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The First National Bank of Baird.

One of the Largest and Oldest Banks in the West.

Cash Capital \$100,000. Cash Surplus \$20,000.
Total \$120,000.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED. MONEY LOANED.
General Banking.

Your business solicited, every facility for the transaction of business.

The Star.

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

What Did You Pay For it?

T. E. POWELL.
Has it for Less!
WHAT IS IT
Dry Goods, Clothing, Ec.

VOL. 15 BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC 12, 1901. NO. 2.

WE WANT YOUR TRADE.

WE TRY TO PLEASE YOU.

B. L. BOYDSTUN,

Good Quality Goods. Immense Stock. Very Low Prices.

TRADE MADE BY BUSINESS PRINCIPLE
New Customers Made Most Every Day.

Childs Suit 75c to \$5
Boys Suits \$2 to \$10.

The largest and most select stock of Boy's Clothing that can be found in the West, bring your boys here and turn them over to me. I will see they are well clothed at lowest prices.



Mrs. JANE HOPKINS
Double Breasted Suit

UNION MADE GOODS.

The best Union Made Goods, Hamilton Corhort, we are exclusive agents. Men's Work Shirts, Pants, Jumpers and Overalls, come let us show you our large assortment of Fall Goods.



Ladies Tailor Made Suits. \$10 to \$20.

Ladies Capes, Furs and Collarettes, from \$1 to \$10.

Handsome Flannel and Silk Waist.

Children's Reefers. INFANTS LONG CLOAKS.



Extra Ordinary Millinery Offer. --

\$15.00 PATTERN HATS \$12.50
10.00 " " 7.50
8.50 " " 6.00
7.50 " " 6.00

Large Assortment of Childrens ready trimmed hats.

Prices to Please.

We are prepared to show you the most pleasing and comfortable line of Men's Ladies and Misses Shoes, it has ever been our pleasure to show. Visit our shoe department and have my clerks show you the best line of shoes ever carried in the west. B. L. BOYDSTUN, Baird, Texas.

PALACE DRUG STORE.

We carry a full line of
Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc.
Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Books,
PERIODICALS, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.

R. A. SPEER, Proprietor.

Baird, Texas.

NOTICE.

The time for paying the past year's account is now at hand, and all who know themselves indebted to me will please come forward and settle at once. I have many heavy accounts to meet and must have the money to pay them.

T. E. POWELL. 1-11

Land For Sale.

W. T. Claiborn place 5 miles south-west of Baird adjoining my land, 160 acres, 40 acres in cultivation. Will sell at private sale with in the next few weeks.

J. M. BRYANT,
Administrator.

Cord Wood Wanted.

Five or six cords of wood green or dry at THE STAR office. If any want to pay their subscription to THE STAR in either cord wood or stove wood, remember we will always take it at the market price. Those who are owing us on subscription are requested to bring in wood or pay the money so we can buy wood.

46-11

Plantation Sarsaparilla 50c.

Is composed of sarsaparilla, yellow dock, stinging, poke root and tincture of potash and cures all impurities of the blood. Has cured thousands and will cure you. One million bottles sold annually is sufficient to convince any one of its worth. Manufactured by the Van Vleet-Manfield Drug Co. For sale by Powell and Powell. No 3

We will sell you a suit of clothes for \$8.50 that others get \$12.50. T. E. Powell. 1-11

\$10 REWARD.

Lost pair mules, one black horse make 16 hands high, 7 years old branded L.M. on left shoulder, shod in front. The other a bay horse mule, 15 hands high, shod all round, about eight years old, no brand. I will pay ten dollars reward for delivery of said mules at my place near Tecumseh Tex.

1-2p J. C. ROGERS.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Callahan

Taken up by J. H. Cunningham and estrayed before T. A. Jackson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 8, Callahan county, on the 2d day of November 1901, the following described animal:

One bay horse 12 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, star in forehead, branded U on left shoulder, appraised at Ten dollars.

If not legally proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 12th day of November A. D., 1901.

W. F. COCHRAN,
County Clerk.

SANTA CLAUS
Has Come to Town.

HE IS MAKING OUR STORE HEADQUARTERS.

Such another Collection of beautiful presents we never had before. Ladies and Gents Gold Watches, Ladies and Gents Plain and Set Rings, Watch Chains and Charms, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Sterling Silver Novelties, Toys Galore, Beautiful Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Shaving Sets, Photo Cases, Medallions, Work Box, Dressing Sets, Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, Banjos, The Best Eight Day Clock for the money in Baird, Dolls, yes lots of them, Doll Buggies and Go-carts, Vases, Statuary Etc. Etc. Come in and see our stock we can please both young and old.

If You Owe Us Please Settle—We Need It.

POWELL & POWELL
DRUGGISTS.

- A CHEERFUL CALL TO XMAS BUYERS! -

BEAUTIFUL GIFTS. NEVER SO GOOD. NEVER SO CHEAP.

OUR FINE DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS IS OPENED AND READY.

The Newest Novelties. The Best Selections. The Most Appropriate Presents for one and all at Fairest Prices. Do not fail to come in and see our Christmas attractions in

FANCY GOODES AND NOVELTIES.

We Claim for our Holiday Display, General Excellence in Quality, Great Variety and Very Reasonable Prices, making it beyond a Question or doubt the Right Place to get the Right Gifts at the Right Prices.

Whatever Your Wants May be, we can meet them with beautiful and appropriate Selections.

We Have just received a fine line of first-class, highgrade Musical Instruments: **Guitars, Violins, Banjos, Mandolins.**

We solicit a Comparison of Goods and Prices, Knowing that our Holiday Stock will make friends, outshine rivals, please everybody, and sell itself on its merits.

Your to Please,

R. PHILLIPS, BAIRD, TEXAS.

HOTEL SEAY BAR.
J. B. SEAY Proprietor.

The Finest
Whiskies, Aleohols, Wines, Cigars.
ALWAYS ON HAND.

Sacramental Wine Ice Cold Beer 5cts. a Glass.
Always kept in Stock.

Baird, Texas.

Jno. W. Woods represents the old reliable Hartford Fire Insurance Co. If you want a policy that will make you feel safe like the Hartford, whose cash assets is over \$11,000,000 and losses paid since organization is over \$28,000,000.

52-11

I have fresh yeast for sale. Mrs. E. K. Kane.

Get a good gun from Hadley & Summers they carry a large line of ammunition and sporting goods.

Go to Wilson & Oliver for fresh salt hams, pure leaf lard, soap grease and head cheese. We also buy hides and furs.

52-11

Meals at Hotel Seay 25 cents. 13-11

Entered at the postoffice at Baird, Tex., as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.

Subscription Rates.

One year \$1.00 Six months .50 cts Terms: Cash in advance.

Advertising Rates.

1 inch, 1 month, \$1.00 1 inch, 3 months, \$2.50 2 inches Double Column, 1 month, 2.00 2 inches Double Column, 3 months, 6.00 1/4 Page, 1 month, 12.00 1/4 Page, 3 months, 30.00 1/2 Page, 1 month, 20.00 1/2 Page, 3 months, 45.00

Four weeks counted as one month, except when ads run three months or longer. Local reading notices in River body type only 3 cents per line each insertion.

No reading notices to run among reading matter in black type or larger or smaller type than regular body type will be received at any price.

Our rates are reasonable and will be strictly adhered to.

We make a specialty of handsome display ads, and press work on THE STAR is acknowledged by experts to be equal to the very best weekly papers in Texas.

Does a Cannery Pay?

Bells News. People who have never lived in or near a small town that has a cannery can not correctly comprehend or appreciate the importance of a well-regulated cannery as to what it may do for the town and surrounding country.

To the farmer it will diversify crops and give larger returns on small tracts of land, and will insure and promote better cultivation, for it is useless for any one to try to raise sweet corn, tomatoes, beans or small fruit without thorough and practical cultivation.

The writer has raised as much as twelve tons of tomatoes to the acre and delivered them to the cannery at \$6 per ton, making \$72 per acre.

A cannery properly operated in a good locality during favorable years will pay to the stockholders 50 per cent on the amount of money invested and will greatly increase the business of the local bank.

Conditions requisite to success are, first, a locality naturally adapted to the growth of such vegetables and fruits as are required for canning purposes and a people that are willing to work to make success possible both in the field and factory.

A chance to go home. For your Christmas and New Year is offered by The Texas & Pacific Railway Company.

Remember I have a few bargains left in boots and shoes and gent's furnishing goods. It will pay you to investigate if you need anything in that line. J. H. Terrell. 1-tf

Health and Beauty. A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels.

For further information in regard to sleeping car accommodations rates, etc., see any Ticket Agent or write H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Ft. Worth, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, The Texas & Pacific Railway Company, Dallas, Texas.

Clothing! Clothing! Clothing!

Cheapest and prettiest line ever seen in Baird. T. E. Powell. 1-tf

It is not the men that hoard up money that do the town good, it is the men that spend money. One man that keeps his money in circulation is worth half a dozen that hold fast to every dollar they get.

Says He Was Tortured. "I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ills., "but Bucklen's Aajica Salve completely cured them."

While they last, all the finest callouses at 4 cents per yard. Come quick. T. E. Powell. 1-tf

Whenever a man says he does not believe in advertising, he mistakes the truth—its the paying for it he don't like. He will always take free advertising gladly.

A Woman's Awful Peril. "There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice.

A correspondent sends the Standard an item which we think well worth printing, it being the Rev. Dr. Barnum's advice to tobacco chewers.

J. H. Terrell has the finest and best selected and cheapest candies in town. He bought them especially for the holiday trade. 1-tf

Food Changed to Poison. Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c at Powell & Powell. dec

Nothing would be more appropriate for a Christmas present than a good Kodak. J. H. Terrell has the only stock in town. 1-tf

An Evangelist's Story. "I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies, but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill.

My pastures are posted and any one found hunting or fishing therein, will be prosecuted according to law. R. MACDONALD.

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NAPOLEON'S ORDER.

THE LEGION OF HONOR AND HOW IT WAS FOUNDED.

Despite the Ridicule the Project at First Invited its Inauguration Proved That Napoleon Knew French Human Nature.

France owes the Legion of Honor to Napoleon. All orders of chivalry had been abolished by the revolution and had left a gap which it was not easy to fill.

This was at Malmaison in 1802. In May the conseil d'etat was invited to consider the project of the institution of the Legion of Honor.

But Napoleon had gauged human nature correctly. His Legion of Honor did meet a felt want, and it was definitely inaugurated on July 14, 1804.

After Jena Goethe was decorated. A little later high promotion in the order was given to General Lamarque, to whom Sir Hudson Lowe had surrendered at Capri.

Henry Harpole was in town yesterday. In biliousness, HERBINE, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system.

