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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

The hum of the gin is mighty sweet music in old Sterling these days.

With lots of grass, some cotton and big stacks of feedstuff, Sterling will try to worry through the coming winter.

Boost the school. Nothing will help us more than good schools. It is mostly the despicable citizen who hunts the schools and it is the despicable citizen we want for a neighbor.

You ask when is the jail building to start up? Damfino. The election was held last spring and the people voted to build it, but so far as we know there has been but little done about it. Those who have charge of the matter may be doing all a steer can do to push it along for all we know. But being as you will have to pay some on it this fall, we admit that you have a right to ask questions about it and it may be that you are right in saying that the thing is getting along mighty slow.

Some people get sore at us because we point out the things that are done or not done for the public good and "Jack" up those who are responsible for delinquencies, but we cannot help it. It is the duty of the newspaper to perform this unpleasant task and if we did not do it, this community would soon seek a man who would do it. When this paper reaches the point where the public demands that it be silent and non-committal on everything of public interest, we will put a fresh cap on the office musket and a wagon spoke in each corner and keep right on.

A copy of the Special Industrial Edition of the San Antonio Express was one of the appreciated courtesies extended to us this week by these enterprising people. It contains 132 pages of first class reading matter and live advertisements. It is illustrated with pictures of living and real things by real artists. The San Antonio country as well as the state at large are the beneficiaries of the enterprise and it proves that down here in Texas we have a corps of the greatest newspaper men in the world. Men who have faith in the country, faith in the stuff they are handling out as well as faith in their ability to help build up Grand old Texas.

The man who votes the prohibition ticket and then gets drunk is a gent who sticks his finger in the water and then looks for the hole when he pulls it out. He is charging the enemy backwards. He is the man who went to the well to light his pipe. His father sought to destroy the turtles by throwing them into the creek. His brother sat on a keg of gunpowder keg to smoke. His uncle didn't know the gun was loaded. His cousin rocked the boat. His mother kindled the fire with gasoline. His sister gave the baby a bottle poison for a plaything. His grandfather blew out the gas light, while his grandmother dipped the puppy in boiling soap to kill the fleas.

Valuation is a funny thing. When a man renders his property for taxation it is not worth much. He swears to the tax assessor that his land is only worth \$2 per acre. The board of equalization will come along and swear about the same thing. Then a jury of view which is sent to lay out a road comes along and wants to buy some of this same land, this same duck will swear by the horn of his forty-dollar oodle that it is worth at least \$20 per acre and then some. Funny, isn't it. Some men are such hoobs as to say that this man either led to the tax assessor or the jury view about the value of his land, but we don't. We would get killed if we did, but its awful funny though.

SHEEP KING DEAD

Isaac Gronsky Amassed Three Fortunes During Life

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 5—Isaac Gronsky of 816 Cherry street, at one time a figure in the National eye, known as the "sheep king" of the United States, died at his home at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after a lingering illness. Gronsky's funeral will be conducted from the family residence at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning with interment in the Hebrew Rest cemetery.

Gronsky, during his seventy-two years, amassed three large fortunes, but each time pestilence robbed him of his wealth, leaving him just enough to comfortably care for his family until his death.

Gronsky was led by accident into the sheep business, where he earned the name of "sheep king." On making a purchase a customer overpaid an employe at his store. As soon as he learned of it Gronsky mounted his horse and started after the customer. In passing an auction he heard the sheriff offer for sale 2000 head of sheep for \$1.25 a head. He purchased the sheep. His flock grew and at one time he had several flocks, the largest of which numbered 65,000 head. His range was located at Roswell, N. M.—Houston Post.

Many of the old timers here remember Ike Gronsky when he was located at Colorado, and his range extended from that place to the Pecos. Many amusing incidences pertaining to the numerous clashes between Gronsky and the cattlemen are now recalled.

High School Opened the 11th

Last Monday morning a goodly number of our citizens went to the school house to witness the beginning of the 1911-12 term of our high school. A large number of girls and boys reported for entrance and each was assigned to one of the six rooms and placed under his respective teacher. Quite a number of enthusiastic talks were made to those present by the visitors which helped to encourage the teachers and pupils and start them off to their work in fine spirits.

