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BAIRD, CALLAHAN CO., TEXAS THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1898.

NO. 1.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE LARGEST STOCK OF Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, Hats Etc.

THE PAST WEEK THAT WE EVER BOUGHT AT ONE TIME.

GOODS SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOW PRICE OF COTTON.

We Underbuy and Always Undersell.

<p>We are Prepared.</p> <p>To give the public MORE GOODS FOR LESS MONEY than any other house in the county. We need your money, you need our goods, so if it is money you want to save, call and see us. These goods are all new and up-to-date in style and quality. Come see them.</p>	<p>Our Ambition</p> <p>Is to sell more goods this fall than ever before, and to accomplish that end we have made the prices lower on the same quality of goods than any previous season.</p>	<p>Our Millinery Department.</p> <p>Will be in charge of Mrs. Miller assisted by Miss Tooley, the best Milliners in the city, and they will be glad to have the ladies call and see them before making their purchases in this line. They have one of the largest and prettiest stocks ever brought to Baird, and are selling cheap.</p>
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I Want Your Business.

I will sell you goods as cheap as you can buy them anywhere in the county.

I WILL PAY YOU THE HIGHEST PRICE THE MARKET AFFORDS FOR YOUR COTTON.

I think it right that you should trade with the house that buys your cotton, provided they will sell you goods as cheap as any one else, and I Will Guarantee to Do That.

My motto.—"The right goods at the right price."

T. E. POWELL.

FINN BUGBY BIRD.

During the next six months we are going to issue a coupon with every 25cts. worth of Drugs or Merchandise bought of

PALACE PHARMACY,
 R. A. SPEER, Proprietor.

And I will also issue a coupon with every 25cts. paid on account, and at the end of the above stated time the person holding the largest number of coupons will be entitled to a Fine Buggy Free.

This is no "Cheap Job," present, but is a business vehicle, and is now on exhibition at C. S. Boyles' Saddle Shop. Call to see it.

— ALSO CLARBY & FEELE LEND OF —
DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.
 Prescriptions Accurately Compounded.

XMAS GOODS

In large variety at

R. Phillips, Baird, Tex.

Come and See.

<p>SETTLE UP.</p> <p>J. B. Seay requests all parties who know themselves indebted to him to settle up at once, otherwise accounts will be put in the hands of an attorney for collection. 45ct</p> <p>FOR SALE, CHEAP.—For cash or good note. At the place of John Varner, 2 miles north of town, one 12 inch Weir Sulky Plow, complete with thrifty tree and breast yoke. J. M. DOBBS, Baird, Texas.</p>	<p>PASTURES POSTED.</p> <p>Owing to the many depredations being committed in our pastures, we the undersigned, are compelled to forbid all hunting and fishing in pastures owned and controlled us. The pastures owned by the following parties are posted.</p> <p>LUKE CATHRY GARE BRADY M. STIMMERS GEORGE CLIFFORD A. L. HORNSTATT, G. W. WESSER, Sr.</p> <p>F. McQueen received from Long Island, N. Y. a barred Plymouth Rock pullet that cost him \$12.15. 50 ct</p>
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Hello!

THANKSGIVING DAY HAS PAST.

And Xmas not far off. We are opening up a nice line of Holiday Goods and will thank our patrons and the public generally if they will call and examine same. Dolls, Carriages, Tin Stoves, Dishes, Work Baskets, JEWELRY, TOILET CASES, ETC.

And a thousand and one other things. You need our Goods, we need the money. First class line of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc. Call on us we will appreciate it. A new line of 1800 Pattern Wall Paper just in and more Coming. Come and See Us for Wall Paper.

ST. JOHN & POWELL

If You Owe Us We Need the Money.

TAX COLLECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY.