Alex Williams and family were in town trading last Saturday. The Best Time. The best time to cure a cough or cold is when you are first affected.

Many wonder how it is that pin worms and stomach worms get into little children, or how a tape worm 300 feet long, can get in and exist and grow inside a man, as it sometimes happens.

Mexican Root Pills. These pills, costing only 25 cents a box, are the latest vegetable discovery for cleansing, renovating, strengthening and regulating the liver and bowels.

The best time to cure pain is when you first feel it. Always have a bottle of Gooch's Quick Relief in the house.

The Whole Body. The whole body depends on good, healthy blood for its sustenance and strength.

Pile-cures Piles! Money refunded if it ever fails. ANTI-AGUE cures Chills and Fever.

EAGLE COVE LOCALS.

Dec. 8.—Everything is quiet in the Village this eve on account of the high wind and sleet from the north.

Quite a lot of people were in the village yesterday trading, having horses shod, getting mail, etc.

The writer is glad to see Eagle Cove has another correspondent, hope he will write often.

There are some prospects of another store and a gin going up in the near future.

With best wishes to the Editor for a pleasant Xmas will close.

Boyles has a second hand surry for sale cheap. 1-tf

I have taken your REMICK'S PEPIN BLOOD TONIC. I know it is the best TONIC ever made.

Ned Alexander has recovered from his long spell of fever and returned to Fort Worth with his mother.

H. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach, says, "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than anything I have ever taken."

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THE DEACON.

A COMEDY IN FIVE ACTS To be Played in Baird College Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 18th.

CAST OF CHARACTERS. Deacon Thornton. Horral Phillips. Geo. Darrah, alias Wheeler. Weaver Taylor. Tom Read. Owen Leavertt. Parson Brownlow. Brodie Lyster. Geo. Graef. Justin Anderson. Billy, the Deacon's boy. Eddie Lambert. Mrs. Thornton's servant. Ola Asbury. Mrs. Thornton, Sister-in-law of the Deacon. Ruth French. Miss Amelia Fawcett, her sister. Nettle Smartt. Mrs. Darrah. Ora Holland. Little Nellie, her daughter. Mary Edwards. Daisy Deau. Mary Bowyer.

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HE SAVED THE SCOW

A CLEVER BIT OF STRATEGY IN AN ENGINEERING JOB.

How a Young American Engineer Brought His Spirit of Invention to Aid in Solving a Wreck Problem in South America.

"It is easy enough for an engineer to show ability in New York or in other big towns where he can get about all the tools and conveniences ever devised. It is when an engineer finds himself in the wilds of a jungle or up in the mountains, hundreds of miles from civilization, that his own natural ingenuity and invention count," said a veteran engineer to a youngster who had been admitted to the ranks of the Engineers' club.

"Down in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, where the arrival of a sailing schooner causes a sensation, where a mail steamer enters the muddy harbor once in two weeks to carry two hours to get rid of its mail and to take on a few passengers, there was once a young American engineer who showed that he had the proper spirit of invention to advance him to the front ranks of the profession. Like all the best inventions, his was the simplest one, and it was one that was widely talked about among the profession to the credit of the inventor.

"To understand the story properly you need a trifling insight into Surinam and its habits. Here Indians may be seen on the streets wearing only a breechcloth. The white population is so scarce that all are thrown together as if in one large family, Englishmen, Americans, Germans, Dutchmen and Frenchmen all combining together and forming clubs and society to keep themselves from dying of sheer loneliness.

"In this primitive town there was a man who held the splendid monopoly of owning a large scow. That, up there, seems a remarkably small thing to be proud of, but the value of even a scow depends entirely upon where the scow is and what it will cost to replace it. This particular scow had been built by American ship carpenters sent especially from the United States at great expense. There was not another scow in the entire harbor, and about all of the heavy river work to be done for the city and plantations and mining companies was done by this one vessel. Its loss, therefore, would have been not only a severe one for the owner, who had a monopoly of the business in those days, but it would have been little short of a national calamity.

"One day, while the scow was anchored in midstream, one of those sunshing black squalls for which the tropics are famous broke over the river, and for twenty minutes you could not see ten feet away or hear a man shouting at your elbow. When the storm finally abated, the scow was not to be seen, and it was found she had gone down, deck load and all. To most of us there seemed about as much chance of raising the vessel as there would be to raise an ocean steamer sunk in the middle of the Atlantic.

"It was about this time that the young engineer took a hand in the problem. He asked the dimensions of the scow and was told that it was 12 by 60 feet, and then he announced that if the owner would provide him with four men he would raise the scow for a certain sum of money. The bargain was made, though the contractor refused to say how he would go about the job.

"Now, you must know that aside from the ebb and flood tide, which alternate every six hours, there is also what is known as a spring tide. This comes with the full of the moon, and it has the effect of making a higher flood tide than any during the month. The opposite to the spring tide is the neap tide, and that happens at the dark of the moon, with the effect that at no other tide during the month is the ebb tide so low as it is at that time. The difference in the height of water between the ebb and neap tide and the flood at spring tide is considerable.

"The engineer waited until neap tide. On that day he towed a number of logs down the river. These he anchored over the scow and sent men below to fasten chains to one side of the scow, and these he fastened to the logs on the surface. Then he waited patiently. As the spring tide approached he towed other logs down the river until he had enough to make quite a raft, and on the day of the highest tide all the logs were tied together and fastened. The tide rose steadily, and the more it rose the more the raft went down under the strain of the pull on the chains. At last, just as it seemed that the raft was unequal to the occasion, it was seen to bob up violently, and a moment later there was a commotion in the water, and the scow appeared. What had happened, of course, was this: The chains pulling upward on one side of the scow tilted it more and more until the deck load began to slide off, and finally, when all the stones had slid into the river, the scow came up under its own buoyancy. The remainder was simple. The vessel was towed to the shore, where it was hauled up on the sand, and when the water receded holes bored into the hull caused the scow to empty. Later the holes were plugged up again, and the old ship was as fine as silk."—New York Times.

George Was Slow.
She—if you could have one wish, George, what would it be?
He—it would be that—that—that—oh, if I only dared tell you what it would be!
She—Oh, please go on! Do tell me!
He—I dare not. But, oh, if only I could!
She—Well, why don't you? What do you suppose I brought the wishing subject up for?—London Tit-Bits.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

There were 237 failures in the United States the past week.

Admiral Sampson is said to be very feeble at Washington.

Snow fell Sunday in many counties in the Panhandle of Texas.

A new and wonderful natural cave has been found near Butte, Mon.

Charles Reddage was instantly killed at Carbondale, Ill., by William Walker.

Allen Nance accidentally shot and killed his brother Blaine near Cowden, Ill.

Nels Benson, of Dix township, Ill., was killed by falling from a windmill.

All of the vacant lots of Tallihina, I. T., will be advertised and sold next year.

China has secured a loan of 265,000,000 francs in Paris at 3 per cent interest.

A test of new pneumatic dynamite gun at Hilton Head, S. C., was a success.

J. I. Davis, of Grant county, Ark., was killed by a tree which he was felling.

Paris, France, is going to import American catfish and put them in the river Seine.

W. S. Copey of McKinney, Tex., was bitten by a rabid dog at his farm in the county.

Berry Howard has been arrested in Kentucky in connection with the Goebe assassination.

Spanish war veterans will meet in San Antonio, Tex., in April, 1902, and have a reunion.

Tom Fleming of Houston, Tex., was shot and killed. C. E. Steel, a mail carrier, was arrested.

Frank Collier, of Winchester, Ind., accidentally shot and killed himself while coon hunting.

In a street affray at Newberry, Fla., J. B. Easterlin was shot and killed by H. Johnson.

Mrs. Margaret Whalm of West Hoboken, N. J., had \$3000 in the bank and died of starvation.

Miss Edna Burchill of Fort Worth, Tex., is making a hit in Chicago in the Vaudeville theatre.

Pawnee, O. T., was visited by a severe fire Saturday, which destroyed several business houses.

The store of H. E. Anderson of Rising Star, Tex., was broken into and about \$1800 in cash taken.

Benjamin Lindow, of Houston, Tex., was killed while hunting, his gun being accidentally discharged.

State Senator Harris of San Antonio, Tex., will be a candidate for congress from the Fourth district.

Marietta, I. T., has petitioned congress to have the county seat of that county located at that place.

The board of trustees of the Texas Presbyterian college for girls decided to locate the school at Milford, Texas.

Mart Gregory, a 17-year-old son of Rev. T. W. Gregory, was killed by an Illinois Central train at Gilbertsville, Ky.

J. C. Jennings, a railroad laborer, was shot and dangerously wounded by a fellow workman over a trivial matter.

Bob Daniels, a young farmer living near Ennis, Tex., fell under a freight car at Rosser and had both legs crushed.

Joseph Bradley, a switchman on the Cotton Belt, was caught between two cars at Texarkana, Tex., and fatally injured.

Bud Wilson, a negro, was hanged at Danville, Ark., for killing Robert H. Naylor, a deputy warden of the penitentiary.

At Grand Prairie, Tex., a dog gave the alarm of fire by barking and thus saved several cars and the depot from being burned.

Rev. J. W. Bradford, a Methodist minister, was shot and killed at Brookside, Ala., by R. D. Coffman, a justice of the peace.

To Eject Cattlemen.
Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 10.—Prominent cattlemen of the Choctaw Nation will be ejected from the domain, being regarded as intruders by the Choctaw tribal government. Many cattlemen who own thousands of head of cattle have been served with ejectment notices. This order has created consternation among cattlemen. The step is being taken for the purpose of allotting grazing land. Heretofore the cattlemen have refused to vacate the lands.

Miss Stone Still Alive.
Constantinople, Dec. 7.—Spencer Eddy, first secretary of the United States legation, has received a message via Salonika that the American missionary, Miss Stone, and her companion, Mrs. Tsilka, were well Dec. 2.

Boiler Exploded.
Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 9.—The boiler in J. H. McNeill's gin at Sneed, I. T., exploded Tuesday night and Mr. McNeill was considerably bruised and injured. Parts of the boiler were blown 100 feet away.

Indian Found Dead.
Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 9.—An Indian named Anderson was found dead on the roadside west of Wagoner. It is thought he was killed by being thrown from his horse and his neck broken.

First Snow in the South.
Memphis, Dec. 7.—Reports from Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina state that the first snow of the season fell Wednesday night and Thursday.

Contempt Editors Released.
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Judge Dunne has discharged Andrew M. Lawrence and H. F. Canfield, editors of the Chicago American, saying they were not guilty of contempt.

New Court House for Angelina.
Lufkin, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Angelina county commissioner's court has adopted plans for a new courthouse. The structure will cost about \$50,000.

