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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 summons
 all persons interested in the
 estate of Hubert DeFaas Decd,
 whose residence is unknown, to
 appear before the District
 court, to be holden in and
 for the county of Haskell, at
 the court house thereof in Has-
 kell 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 DeFaas
 Decd, and Mrs. R. H. Hanna
 and her husband R. H. Hanna
 and obliging 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 Has-
 kell 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 DeFaas whose re-
 sidence 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 es-
 tate, to wit:

Being 540 acres survey No 67,
 in the name of Hubert DeFaas
 abstract No. 140; situated in Has-
 kell county on the waters of
 Paint creek west from Fort Bel-
 knap and originally in Cooke-
 land District. Beginning at
 the N. E. corner of survey No. 66
 a stake, from which a mesquite
 brs, S 75. E. 43 rrs a mesquite
 brs, N. 65. E. 23 vrs.

Thence S. at 1900 vrs a stake
 S. E. 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 brs. N.
 71 W. 112 vrs a mesquite brs.
 N. 85, W. 16 vrs.

Thence west 1900 vrs to the
 beginning.
 That said Hubert DeFaas was
 the person last lawfully seized
 of the said estate and that the
 said Hubert DeFaas died with-
 out any devise of said estate
 and without having heirs of him
 the said Hubert DeFaas decessed,
 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 afore-
 said.

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 out, but have you
 Men and there before said court
 this writ, with your return there-
 on, showing how you have exe-
 cuted the above

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 6th day

of Jany. A. D. 1888.
 J. L. Jones Clerk Dist. Court
 Haskell Co, Texas.

(Endorsements on the back.)
 The State of Texas vs. Mrs. E.
 H. Hanna et al.

Issued on the 6th day of Jany.
 A. D. 1888.
 J. L. Jones Clerk Dist. Ct.
 Haskell Co.

ROAD NOTICE.

The State of Texas;
 Haskell County.

Whereas: The County
 Commissioners court of Haskell
 county on the 17th day of No-
 vember A. D. 1887, appointed
 G. R. Couch, D. H. Owsley, J. S.
 Post Wm. Ward and J. M. Thomp-
 son a jury of view to lay out and
 establish a first-class road lead-
 ing from Haskell city in the di-
 rection of Anson, Jones county to
 South boundary line of Haskell
 county and to assess damages in-
 cident to the opening of same.

Now therefore by virtue of au-
 thority of law; we the said jury
 do hereby notify the several non-
 resident owners (whos names are
 to us unknown) of the land here-
 in 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 other wise spe-
 cified herein, and will at said time
 proceed to assess the damage in-
 cident 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 men-
 tioned a statement of such damages
 as they may claim incident to the
 opening of said road.

Beginning at south end of Camp-
 bell street on South line of Peter
 Allen survey, the same being the
 north line of section No. 20 Blk 1
 H. & T. C. E. R. Co. 440 vrs west
 from N. E. cor. of same;

Thence west on south line of
 Peter Allen survey and north line
 of said No. 20, 1538 vrs to N. W.
 cor. of said No. 20, 60 feet south
 of said line taken for road.

Thence south on west line of
 No. 36 and east line of 21 of Blk 1
 H. & T. C. E. R. Co. at 1827 vrs,
 the S. W. cor. of said No. 36 and S. E.
 cor. of said No. 21 the same being
 the S. W. cor. of 87 1/2 and N. E.

cor of No. 22 of Blk 1, H. & T. C.
 R. 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. R. Co. as follow:
 Beginning on north line of said
 No. 17, 1978 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 lea-
 gue survey, same being a cor. of
 said No. 17. Thence on E line of
 said Wm. Walker survey at 1505
 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
 4557 vrs the S. E. cor. of said Wm.
 Walker survey; same being the N.
 E. cor. of W. G. McDaniel sur-
 in west line of John Husband sur-
 at 6457 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 Thos. Win-
 free sur No 70 and the N. W. cor
 of No. — Blk 1 H. & T. C. R. Co.
 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.
 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 S. E. cor of G. T.
 Bagett 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 1900
 vrs the S. W. cor of said winfree
 sur 2295 vrs a point in S B line of
 A. S. Randolph sur. No. 69, and
 North line of No. 87 H. & T. C. R.
 Co.

Thence across No. 87 Blk 1 H. &
 T. C. R. Co as follows:
 Beg. on north line 201 vrs east
 from N. w. cor of same. Thence
 south 1015 vrs. Thence S 14 W.
 831 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:
 Beg. on east line of same 2440 vrs,
 S. from its N. E. cor. Thence
 west 155 vrs. Thence S 14 W.
 crossing bridge on Paint creek 459
 vrs to south line of No 88, 256 vrs,
 west from its S. E. cor.

Thence across Coryell Co School
 League as follows: Beg. on north
 line 1508 vrs west from the most
 northern N E cor of same. Thence
 S. 14 W 3560 vrs S 31 1/2 W 1400 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
 excessive.

Thence S 31 1/2 W 196 vrs across
 Ahrenbeck & Bro sur. No 3 to the
 north line of M. E. P. & P. R. Co
 sur No. —, 97 vrs west from N. E.
 cor of same.