If there is anything in appearance, it can be safely predicted that Sterling City is going to keep up her record for fine schools, and that 1911-12 will be a record breaker. We can truly say that we have as fine corps of teachers as can be found anywhere and coupled with the fact that the pupils are composed of fine, healthy and well developed boys and girls, the school will develop into the A class of high schools of the state.

The only regrettable and inexcusable feature of the opening is the scarcity of seats. There are not sufficient seats to accommodate the pupils who will enter later on and there is not a single seat in the auditorium. It is understood that a considerable sum is in the district treasury which was donated last year for seating the auditorium but it has never been applied for that purpose. We learn that steps have been taken to supply seats for the class rooms and it is hoped the auditorium will be supplied at an early date so that the whole school can assemble at least once every day.

SHEEP WANTED

We have two men in Lubbock county that want to go into the sheep business and will trade some of the finest land in Lubbock county for ranch or sheep, if your price is right, write us what you have to offer, our commission in case a trade is made through us is five per cent of total consideration.

Patterson & Son, Lubbock, Texas

STALLION FOR SALE

I have a fine, coal-black, half Steeldust and half Percheron stallion which I am offering for sale at a bargain. He is in prime condition, well broken, coming six years old and a sure breeder. Those wishing a good horse at the right price will please write A. F. Jones, Sterling City, Tex.

ALL ABOARD FOR Barnhart

The Next Big Town on the Orient Railway in West Texas

BIG TOWN SITE OPENING Thursday Sept. 21

Excursion Train Hamlin and all Points South to Barnhart, Leaving Hamlin 6:00 A. M.

BARNHART is located fifty-four miles west of San Angelo, on the main line of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway, in a rich undeveloped section, with trade territory extending fifty miles in almost every direction rich, fertile land, abundant water and splendid climate.

BARNHART has every opportunity to become one of the thriving commercial centers of the already famous Trans-Pecos Region.

BARNHART is surrounded by fertile valleys and is beautifully situated on a sloping tract of land, assuring the best of drainage. It has a wonderful trade area, including the famous Ozona country.

GRAND OPENING SEP. 21 AUCTION SALE OF LOTS!

Soils in the vicinity of Barnhart range from a dark chocolate loam with a clay subsoil in the valleys, to a grayish loam on the uplands. Valley are especially good for cotton.

BARNHART will be a great wholesale center, supplying the following towns not on any railroad. Ozona, Stiles, Hembrie, Sheffield and Upland. Wholesale houses and large trading establishments will do well at Barnhart.

The Great Orient Railroad's powerful influences are behind this town. It has a bright future.

BIG CATTLE AND SHIPPING CENTER

As Barnhart is the last town on the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway below the Quarantine line, and a vast cattle and sheep grazing country lies south to the Pecos River Valley, hundreds of thousands of cattle and sheep will be driven to Barnhart and shipped to Fort Worth and Kansas City.

Lots Will be Sold To The Highest Legitimate Bidder

Be there on the opening day. There is big money to be made by purchasing lots in Barnhart at the opening prices.

Plenty to Eat and Drink and a little amusement thrown in to make the opening interesting.

F. A. HORNBECK, Townsite Commissioner; COLONEL RUFUS J. LACKLAND, Auctioneer

NEW GOODS at LYLES

Senator Bailey to Retire

Senator Bailey will step down and out when his present term of office expires. Mr. Bailey, without doubt is the ablest senator Texas ever sent to Washington. In the prime and vigor of his manhood he stands without a peer in the senate. His giant intellect and powers of reason has enabled him to cope with the mightiest of the land and his name will be written in the book of fame along with that of Calhoun, Clay and Webster.

