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## To my customers!

You can see for yourselves that the cotton crop is going to be very short, and is falling far below the expectations of all cotton experts.

At the beginning of the season, when cotton prospects were fine, I began placing orders with eastern mills and wholesale houses for one of the largest stocks of goods ever shipped west of Ft. Worth, and I am glad to say we secured many very fine bargains, of which we are giving our customers the benefit.

Now I am going to need every dollar I can raise, and ask all who are indebted to me to be prompt in their settlements. I accommodated you by waiting until you gathered your crops, and now I hope you will return the favor by calling and settling your account at an early date. **T. E. POWELL.**

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### COURT HOUSE NOTES.

The following land transfers have been filed for record since our last report:

Hannah Murphy et al to E. R. Sartor 230 acres of A. & G. N. R. Co. survey, 8480.

Mode Hearn and wife to Elijah Cutbirth survey 124 B. B. & C. R. Co. 8288.

G. W. Baker and W. F. Hawk N. W. 1 Sec. 2, 8550.

E. R. Sartor and to Honon Wagley 230 acres of A. & G. N. R. Co. survey, 81125.

R. E. Hadley and wife to J. N. Alvord, E. of Site, E. T. & N. O. R. Co. 2044 acres of B. O. H. land and Tract Sec. 58 B. O. H. 82575.

R. M. Gurney to Wm. Isenbower and W. T. Gurney lot 4 blk. 60, lot 3 blk. 21, Putnam and 51 acres of land adjoining Putnam. \$1000.

S. M. Merrick and wife to H. F. Stanger S. W. 1 Sec. 46, B. B. & C. R. Co. 81290.

R. A. St John and wife to Mrs. A. E. Harris part of the A. L. Eaves Survey, 8120.

R. A. St John and wife Q. A. Griffin part of the A. L. Eaves Survey, 8500

J. M. Chandler and wife to W. D. Brewer 80 acres out of Sur 50 B. B. & C. R. Co. 81090.

G. B. Roshardt et al to N. M. Dudley part of Survey 6 S. P. N. R. Co. 7, 8410.

G. W. Stratton and wife to Sam Cottrell N. W. 1/4 of Survey 13 B. B. & C. R. Co. and lots in Belle Plain. 8120.

S. M. Merrick and wife to Mrs. W. M. Mills S. W. 1/4 of Survey 50 B. B. & C. R. Co. 8500.

Joseph Enis and wife to J. E. Edwards 90 acres out of survey 91 B. B. & C. R. Co. 8500.

Joseph Enis and wife to R. B. Miller 30 acres out of same survey. 81000

J. B. Short and wife to L. R. Cramer and H. Wagley part of section 3 G. A. S. F. R. Co. 8524.

G. A. Merrick and wife to H. E. Stanger 40 acres out of survey 47 B. B. & C. R. Co. 82900.

F. P. Bartolo and wife to W. B. Cook 80 acres out of survey 50 B. B. & C. R. Co.

L. M. Kinsey and wife to E. R. Dun-

lap lots 10 11 and 12 in blk 41 city of BaIRD. 8010.

W. A. Hinds to Arthur Yonge survey 22 E. T. R. R. Co 81640.

T. W. Latham to F. E. Alvord survey 20 and 69 lunatic asylum. 83040.

C. O. Hinds and wife to J. N. Roshard survey 12 E. T. R. R. Co 81280.

Josephine Olive et al to E. J. Phillips 50 acres out of the A. L. Eaves survey, 8500.

Elijah Cutbirth to Byron Sarder survey 137, 139, 143, 146, 148, 142 and 144 B. B. & C. R. Co. 85174.97 and other considerations.

Rachel Martin to B. M. Jones part of survey 12 blk. 6 S. P. R. R. Co 8122 and other considerations.

T. C. P. R. Co to H. Roberts lot 12 blk 22 city of BaIRD. 860

M. A. Brightwell to J. Y. Gilliland 320 acres out of the A. G. Westall survey and 751 acres out of the John Smith survey 8100 and other considerations.

C. O. Hinds and wife to S. M. Moon part of block 87 town of BaIRD. 8300.

J. M. Pearce et al by sheriff to R. Cordwain 801 acres known as E. E. Miller Tract 801 acres out of the John Smith survey 8100 and other considerations.

H. H. Ramsey to B. W. Mills lot 6 blk 2, 8265.

Marriage license issued:

H. Rodmond and Miss Estelle Sharpe.

O. H. Lovelady and Mrs. B. Baun. J. L. Harlow and Miss Ida Carr.

N. A. J. Mitchell and Miss Alice Evans.

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A. H. OVERMAN, Pres.

A. T. BROWN, Secy. 12 1/2

## Something Must Be Done By Us!

We must meet our obligations promptly, and in order to do so we must collect our outstanding accounts.

## Something Must Be Done By You!

If you owe us, come pay up. We have carried your account this year and a great many last year also; now don't stand back and say I only owe them \$2 or \$4, but remember there are many others in the same class with you and the total makes big figures to us, though small figures to you individually. To our friends who have paid us we say "Thanks," come again. A full line of Drugs and "Druggist" Sundries always on hand. Come and see us.