Thence south 31 1/2 W 1115 vrs. to
 south line of said M. E. P. & P. R.
 Co. 679 vrs west from S E cor. of
 same.

Thence south 31 1/2 W 10 vrs S 10 W.
 538 vrs to north line of sur No 12
 B B D & C R R Co.

Thence on said No 12 as follows:
 Beg. on north line 503 vrs west
 from N. E. cor. Thence S. 10 W. 68
 vrs S E 876 vrs to south boundry
 line of Haskell county, 170 vrs
 east from stone set for Jones
 County.

Witness our hands this the 16th
 day of Jan A. D. 1888.

G. R. Couch,
 D. H. Owsley,
 Wm. Ward,
 J. S. Post,
 J. M. Thompson

Jury of view and

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Mocked by a Mountain Lion.

In the Central park manager is a magnificent specimen of the cougar, a mountain lion. The other afternoon two gentlemen stood by the cage watching the graceful animal as it restlessly moved from one end of the cage to the other with rhythmic precision.

For days we looked for the home of the lion and, although we could see his footprints, which appeared like very big footprints, he had so much rock walking that it was impossible to trail him to his cave. One day we met a Mexican smuggling outfit, and the captain told us that in a canyon several miles from our camp there was a hermit lion whom he never failed to get a glimpse of when taking the trail that way.

For years back he had missed seeing him, but of late he had noticed that the lion was lame—probably from having run a cactus-point in his foot, or from jumping too much out of the way of earthquakes. The smuggler described so accurately where the lion hung out that we went over there the next morning hoping to get a shot.

The canyon was just about the worst place you ever saw. The bottom was a jungle of scrub live oak, so dense that we had to crawl on our hands and knees in many places. The sides were volcanic rock, jagged and broken with holes and crevices. Jack was on ahead and I was at his heels, when we came face to face with the lion, who was sitting in the mouth of his cave trying to stare us out of countenance. He gave one scratch and then his long tail disappeared around the corner of a big boulder just as we got sight of him. Neither had a chance to shoot. Half a minute later we saw him go flapping up the side of the divide, and when he reached the top he squatted and looked complacently down at us. He was prodding out of shot, and he knew it as well as we did.

Then began one of the most scientific hunts on record. We were both as mad as hornets. Up hill and down dale we followed that brute until dark. He was never over 1,000 yards away, but never in shot. He would run, and limp, and squat, blink at us, wiggle his tail at us and seem to coax us to follow him. Eleven miles we went in a bee line from camp, and I took us until the next morning to get back.

We then set to work to put up a job on that lion. We went over to the canyon where he lived, killed a white-tailed deer, took his paunch and irradated it in a circle around the canyon. The carcass was then hung high upon a limb, five feet out from the trunk. Then we cut up the deer's liver into thirteen bits, for luck and good each with string on. We also rubbed the poison into the paunch, which we left at the bottom of the trees.

We smiled as we walked back to camp and Jack told me of an Apache Indian over at Montezuma mining camp who would tan the lion's hide with deer's brains for \$1. I kept awake that night for two hours, thinking whom I would give it to or if I would keep it myself. About sunrise we struck the lion's canyon. When we got near the deer tree we expected to pick up the lion every step. But we didn't. He had been there, though. He had eaten up the three harts, got away with some of the paunch, climbed up the tree, stretched himself out, and eaten harts as big as Derby hats out of the deer's carcass.

We spent the day in looking for the dead lion, but could not find him. When we turned to go home we suddenly spied his hide squatting down on top of the divide, blinking at us. At El Paso I told a merchant this story, and showed him what was left of the poison. He told us the stringhairs we had bought from the smugglers was a kind of flour, of which a barrel full would not faze a chicken, and that he ought to know, for he put up the stuff himself.

Statistics show that there are fewer lovers' quarrels at this season of the year than at any other time. After December 25 it will be different.

SCIENTIFIC TRUTH.

How Escape Small-pox With a Few Hours in Broadway? Some time ago an article was published in the Scientific American which at the time attracted wide attention. By request of a correspondent we reproduce the leading points therein: To understand how intimately related are the human kidneys to the physical health, we propose, metaphorically speaking, to take one from the human body and place it in the wash-bowl before us, and examine it.

You will imagine that we have before us a body shaped like a bean, smooth and glistening, about four inches in length, two in width and one in thickness. It weighs in the adult about five ounces. The body of the average size man contains about ten quarts of blood, every drop of which passes through these filters or sewers, many times a day, (as often as through the heart.) making a complete revolution in three minutes. The kidneys take away deadly impurities from 65 gallons of blood each hour, or about 94 barrels each day, or 9,125 hogheads a year.

Let us slice this delicate organ open lengthwise, and roughly describe its interior. We find it to be filled with hundreds of little tubes, short and thread-like, starting from the arteries, ending in a little tuft about midway from the outside, opening into a sac which holds the water to further undergo purification before it passes into the ureters, and out of the body. These little tubes are filters, which do their work automatically, and right here the disease of the kidney first begins.