WACO HEADQUARTERS.

Masons of Texas Locate the Grand Lodge in That City.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 7.—The grand lodge of Masons of Texas Thursday decided that the headquarters of the Masonic fraternity of Texas shall be located at Waco. Only four ballots were necessary to make the decision. On the first the vote showed Waco, Fort Worth, Houston, Dallas and Austin in the order named. The latter two were dropped during the course of the next two ballots and the final ballot showed Waco leading with votes to spare.

The Masons and people of Houston have nothing with which to reproach themselves. Removal has been the cry for years, and if Holland lodge had not had a rope tied to the ground on which the temple is situated the headquarters of the Masonic fraternity would have been taken to Fort Worth some years ago. The claim of Holland lodge had been disposed of; it was only a matter of time. Waco gives valuable consideration for the location of the grand lodge, but no more valuable than that which Holland lodge and Houston gave half a century ago.

The grand lodge did little else of importance Thursday. The question of removal was the great matter and that was quickly disposed of, once it was taken up. Committee reports occupied the rest of the time.

The grand chapter wound up its business and adjourned after installing officers. It will meet with the grand lodge at Waco next year.

Wagon Load of Silver.
Austin, Dec. 7.—The state treasury department received \$50,000 in silver coin from the Austin banks, the result of the settlement of the brewery cases. The load was so heavy that it required a farmer's wagon with two mules to haul the silver through the capital yard to the treasury department.

The railroad commission has approved the contract between the Katy and the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans railroad, made April 9, 1901, which proves that the Katy leases from the other road its tracks for an indefinite period from Denison to Bonham.

Special Chickasaw Legislature.
Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 11.—Governor Johnson of the Chickasaw Nation, has called a special session of the Indian legislature to meet December 10, to consider important matters affecting the tribe's interests. The legislature strongly favor a supplementary agreement with the United States government providing for immediate closing of the tribal rolls and allotment of lands.

Will Appeal to Congress.
Washington, Dec. 11.—The William McKinley national memorial arch association has determined to change its plan of operation so as to appeal to congress instead of to the public for the erection of the proposed McKinley memorial at Washington.

The association will be reincorporated and contributions received by the association for the proposed memorial arch will be returned.

Land Ceded for Canal Route.
Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 11.—Dr. Fernando Sanchez, the Nicaraguan minister of foreign affairs, and William L. Merry, United States minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, signed a treaty Monday by which Nicaragua agrees to lease a section of Nicaraguan territory six miles wide, which includes the route of the Nicaraguan canal, to the United States perpetually.

Nine Held for Murder.
Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 11.—Nine of the negroes charged with the shooting of J. W. Dorsey and Town Marshal Atkinson at Opp, Wednesday were committed to jail without bail at Andalusia on preliminary hearings. Sixteen other negroes were discharged. The troops have been withdrawn from Andalusia and the situation there is quiet.

Two Trains Killed.
Wagoner, I. T., Dec. 7.—A switch engine on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad left the rails at Ross switch near here, Engineer J. L. Hutchinson and brakeman Johnson were instantly killed. The conductor and fireman were slightly injured.

Killed in a Runaway.
Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 7.—Ed Adair, a prominent citizen of the Cherokee nation, was thrown from a wagon by a runaway team and killed near Adair, I. T. The neck of Adair was broken, and life was extinct when he was picked up by some of his neighbors.

Ferguson Assumes Office.
Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 10.—Thomas B. Ferguson of Watonga has assumed the office of governor of Oklahoma. Gov. Ferguson made no speech and vouchsafed no promises. It is said all the officials of the Jenkins administration will be removed at once.

Deaf Man Killed.
Lampasas, Tex., Dec. 9.—Thursday evening about dusk William Macadam, whose people live near Evant, in Coryell county, was run down and killed by a westbound water train of the Santa Fe a mile or two east of Lampasas. He was deaf.

Burned to Death.
Holland, Tex., Dec. 9.—Miss Maud Nicholson was burned to death from the explosion of a coal oil lamp here. Mr. Robert Stafford and son, Walter, were badly burned on the hands in trying to extinguish the fire.

Georgia Bank Robbed.
Atlanta, Dec. 7.—The Douglasville, Ga., bank was robbed of \$2500, the robbers escaping on a stolen handcar.

A STORY OF TWO FLAGS.

How a Man's Life Was Saved at the Very Last Moment.

The following stirring incident of the two flags happened at Valparaiso, Chile, and was related at Montreal in 1881 by the Rev. Dr. J. O. Peck. Dr. Peck said:

"The man who gave me the facts I am about to relate was Mr. Haskins, an American sailor who had sailed to a port in Chile. On going ashore, he said, to enjoy his day of liberty he drank a little and became hilarious. One of the police officers, instead of warning him not to make a noise in the street, drew his sword and, striking him a blow, knocked him down. On that the American sailor got up and knocked the policeman down in return. He was on that arrested and tried and condemned to be shot in the morning of the following day.

"Mr. Loring, the American consul, expostulated with the authorities that it would be monstrous to shoot the man for such an offense, but they paid no attention to him, so he thereupon made a formal protest in the name of the United States government against the barbarous act. Mr. Haskins, the sailor, was in the morning brought out plined to be shot.

"As the English consul was preparing to hoist the union jack he saw the crowd in the field opposite, where the execution of the American sailor, of which he had heard, was to take place. Rushing over the American consul, he said, 'Loring, you're not going to let them shoot that man?'

"'What can I do?' he said. 'I have protested against it. I can do no more.' 'Quick as thought the English consul shouted, 'Give me your flag!' And in a trice the stars and stripes were handed to the English representative. At once, taking his own union jack in his hand, he hastened across the field, elbowed his way through the crowd and soldiery, and running up to the doomed man, he folded the American flag around him and then laid the union jack over it. Standing a few paces back, he faced the officers and soldiers and shouted defiantly, 'Now, shoot, if you dare, through the heart of England and America!'

"And they dared not do it, for they feared the consequences, so the man was at once released. In telling me," said Dr. Peck, "Mr. Haskins said to me, with tears streaming down his cheeks even then, 'They loosed me then, and, oh, how I longed to embrace those two flags!'"—Anglo-American.

POULTRY POINTERS.

A safe rule in feeding is to give enough to satisfy and no more.

Droppings should not be allowed to accumulate in the poultry house longer than a week.

Bone dust supplies an abundance of bonemaking material and counteracts any tendency to diarrhea.

When possible, give the poultry house a southern exposure and furnish that side with an abundance of light.

While wheat is one of the best grains to feed to fowls, it should not be fed to excess or it may cause diarrhea. Feed it with other grains.

Loss of feathers is generally caused by want of green food or want of a dust bath. Supply both, and, as a local application, use mercurial ointment.

Breed the best flesh formers for market; then feed them up to as great a weight as possible. Well fattened, well dressed poultry bring the best prices.

A Point of Order.
One of the conspicuous features in the decorations of a certain official building is a full length portrait of George Washington. Being just behind the speaker's chair, it is in full sight of everybody who rises to speak. During a heated discussion, which involved the honor of the state and nation, a member rose and, pointing to the portrait, began in oratorical style, "By those eyes that never quailed before an enemy, by that nose!"

Then he was interrupted by a member in the rear, who rose to a point of order.

"Mr. Chairman," said the objector, "I claim it is out of order under parliamentary rules to call the eyes and nose in a committee of the whole."—New York Times.

Of Course She Was Glad.
"So you overcame that old antipathy of yours," her husband remarked, "and called on Mrs. Bobbles?"
"Yes."
"Do you think she was glad to see you?"
"I am sure of it."
"Ahem! You must have some reason for that belief outside of her assurances."
"I have. I had on the old dress that was made over twice, my hat was out of style, and my hair had become uncurled, while she had on a gown that could not have come from anywhere but Paris. Could she help being glad to see me?"—Leslie's Weekly.

Harvard University.
Harvard university derives its name from Rev. John Harvard, its earliest benefactor, who in 1638 bequeathed one-half of his estate, amounting to \$800, for the endowment of the college. Harvard hall was built in 1705, Hollisworthy hall of brick in 1812 and Hollis hall, also of brick, in 1764. Stoughton hall, being of the same dimensions and material as Hollis, was built in 1804, and a writer of 1817 states that "its appearance is somewhat in the modern style."—Boston Budget.

How It Resembled Mother's.
"No," said Mr. Meddgergrass to the restaurant man; "no, I'll not say that your pie is just like mother used to make, but I'll say this—it's purt' nigh as crusty as she used to git."—Baltimore American.

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THE STAR has contracts with the following firms that have refused to give any information in regard to themselves:
Nerveta Drug Co and Rankin Drug Co., Chicago, Ill., contract \$25, payable at end of year. Contract expires about Jan'y 1902. Have written them repeatedly, but have received no response; consider the amount lost and have discontinued ad.
Dr. Taft Bros. New York, contract \$45 six months, payable quarterly. First quarter due November 1st. Bill sent and thereletters written since have elicited no reply. Begins to look like this is loss No. 4. A number of Texas papers are running ads for this firm. Would like to know if any of them have collected bills sent them.

Co-operative Med. Co. Cincinnati, Ohio, contract \$20. First quarter due Dec. 1st; bill and second letter but no response. This looks like it has followed the others to the limbo of dead accounts.
All of these firms presented through agents or furnished references by mail that we considered perfectly good, yet we cannot, or have not been able to collect a dollar or get a reply from a single one of them. It is possible, but not probable that all letters written these firms by the editor of THE STAR have gone astray.

We advise all our friends to require payment in advance or refuse the business of these firms unless they explain why they do not pay bills or answer letters written them.
The Georgetown Commercial says drinking the wine of imperialism, conquering adjacent territory, caused the downfall of the Roman Empire, the ruin of Greece and many other countries, and uses this as an argument against the United States retaining the Philippines. That Egypt, Persia, Greece and Rome all rose, flourished and fell all readers of history know. That conquest ever caused the downfall of a single one of them we seriously doubt. What would have Greece and Rome amounted to but for their invincible legions that advanced their borders continuously until they had come to the fullness of time?
It is a law, true and firm as Holy

Writ that the fittest shall survive. 'Tis so in the animal and vegetable world, 'tis so in all nature, 'tis just as true of men and governments. No government in the world has ever amounted to a hill of beans that did not carry their own ideas and laws beyond their own boundaries. To assume that because the splendors of Greece have vanished, that the once irresistible and splendid Roman empire is in ruins is all due to wars of conquest, seems to us to ignore the teachings of history. Greece and Rome, but for their very aggressiveness would be dead and forgotten. Both nations, though gone the way all governments have gone, or must go, have left their impress upon the laws, art and literature of the ages that have succeeded them, and so long as men admire valor, love freedom and justice, and admire the true and the beautiful in art and literature the names of Greece and Rome will be remembered. Though these ancient governments have long ago perished, their soldiers, statesmen, scholars, poets, painters and sculptors that made them illustrious have been dead for a thousand years, yet their fame still lives to inspire noble thoughts in the minds of the people of the present time.

