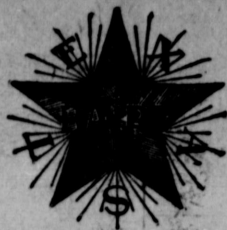


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Cottonwood Locals.

EDITOR STAR: Owing to sickness in the family I have missed two weeks. We are dry in some places. Turkey creek and Cottonwood branch have had fine rains on the heads of both creeks.

Much complaint of worms destroying the cotton. Corn fodder all saved in fine shape.

Harry Ebert threshed at Tobe Booth's and Sheriff Irvin's farms last week.

Since our last W. F. Griffin and

family have returned from a trip to the Plains. Mr. Griffin says he saw much fine land if here he would like to own.

Mr. John Booth has sold his farm near Dressy to Corum Beeler and is now prospecting in Motley county.

Tobe Booth has sold his farm, the old Levi Gardner place, to Mr. J. A. Joy from Burnett county. Consideration \$4500. with crop.

The Caddo Peak Trustees of District No. 31 are building an addition to the school house, which was badly need. Mr. Green Robison is do-

ing the carpenter work.

Jesse Carter has accepted the position of general manager of Wristen & Johnson's store at Oplin, and will move his family there as soon as he can get a house to live in.

We learn from good authority that Bob Sprabery will move near Oplin soon.

Mr. John W. Taylor and family of Eagle Cove were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shuford last week, also Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Graham from the Denton community on the Bayou. Mrs. Graham is Mr.

Shuford's sister.

Mr. Bob Vaught has again moved to Oplin to work in the gin this fall.

We are sorry to record the death of Mrs. Henry Childs. She leaves a large family of children, one an infant.

Miss Maude Shuford will open a subscription school at Cottonwood soon to last until the Public school opens, which depends upon the cotton crop.

H. S. Varner will close his school on the 28th.

Mr. Frank Magee is now in this

country. The writer has no idea as to his intentions as Frank seems to be rather absent minded.

Prof. Bates and Prof. Baird are working in the interest of the Stanton School.

The Missionary Baptist are holding a tent meeting at Cottonwood. Rev. Richberg is doing the preaching.

The Christian Church is holding a meeting at Turkey Creek, Preaching by Rev. Harris, the "Boy Preacher."
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FILE REHEARING PETITION

Earnings and Expenses of Railroads in Texas Pass Fiscal Year—Prejudice to Police Prevents New York Citizen Qualifying as Juror.

National Editorial association, in session at St. Paul, Minn., elected Will H. Mayes of Brownwood, Tex., president.

A discussion of the present postal laws and the adoption of resolutions



WILL H. MAYES.

endorsing the postal laws and recommending Third Assistant Postmaster General Lawshe in his efforts to enforce them were the features of the convention.

Rehearing Petition Filed.

At city of Chicago the government's petition for rehearing by the United States court of appeals of the case against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has been filed. It represents, it is authoritatively stated, the administration's attempt to save the Elkins act and the interstate commerce law from becoming futile.

The filing of the petition marked the appearance of Attorney General Bonaparte in the case, as well as that of Frank B. Kellogg, who is special assistant to the attorney general. Besides these two names the petition is signed by Edwin W. Sims, United States district attorney at Chicago, and Special Assistant James H. Wilkerson, both of whom presented the government's side of the case in the original hearing before Judge Landis, who administered the famous fine of \$29,240,000 against defendant company. Although it is not specifically stated in the petition, it was agreed by the counsel for the government in their conference at Lenox, Mass., following the reversal by the appellate court of Judge Landis' decision that if the interpretation of the law given by Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker is allowed to stand successful prosecution of rebate cases against corporations would be impossible in future.

The lawyers at that conference, over which the attorney general of the United States presided, were a unit in expressing the opinion that reforms of rebate brought about by the Roosevelt administration would represent so much time lost unless the upper court can be convinced it is in error in its construction of the law.

Earnings and Expenses.

Railroad commission gave out the following statement of Texas railroads for fiscal year ending June 30, 1908: The statement shows gross earnings for this fiscal year to be \$80,836,481, which is a decrease of \$14,049,795 or 14.81 per cent less than last fiscal year. The commission attributes \$4,531,127 of this decrease to changed methods of bookkeeping of the railroads, operating expenses decreased during this fiscal year \$2,338,958, or 3.32 per cent.

Chairman Mayfield of the railroad commission addressed a letter to Jacob Zeercher, secretary of the Chairmakers' union of Tell City, Ind., which is an answer to a communication from Mr. Zeercher. Chairman Mayfield writes that increase in freight rates may prove a blessing in disguise, as it may result in the establishment of factories in Texas to supply the wants of its people and where freight rates can be regulated; also that it seems this increase of interstate freight rates is assuming a political aspect as significant that rates will only apply to southwest and southeast and no other section.

Dismissed Without Thanks.

An unusual affair occurred in a New York City court.

James Hamilton, an insurance man, was dismissed from further jury service by Judge Malone in general sessions, "without the thanks of the

court," because he puts no faith in the word of a policeman.

Mr. Hamilton had declared in the jury room recently that he would never convict any one on the word of a policeman and largely on that account the jury had failed to agree in the case of a man who has been up for trial before every judge in general sessions. Assistant district attorney McGuire had heard of this. When Mr. Hamilton was called in a case of robbery where a policeman was an important witness he asked him if he would accept the man's evidence as he would the evidence of a civilian.

"I don't want to serve and don't think I ought to," said Mr. Hamilton. "I have a very strong prejudice against the police."

"If you have this strong prejudice against any class of persons," said the judge, "you are not fit to serve. You are discharged from further service and without the thanks of the court."

Parker Speaks at Seattle.

Judge Alton B. Parker spoke at Seattle, Wash.

The meeting, which was held at the Coliseum, under the joint auspices of the King County Democratic club and Bryan Volunteers, was attended by 1,800 persons.

Judge Parker's speech dealt with the issues of the national campaign. He devoted his principal attention to the evils of great corporations, which, he declared, are fostered by the present high tariff. The remedy Judge Parker declared is in lowering the tariff wall, and this he doubted the Republican party would do if continued in power another four years. Judge Parker denounced the idea of Federal control of corporations as the remedy. He recommended a statute imposing a jail sentence upon corporation officers convicted of contributing money to campaign funds.

Delaney Nicol of New York followed Judge Parker in a short address.

Massachusetts Mob Wanted Negro.

Great excitement prevailed at Lynn, Mass.

A mob of 1,500 people with shouts of "lynch him" tried to take away Henry Taylor, a negro aged thirty years, from a reserve officer and had severely pounded Taylor when seven police officers succeeded in getting the prisoner to the station house before he was seriously hurt.

Taylor, who was but recently released from the state prison, was detected, it is alleged, in the act of breaking into a store. Officer Crawley, who attempted to arrest Taylor, was struck over the head with a heavy chisel, and, although dazed, grappled with the negro. Taylor broke away and ran down the street with Crawley in pursuit and discharging his revolver for assistance. The officer, although bleeding from his wound, captured the negro.

Act of Cowards.

A cowardly act occurred at St. Louis.

Seeing a light on the second floor when she returned to her fashionable home on South Kings Highway, boulevard, and believing the place had caught fire, Mrs. Sophia Dunlop, forty-five years of age, hurried to the upper story to find herself confronted by two burglars. They knocked her down, stabbed her in the right temple and escaped. The injury is serious. Mrs. Dunlop, who is the widow of the former superintendent of the terminal railway, lay unconscious for some moments. When she revived she went to a telephone, called up the police and then fainted.

Fined Ten Dollars For Cruelty.

Following took place in New York City court of general sessions:

Mrs. Fannie Maher, a small woman, appeared and charged her husband, James, a giant longshoreman, with cruelty to a kitten in their home. According to Mrs. Maher her husband was lying on a lounge when the kitten stole up and purred against his arm, which was hanging down toward the floor. The man took of his heavy brogan and with one blow paralyzed the kitten. Mrs. Maher called a policeman who shot the animal to put it out of its misery, and then on wife's complaint arrested Maher.

Justice Wyatt fined Maher \$10, which he paid. His wife refused to speak to him in the court room.

Three Girls' Rooms Entered.

Great excitement prevailed at Milton, Fla.

A negro entered three residences. In each instance he was discovered in the room of a girl, indicating his motive was something more than robbery. At one place the scoundrel was fired at several times, but evidently not wounded, for within half an hour he effected entrance into another house.

As soon as the story became known business practically ceased in the town and all joined in the hunt. A pack of bloodhounds went from Pensacola, but so many had crossed the trail of the man that the hounds could not follow it.

Prays For Mercy.

An exciting affair took place at San Antonio.

The police had much difficulty in protecting from a crowd of angry white men a negro, Emory Barnes, charged with an attack on Katherine M. Paul,

a young white child.

The attack occurred on Garden street. The girl's cries attracted a big crowd. A policeman was near by, and after arresting the negro, he had to hurry him to the police station. An angry crowd followed to the jail door. The negro was badly frightened, and begged for protection. He fell on his knees in the city jail and prayed aloud to be spared. He is nineteen years of age.

Baby Born During Runaway.

While John Robsik of Pittsburg, Pa., was driving his family home from a christening the horse ran away and upset the carriage. When Robsik picked up his wife after the accident he found the stork left a fine baby boy. Both were driven home uninjured.

Large Gin Consumed.

The \$15,000 cotton gin at Atkins, sixteen miles south of San Antonio, 150 bales of cotton and 100 tons of cotton seed burned.

Lady Taken From Burning House.

The residence at Maxey, Lamar county, Texas, of W. T. Burke was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Burke, who is ill with typhoid fever, had to be carried out.

MUST PAY BOTH.

Assistant Attorney General Has Ruled Thus.