From the slightest irregularity in our habits, from colds, from high living, from stimulants or a thousand and one other daily causes, they lose their force.

What is the result? Congestion or stoppage of the current of blood in the small blood vessels surrounding them, which become blocked; these delicate membranes are irritated; inflammation is set up, then pus is formed, which collects in the sac; the tubes are at first partially, and soon totally unable to do their work. The sac goes on distending with this corruption, pressing upon the blood vessels. All this time, remember, the blood, which is entering the kidneys to be filtered, is passing through this terribly disgusting pus, for it cannot take any other route.

It would be just as reasonable to expect to escape contagion if a post-house were set across Broadway and countless thousands were compelled to go through its pestilential doors, as for one to expect the blood to escape pollution when constantly running through such a diseased kidney.

Now, what is the result? Why, that the blood takes up and deposits this poison as it sweeps along into every organ, into every inch of muscle, tissue, flesh and bone, from your head to your feet. And whenever, from hereditary influence or otherwise, one part of the body is weaker than another, a countless train of diseases is established, such as consumption in weak lungs, dyspepsia, where there is a delicate stomach, nervousness, insanity, paralysis or heart disease, in those who have weak nerves and bad circulation.

But the medical profession, knowing that they cannot cure diseases of the kidneys, treat the manifold symptoms caused by this primary or causative disease. As fast as they cure one symptom, another secondary one appears, and so they go on, uselessly treating effects, the cause being untouched.

But you say "my kidneys are all right. I have no pain in the back." Mistaken man! People die of kidney disease, of so bad a character that the organs are rotten, and yet they never there had a pain nor an ache. "How can you know that you have kidney disease?" Only by noting the general effects wrought by the kidney poisoned blood in other parts of the body. Kidney disease disguises itself under the symptoms of common head, lungs, skin, liver, and stomach disorders.

If you notice that you are not in as respectable health as formerly, in any respect, then the chances are that, though you may have no known chronic disease, your blood is full of uric kidney acid. Then comes in the ounce of prevention. Then you should use Warner's safe cure, the only trustworthy specific for uric acid or kidney diseases, primary or secondary. The most skillful physicians cannot detect such disease at times, for the kidneys themselves cannot be examined by any means which we have at our command. Even an analysis of the water, chemically and microscopically, reveals nothing definite in many cases, even when the kidneys are fairly broken down.

Then look out for them, as disease, no matter where situated, to 93 per cent, as shown by after-death examinations, has its origin in the breaking down of these secreting tubes in the interior of the kidney.

Warner's safe cure, as it becomes year after year better known for its wonderful cures and its power over the kidneys, has done and is doing more to increase the average duration of life than all the physicians know. It is a true specific, mild but certain, harmless but energetic and agreeable to the taste.

Take it when sick, as a cure, and never let a month go by without taking a few bottles as a preventive, that the kidneys may be kept in proper order, the blood pure, that health and long life may be your blessing.

WINTER FEEDING.

From Texas Farm and Ranch. In a country where 40 to 60 bushels of corn per acre is easily produced, what excuse can be offered for poor fowls? There is no food more fattening, and fat is especially comfortable in winter. It is equal to wool or feathers as a non-conductor of heat, and is also an excellent non-conductor of disease. Therefore corn is a good thing for fowls to eat in winter; and if they can get a few bites now and then of some kind of animal food, and a nibble occasionally of something green, they will thrive, and, if other circumstances are favorable, lay.

GENERAL STATE ITEMS.

RIO GRANDE CITY, Jan. 10.—Grigolon and Eduardo Ramos were captured in Rio Grande City Thursday by Deputy United States Marshal Dillard. They were members of the gang of bandits that robbed Juan Garza Barrera in the county several months ago. They were committed to jail in default of \$2,000 bond each.

WHITEWRIGHT, Jan. 10.—Immigrants are arriving daily from Kentucky and Tennessee. About fifty families are expected in a few days from Kentucky. There is a house in the southern portion of the city that is said to be haunted, which is causing a great deal of talk among the superstitious. Cotton receipts up to date 10,000 bales and still continues to come in, but not very much, owing to the bad condition of the roads. Contracts have been let for ten or fifteen more dwelling houses in West Whitewright and real estate is active and changing hands at a lively rate.

MIDLOTHIAN, Jan. 10.—A cold norther, accompanied by a drizzling rain, has been blowing all day, and people are shivering amidst a protracted coal famine. Mr. J. C. Kimmel, one of the largest stockmen in Ellis county, reports a fatal disease among his horses, similar to Spanish itch. Some farmers will begin sowing oats next week. Cattle were doing well till the present cold spell. Some cotton still comes in.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 10.—A canning factory, with a capital stock of \$50,000 was organized here a few days ago. The stock was all readily taken by citizens of Jacksonville. A charter has been applied for, a suitable building is now under construction, and all the machinery necessary to can all kinds of fruit and vegetables, also machinery for manufacturing the cans to be used in the factory, has been ordered and will reach here in a short time. This is an enterprise that has long been needed in this locality. There was more fruit shipped from Jacksonville last season than from any other point in the state, and at least one-half of the fruit crop was wasted for want of a market. The capacity of the factory will be sufficient to can all the surplus fruit and vegetables in the community.

