# The Baird Weekly Star.

"'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE 'GIT-UP--AND-GIT' THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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## THE LORD IS RISEN!

### A WONDERFUL SERMON ON THE ASCENSION BY DR. TALMAGE.

**Lessons Drawn from the Text, Ps. xxiv, 7—All Is Possible to the Son of God. The Power of Prayer—On Mount Olivet.**

BROOKLYN, May 11.—After reading appropriate passages of Scripture, and the usual prayers and musical exercises, Dr. Talmage preached the following sermon in the Academy of Music this morning, from the words, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in." Ps. xxiv, 7.

In olden times when a great conqueror returned from victorious war, the people in wild transport would take hold of the gates of the city and lift them from their hinges, as much as to say: "This city needs no more gates to defend it since this conqueror has got home. Off from the hinges with the gates!" David, who was the poet of poets, foretells in his own way the triumphal entrance of Christ into heaven, after his victory over sin and death and hell. It was as if the celestial inhabitants had said: "Here he comes! Make way for him! Push back the bolts of diamond! Take hold of the doors of pearl and hoist them from their hinges of gold! Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in."

MOUNT OLIVET.

Among the mountains of Palestine no one is more uplifting than Mount Olivet. It was the peroration of our Lord's ministry. On the roof of a house in Jerusalem I asked, "Which is Olivet?" and the first glance transfixed me. But how shall I describe my emotions, when, near the close of a journey, in which we had for two nights encamped amid the shattered masonry of old Jericho, and tasted of the acrid waters of the Dead Sea, that crystal sarcophagus of the buried cities of the plain, and waded down into the deep and swift Jordon to baptize a man, and visited the ruins of the house of Mary and Martha and Lazarus, we found ourselves in stirrups and on horse, lathered with the long and difficult way, ascending Mount Olivet. Oh, that solemn and suggestive ridge! It is a limestone hill, a mile in length, and three hundred feet high, and twenty-seven hundred feet above the level of the sea.

Over it King David fled with a broken heart. Over it Pompey led his devastating hosts. Here the famous Tenth Legion built their batteries in besiegement. The Garden of Gethsemane weeps at the foot of it. Along the base of the hill flashed the lanterns and torches of those who came to arrest Jesus. From the trees on this hill the boughs were torn off and thrown into the path of Christ's triumphal procession. Up and down that road Jesus had walked twice a day from Bethany to Jerusalem, and from Jerusalem to Bethany. There, again and again, he had taught his disciples. Half way up this mount he uttered his lamentation, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" From its heights Jesus took flight homeward when he had finished his earthly mission. There is nothing more for him to do. A sacrifice was needed to make peace between the recreant earth and the outraged heaven, and he had offered it. Death needed to be conquered, and he had put his resurrection foot upon it. The thirty-three years of voluntary exile had ended. The grandest, tenderest mightiest Good-by ever heard was now to be uttered.

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE.

On Mount Olivet Jesus stands in a group of Galilee fishermen. They had been together in many scenes of sadness and persecution and had been the more endeared by that brotherhood of suffering. They had expected him to stay until the day of coronation when he would take the earthly throne and wave a scepter mightier, and rule a dominion wider, than any Pharaoh, than any David, than any Cæsar. But now all these anticipations collapse. Christ has given his last advice. He has offered his last sympathy. He has spoken his last word. His hands are spread apart as one is apt to do when he pronounces a benediction, when suddenly the strongest and most stupendous law of all worlds is shattered.

It is the law which, since the worlds were created, holds them together. It is the law which holds everything to the earth, or, temporarily hurled from earth, returns it; the law which keeps the planets whirling around our sun, and our solar system whirling around other systems, and all the systems whirling around the throne of God—the law of gravitation. That law is suspended, or relaxed, or broken, to let the body of Jesus go. That law had laid hold of him thirty-three years before, when he descended. It had relaxed its grip of him but once, and that when it declined to sink him from the top of the waves on Lake Galilee, on which he walked, to the bottom of the lake. That law of gravitation must now give way to him who made the law. It may hold the other stars, but it cannot longer hold the Morning Star of the Redemption. It may hold the noonday sun, but it cannot hold the Sun of Righteousness.

The fingers of the law are about to open to let go the most illustrious Being the world had ever seen, and whom it had worst maltreated. The strongest law of nature which philosophers ever weighed or measured must at last give way. It will break between the rock of Olivet and the heel of Christ's foot. Watch it, all ye disciples! Watch it, all the earth! Watch it, all the heavens! Christ about to leave the planet. How? His friends will not consent to have him go. His enemies catching him would only attempt by another Calvary, to put him into some other tomb. I will tell you how. The chain of the most tremendous natural law is unlinked. The sacred foot of our Lord and the limestone rock part, and part forever.

CHRIST'S ASCENSION TO HEAVEN.

Leaning back, and with pallid cheek and uplifted eyes, the disciples see their Lord rising from the solid earth. Then, rushing forward, they would grasp his feet to hold him fast, but they are out of reach, and it is too late to detain him. Higher than the tops of the fig trees from which they had plucked the fruit. Higher than the olive trees that shaded the mount. Higher, until he is within sight of the Bethlehem where he was born, and the Jordan where he was baptized, and the Golgotha where he was slain. Higher, until on stairs of fleecy cloud he steps. Higher, until, into a sky bluer than the lake that could not sink him, he disappears into a sea of glory whose billowing splendors hide him.

The fishermen watch and watch, wondering if the law of nature will not reassert itself, and he shall in a few moments come back again, and they shall see him descending; first his scarred feet coming in sight, then the scarred side, then the scarred brow, and they may take again his scarred hand. But the moments pass by, and the hours, and no reappearance. Gone out of sight of earth, but come within sight of heaven. And rising still, not welcomed by one angelic choir like those who one Christmas night escorted him down, but all heaven turns out to greet him home, and the temples have especial anthem, and the palaces especial banquet, and the streets especial throngs; and all along the line to the foot of the throne, for years vacated but now again to be taken, there are arches lifted, and banners waved, and trumpets sounded, and doxologies chanted, and coronets cast down.

The angels throng'd his chariot wheels,
And bore him to his throne;
Then swept their golden harps and sung
"The glorious work is done."

It was the greatest day in heaven! As he goes up the steps of the throne that thirty-three years before he abdicated for our advantage, there rises from all the hosts of heaven a shout, saintly, cherubic, seraphic, archangelic, "Hallelujah! Amen!"

O garden of olives, thou dear honored spot,
The fame of thy glory shall ne'er be forgot.

HE CAN LIFT US.

No wonder that for at least fourteen hundred years the churches have, forty days after Easter, kept Ascension day; for the lessons are most inspiring and glorious. It takes much of the uncertainty out of the idea of heaven, when from Olivet we see human nature ascending. The same body that rose from Joseph's tomb ascended from Mount Olivet. Our human nature is in heaven today. Just as they had seen Christ for forty days, he ascended, head, face, shoulders, hands, feet and the entire human organism. Humanity ascended! Ah, how closely that keeps Christ in sympathy with those who are still in the struggle! Ascended scars, face scars, head scars, feet scars, shoulder scars!

That will keep him in accord with all the suffering, with all the weary, with all the imposed upon. No more is he a spirit now than a body, no more of heaven than earth. Those of the celestial inhabitants who never saw our world, now walk around him and learn from his physical contour something of what our race will be when, in the resurrection, heaven will have uncounted bodies as well as uncounted spirits. On Ascension day he lifted himself through the atmosphere of Palestine until, amid the immensities, he disappeared. He was the only being the world ever saw who could lift himself. Surely if he could lift himself he can do the lesser deed of lifting us.

No star goes down but climbs another sky,
No sun sets here except to rise on high.

Christ leads us all the way; through the birth hour, for he was born in Bethlehem; through boyhood, for he passed it in Nazareth; through injustices, for he endured the outrages of Pilate's court room; through death, for he suffered it on Calvary; through the sepulcher, for he lay three days within its darkened walls; through resurrection, for the solid masonry gave way on the first Easter morning through ascension, for Mount Olivet watched him as he climbed the skies, through the shining gates, for he entered them amid magnificent acclaim. And here is a gratifying situation that you never thought of: We will see our Lord just as he looked on earth. As he rose from the tomb he ascended from Mount Olivet. We shall see him as he looked on the road to Emmaus, as he appeared in the upper room in Jerusalem, as he was that day of valedictory on the ridge from which he swung into the skies. How much we will want to see him!

WE SHOULD LOOK FOR CHRIST.