Austin, Aug. 22.—In furnishing the comptroller with an opinion the attorney general's department, through Assistant General Hawkins, held street railway companies and gas and electric companies are subject to the gross receipts tax law and are not relieved from payment of the occupation tax prescribed by the tax law of 1897; that is, these companies have to pay both taxes. The question came up through M. B. Templeton, attorney for the Cleburne Electric and Gas company, and Tax Collector White of Johnson county, the company claiming it did not have to pay the tax.

Judge Hawkins concludes: "Inasmuch, as similar questions are constantly arising with regard to other classes of taxpayers, I will add that what I have said about this case applies as well to any and all taxpayers mentioned in chapter 18 of the general laws of 1907 of the first called session, which were subject to occupation tax when this statute took effect."

Advices were received of the death at Chicago of John V. Farwell, head of the syndicate which built the capitol in 1882. The state donated to the syndicate 3,000,000 acres as the consideration for building the statehouse. Mr. Farwell was eighty-three years of age. This land is now worth worth or five times what it was valued at then. The secretary of state certified to A. E. Storey, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, the resignation or declination of Colonel R. L. Milner of his candidacy for commissioner of agriculture. The committee will name the candidate to go on the state ticket.

State Superintendent of Education Cousins has announced his list of appointments to scholarships in state normals.

ANSWERS THREE QUESTIONS.

Assistant Attorney General Makes Interesting Replies Thereto.

Austin, Aug. 24.—Answering three questions submitted by W. C. Smith, a member of the city Democratic executive committee of Fort Worth, the attorney general's department, through Assistant Attorney General Walthall, held:

1. The city attorney cannot act in capacity of chairman of city executive committee. He is disqualified from discharging duties of chairman of said committee upon his election as city attorney.

2. In case of vacancies occurring in executive committee, the Terrell election law does not provide any methods of filling vacancies; therefore, it is held that all such vacancies should be filled by a majority of the members of the committee.

3. As there was nothing done towards electing a new executive committee by primary or convention, the old committee, as now constituted, should call a meeting thirty days before the next city election, at which a new executive committee should be selected, to serve during the ensuing term, consisting of one member from each ward in the city.

J. W. Reid, for the past two years certificate clerk in the department of education, has been appointed chief clerk of the department by State Superintendent Cousins, effective immediately. Reid succeeds F. M. Martin, lately appointed superintendent of city schools of El Paso.

The Twentieth senatorial Democratic convention met here and elected John E. Shelton chairman. The votes for senator of this district were canvassed and showed Colonel J. L. Peeler's majority to be 1,198 and he was declared the nominee. A resolution was adopted commending the position taken by Colonel Peeler, that if majority of the Democrats in this district voted against submission he would also vote against it believing this to be true Democratic doctrine. As this district went against submission by 1,706 votes Colonel Peeler is pledged to vote against submission.

Railroad Commissioner Colquitt has returned from a tour of inspection of the Texas Central railway, accompanied by Engineer Thompson. Mr. Colquitt did not care to say what re-

sults of his trip make as to the physical condition of the road, as he said it would be embodied in his report to the commission. He said, however, that the depot facilities of that road at Waco, about which there has been much complaint, would receive consideration.

Two New Oil Wells.

Shreveport, Aug. 24.—Two new wells were drilled in the Caddo oil field. One well, owned by B. G. Dawes, a member of congress residing at Marietta, O., is located at Vivian, and the other, drilled by the Caddo Gas and Oil company, is one mile north of Oil City. Both are said to be good producers, and they have been capped.

Involves Previous Issues.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The answer of the Texas railroads to the complaint against increased freight rates involves the same issues as those raised in the case of the railroads in the southwestern territory as well as other sections of the country.

Seven Prisoners Escape.

Fort Worth, Aug. 25.—Seven of the twenty-four prisoners in the city prison escaped through a hole in the ceiling. Three were under penitentiary sentences.

Slain Stealing Melons.

Paris, Tex., Aug. 25.—A negro alleged to have been stealing watermelons was shot to death near here by one of his race.

Dallas Man Shot to Death.

Dallas, Aug. 25.—In a difficulty D. A. Jarratt fired a pistol three times and Emmett Davis a shotgun. Jarratt was killed.

Expires on Street Car.

Dallas, Aug. 24.—Edward Hill, sixty-three years old, expired on a street car.

\$50.00 Reward.

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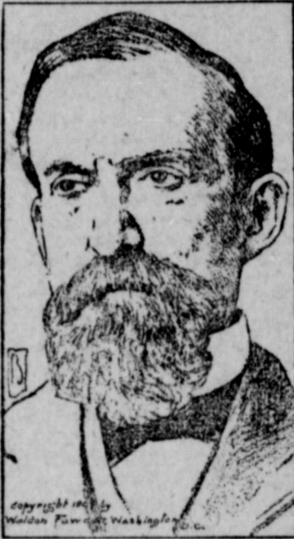
Informed He Is the Nominee For Vice President.

HE DWELLS UPON TARIFF

Mr. Bryan, Who Was Present, Dealt With the Trust Question—Exercises Take Place at the Indiana State Fair Grounds, Vast Throng on Hand.

Indianapolis, Aug. 25.—The fourteen railways and traction lines entering this city brought great numbers of people to attend the notification of Hon. John W. Kern of his nomination by the Democratic national convention for the vice presidency of the United States. Among notable men present were Hon. W. J. Bryan, Senator Culberson and Chairman Mack of the national committee. The latter gentlemen were entertained at Mr. Kern's residence.

Twenty-four automobiles conveyed the members of the notification committee and others from the Denison



JOHN W. KERN.

hotel to the state fair grounds, a four-mile ride. There was an immense attendance in the Coliseum, where the ceremonies took place.

In his speech informing Mr. Kern of the honor conferred upon him Hon. T. E. Bell of California, chairman of the notification committee paid high tribute to the nominee and praised Democracy.

After felicitously acknowledging the honor that had been conferred upon him by the Denver convention and expressing his pleasure and satisfaction in being associated with Mr. Bryan on the ticket, Mr. Kern arraigned the Republican party for what he alleged was the establishment of a "parliamentary condition in the interest of monopoly, under which the sole power to determine whether a measure should be allowed to become a law or not was lodged in the speaker of the house of representatives," citing number of cases in support of his contention. The principal part of his address was devoted to the tariff.

Among other things Mr. Kern said: If the wages of labor depend upon a high tariff, why should any man favor a reduction of that tariff? If, after eleven years of surpassing prosperity, brought about by the Dingley bill, business languishes, and labor suffers, why not excite some more "rosinate expectations" by raising the tariff rates, to the end that there may be a much needed revival of business, and that labor may again find employment?

The voters of America are not likely to be deceived as to the tariff question by the stock arguments of the opposition.

Thinking people of all classes are becoming interested in the moral aspect of this question. The president in vigorous language has pointed out the evils which have grown out of the existence of "swollen fortunes," the most of which have been amassed by the beneficiaries of this system.

Senator La Follette in a speech delivered in the senate last March exhibited a list of less than one hundred men, who, he declared, controlled the industrial life of the nation, and held in their hands the business of the country. A casual reading of this list shows that it is made up of men who have been the beneficiaries of legislation or favorites in the administration of the law.

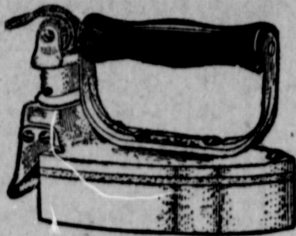
The president rails against swollen fortunes as menaces to the public welfare and as promotive of evils which eat at the very heart of society. As remedies he has suggested an income tax and an inheritance tax, that their growth may be to some extent checked.

Concluding, the nominee used these words:

Gentlemen, we enter upon this campaign with every prospect of success. Never has a political platform been received with such favor by all classes of people, and never has a candidate been presented by any party who was closer to the hearts of the people than our matchless standard bearer, William J. Bryan.

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He said that nowhere does the Republican party show its indifference to real reform more than in its treatment of the trust question.

"Competition, he declared, protects the purchaser, for when a number of independent producers stand ready to supply him with what he needs, he can choose between them and buy from the one who offers the best product at the lowest price. He is also protected in quality because of those who compete for the opportunity.

The Democratic party, Mr. Bryan asserted, is the defender of competition, and the only great party which is seeking to restore competition."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the P. O. at Baird Texas, for the week ending Aug. 24, 1908. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

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C. M. Brandt, 2.
Mr. A. L. Kavanaugh.
Mr. John Royal.
Mr. Estirn Stewart.

J. V. McMANIS, P. M.

Full Rendition.

EDITOR BAIRD STAR: The full rendition seems to be the topic of the day. Like all other schemes among politicians it is to hoodoo the farmers and stock raisers, who are forced to buy their lands from land agents, pay big prices and give vendors lien notes, consequently the tax on the value of the land to the State and interest on the notes to the holder with all special taxes upon the same. While the banker, the merchant, the loan association, with their good money accounts and notes are not effected. As for the Railroad companies, they gather their tax money from their traffic, which the shipper and consumer must pay. If there was ever a time for farmers and stockraisers to demand a repeal of any act of the legislature it is now and that of the full rendition law.

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Col. R. Q. Mills, who went to Baltimore a few weeks ago to have an operation performed, went through the ordeal successfully and will soon return home. His friends all over Texas hope he will speedily recover. Col. Mills is seventy-six years old.

Somebody has presented Bryan with a trick mule for a mascot. No one can ride the brute. Send some Texas cow boy up there to break that mule. Callahan County has a number of cow boys we could name that would ride him as long as he wears hair or hide.

John N. Simpson the Republican nominee for Governor of Texas is a well known cow man. He once owned a large cattle ranch where the city of Abilene now stands. That was more than thirty years ago. Nearly all the old time West Texas stockman know Simpson personally and all speak well of him.

