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AMINE HORROR.

A Gas Explosion Occurs in a Missouri Coal Mine and Many Lives Are Lost. Kansas City, Mo., March 29.—The following is the Journal's account of the accident at Rich Hill:

Rich Hill, March 29.—The most horrible mine disaster that has ever occurred in the west happened at noon to-day in Keith & Perry's No. 4 mine, and as a result a large number of men are entombed, and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed. Just at the dinner hour when the men were ascending eight at a time on the cage a terrible gas explosion occurred, filling every entry with a flame of fire, which shot out of the shaft a distance of one hundred and fifty feet. It can not be ascertained to-night just how many men are yet in the mine, but at 11 o'clock one man had been taken out dead. The work of removing the debris and cleaning the shaft has been going on all afternoon; but it will be several hours before much can be done towards entering the mine proper.

"At just seven minutes after noon I was telephoned that an explosion had occurred at No. 6, which is four miles northwest of town. I went out as soon as possible and found the south cage on which the men always ascend, stuck into the shaft about half way from the bottom with eight men on it. I went down on a tub lowered with ropes, and found them all badly burned and in a frenzy. In fact, they were crazy, some shouting and others singing. I found it impossible to have the cage hoisted, as the timbers were all blown out of position. We finally managed to be hoisted by means of ropes and pulleys in a fainting condition and it was then ascertained that the north cage could be worked by clearing some timbers which had been driven through from the south shaft. This was done by sawing them short off. I then called for volunteers to go down with me, to see if any of the poor fellows could be got out. Robert Bick, George Henry, Charles Smithwood and Mat Duth responded. When we reached the bottom I looked through into the entry and saw a light, and I asked who

was there and a voice responded "Gray." I told him to put out his light. I then asked him to crawl to me, but he was so exhausted that he could not do so, and I reached through a small aperture and dragged him on to the cage.

Just as this was done a wind rushed with the velocity of a cyclone up the entry putting out all our lights but one. This was followed by two loud reports and a seething flame of fire which came with a deafening roar completely enveloping us for a length of time which seemed like an age and shot out of the mouth of the shaft, 240 feet above our heads, and we were all horribly burned and thought our time had come. The flame receded as suddenly as it had come and we had to abandon the attempt to save the others. I yelled to them at the top to hoist away, but it was some time before they got the signal or understood my meaning. The moments thus spent were a living death. I thought they could not hear me and concluded we would have to climb out that way, and I was just in the act of doing so when I felt the cage move. We ascended about thirty feet when the cage began to descend. I thought the machinery was broken and that we were falling into an awful and certain death. The wail that went up from those men was heart rending, and I shall never forget it. The knowledge that at the top were their wives, ready to clasp and shield them from further danger was enough to destroy reason. All at once, however, the cage came to a sudden stop and again began responding to the pressure of the ropes and pulleys and we were soon at the top.

It is probable that all who were in the mine at the time of the first explosion are dead. The bravery of Superintendent Sweeney watch almost cost him his life is applauded by everybody. About miners are employed in this mine and the probabilities are that the majority of them were out, but this cannot be told to-night. They are mostly negroes who came from Springfield Ill., when the mine was opened less than a year ago.

Chico, Tex., March 28.—A silver mine has been discovered about 200 feet from the square at a depth of twenty-five feet. The vein is strong and said to be in paying quantities. Later developments prove a mixture of gold. Look out for a boom. It is sure to come, and Chico is one of the best locations for a town in the state.

NO True Boom.

The Way the California Myth Looks to a Practical Man. The Cass'ton (Dak.) Reporter has the following letter from a Texas man.

My mind was well prepared to see the land clothed in green and perpetual summer, land covered every where with blooming flowers, its valleys and hillsides dotted all over with fruit trees of every kind well aded with luscious ripe fruits. I was even prepared to see a country of prosperous people, with ample room for all newcomers. To my disappointment I found Southern California, to be nothing but a mountainous, barren, rocky country, with an occasional small valley here and there; the country is exceedingly arid, and nothing whatever can be raised except by irrigation. The land that can be cultivated is so scarce that it is held at from \$200 to \$500 per acre, and this high priced land does not produce as much as the lands of Dakota, which can be bought at from \$10 to \$20 per acre, the former figures for wild and the latter for improved lands, first quality and convenient to market. Water is scarce for irrigation, and commands a fancy price and ordinarily costs as much as half the value of the crops raised on the land. The people of South California do not pretend to raise anything except by irrigation, and this process of farming is the rich man's luxury and not the poor man's support. To my surprise many of the valleys, and in fact nearly all of them where farming and fruit raising were formerly carried on, have been cut up into "town lots" and the industry of town lot sales seems to be the principal occupation of the people of Southern California. A greater fraud than the sale of these lots to the North and East was never perpetrated. Oftener than otherwise there is not another than an old farm house for many miles away, and there is no more reason for, or prospect of a town being built where the town is "laid out" than at any place that may be selected on the prairies of Dakota, twenty miles from a railroad. San Diego and Los Angeles, cities of 20,000 and 40,000 inhabitants, are the only places of importance, but these cities have far out grown the country, and in fact, there is no country in Southern California capable of supporting a large town. There are also a number of mechanics and laborers who have been attracted to Southern California by over-drawn stories, and this class have been sorely disappointed. These cities are principally composed of land speculators, and in fact, land speculation is the principal business of Southern California. The sanitary condition and police regulations of even these cities are deplorable; sickness and death prevails on every hand, there is not a night or even a day that men are not knocked down on the streets and robbed.

Waco, Tex., March 29.—The city election is growing very warm in anticipation of the vote on Tuesday, next.

Those who are posted say that the Union Labor vote will turn the tide in the election for offices of McLennan county.

FARMERS ALLIANCE.

Dr. Macune Scouts the Idea of Its Being Dragged Into Politics.

Mr. David Kennedy, of Froese, Limestone county, has been elected superintendent of the Dallas branch of the Alliance Implement Factory which is to be started to running May 1 next. At the start it is prepared to manufacture only agricultural implements, the castings for which will be made at the local foundries, but it is expected within a year to put in a plant for the manufacture of wagons and buggies.