We can admire the good in the olden countries and times without endorsing or condoning the bad. We do not believe in or endorse wars of conquest, and do not believe the United States is engaged in any such war in the Philippines. The government is trying to suppress an insurrection and they are going to give those people a better government than they ever had. Governments like individuals, get into places occasionally that the only way out is to fight out, and that is just what this government does and is doing in the Philippines.

Captious criticisms of the government is not going to defeat the ultimate result though they may delay it. Democrats will not strengthen their party by opposing whatever the National administration does to bring the war to a close. This may be good politics but it is not patriotism. We are proud of being a Democrat, but we are still prouder we are an American. To be a citizen of Rome was once the greatest and most highly prized privilege one could obtain. We regard the title of American citizens as more honorable than to have been a Roman.

Americans, like the Greeks and Romans are going to leave their impress upon succeeding ages, but with greater results we verily believe, and when our government has perished as all governments made by man must perish, the name of the Great American Republic will live resplendently in history. When the starry flag under whose folds live the greatest people, and to become still greater as time rolls on until the end comes, then will fade from the sight of man the flag of the greatest nation that has ever rose or fell. Our nation will perish some day, perhaps a thousand years hence, a shorter or longer time, but the end must come. It would have come had we never conquered a foot of territory. Such is the history of the world. Then let us make our country grand and great while we live and leave a country that our children will be proud to call their own.

The American people do not believe in war, rapine and bloodshed, but they will fight for their rights, and that they have a perfect right and title to the Philippines no one can successfully deny. It is ours by purchase as well as by conquest and we are going to hold it, so what is the use of kicking against the inevitable? Onward is the watchword of the the ages and man, little puny man, had as well attempt to stop the earth in its flight around the sun as to stay events. The United States is but obeying the inexorable law that governs the Universe. All animate and inanimate things are changing continually. Man and governments must advance or retrograde, neither can stand still. We may dwell upon the splendors of our government under the fathers but time has brought changes and we must meet them, and that is what the American people are doing and are going to continue to do regardless of what we may say about it.

So far the Senatorial and Legislative offices have gone a-begging. Where is the usual healthy crop?—Merkel Mail.

Sebastian is out for re-election to the Senate, and if no one else will run Abilene will have to send a representative to look after the interests (fat appropriations) of that fat colony.

It is generally believed that Abilene will bring out a candidate for District Judge and possibly one for Congress. The cat is still in the bag, however.—Merkel Mail.

The candidate for District Judge will have to be long winded or he will give out before the election. Judge Lindsey's successor will not be elected until 1904 unless Judge Lindsey dies or resigns.

LOOK AT DATE.
Look at date on your paper. All subscriptions ending in December expired with last issue. 24f

HAIR OF THE SLOTH.

It is Green in Color and For a Peculiar Reason.

It is a very curious fact that certain plants grow and thrive on the hair of sloths. Apart from its extremely coarse and brittle nature, the most striking peculiarity of the outer hair of the sloth is its more or less decidedly green tinge. Now, green is a very rare color among mammals, and there ought, therefore, to be some special reason for its development in the sloth, and, as a matter of fact, the means by which this coloration is produced is one of the most marvelous phenomena in the whole animal kingdom, so marvelous, indeed, that it is at first almost impossible to believe that it is true.

The object of this peculiar type of coloration is, of course, to assimilate the animal to its leafy surroundings and thus to render it as inconspicuous as possible, and when hanging in its usual position from the underside of a bough its long, coarse and green tinged hair is stated to render the sloth almost indistinguishable from the bunches of gray green lichens among which it dwells. In the outer sheath of the hairs of the sloth there are a number of transverse cracks, and in these cracks grows a primitive type of plant—namely, a one celled alga.

And for the benefit of nonbotanical readers it may be well to mention here that algae, among which seaweeds are included, form a group of flowerless plants related on the one hand to the fungi and on the other to the lichens. In the moist tropical forests forming the home of the sloths the algae in the cracks of their hairs grow readily and thus communicate to the entire coat that general green tint which, as already said, is reported to render them almost indistinguishable from the clusters of lichen among which they hang suspended.—Knowledge.

THE FATE OF CORONETS.

Lord Brougham's Became G. W. Childs' Fruit Dish.

Peers and their coronets are soon parted when the ceremonial use has been served. The fate of one coronet is told by a correspondent of M. A. P. He writes: "When I was staying some years ago in Philadelphia with G. W. Childs, the well known proprietor of The Ledger newspaper there, I noticed at dinner one evening a peculiarly shaped gilt stand used as a support for a china dish containing grapes. My host, observing that I was scanning it rather closely, said: 'Oh, that is the coronet Lord Brougham wore at the queen's coronation. I have taken out the velvet cap and turned it upside down. The golden balls form excellent feet, and it makes a most elegant dish stand.' Which it certainly did."

But what is the fate of coronets compared with the fate of coronation robes? A large portion of George IV's wardrobe, including the coronation robes, was put at public auction in the summer of 1831. There were 120 lots disposed of, and some of the items are interesting. A pair of fine kid trousers, of ample dimensions and lined with white satin, was sold for 12 shillings. The sumptuous crimson velvet coronation mantle, with silver star, embroidered with gold, which cost originally, according to the auctioneer, £500, was knocked down for 47 guineas; a richly embroidered silver tissue coronation waistcoat and trunk hose, £13. The purple velvet coronation robe, embroidered with gold, of which it was said to contain 200 ounces, brought only £55, although it cost his late majesty £300. An elegant and costly green velvet mantle, lined with ermine of the finest quality, presented by the Emperor Alexander to George IV., which cost 1,000 guineas, was sold for £125.

A Singular Bequest.

A peculiar fate is said to overhang the family of the late Sir Julian Goldsmid. An ancestor of his, so says the legend, once gave shelter to a rabbi, who, at his death, left him a bequest of a mysterious box, which was on no account to be opened until after the customary seven days of mourning. If opened before that time, a curse would fall upon the family.

Curiosity got the better of superstition, and the box was opened before the seven days were up. In it was found a document which said that as the injunction of the rabbi had not been heeded no future owner of the estate would be succeeded by a son. And such, strangely enough, has been the case ever since.

Arab Music.

Arab music has been described as the singing of a prima donna who has ruptured her voice in trying to sing a duet with herself. Each note starts from somewhere between a sharp and a flat, but does not stop even there and splits up into four or more portions, of which no person can be expected to catch more than one at a time.

Intentional.

The caller had a grievance. "That communication I sent you yesterday," he said, "was signed 'More Anon' as plainly as the words could be written. You printed it in your paper this morning 'Omega.'"
"I know it," replied the editor. "We didn't intend there should be any more anon."—Chicago Tribune.

On Her Own Head.

Mr. Buggins—Fifty dollars for a bonnet! Why, madam, it's a crime.
Mrs. Buggins—Well, the crime is on my own head.—Philadelphia Record.

Esteem cannot be where there is no confidence, and there can be no confidence where there is no respect.—Giles.

The straight tree is the first to be cut down. The well of sweet water is the first to be exhausted.

YOUNG CORBETT'S CAREER.

Facts About the New Champion Featherweight of the World.

A game of faro, with \$10 as his stake, gave to "Young Corbett" (William H. Rothwell) the opportunity to whip Champion Terry McGovern, says the New York World.

For the last year Rothwell has been managed by Johnny Corbett of Denver, who, by the way, is no relative of the new featherweight champion pugilist of the world. Corbett has always been a manager without financial resources; consequently when the articles to fight McGovern were signed two months ago Rothwell was up against the proposition of raising money for training and traveling expenses. He tried to borrow \$400 from Denver sports, but they either refused or could not accommodate him. With \$40 in his pocket, all he had left from the proceeds of his last fight with George Dixon, he went to Bob Austin's gambling house to try his luck at faro as a last resort. If he could not win out his training expenses right there, the match with McGovern was off. He lost his \$40 in less than an hour and was standing round watching the game with a faraway look in his eyes when a friend lent him \$10.

Rothwell started to play again and in half an hour had a stack in front of him which represented \$500. He left the money with Austin till next day, when he drew it and began training. Denver holds a crowd of sports who are mad with delight over the victory of their champion, but thoroughly disgusted with themselves for lack of nerve in failing to make a cleanup on Corbett at odds of 2 and 3 to 1.

William Rothwell, as the conqueror of McGovern was christened, is the son of a carpenter, Richard Rothwell, who emigrated from Ontario, Canada, in the seventies shortly after his marriage. "Young Corbett" is the eldest child, and there are two sisters and a brother.

The lad had such a thirst for athletic sports almost from his babyhood that it was impossible to keep him tied down to any occupation or trade, and he has come to the age of twenty-one years in the constant company of men of muscle, most of the time in the atmosphere of the prize ring.

"Young Corbett" has been fighting since he was seven years of age. In vaudeville shows and in preliminary events to prizefights in Denver for the last thirteen years he has been an attraction. Three years ago Bob Austin took him up and paid his training expenses for many mills with Colorado fighters. In the last three years he has won twenty-eight fights, has had seven draws and has been defeated four times.

The new champion is a lad of sunny disposition and is idolized by his family. One of his sisters, Ethel, now sixteen, is as fond of boxing as her brother and has been a great help to him in light training at home for many years. She has a thorough knowledge of the game and wrote to him a few days ago that if he followed her advice given before "Young Corbett" left Denver he would win.

ETIQUETTE OF GIFT GIVING

Points to be Remembered in Giving and Receiving Xmas Presents.

There is an etiquette governing the giving and receiving of presents, as there is about most things, because there is always a best way to do everything, says the December Ladies' Home Journal. If we penetrate below the surface of the little courteous conventions, we shall find that consideration for the feelings of others underlies all. Do not try to make your gift look as though it cost more than you paid for it. Aside from the paltry spirit of such giving it is a delusion and a snare, for next year your offering must seem to be as fine as the one of this season or you may appear to have been less anxious to please your friend. The best gifts are those which put no tax upon material resources, but trifles of which the recipients may make frequent use and so keep the giver in mind.

Take the time to write a few words of loving or cordial greeting on the cards that accompany your gifts. Without that evidence of individual personal thought the offering of even the finest present appears somewhat graceless and perfunctory. A message on a card is better than a note, because more informal, and one should not seem to make much of a gift. Having your presents daintily wrapped is not less a matter of courtesy. Let their outward appearance commend them. Leave them or send them to their destination the day before Christmas, unless you can insure their reception early in the day. A tardy gift appears like an afterthought.

