

# The Baird Weekly Star.

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

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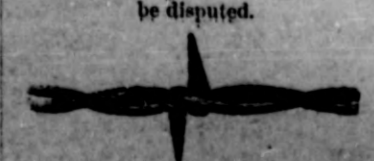
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The table always supplied with the best market affords. Board and lodging, rates reasonable. W. C. WHITLEY, PROPRIETOR.

## J. H. HOFFMAN,

### HOUSE, SIGN AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTER.

Facts and figures that cannot be disputed.



Baker Perfect Barb. The lightest and best wire, and winner in all contests. HARRY MEYER.

### RESPONSE.

CROSS PLAINS.

January 7.—As another year has rolled around and business somewhat at a standstill, I will try to post you from this corner of the county, telling you of the mishaps as well as the many good things that have so abundantly blessed the good people of our neighborhood.

To begin with one of our neighbor boys, Ewlon Robbins, quite a sprightly young man, was buried at this place Christmas eve. That seemed to cast a gloom over all merriment during the holidays. And again to the surprise of all another young man by the name of Rufus Pullen, a poor orphan boy who had only been in our neighborhood but a short time, was called to his cold and icy grave; both dying within a week. The disease was supposed to be some slow fever.

Our school is in full blast, with Professor Russel in the lead, assisted by Miss Elma McDaniel. There are about fifty scholars in attendance.

Monday being cool, the entire day was spent in killing hogs. All seemed to be jubilant over having the largest hog. We had the blue ribbon over to Mr. E. J. Barr, as he claims to have one that tipped the beam at 485 pounds.

There has been some changes made in our community, as is often the case about the first of January. Most everybody have bought homes and a new class of renters have took the places of the old ones. Mr. Sam Eldridge, one of our fellow townsmen, has moved to the country and takes the place of Billie Derington on Dan Ford's farm.

Mr. Steel Ford, brother of uncle Dan, is moving into the Wm. Coffman house at this place.

The gin at this place is still running, and at this writing have 1,297 bales up and still the fleecy staple comes in. J. M. Baker has eight more bales to put up, besides several other parties. Coffman, the proprietor, is down with his back, but says he will put up 100 more bales if it breaks his back.

Our old friend G. W. Harris was on our streets last Saturday with two bales of cotton to gin. Think he contemplates visiting Baird soon.

C. C. Vaught, one of our old county citizens, has moved in our midst again.

Mr. Neeb has purchased a pump and contemplates erecting a bath house for next summer.

Our barber shop has passed in its checks.

TAE HAET.

TEKUMSEH.

January 11.—In the rush preceding the holidays one of my communications was lost or went to the waste basket. Now I am candid enough to avow that no irreparable loss involved therein for the readers and the balance of mankind; but unfortunately some of the little folks, members of the coming generation, were badly disappointed. Will you hear why? Prof. Kirksey and his esteemed lady introduced for their classes some time ago cross-spelling or spelling matches, and the pupils were told as a kind of encouragement, that the names of the victors would appear in their county paper, the ever-welcome STAR. That new and commendable feature was greeted by the patrons with live interest and the children just went wild over it. Now I wish you could see their inquisitive looks, their reproachful glances. To reconcile their feelings I will again give the roll of honor. In the first match Miss Edna Windham carried off the blue ribbon and a silver medal in the form of a shining dollar, donated by Sheriff J. W. Jones for that purpose. In the second match Miss Ellen Coates took first honors, while Master Len Barton stood a good second. Yesterday a spelling contest was held, culled by the presence of a number of patrons and parents. The follow-

ing scholars entitled themselves to a place on the roll of honor standing best in their classes: Len Barton, Gracie Brown, Tom Windham and Jim Barton. Now I hope the office ear will be a little more careful this time.

The party of western prospectors consisting of Messrs. Coates, Friend and Parker, returned and express themselves very much pleased with the land and general outlook in Irion, the new county cut off from Tom Green county. But at the same time they agree that a man without money would stand a poor show there, like everywhere, and they will not move unless they can dispose of their property in a satisfactory way.

Phillip Yost, on Tuesday, killed six hogs, ranging in weight from 220 to 466 pounds, the latter one being over two years old. Abilene prices dropped to 4 1/4 cents.

Steve Berry's fence caught fire the other day, and the dangerous element was only stopped after a fierce struggle and in close proximity to the straw stacks and buildings. Several hundred feet of the fence was destroyed, but good luck wanted it, that there was wire on the place. With his usual energy Steve went to work, and before night a substantial wire fence had replaced the old rail one. Mr. Berry is now sole proprietor of the Berry farm, one of the finest places in the county, having bought out his brother's interest some time ago; and progressive, like he is, he has lately purchased one of the celebrated "Solid Comfort" plows from Messrs. Hughes & Co., the wide-awake hardware men of Abilene. Now everyone who is acquainted with Steve knows that he understands not only how to make farming pay—drouth or no drouth—but that he invests his money always in the best place. He is very much pleased with the new implement, giving as the special points of merit, saving time and performing superior work with less wear and tear for man and beast. His little boy, eight or nine years old, runs the plow with two mules only.

The Jones-Thompson trade was not consummated.

Several cases of sickness are reported, mostly among children, but so far, I am happy to state, no serious ones. The weather continues its puzzling ways; no doubt it has something to do with the present public health, and I should not wonder if the celebrated influenza or the grippé soon pays our county a visit.

H. BUCHEN.

If you burn out to-night how much insurance money will be due you tomorrow? If you are not protected call before night on D. RICHARDSON, Baird. 49-6m

Could Scarcely Walk.