I was reading of a man born blind. He was married to one who took care of him all those years of darkness. A surgeon said to him, "I can remove that blindness," and so he did. His sight given him, a rose was handed to the man who never before had seen a rose and he was in admiration of it, and his family whom he had never seen before now appeared to him, and he was in tears of rapture, when he suddenly cried out: "I ought first to have asked to see the one who cured me; show me the doctor." When from our eyes the scales of earth shall fall, and we have our first vision of heaven, our first cry ought not to be, "Where are my loved ones?" Our first cry ought to be, "Where is Christ, who made all this possible? Show me the doctor!" Glory be to God for ascended humanity!

Could we realize it, and that it is all in sympathy for us, we would have as cool a courage in the conflict of this life as had Charles the Twelfth when he was dictating dispatches to his secretary, and a bombshell fell into the room, and the secretary dropped his pen and attempted flight. Charles said to him: "Go on with your writing! what has the bombshell to do with the letter I am dictating?" If the ascended Christ be on our side, nothing should disturb us.

Our fellow sufferer yet retains
A fellow feeling in our pains,
And still remembers, in the skies,
His tears, his agonies and cries.

OMNISCIENT POWER.

I am so glad that Christ broke the natural law of gravitation when he shook off from his feet the clutch of Mount Olivet. People talk as though cold, iron, unsympathetic, natural law controlled everything. The reign of law is a majestic thing, but the God who made it has a right to break it, and again and again has broken it, and again and again will break it. A law is only God's way of doing things, and if he chooses to do them some other way he has a right to do so. A law is not strong enough to shackle the Almighty.

Christ broke botanical law when, one Monday morning in March, on the way from Bethany to Jerusalem, by a few words he turned a full leaved fig tree into a lifeless stick. He broke ichthyological law when, without any natural inducement, he swung a great school of fish into a part of Lake Tiberias, where the fishermen had cast their nets for eight or ten hours without the capture of a minnow; and by making a fish help pay the tax by yielding from its mouth a Roman stater. Christ broke the law of storms by compelling, with a word, the angered sea to hush its frenzy, and the winds to quit their bellowing. He broke zoological law when he made the devils possess the swine of Gadara. He broke the law of economics when he made enough bread for five thousand people out of five biscuits that would not ordinarily have been enough for ten of the hungry. He broke intellectual law when, by a word, he silenced a maniac into placidity.

He broke physiological law when, by a touch, he straightened a woman who, for eighteen years, had been bent almost double, and when he put spring into the foot of inhumated Lazarus, and when, without medicine, he gave the dying girl back in health to the Syro-Phœnician mother, and when he made the palatial home of the nobleman resound again with the laughter of his restored boy, and when, without knife or battery, he set cataracted eyes to seeing again, and the drum of deaf ears to vibrating again, and the nerves of paralyzed arms to thrilling again, and then when in leaving the earth he defied all atmospheric law and physiological law, and that law which has in it withes and cables and girders enough to hold the universe—the law of gravitation.

THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

The Christ who proved himself on so many occasions, and especially the last, superior to law, still lives; and every day, in answer to prayer for the good of the world, he is overriding the law. Blessed be God that we are not the subjects of blind fatality, but of a sympathizing divinity. Have you never seen a typhoid fever break, or a storm suddenly quiet, or a ship a-beam's end right itself, or a fog lift, or a parched sky break in showers, or a perplexity disentangled, or the inconsolable take solace, or the wayward reform at the call of prayer? I have seen it; multitudes have seen it. You have, if you have been willing to see it. Deride not the faith cure. Because impostors attempt it, is nothing against good men whom God hath honored with marvelous restorations. Pronounce nothing impossible to prayer and trust. Because you and I cannot effect it is no reason why others may not.

By the same argument I could prove that Raphael never painted a Madonna, and that Mendelssohn never wrote an oratorio, and that Phidias never chiseled a statue. Because we cannot accomplish it ourselves, we are not to conclude that others may not. There are in immensity great ranges of mists which have proved, under closer telescopic scrutiny, to be the storehouse of worlds, and I do not know but from that passage in James, which, to some of us is yet misty and dim, there may roll out a new heaven and a new earth, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." The faith curists may, in this war against disease, be only skirmishing before a general engagement, in which all the maladies of earth shall be routed. Surely, allopathy and homœopathy and hydropathy and eclecticism need reinforcement from somewhere. Why not from the faith and prayer of the consecrated?

The mightiest school of medicine may yet be the school of Christ. I do not know but that disease, now by all schools pronounced incurable, may give way under gospel bombardment. I do not know but that the day may come when faith and prayer shall [illegible] Strauss and Renan [illegible] Spinoza and Hume and Schleiermacher rejected the miracles of our past. I do not propose to be like them, and reject the miracles of the far future. This I know, the Christ of Ascension day is mightier than any natural laws, for on the day of which I speak he trampled down the strongest of them all. Law is mighty, but he who made it is mightier. Drive out fatalism from your theology and give grace the throne.

CHRIST'S LAST BLESSING.

Standing today on the ascension peak of Mount Olivet I am also gladdened at the closing gesture, the last gesture Christ ever made. "He lifted up his hands and blessed them," says the inspired account of our Lord's departure. I am so glad he lifted up his hands. Gestures are often more significant than words, attitudes than arguments. Christ had made a gesture of contempt when with his finger he wrote on the ground; gesture of repulsion when he said, "Get thee behind me, Satan;" gesture of condemnation when he said, "Woe unto you, Pharisees and hypocrites." But his last gesture, his Olivetic gesture, is a gesture of benediction. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. His arms are extended, and the palms of his hands turned downward, and so he dropped benediction upon Olivet, benediction upon Palestine, benediction upon all the earth.

The cruel world took him in at the start on a cradle of straw, and at last thrust him out with the point of the spear; but benediction! Ascending until beneath, he saw on one side the Bethlehem where they put him among the cattle, and Calvary on the other side, where they put him among the thieves. As far as the excited and intensified vision of the group on Olivet could see him, and after he was so far up they could no longer hear his words, they saw the gesture of the outstretched hands, the benediction. And that is his attitude today. His benediction upon the world's climates, and they are changing, and will keep on changing until the atmosphere shall be a commingling of October and June. Benediction upon the deserts till they whiten with lily, and blush with rose, and yellow with cowslip, and emerald with grass. Benediction upon governments till they become more just and humane. Benediction upon nations till they kneel in prayer. Benediction upon the whole earth until every mountain is an Olivet of consecration, and every lake a Galilee on whose mosaic of crystal, and opal, and sapphire divine spendors shall walk. Oh, take the benediction of his pardon, sinners young, and sinners old, sinners moderate, and sinners abandoned. Take the benediction of his comfort, all ye broken hearted under bereavement, and privation, and myriad woes. Take his benediction, all ye sick beds, whether under acute spasms of pain, or in long protracted invalidism. For orphanage, and childlessness, and widowhood a benediction. For cradles and trundle beds and rocking chairs of octogenarians, a benediction. For life and for death, for time and for eternity, for earth and for heaven, a benediction. Sublimest gesture ever made, the last gesture of our ascending Lord. "And he lifted up his hands and blessed them."

GOD GIVE US GRACE!

Is our attitude the same? Is it the clinched fist or the open palm? Is it wrath or is it kindness? Is it diabolism or Christism? God give us the grace of the open palm, open upward to get the benediction, open downward to pronounce a benediction. A lady was passing along a street and suddenly ran against a ragged boy, and she said: "I beg your pardon, my boy, I did not mean to run against you; I am very sorry." And the boy took off his piece of a cap he had upon his head and said: "You have my parding, lady, and you may run agin me and knock me clear down; I won't care." And turning to a comrade he said: "That nearly took me off my feet. Nobody ever asked my parding before." Kindness! Kindness! Fill the world with it. There has always been too much of disregard of others. Illustrated in 1630, in England, when ninety-five thousand acres of marshes were drained for health and for crop raising, and the sportsmen destroyed the drainage works because they wanted to keep the marshes for hunting ground, where they could shoot wild ducks.

The same selfishness in all ages. Oh, for the kindness that would make our life a symphony suggestive of one of the ancient banquets where everything was set to music; the plates brought in and removed to the sound of music, the motions of the carvers keeping time with the music, the conversation lifting and dropping with the rising and falling of the music. But, instead of the music of an earthly orchestra, it would be the music of a heavenly charm, our words the music of kind thoughts, our steps the music of helpful deeds, our smile the music of encouraging looks, our youth and old age the first and last bars of music conducted by the pierced hand that was opened in love and spread downward in benediction on Olivetic heights on Ascension day.

By a new way none ever trod,
Christ mounted to the throne of God.