Oxford Ties Worn in Winter.

The manager of a large shoe store in New York said to a reporter of the New York Sun that they carried now through the winter, as in fact they had been doing for two or three years, a line of Oxford ties, doubtless very generally considered and in fact commonly worn as a summer shoe only. Oxford ties in winter are worn by athletic college men and others, robust young men, who suffer no inconvenience from them on account of the cold, but wear them with comfort the year round.

The Christmas Children.

"How many days till Christmas?"
"Let 'em hasten o'er hill and plain!"
Story and song.
"How many days?"
"To the frosty ways
Where the beautiful reindeer run!"
"How many days till Christmas?"
"Let 'em hasten o'er hill and plain!"
Story and song.
"How many days?"
"Let 'em speed along,
And we'll all be boys again!"
—Atlanta Constitution.



The Good of China-ware.

The appearance of your table has much to do with the success of your meal. China-ware makes the table more attractive, and really whets the appetite.

We have here those pretty special pieces which please a hostess and her guests alike. Some cost a great deal others only a little. See our nice toilet sets.



We Recommend
The Implements and Vehicles we sell and we place our name back of them: Yellow Kid and Hancock Disc Plows—Weber Wagons
HARRY MEYER.

La Creole Hair Restorer.
La creole restores those gray hairs to their youthful color and vigor. Cures dandruff without gumming. Stops the hair from falling out and produces ease and comfort. \$1.00 a bottle. Manufactured by the Viet-Mansfield Drug Co. For sale by Powell and Powell. No. 1

A car load of Jno. Deer plows just received at Hadley & Summers.

FRESH BREAD.—Will have Rye, Graham, Vienna, Cream and Plain bread every day. GEO. S. HARDIN, 38

A nice line of parlor lamps very cheap at Hadley & Summers.

If you want full weight and full measure get Mastic Mixed Paints. R. Phillips. 49-4f

We have a car load of the finest cook and heating stoves ever brought to Baird. Hadley & Summers.

Fire and Tornado Insurance.
Insure with such companies as the Hartford Continental of New York, and Citizens. The best and strongest companies in existence. Jno. W. Woods, Agent. 52-4f

Regular meals three times a day. Lunch counter open day and night. Hotel Seay. 33

A car load of Moline Wagons just received at Hadley & Summers.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by R. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec

Boys wagons at cost Hadley & Summers. 52

A large line of the very best buggies at Hadley & Summers. Call see them.

In sluggish liver, HERBINE, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, 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 disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips.

FREE!

IMPORTED JAPANESE NAPKINS—TO ALL CHURCH SUPPERS AND SOCIETY DINNERS FOR WHICH



SEAL BRAND COFFEE
THE FINEST GROWN IS PURCHASED FOR SALE BY D. W. WRISTEN & CO

STOVES



Bring the babies to the gallery before 4 o'clock in the evening. Swafford

Big line of Harness and Collars very cheap at Hadley & Summers.

John Trent represents the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co.

Beever and Hindes' is the best pear burner made. See Wise & Hadley, Baird, Texas. 46-8t

Have you a cold? A dose of BAL LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips.

We haven't many gent's furnishing goods left, but what we have go at cost—Come and see. J. H. Terrell. 48

Mrs. Kane has Fresh Yeast for sale.

Jack Jones. T. S. Mills.
Hotel Seay Barber Shop.
YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

That regulates the thermometer.
We have just received a car of Stoves consisting of Heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges. We can sell you HEATERS.....\$2 to \$10 COOK STOVES, RANGES \$5 to \$40
Come look through our line we know we can please you. No trouble to show goods and answer questions.
HADLEY & SUMMERS.



T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND.
No. 6, departs.....1:20 a. m.
No. 4, departs.....10:15 a. m.

WEST BOUND.
No. 5, departs.....2:50 a. m.
No. 3, departs.....5:25 p. m.

J. B. HAMMON, Agent.

LOCAL NEWS

E. R. SARTOR Physician and Surgeon.

Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store.
BAIRD, TEXAS.

Harry Meyer, J. B. Smartt and W. E. Gilliland attended a meeting of Abilene Commandry No. 27 K. T. at Abilene Monday night.

Boy's suits; handomest Christmas gift of all. Powell has the best and cheapest, suit worth \$7.50 sell at \$5.

W. A. McGowan, of Cross Plains, accompanied by his daughter and Miss Coffman came up from Cisco Tuesday night on a visit to relatives.

Hamilton & Brown American Lady, the handomest dress shoe in town. Get you a pair at T. E. Powell's 2-1f

Mrs. Elliott, of Washita county, was in Brownwood this week on her way to her father's J. E. Hennigan, on Clear Creek. She was called by telegram to Mr. Hennigan's side as he had accidentally broken his leg. While driving down a steep hill Mr. Hennigan was thrown from his wagon, the heavy wheels rolling over his legs and badly fracturing one of them. At last accounts he was resting easy.—Pecan Valley News.

Mr. Hennigan is a brother-in-law of W. E. Gilliland, of Baird, and S. H. Gilliland, of Coleman. We are very sorry to hear of the accident, but hope Mr. Hennigan will speedily recover from his injuries.

House for Rent.

Good house, 4 rooms and closet fine cistern, good out houses, etc. Apply at STAR OFFICE.

Ed Hearn came up from Burnett county, Monday, and was met by his brother, Luke Hearn.

"Say Mr. A., where did you get that suit? Perfect fit, good goods and worth \$16.75." At T. E. Powell's, of course. He sells them for \$11. 2-1f

Charley Bowls has been at Mineral Wells for some time for the benefit of his health.

T. E. Powell has a few more handsome \$8 suits, worth \$12. Call and see. 2-1f

There is a new arrival reported at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane, a boy.

Latest, newest and nobbiest line of neckwear to arrive at Powell's this week. Get one for a Christmas gift.

We buy our goods direct from Eastern manufacturers in car-load lots and not from Texas jobbers. We give our customers the benefit of the savings. Come and see. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f

The neatest present for a lady is a pair of kid gloves. Go to Powell's and get your choice out of one thousand pairs. 2-1f

Henry James, of Abilene came down Monday and returned on the evening train.

The largest line of men's hats ever shown in Baird. At any price you want. T. E. Powell's. 2-1f

Mrs. J. R. Price and little daughter, Nell, are visiting Mrs. Price's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.

"W. B." corsets are the best fitting corsets made. T. E. Powell sole agent.

We handle the John Deer plow, the best in the world. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f

W. O. W. ELECTION.

Baird Camp No. 503, W. O. W. met in regular session last Monday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- W. G. Bowlus, C. C.
- M. M. Terry, A. L.
- J. H. Beck, Banker.
- O. L. Phillips, Clerk.
- W. L. Mitchell, Eacort.
- Geo. Purvis, Watchman.
- E. O. Swafford, Sentry.
- Jno. W. Woods, Manager.

The Camp will install the officers at its first regular meeting in January.

If you want a handsome overcoat call early at T. E. Powell's. 2-1f

The finest shoe on earth, made by Edwin Clapp. Sold by T. E. Powell only. 2-1f

Bose Ivey of Cottonwood was in town Tuesday.

Clyde is building up right along. As we passed through there Monday on the train we noticed a number of new houses recently built. Clyde is going to make a good town, and the time is not far off either.

We carry a full stock of California blankets. T. E. Powell. 2-1f.

Chris Johnson of Tecumseh was in the city Tuesday.

W. C. Whitley, at Will Vaughn's old stand, has a nice assortment of candies, fruits and fire works for the Christmas trade. The business is in charge of George Whitley, assisted by his sisters, Misses Grace and Maud.

I want your trade and will treat you right. T. E. Powell. 2-1f.

Tom Johnson of Tecumseh was in town with several bales of cotton Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Phillips went down to Carleton yesterday to visit Mr. Phillips' mother, who is sick.

Charley Nech, of Cross Plains, was in town last night.

Capt. I. T. Whitley, of Admiral, was in town yesterday.

Virgil Hill and sister, Ruby, and Miss Dora Warren came up from the Bayou last Friday to attend the Minstrel show.

MARRIED.

Mr. Charley Fisher, formerly of Belle Plaine, but now living in Burnett county, was married to Miss Allye Moore of Burnett, Nov. 27, 1901. The STAR joins Charley's many Callahan county friends in extending congratulations and good wishes to him and his bride.

The firm of Hadley & Summers is bran new and so is their stock. We have an immense line and think the people know what they want, and we think we have it. Come and see. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f

Col. H. L. Bently spent a few days in town this week trying to interest some of our business men in advertising in connection with a map he has recently had patented in this country, also England, Germany, France and Canada. This map, or rather the device for locating any point named on map, is Col. Bently's own invention, and is the simplest thing imaginable. By crossing two strings attached to the map any point on any map can be located instantly. The device is certainly a valuable one and of great assistance to students, teachers and all interested in the study of geography. Col. Bently's plan is to have a firm's business card placed on top of map and present them to their customers. It would be a valuable present and one that would benefit the advertiser, because every one would preserve them for reference.

Dr. J. H. Davis, of Lyle Cove, was in town Monday.

The first snow of the season fell at Baird last Sunday. Saturday night a good rain came, later in the night it sleeted enough to cover the ground, and Sunday morning the beautiful snow flakes began falling but did not last long. Monday was bright and beautiful.

THE MINSTREL.

The Minstrels given by the Fire Boys last Friday night was a howling success from start to finish. The house was packed and the audience seemed to enjoy the entire program. The boys acquitted themselves well on the stage. The leading part in most of the pieces was played by Jack Huffman, a local comedian. Jack is at home on the stage, and is as fine an impersonator as you will find any where. His Irish and black face specialties set the audience wild, and his make up as "Hayseed Rude" in the street parade was simply hard to beat. All the boys deserve credit for the excellent way in which he played and their untiring efforts to please the audience.

The street parade at 4 o'clock was good and drew a large crowd to the side-walks. The new Hook and Ladder Truck, pulled by Geo. S. Hardin's bay horses, looked well.

The Fire Boys wish to thank all for their liberal patronage and especially Mrs. L. M. Hadley and Miss Christian who prepared some of the boys with song, instructed and drilled them for the occasion.

The proceeds of the evening amounted to something over \$90.00.

The boys have always done their best to please and the audience they draw is evidence of their success.

The Fire boys are nearly out of debt now, only lacking something over \$50.00. Their next effort will no doubt be in the erection of a station.

The Bottom Has Fell Out OF PRICES ON

Hardware, Tinware, Saddles, Harness, Stoves, Wagons, Buggies, Etc.