In the year 1885 I had a severe attack of rheumatism which so affected me that I could scarcely walk for several months. I tried numbers of remedies, but without affording me relief. I was induced to try S.S.S. After taking several bottles I was completely cured and once again able to attend to my business. From my experience I can safely say that S.S.S. is the best rheumatism medicine in the world.

M. SIESSEN.

Abbeville, S. C. Treatise on blood and skin diseases mailed free. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Tormenting Pains.

I had an attack of rheumatism that clung to me with persistence for nearly four years, defying all the remedies prescribed by physicians and numbers of other medicines which I took. I was continually troubled with tormenting pains. I finally concluded to give up all other treatment, and went to the drug store of Dr. J. C. Franklina, in this city; here I purchased a bottle of S.S.S. After taking several of which, I was perfectly cured. I have been well of the disease since the last of January. I consider S.S.S. a blessing to all afflicted with rheumatism. E. S. JORDAN, 25 Broad Street, Nashville, Tenn.

When you want a town lot in Baird or a home in Callahan county call on D. RICHARDSON, Baird. 49-6m

The National Electric Light association will meet in Kansas City, Feb. 11. Edison was invited to lecture to the members. He replied that he could not go, but that he would give the lecture. "I will tell you what I will do," he said. "I will tell you my philosophy and send it to Kansas City to lecture for me. It will make no statement, but it will be beautiful; the tone will be perfect, and I will warrant that it can be heard all over the globe."

A person with an abnormal development of mind for high art is scolding the public because it goes to the theatre to be amused. What else should anyone go to the theatre for? There is something so tragically enough and too in our daily life of everything else combined with pathos, elevation of sentiment and the depicting of the loftier, sweeter emotions, as well as the true idea of amusement is that which lifts us out of the iron compulsion of daily life.

Liberty Island, as it is now called, Belle's Island as it was formerly, which proudly bears the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty upon its bosom, has become the property of New Jersey, state and all. The boundary between New York and New Jersey has been in dispute more than a hundred years. In 1857 a joint commission was appointed by the two state legislatures to settle the matter. The commission decided that the boundary line should be the middle of the channel in that river and New York. This very valuable dock property of Robbins Reef Light-house, Liberty Island with the Statue of Liberty, and all the mosquitoes pass into the possession of Jersey. The electric light which Liberty illumines the island was \$20 a night. The United States pays that, however.

The Pope and Progress.

W. T. Stead, of the London Pall Mall Gazette, writes a striking letter from Rome on the position of Pope Leo XIII. and his attitude to modern reform. According to Stead, his holiness is fully aware of the radical reforms in the labor field. He is vigorously pushing the organization of Catholic trades unions, having already lent his support to the C. G. U. and the I. O. O. F. The holy father would shorten the hours of labor, so as to give the workman time to educate himself, and he would fix by law and custom a seventh day for rest. On the continent of Europe Sunday labor is much more common than it is in Great Britain or America.

These are the pope's counsels told Mr. Stead that he would gladly cooperate with Protestants of all sects, and even with representatives of atheistical and revolutionary societies in enforcing the workman's release from labor on Sunday. In fact, the program of the various socialistic congresses that met in Paris this summer formed for the amelioration of the masses will be observed to be followed with striking accuracy by the programme the pope has laid down, Stead tells us. We are told further that the holy father is in favor of the emancipation of woman, seeing in this the salvation of the church.

Most striking of all, however, is the evidence here given once more of the complete adaptability of the Roman Catholic church to the changing conditions of modern society and the ability of her leaders to see which way the wind blows.

Local Historical Societies.

Hezekiah Butterworth makes in The Youth's Companion a valuable suggestion to people in the smaller towns and in country neighborhoods. It is that they form local societies to study the pioneer and other history of their own localities. Our civilization changes so rapidly that already traces of the brave pioneer times are dying out from our memories and from the face of the country. By all means this valuable portion of our story should be preserved. Whenever aged persons survive, their recollections should be carefully noted down and preserved in the archives of the society.

The association should have a room or rooms, with stated meetings and officers. At the meetings there should be papers read, stories told and discussions of disputed points. Certainly the least every neighborhood can do is to preserve its own early history. A cabinet of historic relics and books should be gradually accumulated. There could be delightful summer excursions to historic points by the society.

There is one thing we in America owe to the story of human progress. That is to preserve the prehistoric relics now going to destruction all over the country. What Anaxela B. Edwards did in England for Egypt, we need some one to do for us on a far larger scale in America. This is to create a fund for exploring our ancient civilizations. Where there are mound builders' hillocks and prehistoric remains of any kind, an organization should be formed to take care of them and study them.

Below are Mr. Butterworth's suggestions for local historical societies:

1. A collection of a cabinet of the historic relics of the place.
2. Talks about these relics.
3. Lectures on local history.
4. The collection of state and national holidays in the rooms of rooms.
5. Excursions to historic places.
6. The collection of local folk lore.
7. The marking and preserving of places of local interest.
8. Collection of local poetry and songs.
9. Reminiscences of old people.
10. Tabling of old recipes and traditions.

Electricity in the Household.

Under this title A. E. Kennedy contributes to Scribner an interesting paper. The first use of electricity to household appliances was the electric bell, nearly a century ago. It has now become so common that a bell rung by the former mechanical appliances is antiquated and clumsy. Then came the electric annunciator.

For many years this was the extent of the application of electricity to household purposes. Within the last thirteen years there has come, all in a rush, the telephone, electric light and the transmission of power by electricity. Electric illumination has received a temporary setback through the number of men who have been killed by the conducting wires, but beyond doubt this will be overcome and a safe and perfect electrical light will yet be obtained—one that will be used in private homes as freely as gas now is.