To TAX COLLECTORS: I desire to call attention of tax collectors to the following statutory provisions:

"Article 117. It shall be the duty of the tax collector to make an affidavit before any Justice of the peace against any person, firm or association of persons engaging in or pursuing any occupation on which, under the laws of this State, a tax is imposed, who fails or refuses to pay the same. And any collector of taxes who shall knowingly permit any person, firm or association of persons to engage in or pursue any occupation on which, by the laws of this State, a tax is imposed, without first paying all legal taxes assessed against said person, firm or association of persons, for such occupation, or firm or country purposes, shall be liable in any sum not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars for every such offense; provided that evidence that such collector of taxes has made affidavit herein required immediately against such person, firm or association of persons so pursuing an occupation in violation of law, shall be a defense against all prosecutions under this title."—From Revised Criminal Code of 1890.

I also specially invite your attention to Article 119b of the Revised Criminal Code of 1890. Also to Article 119a of the Criminal Code of 1890. These statutes are a sufficient excuse for each collector of taxes to insist on a prompt payment of all occupation taxes from those by whom they may be due.

Respectfully,
 O. B. COLQUHUN,
 STATE REVENUE AGENT.

FOR SALE.—House and lot in Baird, Texas, cheap. Call at once. Also nice new furniture for keeping rooms, every thing complete. Will sell cheap. Mrs. CALLIE ODOM, Baird, Texas. 52 ct

TAKE NOTICE.

Join Surles the Putnam grocer and produce house wants 10,000 eggs, 100,000 chickens. Will pay the highest market price. 50

Account Annual Conference M. E. Church at Clarksville, Texas, \$10 for 1900 tickets. Tickets on sale Dec. 12th, 13th and 14th. Limit for return Dec. 29.

How are You Fixed?

-ON-

Hardware, Glassware, Tinware.

Have you realized that the prices on Hardware have "Slumped" in the past few months, in this vicinity? Have you used your "Think Pot" in figuring the cause? Are you willing to maintain competition—legitimate competition?

Actions Speak, Words are Non-Expressive.

We take this opportunity to thank the dear people who have pushed us along with their patronage, and call their attention to the fact that we are everywhere better prepared to serve them. Our line of Substantial Christmas Presents will be a blending of the practical and beautiful. We invite your critical inspection. Remember our facilities for turning out first-class tin work. Our tin shop is complete and we are prepared to do any and all kind of tin work you wish. BAIRD HARDWARE CO.

SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNTS.

I need money and hereby request all who know themselves indebted to me for medical services, or otherwise, to settle up and let us take a new start for the next year. Resp. 45ct

R. G. POWELL.

6000 REWARD.

The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$500.00 is offered 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 society in good standing."

J. B. CYPRIEN, Pres.
 F. S. BELL, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

All who are indebted to me will please come in and settle at once, as I have my obligations to meet, and must collect to do so. I have waited patiently on you, now I would be pleased to see you show your appreciation of the same by settling up your account at once. Resp'ct

JULIUS MOORE.

RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

A five room house in west part of town. Call at Miss Millie Jones' at once, for terms. 31

FOR SALE.

Several improved farms, on easy terms, several pastures and tracts of unimproved mosquito grazing lands. Baird well furnished, on easy terms, also horses and mules on time.

A. G. WEAVER,
 Baird, Texas. 14

GOOD NEWSPAPERS AT A VERY LOW PRICE.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Dallas) is published Thursdays and Fridays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmer, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated stories, etc.

We offer THE STAR and the TEE for the low shipping price of \$1.75 each, for 100 papers a year, for a real-outstanding low price. Have it your subscription at once.

A good bluff is often more effective than a bad art.

Could see nothing but smokescreens powder in his hands.

It is easier for some men to sing a hymn than speak the truth.

Some people make the best things of everything and others take it.

The best some people can do is to express somebody else's opinions.

The officer a man falls the more he is addicted to the active-going habit.

The title often sells the book and invariably catches the American hearts.

The kangaroo is a healthy looking animal, but it is nearly always on its last legs.