SHERMAN, Jan. 10.—The infant child of John Davis, a respectable farmer who lives just south of the city, was found dead in bed Friday morning. The physicians do not know what caused it, as there were no postmortem evidences of the cause. Ed. Willis, a stone mason in the employ of the Houston & Texas Central, fell and broke his arm at the Union depot Friday night.

TYLER, Jan. 10.—The weather continues very disagreeable. A heavy sleet has been falling here for five or six hours, and at this time the ground is covered. There is no prospect of change and much damage to stock is feared.

MARSHALL, Jan. 10.—W. A. Hearne, of Atlanta, Texas, armed with his Winchester rifle, started West on a buffalo hunt. While sitting in the waiting room a slick-tongued darkey proposed to show him some buffalo in the stock pen. They had not proceeded far when they met another darkey, who had some gold rings to sell at 25 cents each. Hearne took out his purse to pay for one when the ring darkey grabbed the pocketbook and made his escape. Hearne lost about \$15. While tearing away an old building a grip-sack was found containing letters, passes, tickets and recommendations, which from the addresses show they belonged to M. P. Campbell. The papers indicate he had served as brakeman, conductor and mail clerk from 1880 to 1884. Nothing is known of such a man having lived here, or ever being in this place.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 10.—Burglars effected an entrance some time Tuesday night into Ed Kotula's wholesale grocery establishment on Military Plaza, and bored a hole into the safe, which enabled them to shove the bolt back and open the door. They then took about \$250 in cash, a gentleman's open-faced watch worth \$75, a lady's watch worth \$100 and other things, in all about \$500 in value and decamped. Burglaries were committed at several private residences also. The city seems to be full of hard characters who have come down to winter in West Texas towns and sustain themselves by theft and other criminal methods.

PLANO, Jan. 10.—Mike Callahan, who had his back broken several weeks ago by a hand car on the Cotton Belt, died Sunday afternoon from the injuries received.

TERRELL, Jan. 10.—Robert Long, after being under a charge of murder for twelve years, was a few days ago tried in the Kaufman district court and the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. The public school library now has 297 excellent volumes. The following is the public school report for December: Number enrolled 554;

average attendance 487; number not tardy 178; number not absent 231.

TYLER, Jan. 10.—The Tyler Canning Company, which was eminently successful in last season's operations in canning a class of fruits and vegetables equal to California's product, is now building an immense two-story structure on the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas railway preparatory to enlarging the capacity of their plant for the coming season. Col. H. D. Youkum, the general manager, has recently returned from the East, where he purchased an extensive plant for the manufacture of fruit cans, which will be operated in connection with the canning establishment. When the factory is in full operation they will give full employment to not less than 250 hands. The day is not far distant when Texas will can all the fruits and vegetables necessary for home use and assist in supplying the wants of other States, and Smith county will furnish a good proportion.

BAIRD, Jan. 10.—A County Immigration Society was permanently organized at the courthouse Saturday. A chairman was appointed in every magisterial precinct in the county, they also forming the county executive committee. Steps were taken in the right direction to raise funds to do printing and distributing that may be needed to successfully advertise the county. The business done by this convention, it will be seen, has served to permanently organize the whole county and make it solid in the immigration move.

MANGUM, Jan. 10.—The County Alliance met here Saturday. Some fifteen of the delegates assembled at the Commercial Hotel Saturday night and had an informal meeting. Several short speeches were made, and quite interesting discussions were had as to the good of the farmers and laborers generally. There were a few heat of cattle sold Wednesday under execution by the sheriff, and notwithstanding the hard times brought \$7.50.

JEFFERSON, Jan. 10.—Late Saturday evening Deputy United States Marshals W. H. Owens and Sam Williams brought in E. E. and C. C. Satterwhite, brothers, whom they had arrested on the Sulphur River for illicit distilling. They were arraigned before the United States Commissioner and their bond fixed at \$1000, in default of which they were sent to the Marion county jail.

TYLER, Jan. 10.—The County Criminal Court was engaged all week on the criminal docket. Fifteen convictions so far, gaming and carrying pistols being the principal offenses. The civil docket will be taken up next. Eight tramps were bagged Saturday night. All were given ten days each on the streets. One of them was armed with a dynamite cartridge, and says his name is "James G. Blaine." Lizzie Jones, the negro woman, who was badly burned at the residence of Col. H. H. Rowland, in this city, a few days ago, died of her wounds.

WACO, Jan. 10.—Persons in from Mt. Cain report finding a dead body beside the track of the St. Lou's, Arkansas and Texas Railway between Mt. Cain and Hubbard City. He had a red leather pocket book on his person and an envelope addressed to Mr. Tom Padgett, Waco, containing a wedding card of Waco persons of high standing recently married. On the body was a grip-sack receipt, expressed by Wm. James at Waco to Wm. James at Dallas. The body appears to be that of an African about 20 years of age, bright color, dressed in heavy black-napped suit of coarse material, including overcoat. He was severely mangled. The wife of Jim Robinson, a negro who left here Thursday suddenly, has gone to Mt. Cain believing that the body is that of her husband.