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Marshal MacMahon is in favor of retaining the red trousers of the French soldiers. He says that the fuss made about them is altogether too great, because future fighting must be at long range, and red is a color which [illegible] of a comparatively short


# SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING!

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### SUICIDE BY FREEZING.

**Aunt Mehitabel Coffin's Attempt to Shuffle Off This Mortal Coil.**

Aunt Mehitabel Coffin, not more than a short generation ago, lived in a cold old house down on the cold side of Cape Cod, with a houseful of rather frigid maiden ladies, her sisters and nieces. Becoming a little unsettled in her mind, Aunt Mehitabel resolved that she would battle no longer with an inclement world. She announced to the family one particularly cold morning that she had made up her mind to commit suicide.

"Law's sakes!" exclaimed her younger sister Abigail incredulously, "how do you think you're going to kill yourself, Mehitabel?"

"The most nat'ral way 'round here," said Aunt Mehitabel with a shiver, "is to freeze to death. An' that's the way I'm goin' to do it!"

The rest of the family laughed her to scorn. But when she had made all her preparations to go, and had even given away her Paisley shawl and her string of gold beads, their skepticism turned to alarm. It began to look as if she were actually in earnest. The next night the thermometer went down almost to zero. Aunt Mehitabel told them all a wailing good-by at about 9 o'clock in the evening, and went up to the spare room, which was of course the coldest room in the house. She put up the window, sat on the sill, and hung her feet out into the icy north wind.

There was no man in the household, and no woman strong enough or brave enough to compel Aunt Mehitabel to get back into the room. So the sisters and nieces gathered about, shivering in the intensified cold of the spare room.

By and by the suicide began to show signs of uneasiness in her perch at the window.

"Wal," she said, "I guess it's how easy to freeze to death on the floor as 'tis out here."

She crept back into the room and crouched down upon the hard floor, moaning and complaining. By this time the other women of the household had fled back into the passageway, and stood waiting in the darkness.

"Beats all," they heard Aunt Mehitabel murmur presently, "how hard this 'ere old floor is! I guess I'll sit on the rug."

She moved to the rug and set up a new series of world weary lamentations; but after she had sat there for some time and had experienced none of the positive symptoms of freezing to death she rose and sat down on the foot of the bed.

"This damp, old bed always was 'nough to freeze anybody, and I guess it'll fetch me," she exclaimed, "if anything will."

Presently, almost without her own consciousness, she sank down upon the bed, and then one of her nieces glided into the room and softly covered her with a quilt.

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" Aunt Mehitabel shrieked. "I'm goin' to sleep, an' that's a sure sign I'm freezin' to death. Good-by to a cold, cruel world—good-by, good-by!"

Aunt Mehitabel slept soundly until morning, and awoke in a greatly improved mental condition. She did not renew her attempt at suicide, and never made any reference to it as long as she lived.

To people who are born to commit suicide Aunt Mehitabel's method of shuffling off is perhaps to be recommended.—Boston Transcript.

**Things One Cannot Move.**

"Yes, we are going to move," said a young woman to a friend she met in the street car. "I think [illegible] a larger house [illegible] moving. It tears things up by the roots so. We've lived in that house ten years, and there's one strip of woodwork in the front room that I'd like to take with me."

"Is it decorated?" asked the friend, with interest.

"Yes. It has the height of the children notched on it from the first year up to now. But there's one missing! 'Arty so high,' is gone, I mean that—that he is the one we lost, and that record of five years is—all—that's left."—New York Press.

**Difficulty of Being a Baptist.**

It is hard to become a real old fashioned Baptist in New York nowadays. The running streams in which it used to be necessary to be baptized are all monopolized within the city by unbelievers, who look with disfavor upon the idea of their property being tramped over by Sunday crowds, even of baptizers. The heads of the churches that stick to the old form of baptism, which are now chiefly among the colored people, find it every year more difficult to find a place at which to hold their annual baptizing. Churches down town have to take their converts to Harlem to find a place in which to immerse them, and they must hire the grounds at that.—New York Sun.

**Always with Us.**

Even in so dreadful an affair as that at Louisville the telegraph liar must get in his work. The vivid descriptions of a race between a passenger train and the cyclone is the veriest bosh. In this case he forgot to put in the rain, lightning and thunder, which abounded all over [illegible] hour [illegible] proof [illegible] liar.—Detroit [illegible]

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PUT none but Democrats on guard this year.

THE Brownwood Appeal wants to know who edits the Brownwood Bulletin.

IF you do not believe the boys had a good time at Houston ask brother Cox, of the Merkel Mail.

CROPS in Callahan county are equal if not superior, to any noticed on the road from here to Houston.

HON. JAMES B. BECK, United States Senator from Kentucky, dropped dead in Washington city last week.

BEWARE of men who call themselves Democrats, but vote against the party nominees. Keep all such men out of conventions.

THE Evening Sun, a neat four-column daily published at Weatherford, Texas, by the Sun Publishing company, is now a welcome visitor to this office.

THE statement that "I am a Democrat" does not count this load of poles. A man must prove his faith by his works if he wants to participate in a Democratic meeting this year.

THE Sipe Springs Cyclone has spread out to a seven-column paper. We are afraid if Frank does not clap on the brakes the Cyclone will turn to a regular tornado and blow itself away.

It calls W. A. Farmer, the Texas Press. Farmer with all the boys, see any good thing

AL. HOGG lost the de suit, just as THE d he would more than go. The suit to recover lands granted for siding will likely share the same fate.

THE Comanche Exponent has recently enlarged to an eight-column all home print. The Exponent is a real good paper and a welcome visitor to this office, if it is a little cranky on the railroad question.

THE STAR warns the chairmen of the different precincts in the county to be on their guard and see that none but Democrats are allowed to participate in the Democratic primaries when a county convention is called.

JOHN HENY says he is going to start a daily in Abilene—provided. Well, we hope John will get the necessary provender and whoop her up. We will guarantee before hand that he will make a success of it if he undertakes to get out a daily.

THE STAR will support the Democratic nominee whether it be Hogg or Wheeler. Can some of Mr. Hogg's supporters in this county who seem to be anxious to know what course THE STAR will pursue in the event that Mr. Hogg is nominated, say as much.

THE STAR has no amunition to waste on those who seek a personal controversy with it solely for the purpose of gratifying personal spite. If anyone desires to discuss the issues of the present campaign let them address their communications to this paper and they shall have respectful consideration, but attacks made on THE STAR by correspondents through the columns of the Cottonwood Prodigal will hereafter be treated, as they deserve to be, with silent contempt.

AT the Press convention at Houston last week Juan S. Hart, the talented editor of the El Paso Times, was elected president. J. L. Mitchel of the Greenville Banner, first vice-president; W. L. Malone of the Fort Worth Gazette, second vice-president; John M. Conner of the Fort Worth Mail, secretary; and T. B. Johnson of the San Antonio Light, treasurer. The association will meet in Corsicana next year. Col. Samuel Ecker, proprietor of the Grand Central hotel at El Paso, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the association, and by the way, he was honored above all others by having his photo published in the Houston Post.

A SAM HOUSTON memorial association was organized in Houston last week. The object of this association is to have the state purchase the San Jacinto battle ground and make it a state park and to erect therein a monument to the memory of Sam Houston and the other heroes who achieved the independence of Texas. W. D. Cleveland, the merchant prince of Texas, was elected chairman, and W. O. [illegible] secretary. The chairman [illegible] committee, [illegible]

James of Baird, is a member of the committee for this, the eleventh district. It is intended to thoroughly organize and present a monster petition to the next legislature asking an appropriation from the state to carry out the object in view namly, to fittingly honor and perpetuate the name and fame of those who achieved the independence of Texas, once a republic, but now the empire state of the Union. Is there a person in this broad state of ours who would refuse to lend their name to such a worthy and noble cause? We think not, and we hope to see a petition presented to the next legislature with at least one million names attached, asking state action in the matter. Here is one subject that all parties can unite upon, for there is no politics in it.

## CLARK ON HOGG.

**The Ex-Attorney-General Reviews the Present Attorney-General.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.**

(Dallas News.)

Waco, Tex., April 28.—"Yes I have read the speech, and with much interest," said Judge Clark to a News representative who had inquired of him if he had seen Attorney General Hogg's speach at Rusk.

"I had hoped all along that my friend Hogg would conclude to advocate a government of law, for he has done more than any other man to demonstrate the power of the law over railroads, when administered through the courts. But it seems that he has concluded to take an opposite view of his duty, and no one will accord him greater sincerity in his position than I do. I have always admired the man, and have watched his advancement with more than a friendly interest because, among other things, his near kindsman and the man for whom he is named, fell by my side on one of the bloodiest fields of old Virginia. I part company with him on the railroad amendment with sincer regret and with no diminution of my personal regard for the man."