Mr. Kennedy mentions the burglar alarm apparatus, by which, if a thief raises a window so much as the thickness of a knife blade, a current is completed that rings the electric bell on him all over the house. There, too, is the thermometal, a little thermometer, which, by the aid of electricity, regulates automatically the temperature of a room. The fire alarm is another modern application of this force, and Mr. Kennedy says that since the common use of the electrical alarm, statistics show a marked decrease in the number of serious fires in towns.

Electricity will keep all the clocks in your house wound up and set to the same moment; it will pump water from well or cistern to a tank in your garret; it will run your sewing machine or music box, blow the bellows of an organ and will make an automatic piano play fashionable waltzes for a gathering of young people to dance by from dark to day light, and never once become tired or make the company feel that they are making a martyr of it for their pleasure. In course of time houses can and will be heated by electricity. It will be utilized for a hundred other purposes, as soon as a cheap and reliable generator of it is found.

Some More Homesteads.

In the eastern border of South Dakota is the reservation of the Sisseton Indians. They and the Walapeton Indians are negotiating with the government for the sale of their lands. When the sale is consummated, as it will be ere long, 789,000 acres of land will be added to the homestead domain. The Fort Sisseton military reservation, near the Indian lands, is also to be abandoned for military purposes. It contains 900,000 acres. This nearly a million and a quarter of acres of new farms will be open to settlers ere long, though not all of it is tillable. The Indians have reserved such lands as they desired for farms for themselves in several places.

Only one point of difference still remains to be settled between the government and the Sissetons. The Indians have an old claim against the United States which, they say, should be settled before they abandon their land to settlement. Years ago, before they had their eyes opened, when they knew not the true value of a Dakota wheat farm, they say they were persuaded by white men to sell their lands for five cents an acre. This a fact. The red men who were thus duped ask the government to now make an appropriation indemnifying them for this swindle when they were grown. Their request certainly does not look unreasonable.

Count Chardonnat, a French chemist, received from the exposition the grand medal for the invention of an artificial silk, perfectly adapted to its purpose. Silk worms were dying in Europe at a rate that was alarming. The count studied carefully the chemical constitution of silk and prepared a solution identical with it. He poured a solution of colloid through hairlike glass tubes. The colloid hardened into threads, after being passed through another set of tubes containing water. After being still further treated, threads were produced which could be woven into the finest silk.

In southern Nevada, in Georgia and in California is found a peculiar substance known as elastic sandstone. It is undoubtedly a stone, yet it is as flexible as India rubber. A piece of it may be held by one end and shaken, and the loose end will flap backward and forward like a man's ear. It can be drawn out and compressed like a piece of India rubber, that too not on one plane, but in any direction. "The entire stone seems to be constructed on the principle of a universal joint," says a writer who describes it. The stone is called elastolite.

An electric railway 250 miles long from Atlanta to Savannah, has been planned. The electricity will be generated in a novel way, by utilizing power from the current of rivers along the route. The enterprise is one of much importance. If water power from a river current can be successfully used to generate large quantities of electricity there is no end to the mechanical possibilities that will follow.

A Philadelphia man shot himself dead in the street in that city a few days ago. Such a suicide is in the worst possible taste. If a man makes up his mind to die, let him go off by himself and do it, and not shock his fellow men by blowing his brain out and making a horrible show on the street.

The Congo Free State.

A nobler chapter in human history has seldom been written than that which records the founding of the free state of Congo in Africa.

It originated with King Leopold II of Belgium. In 1876 he called a council of distinguished African travelers of all nations, and obtained their judgment on the best means of opening Africa to civilization. His idea was that it must be done by the methods of peace and justice, not those of rapine and bloodshed. In 1877 the African International association of delegates from most of the nations of Europe and from the United States. An executive committee of three, a German, Dr. Nachtigall, a Frenchman, M. de Quatrefages, and an American, Henry S. Sanford, of Florida, were appointed to establish scientific stations along the Congo. Stanley headed the pioneer corps of surveyors.

In course of time the free state of Congo was formed. It included 2,400,000 square miles of territory. It is a matter of congratulation to us that the first country to recognize the new state was the United States. This was in President Arthur's term, April 22, 1884.

Under the Congo state government the navigation of the river Congo and of the Niger is to be free for all time. King Leopold II is the sovereign head of the government. The state, however, has no connection with Belgium, nor is it in any way dependent. Four hundred and fifty native chiefs have given their allegiance to the government. It is at present an absolute monarchy. King Leopold issues the laws by royal decree. They are drafted and submitted to him by the heads of department who are appointed by the king. The expenses of the government are defrayed from the private fortune of King Leopold. The government has never been self-supporting, though it is hoped to make it so within six years.

The governor general of Congo directs its affairs under the superintendence of King Leopold. In four years more the Congo railway will be completed. By agreement of the powers at an international conference in Berlin, which closed Feb. 28, 1885, Congo is to remain forever an independent, neutral state, free to the commerce of all nations. The most hopeful sign of all is that the native chiefs themselves have agreed to cooperate in this attempt to plant civilization on the Congo.

A New Artificial Butter.

Plants of machinery have been erected in Germany for the making of artificial butter from the oil of the coconuts. At Mannheim a single factory turns out 6,000 pounds a day of the product. The coconut butter contains 70 per cent of fat. The rest is organic matter, nearly half being albumen. African, Brazilian and South Sea Island coconuts are used. The industry has become profitable, and the United States consul at Mannheim recommends that it be started in this country.

