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## GREAT LAND FRAUD ON

Deeds to Batson's Prairie Field Held as Forgeries.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 4.—Two deeds, transferring 6000 acres of land, including practically all of new oil field at Batson Prairie, have been held up at Liberty as forgeries. A man named Hoskins, claiming to represent parties in Houston, has been arrested on the charge, and was this morning, after a preliminary hearing, held under a bond of \$3000.

The bonds were presented for record at Liberty yesterday by Hoskins, who insisted upon their return as soon as possible. Before the train pulled out in the evening he was taken into custody. One of the deeds in question was dated October 21, 1837, and was for the transfer of the Fritz H. Green survey. The other was dated in 1836 and was for the Willis Donahoe survey. The consideration was but a few thousand dollars.

Interlined on the deeds are descriptions of the land that show it to lie near the line between Hardin and Liberty counties. Hardin county was not organized until 1858. The signatures had apparently been erased and other names substituted. The deeds were supposed to have come from Indiana. The land in question was located in Hardin county, though the deeds were filed in Liberty county.

All the circumstances were such as to arouse the suspicion that a conspiracy had been hatched to throw a shadow over the titles held to all the land in the new oil field. The excitement occasioned in Liberty was marked. The filing of the deeds in Liberty county might have been for the purpose of immediately removing the original, upon which all the evidence of forgery existed, destroying it, and filing a certified copy in Hardin county later.

The investigation instituted is being pushed vigorously by those land holders interested in the new field. Prominent among these is Mr. E. S. Middlebrook, representing the Middlebrook estate. When placed under arrest,

Hopkins declared that he had been engaged at a salary of \$75 a month and expenses by parties in Houston, and fixed the deeds upon their orders. He was to have returned and reported to them last night, but was prevented by his arrest.

Other deeds of a similar character are alleged to have been filed at different times to portions of other oil fields, and many forgeries are alleged to have been perpetrated in identically the same manner.

The deeds at present held are said to be obvious forgeries. From the best authority obtainable in Houston it is stated that the interlining and signatures on the documents were in practically fresh ink, while the original documents date back prior to a period during the Republic of Texas, some ten years prior to its annexation to the United States.

## L. A. TO O. R. C.

Mrs. Will Galloway Entertained The Above Order Tuesday.

Last Tuesday afternoon quite a crowd of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. W. C. Galloway. She being sick, we were entertained in the most charming manner by Mrs. Hicks from Mayfield, Ky., and Mrs. Harry Stedman.

There was a handkerchief to be given away to the one holding the lucky number, Mrs. F. A. Noble held it, the number being 96, and of course was presented with it.

After this drawing, lovely refreshments were served consisting of cakes and coffee, tea and chocolate.

At a late hour in the afternoon we took our departure, each hoping Mrs. Galloway would soon feel better and be up again.

CORRESPONDENT.

## Printers, Attention.

There will be a regular meeting of Palestine Typographical Union No. 472, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp, at the usual place.

All members are requested to be present. By order of the President.  
W. E. LANGSTON,  
Secretary.

## REYE'S MISSION IS HOPELESS

No Attempt to Conceal Facts in Washington Has Been Made.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Minister Beaupae at Bogota has advised the state department that the Hay-Herran canal treaty was rejected by the Colombian senate on its merits—that is to say, the treaty itself in its text and its spirit was regarded as objectionable.

The minister's advice continues to set out the fact that the Columbians are still hopeful of being able to negotiate a treaty with the United States in the place of the Hay-Herran treaty and regretted the adverse action of their senate, and are willing to extend to the United States terms much more favorable than those contained in the treaty.

Promises have gone so far that they indicate that the present congress might be dissolved and a new congress chosen by order of the president, and that the latter would see to it that the new congress would be favorable to any canal treaty that he might submit for ratification.

Secretary Hay has promised to present General Reyes to President Roosevelt. The date will depend upon the president's pleasure.

The secretary is satisfied as to the plenipotentiary powers possessed by General Reyes and will afford him every opportunity to discharge his mission, but the fact is not concealed that there is no hope of success.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Deeds.

T. G. McGlathery and wife to J. S. Temple, Dec. 4, 1903; consideration \$200.00 cash. Conveys 158 5-7 acres of land of the James Campbell survey.

## Christmas Bazaar.

The Junior Women's Guild, the Altar Guild and the Ministering Children's League of St. Philip's Parish,

will hold a Christmas Bazaar, Tuesday, Dec. 15th. Subscriptions to the Ladies' Home Journal will be received at the Journal booth, a novel feature presided over by Mrs. Shepherd. A number of beautiful Journal posters will also be on sale here.

A Baby Show (all babies invited to enter), presided over by Mrs. Cunningham, will be one of the attractions.

An oyster supper will be served, and those desiring fresh oysters on Dec. 15th may obtain them of the Junior Women's Guild. Mrs. Rousselle will be in charge of this department.

An afternoon tea booth will be presided over by Mrs. Reed, while Mrs. Carson will have charge of an art exhibit.

The Altar Guild will have on sale dainties in the way of cakes, pies, bread, rolls, etc.

## TOO REALISTIC.

Man in the Gallery Could Not Stand the Sawmill Scene.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 4.—During a performance of "Uncle Josh Spruceby" at the Grand opera house an act took place which was not down on the program. It was during the sawmill scene when the villain tied the heroine to a log to have her head cut off by a buzz saw. As the woman's neck was nearing the whirling saw a young man in the gallery suddenly jumped to his feet, screaming at the top of his voice.

He started to pull off his coat and jump over the gallery railing to the lady's rescue, when he was caught by the house policeman and held until he quieted down.

## Receiving Goods.

Today the Watson, Durham & Hodges firm have been busy opening and unpacking the late purchases made by Mr. E. E. Durham.

He bought extensively of all the late styles and novelties, and they will have something worth a visit to see on display in a day or two. Watch for their ad in the Herald.

Read The Herald

## GRAHAM BROTHERS Store News.

We are going to provide for the approaching Holidays with the largest and most judicious Selection of

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