The trouble with the man who knows it all is that he is unable to keep it to himself.

No man ever did a designed injury to another but at the same time he did a greater to himself.

It's a wise man who can conjecture what a woman is really thinking, but it's a foolish one who wants to.

Even though she refuses him, a woman always admires the good judgment of the man who proposes.

Worst schemes by statesmen upon time has seen them one by one like the leaves of autumn.

The scientist usually asserts that a man could double his circulation by talking his feet in tepid water.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle and true and good, without being a better loser for it.

The proportion of gains to the vulgar is like one to a million, but gains without tyranny, without pretension, that judges the weak with equity, the superior with humanity, and equals with justice, is like one to ten million.

Felix Mendelssohn, in the first half of this century, thought to spare his people's feelings by playing waltzes and dances under his name.

The interesting facts in science they recently presented at the Association they are indebted to the assiduous labors of their respective wives.

A Chicago junk dealer who was the man who hitched to a small wagon by means of a strap, performing the labors of the mule.

The fire burned even more ferociously in the Home Life building, owing to the weight of this structure.

One of the results of the late war between the United States and Spain will most likely be the abolition of that form of naval piracy which finds its justification in prize capture.

The principal of looking concerned territory has long since been abandoned.

It is curious that strange contradiction which has no relation to the navy is the same ratio as in the army.

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DICKEY, DEW & CO. BUILDERS

Some of the Largest and Costliest Buildings in the Lower Part of the City Damaged Considerably.

New York, Dec. 5.—In a blinding snow storm last night the massive block of buildings on Broadway, Nos. 233 and 235 inclusive, between Murray and Warren streets, was almost destroyed by fire.

The fire began in the five-story brick building occupied by the new Publishing goods firm of Rogers, Peet & Co. on the southwest corner of Broadway and Warren streets.

Within a few minutes after the discovery of the fire the Rogers, Peet & Co. building was a roaring furnace and an alarm had been rung.

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SOUTHERN NEWS.

Jake McFee was found murdered at Bitterford, Tenn.

Hamburg, Ark., lost eight business houses by fire, with a loss of \$30,000.

The Mississippi state fair, held at Vicksburg, was a success in every respect.

The upper stories of the Orr building, a fine brick structure at Hot Springs, Ark., burned. Loss, about \$4000.

Rep. Jones, one of the most prominent railroad contractors in the south, died at Knoxville, Tenn., of a paralytic stroke.

Four prisoners broke jail at Eureka Springs, Ark., attended a dance, and afterward returned to jail and will be kept for breakfast.

Will Fore, a rolling mill man, had his neck broken by a billiard cue in a billiard room in Memphis, Ala., when he was holding a cue.

Next Heathman, Safflower county, Mississippi, James Bartley shot and killed a brother, Allen, who was chasing his sheep.

H. J. B. Thompson, a noted lawyer of Mississippi, and a grandson of Judge W. H. Thompson, died at a member of President Buchanan's cabinet, died at Yazoo City, Miss.

Sister Esther Mear, mother superior of the order of the Sisters of the Holy Poor, at Louisville, Ky., passed away from heart disease. She was connected with the home for fifteen years.

Harlow Spencer, the oldest miller in Kentucky, aged 88, is quite ill at Fort Spring, near Versailles. After Henry Clark's last defeat for president, Mr. Spencer vowed he would never vote again, and he has faithfully adhered to his vow.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has been presented by admiring constituents in the eighth congressional district of Alabama, which district he represents in congress, with a thoroughbred Kentucky horse, worth \$25,000 insurance.

Will Goldstein, wanted on a murder charge in Autauga county, Alabama, shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Warwick, at Birmingham, Ala., while the latter was attempting to arrest him. The officer leaves a widow and four children.