## St. John & Powell.

### DISTRICT COURT.

CHRISTIAN DOCKET. 4  
State vs Dad Denton No. 944. Continued by agreement.

State vs Candy O'Neal No. 945. State vs Jim Shipman. No. 950. Continued by agreement.

CIVIL DOCKET.

Richard Bates et al vs J. E. Fish et al toy title and damages. Judgment for defendants.

Martha M. Darden et al vs W. N. Most et al to try title and for damages. Judgment for defendant. Allow Most.

R. Cordwain vs Callahan Co. et al. Injunction. Judgment for defendants.

N. P. Scruggs vs T. E. F. R. Co. Suit for damages. Judgment for Plaintiff. \$1000.

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### PAVING THE DOCTOR'S FEE.

Physicians should be treated with More Justice by Their Patients.

"It is an amazing fact that of all bills sent to a family, that of the doctor is in hundreds of families the last one to be paid, and in more cases than is pleasant to contemplate it is never paid at all," writes Edward Bok in the October Ladies' Home Journal. "I have recently gone to the trouble to make some inquiries into this matter, and have been astonished to find that not one-fourth of the bills sent by doctors are paid with anything like promptness. There is a quickening of the conscience; a simple realization of a proper sense of duty needed in this matter. It is families that this matter should be brought home to their sense of fairness and justice. And as with them the doctors have for so many years been the last to receive their due in the payment of their bills, it would only be simple justice that hereafter the last shall be first." No worker in the field of human industry deserves better at the hands of the people whom he serves than the doctor, and to pay his fee promptly and cheerfully is the least we can do for the service he gives us."

### A CARD.

If you owe me you know I'll need the money badly. Please come and settle and relieve my necessities, and your own conscience.

E. R. SARTOR.

### HIDES AND FURS.

I will pay the highest market price for hides and furs.

W. J. MCGOWEN.

### STRAYED.

One bay horse 3 years old, branded T. S. on left shoulder. Last heard from at John Hirt's about Sept. 4th. I will pay for information leading to recovery of said horse.

W. S. WHELLEY. Eagle Cove, Tex. 8 1/2

### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CALLAHAN COUNTY EXHIBIT.

Editor STAR—30 bags.

W. O. Malby—6 stalks of cotton.

Luft Arvin—2 stalks cotton, 2 horse shoes, 5 ears corn.

Earl Anderson—1 bushel spring wheat.

Bob Harris—30 ears corn, 5 used.

J. R. Slices—30 ears June corn, none used.

John Bowen—1 bundle Kiefer corn.

Wm. Richardson—30 ears corn, 10 used.

Henry Lee—10 ears corn, 5 used.

J. A. Coats—5 ears corn.

Wm. Harris—5 ears.

N. A. Smedley—1 bundle white head corn.

Mrs. Tom McKarty—4 gourds.

Mrs. O. J. Roshard—24 pepper gourds.

Miss Sue Hornaby—5 West Egg gourds.

Mrs. Tom McKarty—4 gourds.

W. M. Brown—6 heads Jerusalem corn, 12 heads Mill Station.

Mrs. Charley Wilson—2 egg gourds.

John Hart—1 qt. some coal.

Tom Morgan—12 heads cat tail-milk.

Alex Oglesby—5 ears corn, 1 timb peas.

Mr. Ayers—1 bundle oats.

Total cash expenses of getting up and making the County Exhibit, \$48.00. Lost by being away one day too long by freeze 23 bushel sweet potatoes, 40 bushel tomatoes and a fine lot of green scotch and Kiefer corn.

Respectfully submitted to the business men of BaIRD, Callahan County, Yours for progress,

W. J. MALBY.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Teasdale, is visiting Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones.

C. C. Hinds, of BaIRD, has bought S. M. Moon & Co's lumber yard at Eskola, and has located at that place.

People are moving to BaIRD faster than houses can be built for them. Many families are living in tents around town.

Cal and Lon Huffman came up last week from the Horn ranch in Burdett county. Cal says several of Mr. Horn's family have been sick with slow fever; but all are about well.





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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.



"The Stars and Stripes Forever"

Baird is building more houses than any town of its size in West Texas.

Gov. Joe Wheeler writes that he will come home in time to resume his seat in Congress when it convenes in December.

John R. McLean did not get elected governor of Ohio, but then as he is worth ten or fifteen million dollars there is no danger of him suffering for food.

The people have lost all interest in the scrap in the Philippines and are watching intently the war in South Africa, where there is some real fighting going on.

To oppose the court house bonds is believed by some prospective candidates to be a fine hobby horse to ride into office next year. Some of them will find it a Trojan horse if they are not careful.

The election held in several states this week appears to have been a tie-fall between the democrats and republicans, with the pops lost completely, except in Nebraska, where two people were elected on a fusion ticket.

The report is being industriously circulated over the country that if the court house bonds carry the building will be built of brick. There is not a word of truth in it, but then a lie is a contest of this kind seems to be more effective than the truth.