Why not? Brazilian coconuts are nearer to us than to Germany, if there were facilities for shipping. There is something peculiarly appetizing and aesthetic in the thought of coconut butter. Vegetable oils are preferable to animal oils for food. They are cleaner than animal oils and fats can be. There is no unpleasant flavor about them, such as is sometimes found in milk and butter from the food of a cow less than. Coconut oil has a faint sweet flavor of its own, grateful to both smell and taste.

One great argument in its favor is the cheapness with which this coconut butter can be made. It costs only a little more than half as much as butter from milk. Then, too, it is entirely free from disease germs, of which there is always more or less danger in all animal food. Even cotton seed oil butter is better than cow's milk butter containing tuberculous germs.

Senator Payne is a millionaire many times over. It was at his suggestion that Sergeant-at-Arms Leeson appointed Sileott cashier of his office. It has been mentioned that Senator Payne could turn into the treasury of his country the amount lost through Sileott. This would relieve an awkward dilemma all around. It would relieve the pockets of congressmen on the one hand, on the other it would free them from the odium which might attach to them if they vote their salaries to themselves out of the treasury. If they did that they would establish a precedent and the vote would be cast into their teeth for the next twenty-five years. A Democratic congressman remarks that if the house of representatives voted to reimburse itself for the money Sileott stole, it would cost the Democrats forty seats in congress.

In many states there are laws forbidding the sale of cigarettes to children. These are constantly evaded by vendors, who tell the boy to send somebody older to buy. One dealer said lately to a 10-year-old boy: "I can't sell 'em to you, sonny. It's agin the law. Send your sister."

Professor George H. Green has paraphrased the book of Job into a blank verse poem. The book of Job is a good enough poem just as it stands, and does not need any improving.

The latest thing out among bootblacks is a brush that is whirled rapidly over a man's feet by machinery, while on the sidewalk outside appears the sign, "Shoo, shooed by steam."

The infant king of Spain is reported dying.

EX-EMPEROR AUGUSTA, wife of William I. of Germany, died in Berlin last week.

Did you ever see such a winter? Is the question heard every day. The weather prophets who predicted an extraordinary cold winter are in dispair.

The Taylor County News has bought a steam engine and a new press. The News is one of our most valued exchanges and we are glad to see it prosper.

WHAT about the county fair; shall we have one at Baird this year or not? We believe it would be the biggest thing out for the county and town if properly worked up.

The Albany News says that a country paper cannot make an all home print paper without using plate matter, and it prefers the patent; therefore it has returned to the patent outside.

ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD, the fire-eating idiot who edits the New York Mail and Express, offers to give five hundred dollars for the privilege of writing the inscription on Henry W. Grady's monument.

Why is the land commissioner in such haste to issue patents to the Central railroad? And we will propound another query while we are at it: Why don't Hogg sue the Central railroad if he intends to do so.

The Hogg-Hall controversy has broken out again at Austin. The governor has been called home to keep the peace. We suggest that the governor call out a regiment of militia to keep the peace in the government departments at the capital.

The latest news from the state capital is to the effect that the attorney-general and land commissioner are becoming very pointed in their remarks about each other. Lay on Maeduff, it's no fight of our; and all the bad luck we wish the gentlemen is that they may both get knocked out politically.

MANY, in fact a majority of the newspapers of the state, THE STAR included, have heartily condemned the oil inspection law passed by the last legislature, but the open defiance by the Waters-Pierce Oil company will cause many people to think perhaps the law is not so bad after all. Whether a good or a bad law we are in favor of making the monopolists toe the mark.

SEVERAL accidents are reported at Abilene last week. A little child of Otto W. Steffins, cashier of the First National bank, fell out of a carriage and was run over by one of the wheels and seriously hurt. A man named Gorman had the misfortune to get both legs broken while unloading a car of lumber, and a little boy of Mr. Boatman's was run over and killed by a car on the switch at the Pioneer mills.

SOME time ago we suggested a dose of liver medicine for friend Minter, of the Stephenville Headlight. He says his liver is all right and suggests that THE STAR read up on the silver question. We are now inclined to believe that it is brother Minter's head that is effected. A man that will persistently quote from the report of the silver commission made several years ago to prove that the country now on the road to shoal is certainly unbalanced somehow. The country was never more prosperous than it is today; all the pessimists in the land to the contrary.

IN MEMORIAM.

JUSTUS H. RATHBONE.

Whereas, it has pleased him to whom we owe first allegiance, the Divine Ruler of the universe, to remove from amongst us our founder and beloved brother, Justus H. Rathbone; yet we bow in all humility to

the stroke, knowing that it was ordained in his allwise providence; and Whereas, in the departure of our brother we grieve not as those who have no hope, but still see in him our standard-bearer advanced but a rank above us, leaving us below in the anti-chamber; and

Whereas, we recognize that man may die, yet great principles live on forever; that in this transformation we but see the mortal put on immortality and crowned with the ever-living principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence; therefore be it

Resolved, by Baird Lodge No. 47, K. of P., that we recognize in the death of our brother the immortality of our founder, and as a worthy tribute to his memory, that we will so strive to conduct ourselves by emulating his many virtues that we will bring honor to his name and to our noble order.

Resolved, that in the departure of our standard-bearer that each one of us individually so conduct ourselves as if he was his successor and will strive by all honest means to bear forward the standard of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence until it shall become the Talisman of all nations and our noble order a fit monument to its founder.

Resolved, that we tender to his family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, and ask that we be permitted to mingle our brotherly tears with theirs, with the hope that He who does all things for the best will soon take the sorrow from their hearts and the moisture from their eyes, so that they may behold our brother as we behold him, the immortal founder of our order whose principles are immortal.