As the Exchange will not be ready for the State Alliance convention which is to meet in Dallas next August it is proposed to secure a large hall for the delegates, of whom 600 or 700 are expected. The idea of holding a state encampment this year has been abandoned. Touching the matter of politics in the Alliance, its general manager, Dr. Macune says: The Alliance has developed in the past two years a strong business organization for business purposes, and I think that the tendency this year to draw it into politics will be less than it was two year ago. While the members of the Alliance recognize that they have a political duty as citizens, they also recognize that their relation to the Alliance is purely of a business nature through which the corrective to several evils may be applied. They recognize the fact that, constituting a vast majority of both parties they at the same time constitute a working majority of each party, and if a man so situated understands his own interests it makes very little difference to him which party succeeds, as in the nature of things his demands will be respected by any party. Any efforts this year to run the Alliance into personal politics will surely fail. It did not start in that direction and every year of its growth the danger from that source is lessened.—Dallas News.

Freight Car Thieves-Trapped.

SAN ANTONIO TEX., March 28.—For several months past railway officials and detectives have known of systematic robbery of freight cars on the different roads centering here, and particularly on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass. Officers have been quietly at work to entrap all the thieves and their accomplices before making individual arrests, but so sly have the robbers been that until to-day it was impossible to center the robbery on any person. Detectives Hughes and VanAlstyne to-day entered into the store of J. C. Dodich, immediately back of the police headquarters, and placed the proprietor under arrest for receiving and disposing of stolen goods. About \$1300 worth of goods identified as having been stolen from freight cars on Aransas Pass Road were found in Dodich's possession and were seized by the officers. Dodich has been doing a thriving business for months and has sold all kinds of goods at prices demoralizing to local markets. He is now in jail and refuses to talk. It is expected that numerous arrests of railway breakers will be made to-day.

Nine Children in Seven Years.

Tarr's Bridge, Pa., March 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockwell of this place, have a curious family. They have been married seven years and have nine children. The two oldest are twins, a boy and a girl. At birth the girl weighed eight pounds and the boy less than four. But now, at the age of six years, the boy weighs forty-five pounds and the girl only twenty. There was just a year to a day between the birth of the twins and the next child, which was a boy. He is deaf and dumb. A year later Mrs. Lockwell gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy, each one of which weighed five pounds. They lived until they were six months old, and were in apparently the best of health, but one day they all three died in less than an hour of one another. Two years later Mrs. Lockwell gave birth to twins, both boys of more than average weight. One of the babies had six fingers on the left hand and the other had six toes on the right foot. Two years passed again before any more children were born to the Lockwells. On Sunday Mrs. Lockwell gave birth to a girl baby which weighs less than two pounds. It is lively and in the best of health, but so small that it can hardly be handled. An ordinary finger ring will slip over its hand and half way up its arm.

"RAISING CAIN."

When the Dallas News printed that silly story from Austin that the free grassers intended to capture the immigration convention and convert it into a political machine for the destruction of Ross' administration, the News did a very discreditable thing that became apparent to all men when Galveston selected a free grass champion to read the famous deep water resolutions. Then it was that the only rabbit foot at the immigration convention became visible to the naked eyes of all men.

Not satisfied with this exploit, the News converted the recent meeting of the State executive committee into a Coke-Prohibition-anti-George Clark affair, and now poses before the state as the watchful guardian of democratic welfare.

Every member of the state executive committee knows that the selection of places at which to hold the Democratic state conventions was made without reference to Senator Coke or George Clark or Prohibition. Senator Coke's chances of re-election will not be affected in any way and George Clark's candidacy for delegate at large to St. Louis will not be affected in any way by the selection of Fort Worth.

It is impossible to comprehend why the News gives publicity to such canards as that of the free grass capture of the immigration convention and such perversions of the significance of locating state convention, unless that paper wants to raise a rumpus inside the Democratic party.—Fort Worth Gazette.

The recent sale of 10,000 cattle by Pierce and Kountz Bros. is said to be the largest cattle trade ever made in the state on a single delivery. The Santa Fe road has already begun to make preparations for transporting the animals, which will be banded and fed at Fort Worth en route.

**SATAN INCARNATE.**

**A Demonical Monstrosity in a Polish Family.**  
(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

The devil or one of his imps seems to have turned himself loose in Newburg, and the greatest excitement prevails in that end of the city. East of Broadway, near the new wire mill, is what is known as the Polish settlement. In this "settlement," lives a woman, who, the story goes, about three weeks ago gave birth to one of the most marvelous freaks of nature that was ever on the face of the earth. When the monster, or freak was born the doctor in attendance saw a being that resembled a devil or mythical satyr more than it did anything human. It was as red as blood, with a hairy growth over its body. Two horns, about six inches long, grew from its head. Its hands were long and like claws, while in place of feet it had two cloven hoofs. A tail, such as is supposed to be an appendage of his satanic majesty, grew from the back of this hideous creature. Tushes in its mouth, and an intelligent but fiendish look in its face, which but slightly resembled that of a human being. With horror the physician gazed upon this "demon," and then turning to the father and nurse he said:

"Great God! but we must kill this thing; it ought to be done."

The "thing" is said to have put on a most fiendish malignant expression and to have said in a firm tone; "Guess not!"

So great was the consternation that they were all speechless. A Newburg minister, hearing of this wonderful thing, went to see the child, who on seeing him is alleged to have asked:

"What the devil do you want here?"

A lady who saw this child, or whatever it is, said:

"I heard so much about it that I went to see it and have had the horrors ever since. Human being it certainly is not yet it was born of a woman. It bounds around like a kangaroo, springing from its mother's lap to the floor, then to a chair, then to a table, from whence it takes a flying leap to its mother's lap. I would not have believed it unless I had, with my own eyes, seen it. It is the awfullest, most hideous thing I ever heard of. For a fact, truth is stranger than fiction."

Since the birth of the child large crowds of curious people have gone to see it, and many theories have been advanced as to the cause. Among many people in Newburg, usually the most ignorant, the idea is that the parents were cursed from some alleged misdeed. The most plausible reason is this: Two or three months ago, shortly before the child was born, the mother witnessed a spectacular play at one of the local theaters. During the performance the devil sprang from a trap in the stage which frightened the mother very much, she never having seen any thing like it before. The child, which was born shortly afterward and which is here described, exactly resembles this stage "devil" which so frightened the woman.

So many people are going to see this wonderful being that the parents are making considerable money by charging an admission fee to see it.