HEMPSTEAD, Jan. 10.—Lewis Bolding and Willie Cain, colored teachers of this county, went together bird hunting on the prairie, one mile south of town, Saturday afternoon. By some means the gun in the hands of Bolding went off accidentally, and Cain received a full load of small shot in the side of the face, making an ugly wound in the jaw and eye. The shot will not prove fatal. Both are young men.

ABILENE, Jan. 10.—According to appointment a large crowd of citizens gathered at the court house Saturday night to organize a county immigration committee. The permanent organization of Taylor county was perfected by appointing the progressive committee to act as the immigration representatives for precinct No. 1, and each precinct in Taylor county was instructed to organize and select one representative to act in conjunction with the progressive committee, and these to constitute the immigration committee for Taylor county. Voluntary subscriptions being taken it resulted in raising \$680. A committee was appointed to canvass the county for funds. The meeting then adjourned, everybody feeling that great good will be the result to this part of the state in the efforts that are now being made for better times.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ABILENE, Jan. 11.—At an early hour Monday morning the fire bell rang out and a small blaze could be seen breaking through the roof at the residence of Mrs. F. R. Small. The fire boys were at the scene on time and quenched the flames before much damage was done. The fire originated from a defective stovepipe.

ALVARADO, Jan. 11.—Sunday morning about 12:30 o'clock J. S. Bingham, a brakeman on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, while uncoupling a train, slipped on the frozen ground and was instantly killed, several cars passing over him, almost entirely severing his head from his body. Deceased was a native of Shell City, Mo. The remains will be held awaiting instructions from his relatives, who have been notified of the sad event.

WHITEWRIGHT, Jan. 11.—The ghosts continue to appear in the house in the southern portion of the city. Sunday night P. O. Clemmons and a friend concluded they would go down to the haunted house and make the spooks a visit. When Mr. Clemmons and his friend arrived at the house everything was quiet, but they were not there long before one of the spectres made its appearance at one of the windows in the building. They describe the apparition as having long white beard, fiery red eyes and a ghastly pale face, with a careworn look. They demanded of the ghostship what its business was there, but receiving no answer they threw rocks at the spectre and it disappeared in the darkness. The ghost story has been going the rounds here for some time, but this is the only instance in which anybody has ever ventured out to investigate. It is the opinion of a great many that some wag had dressed himself up in a ghastly manner to have fun out of the superstitious, while the believers of spooks say that it was a genuine ghost. There are colored people in town who will not get near the house at night for love or money. A crowd of boys have agreed to go out and see what it is, and if it is a joke some man is playing he may get the worst of it.

GREENVILLE, Jan. 11.—A few days ago a man giving the name of Mat Johnson, who was convicted in the Mayor's court for an assault, and was engaged in working out his fine on the streets, made his escape from the guard. Friday night officers Velvin and McLemore went to a place about four miles south of town where a dance was in progress, and found Johnson, who, on discovering the officers, fled, pursued by Officer Velvin, who fired, it is said, several aimless shots to intimidate him, but failed. He jumped a fence near by, ran several yards and fell. Velvin fell over the fence, pistol in hand, and striking the ground, the weapon was discharged, the ball striking Johnson in the leg above the knee and coming out at the groin. He is held here by the officers for identification by the sheriff of some southern county.

AUSTIN, Jan. 11.—Up to Jan. 1 from July 4 last, when the new law went into operation, the land commissioner had leased under this law 4,272,522 acres, yielding an annual revenue of \$170,990, and had sold 118,796 acres of agricultural land to actual settlers at about an average of \$2.25 per acre. Now \$5 per acre sales are increasing daily and it is expected will reach 100 sections monthly this month. The land commissioner has not determined to what extent President Cleveland's proclamation will effect his action in reference to Greer county lands. Gov. Ross has received a dispatch from Governor Taylor of Tennessee, stating he had written to the former explaining his action in revoking the extradition writ recently in the case of Carrier, wanted for trial on a charge of murder at Waco. Gov. Ross has the statement of a party there present that Gov. Taylor, at the time he recalled the writ, said the killing was a long time ago, the young man doubtless was justified and he had settled down and married and was a good citizen, he did not think public policy required him to go back and stand a trial. Chartered Monday: The North City Railroad Company, of Fort Worth; also chartered: The San Antonio Garden Association. Treasury receipts Monday were about \$60,000. The treasury cashier, who has been in that position about ten years, says he never before saw money come in with such a rush. Over \$300,000 have been received since Jan. 1.

WICHITA FALLS, Jan. 11.—Very little concern is felt here over the president's proclamation. The actual settlers of Greer county, most of whom hold lands under quit claim deeds, and who amount to nearly 5000, it is said will be the main sufferers should the United States hold that country. As for the non-residents who claim land there, it would be regarded as a glorious thing if their claims were destroyed. Good lands in Greer county can be bought cheap now if the purchaser will content himself with a quit claim deed. There was a gentleman in town the

other day from Mangum, who said he had bought a block of that town and sold it out, giving quit claim and made money. The postoffice which the government established at Mangum is established as Mangum, Greer county, Texas.