Resolved, that we drape the charter of our lodge in mourning for the period of one year, and that the members wear the badge of mourning thirty days.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our lodge, that they be printed in THE BAIRD STAR, and that a copy be furnished the family of our departed brother and the superintending K. of R. and S.

W. C. POWELL, HARRY MEYER, H. SCHWARTZ, E. E. SOLOMON, J. E. W. LANE.

All kinds of Salt at Lea's.

Full line of collars. L. Gould.

Bagging & ties, cheap at Lea's.

Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's.

Cheap cow and horse feed, at Lea's.

Best maple syrup you ever saw, at Lea's.

Collars put up at short notice. L. Gould.

Furniture cheap at Gould's Furniture store.

Hides and furs of all kinds wanted J. L. LEA & CO.

Bran, Cotton Seed & other feed cheap at Lea's.

Twenty yards of good domestic, \$1; worth 80 per yard. J. D. Boydston.

All kinds of candies and nuts, cheap, at Lea's.

Bring in your wheat corn and oats, J. L. Lea & Co.

Second-hand sewing machines for sale cheap at Moon & Crowder's.

Nicest bacon in the market. Ogle.

A full line of undertaker's goods always kept on hand. We also have ladies' and gents' burial robes, metallic caskets, etc. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

A fine assortment of Christmas goods now on exhibition at our establishment. Call and see; you will be surprised at our prices, because we sell so cheap. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Our prices are the lowest. Foy & Richardson.

EASTWARD, HO!

BY ED. ROWLANDS.

Our last letter left us plunging into the watery prairie, the Gulf of Mexico. When the ocean traveler leaves the coast he loses the variety of views which land supplies, and sees nothing but water and sky, and if fortunate, a few passing ships. But the internal working of the ship, his fellow passengers and his own thoughts supply one with plenty of food for meditation. There is no doubt that the best place for solemn, serious thought is sitting aboard a ship on a dark night, seeing nothing but a monotony of stars and water and hearing nothing save the revolving of the propeller as it drives the "sea palace" along. We had amongst the passengers almost

all nationalities, Germans, English, Mexicans, Canadians, etc., and some on all kinds of missions. Some going to New York on business, others for pleasure, this one en route for England, that one for Germany, Italy or Switzerland, on a visit to "home sweet home." Some to return perfectly satisfied with their lot in Texas, others never to return, altogether disgusted and disappointed. One man in particular had left England, his home and family, to see (under the inducements offered by a certain railroad in Texas) whether and how he could better himself in the Lone Star state, and if pleased, intended returning for his family, but it seems he was altogether disappointed; yes, we might say disgusted. Yet we could not understand how he could fairly judge, as he only stayed a week or two in a part of Texas occupied by this railroad; not at all a fair specimen of the country noted, if at all, for its inferiority and malaria. Others, single men, that accompanied him under the same inducements were obliged to stay and work with farmers around them for their board. But you must not understand all our passengers were of the same mind, as some were just going home on a visit, proud of the advantages of their adopted state.

We cannot pass without detailing in part the career of one of them—Smith. He was going back to England on his second visit; the last time he went back whole, but this time he had left a leg in Texas. It seems that he was a railroad mechanic and had his heel crushed by a car wheel. He was of course taken to a railroad hospital, and in the absence of the surgeon, some young physicians performed the operation, cutting off the entire foot, which was altogether unnecessary; but they practiced on him, as he laughingly remarked, at the same time wondering what the home folks would say of it. He had seen more cripples in Texas, he said, than any part he had visited.

We had beautiful weather, barring a few showers of rain, which made it the more pleasant; and oh, how delightful it was at night, the clear, starry sky above, the dark blue sea beneath; and as we looked back we could see a white roadway of foam marking the path we had taken, and immediately around the stern the phosphorescent light was indeed beautiful. Its beauty cannot be imagined as it sparkled beneath us. When they had reached the vessel they would swim with her a few hundred yards—and they can swim—and then disappear on the other side. After about two days out we began to look and inquire for land, as we were to call at Key West, Fla., and after three days steaming we espied the beautiful tropical isle at dawn Saturday morning. How sweet is the sight of land, even if not seen but for three days, especially a beautiful little island town like Key West appears to be as you sight it a few miles to sea, and as you approach the wharf passing the magnificent fort situated there. (To be continued.)

We are overstocked with ladies' shoes, and are selling them at 75 cents, worth \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2. J. D. Boydston.

Cheapest hats in Baird at Moon & Crowder's.

All groceries fresh and good. Ogle does not keep shoddy goods.

If you want shoddy goods don't go to S. L. Ogle.

Machine, engine and wagon oils at J. L. Lea & Co's. Cheap and good.

Just received an elegant assortment of hanging and stand lamps. H. Meyer.

Just received an elegant line of Rogers & Tufts silverware. H. Meyer.

Ladies' hats from 75 cents up; come and see them before you buy. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

For the best assortment of groceries call on S. L. Ogle.

Finest line of window curtains ever shown in Baird to be seen at Ph. Schwartz & Bro's. A personal inspection is respectfully asked.

Domestic 20 yards for \$1. J. D. Boydston.

We have the largest and cheapest line of flannels in the city. J. D. Boydston.

Come at once and see our clothing and be convinced that our prices are still lower than anyone's. J. D. Boydston.

DRY GOODS.

CLOTHING.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

We can give you the best bargains in town in

FLANNELS . and . UNDERWEAR.

We have a large stock of

CLOAKS! : CLOAKS! : CLOAKS!