Gateway college, a well-known Methodist institute of learning located at Searcy, Ark., was totally destroyed by fire. Two hundred persons, including the faculty and students, were in the building, but all escaped. The building and furniture were valued at \$60,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

Large Ship Order. New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—Henry Radcliffe, Cardiff, Wales, the fourth largest individual ship owner in the world, and from that record of the heaviest shipping tonnage of any in the world, left for Glasgow, where he goes to look into the shipping matters of that port with a view of getting more of his fleet into the southern ports. Mr. Radcliffe was accompanied by David G. Pinkney, the representative of the firm of Rotterdam, Holland, and E. T. Agate, a local, a young English student, who is studying American institutions. The fleet is now being reviewed in New Orleans. While in New Orleans these distinguished English capitalists received much attention from the business men of the city and the commercial exchange.

At Beaumont, the Gulf, Beaumont and Interstate railway got judgment against the Texas and New Orleans portion of the city was burned. The actual damages. The suit was caused by the refusal of the latter road to handle freight for the former.

Fire at Kentucky. Managers of the \$100,000 fire saved in Rufus's Tavern evening in the midst of a down fall of snow and sleet. Almost the entire hall, including the bar, was burned. The principal places burned are: C. H. Tully, C. G. Moore Drug company, Hurley, and Fidelity company. Firey Banking company. All are saved.

The Baptist church at Taylor, Tex., and a residence adjoining, were destroyed by fire.

Orders have been issued by the Secretary Long to the armored cruiser New York to proceed to Havana.

That Cuba should have an independent form of government at the earliest possible moment is the policy of the United States made to the world that when the Spaniards were driven out a stable form of government should be established.

That the proposed army of occupation should be reduced to the lowest figure possible, and that less than 25,000 soldiers will be sent at this time.

It was this result that they officially gave out last night that at the conference with President McKinley was most satisfactory and encouraging.

The representative of the Cuban assembly in Washington, who accompanied his compatriots, and acted as interpreter, as well as a master of ceremonies, at the conference.

Immediately after the formal introduction had been accomplished, Gen. Garcia, in a most informal manner, presided over the conference.

Amnesty has been granted to political offenders in Hungary and a number of new questions have been raised.

The day was ushered in with the booming of cannon and a grand review of the troops by the high dignitaries of the garison.

The territorial grand jury indicted a dozen prominent men for aiding and abetting the rebellion.

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It is always the package that we do not care about particularly that is promptly delivered.

A Base Against Fever. The use of a steam-trip from Spain discovered in mid ocean that fishes were dying in the hold.

Health is too important to be trifled with. Do not experiment. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla. You will have the best medicine money can buy.

These are the days when marvelous hunting tales are told.

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W. E. GILLLAND, Editor and Proprietor.

ONE GLASS OF WINE. TWO AGAINST A MOB.

Persons Who Think That It Changed Course of Politics in This Country.

It is said that a single glass of wine probably wrecked the democratic party in 1860. The story is worth telling.

It is quite likely that each would have been the case but for an unfortunate mishap.

Old men who remember that speech are given a powerful argument, and the impression gained ground that after the noon recess the speaker would have been a good deal more eloquent.

But the over-confident friends of the minority report were doomed to disappointment. Johnson felt the effects of the morning session so much that he was unable to say anything and he left the room about the middle of the afternoon.

The great orator resumed his speech, but the wine had succeeded him. He said a few words and then he was obliged to leave the room.

In telling the public how mean the Democrats of Texas are the Texas Journal should say a little as possible about the virtues of the J. J. Davis administration.

TWO AGAINST A MOB.

AN OLD TIME MISSISSIPPI RIVER SHOOTING SCRAPE.

A trivial incident that led to the shooting of two men on the Mississippi river.

"One of the worst shooting scrapes that ever happened along the Mississippi river."

All admitted the ruins were plainly visible, when he changed to the opposite side of the wheel, and after a slight effort made to contrast those of an impaling carter.

"You can look for yourselves," said the postmaster, tossing them the bag, but after searching and finding it empty they were a good deal more than ever.