ABILENE, Jan. 11.—City Assessor Thompson reports city collections for the quarter ending Dec. 31 to the amount of \$12,025.63. Quite a number of the Progressive Association are riding over the land in the direction of Albany, investigating the country prior to the surveying corps of the Rock Island Road. Citizens of the East and old States that are desirous of coming into this fine country had better make preparations to come at once, for lands and city property are daily advancing, and the time to make profitable investments here is now. Many lands that were upon the market several weeks ago, and some fine places with options to real estate dealers, are being taken off the market and the options cancelled. Taylor county invites the home-seeker, and no finer lands can be had than here, and our climate is delightful.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 11.—At a meeting of the immigration committee held Monday afternoon, a call was ordered for a meeting in this city on Feb. 1, of representatives of fifty-two Western Texas counties. The call will be forwarded forthwith to the county judge of these counties, requesting them to urge action and see that a representation of two delegates from each county be sent to the proposed convention. No distinction was made between organized and unorganized counties. Committees were appointed on reception and entertainment to secure reduced railroad fares, etc. All persons who are interested in the movement will be invited in a general way to be present.

WAXAHACHIE, Jan. 11.—Peter Joyce, the railroad man who was arrested recently upon the charge of stealing \$70 from the pocket of Mike Kifer, had an examining trial before Justice Harding and was returned to jail in default of \$500 bond for appearance at the next term of the District Court. There were 308 marriage licenses issued in Ellis County during the year 1887, against 304 for the year 1886. December makes the best showing, there being about 58 marriages in December, 1887. Waxahachie College had a successful opening at the holidays, and new pupils continue to come in. There are three other schools in the city.

AUSTIN, Jan. 11.—Sunday night a fire on East Pecan street was discovered and soon gutted the Austin Saddlery Company's store and Dittlinger's second-hand furniture store—loss about \$10,000—and damaged Weaver's grocer's. The loss on the building was about \$6000. The stock and buildings were insured. The ground was frozen and the water freezing in the small water pipes, but the fire department was on hand in full force, and six large streams under full pressure kept the flames down and from spreading. At first the spectators gave up the block and the flames looked like they would cross the street. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WINONA, Jan. 11.—In the country, a few days ago, there came very near being a tragedy, in which the actors were a well-to-do citizen and a crazy woman. The woman got a razor and a saber from some one and made at the gentlemen. If he had not been a man of great strength she would have likely killed him.

LOST IN MOBILE BAY. MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 11.—On Saturday night last Robert Noliz, a young architect who is superintending the erection of the Baldwin county courthouse went out in a sailboat with three mechanics, Miller, Lewis and Lawson, to go to Point Clear, on the eastern shore of the bay. The boat capsized, and Voltz, Miller and Lewis were drowned. Lawson clung to the boat all night and was rescued.

TERREFFIC EXPLOSION.

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 11.—Batteries 9 and 10, occupying the whole north end of the rolling mill, exploded at 12:30 with terrific force, demolishing two smokestacks, tearing down the north end of the mill and piling debris several feet deep. Under this it is feared several persons are buried. A strong force began work among the debris at once, and by 1 o'clock Matt Mortimer, a puddler, was found buried beneath a great mass of red hot brick and burned to a crisp. Among the wounded are William E. Williams, a puddler, badly scalded, John Kaufman, struck by flying missiles, John Lewis, a puddler, scalded; Elias Davis, scalded and crushed; John E. Toban, a puddler, struck by missiles and badly burned; Pete Dolan, a puddler, badly scalded. One boiler was buried, projecting a hundred yards west, exploding at the end. The loss on property was great. Life and limb will be great. The batteries at this mill exploded years ago.

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LOCAL DOTS.

The farmers are making a big preparation this year crop.

Miss Minnie House of Ennis is visiting friends in Haskell.

Mr. Webb of Baird author of Webb's Digest has been in this city several days.

We were visited yesterday by another norther, but it was not as severe as the last.

10cents reward for the return of the long lost estrayed or stolen S. M. Johnson

Yours loeally,

Mess DeLong & Johnson and Koons shipped a lot of hides and furs wednesday.

Mr. Fred Cook of Stonewall Jo was in town yesterday behad a load of very fine turnips for sale

Miss Hill sister of Mrs. McConnell has arrived, and she will spend several days with her relatives.

The parties who were baptised the other day stood the cold water much better than could have been expected.

W P Sebastian Esq Deputy Revenue collector of the 4th district who resides in the City of Cisco was in the City yesterday.

Mr. Saunders who purchased the Lewis house some time since, has arrived with his family and he will make Haskell his home in the future.

Mr. Boon while going from the court house to Mr. Baird's during the storm the other day had his ear slightly frost bitten, but he has recovered thoroughly.

Mrs. McFarlin and Miss Jessie May Taylor of Shackelford county have moved to this place. Mrs. McFarlin owns an interest in the cattle managed by Capt J. S. Williams.