A number of similar cases are on record, one of which occurred a great many years ago in Summit county. A man becoming angered with his wife seized a tame crow and beat her on the head with it, killing the crow. The child, born soon after, had a crow's head and never was able to speak, making a harsh, croaking noise when it opened its mouth. A few years ago this being committed suicide by tearing open a vein in its arm with its mouth or beak.

**A SPECIAL SESSION.**

**A Proclamation Assembling the Legislature of Texas Will be Issued To-day by the Governor.**

Washington, March 30.—The following communication explains itself:

Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, House of Representatives,

Sir—Referring to our conversation in relation to the payment to the State of Texas of the amount appropriated in the urgent deficiency bill, I beg to say that the bill is, I understand, signed by the President, and as soon as a certified copy of the same shall be received at this department from the Department of State, the necessary steps will be taken to pay the claim at the earliest moment, at which I will be pleased to advise you. Respectfully, JAMES W. HYATT, Treasurer of the United States.

Major Sayers says the money will be in the state treasury at Austin in ten days. It will be sent in ten drafts drawn by the Treasurer of the United States on the sub-Treasurer at New York in accordance with a request of Governor Ross sent to Major Sayers. In accomplishing this Major Sayers has done a piece of work almost unparalleled in the history of this country, both in the magnitude of the sum and the quickness which he managed to secure it. It took adroit and persistent efforts and the result is a just matter of congratulation for this able Representative and his friends.

**WILL ASSEMBLE THE LEGISLATURE.**

Austin, Tex., March 30.—Late this afternoon Governor Ross received a telegram from Hon. J. D. Sayers, Congressman from the Tenth district, apprising him that the President had signed the urgent deficiency bill which contains the Texas appropriation for \$1,000,000. The Gazette correspondent was informed by the Governor at the executive office subsequent to the reception of the dispatch that he would immediately issue a call for the Legislature to assemble Monday, the 10th of April, to take into consideration the subjects indicated by him some time ago. It is not certain that the Governor will add to the list the matter of Attorney-General Hogg's suit against the Huntington syndicate, although some think he will. The proclamation is prepared to-night, and will be issued to-morrow.

**A Runaway Wife.**

Palestine, Tex., April 1.—Quite a sensational affair occurred here at 2 o'clock last night. It appears that about a month ago a gentleman living in Gainesville equipped his wife with money and other necessaries to make a long deferred visit to relatives in the north. Subsequently the gentleman learned that his wife instead of going to pay a dutiful visit to relatives had joined fortunes with a gay and festive young man by the name of Johnson. The elopers were traced to Birmingham, Ala., and were finally located in this place a few days ago. Last night the injured husband arrived with a deputy sheriff from Gainesville and in company with Officers Crist and Hanna proceeded to a cottage in

West Palestine, aroused the couple and placed Johnson under arrest. The eloping wife, who is a handsome young Dutch woman, made a fearful scene when her lover was adorned with handcuffs and vehemently reproached her husband for following her. She followed the Lothario to the train and when it pulled out for Gainesville with him she fainted away on the platform. The husband and wife remained over here to-day and the former is doing all he can to pacify his wife, who appears to be insanely infatuated with Johnson. The latter and the woman had plenty of money and had rented and furnished a cottage here.

**A New Church.**

A United States official, while riding through the roads bordering the eastern edge of the Indian territory, came upon a long-haired man sitting upon a log.

"Good morning, sir," said the official.

"Hi."

"Do you live about here?"

"Just about live here."

"You haven't any Indian blood in your veins?"

"Not that I ever seed."

"Then why do you live on this reservation. Who gave you the right?"

"I married a squaw."

"Oh."

"That's what I say."

"What business are you in?"

"None, now."

"What business were you in?"

"Preachin'."

"Why, did you stop?"

"Feller blowed up my church."

"Blew up your church? What for?"

"Jealousness. He's a preacher, too, an' I beat him on a revival—got more mourners than he did."

"Why I never before heard of such an outrageous affair. Tell me about it."

"Wall, I built my church over on the branch, an' this feller Ab Smith built his'n on the knob. We started revivals about the same time, an' he had the edge on me, and knowin' that something had to be did, an' that quick, I commenced to tell a lot o' yarns that I knowed would interest the young bucks an' captured the crowd. Smith he come down an' tried to get 'em away, an' at last, findin' that he couldn't do it, he slipped around one night and put powder under the house and blowed it up."

"You were of different denominations, I suppose."

"Of what?"

"I say that you were of different churches."

"Yes, I wuz o' my church an' he wuz o' his'n."

"But of what denomination, what creed?"

"Blamed if I know."

"Well, but what do you believe?"

"Believe that it won't be healthy fur Ab Smith if I ketch him round here."

"You don't understand. What is your faith?"

"Blamed if I know."

"What do you preach?"

"Fust one thing and then another."

"Are you a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian—"

"No, ain't none o' them."

"You started a new church, I suppose."

"Wall, yes, most o' the logs wuz new, but some o' them was tuck from old Andy Peterson's still-house. Wall, thar wuz more than a dozen ole logs in the house an' you mout 'ave called the church new. Ab Smith's church is so green that it won't burn an' I haven't got enough powder to blow it up, an' if you'll go over an' he'll me tear it down I'll give you as fine a mule colt as you ever seed. Hold on a minute, hold on," said the preacher, shading his eyes and gazing far away.

"Yander comes Smith an' two o' his deacons. I ain't feelin' so mighty well an' I bleve I'll sorter trot a little fur exercise. Ever come round this way agin an' want to see a squaw so ugly that she'll set your teeth on edge, drop in and see us. Wall, good day. Et them fellers ax you about me tell 'em that I ain't nowhar in the neighborhood."—Arkansas Traveler.

**Tweaked Anatomically.**

Little Edna is a Bangor young lady and her Auntie Alice would teach her a useful lesson: "Now, Edna, you must always obey your parents, for there was a disobedient man once who was turned into a fourfooted beast and made to eat grass like an ox."

Little Edna—Did they give him four feet, Auntie?

Auntie Alice—Yes, my darling.

Little Edna—What did he do for a tail?—Bangor Commercial.

**A Witty Thought.**

"Helen," said Auntie, "bring me a clean apron to put on you." Now Helen and sister had aprons alike, and through mistake she got one of sister's and looked with surprise at the sleeves, which came over her hands. "Well, Auntie," she exclaimed, "I dress an apron has outgrown me."—London Companion.