"Colonel Bunch, who owned the property, noticing the fire, ordered the men to be arrested."

"At this juncture the shooting commenced, and I made for the boat. Every body seemed to be firing at the lumbermen, and you would have thought them a kind of generalities."

"The boat in this instance was showing a dipping and lurching motion, the pilot gave his undivided attention to a man who was firing at the lumbermen."

"You look into engine to cut," said the pilot, and the engine was stopped for some time.

HONOR ABOVE GOLD.

An incident which illustrates the French character.

"Spending of French money I heard a most extraordinary story of another strange kind of contemporary life."

"Well, just after the downfall of the commune Mr. Levy was intruded with one of the most droll of men."

"I don't know why the people of being in love should deprive them of their sense."

SHE TIED UP HIS TONGUE.

An experience which led to the breaking of an engagement.

"She tells something," said the man, "of course, he said."

"Patient—Ah, yes! Will you die with me, doctor? You can perform the operation."

"You look into engine to cut," said the pilot, and the engine was stopped for some time.

J. M. DOBBINS, (Successor to Dobbins & Mahan.) Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Pianos and Organs.

D. W. Wristen & Co., DEAL IN FRESH GROCERIES. Please Call and Examine and See for Yourself.

S. M. MOON & CO. Successors to Moon & Crowder. DEALERS IN Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Paint, MOULDING, GEMENT and CEDAR POSTS.

OLVER'S GROCERY STORE. DEALS IN Fresh Groceries, Provisions, and COUNTRY PRODUCE. Free Delivery to all Parts of the City.

PALACE SALOON. J. J. WELCH & CO. Proprietors. The Finest Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars. ALWAYS ON HAND. Ice Cold Beer 5cts. a Glass.

Milinery Mrs. Phillips has just returned from the east with a nice line of Millinery Goods and would be pleased to have you call at the Ladies Bazaar and examine their stock and get their prices before buying.

LITTLE GEM RESTAURANT. GEO. DUNCAN, Prop. MEALS SERVED AT ALL HOURS. Short Orders a Specialty. We serve only the Best Fresh Bread for Sale Daily.

B. T. Babbitt's PURE POTASH IS EQUAL TO 3 of any Other BRAND. 3 Cans of Any Other Brands, 25 cts. 2 Cans of B. T. Babbitt's PURE POTASH, 20 cts. SAVES THE CONSUMER. INSIST ON HAVING B. T. BABBITT'S Pure Potash or Lye.

VOLUME XII.

On December 31st, 1887, eleven years ago today, the first copy of THE BAIRD STAR was issued.

Uncle Sam can now say that the sun never sets on his dominions.

The New York Journal seems to think it is the democratic party.

The Panama canal people want to unload their foul smelling ditch on Uncle Sam.

Spain threatens to issue a "red book" and expose the iniquity of the United States. Too bad!

The country has elected up Hon. Benton McMillin's splendid. He is suffering with a bad case of jealousy.

John Pigtal seems to be in hard luck with England, France, Russia, Germany and Uncle Sam all after his head.

Grover Cleveland is falling out of the coils of Cuba. At the same old game-fishing for the democratic nomination. "Treason work now Grover."

It is said that Collis P. Huntington is opposed to the Nicaragua canal.

Mr. Henson does not desire any composition with his rival, of course not.

Germany think Uncle Sam is too hard on Spain. Uncle Sam thought Germany was too exacting with France once upon a time, and with good reason, too.

Some say the Philippines are dirt cheap at twenty million dollars. Perhaps so, but it appears to some, at least, as though Spain got a good reward sum for something she had already lost.

Mr. Hearst of the New York Journal says young Mr. Bailey of Texas is a 25 caliber politician. Before he gets through with our Joe the Democrats will probably learn that the Texas is a 13 cal. gun.

The Texas State Journal, John Grant's paper, has been almost entirely blank for some time.

When Washington visited his people to keep clear of extending his influence with European nations, he was a weak and poor people.