Will Sargent, well known in West Texas, and a warm friend of Senator Bailey says it is well known among the Senator's close friends that he is suffering from cancer of the throat. This is denied by Senator Baileys friends who claim that they have visited him recently. Even those who oppose Senator Bailey hope there is nothing in the report that he has cancer.

Some Democrats express the belief that the negro riots in Illinois will help the Democrats in the North. THE STAR does not expect any help worth mentioning among the negroes for the Democratic ticket, because naturally, the negro is republican, but at any rate the riots won't hurt the democrats any. It will scare the republicans and make them work all the harder to get what they would have got anyway—the negro vote.

The old time Democrats are most all in the Bryan band wagon. Henry Watterson is there and is a whole team by himself. Judge Parker has opened the National Campaign for the ticket. Dick Croker the old time Tammany boss is coming home from Ireland to help Bryan. Former Gov. D. B. Hill of New York is coming home and take the stump for Bryan too. So Bryan may well sing, "Cheer, Cheer: The gang's all here"

In the light of disclosures that have been made since the awards for school books have been made, Gov. Campbell's Text Book Board must have been very careless in examining the books. Aside from any other defects a number of the books are distinctly of a northern sentiment that rasps on the feelings of the people of the south. It seems that Gov. Campbell's lobbying friends were more concerned about securing awards for their clients than for the quality of the books palmed off on the people of Texas, who have to foot the bills for all this monkey business in changing the text-books every five years. While Gov. Campbell is not censured personally, it certainly is unfortunate for him that all this petty business should have come up this time.

Lest we forget: The Democrats of Callahan county defeated submission by one hundred and fifty-five majority, but the three votes of this county was cast "for submission" in the State Convention just the same. If the primary election was not binding then all the losing side on any question had to do was to practice shrewd politics, capture the convention and nullify the vote of the people. The Terrell election law certainly has lots of loose screws in it somewhere. If a primary election is not binding in either law or morals it is a disgrace to keep such a law on the statute books.

It is not certain that there will be any prohibition election next year after all the whooping and hurraing over the question. The antis will have enough votes in the next legislature, whose constituents have instructed them to vote against submission, to defeat the measure if they obey instructions. The antis are in position to say what shall be done and they can permit or refuse to allow an election. The pros threaten to pass a state prohibition bill if the antis refuse to vote for a constitutional convention; but the antis consider this all a bluff, because they do not believe it will be constitutional neither do the pros for that matter. The antis may force the hand of the pros on this if they run the bluff too far and let them pass a state prohibition law that cannot stand in the courts. Lots of antis, however, are in favor of having the election next year and be done with it. Some want the question settled, no matter how it goes and many are confident the people will vote it down and that would, they believe, settle it for twenty years or more.

Every time a resolution condemning the employment of members of the legislature or congress by public service corporations is offered in a Texas convention it is opposed on the ground that it is a reflection on someone. Why? Things have come to a pretty pass in the Democratic party in Texas when one of the most pernicious practices of legislators and congressmen cannot be condemned without stirring up a row because somebody's toes may get mashed. Without reference to any one in particular it is a notorious fact that such practice is wrong and has done more to corrupt politics than all other causes. Yet in Texas we dare not fight such abuse lest we hurt some politician. We had a little taste of that in the Judicial Convention here last Saturday, but the resolution passed for, a wonder. A similar resolution was overwhelmingly defeated in the State Convention, and Callahan county is on record as casting three votes against it. At the Judicial Convention Saturday Callahan county's three votes were cast solid for the resolution. People who know the real sentiment of this county know that the vote of this county in the State convention did not represent the sentiment of the Democrats of this county, and that the vote in the Judicial convention did.

Will H. Mayes, of the Brownwood Banner-Bulletin, was unanimously elected President of the National Editorial Association at St. Paul, last Thursday. This is a great honor, bestowed on a worthy man. Will Mayes is one of the best men in Texas and every newspaper man is his friend and feels honored at his preferment. In the news columns of this issue will be found a cut of Will's phisog. The only thing wrong about the cut is that it rather flatters the genial editor of the B-B.

Lambert Bros. have sold their ice business to Mose Franklin. There is not enough business for two dealers so it is claimed, but a good business for one.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

The 42d Judicial District Convention met at Baird last Saturday. John W. Robbins called the convention to order at 10 a. m. Otis Bowyer, of Baird, was elected chairman and Judge W. L. Morris, of Albany, was elected Secretary. The vote of the District having been announced it was found that Judge Thos. L. Blanton, having received a plurality of the votes cast for District Judge, he was declared the nominee for that office. W. P. Mahaffey, present incumbent, was nominated for District Attorney.

W. R. Ely offered a resolution condemning the practice of senators and representatives acting as agents or attorneys for public service corporations. Judge Morris oppsed this on the ground that it reflected on Senator Bailey, and a lively debate followed, but the resolution passed by an overwhelming majority. Judge Morris cast one half of Shackelford's vote against the resolution and Judge Blanton cast one half for it. Callahan, Eastland and Stephens voted solidly for the resolution. Taylor county was not represented.

The national platform and nominees were indorsed.

W. A. Calvin was unanimously indorsed for Commissioner of Agriculture to succeed R. T. Milner.

Judge W. P. Sebastian, of Stephens county, was a delegate and N. W. Noell, of Cisco, represented Eastland county. Hon. J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, was present, but not as a delegate.

J. W. Robbins was re-elected chairman of the District by the Executive Committee.

Vote by Counties: For District Judge. Shackelford, Hill 58; Calhoun, 60; Hammons 3; Blanton 333.

Stephens. Hill 86; Calhoun 358; Hammons 14; Blanton, 540.

Taylor. Hill, 1000; Calhoun, 526; Hammons, 25; Blanton, 777.

Eastland. Hill, 223; Calhoun, 1274; Hammons, 89; Blanton, 1057.

Callahan. Hill, 391; Calhoun, 306; Hammons, 15; Blanton, 903.

Total vote: Hill, 1758; Calhoun, 2524; Hammons, 146; Blanton, 3610.

For District Attorney: Shackelford, W. P. Mahaffey, 97; W. J. Cunningham, 223; W. L. Grogan, 119.

Stephens. W. P. Mahaffey, 505; W. J. Cunningham, 285; W. L. Grogan, 222.

Taylor. W. P. Mahaffey, 885; W. J. Cunningham, 1132; W. L. Grogan, 345.

Eastland. W. P. Mahaffey, 1199; W. J. Cunningham, 784; W. L. Grogan, 442.

Callahan. W. P. Mahaffey, 546; W. J. Cunningham, 582; W. L. Grogan, 575.

Total Vote: Mahaffey, 3232; Cunningham, 3006; Grogan, 1684.

Misses Commora and Lillie Moon, of Eastland are visiting Mrs. M. E. Moon this week.

J. R. STOKES President HENRY JAMES V. B. L. RUSSELL Cashier
W. S. HINDS Assistant Cashier

The First National Bank of Baird
Capital Stock \$50,000.00

A BANK'S FIRST DUTY is to its depositors. The business of this bank is conducted on this basis, which is, in truth, SECURITY AND CONSERVATISM. Safety is considered before profits.

NO OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR STOCKHOLDER OWES THIS BANK A CENT.

We feel justified in asking for your banking business, assuring you always, courteous treatment and satisfactory service.

BAIRD COLLEGE.

The Board of Baird College is pleased to announce that Prof. W. F. Flaniken, a strong college man, has been secured to take charge of the school. An able faculty is being selected to organize and maintain a systematic and thorough school.

The College will open Thursday, Sept. 3, 1908 at 9 o'clock a. m. with an appropriate exercise to which the public is cordially invited.

Mrs. W. F. Flaniken, who has charge of the music department, is experienced and especially qualified, being a student of Kidd-Key College Sherman; Wilbur MacDonald, Southwestern Conservatory, Dallas; and Emil Liebng, Chicago.

MARRIED.

Mr. Leonard Looney and Miss Beulah Terry were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Terry at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, August 23, 1908. Rev. J. M. Joiner, pastor of the Baptist Church officiating. It was a quiet home wedding, only the family and a few friends and relatives being present. We extend congratulations and good wishes to the young people.

DIED.

Mr. J. A. Jordan, living in the east part of town, died early Sunday morning after a long illness having been confined to his bed for the past nine months. The remains were entered in the City Cemetery, Monday evening.

Mr. Jordan was born May 1, 1842, died August 23, 1908, aged 66 years three months and 22 days.

The family have only been living here a short time having come here for Mr. Jordan's health.

J. E. Gilliland is still confined to his home. He is suffering with bladder trouble and Dr. Powell the attending physician, advises him that an operation is necessary. They had not definitely decided when the operation should be made when we went to press yesterday evening, though possibly tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

42d District composed of the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Taylor:

THOMAS L. BLANTON, of Albany.

For District Attorney.

W. P. MAHAFFEY.

For State Senator 28th Dist.

W. J. BRYAN.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

For County Judge.

C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

T. A. (Al) IRVIN.

For Tax Assessor.

T. J. NORRELL.

For County Clerk.

GEO. B. SCOTT.

For District Clerk

C. W. (Wilburn) TAYLOR.

For County Treasurer.

W. E. (Eugene) MELTON.

For County Attorney

R. L. ALEXANDER

For Public Weigher Baird District

J. R. PRICE

For County Superintendent.

R. D. GREEN.

For Commissioner Pre No. 1.

W. A. HINDS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2.

PHILLIP YOST.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3.

GEO. ANTHONY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4.

J. G. (Jack) AIKEN.

For Constable Pre. No. 1

W. C. ASBURY.

J. H. Hampton, of Hillsboro, visited his old friend, Ed Yarbro, west of town this week. Ed says they were raised together back in Hill county, but Ed left there when about 18 years of age and the boys have not met since, more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Hampton left for home Wednesday.