HASKELL, TEXAS, }  
April 2nd, 1888. }

I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the good people of Haskell, for the kind and considerate manner in which I have been treated since coming amongst them. The three weeks that it has been my happy lot to spend in your midst, has certainly been one of the glad times of my life, and as down life's road I travel, I shall never forget the courtesy shown, and the hearty welcome extended me on every hand by the citizens of the little prairie gem (Haskell), and though I leave for other fields of labor in the cause of the dear Lord, yet hanging around the chambers of my memory shall ever be found little reminiscences of the pleasant hours of my sojourn with this people, and when recalling the happy scenes, my heart felt thanks will I render to life's All Bounteous Giver for His mercies in bestowing such bounties upon poor frail erring mortality.

And last, but not least, let me this admonition give, live prayerfully, trustingly and in close communion with the Lord Jesus. Titus 3 ch. 9 v., and II Tim. 2 ch. 15 and 16 v., and I Thes. 5 ch. 16 to 23 v. Then in connection with this for your temporal welfare, don't neglect to support your county paper.

WILL S. JAMES.

**500 Tons of Pills a Year.**

"There are eleven and one-half tons of postage stamps sold at the New York postoffice every year," remarked a manufacturing chemist to a Mail and Express reporter this morning. "Now guess how many tons of pills are made in this country every year."

"What have postage stamps to do with pills?"

"Nothing whatever save that each is useful in its way. I only cited the postoffice vend to give you an idea of the great weight of small things when considered in a bulk. Give it up? Well, as nearly as can be figured they will amount to over fifty-two tons in a year. A ton a week is a fair estimate. In England alone there are 2,000,000,000 consumed every year. That reduced to tons would make about forty. How many are used in other countries it would be hard to say, but the total estimate would not come far from 450 tons. Say 500 tons are used a year by the entire world. The habit of pill-taking is ancient. It is the most convenient form for carrying and taking and is the most popular. Formerly they were made by hand. Now they are produced by machinery. There are a few manufacturers who make 1,000,000 pills a week. Big business, isn't it?"

The Senate Committee on territories has reported resolutions declaring against the admittance of Utah as a state until polygamy is entirely abolished and the control of the civil affairs of the territory taken from the priesthood of the Mormon Church.

Mitchell has challenged Sullivan for another fight, and some of the fighting wise folk think the "big un" will take water. If he does it will kill him.—Fort Worth Gazette.

The latest information as to cattle in Presidio county, is that three and four year olds are selling at \$18 and \$20, which is an advance over three months ago.

In a police station at Norfolk, Va., one morning recently, a young man, who had been jailed the night before for drunkenness, begged the authorities to keep his name secret as he was going to be married that night. He said he had been on his "wind-up frolic."

A dairy school has just been opened on the Houghton farm, Orange county, New York, which gives practical instruction in dairy farming for a nominal sum. Mr. Valentine, who owns the farm, which is conducted by a competent manager, has done much for agriculture.

The steam-yacht Mobeica, which brought over a party of Scotchmen to witness the descent of the Thistle, has been fitted with her ocean rig, and will sail shortly for a winter cruise to the West Indies. Mr. John Clark, her owner, and a number of invited guests will be on board.

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## LOCAL DOTS.

### White Hats

Can be obtained at \$1 per pair by addressing Bert Potts, Anson, Tex.

Mr. Queeny Taylor was in town Thursday.

Mr. C. M. Darling was in town Thursday.

Jesse Hart, of Colorado county, is in the city.

Mr. Hammond has moved to the McCreary House.

Master Hugh Roger has gone to Albany on a visit.

Mr. S. S. Cummings is having his house painted.

Mr. S. B. Irvin of Abilene was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Millie Massey has been sick, but is up again.

Mr. Sam Smith's little boy has been quite sick this week.

Mr. T. J. Scott, of Jones county, was in the city this week.

Mr. Douglass Taylor was in the city several days this week.

Mr. E. J. Wilfong and lady were in the city Monday.

Mrs. Alston, of the California ranch, moved to town this week.

Miss Lula Crews left for her home in the Panhandle Tuesday.

Charles Davidson, of the QB ranch, was in the city this week.

Dick McGee was sick several days this week, but is about well again.

Miss Carrie Rogers has returned from a trip to Abilene and Anson.

The Immigration Committee is beginning to get in good working order.

Mr. Ed. J. Manner has gone to Austin to attend the Court of Appeals.

Miss Sallie Wray of Stonewall county is visiting Mrs. H. C. Dillahunty.

Rev. W. S. James says he loves the big hearted young men of Haskell.

Mr. Ed Springer of Albany was booked at the City Hotel on Thursday.

Our tax collector is selling all the land advertised for taxes, to the state.

Mrs. Standifer has been quite sick for several days, but is not dangerously ill.

The Daily Times of Abilene is a welcome addition to our exchange list.

A singing at Mrs. Tucker's Thursday night, was enjoyed by our young people.

John McClaren, John Miller and John Humphreys were in town the other day.

Mr. Bean's sheep camp outfit was burned last Thursday. The loss was about \$40.00.

If the candidate continues to still hunt, the votes will get in fine condition by fall.

Mr. J. L. Chalk of Boby is in the city. Mr. Chalk has come to go to work with his horses.

The farmers of our county are making a noble effort to develop the resources of their lands.

Messrs. Alexander and Cummings have gone to the pasture after their saddle horses.

Mr. Bateman of Martin is in the city. Mr. Bateman is an old acquaintance of Mr. Leo Smith.

Robert Hillwiler, ex-sheriff of Bell county, and Mr. Tucker were in town Thursday.

Mr. C. E. Woodruff of Anson brother of the Dr., has been visiting his brother several days.

Mr. E. Frank Buis, of Anson, came to Haskell Thursday, and returned to Anson yesterday.

Mr. Wm. Ward was in town Thursday. He says he has 12 acres of corn that is looking well.

Miss Dora Owsley of Lake creek was in the city Monday, visiting the family of Mr. H. C. Dillahunty.

Mr. John Cook has returned from Kansas. Mr. Cook has come to go to work with his horses.

H. B. Martin received an April fool last Saturday, but says it was so badly "pied" that he could not read it.

Mr. Leslie Combs, manager of the Moyné Cattle Company, of King county, was in the city Thursday.