"What do you regard as the salient features of his speech," asked THE News man.

"I have not the time right now to discuss his position with any degree of elaboration," said the judge, "as I am quite busy in the courts. I can only indicate, in a generel way, what occurs to me as the weak points. Possibly these may be fortified by him in his subsequent canvass but it is only fair to assume that the general has said about all that can be said on his side. The address has evidently been prepared with care, and expresses the best thought of those who favor a commission. If the argument is weak it is the fault of the cause and not of the advocate.

"Passing by the auto-biographical feature, which is not only interesting in itself but doubly so to me because it forces the inquiry why the necessity of a commission when one man has accomplished so much in the way of railrord regulation by simple appeals to the courts; and conceding the proposition that the state has the right and it is its duty to control its railroad creatures, a proposition that nobody has ever denied, the position of Gen. Hogg seems to be this, that the legislature has failed for fourteen years to establish a tariff of freight charges, thereby indicating its inability to do so, and that our only recourse from oppression is to create a board of three honest men who will do it. He says:

"I assert and defy contradiction that a law fixing a schedule of rates, adaptable to the various sections and roads of Texas, cannot be accurately and justly passed. * * * I have before me a tariff schedule covering the various and almost limitless articles of commerce used by one line of road that will cover almost as much space as is occupied by the session acts of any legislature of this state. It begins with and exhausts the table of numbers and the alphabet in the enumeration and classification of traffic. It contains the names of all the articles of commerce known to our people, and they are devided into weights of pounds, tons and carload lots. While this schedule of rates as governing that one company, if adopted by the legislature, might possibly be just and fair for that railroad and the people along its line, yet, as applied to a different road in a more sparsely settled section, it would be destructive to the interests of the railroad, or if used by another line penetrating a more thickly settled and prosperous portion of the state it would amount to extortion upon people along its way. Then to prepare a schedule of rates adapted to every line of road and section of the state by so unwieldy a body of men as compose our legislature would be a useless job, fruitful alone of complicated and embarrassing results.

* * * Three trusted citizens, however, selected for their ability, peculiar fitness for the work, integrity, pure sense of justice and regard for the public welfare could with much propriety and respect for the interest of [illegible] and the people prepare and apply a schedule of rates suitable to the varied conditions of the railroads and the commercial interests of every section of our state, which they could change or adjust as propriety demanded.

"This is a savory feast," said Judge Clark, "to which our friend invites us. Characterizing the failure of our respective legislatures to adopt a tariff of rates, "as a monument to the failure of our representatives to the behests of their constituents,' he decides that the task was impossible ab initio and could only be fruitful of folly notwithstanding the constitutional mandate that it should be done by the legislature, and which mandate is repeated in the very amendment to the constitution he is now advocating. But this feature, however objectionable, is not the worst. His language implies that no uniform rate for all the roads is possible; that each road must have its particular rates prescribed; and that these rates must be governed by the peculiar conditions attending the particular road, such as the basis of population, cost of the road, etc. Instead of having one uniform rate for all sections and citizens of the state, giving to none an advantage, an era of favoritism should be inaugurated, regulated solely by the arbitrary discretion of his 'three honest men,' by which my neighbor at Temple may have a decided advantage of freight rates over my neighbor at Marlin or vice versa, and under the operation of which my fellow citizen at Colorado might be forced to pay rates more than double what my follow citizens at Wills Point might have to pay for an exactly similar service. The attorney general cannot escape the logic of his position, because he asserts that a uniform rate cannot be devised justly applicable to all the roads, and that the commission will have to fix rates for each road upon the basis of population, tonnage, cost of road, etc. In each section of the state population varies and marked discrepancies exist in the business and costs of all the roads. If these ideas odtain in the form of law life will be worse than a burden to his poor commission, for they will have every citizen and section pulling and hauling them hither and thither in the desperate hope of obtaining an advantage over their neighbors. Even congress, in its vast stride toward centralizing paternalism in the passage of the interstate commerce bill, never dared invest its commission with powers so far-reaching and so destructive of justice between citizens as this. Indeed, the interstate commission has never attempted to fix a schedule of charges and congress has never ventured to give it the power.

"The cheaply constructed railroad would have a bonanza, for freights would hunt its line because its tariff would be so much lower than the neighbor railway, and the convulsion in commercial interests would be startling. Conservative business men, long established and prosperous on certain lines of railway, would be compelled to shift their establishment like Arabs in the desert or permit their business to seek other channels of trade. Towns would decay and other towns build up and these in turn disappear according to the discreation and sense of justice of the commission.

"Are the citizens of Texas to hold their investments upon so frail a tenure? Are we to exchange a government of established law for this monster of uncertain discretion? These are questions that must address themselves to every thinking citizen and especially to every thinking democrat. They cannot be concealed under the glamour of either rhetoric or figures arranged to suit the occasion. Neither can they be hid under an appeal, flattering to the sentiment of every Texan, that the state must control the corporations, rather than the corporations the state. The state has ample power to control all her creatures by her laws, but these laws should be established, public and certain, so as to be read of all men. They should not lie in ambush within the breast of any individual or set of individuals, ready at any time to pounce on the business of the citizen and destroy it, like some wild beast of the jungle. This is un-American and a step backward to the dark ages.

"I had also hoped that our friend Hogg would have addressed himself to a discussion of this measure from a democratic standpoint, but he has not done so. This feature he has seemed to ignore entirely, and yet it is a pertinent issue in a democartic canvass. A republican advocate of a commission might very plausibly defend his positon on party grounds, but my curiosity has been excited as to how a democratic advocate can defend it on party grounds. I need not say that this curiosity remains unsatisfied. I have yet to see anything from the commission side on that line. We have asked for bread and they give us a stone. We have asked for reason according to democratic faith, and they give us the plea of tyrants—necessity and expediency, Gen. Hogg insists that it will take too much printing for the legislature to fix rates, as if a few dollars necessary to be spent in that way furnishes a conclusive argument as to its impracticability. Suppose it would take a book as large as a family bible? Isn't printing easy and cheap?

"Now I would like to submit a few leading questions to Gen. Hogg and my other brother democrats who favor a commissiou. They are plain questions, easily answered, and occur to me as pertinent. The campaign is just opening, and they can take full time in preparing their answers. All that I shall insist upon is that the answers be direct and responsive not argumentative or evasive. These questions are as follows;

"1. Is it not true that the greatest ills under which our farming classes are now laboring arise from the paternal intermeddling of the goverment in the business of the country by levying tariff rates so as to protect manufactureres and force the farmer to sell the fruits of his labor in the open and cheapest markets of the world and buy his supplies in the dearest markets? Do you fovor this kind of governmental paternalism? If not can you hope for any good from any other kind?

"2. Is it not a cardinal article of democratic faith that that government is best which governs least? And is it not an axiom in democracy that a free people must govern themselves by law and not according to the discretion of any individual? If this is so, do you not propose now to turn over two hundred and fiifty millions of property owned by numerous citizens of your state and country, to the unlimited discretion of three men.

"3. Do you not believe that it is the right of every American to pursue his own business and property according to his own methods, subject to the limitations of law? If you so believe, why do you insist upon taking this right from one class of property holders, and placing it in the hands of three strangers, whose chief qualifications will be that they own no such property and are not interested in such property?

"4 Do you not believe in a division of the powers of government into three great departments, to-wit, the legislative, executive and judical? And do you not believe that the powers of departments should be committed to seperate bodies of magistracy and and that no person belonging to either department should exercise functions property pertaining to the others? And is this not an axiom upon which the whole fabrick of our republican institutions rests?

"5. Is it not a fact that the function of prescribing and fixing railway rates is purely legislative and is so recognized in the present constitution and in the proposed emendment you are advocating?

"6. Is it not a fact that the commission you advocate will necessarily be charged with the duty of executing the legislation they adopt? If not who will be charged with that duty?

"7. Is it not true that the commission you advocate will be charged with the duty of administering the legislation they adopt, in the matter of rates, and of adjudicating contested issues between the shipper and the reasonableness of rates?

"8. Will not your commission be lawmaker, judge and executioner in defiance of this maxim of human freedom? If not why not?

"9. It is urged by some of the ablest advocates of a commission that it is necessary to have a state commission in order to properly supplement and round out the grand work of the interstate commerce commission. Is not the interstate commerce law a stench in your good democratic nostrils? Was it not a long stride toward centralizing all power in the federal governments to the detriment of the states and of the people? and has not that law precipitated combinations between railroads to the total destruction of all competion in interstate traffic? Has it not tended to the rapid destruction of our interior home markets and the driving of our trade to remote markets on the sea coast?

