Free Press.

DEAR SIR, I am just in receipt of Seed Oats, Seed Potatoes, Millet Seed and Onion Sets.

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B. H. DONSON

Haskell Texas Feb'y 15th 1886.

Mr. B. W. Barrow has resigned his position as deputy sheriff and is now engaged in the livery business with Mr. Miller Hummonds. They are going to bring a stock of the best buggies and horses in the market.

See Mr. Dogans notice of woolen goods for cost, these are new goods and certainly ought to sell. Go to Mr. Porter for your genuine Cheyenne saddle trees. Rigged up in the latest Cheyenne style for less money than they can be bought any where else.

Buggy harness, wagon harness, harnesses, whips, spurs and bridles down at — but, you prices. ALEXANDER & QUINNINGS Prop'rs. JUNE 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Editors Free Press.

We were for a long while a regular attendant at Sunday School, but unavoidable sickness has prevented us from attending for some months; but it does not prevent us from hearing all that does occur in the school. We are sorry that some parties object to the literature now used in the school on account of its sectarian teachings, we think they object more through ignorance of what it does teach coupled with prejudiced sectarian spirit, than from any desire to unify and promote the interests of the school. There be those in every city, town and hamlet, the wide world o'er, who are self constituted "fathers of the flock, shepherds of the sheep" and general spiritual and temporal advisors; who in reality haven't got sense enough to graze geese, when the blind lead the blind both necessarily fall into the ditch.

In what way is the literature now used sectarian; is it forsooth because the Methodist Publishing House at Nashville Tenn. publish it? I think that is the only reason as I have examined a great deal of said objectionable literature and I find nowhere does it promulgate such a sectarian creed or manifest such a sectarian spirit as is done by those who would under cover attack it. Because a cow comes from Ireland you dont have to feed her potatoes. Because your Sunday school literature is printed by Methodists it is not compulsory on you to sprinkle your infants or rigidly observe the Methodist Discipline, though I doubt not your offspring would be cleaner and your morals improved if you followed such a course.

To any sensible man that is at all observant, the fact is patent, that by every one attending who will attend and by the united endeavor of all Sunday school going people of our town, we then can hardly keep a small Sunday school in operation. Let the seed of discord once be sown and what sort of a school will you have? None. There is no denomination strong enough to run a sectarian Sunday school.

Make two or three schools out of the present one and they would be worth as much to the children of Haskell as a town lot in the Pacific ocean. Each party has his following; now if the parties have any of the spirit which characterizes true Christianity; which savors of religion pure and undefiled; they will unite and work together as Christians would for the advancement and good of all the children of our town and community.

But we shall see what we shall see.

Why I write the fore going is that I was secretary of the school at the time the Sunday school books and papers were subscribed for. I spoke to several parties in regard to what house from which to order the literature. None of the parties objected to union literature from any, so it was not sectarian. I think I made a good selection, future events will bear me out. I am not a church member not working for any church to the detriment of another and think if those engaged in Sunday school work would devote more time to the upbuilding of the school and less to its division and disparagement their following in this world would be more benefited and their reward in the next more certain.

Respectfully,
J. F. Lockney.

I now offer at cost for cash a nice line of ladies and misses breakfast and cashmere shawls, all wool; ladies' rubbers, ladies' and misses' all wool hose. Come and see for yourselves.—B. H. Danson.

The Haskell Market.

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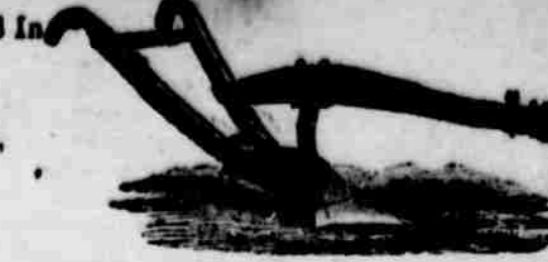
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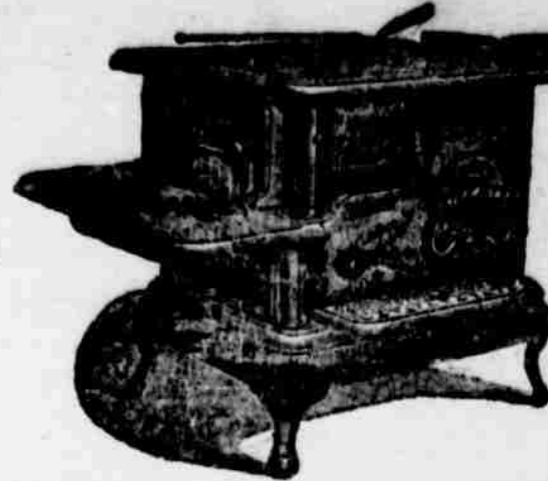
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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

In the District court, March term A D 1886. To the Sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making public of this citation in the Haskell City Free Press, a newspaper published in the county of Haskell, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof you, summon Annie Gonzales, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Haskell at the court house thereof, in Haskell, on the 12th day of March 1886. File number being 39. Then and there to answer the petition of Ben F. Gonzales filed in said court, on the 1st day of February A. D. 1886 against the said Annie Gonzales and alleging in substance as follows to-wit: that plaintiff and defendant were married in Palo Pinto Co. Tex. May 26th 1883 and lived together as man and wife until March 1st 1884, when defendant abandoned plaintiff and has since failed and refused to live with him, plaintiff prays for judgment dissolving the marriage. Herein fail not, but have you there to answer said court on said March 12th 1886, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness J. L. Jones, Clerk of the District court of Haskell county. Given under my hand and the seal of said court in Haskell this the 1st day of February A D 1886. J. L. Jones clerk Dist court Haskell Co Tex. Issued on the first day of February A. D. 1886—J. L. Jones, Clerk Dist. Ct. Haskell Co.

The Future of Telegraphy.

When it becomes possible, as Prof. Elisha Gray proposes it shall become, and very soon, too, to use the telegraph so that a telegraph message shall be reproduced in fac simile of the receiving end, reproducing every feature and peculiarity of the sender's calligraphy, the use and value of the telegraph will be vastly increased and it will become a self-recording and indisputable means of business communication between far distant points. Of course such an invention, while the eminent electrician referred to has already completed and operated an entirely revolutionary communication telegraph and made a message of an evidence as a recorded deed. He. And when to this is added a telephone which will record every conversation passing through it, so as to enable it to be reproduced as evidence in court, the triumph of speedy and perfect communication will be complete. In such a period of rapid and recognizable telegraphic or telephonic intercommunication, the police force may spare themselves the trouble of saying "Burr these letters," and Morse's election tricks will become useless. Fools will not show their folly over the wires; rogues will not produce evidence to convict themselves. And who a man wants to telegraph to his wife that he "will be detained in the office until late," and that she "not sit up for him," his stinky handwriting will be a dead give-away to him and warn his wife to go to the office and fetch him home. Indeed the possibilities of the improvement are unnumberable.—Pat. Rev. Advance

Hard Advice to Follow.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," and keep a little chain of him in the same way during the long life to be sure the good.—New Orleans Picayune