### Here's Your Watch!

Mr. S. C. Hammons has lost a Double Case Silver Watch. The watch has some writing scratched on the inside of the case, \$2 will be paid for its return.

Mr. E. T. McCandless has returned from Shackelford county, where he has been after some saddle horses.

The Immigration committee have arranged with the FREE PRESS to do the advertising for Haskell county.

Messrs. F. P. Chamberlain and Harry Butler of Anson were in the city Monday visiting, several of our fair damsels.

The people are showing the FREE PRESS a helping hand, and the FREE PRESS in return is getting in some good licks.

We have purchased one of the best newspaper outfits in West Texas, and our next issue will be printed on our new press.

The sociable given Miss Lula Crews by Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Smith Monday evening was highly enjoyed by the company.

The county commissioners court have adopted the economical plan of holding no term of their court but regular terms.

Haskell county should be proud of her financial condition. She has the smallest bonded indebtedness of any county in the West.

Dr. H. K. Plummer, of Tenn., will be here in a few days with his family, and will locate in Haskell. He has rented Mr. Baldwin's residence.

Mr. J. W. Evans was in the city Monday. Mr. Evans is well known in Haskell, as he has served the people as county commissioner.

Mr. O. Y. Hildreth was in the city Monday, and is very favorably spoken of for sheriff, by his neighbors in the northeast part of the county.

Rev. W. S. James says that Haskell is the first town he has preached in in West Texas, where there were no persons in the jail to preach to.

Our junior, Mr. Oscar Martin, and Mr. W. B. Anthony went to Anson Thursday, after the Jones County Voice outfit they are expected back to-day.

We call attention to the "ad" of Barrett & Hammond at the top of fourth and fifth columns of this page. These gentlemen are well prepared for the livery business.

Judge Peckham is spoken of by citizens of Haskell county as Browning's successor. The Judge is fully competent and would be fearless in the discharge of duty.

We call attention to the "ad" of Dr. P. C. Woodruff, on 1st page. He may be found during the day at his office on North side Pub. Sq., and at night at the City Hotel.

The business men are displaying good judgement in laying in a stock of goods. They realize the fact if they want to build up their town they must keep a good stock to hold the trade down,

Mr. Frank P. Chamberlain and Miss Mattie Preston and Mr. Harry Butler and Miss Carrie Cain left Haskell Tuesday for Anson. The party will remain in Jones county several days.

Rev. W. S. James closed the meeting at this place Sunday night, and returned to his home at Buffalo Gap. He did some good work in Haskell and we regretted to see him leave very much.

The great labor troubles that prevailed in 1884, are going to be repeated it seems. Labor and politics will cause considerable trouble between now and the time Cleveland is sworn in for his second term.

The foot race between Messrs. Yates and Fassett that was run last Monday was very exciting, they run 100 yards for a purse of \$250. The race was won by Yates who led Fassett by two feet. S. C. Hammond backed Yates and Geo. Mason backed Fassett.

The State Immigration Committee requests that every subscriber in the State and any other Texian receiving this paper, write upon it the name and Postoffice address of the sender and mail it to some person outside of the state.

If the homeless multitudes that are crowded in rickety tenement houses of Eastern cities knew of the fine lands in this county, they would, use every means to come here and purchase homes and if removed from the scene of the former distress and oppression they would make honorable citizens.

Mr. D. E. Gass, trustee in the deed of trust given by J. P. Berryhill to secure Ed. J. Hamner in the payment of an indebtedness of \$1750.00, on last Wednesday sold all the cattle branded T X on side and on neck, belonging to Mr. Berryhill in this county at the court house. The cattle were sold to Mr. Ed. J. Hamner at \$1750.00.

### \$10 Reward.

Strayed—four head of horses, one paint, branded 7HL (connected) on left shoulder, and counter branded F on thigh, and 4 E (connected) on left hip. One brown horse branded same. One brown horse branded 7HL (connected) on left thigh, and counter branded F on left shoulder. One gray pony (stud) branded two circles on shoulder and 4E (connected) on left hip. The above reward will be paid for their delivery to F. Mcgregor, Haskell.

The bachelors are getting there one by one. Mr. E. Roberts, of Miller creek, this county, and by the way, one of our most prosperous horse raisers, got excused from the last grand jury early in the term, and hastened to Waxahatchie, where he took unto himself a better half. Mr. Roberts is highly esteemed, and his many friends join in wishing him a long and happy life.

As our junior editor was crossing the square the other day he met Bob Riddle, who called his attention to the dirty condition of the court yard. Now if the commissioners can spare a few dollars we suggest that they have the yard cleaned. It will not cost much, and it will greatly improve the appearance. What say you gentlemen, can you stand the cost at present?

Our junior editor made a trip to Anson Thursday and returned Saturday. He reports the farmers to be in good condition, and says the people are all in high spirits. He takes this opportunity to express his thanks to the citizens of Anson for the many social courtesies shown him, and commends them for the hospitality with which they receive strangers. When a man visits a town composed of such people he is loath to leave it, and if he is looking for a home, he will not be long in deciding upon such a place for it.

We need two lines to fill this column.

## Haskell Stable

By Hammond & Barrett.

Every variety of feed always on hand, special attention given to all stock placed in our charge, and satisfaction guaranteed. First class Wagon Yard in connection with Stable.



### HASKELL

Free Wool and R. Q. Mills.

Do we want free wool? Not much, unless the tariff is removed from the manufactured article. Even the sheep men are in favor of a reduction, if the party will make one broad and sweeping, without crushing the man who owns and herds his flocks and building up the manufactories in the east on their downfall. Can our democratic representatives in Washington ever hope to retain favor with their constituents in Texas by depleting their pockets to the replenishing of the bloated monopolistic Eastern manufacturer.