Prof. W. F. Flaniken has arrived and he and his wife have rooms at Mrs. Works. Prof. Flaniken will have charge of the Baird College the coming session, which begins Thursday, Sept. 3d. Prof. Flaniken says he is much gratified at the interest the people have taken in the College and the promises of support for the next session.

NEW SADDLE AND HARNESS HOUSE,



Hart & Pruitt

BAIRD, TEXAS

We have opened our doors for business and kindly invite you to come and see us. We will carry at all times a complete line of Saddles, Harness, Buggies, Guns, Ammunition, Fishing Tackle, Etc. All repair work neatly done on short notice.

Highest in Quality---Lowest in Price

Shall be our motto. A wise man never overlooks a bargain, everything we sell comes under that head. We make a specialty of our own make of harness, try them.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND

Arrives.
No. 4. Through train, Mail. 11:15 a. m.
No. 6. Mail. 12:50 a. m.
No. 8. Ft Worth local, no mail 9:45 a. m.

WEST BOUND

Arrives.
No. 5. Toyah local, mail. 4:10 a. m.
No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail. 4:00 p. m.
No. 3. Through train, no mail 7:10 p. m.
J. B. HARMON, Agent.

PERSONAL

Harry Ebert was in town Monday.

When going hunting rent your gun from Hart & Pruitt. 40tf

Charley Yost, of Tecumseh was in town Wednesday.

Capt. J. W. Jones was in from his Clear Creek ranch Saturday.

See Hart & Pruitt for cotton pickers sacks. 40tf

Boys and girls school shoes; look before you buy. H. F. Foy. 40-3

Will Dawkins, of Admiral, was in town Monday.

Buy your knee pads from Hart & Pruitt. 40tf

Olin Jones, of Admiral, was in town the first of the week.

Let Hart & Pruitt mend your troubles by doing quick repairing. 40

Oscar Lambert and Wm. May were in from the Bayou Saturday.

Mrs. Rucker, of Jim Ned, was the guest of her cousin, C. H. Mahan, and family, this week.

For Rent.—A Residence in the north-west part of Baird. Apply to 40tf Virgil Jones.

Men's shoes and shirts. Women's goods and skirts as cheap as dirt at H. F. Foy's. 40-3

Eugene Aycock, Sumner Harris and others were in from Oplin after lumber this week.

Hart & Pruitt for hand made harness. We give special orders our prompt attention. 40tf

Wm. May and Misses Kate Latimer and Lafa Lambert were in from the Bayou the first of the week.

Let us clean your old harness. We make them look as good as new. Hart & Pruitt. 40

Mrs. L. E. Shaw has returned from a visit to Baird and Merkel.—Strawn Enterprise.

Mrs. A. F. Jones and daughter, Nell, have returned from a pleasant visit to Baird and Merkel.—Strawn Enterprise.

Mrs. L. D. Boyd, of Baird, attended the marriage of her sister, Miss Stuart to Prof. C. E. Maxwell last Wednesday night.—Strawn Enterprise.

Mrs. H. Schwartz left last Saturday night for St. Louis to join Mr. Schwartz who is there buying goods. Mrs. Schwartz will probably go on to Chicago before returning home.

A deal was made the first of the week in which the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company purchased the Hinds Lumber Company including stock, sheds and property on which same was located. In this transaction many thousands of dollars changed hands as the Hinds Lumber Company was one of the biggest lumber concerns in the city. The stock of lumber secured in the deal will be closed out and the property placed on the market. Mr. Hinds will probably engage in business in Oregon and his loss to the business and social circles of this city will be keenly felt.—Big Springs Herald.

DR. COX'S Barbed Wire LINIMENT

Guaranteed to Heal Without Leaving a Blemish or Money Refunded



Picture No. 1 shows wound clear across breast of horse, 18 inches long and so deep could lift windpipe and wash under it. 12 bottles 50 cent size healed in eight weeks without blemish as shown in picture No. 2.

PRICE \$1.00, 50c, 25c
The 25 cent bottles are for family use only
FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS
POWELL & POWELL

We have a jeweler now. Terrell.

Wanted:—Stock to pasture. 40-3p Luciel Bailey, Baird.

Mrs. L. D. Boyd returned Sunday from a visit to her father at Strawn.

We do all kinds of Jewellery repairing at Terrell's. 40tf

Mr. J. R. Jones, of Texarkana, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Luciel Bailey at the ranch.

J. R. Hall, of Covington, Tenn., is visiting A. G. and S. E. Webb, old acquaintances.

Judge W. H. Cliett returned some days ago from a visit to his brother at Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Cooke have gone to Ft. Stockton for a month's visit to relatives.

Messrs H. S. Pratt and Prude, of Stamford, were here last Sunday visiting friends.

Miss Locke Sprawls of Stamford, is visiting the family of Rev. J. H. Chambliss this week.

Mrs. Hayden Williams and children, of Ft. Worth, are visiting R. A. Williams and family here.

If you want the finest of watch and jewelry repairing go to Terrell's drug store. 40tf

Edward Andrews spent Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth and Mineral Wells.

P. H. Miller, of Knox City, of the firm of Miller & Chumney Lumber Co., was in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Percy, of Texarkana, spent the past week here with Clarence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Percy.

J. H. Hill, of Chickasha, T. T., dropped in unexpectedly Monday. Jim says they had plenty of rain up to two week's ago, but was getting a little dry when he left home.

W. D. Boydston, J. C. Barringer, W. S. Hinds, C. E. Hall, W. P. Kershner, J. T. Yeargan and Harry McGowen went to Abilene last Sunday.

I. M. Kimsey, of Dallas, formerly of Baird, made THE STAR office a pleasant call last week. "Kim" is one of the best fellows in Texas; a Republican in faith and a Democrat in practice—most of the time, but says he is going to vote the Republican ticket straight this year as they have a good state ticket in the field.

It's Just as Easy

To sell you pure, fresh, high-grade goods at a reasonable price as the other kind, and that is the reason our business keeps growing. People know that they can depend on the goods they buy at our store as being first-class all the time.



OMEGA FLOUR

Is the talk of the town, it is the best that has ever been produced. Ask your neighbor about it. If you haven't tried it order a sack and if it isn't like we tell you it won't cost you a cent.

McGOWEN BROS.,

Notice, Baird College.

Parties who are contemplating sending students to Baird College please notify B. L. Russell, Otis Bowyer or W. M. Coffman at once.

P. H. Crook, manager of the Light Co. went to Dallas the first of the week to have a steel cog wheel made for one of the engines that broke down Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oliver and Mrs. Frankie Oliver Graham, of Dallas came out the first of last week and joined the fishing party which spent several days on the Bayou. "Bud" returned home Sunday, but Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Graham remained for a visit with their sister, Mrs. H. O. Powell.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

By request of E. B. Bynum I will discuss Missions, with reference to the laymen's movement on next Sunday morning. I would be glad that every member of the church would hear me. J. H. CHAMBLISS.

Private School.

I will begin my school on Monday, Sept. 7th. I earnestly solicit and will appreciate your patronage. DORA B. WARREN.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the people of Baird for the kindness and sympathy shown me during the illness and death of my husband, C. A. Jordan, who departed this life August 23, 1908. May God bless them for their kindness to me in my hour of sorrow. MRS. A. A. JORDAN.

"Where there's a Will there's a Way."

Is an old and very true saying, and in nothing does it apply with more force than in the matter of saving money. Everyone should save some part of his earnings, as it is not what one earns but what he saves that makes wealth. Start a savings account this month with

The Home National Bank of Baird "The Bank that Does Things"

Music Class.

I expect to begin my music class Monday, Aug. 31st. All pupils please meet me at Mrs. Serles' at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

MABEL DANIEL.
Mrs. J. E. Seay and children from near Toyah are visiting J. B. Seay and family.

R. J. Harris, Uncle Billie Smartt, J. H. Harris, John Smartt and other Admirals were in town the first of the week.

R. B. Spencer, of Dublin, came in from the west a few days ago and stopped over to see how Mr. Spencer and the R. B. Spencer & Co. dealers were getting along.

The VANISHING FEET

ILLUSTRATED BY A. WEIL BY ROY NORTON

across the Red Sea had no easier trip than you could make through our lines."

For a moment the courier lost patience, and then as a last resort he decided to make a clean breast of his errand. "Colonel," he said, "I am not an American; I am the secretary of the British embassy in Washington—or was up to the time of this war. I come as a special messenger from my country, bearing important dispatches, which I am to deliver only into the hands of his excellency, the president of the United States. The accomplishment of my mission may have a grave bearing on this conflict, and it possibly may prevent bloodshed."

The colonel turned to one side and threw down the playing cards which he had been holding before making any reply. His companions looked highly interested; but their faces gave no hope.

"Mr. Hillier, there have been at least 20 men before me with similar important messages, many of whom have come direct from other foreign powers. The first of these I took from them and sent forward by special couriers of my own. In each case I was given a reprimand. Come here," he said, and preceded Hillier out into the open, where a bulletin board was nailed against a tree. In the very center of a collection of orders pasted thereon was one which read:

"General Order No. 27,007: Order No. 16,004, which was delivered to all officers, bulletined and read to all men, permits of no modification whatever. It reads: 'No man shall pass through the lines, either in or out, and under no circumstances shall any communication be passed, either in or out, save on the written permit duly sealed and signed by the president of the United States.'"

"Is that emphatic enough?" he asked, turning to Hillier, who reluctantly admitted that it allowed of no misinterpretation.

"But," said the latter half jokingly, "suppose I make a run for it?"

"In that case, Mr. Hillier," the officer answered gravely, "my men would unhesitatingly drill you full of holes, and I should be sorry to see a man whom I take to be a gentleman make such an attempt. This may look like play; but underneath gloved hands along this border are the claws of war. Don't, please, make me unsheath them!"