"10. Is it not a fact that at least eight-tenths of our shipments are interstate and beyond the control of state laws or state authority?

"11. Is it not a fact that the supreme court of the United States has recently decided in the case of a state commission that no power was vested in a state to deny to a railway the right of appeal to the courts for protection? That while a commission might fix rates, the rates so fixed must yield a sufficient revenue to pay all charges and expenses, including interest on its debts and a reasonable dividend to stockholders, otherwise the state would be taking private property for public use without just compensation? If this is so, will you please explain what good a commission can accomplish in the matter of rates, in view of the conceded fact that no Texas road has ever yet earned money enough for these purposes, even at present rates?

"12. Is it not true that every extreme alliance man favors a commission? That every knight of labor favors a commission? That every union labor man favors a commission? That every old-time greenbacker wants a commission? And that every old agitator who has fought the democratic party for ten years past wants a commission? Please explain this general concensus among the variegated elements and then say (to yourselves if you don't want to talk out loud) why is this thus? Is it not sufficient to excite democratic suspicion that perhaps the path we follow does not lead tn good old democratic government?

"Now don't answer these questions by saying that the railroads are robbing us and that it is necessary that we bridle them by fixing rates. I concede that, though the robbery has not always been on one side. I am not talking about the duty or propriety of fixing rates. I am willing to concede both, for the sake of the argument. It is the manner you propose in dealing with the question by a commission that I am discusssng and which prompts these inquries. Answer them and convince me that your plan is consistent with free institutions and democaatic faith, and I will cease opposition and go with you. With my present lights I cannot do this. I can go with you to the limit of legislative power in correcting any evil of railway imposition, and hold myself ready to do so now and at any future time. But when I am called upon to throw aside my political faith and my convictions of government, and to embark on an untried sea of experimental discretion, leading—God knows where—and to throw behind me as worthless the limitations of the constitution, which are but the consecrated experience of human freedom I cheerfully part company with my best friends, and await with perfect composure the verdict of the people now and the record of the future hereafter."


# BEAUTIFUL SUMMER GOODS!

**DRESS GOODS.**

This department comprises all the latest and most nevel effects in Silks, Brocades, Henriettas, English Mohair, Brilliantine, Embroidered and Side Stripe Robes, Challies Wash goods—such as Satines, Ginghams in fancy plaids and stripes, black, striped and checked Lawns; white plaid lace, organdies, challies. Nets in every design.

**CLOTHING.**

In Clothing and Furnishing goods this season we have made an extra effort, As to selection and make it is nearer perfection than ever before. On our counters will be found beautiful fabrics, chaste patterns designed by artists and guaranteed to fit. Extra size suits and pants. This department being so complete we rarely fail to fit or suit you.

**FURNISHING GOODS.**

This season we have given extra care and attention to this department, and this summer show more nobby and stylish goods than have ever before been brought here. White and colored shirts, silk shirts, collars and cuffs, handkerchiefs, nobby line of plain and fancy Hose, kid gloves, neck-wear, children's shirt waists, jewelry, etc.

## New Summer Goods Arriving Every Day.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**

Our line of ladies' and gents' fine shoes is full and complete. We can offer you all that is stylish, durable and cheap. In this department our prices will be found as low as you can buy the same goods in Dallas or Fort Worth. Remember we have all our fine goods made to order. It will pay you to buy your shoes from us.

**CURTAINS.**

An elegant line of lace curtains, scrimes, bed sets, pillow shams, bed spreads, in white and colors. Our line of table damasks is unsurpassed, wo have all grades in white, bordered, snow drop, varigated, Turkey red, both foreign and domestic.

Our line of towels, napkins linens and crashes are complete.

**HOSIERY.**

We invite your attention to our hosiery department, where you will find a complete assortment of lisle thread, solid cotton, regular made ladies' French fast black, warranted not to fade; ladies' brown balbrigan, ladies' fancy, in all colors. Children's fast black. Also an elegant assortment in colors.

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The table supplied with the best the market affords. Board and lodging. Rater reasonable

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NINE YEAR OLD KENTUCKY COMFORT WHISKY.
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Come early and make selections from our assortment of SPRING and SUMMER goods. 7c dark Prints for 5c; Zephyr, 5c per ounce to close; Ladies' $3.50 and $3.25 Shoes for $3; Boy's $2.25 Shoes, $1.75; Men's $3 Broad Toe Congress Shoes for $2.50 to close; Ladies Hats and other millinery at 75c on the dollar; Men's $4.25 Cowboy Boots for $3.50. All staple DRY GOODS at the lowest prices. STRAW HATS will be sold if you want them. Men's Heavy Shoes at your own prices.

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L. O. OLIVER, PROPRIETOR.
*Fresh meats of all kinds always on hand. Give me a call when you want good meats.*
*Market street. First door south of Ph. Schwartz.*

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# LOCAL.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce J T. Purvis, of Cottonwood, as a candidate for Sheriff of Callahan county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce W. L. Jones as a candidate for sheriff. of Callahan county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce Lee McCammon as a candidate for sheriff of Callahan county.

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce John C. Greathouse of Toro, as a candidate for Tax Assessor.

### FOR CO. AND DISTRICT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce F. P. Shackelford, of Putnam, as a candidate for County and District clerk.

We are authorized to announce I. N. Jackson as a candidate for re-election to the office of county and district clerk.

### COUNTY TREASURER.

We are requested to announce John H. Surles, of Putnam, as a candidate for county treaseurer.

Cliff Hill was in town Monday last.

Frank Johnson is visiting in Abilene.

Best and cheapest shoes. Powell.

"Duck" Robertson, of Rayner, is in the city.

Louis Boydstun left yesterday for Rockwall.

Bob Kimsey went to Buffalo Gap yesterday.

Miss Alice Johnson is in Abilene visiting friends.

Commissioner's court was in session this week.

See J. D. Boydstun's new advertisement on second page.

Dress ginghams and checks at 8 1-3 cents a yard at Powell's.

Mr. J. D. Boydstun came in from Rockwall the first of the week.

A norther blew up Monday night and it was right cool all day Tuesday.

See the ad. of the "Old Reliable," Texas & Pacific railway on second page.

Several Bairdites witnessed the opening of the Spring Palace at Fort Worth.

Sam Cutbirth, the boss rustler of Callahan county, shipped another lot of cattle this week.

Mr. Starnes, of Scottsboro, Ala. arrived in town last Sunday on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Dudley Foy.

Gen. F. W. James, W. H. Gilliland, J. E. Pace, Dudley Foy and W. E. Gilliland came in from the Fort last Sunday.

Undressed kid gloves at Powell's.

We are in receipt of a letter from Cuba by Alden A. Bell, but owing to its length it goes over till next week.

Moon & Crowder have completed their new shed and are now prepared to handle lumber in large quantities.

Lace curtains at Powell's.

R. B. Hearne and Miss Mary Hall were married in McCulloch county on the 7th inst. THE STAR tenders them congratulations.

Have less to say against those you do not like, and you will be thought a great deal more of by those you do like. Try it, and observe the result.

To be respected you must respect, especially those who are thought as much of as you are by everybody except yourself. Note this, and reflect.

Five hundred pieces of Surah China and Moray Silk at 50c, 65c, 75c and $1 per yard, worth from 75c to $1.59. Call and see. T. E. Powell.

Dr. S. T. Fraser, in company with his attorney, B. R. Webb, will start the first of next week on a business trip to Florida and South Carolina.

Straw matting. T. E. Powel.

It is reported that W. H. Parvin will move to Haskell and take charge of the new bank at that place. THE STAR regrets to see Mr. Parvin leave us.

Mr. W. A. Clemmer and Miss Deana Ham, of Putnam, were married at the residence of the bride's father, Sunday, May 11, Rev. R. F. Dunn officiating.

Largest and best line of hats at Powell's.

W. A. Conner, J. F. Barton and R. J. Harris were in town during the first of the week attending the regular session of the commissioners court.

Mont Somes, at THE STAR job office, will duplicate prices of St. Louis or Texas houses, freight added, on all legal and other blanks if large orders are given. Help build up your county by patronizing home institutions. That is our motto, and we practice it to the letter.

Carpets at Powell's.

Spring clothing at Powell's.

See Powell's fine French flannel and silk shirts.

The contrast between Callahan and Taylor county at the Spring Palace is rather painful to the people of Callahan county. Taylor county has a magnificent display. Callahan county has none.