If they, the congressmen from Texas, have need of our suffrage in the future, if they have any hope to retain the seats they are now warming, it behooves them to labor for the people of Texas, and not for those of New England. Give us a tariff for revenue only, as demanded in the national party platform. Reduce the tariff on all necessities and retain it on luxuries; but is removing it from wool, which we can't wear in its raw state, and leaving it on the manufactured product, that we are forced to buy at the price placed by the protected eastern men, in conformity with the often declared tactics and as frequently promulgated party politics: if it is, deliver us from such democracy, which savors too much of putred demagoguery. Mr. Mills may father such a detrimental measure to the interest of West and Southern Texas, and then when the session of Congress closes come home to the people of his district demanding a reelection upon the grounds of grand statesmanship for the good of the whole United States; that he soars above and beyond the petty politician, who works for favoritism and office, while he labors for the good of the nation, the benefit of the masses, and not for any section or locality. Such philanthropy may win; but we are inclined to the view that Texas demands men who will advocate measures for the benefit of Texas. Mr. Mills may not be snowed under, but when he comes before the people of Texas again, a blind man can see that a Dakota blizzard has struck his boom.

### What a Girl Says.

One bright young society girl the other day in conversation with several persons, among them some gentlemen who were grumbling about having had to pay \$5 for a pin cushion at a recent charity fair, and they added that they thought it time that the girls gave something themselves. This young lady replied:

"We do give something, and far more than you do in comparison. You give five, ten, possible \$100, which in your business you would make in a day with little actual labor. We give sometimes two or three weeks of hard labor before the fair is ready for the public, and then we also go and sell as long as our strength holds out. If our time was as valuable as yours as a money-making factor, we would each be giving into the thousands, but as it is not, at least we give all we have, and that is a good deal more than you do. And besides, we do it willingly, without coaxing or persuasion, and from a sense of duty, when you make a great deal of fuss over the little 'pirates' who have to use all their arts of persuasion to obtain five dollars. Why, do you know that the plainest pin cushion in the fair actually costs in material

### TEXAS.

### NOTICE.

The Mail hack leaves Haskell at 7 a. m. every morning and arrives at Anson at M. leaves Anson at 1 p. m. and arrives at Haskell at 7 p. m.

CARRYING EXPRESS and making connection with the hack on the Abilene and Anson line

Any person or persons wishing to pass over this line can always do so on the

MAIL HACK CHEAPER. than they can hire a buggy and make the trip from Haskell to Abilene in one way.

Mail Hack arrives at Abilene at 6 p. m, making connection with the East bound train.

Leaves Abilene immediately after the arrival of the west bound train in the morning.

I mean what I say, Try me and see. Respectfully Oscar Cochran, Proprietor.

fifty cents, and at least one hour's steady work, oftentimes more, and yet you grumble to pay \$5 for an hour's work, when you make that in as many minutes! I am ashamed of you. The frivolous young girls, society's butterflies, do ten times more than you do, and you never hear them grumble." This effectually silenced these young men, who looked as though they admired, this young lady more than ever for her frank, outspoken opinion. Let us hope he will profit by it.—Exchange.

### A Romance of The Rail.

The great strike on the "Q" road reminds me of a romance, says the writer in the Chicago Mail. In one of the towns on the main line lives a man who for years has been in the employ of the corporation which is now having trouble. From apprentice boy in the workshop he worked his way up until he became an engineer.

One night he was called up and sent out on an extra. He had not gone far on his run when something danced before the glare of his headlight and as quickly did he reverse his engine. Leaving the pilot he walked down the track and found a child neatly wrapped and wide awake. He took it back to the pilot, made a cot for it and proceeded on his run.

On his return home the wife of the road was taken to his home, adopted, reared and educated. She became one of the beauties of the little town and grew into womanhood. The engineer, although nearly thirty-five years older than the pretty faced creature, loved her, and they were married.

The other day when there was rumors of a strike, the old engineer appealed to his child-wife for advice, and she begged him to remain with the company and not desert the road on which he found her, and from which he rescued her. He consented, and there is now one of the old engineers who is true to the throttle.

Washington, April 3.—Mr. Mill is far from well and is still under medical treatment. He took a short walk with Mrs. Mills, but returned greatly fatigued. He left for Fortess Monroe last night with his wife, where he will stay for a week or ten days. His physicians think he will be able to resume his duties on the floor in time to lead the tariff debate, which is expected to begin about April 6.

## REWARD

Is but the outgrowth of merit. They who read this merit the reward they will receive by visiting our store and buying their supplies. Keep this in mind, as it may be worth to you

\$500.

Look closely at these figures—they will save you money. We offer, for a limited time only, the following: Baltimore Sugar Corn, 2lb cans at 20c. Standard Sugar Corn, 2lb cans at 13c. Standard Murrowfat Peas, 2lbs at 12c. Standard Lima Beans, 2lb cans at 13c. Standard White Wax Beans, 2lbs at 12c. Tomatoes, Lilly brand 3lb cans at 13c. "Gra ton" 3lb cans at 12c. Baltimore Pineapples 2lb cans at 13c. Baltimore Strawberries 2lb cans at 12c. Baltimore Gooseberries 2lb cans at 10c. Chow Chow, English quarts, per bot. 27c. Worcester-shire Sauces half pints at 20c. Tomato Ketchup, pints, at 10c. Split peas, dried, very fine, per pound 5c. Pearl Starch, 6lb packages, per lb 5c. Dry Herring, small size, per box 27c. Star soap, pound bars, per bar 5c. Globe Sulphur matches, per dozen 5c. Derby Smoking Tobacco, good per pound 40c.

We are overstocked in these lines of goods and present prices can not last long.

### COME QUICK

Or you may be among those that never get there. We shall only keep this up till the stock is sufficiently reduced then the former low prices will be resumed.

### Time Flies

and we must be with it. Come see us or write to us. Do so at once.

ROBERTS & MACKENNEY Pine Street ABILENE TEXAS.

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Go to N. Porter for your genuine Cheyenne saddle trees Ripped 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 bed rock prices ABILENE TEXAS. June 25

# THE PROCLAMATION.

An Emergency Exists Which Necessitates the Convening of the Legislature in Special Session.

Austin, Tex., March 31.—Governor Ross to-day issued the following proclamation reconvening the Twentieth Legislature:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, TEX., MARCH 31, 1888.