No man ever had more bitter enemies, or truer friends. For almost a decade a relentless and vindictive warfare has been waged against him by the most powerful combination that was ever formulated on the soil of Texas, yet at each onslaught, he has met them and they have gone down before him and his legions have marched over them. The great Hearst newspaper trust plastered the land over with acres of printed slander and while the foul stain of its libel took color for a season, yet when the battle came and the struggle was on, Joe Bailey came forth more than victor.

Honored by the nation as a whole loved by his friends in his beloved Texas, hated by those who envy his greatness and power, badgered and continually harassed by the mongers of calumny, it is no wonder that his great soul is weary of the continual turmoil and seeks peace and rest in the bosom of his Texas home.

Joe Bailey had his faults and made mistakes, so every man does, but with all his faults and all his mistakes, no man ever surmounted the difficulties that beset him and rose higher and commanded more respect in the councils of this great nation than Joseph Weidon Bailey.

His place will be hard to fill, for the people of Texas being accustomed to such high order of representation, will be hard to satisfy and the man who takes his place must indeed be strong and capable, or he will be overcome by the murmurs of an expectant people.

Short-mighty Short

T. M. Campbell will likely be a candidate for U. S. Senator to fill Senator Bailey's place next year. Mr. Campbell is one man who has forfeited the support and respect of all self respecting news-paper men by rating them in the criminal class while he was governor. The laws which denied newspapers the right of honest contract was then standing as a living monument to the cussedness of sap-oak stateamanship was sought to be wiped off the statute book and only needed Mr. Campbell's signature to make it go. He knew that it was unjust and was against our basic law and struck at the very foundation of our liberties, yet he let it remain to oppress us and to take away our chances for an honest living. He let the yoke remain our necks to the last day of his administration. The neck of this editor is still sore and somewhat bowed and for the life of us we cannot forget this injustice and whoop for Campbell. We have weighed him in the balance of experience and found him short—almighty short.

ALL GOING INTO THE SNOW BUSINESS

The trial of Henry Clay Beattie for the murder of his wife at Chesterfield Court House, Virginia, ended last week with the result that Beattie was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to death in the electric chair on November 4th.

Paul Beattie, one of the witnesses in the case will make a show of himself at so much per show.

Beulah Binford, the "woman in the case" and the alleged cause of the murder will sing songs on the stage for the edification of morbid suckers and no doubt will separate them from much cash.

Attorney Wendenberg, who prosecuted the case, will run for district attorney in the coming campaign.

We failed to learn whether the Jurymen were going into the show business or run for office. The defendant is the only one in the whole push who will get it in the neck. All this comes of advertising.

New Furniture

NEW AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, VARIETY AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS, TRUNKS AND VALISES, ETC.

GLASS, TIN AND ENAMEL WARES

S. R. WILLIAMS

J. L. CARNES

CARPENTER AND BUILDER

PROBENT FOR WALL PAPER. SEE ME ABOUT IT

1845--Baylor College For Women--1911

Four Years Academy Course Four Years College Course

Best school of fine Arts in the South; new sanitary plumbing, new athletic field, campus of fifty acres, artesian water, steam heat, electric lights.

Address Executive Secretary, Belton, Texas

San Angelo Business College

Trains young men and women thoroughly for business. Civil Service and all Commercial Branches. Positions paying \$50 or more GUARANTEED to Graduates of complete Commercial Course. Write for catalog and terms.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

IV. GENIUS.

MICHAEL Angelo made the canvases glow with life and Phidias made marble speak and throughout ages civilization has felt the elevating influence of the painter and the sculptor. Their success was due to the fact that they had the ability to put the stuff in their work and what is true in art, is also true in government. We need in our Legislature men who can put the stuff on our statute books that will make industry glow with life and the soil speak with a glorious harvest.



A MASTER HAND.

To meet the issues of civilization now confronting us, we must place in position of power men who can channel out empire, and draw the tendrils of civilization Texasward. We must have statesmen who can pour wisdom into the fountain head of prosperity and who can wave the magic wand of genius over a land as full of opportunities as the morning of creation. Texas needs great men.