At a Big Reduction.

Big Variety



of Trunks!

Big line of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes

At Prices that CANNOT be Undersold.

J. D. BOYDSTUN.

LOUIS BOYDSTUN, Manager.

New hats of all styles just received at Moon & Crowder's. New and nobby styles cheap.

Stop at G. W. Ratliff's wagon yard when you go to Coleman.

Don't forget that we are still in the furniture business. We are selling them, too, and why? Because we have a full line and so cheap to price them means selling them. Call and see when you are in need. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

A preventive for croup. There no longer exists my doubt but croup can be prevented. True croup never appears without a warning, and if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as directed as soon as the first indication of croup appears, it will invariably dispel all symptoms of the disease. This can always be done if it is kept at hand. 50 cent and 81 bottles for sale by Baird Drug Co.

THE BAIRD WEEKLY STAR Free to WIDOWS AND ORPHANS in Callahan County.

Nasal Catarrh.

Mr. T. A. Williams, a leading dry goods merchant of Spartanburg, S. C., writes under date of November 8, 1888: "For years I had a severe case of nasal catarrh, with all the disagreeable effects which belong to that disease, which make life painful and almost unendurable. I used medicines prescribed by leading physicians and suggested by numbers of friends, but without getting any better. In the fall of 1887, I began to take Swift's Specific (S.S.S.). It had the desired effect, and cured me after taking a few bottles. In my opinion Swift's Specific (S.S.S.) is the only medicine now in use that will effect a permanent cure of catarrh.

Buy a White sewing machine from Moon & Crowder. The best in the world.

We are informed that J. L. Lea & Co. are ready to buy oats and wheat at liberal prices for cash.

Blankets and comforts from 75 cents upwards; a nice white blanket at \$1.25. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

J. L. Lea & Co. are selling stone-ware cheap; 12 1-2 cents per gallon for jars and 15 cents for jugs.

J. L. Lea & Co. have just received the largest and best assortment of Christmas candles ever in Baird.

Come at once and see our clothing and be convinced that our prices are still lower than anyone's. J. D. Boydston.



The - Baird - Weekly - Star

Has been reduced in price to

\$1 a Year \$1

The Star Job Office

Turns out as good work as any office in west Texas.

BOOK : WORK : A : SPECIALTY :

Advertise in

The - Weekly - Star.

We have the best ladies' \$2.50 shoe in Baird. Every pair, warranted Moon & Crowder.

Comforts, blankets, quilts just received direct from New York; beautiful and cheap. Schwartz & Bro.

Just received one car of salt. S. L. Ogle.

Kelley, Goodfellow & Co's shop-made shoes at Moon & Crowder's.

It is an established fact that Ph. Schwartz & Bro. are the leaders not only in goods, but prices. That they sell cheaper than any other house in the town. Always remember that they don't pay no clerks, no rent, and therefore buyers get the benefit.

We see that J. L. Lea & Co. have in operation a wire picket fence machine. This fence, besides being ornamental and cheap, is an ingenious contrivance for keeping stock and chickens out of our yards, orchards, and gardens. It is absolutely rabbit proof.

Don't forget that Ogle carries the largest stock of mince meat, apple butter, jellies and preserves in bulk.

Mr. T. A. Deroven, merchant, Deroven, Louisiana, says: "The St. Patrick's Pills were like hot cakes." People who have tried them are never satisfied with any other kind. The gentle action and reliability as a cathartic is what makes them popular. For sale by Baird Drug Co.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, The Representative Newspaper of the South-west. Largest Circulation of any Democratic Newspaper in America.

It is the paper for the farmer, the merchant and the family circle. Popular and cheap. It advocates a reform of the present high tariff, and wages vigorous war on all sine-die and monopolies. It is emphatically the people's paper, and its immense circulation is proof of the United States attests its power as the organ of the people. THE COURIER-JOURNAL is the largest and best Democratic newspaper issued. It is an eight-page paper of eight columns to the page, and its sixty-four columns each week are filled with live and interesting matter. It is newsy, bright and clean, and leads the American newspapers of the day. The regular subscription price is only \$1 a year, and to clubs of eight yearly subscribers at one time, with \$5, an extra copy is sent one year to the address of the subscriber, or to any other address desired. In other words, nine copies one year for \$5. THE COURIER-JOURNAL is the one great newspaper west of the Alleghenies and south of the Potomac and Ohio which has had the courage, the independence and the ability to stand and resist the flood-tide of "softly sweeping" over the land and to make the masses of the people. For schemes, THE COURIER-JOURNAL stands with the people. Subscribe to THE COURIER-JOURNAL and earn the truth in a battle of resistance. Daily (except Sundays and holidays), one year, \$1. Sample copy and price of change in an annual and attractive THE WEEKLY COURIER-JOURNAL sent on the whole-tower, clean, and reliable. Traveling agents are Journal, but a good every community, to mission is allowed.

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Keep on Hand

The Largest stock of Groceries in town;  
Therefore they buy and sell cheaper than anyone.



PLOWS,  
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AND ALL FARM IMPLEMENTS CHEAPER THAN EVER FOR CASH OR ON REASONABLE TIME.

D. M. OSBORNE'S HARVESTING MACHINERY

Cheap and on Liberal Terms.

We will Buy or Help You to Sell Your

COUNTRY - PRODUCE - FOR - CASH.

CASH PAID FOR

: Cotton, : Wool : and : Hides :

DRY GOODS.

CLOTHING.

BOOTS AND SHOES.