Mont Somes has exclusive control of the job department in THE STAR office. He is well known in Baird as a first-class printer, and we ask that the people patronize him liberally.

Cheapest line of embroidery ever seen at Powell's. Come and see.

Johny Blake and Rocky Thomas, of Tecumseh, were in town Monday. Johny returned home Tuesday but Rocky pulled his freight for the Golden State. It seems that it is hard for Rocky to decide which he likes best, Texas or California, as this is his third trip to the last named state.

Ten per cent lower than any one's cost. POWELL.

Misfortunes never come singly. Mrs. E. Plott was called to mourn the death of her father last week, and this week, with burdened heart, follows a husband to an untimley grave. To those thus doubly bereft, our profoundest sympathies are enlisted in their behalf.—Cisco Round-up.

Baby caps in endless variety from 50 to 85 cents at T. E. Powell's.

Dr. S. T. Fraser, of Baird and Miss Leona Poitivent, of Fort Worth, were married at Fort Worth last Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p. m., Rev. R. M. Tinnan of the Cumberland Presbyterian church officiating. The Doctor and his accomplished bride arrived on the evening train last Friday. THE STAR joins the many friends of the Doctor at this place in extending congratulatiods and good wishes and in welcoming the bride to our city.

Trunks cheap at Powell's.

I. N. Jackson's announcement for county and District clerk appears this week. Mr. Jackson is so well known that it would be useless for us to introduce him to the people of Callahan. He has filled the office to which he again aspires with honor to the county and credit to himself. As a county and district clerk he has few equals and no superiors in the state. This is saying a good deal, but the people who have had dealings with the clerk's office know it is nothing but the simple truth.

Low prices always gets there. T. E. Powell.

### Public Speaking.

From the Cottonwood Prodigal we learn that Mr. Harry Tracy will deliver a public lecture at the Court House in Baird, May 19, at 10 o'clock a. m. Also a private lecture to members of the Alliance at 2 p. m.

I sell cheaper than anybody's cost. Call and see. T. E. Powell.

### A FOUL MURDER.

E. Plott, better known as "Bub" Plott, was foully murdered near Putnam last week. J. A. Ferguson is now in jail charged with the crime. There has as yet been no investigation of the matter by the courts, and as there are several conflicting reports in regard to the sad affair, we will not make any comments upon the matter until a legal investigation is had.

The Giesecke hand-made boots Every pair warranted. T. E. Powell.

### FISH FRY.

On last Saturday Prof. J. W. Jacobs closed his writing class with a grand fish fry for the pupils and people in general. The preceding term closed with an entertainment, which was a grand success, and this term a fish fry was given to the people of Baird in general. Everything was nicely arranged for the occasion. Arrangemenis were made with the railroad agent, Mr. Gage, for excursion rates to the selected place (Vigo) and early Saturday morning the coach was set out at the depot, while people poured in from every point with well-filled baskets and a supply of fishing tackle ready for the march. At 8 o'clock all were aboard; we bid good-bye to the balance left behind for a day's jubilee. At 8:20 we arrived on the beautiful ground, which was shaded by large elm trees near by the stream of water with its mossy banks that nature had given it; this beautiful spot presented to us one of nature's most grand, and no sooner had we landed when up went two large swings. Here everybody seemed to enjoy nature's gift in its fullest sense, no one waited for a leader, but all felt at liberty and the best of feeling provailed throughout, By 10 o'clock the banks of the stream were lined with men, women and children. In a contest for the first fish which had been decided upon, the one catching the first fish was supposed to be the best looking; this left your humble writer out, for it is known by all my looks won't bear close inspection, so I amusingly looked on. Claud Callahan caught a mud turtle; that was sort of a damper on Claud, but we did not count that. By and by it was decided in favor of————the lady that fell in the water. We won't mention any name, but should you want any more light on the subject ask Miss Gertie Burrell her experience at the fishing party.

There were a lot of fish caught and prepared for our dinner. At 12 o'clock we all gathered together for dinner and partook of the many well prepared good things. Everybody did amply eat, and a few cases we call over- amply eat, and assistance was necessary to arise from the low table.

It is useless to say that we had a good time; if you doubt it ask anyone who was present, and testimony will be given you by the Vigo neighbors. We did not go very pious and our long faces were left at home, nothing lacking on our part for a good time. Everything worked smooth throughout the whole day. In the evening we returned, thinking it was a time long to be remembered by all who were present. We wish to return our thanks to Prof. Jacobs for kindness shown the people of Baird in general and the school, for his good instructions and patience. Come again, we welcome you among us.

ONE PRESENT.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of advertised letters remaining at the postoffice at Baird, Callahan county, Texas, and will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington June 1, if not called for:

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| G. B. Anderson | Branchford Adams |
| Wm. Brewer | T. P. Beauchamp |
| J. H. Bounds | Jeff Baird |
| Miss Amanda Booker | Mrs. H. E. Battles |
| W. Conway | Will Darden |
| G. W. Heck | George Heck |
| A. J. Joyce | F. M. Jones |
| Charley E. Morgan | Mrs. Alice Mursher |
| Dr. R. S. Morse | J. E. Knight |
| Geo. H. Potter | W. J Salsbury |
| W. Scogin | Jesse Tucker |
| Geo. Taylor. | J. P. Walker |
| R. D. Williams | Willie Wilson |
| Jackson Young. | |

MEXICAN LETTERS.

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| Felipe Amescua | Gregorio Camillo |
| Conrado Ferrazas | Joaquin Graciora |
| Jose Wlevia Machado | Senora Maria Ynes. |

WM. MCMANIS, Postmaster.

### A Capitalist of Texas.

BURNET, Tex., June 12, 1887.

Mr. A. K. Hawkes—Fifteen years ago I bought from you a pair of spectacles, and during all these years I think that my sight has not failed at all as I still use the same glasses, and they suit me as well as ever. My age is now 64 years. Yours, etc.,

W. H. WESTFALL,
President Burnet Bank.

All eyes fitted and the fit guaranteed at the drug store of R. Phillips. 23

### TECUMSEH NEWS.

Tecumseh, May 10.—Mr. Rogers started Monday night for Monnt Calm, Hill county, to the sick-bed of his aged father, and has not returned yet.

Dr. J. M. Rumph has located at Guion, Taylor county.

H. Windham's boy, Tom, who was badly injured in the right leg by a kicking calf, is improving and is around again without crutches. A hardy and promising set of youngsters.

Capt. Marsham, an ex-officer of the British army, and lady, left the Cresswell ranch last week, where they sojourned for more than six months, en route to England.

Mrs. Narrissa Oliver, a niece of Dr. J. D. Windham, arrived at the Rock House last week from Smith county, accompanied by her husband, Russell Oliver, and son. Mr. Oliver intends to open the old blacksmith shop again, and as he is a good workman both in iron and wood, we bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

Thorwald Johnson. the young Norwegian who left more than a year ago for California, has come back to Callahan county. As it seems he forgot the bag with $20 gold pieces, which he was sure to secure in the land of gold and wonders.

Thursday last we were treated to another surprise. R. M. Thomas, whom we fancied soul and body in the sheep business, suddenly turned up in his old hunting and old stamping grounds. Well, well, that shows that there is only one state like the rising Lone Star state and in it only one county like Callahan county.

A dancing party Thursday night at John Martin's at Eagle Cove. It was a kind of house-warming party, as John has just moved over from the old Spade ranch to his new home at the Holland ranch.

Friday was the day set for a big fish fry out at the Bayou, not far from the old Windham ranch. Nearly a hundred people participated and enjoyed heartily the fine day, the beautiful surroundings, and above all, the luxury of a copious mess of fish.

The same evening another dancing party was held at Chris Johnson's. As you will see, Mr. Editor, our people are again in better spirits after their hard struggle against the sickness during last winter. Besides it is really a wonder to look at the sudden change in the outlook for this year's crops brought on by the late rains. Everybody is smiling and full of hope again. The health of the community is fair; even old Aunt Rachel is improving fast and already resuming part of her household duties.

R. E. Richards finished sheep shearing this week. He clipped from 1,300 head about 6,000 pounds of wool, a very good showing in consideration of a fall clip of 4,000 pounds. Besides he has about 300 muttons for sale, which average nearly 100 pounds live weight. Mr. Richards proves that sheep husbandry is still paying, provided it is conducted in a rational and industrious way.

I intended to give you some interesting particulars about a would-be elopement, but as it was nipped in the bud, that is, as the lovable bride objected at the last moment, I only wish to say to the sour-looking ex-bridegroom: Such is life, and even the path of the loving and true is not always strewn with roses.