The St. Louis Republic says the eyes of the whole country are on Missouri, all because the democrats in that state had thirty-three majority at last election.

W. A. Tuley & Co.

Men's Clothing, Etc.

We have a complete line of Capes, Knit Goods, and lots of Dress Goods.

SHOES CAN'T BE BEAT FOR WEAR OR PRICES.

Nice Line of Clothing, all kinds of Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Blankets, Underwear, Chenille Curtains and covers, Oil Cloth, Window Shades, Etc.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE HAVE A FULL LINE OF FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKER GOODS.

H. SCHWARTZ, Mgr.

Geo. Steil.

T. & P. RY SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND. 7:30 A. M.

WEST BOUND. 5:15 P. M.

J. B. HANSON, Agent

LOCAL NEWS.

Ed Coppins went to Dallas, Tuesday a dry norther blew up Tuesday morning and it was right cold during the day.

F. McQueen takes in the poultry show and Farmers' Congress at Fort Worth this week.

The City Council seems to have a hard time to get a city marshal to stick to his job.

Jim Sney, **Kelley Kendall**, **Sam Cutbirth** and **Sam C. Jr.** and several others went to Midland Monday.

What we say is true!

What we promise is fulfilled,

50 H

Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Homeoerid Syrup at bedtime will remove it. Price 25c and 50c.

St. John & Powell.

Colie Baker, of Cotanwood, took the train Tuesday at Dallas for Fort Worth where he goes to attend to some business matters.

Every day advantages are afforded. We have a special sales and we think from the way you patronize us that you appreciate it. Thanks, Harry Meyer. 50 H

In biliousness, herbs, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acid, improve the assimilative process, purify the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 25c. St. John & Powell.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and become seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to the system. It is sold in bottles, 10c and 25c. St. John & Powell.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can not easily be cured by using Taylor's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Relief follows its use, and one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to get it a trial. Price 25c in bottles, 10c 75c. St. John & Powell.

In sluggish liver, Bierce, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tract renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arises from the collapse of the liver. Price 50c. St. John & Powell.

J. D. Bennett came in from Admiral Monday for Abilene to attend a meeting of the Commandery, but the meeting having been postponed until Dec. 15th he returned home. While in town John had his beard and mustache shaved off, whereas some of the boys thought it probable that there would be a disturbance in the family when he showed up at home.

Allice Mercer, wife of Ned Mercer, colored, died last Thursday.

See change in R. Phillips' ad. You find his ads like his stock—numerous.

D. C. Walker and Harry Holcomb, of Putnam, were in town yesterday.

Miss Martha Gilliland from the Bayou, was in town trading, yesterday.

They McWhorter and W. P. Brightwell were up from the Bayou, yesterday.

Call and see the Royal and Grand Charier, crack cook stoves at Harry Meyer's.

Miss Emily Temple who is teaching school at Callahan City, spent Sunday in town with her parents.

Alphonso Bulmore, who has been attending school at Dallas for some time, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Callahan, who has spent the past year with her son, A. A. Callahan, returned to Hood County, Texas, Saturday.

Editor Willson and A. J. (Nuff) Arvin, of Cotanwood, were seeing their country as jurors in County Court the first of the week.

The first quarterly conference of the M. E. Church South was held at Baird last Saturday and Sunday, Rev. J. S. Chapman, P. E. presiding.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. W. Castle, of Anson, came down Saturday on a visit to their son, John Castle. They returned home Monday.

Hon. Ed Crowley, member of the 25th legislature and editor of the Midland Reporter was on the west bound passenger Sunday.

W. S. Hatcher, the new meat market has an ad in this issue. Mr. Hatcher is an able gentleman and will treat you square. Give him a trial order for Christmas and New Year's line.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by R. Phillips, Baird and J. K. Orr, Putnam.

You will find a list of names and numbers of telephones in town. Call this list out and paste it up by your phone and call by number. The list will be corrected monthly.