The secretary, baffled, declined the proffer of a drink, and was promptly escorted back across the Canadian lines; but on the way he made new plans. He was only rebuffed by his first failure, and with doggedness he set his jaws and swore that by some means or other he would go to Washington. Time was becoming more and more valuable, so much of it had been expended in his first inquiries and overtures. He would now be driven to stealth and disguise.

He returned to the city, bought a shabby suit of clothes from a second-hand dealer, checked his luggage in the hotel, put the precious dispatches in a pocket within his shirt, and called for an automobile. The machine carried him rapidly down a well-rolled road till night fell, when he paid the chauffeur, and as an additional precaution for the sake of secrecy walked ahead till satisfied that he had put many miles between himself and anyone who might have observed his coming.

He had seen enough during the day to be convinced that under ordinary circumstances it would be impossible to pass the sentries, whose beats were exceptionally short, and who formed almost a continuous line as far as he had been able to observe. His inquiries had elicited the information that somewhere in the vicinity a small river flowed between the two countries, and he purposed using this tributary of the St. Lawrence as a means to gain the other country. His plan was rendered more tenable because the moon, being in the full, favored him. The night itself seemed most propitious, as from the west a dark bank of clouds was slowly coming forward, promising to lend obscurity at a time when it should be most needed.

Cautiously he proceeded along the river bank, gaining a position in as close proximity to the moving sentries as he dared, then slipped off his clothing, secured it into a bundle, and awaited the moment of darkness.

At the very instant when the edge of the cloud began creeping across the moon he lowered himself quietly into the water and began swimming to-

ward the Canadian line. In his days at Oxford he had been an athlete of note, and in all his later years had maintained excellent physical condition, and was thoroughly at home in the water. He swam with a low stroke, catching breath from the corner of his mouth as he turned his face sidewise, and exposing as little of himself to view as possible. The bundle of clothing lashed to his shoulders proved something of an impediment, but not sufficient to stay his progress. The current caught him now and then, throwing him out of his course, and when he discovered this to be the case he was almost against a bank. Thereafter he lifted his head at intervals, in order that he might remain in the center of the stream. He surmised that he was nearing the line of sentries, and elevated his chin for another glance, when a sudden blinding flash of light smote him in the eyes, causing him instinctively to duck his head. When he came up for air after swimming for some distance under water, the light was still on him, and a drawing voice hailed him from the shore.

"Stranger, when you get tired of swimming you might come in. I guess you'd better, because there's four or five men up beyond me might take you for a duck, and they're all pot hunters."

His chance was lost. He wondered why he had not thought of searchlights, and realized that nothing but the brilliance of the night had prevented their employment at an earlier hour. Fairly gritting his teeth in anger, he swam to the point where the



He Swam to the Point Where the Soldier Stood.

soldier stood, and crawled out upon the beach, seating himself until he could fully recover from his effort and regain his breath. A tall, lean man, whose color emblems showed him to be from Missouri, stood above him, while farther back and at a higher point the buzzing of the caldums and the long restless ray of light showed the location of this searcher of the night. Beneath it he could dimly discern the tower-like structure on which it was mounted.

"You'd better get your clothes on," suggested the sentry; "or, if you want to, I'll call one of the other boys and get him to lend you a few dry duds. Sorry we couldn't have used the light a little sooner and saved you the trouble of swimming up this far and gettin' all wet; but the boss is a little shy on carbons now, so he thought he'd make the moon work for an hour or two this evening."

Hillier, discomfited, started to don his wet clothing; but the guard insisted in homely phrase that he'd be a heap sight better off and run no risk of catching his death of cold if he would just let one of the boys loan him some clothes for a little while, and to this he finally assented. This infinite politeness and good humor, coating inflexibility, was a little trying.

"You seem to keep a pretty good watch along this border," he growled. "Yes, fair to middlin'," the sentry said, with a chuckle. "We've been expecting you all day long. In fact, I suppose you're being expected from here clear through to Vancouver. You're the Englishman that's hankering to go to Washington."

Hillier turned toward him in amazement. What perfection of espionage was this? "For Heaven's sake, man!" he asked his captor in surprise, "how do you do it?"

"Watch that sneak of light for a minute," the sentry answered, and as it leveled its ray along the line he saw here and there field booths with double lines of wire entering and emerging from them. "One's telegraph and telephone, and the other's this freak thing that shows men's photographs. Yes," he concluded, "your picture taken in five different positions has been in there since you first tried to cross the line to-day, and anyway if you'd got past us fellows, you'd have been picked up before you got very far into the interior."

Hillier sat stupefied. "Has anybody ever really got across this line?"

"Yes, three or four of them, here and there, mostly out west where the hills is rougher; but they all got gathered in sooner or later. One of 'em who tried it was a Jap, and the boys accidentally shot him. Another fellow was an Englishman, who made it over from Canada into Detroit, so I've heard."

"What happened to him?" Hillier asked, suspecting that this was the first bearer of the message who had preceded him.

"They didn't want to turn him loose, because he knew too much; so they decided he was a vag, and run him in till the war is over."

Hillier knew now what had been his predecessor's fate, but made no reply.

His informant after a pause continued: "There's been only one accident besides that which happened to the Jap, and that was a poor devil that undertook to go over in one of these newfangled airships. He certainly got his tire punctured all right, and came down mighty sudden." The soldier stopped for a moment and heaved a long sigh, and then concluded in a softer voice: "I was awfully sorry for that fellow. He wa'n't no spy nor nothing like that, but just a young newspaper chap doing the best he knew how to get the goods. He was done for when the boys picked him up. The colonel felt about as sorry as anybody else, and got special permission from the Canadian government to send a squad back with him as a guard of honor."

By this time Hillier had donned the dry garments that had been provided, and stood awaiting the further instructions of his captor. "Well, what am I to do?" he inquired, seeing that the man stood motionless.

"Oh, you can go back across the line, or if you want to one of the boys will find a place for you to bunk till morning. You see, you're kind of a distinguished guest. We all had orders to treat you nicely, and the colonel will have a machine here to take you back wherever you want to go to-morrow."

Baffled by vigilance and overcome by courtesy the secretary, after bidding his captor good-by, retired for the night to a camp cot in the quarters of a lieutenant of infantry. It was long before he succumbed to a sleep of utter exhaustion. He was awakened by a bugle call in the morning, and found his host shaving himself before a small mirror suspended from the tent pole.

"Good morning, Mr. Hillier," the officer said. "Not quite as pleasant quarters as the secretary of the British embassy is entitled to, and not many conveniences; but you're welcome to my razor if you'll wait a minute."

Hillier sat up, rubbing his eyes. Neatly stretched out on a camp stool before him were his shabby clothes, improved by washing, not only dry but pressed. He stared at them in surprise, while the officer laughingly continued:

"Yes, we did the best we could for them; but I don't think you made a friend of my orderly, as he swears he has worked on them all night long, and has requested a day's leave on the strength of it."

Thanking the officer for his hospitality, Hillier slowly garbed himself and stepped through the tent fly. Below him and stretching away as far as the eye could discern were gray-brown embankments, one line within the other, and excavated with military precision.

"Intrenchments," came a voice behind him, observing his curious inspection. "We have to keep the boys busy, and besides the government didn't want to take any chances. Those pits stretch across this continent now, and there won't be any trouble for a good many years to come for people to tell just where the border is located. Like 'em?" he concluded, whimsically.

"No, I can't say that I do," Hillier responded with equal good nature; "but they look business like."

"Oh, they're the goods sure enough," his informant continued; "but that isn't all. See that little mound over there?" and he pointed a bare brown arm over his guest's shoulder. Hillier nodded assent and looked inquiringly at his companion. "Behind that there's a brace of Gatling guns. Got them too every little ways. Never had to fire 'em yet, and hope we never will. But you never can tell. Same work's been done along the Mexican border line; but it's easier to guard. This war certainly has educated a lot of fellows; so that when it's over

there'll be plenty of men can snow caulouses that were never decorated with 'em before. This country's bottled up now as tight as if the Lord Almighty had set a can over it," and he laughed at his own joke.

The motor car was placed at Hillier's disposal as promised; and before night fell he found himself back in his room at the hotel no worse and no better for his experience. For ten days thereafter he made useless attempts to forward his message by every means that his ingenuity could suggest. Once he allowed it out of his hands, intrusting it through extremity to the care of a fisherman, and on the following day, with seals unbroken, it was returned to him by a polite officer of the United States army in civilian dress. Were it not for the gravity of his task he would have come to regard it as a joke, a boy's game of prisoner's base or tag, in which he was always "it."

And then, as if to reproach him for his failure, there came from the clearness of the sky a swift and terrible thunderbolt. It was a message from England reporting the disappearance of that immense fleet which was to follow on his heels, and depended upon the delivery of his message for its immunity from attack. He had taken too long!

Stunned by this overwhelming disaster, shuddering in each nerve, and with every fiber of his body quivering, he sought the seclusion of his room, threw himself upon his bed and buried his face in the pillows. Repeatedly there ran through his mind the self-reproach that had it not been for his failure this shocking toll of war might never have been collected. An armada of greater strength than that which had fought off Cape Trafalgar had sailed gallantly out to its doom, trusting to him to avert disaster, and he in this hour of stress, when the fate of nations hinged upon his resource, had proved inefficient! Over and over he reviewed the struggle he had made to accomplish his mission, but found even in this stern self-criticism no glint of endeavor. But in his hour of bitterness he thought that God might have more kind.

CHAPTER X.

An Emperor Disappears.