H. BUCHEN.

"Count that day lost whose slow descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done."

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You will always receive kindest attention at Office saloon.

Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's

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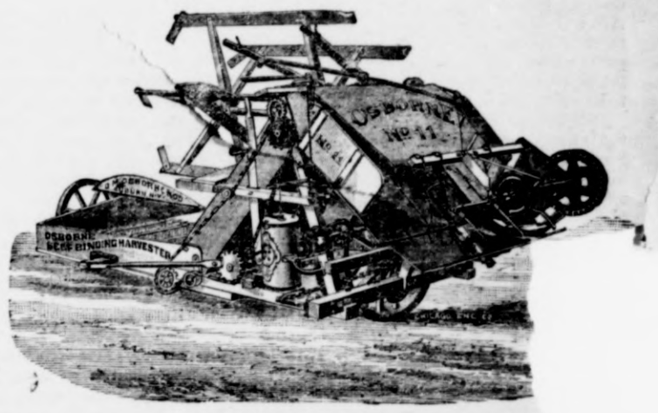

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You can always find the very best Kentucky Whiskies at the Office saloon. Call and see for yourself.

The oil inspector says S. L. Ogle keeps the best and safest oil of any dealer in his district.

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I have just received from California fine Old Port Angelica and Sherry wines. Office saloon. J. B. Maxwell, proprietor.

Call and examine our beautiful line of lamps and glassware. H. Meyer.

A full line of colognes and Florida waters, elegant and cheap. Baird Drug Co.

Garden rakes, hoes, spades and shovels. H. Meyer.

Genuine Gravely Car-Wheel tobacco $1 per pound. S. L. Ogle.

Best hard water soap in town at McLaury, Jones & Dean's.

Straw hats for ladies, misses, gentlemen and boys, at giving away prices. Call and see. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

To arrive this week, a nice line of Hamburgs, laces, parasols and other fancy goods. Prices lower than any. Foy & Richardson.

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Shoe Polish at Coppins & Driskill's.

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Try the pure barrel lard at Coppins & Driskill's.

Our stock of clothing is complete and we are prepared to meet competition. J. D. Boydstun.

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Good yard wide brown domestic at 5 1-2 c. Moon & Crowder.

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Axe handles, pick handles, sledge hammer handles. McLaury, Jones & Dean.

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We are ready to fill almost any order for doors, sash and moulding, and will appreciate your trade. Moon & Crowder.

Soap, soap, lots of soap. Lenox soap, Linen soap, Olive soap and Monday Morning Savon soap at McLaury, Jones & Dean's.

Indigeston which cause nerverousness and sleeplessness speedily cured with Chas. Alff's Germ Exterminator Baird Drug Co., agents. 21-4

### Oh what a Cough.

Will you head the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourself if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c., to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves croup and whooping cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by R. Phillips.

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## SWALLOWED BY AN ALLIGATOR.

**A Human Skull and a Watch Found in a Saurian's Stomach.**

Tim Smith, a colored laborer working on W. F. Fuller's orange grove at Edgewater, comes to Palatka nearly every day in a rowboat. To do this he is compelled to pass Buzzard Island, a dark and lonely place, grown up with brush and inhabited by all sorts of wild birds, and may well be termed the home of the alligator, owing to its quietness and dark waters, which are seldom disturbed beyond the ripple of an oar manipulated by the huntsman.

For several weeks Tim Smith noticed a particularly large alligator, whose back was filled with barnacles and long green moss. The alligator was never known to demonstrate any fear, and would not get out of Smith's way under any consideration, allowing him to row rather close toward him.

Recently, when Smith started for town, he put a Winchester rifle in his boat for the express purpose of giving his 'gatorship a load of cold lead. When opposite Buzzard Island the alligator reappeared, and, rowing to within easy range, Smith fired five shots at the saurian, all of which seemed to take effect, for the alligator made a terrible flutter in the water, and turned over on its back.

Three days later Smith found the dead alligator floating near by, and, tying a rope about its head, towed it to the Edgewater grove, when the alligator was found to measure 16 feet 3½ inches in length, two balls having entered the skin just back of the head.

Smith then set to work and skinned the saurian for market, when to his great surprise the darky came across a human skull, perfectly formed, and unbroken, but owing to the superstitiousness of the negro he stopped skinning, which operation was finished by a white employe on the grove. A search brought to light a watch bearing the initials "G. L." The skull and watch are now on exhibition at Fry's taxidermy store.

The unfortunate man was no one to know, as the initials are not those about here, but it is supposed he was some sportsman, who, alone, was attacked and devoured by the alligator, as is quite often the case with northern tourists who come to Florida and navigate its streams without a guide to keep them from the dark and dangerous tributaries that empty into the St. John's.—Palatka Herald.

**Bill Neff and the Lynx Both Surprised.**

A large lynx made a visit to Bill Neff's cabin on the Emerald and made a lengthy stay—in fact, Mr. Lynx is there yet. The animal was attracted by some meat that was hanging outside the door of the cabin. There was no lock or bolt to secure the opening, and while it was climbing up to reach the meat the door swung open and allowed the lynx to flounder in, where he proved a genuine surprise party to Bill, who was whiling away the hours by reading tiger stories. It was hard to tell which was the most surprised, the lynx or the man, but the former evidently thought Bill meant business when it saw him reach for the ax, and at once made a spring.

For several minutes they fought at close quarters, and at last Bill broke away from the beast and climbed up on the sleeping bunk, where he could get elbow room to swing his weapon. On came the lynx, but missed his footing. This was Bill's time. As the animal made another spring for the bunk, the ax was swung aloft and the pole was brought down on the skull of the animal with the usual "dull, sickening thud." The lynx dropped in a heap, and Bill came down from his perch to find that his blow had smashed the skull. The animal was stone dead. Neff's clothes were torn to tatters, and he says the lynx weighed 150 pounds. We are promised one of the paws, which covers a surface larger than a man's hand, and shall be pleased to show it to any one who doubts the story.—Silverton Miner.

**The Fashion in Jewelry.**

The gift of almost any foolish, dangling bit of jewelry makes a woman happy, but if some one chances to give her just now a funny little gold heart, like the old fashioned carnelian ones our mothers wore, she slips a fine gold chain through the lover's knot that makes the loop, and hangs it about her neck, if its a locket, or pins it on the front of her gown if it's a brooch, and feels herself just the happiest woman in all the world. For, you see, she has the very latest ornament that the goldsmith has devised for making her pretty and happy.

It may be of gold without ornamentation, unless her name be engraved on one side and some pretty sentiment on the other, or it may have (and then she is blest indeed), a moonstone set in the center and be rimmed about with brilliants or pearls, or it may even have a big pearl or diamond in place of the moonstone, if she really prefers to have it so, and can have it. But it is just as well if she can't, for the moonstone is quite as pretty and quite as fashionable just now.—New York Evening Sun.

The record for the largest amount of butter produced by a cow in one year has been broken by a cow owned by D. F. Appleton, of Ipswich, Mass., who, with three days to spare, produced 941 pounds, 11 ounces. The previous record was 936 pounds 11½ ounces, held by Landseer's Pansy, owned by Dr. William Worrow, of Nashville, Tenn.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

A real estate and trust company in Lynchburg, Va., composed of colored men, has declared a dividend of 10 per cent.

On the west coast of Africa there are now 200 churches, 33,000 converts, 100,000 adherents, 2,750 schools and 30,000 pupils. Religious books have been translated into 35 dialects of the section.

It was while Gibbon was sitting in the ruins of Rome, in 1764, that he saw and heard barefooted friars singing in the temple of Jupiter. The idea came to him at that hour to write the history of the decline and fall of the empire.

In Paris the horse is a behest of fashion rather than a source of pleasure. Few French women ride well, and the Frenchman, as a rule, looks upon the animal as a difficult and dangerous article to navigate, a ship whose rudder is in the wrong place.

The lace owned by the feminine members of the Astor family is said to be worth at least $300,000. That which the late Mrs. Astor bequeathed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art was valued at from $40,000 to $50,000.

There are three men in the Oregon State prison, each of whom cut off a hand to avoid work. They are confined in solitary cells. Two others cut off the ends of their fingers.

Postmaster General Wanamaker considers the proposal to make eight consecutive hours' labor a day's work for postoffice clerks, etc., impracticable, and estimates that the cost of doing this would be $3,378,727 a year.

Not less than fifteen parishes, or one-fourth of the state of Louisiana is affected by the present flood, and the damage is almost incalculable. In 1882 it is estimated that the loss was $15,000,000. It will probably exceed half that amount this year.