Mrs. Willie A. Nicholson, daughter of Mrs. Nichols died at San Antonio Tuesday. The remains will be interred in the Baird cemetery Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Ablem Presbyterian church, which made this evening, Dec. 5 will continue in session until Sunday night. The Ladies Missionary Society will continue the exercises Saturday evening. Every body invited to attend.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of bandage damp with Chamberlain's Pain Expeller and bound on the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This is true treatment, and a lame back in a few hours. Sold by R. Phillips, Baird and V. A. Orr, Putnam.

By an oversight last week we failed to call attention to notice of Charity Association formed in Baird. The object of the association is to raise funds to assist those who may need help in our town. The object is a worthy one and we hope every citizen of Baird will contribute something to the first case of them you meet. The soliciting committee is composed of the following well known citizens: J. E. W. Lane, W. J. McDowell, W. C. Powell, J. H. Mills and J. M. Bushing. Don't wait for the committee to call on you, but hand your contribution to the first case of them you meet. If any one in town knows of any one that needs assistance, let them notify you, and you will investigate and render such assistance as may be needed.

HATCHER'S MEAT MARKET.

I desire to inform the people of Baird and vicinity that I have opened a Meat Market just door south of the old lue building. I will keep **PORK, BEEF, SAUSAGE, ETC.** Give me a trial I will treat you right. **W. S. HATCHER.**

FRESH BREAD.

Go to Mrs. E. K. Kane for bread. Fresh bread baked daily. She uses the best flour the market affords, give her your order. Fresh just for sale.

DO YOU KNOW THE VIRTUES OF THE WATERS AND CLIMATE OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK? Do you want to know? We have a booklet on the subject which is yours for the asking. Write Address B. L. Winchell, General Passenger Agent, Frisco Line, St. Louis.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. At a bargain for cash. In east part of town. Apply to **W. A. TULEY, C. H. KING, Painter.**

Low Rates on the 'T. P. R.'

Special low rate tickets to points in the South-eastern states will be sold by the Texas & Pacific Railway Company from all points on its line, Dec. 30 and 31, the same as in former years. It should be borne in mind that passengers have the choice of three gateways via this line in going back to their old homes for Christmas and New Year's, namely: New Orleans, Shreveport and Memphis. It is with a feeling of pleasure and pride that we offer you the best passenger service in the South.

If you contemplate making the trip and want to know the cheapest and best way, write to nearest ticket agent or E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Texas & Pacific Railway, Dallas, Texas, or to H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger and Ticket Agent, Fort Worth, Texas.

E. P. TURNER, G. P. and T. A. C. H. H. H. H.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, bruises, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25c and 50c. St. John & Powell.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Go to A. Cooke's for Drigs. 28c

Go to A. Cooke's for paints and oils.

No more credit subscriptions taken for THE STAR. Cash or no go.

NOTICE—All persons indebted to me are requested to call and settle at once. **E. R. BARTON.** 45

A large stock of new goods just arrived and being opened at H. L. Hoytman's. Call and see them. 47

Cotton checks at 2 1/2. Where? At Hoytman's, for coal bargains.

Lots For Sale. Several nice building lots for sale cheap and on reasonable terms. **FRED LAKE.**

If you want a set of clothes do not go to H. Meyer's, but go to head-quarters "Hoyt's" for real bargains.

Jones & Mills, barbers. Hot and cold baths at all hours, up to 9 p. m. Open Saturdays to 12 o'clock. 23 H.

We will take it as a favor if any subscribers whose date in his printed copy of THE STAR is incorrect will notify us at once.

Don't you need some stationery? THE STAR Job Office has the goods for your order and will please you in both quality and price.

MARRIAGE CERTIFCATION.

Mr. M. S. Hogan, who makes his headquarters in this city, and who travels considerably in the interest of a plain house, is responsible for this story of a queer marriage ceremony performed in the northwestern part of Kentucky by an Irish magistrate. He told it in Corridor Gossip and some friends wish at dinner a few evenings ago.