Such was the effect of the strange happenings of May and June that the pulse of all Europe seemed trembling and unstable. Men who in all their lives had respected law and society began to question the value of communal authority, when even the most carefully reared power proved unable to protect itself against what appeared to be only one invention. Taxation had created government, which in turn had devised armies and navies and expended more and more money in their equipment. It had now been demonstrated that the discovery of some one's new force, some one engine of destruction more powerful than any other known, could destroy the values of navies and armies in a day. And yet in this frame of mind, where anarchy seemed less terrible and governments at best but weak organizations, the greed for aggrandizement and conquest reasserted itself.

In Russia the revolutionists took heart and hoped to possess the land. In the Balkans, reeking with the blood of past strife, new forces were forming for independence. Rulers of neighboring powers studied the map of Turkey, dreaming of what portion might be seized. China, rehabilitated for aggression by Japan herself, regretted a compact with the smaller country which prevented its seizure, now that it was so terribly weakened.

But the most threatening attitude of all was that of Germany toward Great Britain. The Hohenzollerns, a line of warriors, still held the ancient throne, and the kaiser was ambitious for his country's advancement. An astute ruler of exceptional capacity, he already had advanced Germany's flag of trade beyond all seas, and by this means alone practically dominated all of South America. In all earlier days of this trade conquest the United States had been busied in her home enterprises, saying to herself that when she chose she could find a way to take the traffic of the southern continent with ease. With her eyes swaddled in silly egotism, she had waited till too late, and then, when her bandages were removed, suddenly learned that commercial brains were not confined to America alone. The sleeping giant had lost commercial supremacy in a continent which was hers by right of location and needs, to a race of industrious workers across the sea.

Nor had Germany neglected her fight for trade at home. There, too, she found egotists, so swollen with self-sufficiency that by disastrous tariff methods they had been bested. England, failing to protect her producers had driven her own farmers and carriers from the field, until, as one disgruntled farmer said: "You can't pick up a cabbage in a stall which don't bear the words 'made in Germany.'" And if a new crown was needed for the king, Germany would have stood a fair chance of booking the order. In a natural revulsion which had reached fever heat before the Japanese-American war broke out, England was try-

ing to obstruct his encroachment. The feeling thus engendered between the two nations culminated in one of envy on the part of Great Britain and one of hatred on the part of Germany. The kaiser, calmly reviewing times and conditions, decided that the time had come to strike.

England, with power sadly diminished through the loss of her great fleet, and at the mercy of the United States in her richest colony, stood open to attack. While she was still mourning defeat, Germany took exception to the tariff laws in a very carefully worded message. It was one that under normal circumstances would have provoked demands for apologies, or, in a refusal of such, almost instant war. But now the lion was driven to temporize. That the kaiser hoped for an open rupture and intended to leave no stone unturned for such an outcome, was demonstrated by his sending more curtly worded notes.

The English press retailed these to the public, and accused the kaiser of deliberately plotting war with a foreign country to offset the spread of socialism which threatened him at home, hoping by combat abroad to reunite his own people.

The kaiser demanded an apology from the British press; but Englishmen were not accustomed to bending the knee, even though the lack of flexibility might cause the loss of life. Lacking nothing in bravery, they reluctantly faced a crisis rather than brook humiliating domination. Their answer therefore was bellicose.

Germany at once began an ominous assembling of her fleets in strategic waters from which on a moment's notice they might sail forth. France stood diplomatically aloof, hoping perhaps that when the world had wearied of fighting she might be in a position to gain by plunging into the fray. Alsace Lorraine was still mourned, and her monument in the Place de la Concorde draped.

Then, at the very moment when it seemed that England would be compelled to beat back an invading army from her shores there came an unexpected lull. The British press had been predicting a declaration of war within 24 hours, when the change took place. At the first day's delay the well informed wondered, and when two days had passed, and finally three, it became certain that some very unusual event had taken place in Berlin.

Rumors began to creep to London, to Paris, and soon the whole world knew, despite Germany's attempts to keep the matter a secret, that on the very eve of a crisis the kaiser, the most dominant figure in Europe, had disappeared. No, was that all.

As if to emphasize the fact that it could have been through no mental aberration that he had gone, the chancellor of Germany had disappeared at the same time. That something inexplicable had taken place was known within a few hours after the kaiser and chancellor were last seen. On the night of their disappearance they had been closeted together with the most trusted military adviser of the empire. This latter officer, fatigued by duties which had tried him beyond his years, had left the consultation at midnight. In the room where it was held there was a telephone used only by certain privileged ones who, by means of a stated signal to the switchboard operator, could gain communication. Who these were none but the kaiser knew.

This operator told the secret service men of the empire that a few minutes past midnight he had answered a call and received the password which caused him to make the desired connection with the emperor's telephone, and a conversation of some minutes ensued, which, owing to the arrangement of the instruments, he was unable to hear.

The guards of the palace were called to the council room and instructed by the kaiser in person to admit a man who would present a plain card within a few minutes. They reported that a carriage drove up to the outer gates and a gentlemanly appearing stranger who spoke perfect German handed out a slip of pasteboard on which nothing whatever was printed or engraved. Fearing, despite their master's instructions, that the man might be an anarchist, the guards had hesitated, whereupon the visitor, reading their suspicions, told them that they might search him if they wished, which they did. This was carried out with even more than ordinary care, and the man was found to have absolutely nothing in his pockets. He was dressed in the regulation dinner suit, as if he had lately come from some club.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

When you see Powell think of drugs. 10-1f

See McGowen Bros. for groceries.

You want to eat, McGowen Bros. have what you want and in any quantity you want. 38

TOLD IN FEW WORDS.

Austria has withdrawn her soldiers from Macedonia.

Garvin, Okla., will issue \$10,000 schoolhouse bonds.

Rain in the Louisiana rice belt has done great damage.

Orient railway track has been laid into Foard county, Texas.

Mexico will spend several million dollars improving ports.

Main office of the El Paso smelter was damaged \$3,000 by fire.

Traffic officials predict an early and large increase in railroad business.

Captain P. S. Smith, a dredging expert, passed away at Galveston.

Dr. C. E. Engleman, shot at Bee, south of Milburn, Okla., expired.

Temple, Tex., is to have a broom factory employing thirty-five hands.

J. J. Sheely was struck by a railroad car at Dallas and seriously injured.

A \$4,000 cotton gin is to be installed at Water Valley, near San Angelo, Tex.

Wichita Falls, Tex., is to have a \$75,000 wholesale and retail furniture company.

Mrs. Oettle Oberlander was found dead in bed at Denison; heart failure, said coroner.

The safe of the Orient Oil company at Oklahoma City was blown, but no cash secured.

Miss Trullie Richmond of Ennis, Tex., goes as a Southern Methodist missionary to Brazil.

Senor Obaldia will be officially notified Sept. 30 of his election as president of Panama.

From three trees Dr. G. W. Gray of Terrell, Tex., gathered forty-eight bushels of pears.

Sept. 10 Vernon, Tex., will vote on a \$46,500 waterworks and sewerage bond proposition.

Andres Vassan, a young Mexican, was killed by lightning twenty miles from Beville, Tex.

A bridge was dynamited near a coal mine in Jefferson county, Alabama, north of Birmingham.

Denton county, Texas, has \$38,586.19 in the treasury, drawing interest from the county depository.

Taxable values of Taylor county, Texas, foot up \$12,340,000. Last year they were \$7,800,000.

W. E. Mitchell was killed by lightning while in the woods near Barado, Walker county, Texas.

Frank Teague had three fingers cut off his right hand in the Bonham (Tex.) Foundry works.

Thomas Carroll, for thirty-five years an employe of the Texas and Pacific railway, died at Dallas.

F. W. Moore died at Lyford, Tex., after an amputation of a leg due to a bullet wound in the knee.

Deal to combine over fifty cotton mills in Louisiana and Mississippi is said to be about completed.

The body of Julius Wratenhorst, a tailor, was found floating in the Mississippi river at New Orleans.

Treasurer Haskell of the Democratic national committee received a \$10 donation from Havana, Cuba.

Williams Hardware company's establishment at Shreveport was robbed of \$400 worth of goods.

Every school district in Big Pasture of Oklahoma opened to settlement, will have school facilities this fall.

Attorney General Jackson of New York says he has instituted proceedings against alleged coal monopoly.

Oklahoma corporation commission has ordered the Santa Fe railway to resume running of two daily trains.

C. L. Smith Lumber company plant at Merryville, La., has been sold to J. M. West of Houston for \$500,000.

W. A. Johnson, alleging personal injuries, has sued the Austin (Tex.) Electric Street Railway company for \$60,000.

Charles van Studdford, one of the wealthiest young men of St. Louis, was thrown from a horse and seriously hurt.

National Association of Attorneys General, in session at Denver, elected W. R. Fletcher of Mississippi president.

Texas Christian university will be established at Midland, Tex., that city agreeing to give the \$30,000 bonus asked.

During a fight at a fandango at Knickerbocker, Tex., Tomas Soto was killed and Pedro Lopez felled at San Antonio.

A stalk of cotton raised near Morrison, Okla., by Dewey Elwood is five feet high and contains eighty-one squares.

A. Warren and E. C. Loveless were hit by a train near Lawton, Okla., while walking along the track and badly injured.

After Sept. 6 through trains will be run on the Trinity and Brazos Valley railway from Fort Worth and Dallas to Galveston.

According to Bradstreet's, last week there were 2-3 business failures in the United States. Same time in 1907 they numbered 249.

After a lingering illness J. Harvey Anderson, auditor of Hunt county, Texas, died at Greenville. He was a Mason of high rank.

The Katy railway is making \$300,000 of improvements at Dallas. This includes filling in of several acres and erection of a roundhouse.

Increase of business has resulted in the Wichita Valley railway putting on another daily train between Wichita

Falls, Tex., and Dallas, every Sunday.

W. H. Abel, a former Texas railroad man, is now assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton railway, with headquarters at Kansas City.