The tax collector has levied on all the land listed for taxes for 1887, upon which the taxes had not been paid; which levy was made the 16th inst. and the same will be advertised and sold as he can get a list of lands paid on the comptroller's office at Austin.

During the blizzard last Saturday and Sunday the thermometer went 7 degrees below zero. This is said by all the old settlers to be the most cold weather ever experienced in this country, though owing to the condition of stock of all kind there was scarcely any loss. The real cold weather did not last but about 24 hours, or the loss in stock would have been great.

The Haskell county immigration committee met pursuant to adjournment this 20th Jan. 1888. And on motion adjourned until Friday Jan. 27th 1888 to give the committee further time to prepare their reports and also to give the Country delegates a chance to be present.

W. S. Jones Secy.

The following are the names of persons who have joined the church this week. Mrs T. F. Tucker and Mrs. J. P. Berryhill Misses Millie Massey, Carrie Rogers, Vandell Agnew, Viola Agnew, Gachall Pailard, Emma Pestand Mrs Draper, Mess C B Long, W F Draper, T F Tucker, John Ballard and Geo. Tucker. All these have named were baptised Thursday, except Mrs. Berryhill and Mrs. Tucker.

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, hack harness, whips, spurs and bridles down at had ask prices.

Jan. 13 1888.

To THE PUBLIC.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Draper and Baldwin on account, prior to May the 27th 1886 are requested to pay the same or give their note to the undersigned, as he has bought the said accounts of the said firm and he must have the same in a tangible shape.

Respectfully,

C. D. Long.

\$10 Reward.

For the return of one red ox branded STAN on the side and a plain letter S curnt lengthways on the horn, and two large Spotted oxens necked together with a chain one branded LUT on the side and the other branded with a blotch brand on the hip. A reward of ten dollars will be paid for their delivery to W. S. Callans

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by B. M. Kegans and appraised by John Norris and W. B. Anthony at forty dollars and Estrayed before R. C. Lomax J. P. Preet. No. 1. Haskell county Texas. One bald faced bay horse, about 10 hands, 4. years old, one glass eye, both hind feet white neatly to hoeks and branded with blotched brand on left shoulder.

To all of which I certify.

J. L. Jones, Clk. Co. Cl. Haskell Co. Tex

We had an interview with Mr M H Lackey an enterprising farmer of our county the other day in regard to a cotton gin and a corn mill. Mr. Lackey says that himself and Mr. G. W. Cook will subscribe \$50, each, and that he knows of several others who will do the same, among whom is Mr. Phillips whom he conversed with on the subject at Abilene the other day.

Mr. Lackey says he can make a great deal more in cotton in this county than he can down east in the crab grass country, and he is thoroughly convinced that this is a cotton country, from his experience last year.

He says the lumber to build the gin can be laid down at Abilene at \$1.25 per hundred, and that the farmers can go down with their wagons, haul the lumber and machinery out, and put it up in a few days.

This suggestion of his should be acted upon by the citizens of our town, and some movement should be made that is calculated to result in having the gin in running order by the time the next crop comes in.

It is too far to Abilene and Anson for our farmers to have to haul seed cotton, and besides it is a great loss of trade, and farmers will not plant so extensively when they have such poor facilities for marketing.

ROAD NOTICE.

The State of Texas, Haskell county.

Whereas, The County Commissioners court of Haskell county on the 17th day 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 Stonewall 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 out 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 herein after designated said road to extend 50 feet on each side of said line and to be 60 feet in width when not other wise 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 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, to wit: the east end of Watson street in the town of Haskell thence west on Watson street 450 yds to west line of Peter Allen sur 245 yds north of s w cor of same, said point being in east line of no. 30 Bk I H & T C & R co 681 yds north of s w cor of same, at 545 yds the west line of said no 30 thence north on west line of said no 30 and east line of no 27 same Bk and R R co 889 yds to n e cor of said no 27.

Thence west on north of no 27 and s line of no 28 Bk I H & T C & R co at 1678 yds pass n w cor of said no 27 and s w cor of no 28 same being the s e cor of no 19 n e cor of no 41 same Bk and R R co at 3656 yds the s w cor of said no 42 and n w cor of said no 41 same being the s e cor of no 45 and n e cor of no 46 same Bk and R R co. at 5341 yds the n w cor of said no 46 and s w cor of no 45 same being the s e cor of no 60 and n e cor of no 59 same Bk and R R co at 7912 yds the s w cor of said no 60 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 Bk and R R co at 9890 yds the n w cor of said no 64 and s w cor of said no 63, same being the s e cor of no 70 and n e cor of no 69 same Bk and R R co. at 11865 yds the s w cor of said no 70 and n w cor of said no 69, same being the s e cor of no 73 and the n w cor of said no 74 the same being the s e cor of no 87 and the n e cor of no 82 same Bk and R R co, at 1324 yds then 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 P Rice survey 2010 yds south from its n e cor. at 16-32 yds west line of said Rice survey 2010 yds from its n w cor, said point is on the east line of J. S. Post survey 400 yds vrs south from its n e cor. thence west 267 yds on said no 1 making total 2010 yds in all to east bank of Doublem. river of Brown river.