To all whom these presents shall come:

Whereas, there is now in the state treasury a larger amount of money than is required for the economical administration of the government; and the near completion of the state capitol building requires that it should be inspected by the representatives of the people with a view to its acceptance or rejection, and if accepted, the proper provisions made for its occupancy; and there is an imperative public necessity for the amendment of the tax laws so that if found practicable the burden of taxation may be lightened for the people; and as the state is indebted for the services of school teachers of the public schools to an extent which greatly impairs their usefulness and which requires such amendment to

### THE SCHOOL LAW

as may most conduce to the effectiveness of our system of public education; and Congress has now before it an act looking to the permanent settlement of the disputed claims of our state to Greer county, which if it becomes a law, will necessitate prompt legislative action; and these several matters are of such grave importance and general interest as to create an emergency, necessitating the convening of the Twentieth Legislature in special session; now, therefore,

I, L. S. Ross, Governor of Texas, do hereby issue this my proclamation convening the Twentieth Legislature, to meet in their respective halls in the city of Austin, on Monday, the 16th of April, A. D. 1888, in special session, and do hereby designate the following as subjects of legislation, to wit:

1. To provide for the proper distribution of the surplus moneys now in the treasury, by necessary appropriations.

2. To inspect and make such provision for furnishing and preserving the new capitol as may be deemed proper; for putting the capitol grounds in condition, and to determine what disposition shall be made of other state property at the seat of government.

3. To make such changes in the law relating to taxation and revenue as may seem most consonant with the interests of the people, with the view of more uniform and just assessment and certain collection, and a consideration of the advisability of reducing the present tax rate.

4. To make such alteration in the present law regarding the public education of the youth of our state, as may be found necessary, and appropriations to pay any indebtedness that may have accrued by reason thereof; to make appropriation for our various charitable institutions requisite to their more extended usefulness and betterment, and for a geological survey of the state, if demanded by general public interest.

5. To make such changes in subdivision 24, of Article 466, Revised Statutes, as amended by act of March 23, 1887, as may be deemed wise and expedient to meet the increased demands of the agricultural interests of the state.

6. To make such provisions as may be necessary for co-operation with the United States government in the settlement of the boundary of that portion of the state embracing Greer county.

Done at the executive office, in the city of Austin, this, the 31st day of March, A. D. 1888, and in the year of our independence the fifty-third.

L. S. ROSS,  
Governor of Texas.  
By the Governor,  
M. MOORE, Secy. of State.

### Combs from the Board.

Denver, Col. March 30.—T. T. D. Andrews of Fort Worth was elected president of the International Range Association, and Colonel H. M. Taylor, who has large interests in Palo Pinto county, to which place he will soon go to remain, though he now hails from New Mexico, has been elected secretary—a big compliment to Fort Worth and Texas as it was intended to be.

A string of forty-five Texas Panhandle yearlings was sold to-day at \$10 per head, to be delivered on the Fort Worth and Denver.

A Marielous delegation is nursing Manager Meek very closely. They have the promise of fine stock yards to be put up at that place by the Fort Worth and Denver people.

General R. A. Cameron, commissioner of emigration for the Panhandle route, has arranged with the New York Steamship company for an emigrant rate of \$46.40 from Europe and points to Fort Worth via New York and Galveston.

George S. Williamson of San Antonio has been indorsed by the Texas delegation as the successor to the position of agent of the Bureau of Animal Industry made vacant by the resignation of T. T. D. Andrews.

General Manager Meek's special train of sleepers left here to-night for Fort Worth, having on board Colonel Peter Smith, Major Brittingham of the Ft. Worth Gazette, and quite a number of Fort Worth bankers and prominent citizens. The train will arrive at its destination on Sunday morning. The remaining three trains will leave here Sunday morning to go to Manitou Springs, where it will spend the day and leave for Fort Worth that night reaching home Tuesday morning.

### A Purist in Agony.

What is slang? Some one once hazarded the assertion that all language is slang. It would be nearer the mark to define slang as, essentially, the application of an illustration ludicrously incommensurate with the thing to which it is applied, and, accidentally, the familiar use of a technical expression in the sense for which it was not intended originally. Slang is, in short, giving nicknames to things. "Mr." (says the report of the boat race) "tubbed the crews well and stroked them to Ifley." Most persons acknowledge the absurdity of "awfully jolly" and other similar freaks of boyish exuberance. Young ladies, too, have a slang of their own. A small thing is "wee" or "tiny;" a pretty thing is "bonny;" the children at a school feast are a "goodly number," and they are "regaled" on tea and cake. Slang is every where. Why should "big" be reiterated when we mean "large," or "mighty" for "great?" What is gained by calling a panic "a scare," a folly "a craze," a hoax "a sell," a ship (or a soldier) "a liner," or by saying of a horse or a watch "it is a good goer," instead of saying "it goes well?" Even writers in the foremost rank are sometimes guilty of extraordinary solecisms. The Addison of our day, in one of his charming novels, relates how his heroine had "laid awake all night." The eloquent and accomplished painter in words describes how "the Dead Sea laid waveless beneath him." Dickens has lent his sanction to "Our mutual friend." Phrases like these are plentiful: "The reverend prebend," "the learned antiquarian," "whether or no," "equally as good as," "more preferable than," etc. When those who lead the way offend thus, it is no wonder that an invalid, recommending a cough writes: "It is most luxuriant," or that a servant says: "The cup must be stood on a slab."

### The Drummer's Bill.

Washington, March 22.—Congressman Raynor, on behalf of the committee on commerce, to-day submitted a report on what is known as the drummer's bill, which was introduced by Mr. Farquahar of Buffalo early in the present session. The bill provides that residents of each state, territory and District of Columbia, may, within the other states, territories and the District of Columbia, solicit from dealers or merchants orders for goods and merchandise by sample, catalogue, card, price list, etc., without payment of any license or mercantile tax. The spirit of this law was laid down in a decision by the Supreme court of the United States, and the proposed bill is to further enforce that decision, in view of the fact that Texas and several other states have failed to be governed by the decision and continue to tax and in some instances imprison commercial agents who refuse to take out a license. The Baltimore Board of Trade and the mercantile associations in all the larger cities have petitioned Congress in favor of this bill. The committee reports the bill back to the House with a favorable recommendation and quotes a portion of the Supreme court decision to sustain its position.

### ABOUT HORACE GREELEY.

A Story of His Adventure with a Fresh Reporter.

"Yes, I used to know Horace Greeley very well," said a leading Ellsworth merchant in conversation with a Journal reporter the other day. "Of all the eccentric men I ever knew, I think he was the most peculiarly so. I had occasion to call into the Tribune office when Mr. Greeley was there, and I never shall forget a little incident that, fortunate enough, made a good mechanic out of a poor newspaper man. Mr. Greeley, you know, prided himself that the columns of the Tribune never got left on any important item of news.