"This Irish magistrate was a man of liberal education and a full quota of genuine Irish wit. A short time ago Jim and Bet, a colored pair, called upon the squire to be united. 'Far better or worse,' said the Squire having been notified of their coming, prepared and actually used the following ceremony:

'Jim, will you take Bet, Without any regret, To love and cherish, Holding him to your perch, And la laid under the sod So help you God!'

"All of which being answered in the affirmative by Jim, the squire turned to Bet and said:

'Bet, will you take Jim, And cling to him, Both out and in, Through thick and thin, Holding him to your perch, Till death do you part!'

"Bet acquiesced in a modest bow of the head, and the happy pair were united by the following ceremony:

'They'll alternate joy and strife, In love promissory you man and wife, And you shall till life you get to the end and salute your bride, you old black devil.'—F. Worth Register.

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held at the Court House Tuesday night. Mayor Young and Aldermen Harmon, Schwartz, St. John, Driskill and Mayes, read. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The first business on docket was the discussion of the water works question. Maps and profiles from survey by Mr. Murray Harris, civil engineer, were examined and approved satisfactory to the council.

The dam site is located in Virginia Ranch Co. Its pasture a distance of 750 feet from east end of 2nd street. The Mayor was directed to communicate with the Ranch people and see what could be done in regard to securing dam site and right-of-way for the water main to town. Nothing further can be done in this direction until the dam site is secured. The whole thing now depends upon what the Virginia Ranch Co. will do. It is hoped some can make favorable terms with them, the works will be put in otherwise some other plan will have to be devised.

Marion Barnhill's resignation tendered his resignation which was accepted. There were six applicants for the vacant No. 12 position. Councilman Cary Hinds at a salary of \$52 per month.

Another business of importance was transacted, and council adjourned.

BAIRD TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

NAME.	NUMBER.
Asbury, John, residence,	20
Boydston, B. L. residence,	12
Boydston, W. J. residence,	24
Hoytman, store,	10
Court House,	2
Cotanwood Linn,	21
Foster Bros., Gin,	17
Gilliland, W. E. residence,	6
Johnson's Restaurant,	35
Robertson, J. residence,	27
Meyer's Store,	13
Maxwell Station,	28
Robertson, W. J. residence,	24
Norton, J. residence,	18
Norton's Store,	4
Oliver's Store,	27
Powell, T. E. residence,	2
Powell, T. E. Store,	23
Post Office,	31
Reynolds, W. J. residence,	27
Peters, J. H. residence,	20
Rogers, G. W. residence,	9
Schwartz Store,	1
Star Office,	4
Solomon, E. E. residence,	22
Sartor, Dr. residence,	29
Stear, J. R. saloon & residence,	21
St. John & Powell, store,	11
St. John, R. A. residence,	14
Walden & Co. store,	4
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Wilson, Mrs. E. residence,	29
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Come and See.

Our Variety is too numerous to mention. Visit us and See.

MONEY LOST.

\$20 dollars in \$5 dollar bills. Lost either in Baird or between Baird and San mile post on Coleman road. Weather, Dec. 25. Finder will please leave at W. S. Hatcher's most market. Reward and name received. Dec. 28. **JEFF NICKELL.**

Messrs. C. A. Saffman and Jan. Adcock were the lucky parties that opened the cash box at R. Phillips and got \$5.

The coupon contest will come off on Dec. 31, instead of Jan. 1, and all who have coupons are requested to bring them in by that date. R. Phillips, Mgr.

R. J. Hatcher, formerly of Blair, has now either of the General Telephone at Hayter, Texas, came down Tuesday. We are glad to learn that he is well.

Mrs. A. D. Franco, of Wise County and Dr. J. A. Hay are visiting W. Boyd's family.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Bowler were in a few days to visit the W. G. and Charley Bowler.