Last year sixty-seven persons in the Loochoo islands of Japan were bitten by the poisonous habu snake, twelve of whom succumbed and fifty-five recovered. Forty-two of the victims were males and twenty-five females, but the greater proportion of deaths occurred among the females, seven out of the twenty-five cases ending fatally.

As a curiosity the sensitive plant (mimosa pudica) is well worth cultivating in the window garden. The leaves of this plant are very ornamental, and so sensitive that when touched with the hand they immediately droop and fold up, regaining their former position, however, within a quarter of an hour or so after. A breath of wind will also cause the leaves to act in a similar manner. Hence its common name.

An example of "English as she is wrote" is found in an interesting Portuguese official document. The leaflet contains "instruction concerning tobacco," and is issued by the custom house authorities. Here is one of its clauses: "All tobacco the said visit may find on board, besides what may have manifested in this transgression, will be subject to imprisonmente and other penalties the law imposes."

One of the most extraordinary of African trees is that known as the baobab. It is almost a forest in itself, and serves as a complete sylvan palace on the largest scale. Rarely growing more than seventy feet high, its branches extend horizontally, supported by a trunk which has a girth greater, it is believed, than that of any other known tree. One of these extraordinary trees was found on measurement to be forty feet in diameter. The age of another, counting the concentric rings, was found to be 5,000 years at the very least.

**Ex-Policemen's Occupations.**

I asked a policeman who had four blue stripes, representing twenty years service, upon his sleeves why he did not retire upon the pension of $600 a year, to which he is entitled. "Because I am waiting for something better," was the reply. He is a big, hearty man of 45 years, with twenty seasons of active life apparently before him. Then he told me that there were about 150 of these pensioners employed in looking after banks and large office buildings down town, and every one of them is on the retired list of the police, drawing a pension of $600. There are five men in the Mutual Life who are paid $1,200 each by the owners of the building, and ten men in the Equitable Life who are paid from $1,400 down to $800, which is the smallest amount paid anywhere. The duties are light, only requiring attendance on six days of the week from 8 to 5. Each of these men is sworn in as a special policeman and reports to the superintendent of police once a month. The policeman on my beat has his wires laid and expects to be in the receipt of pension and salary amounting to $1,800 before the close of the year.—New York Cor. Philadelphia Record.

**New Jersey's Fan Tailed Calf.**

A calf that was born on William Lippincott's farm at Tinton Falls is one of the greates freaks ever known. Its head, shoulders and front feet are like those of an ordinary calf, while the remainder of its body and its hind legs are hairless. Instead of hoofs on the hind legs there are two prongs or toes, each about four inches long, and these end with sharp pointed claws. Its tail is covered with long hair, and is spread out like an open fan at the end.—Philadelphia Press.

A passenger car on the Louisville and Wadley railroad performed a new feat in railroad running by running on two tracks at one and the same time. While drilling the train the front trucks jumped the switch and took the right track, while the rear trucks failed to jump and took the wrong track and continued on the main turnout until both ends of the car were nearly even. When the conductor called a halt he found his car in rather an awkward position.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

Black coffee is now suggested as a cure for consumption.

The gold of the world in coin and wares is 11,000 tons, worth $7,700,000,000. The annual loss is two tons; the mines yield yearly 121 tons.

At St. Malo, France, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, many perfectly reputable inhabitants saw three suns, all in a row, above the western horizon. The sky was very clear at the time.

To buy a mine for a bad debt of $50 and sell it within a dozen years for $1,000,000 sounds like a story of the old bonanza days. It is the fortune which came to the Montana man who owned the Lexington mine.

An electric railway in Siam has been incorporated and will be built at once from Bangkok to Paknam, a distance of thirty miles. This road is to cost $400,000, and Siamese capital will alone be used. An electric light company has also been organized and the plant ordered for Bangkok.

A new miner's electric lamp, weighing only three and one-half pounds and capable of giving a one and one-half candle power light for ten hours, has been made by an English inventor. The accumulator of four cells is contained in a wooden box five and one-half inches high, in front of which, in a strong glass dome, is the lamp bulb and a reflector.

A New York philanthropist has investigated 560 complaints against gas companies, all charging chicanery or dishonesty, and he reports that he did not find one single instance where a company willfully sought to defraud. He adds that no business in the world is conducted on more straightforward principles.

A young Chicago man whose firm sent him to Louisville to look after their interests after the recent cyclone there returned last week. In his expense account was an item that read like this: "Carriage, $45." The young gentleman felt embarrassed when a member of the firm asked: "What did you do with the carriage? Did you fetch it home with you?"

**Cane and Millet seed Wanted.**

J. L. Ler & Co. requests us to say that they want cane and millet seed and will pay good price for same. 18-4

**Hats! Hats! Hats!**

Ladies' and misses' hats, the latest styles, just received. Call and see them. They are daisies and cheap. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

**Found.**

A package found at the Postoffice. Owner can get same by proving property and paying for this notice. WM. MCMANIS. 18 tf.

*STONE MASON.*

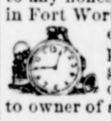
If you want a cistern dug or a chimney built, write to J. J. Preston, Belle Plain. No smoky chimneys. All work guaranteed. Leave orders at THE STAR office. 15-tf.

**Stallion.**

I will stand my stallion, YOUNG SAMPSON, for the season at J. B. Posey's, four miles west of Cross Plain. N. CIRCLE.

**To Whom It May Concern.**

I am willing to submit all my work to any honest and competent jeweler in Fort Worth, Dallas, St. Louis, or elsewhere, and if it is not pronounced first-class, I guarantee double amount of my charges paid back to owner of article. Very respectfully,



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The Simplicity Bee Hive and fixtures manufactured and FOR SALE by the undersigned. Note:—Hives and fixtures always on hand.

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We have a speedy and positive cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker, mouth and headache, in Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. A nasal injector free with each bottle. Use it if you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50c. Sold by R. Philips. 19-1y

**Answer This Question.**

Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of the Food, Yellow Skin, when for 75c. we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them. Sold by R. Philips. 18-1y.

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All female weakness positively cured with Chas. Alff's Germ Exterminator, a wonderful tonic. Baird Drug Co., agents. 21-4

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FOR SALE--House and lot No. 19, block 11, in Belle Plaine; the house has 8 rooms and a good cistern; price $400.

FOR SALE—1,600 acres of land 2 miles northwest of Baird at $4 per acre; $1,000 cash, balance on easy terms.

160 ACRES of land 15 miles southeast of Baird; good grazing land, fine spring; price, $480; one-third cash, balance in two equal annual payments.

FOR SALE--640 acres of land. Section 309, one mile south of PUTNAM. Fine grazing and farming land. Terms, one-fourth cash, balance on six years time.

FOR SALE--640 acres situated 10 miles N E of Baird, has house of 3 rooms, good chimney good tank, smoke house, sheds and lots. Small farm in cultivation. Price $1,500, one half cash balance in 12 months. Also 55 head of stock cattle; price, $440; will take improved town property in part payment.

RANCH--1,763 acres of land 20 miles southeast of Baird; all under good wire fence, plenty of lasting stock water, fine grass, good dwelling with 4 rooms, barn and other outbuildings, 60 acres in cultivation; price, $8,815; one-third cash, balance in two annual payments. Nearly all this pasture good tillable land.

FOR SALE--140 acres of land at Belle Plaine 40 acres in fine state of cultivation; good orchard, house with 6 rooms and outbuildings; good cistern, fine tank cost $500; plenty of wood; best bargain in the county; only half a mile from Belle Plaine college; price, $2,000; will trade for cattle, horses or sheep; improvements worth the money.

FOR SALE—The fine residence of Joe Rushing in Baird, is for sale. Price, $3,000, cash. Will exchange for good agricultural land. Dwelling has six rooms, gothic roof. Finest residence in the city. Ten acres under fence, two acres in trees and one acre in grape. 150 barrel cistern, well of unexhaustable water. Private water works. This is one of the best bargains in Callahan county.

Address all communications to E. E. SOLOMON, Baird, Texas.

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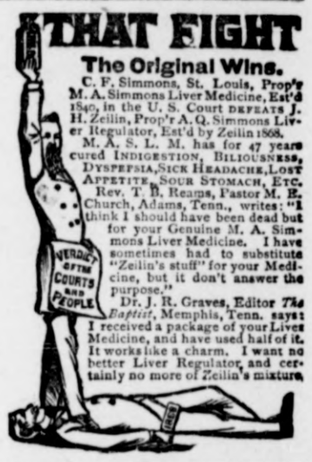


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