"On the reportorial staff of the Tribune at the time I speak of was a flashing young Massachusetts fellow—a man, so New York Newspaper men said, who had a good nose for news. The young man had been connected with the Tribune but a week, when one afternoon he was summoned into the editorial sanctum by Mr. Greeley himself. I happened to be chatting with Mr. Greeley at the time, and remember the scared look on the reporter's countenance when he ushered himself before the great Greeley, and the conversation that then took place.

"'Young man,' said Mr. Greeley, 'there is to be a dinner at R—to-night, and I shall speak. Bethere at 8 sharp and report me. I want a column and a half.'

"The reporter bowed himself out of the sanctum. As further developments proved, the newspaper man had made arrangements to take his girl to the opera that evening. He was afraid of Mr. Greeley and he was afraid of his girl. He consulted with a reporter friend of his on a rival paper to the Tribune, and his friend thus talked: 'O, that's nothing. Guess you have not been in New York long. How much did Greeley say he wanted? Column and a half? Oh, that will be all right. You just get into your claw-hammer and take the gal to the opera. I know what Greeley will talk about. I've been to dinner lots of times and heard his speeches. After the opera come over to my office and I'll dictate Greeley's after-dinner speech, you write it down, and I'll wager a \$5 note that the editor will compliment the report.'

"The Tribune reporter took his girl to the opera. He didn't enjoy himself very much, and after the curtain fell and the girl was home he sought his reportorial friend and found him in his den. They 'wrote up' Mr. Greeley, and put over the article the most breezy headlines in their newspaper vernacular. The speech was printed on the first page of the Tribune.

### The Man Who Belongs to the Band.

From Texas Sitings.

A man in uniform holding a brass horn in his hand was standing on a corner awaiting a street car. Men and women gave him but a passing glance, if they regarded him at all, but a little group of boys had gathered about, looking at him with admiration, if not with awe, and we heard one little fellow say to his comrade, "Look, Tommy, he belongs to the band," although the band might have belonged to him for anything that he knew.

Some unthinking people envy the man who belongs to the band because of the attention he attracts while his horn is exalted. They see him going to picnics and popular celebrations without costing him a cent—in fact, paid for his time, with beer thrown in—all he can throw in, just because he belongs to the band. While others have to work for a living, he wins it by playing, and with some of them it is play day all the year round.

And so they envy the man who belongs to the band, and sometimes a fellow buys a drum and endeavors to get the hang of it, or a horn and learns to toot it, with or without a tooter, hoping to be invited some day to join a brass band.

But does the man who belongs to the band enjoy himself so very much more than his fellows? All is not even brass that glitters, and a weary, dispirited heart may lie adjacent to the lungs that are blowing the joyous notes of Boulanger's march. Even a trombone may have feeling, and there may be a depth of woe in the apparently callous interior of a brass drum that the outside world never dreams of.

There must be occasions when the man who belongs to the band would prefer to stay at home rather than to participate in the most gorgeous pageant. Then there are other times when, strongly partisan in his feelings, he is required to serenade a man of opposite political faith whom he detests, and when, instead of playing "Hail to the Chief," it would afford him the liveliest satisfaction to assist in the "Tiger's" march.

We have often heard our sympathies aroused for the man who belongs to the band. We have seen him at a picnic in August, squeezed with his fellows all in heavy uniforms, into a little music stand diabolically arranged to be in the blazing sun the most of the day, and expected to play every twenty minutes. We have observed him on commencement day, forced to listen for hours in a hot, crowded room to the windy efforts of the future orators of America. We have thought of his weary marches in political processions, Masonic funerals and other occasions more or less cheerful to everybody except the man who belongs to the band, and our heart has been for him. But having joined the band, he must hold himself ready to go where duty and the leader call.

J. W. Kokernot of Brewster county has just sold 2008 head of four-year-old steers to Miller of the Indian Territory for \$18 per head, and seventy head of saddle horses for \$30 per head. He was ready to start the herd to the Territory on his own hook when the offer came to take the entire outfit, including the gess wagon and provisions. This is one of the best sales made this season in West Texas.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEX. March 30.—News has reached here from Sulphur Bluff that John Ingle white, was fatally wounded by a negro near Sulphur Bluff in this county yesterday evening. The negro was in the custody of Constable Jake Black, charged with theft. The constable left the prisoner in charge of Ingle as guard for a

short time, and when he returned found Ingle apparently dead, with a wound on his head made with an ax; and the negro gone. Officers are in close pursuit of the fugitive, and hopes are entertained of his capture.

A Rousing Air.

Denver Col. March 30.—The Fort Worth delegation left for home to-night. The Travelers Protective Association Club of Denver, headed by a brass band escorted the delegates to the depot where they discoursed sweet music to which courtesy Colonel Peter Smith of Fort Worth replied in one of his happy efforts, thanking the club for their respectful attention and tendering them a cordial invitation to visit the Lone Star state. At the conclusion of Colonel Smith's speech the band played "Dixie" when the Texas delegation sent up such a shout as never before rent the air of the "old Rockies."

The New Mexico Stock Grower says it is the general impression in the Kansas City and Chicago markets that the farmers and stock raisers of the middle and western states will have to draw on the range herds for breeding stock to replenish their herds, which has not been so low in numbers as now for the past six years. he seven lean years for the cattle raisers have passed, and the whole country is coming into one of the most profitable periods of cattle raising.

Fatally Wounded.

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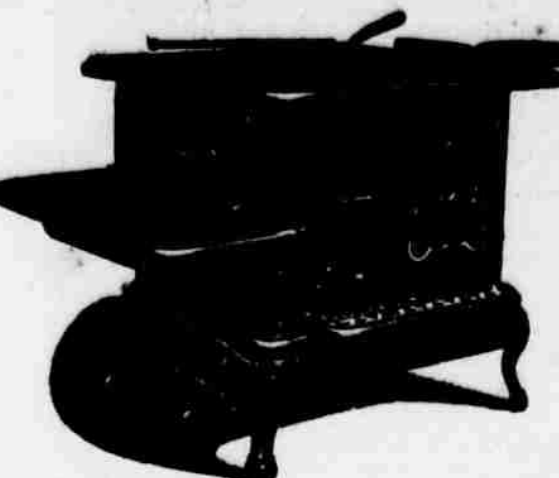
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