# MAMMOTH STOCK!



Just received a large stock of

# DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING!

Which will be sold at

# ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES!

SHIRTS, :: UNDERWEAR



:: SHIRTS. AND NOTIONS ::

# Newmarkets! - Newmarkets!

# Inks and Valises.

## T. E. POWELL.

Paid Matter in These Columns 10 Cents per Line.

### THE TOWN.

J. E. Eastham was in town yesterday.

Wm. Edwards is back in town again.

Ed. Seay, of Abilene, was in town Monday.

J. R. McLeskey was in the city last Tuesday.

J. C. Rogers was over from Tecumseh Tuesday.

W. H. Gilliland is at H. E. Jones' quite sick this week.

J. E. Pace returned a few days ago from a trip to Georgia.

Ellis Richardson bought several head of fine cattle last week.

Dan Clark has been laid up with a cold. He says he had the 'grip.'

Jeans! Jeans!! Jeans!!! Powell.

R. M. Hudson and Lum Caudle, of Cabelo Park, was in the city yesterday.

Ed Coppins went to Fort Worth last week to lay in a stock of groceries for his firm.

Cheapest clothing in town at J. D. Boydston's.

Rev. T. J. Austin will preach at the Rock church on the fourth Sunday in each month.

S. H. Gilliland and Judge E. E. Solomon went out to Tecumseh last Saturday and returned Tuesday.

Large line of jerseys, and cheapest ever seen in Baird. Powell.

Will Harris, who has the contract for supplying laborers to the Texas and Pacific, was in town last Saturday.

There is always money made when you make a bill at J. D. Boydston's.

Professor W. F. Griffin, of Cottonwood, was in town last Saturday. The professor made us a very pleasant call while in town.

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

C. E. Cummings was in town Tuesday and Wednesday putting up our engine, bought from Scarff & O'Conner.

You can get a good \$12 suit of clothes for \$8.50 at J. D. Boydston's.

Our Cross Plains correspondent reports a hog killed there last week that weighed 185 pounds. Tecumseh comes second best with one weighing 166 pounds.

A nice line of new hats for men, boys, and children. Foy & Richardson.

We are requested to announce that the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will give a literary and social entertainment at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Brown Thursday evening, 16th inst.

Overshoes cheap at Powell's.

Dave Parker, of Tecumseh, came in last Friday to fix up the transfer to his place near Tecumseh, which he has sold to Mr. Sutton, of Lime-stone county. Dave will locate somewhere in the Devil's river country. Sorry to see you leave old fellow, but hope you will get rich.

The largest line of clothing and cheapest ever seen in Baird. Powell.

We intended to publish the proceedings of last week's county court in this issue, but we have been nearly sick, and besides, the machine man came in Tuesday to start our steam engine and we have had no time even to get paid locals.

We still have a few cloaks, which we are selling very cheap. J. D. Boydston.

We call attention to T. E. Powell's handsome new ad. in this issue. Tom is always right up at the front with one of the finest stocks of goods in western Texas. Read his ad. and call at his store and get what you want. He will certainly please you if anyone can.

Hamilton & Brown shoes. Powell

Miss Nettie McManis, who has been very ill for some time, died Tuesday at the residence of her parents, south of Belle Plaine, and was buried yesterday from the Methodist church. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the parents in their sad bereavement, rendered doubly so, coming so soon after the death of their other daughter, Miss Jessie, who died only a few weeks ago.

Largest assortment of dress goods in town and can't be beat in either style or price. J. D. Boydston.

J. D. Boydston has a new and larger ad. this week. Mr. Boydston has built up a good trade since he has been here, which is a good indication that he understands the wants of his customers. He has a fine stock of dry goods and will treat his customers right. Call on him.

Overcoats at reduced prices at J. D. Boydston's.

R. F. Clark is on a protracted visit to his parents in St. Louis, and it is intimated that he will probably remain there indefinitely. What will Baird do about the electric light company, and who will run the elevator this year if the doctor gives us the shake. If the doctor does not return we propose to have extradition papers made out and have him brought back *adules volens*.

Newmarkets and wraps of all kinds very cheap at Powell's.

A big line of flannels cheap at T. E. Powell's.

John Mathews was in town Monday and kindly remembered THE STAR.

John said he wanted to help us pay for our steam engine and subscribed for two copies for his friends, besides one copy for himself. John is one of our subscribers that always pays in advance. Thanks. How many more of our subscribers will help us out by paying up their subscription.

Ribbons in endless variety. Powell.

Largest and best line of hats at Powell's.

Considerable excitement was created Monday morning when it was learned that Bill Whitley had been arrested Sunday night, charged with rape upon a fifteen-year-old daughter of J. C. Snow. The case was put off until Tuesday, when an examining trial was had before Squire E. K. Kane, when the defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000, which was readily given, and the defendant released from custody.

All wool cashmere 16 inch wide, 65 cents, worth \$1. Powell.

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

We have only received one guess so far as to how many lines of plate matter there were in THE STAR last week, and that was from a lady friend in eastern Texas. She said she would not count the plate lines for ten dollars, but would count the leaded lines for twenty-five cents; and estimates the plate matter at nineteen-twentieths of the reading matter, and asks how far she missed the correct number. She missed it exactly nineteen-twentieths, as there was not a line of plate in the last issue of THE STAR, and every line was leaded. Our friend would have earned twenty-five cents if she had counted them. We thank our friend for kind wishes for THE STAR.

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

SETTLE UP.—We earnestly request all who are indebted to us to come in and settle up. Respectfully,

J. L. LEA & CO.

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

OIL 150 DEGREE TEST.—Why will you endanger the lives of your family and destruction of property by using low grade oil when you can go to S. L. Ogle's and get 150 degree tested oil. So certified to by the oil inspector.