TRESPASS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, or haul wood, or otherwise trespass on any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law. A. F. Jones

LONG AND USEFUL LIFE.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, now in his eighty-sixth year, is still a frequent contributor to the newspapers and magazines. He was eminent as a scholar and a writer when he first went to Canada, 40 years ago. At the age of 34 he was regius professor of modern history at Oxford university.

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Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, will be Prosecuted. W. R. McBRIDE & SON

Director—Our work is so divided that each of our men has the work he is best fitted for. Jones is treasurer, Smith secretary and Brown is— "But Brown is deaf as a post." "And Brown has all the cases referred to him."

General Directory.

Notable Officers. Judge—J. W. Timmons. Attorney—Alec Collins. Clerk—J. B. Cole. Court meets 4th Monday after first Monday in February and September.

Newest, best and latest style shoes just opened up at Roberts. Dr. J. T. Elder Physician and Osteopath. San Angelo, Texas. Latest live stock market report can be seen at Doran Hotel.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STERLING CITY, TEXAS. CAPITAL \$60,000.00. Accounts are solicited from individuals, who may rely upon courteous consideration and the very best terms that are consistent with good business methods.

Lice Exterminator destroys lice nites, fleas. Everyone having cats, dogs or poultry should not be without it. Butler Drug Co.

FIRST STATE BANK OF STERLING CITY. CAPITAL PAID UP \$40,000.00. All non-interest bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank are protected by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas.

LOCAL ITEMS

Pigs for sale. W. R. Davis. Special Sunday dinner served at Doran Hotel. The cigar you are hunting is at the restaurant.

The ice cream supper on Thursday night of last week on the lawn at C. N. Crawford's residence was largely attended and a neat sum was realized by the Ladies Aid.

Cotton Pickers Wanted: Come quick. Houses furnished for families. Watermelons free. Highest prices paid. Phone or write L. C. Dupree, Colorado, Tex.

Wanted—An Idea. Protect your idea. Write JOHN WATSON & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. Send us a list of two hundred inventions wanted.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT DORAN HOTEL. C. C. SPIELER, PROPRIETOR. COMFORTABLE ROOMS. FIRST-CLASS TABLE FARE. PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

WANTED—A RIDER AGENT. In each town and district to ride and exhibit bicycles. The regular retail price of these tires is \$3.25 per pair, but in returning you are offered...

The Martin Repeating Rifle. The gun to use for rabbits, squirrels, hawks, crows and all small game.

PANHANDLE BOY TROTTER. Will make the season at Garden City. Price \$20 insured; \$15 per season. W. L. Lemmons.

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Dental Notice. DR. GUSTAVUS OF BALLINGER. will visit Sterling City occasionally, prepared to do all kinds of modern, up-to-date dentistry.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE First State Bank at Sterling City, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of Sept., 1911.

Emmette Westbrook, President. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of Sept. A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

A Hail-Storm of Lead. The Stevens' Viable Loading Repeating Rifle. Each cartridge as it comes out of the magazine and goes into the chamber drops plainly before your eyes.

PATENTS. OVER 20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. J. STEVENS ARMS & TOOL CO. THE FACTORY OF PRECISION CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sterling County: Greeting.

Plaintiff further says that he and those under him claim that they have had the peaceable and adverse possession of said land and are entitled to the same.

Dr. C. R. CARVER. General Practitioner with Surgery and Chronic Diseases a specialty. Calls promptly answered day or night.

R. B. CUMMINS. LAND, LIVESTOCK AND RENTAL AGENT. STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

JAMES A. ODOM, M. D. DISEASES OF THE EAR, EYE, NOSE AND THROAT, AND SURGERY SPECIALTY. Office at Coulson's.

LOWE & DURHAM Dealers in Coffins and Caskets. Carry in stock fine, complete line of Undertaker's Goods.

Doran Hotel. Comfortable Rooms and Clean Beds. Table supplied with the best on the market.

Better Coal. I have a car of domestic lump coal from McAlester—the best what is. Friends, remember the man who stuck to you last winter.

B. R. Yellatt Attorney-at-Law. FIRST STATE BANK BUILDING STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