The United States, Great Britain and Germany have settled the Samoan controversy that at one time threatened to involve the three powers in trouble. Uncle Sam gets one island and Great Britain and Germany will probably divide up the others.

Some people seem to have an idea that being the county site is all that keeps Baird up. What an idea! We have never yet seen a town built up merely because it was a county site. It is worth something to the town of course, to have the county site here, but it is not worth one tenth of what many suppose.

Texas Farmer never lets up on the railroad commission. Col. Shaw was the most violent Hoag and Hamilton advocate in Texas, but now he seems to be displeased with his own handiwork. THE STAR feels like saying we told you so, because nothing good was ever expressed from the commission consequently THE STAR is not disappointed.

If the court house bonds are defeated today, the people of Baird will be largely responsible for it. A few people in town, for some reason, have tried to convince the country people that the building is very little damaged and that it can be repaired for from one to four thousand dollars. All that only a few of those who know the real condition of the building have done anything to acquit the people with the facts.

It is strange that some people have such a profound knowledge of architecture without ever having studied it or had any practical experience in building. Some of the most active opponents of the court house bonds who have been telling the public that the building can be repaired for a few hundred dollars never built a house out of wood or stone or brick. They could not build a respectable hen coop out of wood or a decent pig pen out of stone, yet they tell the people that the architects and engineers are the more positive he is that the court house can be repaired for a few thousand dollars. Some of these experts [?] say all that is needed is to put in a little plaster of paris to hide the hundreds of cracks in every part of the building. All of which convinces us that what some people don't know would make a big book.

ADMIRAL SHORTS.

Nov.—As we prophesied our county exhibit took of the first premium at the Abilene Fair. More than one prize came to Callahan. We feel encouraged to make another effort.

Mr. George Barker took Tuesday for the west where he will stay one year at least. Our townsman, J. A. Harris has been on the sick list for the past two weeks. We are glad to report that at this writing he is improving.

John Brown moved his cattle from his north pasture last Monday. They seem to have done well this year. Guess he will carry them back in the spring.

Not a boy of the "crook" has been carried before the grand jury. It seems to be Turkey Creek turn. The way some of the furniture is disappearing from our school house, it will be our time next term of court.

We are surprised at THE STAR so widely misrepresenting the meaning of the last paragraph in our last communication. We did not intend, our intimates, that the tickets should trickery. The tickets are printed strictly according to the bond law. If the readers will critically examine the paragraph referred to, no such idea can be derived from it. Now for an explanation: It is in the people's mind that the new house is to be made of brick. The supporters of the bonds say the chances of rebuilding the house will be the contractors lookout. The present house cost \$25,000, then to pay \$20,000 to have a \$25,000 building rebuilt is an enormous sum. To increase the bonded indebtedness of the county to such an amount, when less would be sufficient, is an absurdity.

The whole affair remains the one of a sturdy farmer said when the corner of his millet seed granary gave way: "The fool-things can't do that. They got other ways to repair the one which had given away." This is the sentiment of the majority of the people in our precinct, about the court house bonds. DE BILD.

Da Bill said: "If all had come out on the ticket that should have come out as a majority ticket, the bonds would carry two to one, but I don't. We naturally construed this to mean that the tickets were not legal, so will any one else construe it if they will read Da Bill's letter in last week's STAR."

As to the report that the court house is to be built of brick, that is only one of the many campaign rumors concocted by the opponents of the bonds. We assure our correspondent that there is not a word of truth in it. Da Bill's reference to the sturdy old farmer's millet granary to illustrate a point is unfortunately, as he assumes that like the farmer's granary there is only one corner of the court house that needs repairing. Three of the four corners are settling and one, the north-east corner, has cracked, within the last week. The cracks in all the outside and in three-fourths of the interior walls, the delapidated arches over the windows and doors show that the foundations of the entire building is defective. Had the farmer's granary been in one half as bad condition as the court house he would have saved money by building a new granary.

The price for rebuilding the house as proposed is not excessive, but on the contrary is very reasonable as the plan contemplated is to dig out the very foundation and build on a deeper and broader foundation. Nothing else will save the building now, and in addition the building is to be made fire proof, which is a necessity if the records are to be kept secure. The time has passed for argument for this election, but if the bonds are defeated and an attempt made to blow in four or five thousand dollars to repair the building as we have been informed will be done THE STAR is determined that the people of Callahan county shall know the whole truth about the condition of the building. The people of Callahan county should never consent to spend a dollar in attempting to repair the building, and we do not believe they will when they know the real condition of the building.

The people may refer to rebuilding the house, but if they do we are going to prove to every unprejudiced voter in the county that it will be a useless waste of public money to spend any sum of money, great or small on the building in attempting to patch the defective walls in the building. The building is completely ruined, and we have faith enough in the good sense of the people of Callahan Co. to believe that they will never permit the Commission's Courts to spend any more money in repairing it. They have already spent \$1200 in repairing and painting the roof, wadding in keystones and filling in the cracks with plaster and mortar, and repairing the walls and ceiling.

In the language of "Voter" any further waste of public money in that way is "extraneous run mad. It is worse than a crime."

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