If you want cheap goods go to Powell's.

SETTLE UP.—Those who know themselves indebted to me are requested to come forward and close accounts by cash or note. I want to close up books for the old year and start out anew for the new year.

S. L. OGLE.

TO MY PATRONS AND FRIENDS.—Being unavoidably called away by business for a short time I have left my business with Dr. S. T. Fraser, who will attend to all calls and transact other business for me during my absence.

D. J. WILSON.

Baird, Tex., January 1, 1890.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. J. E. Hempstead, dentist, will be in Baird January 6, to remain during county court.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following amounts were paid on subscription to THE STAR for the week ending January 15:

J. E. Barton	\$1 00
J. E. Hempstead	50
S. L. Ogle, 4 sub	4 00
L. M. Hadley	50
A. L. McLary	1 00
Dave Parker	2 25
W. F. Griffin	1 00
T. B. Morgau	1 00
H. B. Price	1 00
John Mathews	1 00
John Mathews for C. E. Elliott	50
John Mathews for L. Matthews	50
J. E. W. Lane	1 00
Otis Bower for Mrs. M. Speer	1 00
J. E. W. Lane for H. F. Freeman	1 00

The Baird public schools will close to-morrow. Look out for official statement next week.

The Baptists dedicated their new church last Sunday and secured money and subscriptions sufficient to pay off all indebtedness. The building and furnishing cost about \$2,100.

What to Do with Old People.

Professor Max Mueller, always lively and readable, writes in The New Review an article in which he puts the case so strongly as almost to give an impression that there is a personal animus at the bottom of it.

He points to the custom of ancient India, in which, when the Brahmin was gray and wrinkled, he was forced by custom to give up his property to his sons and retire to the forest to spend the rest of his days in communing with the infinite. There is a final or fourth stage, in which he retires from the world completely and weans himself "not only from too great love of things, but also from the too great love of friend and relations." Then he dies.

Among our own Germanic ancestors old people who could no longer follow the march were put to death by their relatives, not only to prevent their falling into the hands of their enemies, but also because food was scarce and was needed for the fighting men. Mueller quotes a story told by Sir John Lubbock, in which a traveler among savage tribes was one day invited by a young man to attend his mother's funeral. He observed an elderly woman walking along cheerfully and chatting with the rest. When they came to the open grave this woman allowed herself to be strangled in the pleasantest manner, and she was buried in the grave prepared. She was the mother whose funeral the traveler had been asked to attend, and this way of disposing of fathers and mothers was quite the usual thing.

Professor Mueller unhesitatingly takes the ground that an elderly man should step down and out and give young men a chance. Not only that, but he should divide his property among his children and be satisfied with a smaller income. But really, where the children have done nothing to earn the property, there seems no reason why he ought to do this.

An old person who is past the age of action is not even fit to give advice, Professor Mueller more than hints. Nor will he let a man be his own judge of when he is past the age of action. On the "old statesman" he is severest of all. He says:

Nonpareil does this incense of old age prove more disastrous than in politics. It has often been said that knowing when to retire is the true test of a great statesman. The old statesman gradually finds himself deserted by his honest and independent friends, while opportunists and flatterers surround the old chief and help extinguish the last remains of humility and of mistrust in his own judgment.

For all that, the most enthusiastic and untiring worker in the English Liberal party today is 80-years-old Gladstone.

Bacillus Crinivora Humanus.

We endeavor to keep our readers acquainted with interesting discoveries in the various fields of research, from theology to bacteriology.

It is a pleasure to record that an eminent German investigator in the field of microscopic anatomy has discovered what makes men bald headed. It is called the bacillus crinivora humanus for short.

The learned gentleman who discovered it says the creature is shaped like a needle. It thrusts itself into the root of a hair. Then, by special arrangement of providence, it is capable of giving to itself a rotary motion. It whirrs around and around the root of the hair till it bores it out from its fastenings, and the hair falls off. When there are several million of these creatures in a man's hair at once, they soon polish him up bald and beautiful.

Therefore, when you take a man's good hat by mistake, don't get the silk tie of a bald headed man. You would get with it the bacillus crinivora humanus, and short work would be made of your luxuriant locks. Baldness is catching.

Expressions of regret for the untimely death of Henry W. Grady have not yet ceased. Especially it is recalled what he would have done for the south if he had lived. Yet it may be that the two causes he had most at heart—the progress of the new south and harmony between north and south—will be helped on more by his death than they would have been if he had lived. The hearts of the people north and south will be drawn together by the common sympathy that has softened them. His own people, even while they sorrow for him, will remember how he hoped and worked for a splendid development of the new south, and their resolve will be quickened to labor anew for that for which he wrought so bravely and well.

Mrs. P. A. L. Smith is very anxious to practice law in Virginia, and her husband, also a lawyer, is anxious that she should do so. But the state of Virginia will not grant her a license. Mrs. Smith, with the proverbial firmness of her sex, says she is going to be a lawyer if she has to leave the state. This will never be a free country till sane, full grown persons are allowed to adopt any honorable vocation they choose.

Secretary Windom's recommendation that treasury notes be issued in exchange for deposits of silver has received attention throughout the country, and met with much favorable comment. It is understood that the president will endorse his suggestions in a message to congress immediately.

The following has been proposed for an inscription on a monument to Henry W. Grady:

This face was a thanksgiving for his past life And a love letter to all mankind.

IF FOUR BACK ACRES Or you are all worn out, really good for nothing. It is general debility. Try BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It will cure you, and give a good appetite. Sold by all druggists in medicine.