A decision by the umpire in a baseball game at Sylvania, Mo., caused a fight between spectators and players. Eleven persons were hurt, one perhaps fatally.

The sixteen-month-old foster child of J. D. Sayre of Paris, Tex., was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver. A five-year-old boy was in the room.

RAILROAD REPLIES.

That Company Answers Texas Commission's Charges.

Galveston, Aug. 24.—Prior to the advancement of interstate rates on Aug. 10 the Texas railroad commission sent Commissioner Mayfield and Senator Culberson to Washington to appear before the interstate commerce commission in protest against the advance.

Assistant Attorney General Pollard and Mr. Mayfield prepared complaints against several of the railroads entering Texas, asserting that the advance in rates was not justified by the conditions, and set forth that the interstate commerce commission had, on a previous occasion, declared rates into Texas from St. Louis as unreasonable. These documents were filed with the interstate commission on Aug. 10, and now comes the Santa Fe railroad and its branches, against whom complaint is made, with a joint answer.

They deny collusion in the making of rates; deny that the rates complained of were unjust or unreasonable, and set up that by reason of decreased earnings they were required to derive more revenue from some source.

The history of the Texas railroads is set forth, it being asserted that many of the lines were built ahead of the demand, and emerged only from receiverships with the assistance of their creditors. Slow development and low rates are complained of. It is asserted that earnings will not increase to the extent predicted, and upon which the Texas complaint placed a certain amount of reliance.

The value of the Santa Fe lines was set forth in the complaints, and now the Santa Fe denies that the figures were correct, and at considerable length quotes figures to show it. Large crops and prosperous conditions last year and the year before made earnings abnormally large, which abnormally is not considered a proper basis for the making of rates. Reference is made to the 4 per cent allowed by Texas railroads as a fair profit by the commission, the assertion being made that it is not enough.

It is asked that the Wabash Railway company be made a party.

One Burglar Shot.

DeKalb, Tex., Aug. 24.—Three negroes burglarized the jewelry shop of Judge Owens, located in T. J. Michael & Co.'s store. John Haskins, another negro, saw the light and went up and got C. G. Crump, and when a negro came out of the store Mr. Crump shot him, and it is thought the negro will die. The other two negroes were caught, and are in jail. All of the goods were recovered.

Three Bodies Excavated.

Denison, Aug. 22.—While excavating for dirt at Warner Junction the bodies of three persons wrapped in blankets were discovered, apparently Indians. Two were grown persons and the other a child. Whether they were victims of foul play is not known. They apparently had been dead some time. The impression is the persons were murdered and brought there for burial.

Dam Breaks.

Kaufman, Tex., Aug. 24.—Rain caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage to this city and vicinity in three hours amounting to 12 3/4 inches, breaking the city dam at the waterworks, which held in check some 125 acres of water, and making property to be endangered through lack of facilities for fighting fire. Lightning struck the hay barn of W. A. Smith, located in the city limits. Fire ensued. The city's supply of water was cut off.

Will Utilize Gas.

San Angelo, Tex., Aug. 22.—The street car company is installing a number of gas engines and a plant for manufacturing gas. This will be used as a motive power for driving the dynamos to furnish electricity to operate their cars. The gas engine is displacing steam in many places to drive dynamos for street cars and other electric systems.

Warehouse Managers to Meet.

Fort Worth, Aug. 25.—President D. J. Neill of the Texas Farmers' union says all warehouse managers are to meet at Galveston Sept. 28-29 to determine upon a plan for handling the cotton crop. Mr. Neill says farmers will sell direct to spinners' buyers.

Amputation Necessary.

Mount Pleasant, Tex., Aug. 24.—While out hunting near Cypress Switch, six miles south of here, Andrew Jackson, colored, was accidentally shot through a leg and ankle. He was reaching up through the vines for muscadines when his gun fell from his shoulder and was discharged. Amputation of the leg was necessary.

Sherman's First Bale.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 24.—Sherman received the first bale of cotton Sat-

The New York Cash Store

Here be your Mecca, where on sight, if shopping memories fail,
A man sees almost everything. Cash Store can have for sale,
Mid endless choice of Racket Goods, from bric-a-bac and things,
Much needed in each household to a Cupid, bow and wings:
A puzzle 'tis to say what's not, and not what is in sight,
Not many things being absent, if you use your X Ray right.
Suppose you start, may be, with pins, silk ribbon or say hose,

AND

By sure degrees you'll find on dress, just all as fashion goes,
Ready-to-wear too furnishings and everything galore
On what you calculate at Hammans Brothers Store
So call at will you're welcome as the flowers are in May
You'll find we do not want the earth that's not the Hammans way.

The New York Cash Store

We Sell for Cash---We Sell for Less

PRICE & TRULOVE

Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries

Give us a trial we will appreciate your order and will deliver your goods promptly to any part of city.

TELEPHONE No. 114 YOUR ORDERS.

SEAY & HASH BROS.

LIQUOR DEALERS
STRAWN, TEXAS

Hill & Hill,—bonded—per gallon	\$5.00
Casco,—bonded—per gallon	4.50
Guethelmer,—bonded—per gallon	5.50
Dixie Rye,—case goods—per gallon	4.00
Bond & Lillard—case goods—per gallon	4.00
McBrayer—case goods—per gallon	4.00
Mellwood—case goods—per gallon	4.00
Texas Club—case goods—per gallon	4.00
International—barrell goods—per gallon	4.00
International—case goods—per quart	1.25

All original packages. Money must accompany all orders, and they will have prompt attention.

SEE OUR NEW LINE OF WALL PAPER

We have just received a beautiful line of new Wall Paper, the latest designs and prices are right. Come to us for Drugs, Fishing Tackle, Paints, Oils, Jewellery, &c.

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CLUBBING RATES.

THE STAR and Dallas News one year. \$1.75.

THE STAR and Houston Post one year. \$1.75.

THE STAR and Fort Worth Record one year. \$1.75.

Twenty-fifth Year.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Main University, Austin;
Medical Department, Galveston.
Co-Educational. Tuition Free.

ANNUAL EXPENSES \$180. AND UPWARDS.

Session opens Wednesday, September 23d, 1908.

COLLEGE OF ARTS: Courses leading to the Degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Professional courses for teachers, leading to elementary, advanced and permanent certificates.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: Degree courses in civil, electrical and mining engineering.

LAW DEPARTMENT (in its new building): Three-year course, leading to Degree of Bachelor of Laws, with State license.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Regular University and Normal course; seven weeks. Session 1909 begins June 12th. For catalogue, address

WILSON WILLIAMS, Registrar

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: Session, eight months, opening September 28th. Four years course in medicine; two-years course in pharmacy; three-year course in nursing. Thorough laboratory training. Exceptional clinical facilities in John Sealy Hospital. University Hall, a dormitory for women students of medicine. For catalogue, address

W. S. CARTER, Dean.

A Big Reduction on lawns at Boydston's Dry Goods Store. 32-tf

The Lawns at Boydston's are the prettiest in town and the price has been reduced so much. 32-tf

If you have a bicycle, sewing machine, graphophone, gun, pistol, typewriter or anything in that line that needs repairs bring it to us. Baird Machine Co., Harry Berry, Mgr. 25-tf

NOTICE.

I will pay \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of stealing any horses, mules or cattle belonging to any citizen of Callahan County. 2-tf

T. A. IRVIN, Sheriff.

Fire and Tornado insurance. 30

Martin Barnhill.

Go to Boydston's and get some of those cheap lawns 32-tf

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

The Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties will pay above reward for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this Association, in good standing. 32-tf

J. B. CUTBERTH, Pres.
A. G. WEBB, Secy.

See Martin Barnhill for Fire and Tornado insurance. 30tf

New line of the latest sheet music just received at the Baird Drug Co. All the latest popular songs. 31

Ledgers, blank books, etc at Hammans Bros. 52t

It can be repaired, give us the work. Baird Machine Co. 25tf

Bicycles and parts sold by us. Baird Machine Co. 25tf

Mesquite Posts—10 cts each at ranch. W. B. ELLIS, Dudley, Tex.,

McGowan Bros. sell everything in the grocery and feed line. 38

Most anything you need in merchandise in all lines can be found at Hammans & Bro. 35

For Insurance, fire or tornado, see Martin Barnhill. 30tf

See Powell & Powell for Wall Paper. 10,1f

Go to Boydston's and get you the prettiest lawn dress in lawn for the least money. 32tf.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Rains entertained last Friday night in honor of Mrs. J. J. Clinton of Abilene, with a "42" party and guessing contest.

Mrs. Will Cook receiving the most punches was awarded by the hostess with a white silk fan. Mrs. Clinton, the guest of honor, being the lucky one in the guessing contest, was awarded a card receiver.

After the games the guests were invited into the dining room, where salad, crackers and tea was served.

Those present were: Mesdames Clinton, Lee Estes, Surles, Dawkins, Lane, Franklin, Jno. Estes, McManis, Harmon, Stell, Scott, Cook, Messrs. Surles, Dawkins, Lane, McManis, Harmon, Stell, Scott, Cook.

On Tuesday August 18th, Mrs. C. H. Mahan entertained in honor of her guest, Mrs. Doss, of Colorado City, with progressive "42." Mrs. Fulton having the highest score was given a beautiful hand painted olive dish, which she presented to the honoree, Mrs. Doss. A delicious salad course was served.

Those present were: Mesdames J. E. Arnold, F. S. Bell, J. D. Boydston, Cochran, S. L. Driskill, E. C. Fulton, G. M. Hall, J. B. Harman, L. M. Hadley, Hillswick, Joe Harris, of Ft. Worth, I. N. Jackson, J. C. Jones, T. E. Powell, W. C. Powell, Ramsey, Stokes, Surles, Tisdale and Misses Coffman and Daisy Powell.