We would be pleased to have you call and inspect our stock and get our prices. We have received a car Buggies, Road Wagons and New Moline Wagons, and can give you good goods at close figures. All kind of Farming Implements always in stock.

Hadley & Summers,

T. E. Powell

Has it for less!

Rev. Irl R. Hicks Not Dead.

Notwithstanding a widely current rumor that the Rev. Irl R. Hicks was dead, he never was in better health, and never did a harder and more successful year's work than that just closing. He has just completed his large and splendid Almanac for 1902 and, with his staff of able helpers, has brought his journal, Word and Works, justly forward into international reputation. For a quarter of a century Mr. Hicks has grown in reputation and usefulness as the people's astronomer, and forecaster of storms and the character of coming seasons. Never were his weather forecasts so sought after as now, his timely warning of a serious drouth this year having saved the people from loss and suffering. Millions of bushels of wheat were harvested through his advice to plant crops that would mature early. The American people will certainly stand by Prof. Hicks, when it costs them so little and the benefits are so great. His fine Almanac of 200 pages is only 25c, and his splendid family journal is only one dollar a year including the Almanac. Send to WORD AND WORKS Publishing Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo., 52-1f

Hamilton-Brown shoes are the best. T. E. Powell is the only agent for the new goods. Come to headquarters. 41

Dolls that walk, Dolls that talk. Call you Mama and Papa too at Foy's. 50-1f

While in the Eastern markets I bought over \$25,900.00 worth of goods which with the \$25,000.00 worth already on hand will give you a \$50,000.00 stock to select from. Surely you can find what you want out of such an immense stock. Call and see. T. E. Powell. 41-1f

A Good Cough Medicine.

From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.

"I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for two months, and it has affected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it."—W. C. Woecker. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited as was Mr. Woecker. This remedy is sold by R. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec.

THEY ARE THE BEST. **SHIRTS** **UNIQUE** **SHIRTS** THEY WEAR THE BEST.

They have the test of time well stood. They fit correct, the make is good.

THEY SELL THE BEST. **SHIRTS** **UNIQUE** **SHIRTS** THEY BEAT THE BEST.

For sale by T. E. POWELL, Baird, Texas.

ABOUT GAS METERS.

WHY THESE ERRATIC INSTRUMENTS DO NOT EXPLODE.

Such an Accident is No More Likely to Happen to Them Than to Milk Bottles or Salt Bags—What Does Happen in Case of Fire.

The proneness of the average newspaper reporter to attribute cellar conflagrations to the explosion of gas meters represents what appears to be an ineradicable race trait. No amount of contradiction and no accumulation of proof that such an accident is an impossibility seems to reach the news-gatherers, who go on reporting the explosion of gas meters, doubtless because the firemen have a tradition that meters are explosive and give this explanation of every fire which they cannot otherwise account for.

For the reassurance of nervous people it gives us pleasure to say that no gas meter ever exploded since the world began, and until they are made on very different plans and contain gas of very different composition from that now used for illuminating purposes such an accident is no more likely to happen to them than to milk bottles or salt bags.

The domestic gas meter has a more or less well deserved reputation for habitual mendacity, though as likely to lie against the gas company as for it; but it has never done anything to warrant the suspicion that it is liable to go off with a bang. It is a tin box of a little less than one cubic foot capacity, put together with soldered seams and japanned.

Into and through it passes the gas, which enters through the service pipe connecting the main with the house, usually of half an inch diameter. It has very little capacity for gas storage, and is not strong enough to carry gas under a greater compression than, say, half a pound per square inch. More than this would bulge its sides. In point of fact the pressure of gas in meters is rarely more than enough to balance a column of water two or three inches high.

If a gas meter is exposed to great heat from external fire, nothing very serious happens. The soldered seams will probably melt, allowing the gas to escape. This gas is not explosive, however. It becomes so only when mixed with air in certain definite proportions.

Should this admixture exist in a meter, which is almost impossible, its shell is not strong enough to offer any great resistance, and should an explosion occur by reason of fire reaching this admixture of gas and air the meter would be wrecked, but it is doubtful of any other damage would result. None has been wrecked from this cause.

If the seams of the meter are opened by the melting of the solder or by fracture from accident, the gas within it would escape, and, if it had the chance, burn. Outside the meter it might have opportunity to form the explosive mixture with air and do some damage.

What actually happens in the case of fires attributed to the explosion of gas meters is usually this: Gas which has leaked from defective pipes or worked into the cellar from broken or defective street mains accumulates in pockets formed by rafters and elsewhere and remains there until it comes in contact with an accidental fire of some sort. A fire starts in the cellar and the temperature gradually rises until the smoldering rubbish bursts into flame. This reaches the mixture of gas and air along the ceiling and an explosion follows.

The meter, naturally enough, is thrown down and probably torn from its connections, and the conclusion is reached that, instead of being the victim of the accident, the inoffensive meter is the cause of all the trouble and has indulged its inherent propensity to set the house afire after lifting it from its foundations.

It is a perfectly safe generalization that the gas which makes trouble in cellars is wholly outside the meter and never inside of it. Grindstones sometimes explode with fatal results in saw factories, but the excellent old lady who, after reading of such an accident and recalling that there was an old grindstone in one corner of the cellar which had been there twenty years, hired a couple of tramps to carry it to the extreme corner of the garden and pour water on it for an hour, meanwhile giving thanks that it had not blown herself and family into eternity "unbeknownst to any of us," was of the type of those who, through fear of gas meter explosions, are all their lifetime subject to nervous chills.

There is not a gas meter in use under which it would not be perfectly safe to build a bonfire, provided, of course, there was not a quantity of gas outside of it which the same fire could reach.—New York Times.

Why Snow is Not Black or Red.

Why is the snow white? is a question frequently asked. Because black snow would be dangerous; so would red or yellow. These are "warming up colors," and they change the sun's rays to heat. Such snow would soon melt again and prove a very poor protection. But white snow throws back the sunlight in just the form in which it receives it, and thus the snow can be long on the ground. Throw dirt on the snow and its dark color quickly makes it eat its way in whenever the sun shines on it. After a snowstorm, once let the horses' feet mingle the dirt of the road with the snow and sleighing will soon be over.—Professor S. C. Schmucker in Ladies' Home Journal.

To be sure, faint heart never won fair lady, but, on the other hand, discretion is seldom sued for breach of promise.—Indianapolis News.

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If you owe The Star now is the time to PAY up. \$—

COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN

Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, constricted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and coughs and bronchial afflictions. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most professional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—Mrs. Mary R. Melendy, M. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by R. Phillips, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam

FRESH BREAD.—I will have Rye, Graham, Vienna, Cream and Plain bread every day. GEO. S. HARDIN. 38

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply BALDWIN'S SNOW LINIMENT. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips. dec.

If you want any Fire or Cyclone Insurance, see John Trent. 48-1f

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn. "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persisted in this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Powell & Powell's. Trial bottles free. dec.

See John Trent for insurance. He has the strongest agency in the West, representing such Companies as Phoenix Aetna, Fire Association, Scottish Union & Co. 48-1f

J. J. Welch came in a few days ago from Arizona. Jim says El Paso and Baird are the only two real good towns in West Texas.

SENSATION IN SENATE

South Carolina Senators Bring Their Trunks Before That Body.

LIVELY TIMES HAD.

McLaurin Scored What He Calls the New Democratic Party and Tillman Challenged Him to Resign With Him Now.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate chamber was the scene of a highly dramatic episode Monday afternoon when Senator Tillman of South Carolina challenged his colleague, Senator McLaurin, to resign with him on the spot in order, to use his own language, that they might be able "to wash their linen at home." Mr. McLaurin did not take up the gauge. The incident was the sequel of the very bitter controversy which arose between the senators in South Carolina last spring.

Mr. McLaurin arose to a question of personal privilege and proceeded to explain what he charged was a conspiracy to discredit him in his own state for acts and views which did not meet the approval of certain Democratic leaders. He declared that he was being humiliated, and according to public prints was to be expelled from the Democratic caucus because he had acted upon certain public issues in a way which he considered for the best interests of the country and of the people of his state. He announced himself a believer in the old Democracy, and after denouncing the new Democracy leaders who, he said, had brought destruction upon the party, declared that he could not be driven from his old allegiance into a party with which he did not care to affiliate.

Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, denied that he had any "ulterior motives" in not inviting Mr. McLaurin to enter the caucus. Mr. Tillman reviewed the whole controversy. Mr. Hoar took occasion to express the opinion that it was very doubtful whether both the South Carolina seats were not in reality vacant. He contended that when the resignations were offered last spring to the governor they could not be withdrawn thereafter, having become immediately operative. The climax came when Senator Tillman challenged Mr. McLaurin to join him in preparing their joint resignations and handing them to the presiding officer of the senate. This challenge Mr. McLaurin did not accept, and the episode was brought to an abrupt close by Senator Lodge moving an executive session.

Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts offered a resolution to authorize the president to enter into negotiations with other civilized countries for the selection of some island or other suitable territory to which might be transported and confined persons insinuating or counseling the destruction of the government, or those attempting to take the lives of magistrates. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Bill Against Convict Made Goods.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Slayden of Texas has reintroduced his bill to make all goods manufactured by convicts subject to the taxing regulations of each state, thus empowering the state to tax them out of competition with goods made by honest labor.

The Texas manufacturers of clothing and harness and saddlery are vitally interested in the passage of this bill. They have in the past found convict competition in these goods a distinct detriment and hurtful to their trade. Slayden has asked that this bill be referred to the committee on labor and he hopes to push it through during this session.

Renews Plea for Statehood.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The annual report of Gov. Otero of New Mexico renews the plea for statehood, and says the federal census returns for 1900 do that territory great injustice. He says the population of the territory, based on careful estimates, should be at this time 313,131, including Indians. He likewise takes exception to the census statistics for mining, stockraising, agriculture, horticulture, timber and coal and iron industries and attributes the alleged discrepancy in the figures to inadaptability of the present system to sparsely settled mountain sections of the country.

Mint Director's Report.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The report of Geo. E. Roberts, director of the mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, shows the coinage amounted to 175,999,132 pieces of the value of \$136,340,731. Of this \$99,865,715 was in gold, \$21,298,859 in silver dollars, \$19,953,648 in fractional silver and \$2,009,568 in minor coins. There also were coined at the Philadelphia mint 225,000 gold pieces of the value of \$249,014 for the government of Costa Rica.

The estimated production of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1900 was of the value of \$73,179,800, and notwithstanding the fact that this country led the world in production, its imports exceeded its exports by \$12,856,919. The production of North America, practically all of which comes to the United States, was \$116,951,590. The world's coinage of gold in the

calendar year 1900 was \$54,933,497 and of silver \$177,011,902.