Thence n 70 w 180 yds to road said river to the n e cor of no 9 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 yds pass s w cor of said no 8 same being a cor of no 13 same Bk and R R co at 5881 yds to west bound ry line of Haskell co 540 yds north of 1/4 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 Watson street of the town of Haskell 984 yds north of the S E cor of the Peter Allen sur. thence north on the E line of said Peter Allen sur 1742 yds to a point 930 yds south from N E cor 90 feet east of said line taken for road. Thence east on Vandy and Isidro Roman sur 775 yds to E line of said Peter Allen sur 930 yds south of N E cor of same, same being the west line of Willoughby sur 930 yds south of N w cor Continuing East on said Willoughby at 9657 yds east line of said Willoughby 932 yds south of N E cor of same.

Thence north 930 yds 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 J. M. Campbell surveys at 2241 yds the S E cor of said Campbell and N E cor of said Peter Allen survey. Thence the N w cor of Mess. Butler and S W cor of Hiram Tidwell surveys at 4562 yds the S E cor of said Tidwell and N E cor of said Butler survey, the same being the N w cor of the G Box and S w cor of Robt G. Channing surveys at 6462 yds the S E cor of said Channing survey, the same being the S w cor of M P. Rice survey at 8070 yds the N E cor of said Rice survey same being the N w cor of D. Channing survey, at 8362 yds the S E cor of said Channing survey, the same being the most western S w cor of sur No 1 gh & h r r co. at 9930 yds the N. E. cor of said Casanova, the same being an ell cor of said No 1 gh & h r r co. thence N 74 E on said No 1 690 yds to E line of same, 1186 yds south of N. E. cor, same being the west line of No 2 gh & h r r co. 2156 yds.

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Superstition in India.

An extraordinary appeal case has lately been heard in Madras (says The Times correspondent) which puts in evidence the active character of existing superstitions. It seems that one of the accused in the original case gave birth in December last to a male child, having four eyes, the face of a monkey, and crooked arms and legs, while it grunted like a pig immediately on its birth. The midwife placed the child under a trough and sat on it, both she and the mother raising cries of alarm. The male prisoners then came and took the child into a field and killed it by striking it on the head with a club. Their explanation was that the child was an evil spirit, which they were justified by the custom of the country in killing, in order to prevent it from doing evil. The judge acquitted them on the ground of a mistake of fact. This decision was necessarily upset on appeal. The accused believed that unless the child had been killed it would have grown to an immense size and devastated the country, and that they were therefore committing a meritorious action in obviating so grave a public calamity.

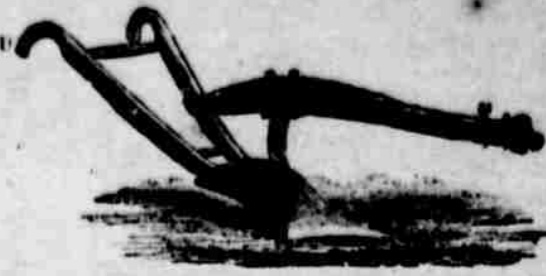
The Bishops and Tobacco.

Smoking says The London Hospital, is by no means universally indulged in on the episcopal bench. Of the thirty-four eminent dignitaries who now occupy that exalted position, more than half are non-smokers. The bishop of Bath and Wells has not used tobacco in any form for more than fifty years. The bishop of Worcester smokes neither pipe nor cigar, and never did. The bishop of St. Albans has never smoked in his life. The bishop of Durham is a non-smoker, but does not wish the statement to convey any sympathy with or feeling of necessity for a league against tobacco. The bishop of Gloucester and Bristol was a moderate smoker until 1860; but when he found that the benefit he thought he had derived from it ceased he gave it up. The bishop of Oxford is not and never has been a smoker. "He believes that in time, in pain, in health, and in cleanliness he has been the gainer." The bishop of Liverpool is a non-smoker, and entirely approves of the Anti-Narcotic League. King James' "countersblast" is not without his modern counterpart.

A large quantity of rock salt has been found at Itaska, N. Y., 200 feet below the surface of the earth.

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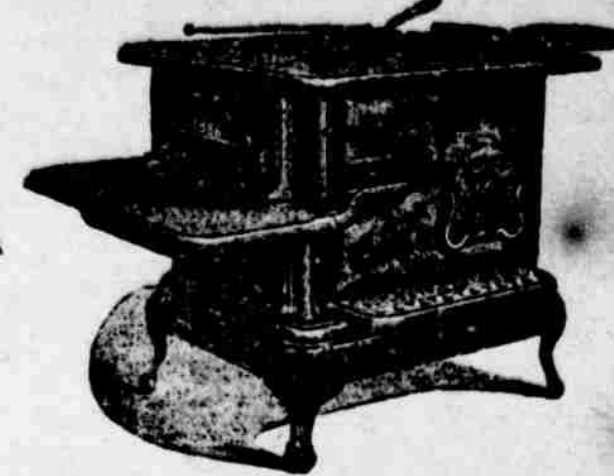
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