Mrs. L. M. Hadley entertained on the morning of August 14th with a Sewing Party in honor of Mrs. Frank Driscoll, of Selma, Ala., and Miss Margaret Wilson, of Navasota. After a pleasant hour of work and visiting each guest was given a piece of cloth and 15 minutes to make a buttonhole. Miss Stella James was given the first prize, a silver shoe spoon. Miss Daisy Powell was presented with the booby.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. H. O. Powell served a delicious salad and ice course.

Those present were: Misses Ada Powell, Lyde Spragins, Jeannette Reagan, Burnice Foy, Louise Rogers Mattie Scott, Jessie Oliver, of Dallas Nannie Bell, Myrtle Boydston, Stella James, Hallie and Daisy Powell, Cossett Faust, Mrs. H. O. Powell, the hostess and honorees.

Misses Mariah and Aurelia Bowyer assisted by their mother, Mrs. Otis Bowyer, entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon, August twenty-fifth. Two hours were delightfully spent in a Progressive Initial Contest. This unique diversion created much enthusiasm and pleasure among the guests, the favor for high score falling to Miss Ada Powell. During the course of the afternoon delicious grape punch, ice cream and cake were served the following young ladies: Misses Roma Foy, Bernice Foy, Nannie Bell, Jessie Oliver, Lyde Spragins, Daisy Powell, Mabel Miller, Ada Powell, Mamie Hart, Cossette and Anna Faust, Jeannette Reagan, Laura Blythe, Ella Alvord, Alice Floyd and Edith Collier.

May Regain His Sight.

Wm. O'Keefe returned Monday from Dallas where he has been in the hospital the past six months. While at work in the T. & P. shops here he was struck in the eye by a piece of steel and went there to have the eye treated. The physicians decided that they could not benefit the eye and it was taken out. The removal of this eye affected the other one to such an extent that he is totally blind. Physicians are of the opinion that the sight will come back to the other eye in the course of six months or a year. His son, Dan O'Keefe of Baird, accompanied him to this city. —Big Springs Herald.

Baptist Revival.

The Baptist are holding a revival meeting; night services at the Skating Rink and day services at the Baptist Church. Rev. R. L. Motley of Atlanta, Ga., is conducting the services assisted by Rev. J. M. Joiner, the pastor, and others. The meeting is growing in interest. Bro. Joiner says they are having a good meeting and he wants everybody to come.

Presbyterian Church.

THE STAR is requested to announce that Rev. A. B. C. Denwidde, of Hope, Ark., will preach at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday Aug. 30 at 11 a. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend. The members of the church are especially requested to be present.

Warnie May, of Tecumseh, was in town Thursday.

G. T. Mitchell has accepted a position with McGowen Bros.

Jno. Surles, the hustling real estate man from Putnam, was in town the first of the week.

John Coats, Jr. from near Cottonwood, was in town trading Wednesday.

Carl Mahan returned home Wednesday after spending some time visiting on the Bayou.

The Hinds-Mahan auto recently purchased by Will Boydston was sold to Abilene parties Thursday.

Magnolia flour is warranted a perfect combination of purity, strength, color and lightness. Price & Trulove, Sole agents. 40tf

Charley McDermott, of Coleman county, shipped a lot of calves to market, from Baird Tuesday.

Magnolia Flour absolutely warranted for pastry, hot biscuits and rolls, fine cakes, light bread, cheese straws, pies, puffs, and jelly rolls. Price & Trulove, sole agents. 40tf

A large quantity of new fall goods have been received by the different firms in town this week.

Magnolia Flour guaranteed to not only equal but to exceed all northern flours. Less profit to us, but best value to our trade. Price & Trulove sole agents. 40tf

See changes in the following ads in this week's issue: McGowen Bros. B. L. Boydston, Schwartz and The Home National Bank.

Col. F. B. Baillio, representing the Western Newspaper Union, of Dallas, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office yesterday. He was on his way east.

Geo. Clements has accepted a position with C. J. Fender & Co., and left Thursday morning with a large quantity of circulars to advertise the new business in the different parts of the county.

Wylie Trent's horse got scared Tuesday morning and ran away, upsetting the buggy, but Wylie jumped before the buggy turned over and escaped with only a few scratches. The horse was caught before any serious damage was done to the vehicle.

Harry Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie James, Seth Hadley and some others whose names we failed to get, spent Sunday in Galveston. They report a good time though there was a large crowd in the city.

Miss Septima Smith has returned from a three weeks' visit in Marsdall Texas. Miss Smith leaves again next Saturday morning for a visit to her sister's ranch, near Baird, Texas. From there she will go thirteen miles west of Baird, where she will teach next winter. —Fort Worth Star.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Comanded to Summon James T. Lambert, Joe A. Lambert, Mrs Francis Wright, W. T. Wright, David Cox, Mrs. Dessie Dunn, Mr. — Dunn, and John Wesley Pace, a minor without any lawful guardian, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Callahan County to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the City of Baird, Texas, on the 18th Monday after the first Monday in July 1908, the same being the 9th day of November 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 22nd, day of August 1908, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 380 wherein W. N. Dennis, Ola Swope joined by her husband, E. L. Swope are Plaintiff's and William C. Elmore D. B. Elmore, Mrs. Mollie B. Boydston, John Boydston, of Belle County Texas, and James T. Lambert, Joe A. Lambert, Mrs. Francis Wright, W. T. Wright, David Cox, Mrs. Dessie Dunn, Mr. — Dunn and John Wesley Pace are Defendants. The nature of Plaintiff's demand being as follows: Trespass to try title to Survey 3193 T. E. & L. Co. land in Callahan County, Texas and for damage and cost of suit.

Herin Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness Geo. B. Scott, Clerk of the District Court of Callahan County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas this the 24th day of August 1908.

40-4 GEO. B. SCOTT, Clerk, District Court Callahan Co. Texas.

F. S. Russell was in from the Bayou this week. Speaking of the final result in the representative race in Eastland County, he remarked, "I never was prouder of anything in my life than that my old friend, M. G. Jackson won. This scribe is also glad of it, first because we know Mr. Jackson personally, having served in the 24th Legislature with him, and know him to be a straight forward honest man and a true blue Democrat. Secondly we wanted him to win because he was one of the men Senator Bailey said should not go back to the legislature."

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Finley were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Barringer is visiting in Abilene this week.

Mrs. M. E. Moon went to Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. W. D. Boydston and little daughters returned from Ft. Worth Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomason, of Clyde were in town Wednesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melton.

Mrs. L. T. Buchanan, of Orphan's Home, Dallas County, is visiting in the city the guest of Mrs. W. C. Powell.

Phil Schwartz, of Dallas, came in Saturday to take charge of his brother Herman's store during the latter's absence in St. Louis.

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C. J. FENDER.

From New Mexico

Estancia N. M., Aug. 10, 1908. As I have been in the Great Estancia Valley for the last three years and a great many of my friends are writing for information in regard to the situation in this part of N. M. Will attempt a short writeup through the medium of THE STAR.

Here we have a Valley about 90 miles in length almost entirely surrounded by Mts. The soil is a red or chocolate loam and very fertile.

The Valley is not all level as some may think, but a gently rolling prairie from the mountains towards the center, we have as fine crops here this year as I ever saw any where; corn will make an average of 40 bushels per acre, oats 40 to 75 bushels per acre, irish potatoes 100 to 250 bushels per acre. Now this will seem awful large to some of you people that have been making 50 bushels and you think you had a bumper crop, but the stuff is here to show.

Some have wanted to know what would be our money crop, well we cannot raise cotton here and this may bluff some of you, but corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley, sugar beets, potatoes, onions, cabbage, Mexican beans, and in fact all kinds of vegetables are a No. 1 crop here.

The sugar beets raised here test much higher here than the sugar beets of Colorado. Mex. beans make an average of 1000 lbs per acre and sell at 2 1-2 to 3 cts per pound, wheat raised here last year tested 62 lbs. per bushel. I have seen cabbage heads raised here that weighed 20 lbs with all the out side leaves off ready for the cooking vessel, all this is non-irrigated stuff and in fact there is no irrigation in this valley. In the mts. west of here 14 to 20 miles there is an abundance of wood and fence posts which you can get just for the cutting and hauling. There are seven saw mills in the Mts. that supply the valley with lumber at from \$10 to \$15.00 per M. There are three nice churches and a good school building in

Estancia. Good substantial buildings are going up in every district in the county.

The vacant lands or government lands that can be taken as homesteads are about all gone, but good claims a few at least can be bought at from \$100. to \$500.00 and these claims will soon be all gone. I would love to see those that have no homes, come and get themselves homes while they can get them cheap. Some have come here and got a good piece of land, and decided not to tough it as they call it and biked it back to Texas or Oklahoma or some other place. Now we do not need that class of settlers here, but men with back-bone that know what a frontier life is and will stay when the storm rages fiercest.

The first settlers here have had a pretty tough time, but we feel that that the worst is past as most people that have tried have something to show for the time they have spent here, and any one coming here now can not possibly have as tough times as we have had. Do not be afraid of the name of New Mexico; come and see for your selves and be convinced that this is a civilized country and as good people as you will find any where. I think if you will come and see this country, you will go back and tell Sallie to gather up the kids get ready and we will be off for New Mexico where we can have a home of our own.

This is a land of opportunities, and as for health there is no country that can beat it. Two of Callahan's fairest of the fair, Mrs. A. W. Bessley and Miss Inez Crutchfield of Admiral stepped lightly from the train when it pulled into Estancia on the 8th inst. and are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rawson.

This is from an old Callahan county boy who now has a home of his own and is satisfied with it.

CHAS. L. STALLINGS

The editor and family are indebted to Ed B. Seay, of Rowell, New Mexico, for a box of nice apples and pears received last Saturday.