The industry consumption of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1900 is estimated at \$16,367,500, and of the world approximately \$75,000,000. The stock of subsidiary coin in the country is limited by law to \$100,000,000 and on Nov. 1, 1901, the existing stock was \$90,313,512.

It is suggested that the limit of the country's stock of subsidiary coin be raised to at least \$120,000,000. No good reason is apparent, says the report, why the coinage of dollar pieces should not be allowed to cease and all of the silver on hand be used in subsidiary coinage.

Choate May Succeed Hay.

New York, Dec. 10.—Many Republicans in New York state have not been able to understand why Ambassador Joseph H. Choate has prolonged his vacation in this country. It has been said in Washington that if Mr. Low had been defeated on election day President Roosevelt was to have appointed Mr. Low ambassador to Great Britain.

Another story is out today from Republicans who have talked with President Roosevelt within the last few days. They said they believed that President Roosevelt is to appoint Mr. Choate to be secretary of State in place of Secretary Hay, who may possibly take Mr. Choate's place as ambassador.

The Canal Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Lodge Monday presented to the senate in executive session the report of the committee on foreign relations recommending favorable action upon the Hay-Pauncefote isthmian canal treaty and gave notice that he would ask the senate to go into execution of the consideration of the treaty, repeating the request each day until the senate should act upon it.

New Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Frye Monday introduced the new ship subsidy bill. It differs in from the subsidy bill of the past two sessions? It is divided into four titles and fifteen sections.

Anti-Trust Measures.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Several anti-trust measures have been introduced in the house. One of them by Mr. Ball of Texas proposes the appointment of a special committee of nine representative members to report an anti-trust bill.

To Purchase West Indies.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Gardner of New Jersey has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the state department to purchase the West Indies and appropriate not exceeding \$4,000,000 for that purpose.

Philippine Tariff Bill.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee has agreed upon the Philippine tariff measure. The bill agreed upon is designated as a temporary measure and provides that the tariff laws of the Philippines commission, shall have full force and effect upon all goods coming from Philippines to the United States. The present rates of Dingley law shall be levied and collected.

House Appropriation Committee.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The house committee on appropriations has been organized and all sub-committees named. Chairman Cannon said no appropriation bills would be presented before the holidays.

Presidential Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

Richard Pearson, North Carolina, consul at Genoa.

Henry D. Saylor, Pennsylvania, consul at Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Canada.

Cornelius Vancott to be postmaster at New York.

The following were appointed postmasters:

Arkansas—Henry M. Sugg, Dardanelles; Thomas D. Hawkins, Morrilton; James B. Snodgrass, Paragould; Samuel Davis, Russellville; Aaron L. Thompson, Springdale.

Indian Territory—Benj. L. Robertson, Purcell; George R. Roderick, Holdenville.

Texas—John W. Bell, Beeville; Henry D. Bennett, Del Rio; Augustus S. Davis, McGregor; George J. Elam, Martin; Nathan Leavitt, Stamford; Wm. B. Howard, Sweetwater.

Pension for Mrs. McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Taylor of Ohio has introduced a bill to pension Mrs. McKinley at the rate of \$5000 a year beginning Sept. 14, 1901, the date of the death of the late president.

High Price for Land.

Waxahachie, Tex., Dec. 11.—J. C. Johnston, who lives on his farm about one mile east of this city, has just closed a deal for the sale of the farm, comprising 99 acres, at \$125 per acre. This is the highest price ever paid for farm land in this county.

DeWet Heard from Again.

New York, Dec. 11.—DeWet is reported to be close to Heilbron, with 2000 men, and to have come very near surrounding Kitchener's fighting scouts, under Colonel Wilson. Colonel Remington, by making a night march of 30 miles, relieved Wilson, and both columns retired to Heilbron, with a few casualties.

Ten Wagon Loads of Records.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 11.—Ten wagon loads of records have been received by the Dawes commission from the Cherokee enrolling party which has just filed its work at Tahlequah, I. T. Only 259 full-blood Cherokees enrolled.

FIVE MORE ARE DEAD

This Makes Eight Deaths in the Collision Near Malvern,

CAUSE OF WRECK.

An Engineer Pulls Out of Malvern Mistaking a Freight Train Side-tracking for a Passenger Which He Was to Meet.

Malvern, Ark., Dec. 9.—Five more deaths making eight in all, have occurred in consequence of the head end collision between the passenger trains on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad near here Tuesday.

Maggie Stevenson, a negress, of Landersville, Alabama, died from injuries.

Two negro children, names not known, also died from injuries.

Two white men, names unknown who had been riding on the front end of the baggage car on the fast mail southbound train were found dead in the wreckage. It is supposed they were sawmill hands stealing a ride.

None of the white passengers injured in the collision will die. Twenty injured negro passengers have been taken to the railroad hospital at Little Rock.

The developments indicate that the collision was the result of a misunderstanding. The St. Louis fast mail should have passed the northbound local passenger train at Malvern at 6:22 p.m. At 6:29 p.m., Engineer M. W. Campbell of the fast mail saw a train take a side track about half a mile south of Malvern. He and Conductor Arondale supposed it was the passenger and Campbell at once pulled out. The train on the side track was a local freight, however, and before the mistake could be realized the local passenger train was approaching and the collision occurred.

In jumping from his engine, Engineer Campbell received severe injuries.

Both the engines were badly wrecked and the passenger coach next to the baggage car on the fast mail train was almost demolished.

The conductor and engineer on the Iron Mountain train that collided Thursday near Malvern, Ark., were exonerated by a coroner's jury.

Says Mars Is Inhabited.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—Prof. Harker of the University of Indiana, occupying the chair of mathematics and astronomy, made the assertion before his classes that Mars is inhabited. "The Martians," he said, "are a people of stupendous power and wonderful engineering skill. Were it possible to signal to them they would undoubtedly understand and reply."

Prof. Harker bases his deduction largely on the fact that the "canals" on the planet show the handwork of thinking beings. "In all the thousands of years of our history," he said, "we have not succeeded in changing the face of our planet to any such extent as the people of Mars have changed theirs. The inference, therefore, that they are highly intelligent beings follows as a necessity. It is also probable that they exceed us in physical stature and strength to such a degree that we would be no greater than hillbillies in comparison."

Appeal to Confederate Sons.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Judge R. B. Haughton, commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, has issued a general order urging those camps which have not paid their subscriptions to the fund being raised for a memorial to the women of the south to do so at once. Camps which have not yet subscribed are asked to make subscriptions immediately, and to pay them as soon as possible.

Kirby Case Not Dismissed.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 11.—The report sent out from here to the effect that the suit of the state against the Kirby Lumber company of Houston, had been dismissed is without foundation. This case is still pending on the docket. It is learned there are negotiations pending looking to an agreement, but so far none has been made. The court has not as yet agreed to dismiss the case.

Negro Deserter Killed by Native.

Manila, Dec. 10.—Native scouts from Bengabon, province of Nueva Ecija, have killed the American negro, David Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth (colored) infantry, who, for more than two years, has been leading Filipinos against the American troops. The native scouts decapitated their prisoner.

Court Rendered No Decision.

New York, Dec. 9.—The World publishes a dispatch from Washington saying that Admiral Dewey has denied the statements published that the Schley court of inquiry had reached a decision in the case and that Admiral Schley had been found guilty on five counts.

Oklahoma Bank Robbed.

Peckham, O. T., Dec. 11.—The Citizens State bank of this place was blown open by crackmen early Monday. The burglars worked the combination of the vault and used nitroglycerin on the safe, securing \$2,900.

Wheat Acreage Increased.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 9.—Present indications are that despite the green bug of last year there will be a material increase in grain acreage in Grayson county this coming harvest, as compared with last year.

DUEL TO DEATH.

Two Men Engaged in a Fight and Now Both Are Dead.

Zolfo, Fla., Dec. 11.—G. L. Powell and J. S. Overstreet, both prominent naval stores manufacturers shot and killed each other in a face to face duel near here. Overstreet went to Powell's turpentine still, nine miles west of here, to see about some hands. The two men had some words and both drew their revolvers and commenced firing. From what facts are at present obtainable, both men emptied their revolvers without doing any damage. Powell then went into the house and came out with a rifle. Both fired together and each man fell. Overstreet was shot in the forehead and Powell just below the heart. Overstreet was instantly killed and Powell lived only an hour. Powell was one of the largest operators and owners of turpentine lands in Florida.

A Serious Wreck.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 11.—A railway accident resulting in the death of Fireman Elkins and the severe scalding of Engineer Stevens occurred at Bellville Tuesday morning. The Kansas City fast freight started north from Bellville yards and a southbound freight destined for Galveston was standing on a sidetrack. The conductor of the Kansas City fast freight, thinking the track was clear, started on his route. Either maliciously or the result of an accident the switch was turned so as to throw the Kansas City fast freight on the switch instead of the main line, the Kansas City train crashing with terrific force into the standing on the sidetrack. Both trains were double headers. Three of the freight locomotives were badly wrecked.

Cattle Dying Fast.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 11.—A number of Grayson county farmers and many cattle owners in various parts of the state, as well as in the Indian territory, especially in and about Boggy bottoms, have lost cattle recently from mysterious causes. Cows in the pasture well one day, the next morning would be found dead. Feeding cattle on corn stalks is one of several theories advanced for the fatality to cows. Dr. Knight, the state veterinarian, has been appealed to for a remedy to stop the ravages in Texas.

Mrs. Stanford's Magnificent Gift.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The deeds of gift executed by Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, conveying property valued at from \$28,000,000 to \$30,000,000 to the Leland Stanford, Jr., university do not affect her control of that institution during her life time. The total of her endowment is said to be three times greater than was ever before given by one individual to educational purposes in the history of the world.

Patterson Will Be Deported.

Manila, Dec. 11.—The supreme court dismissed the writ of habeas corpus in the case of Patterson, the Englishman, private secretary to Sixto Lopez, whose deportation is sought by the authorities here, as he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States when he landed at Manila. Patterson will be deported on the first steamer bound for Hong Kong.

Almost Slept Himself to Death.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 11.—A member of Cleburne Masonic lodge, after sitting up continuously with sick brothers, lay down to sleep. After sleeping 24 hours he could not be aroused and a physician was called in. After heroic work the sleeper was aroused. The state of coma had set in and might have resulted in death but for the interference.

Shooting in Oklahoma.

Mangum, Ok., Dec. 11.—Rush Ardry was killed, Garrett Thurman shot in the back and may die and L. S. McDonald shot in the left shoulder in a saloon row in the village of Port, Washita county. The men had taunted the bartender, Sam Pepper, one of them jumping upon the bar, when Pepper opened fire.

Killing at Mexia.

Mexia, Tex., Dec. 11.—Ed Speight, who lived near Canaan Switch, south of here, was killed on the main street of this town. Two charges from a shotgun were fired at him, one of which entered the breast and the other the hip. He died in about 40 minutes. A. F. Jordan, who also lives at Canaan Switch, was arrested.

Not Subject to Filing.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 11.—Attorney General Strang has received a decision from Judge Vandeventer of the interloper department, which sustains a recent opinion holding that the school lands of Oklahoma are not subject to mineral filings. The decision affects 8000 sections of land.

Explosion of Molten Metal.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 11.—A terrific explosion of molten metal occurred at the Sharon Steel works here. Eleven men were badly injured, three will probably die, and windows in more than 100 houses were shattered.

Coronation Date Fixed.

London, Dec. 11.—At a session of the privy council Monday King Edward definitely fixed June 26, 1902, as the date for his coronation. He also decided that parliament would meet Jan. 16.

Brazilian Delegate Dead.

City of Mexico, Dec. 11.—Jose Hyginio Duarte Pareira, delegate of Brazil to the Pan-American conference, died here from pneumonia complicated with heart trouble.

Boston Goes Democratic.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Gen. Collins, Democrat, for mayor, defeated Mayor Hart, Republican; by about 15,000. Two years ago in the same precincts Hart led Collins by 3230.

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EAGLE COVE DOTS.

Dec. 10, 1901 - We were so glad to see our little town mentioned in your paper that we will try to write you a few more dots this week. We had quite a snow storm in Eagle Cove last Sunday. The ground was covered about an inch or an inch and a half deep. This is the first cold spell we have had this year. Eagle Cove's school is still growing, we have now fifty six or seven scholars in regular attendance. It will not be long if we can only keep the teacher we have now until this school will exceed any other country school in the county. Mr. Lon Hayhurst and his sister Miss Estabro have returned from their trip. They report having a nice time while they were gone. Mr. Lam Hayhurst from Abilene has been visiting in Eagle Cove all the week. The young folks around this place had a nice time at a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Mason last Friday night. Old Eagle Cove is the place where young folks enjoy themselves. Every body around this part of the country are anticipating a good time during the holidays, we hope they will not be disappointed. Joe Prew, of Eagle Cove made a flying trip to Baird last Friday. Our Eagle Cove merchant is so friendly and warm hearted that it never gets cold enough to make him wear a coat. We know that he is

from Georgia" though "from the looks of his feet".

Mr. Bill Smallwood who accidentally shot himself, is getting along very well.

Brother Lilly has quit coming down to the store as much as he used to, suppose he is learning his new baby to talk.

A RAGTOWN BUTTON.

B. U. W. LODGE NOTICE.

All members of Baird Lodge No. 806 Bankers Union of the World are requested to attend the next regular meeting of the lodge on Monday night Dec. 16th 1901 at 7:30 o'clock, as this is the time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, come out and make your selection.

J. H. Cochran, Sec.

Last Saturday morning while coming to town Charley Jones' team ran away coming down the hill near August Horn's place and fatally injured Mr. Jones, who lingered until Wednesday evening, when he died in the room at rear of Palace drug store where he was sent after the accident by Dr Fraser, who was called to see the wounded men.

There were two men and a boy in the buggy, Charley Jones, B. F. Foy and a son of Mr. Jones. The bits in one of the bridles broke soon after they started down the hill and they came down at a terrific speed. The occupants were thrown out near the foot of the hill. B. F. Foy's left ankle was either broken or thrown out of place. He was able to return home after his wounds were dressed. Poor Charley Jones received fatal injuries. Mr. Jones' son was not hurt. Drs Fraser, Sartor and Poindexter were called in and did what they could to relieve the wounded men.

Mrs. Brock and daughter were coming down the hill just ahead of Mr. Jones and it was exceedingly fortunate that the runaway team did not run into their buggy. Mr. John King was coming to town and witnessed the tragedy from the top of the hill, and went to the wounded men and staid with them until Mrs. Brock came to town. Drs. Fraser and Sartor and a number of others went out to the scene of the accident as soon as Mrs. Brock notified the people of the accident.

The body of Charley Jones will be buried at Eula to-day. Mr. Foy is reported doing well and will recover. Charley Jones was a good man and a good citizen and it is with sorrow that we record his death. He was a poor man and leaves a large family. To them we tender our sincer sympathy. A brother and brother-in-law, Mr. Lister, came in from the east when notified of the accident.

A number of accidents have occurred at this hill, but this one is the worst of all. We hope the Commissioner Court will have the road changed before some one else is killed there.

DOG LOST.

A black dog with some white and brown about head and feet, about half grown, had red string around neck when lost. Answers to the name of "Pat." Lost in East Baird last Friday evening. Finder will please return to STAR office or W. E. Gilliland's residence.

J. D. Boydston who has been visiting his sons, B. L. and Will for several weeks returned to his home at Rockwall last Saturday.

PREACHING.

THE STAR is requested to announce that Rev. W. F. Kirby will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 am. The public cordially invited to attend.

A. G. Webb returned last Thursday from Louisiana where he went on business.

Remember that A. G. Webb is still in the land business.

Saved His Life.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure" writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all. Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Powell & Powell, dec.

A freight train, W. B. Daniels conductor, ran over a woman at Trent Sunday night, but the fact was not learned until the train reached Baird when blood, hair, and flesh was discovered on the engine and different parts of the train. The lady was a Mrs. Howell, and later news from Trent lead the railroad men to believe that she committed suicide by throwing herself under the train.

PROGRAM.

Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting of Callahan County to be held with the Baptist Church at Turkey Creek in Callahan county commencing on Thursday night before the Fifth Sunday in December 1901.

1. Thursday, 6:30 p. m. Devotional services conducted by Bro. F. S. Rountree.

2. 7 p. m. Introductory sermon by R. D. Carter.

3. Friday, 10 a. m. Devotional services opened by M. R. Crowover. Question for discussion, "What is the duty of Pastor to church." Opened by A. T. Ford, 30 minutes discussion.

4. 11 a. m. "What is the duty of Church to Pastor. Opened by Rev. Leake. 30 minutes for discussion.

5. Does the Christian's prayers have anything to do with bringing a sinner in favor with God. Opened by Rev. Parks.

6. Does God hear the prayers of a sinner? Opened by C. C. Hightower, 7- 2:30 p. m. Devotional services, led by F. M. Dunlap. Preaching Friday night by Rev. Richburg.

8. Saturday morning services to open at 10 o'clock with prayer by M. S. Whately. The body to select and discuss such questions as they think best.

9. 2 p. m. The Board to come together to attend to matters of that body.

10. 6:30 p. m. Devotional services. Led by D. J. Rowden, followed with a sermon by Rev. Parks.

11. Sunday morning 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. Leake.

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Philomatheon Literary Society.

The Philomatheon Literary Society will have an open meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 19, 1901, at 7:30 o'clock. The public cordially invited to attend.

PROGRAMME.

Chorus.....Society Invocation. Roll Call. Declaration.....Mr. Joe Williams Essay.....Miss Fay Collier. Inst. Solo.....Miss Roma Foy. Recitation.....Miss Edith Collier. Debate: Resolved, That the Sword is mightier than the Pen. Affirmative: Mr. Guy Sigler. Mr. Weaver Taylor. Negative: Mr. Jesse McMurry. Mr. Brodie Lyster. Dialogue: Dad Says So Anyhow. A Courtin' Scene, Away Down East. CHARACTERS. Josh Wattles, a bashful lover. Mr. Bernie Richardson. Belinda Jane Jones, his sweetheart. Miss Minnie Fowler. GUY SIGLER, Pres. MISS MINNIE FOWLER, Sec.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary F. Nichols died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. White, Friday morning, Nov. 29, 1901. She has been a sufferer so long and yet always perfectly patient and submissive to the will of her Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Mrs. Nichols was a member of the Baptist church and had been since childhood. She was buried at Baird cemetery Saturday evening at 1 o'clock.

Her busy hands are folded now Upon her peaceful breast, A calm repose sets on her brow Her troubled heart at rest. Her dear old eyes are softly closed No more to shed a tear. Her pallid lips express repose A sweet smile lingers there. No more her tones in accents soft Fall on our listening ear. No more her welcome face we greet. The hurried soul to cheer. Her gentle spirit strong and pure Yet seems to linger near. So quick to feel another's weep And soothe another's care. Dear faithful heart forever still No more to suffer pain. Thus may we bow to Heaven's will For we shall meet again. She sleeps in Jesus loving arms, Secure upon his breast Where pain and parting ne'er disturb The saint's eternal rest.

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THE DALLES, ORE.

CROSS PLAINS LOCALS.

Dec. 9th-They say it was cold stormy weather down here Sunday.

More weddings. Last Wednesday day evening Mr. Jim Perry and Miss Lula Scott were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Messrs Roy Bond and Albert Clements spent Sunday with home folks "and others," returning to Baird Monday.

Quite a number of the young folks attended an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harlow Friday night and report having had a jubilant time.

Will Triplett, of May, visited his aunt, Mrs. Newton. Arrangements are being made to have an Xmas tree at one of the churches and maybe at two.

Mose Jones is back from Jones county, where he has bought a farm, and will move his family in a few days

Mr. Joe McDonough, of Cross Cut, has bought out Mr. Joe Brooks, just south of town, and will move here next winter. He says he wants close to a good school. Mr. Brooks will go out on the Plains in a few days to look out a new home. He will leave his family here until school closes.

All the teachers should remember the date of the Institute, Dec. 21st, and not fail to attend.

Will McGowen left for Cisco yesterday accompanied by his daughter, Eula and Miss Laura Coffman.

The Westerman Bros. carried cotton to Baird last Thursday.

There has been ginned at this place up to date, 2505 bales of cotton.

Mrs. Sips visited in Cottonwood, Saturday. Prof. Watson reports an enrollment of 140 pupils in our school and still coming in. The question of a good school at this place is now an established fact.

Miss Jessie Wagner left for Baird this morning, where she will visit for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nation's little girl is very sick.

Holland Bond is moving from over near Dressy to Mr. Stewart's place three miles south of Pioneer.

G. B. Swan, our protographer, left this morning for Dallas on business. X.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan. Reported by R. D. Williams, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2, on Nov. 15, 1901, the following estray: one bay horse, about 14 hands high, branded THE, connected with bar above, on left thigh, harness on left shoulder, branding in neighborhood of Admiral. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office in Baird, this 9th day of Dec. 1901. W. P. COCHRAN, CLK County Court. By J. H. Cochran, Deputy. 5-1f

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Dr. R. G. Powell is expected home from Houston to-morrow.

W. M. Edwards of Eagle Cove is in town.

Jno. Coates of Cottonwood was in town this morning.

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