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**DEEP CREEK DOTS.**

June 16.—Born on June 10, to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Higgins, a boy.

Born on June 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bell, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barker, a girl.

A good record for one week and still the better as all the interested parties are doing very well.

Copious rains have already damaged the small grain crop that looked so promising and if dry weather does not follow soon more damage will be done. That rain of Sunday night was a breaker and several neighbors say that it was the greatest downpour in Callahan county. The standing grain is badly tangled, corn is partially blown down, and the cotton fields are badly washed. The threshing had to be postponed and it is doubtful if they will begin operation this week. So you see it's very often a slip in farmers' life even if the prospect for a while is highly flattering.

Died on Thursday last the five months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart Jr. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of the community in their sad trial.

Another dire accident: Lon Peeler a young man from Tennessee, who was working for Mr. Davis in the Surles settlement, was killed by lightning Sunday night in tent which he occupied alone. The remains were shipped Tuesday to the home of the unfortunate young man who met a premature death far away from his home.  
H. B.

**BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR SALE.**

My blacksmith and wood shop in Baird for sale. Apply to  
28 2t W. H. SIMON.

Oscar Jones came in from Greer county, Wednesday.

**LADIES WEDNESDAY CLUB.**

It is rare that so cultivating a gathering is found as that assembled, last evening, at the cozy and refined home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane.

The occasion was the "open meeting" of the Ladies Wednesday Club, the last meeting of the season, before suspending for the summer vacations. It was given in honor of Mrs. F. W. Chatfield, a charter member, who will soon depart for her new home among the cultured people of our sister city, Abilene.

Every member of the society was present, except Mrs. Claggett and the honored President, Mrs. F. W. James, who has been so untiring in her efforts to make the society a success, and elevate the standard of social enjoyment.

Promptly at the hour stated was begun the interesting and highly instructive program. This consisted in what was termed "hidden quotations." A great number of familiar quotations written on bills of paper, were divided in sections, and concealed around the room.

Each one collected as many of these as could be found, and from the part secured set to work to complete the quotation by inquiring from any one the counterpart. The one securing the highest number of correct quotations received a prize. This afforded a boundless display of wit and humor, and for an hour the rooms were in a perfect buzz—all searching for the counterpart of his quotations. Mrs. Miller, of Kansas City, who is visiting her brother, Mr. T. E. Powell, securing the highest number was awarded a handsome copy of Moore.

Immediately following this exercise, came refreshments of ice-cream and cake, served in a most elegant style. Of these all partook with zest which demonstrated the real enjoy-

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**BAIRD, TEXAS.**

ment; while the flow of wit and sparkling conversation was pleasing in the greatest measure. At eleven thirty, the clock struck the hour of retiring, and soon the parlors and halls, which had run with merriment, were left to the cordial host and his accomplished wife.

Altogether the evening was one of the most pleasant ever spent in Baird, and those present will not soon forget an evening so highly entertaining and elevating in its nature.  
June 16, 1897.

Ladies call at my store and examine my stock of all wool dress goods and silks and all other kind of goods you may want cheaper than they can be bought anywhere. If you find things not as I represent them I will give you a nice fan. Please call.  
20tf T. E. POWELL.

Attend the Base Ball Game this evening, between the Baird and Moran Team, at the Baird Base Ball Park. It promises to be a "hot game" and highly interesting to all.

**RECORD OF THE MUTUAL.**

Very few people on the outside realize the full magnitude of the great work done by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. This grand old company stands in the lead of the insurance companies in the United States, and in fact the world. Organized in 1843, it has paid to living members \$258,959,451.53, to the beneficiaries of deceased members, \$178,045,743.76, making a grand total of \$427,005,195.27. Added to the above figures are the invested assets of the company now amounting to \$234,744,148.42, thus showing that in the fifty-three years of its existence the company has paid to an invested for its members the colossal sum of \$671,749,343.71.

Surely a record to be proud of, and the evidence of a great trust honestly administered upon, and representing the acme of sound judgment and conservative methods on the part of its management.

The condition of this great company, as shown by its annual statement, is certainly reassuring to its large army of policy holders in the state of Texas. They can look with pride on the showing made by the company and feel that their policies are backed by an absolute guarantee of over 234 millions of assets, a fact that conveys with it a double assurance that if anything should happen to them, that their loved ones inherit a reality and not a law suit, and that if they live beyond a certain period they themselves reap the reward of their thrift and foresight, which will provide for them in their old age a competency and a shelter for those loved ones who are still left to share it with them.

In Texas this great company has still kept in the lead, having written in 1896 over six millions of insurance, and this in the face of the most intense competition, and during a period of

unprecedented financial distress. This record is due to the indomitable energy of its general agents in Texas, Edwin Chamberlain & Co., of San Antonio. Within a period of about two years and a half they have built up and perfected an agency system which is a source of pride to their own agents and of corresponding envy to the agents of other companies, nothing could more fully demonstrate this than their recent convention held in San Antonio. That the grand old Mutual has a firm hold on the Texas people is evidenced by the lead the company has obtained in their Texas business, as they have written in this state more business than any other company.—Sherman Courier.

**STOCK NOTICE.**

At a meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when any arrest is made of any person charged with the unlawful handling of any stock of any member of this association, which charge has been preferred by any of said members, and suit is instituted against such member for damages therefor, that each member of said association shall lend his influence and aid in the defence of said member so sued.

Resolved, That each member of this association is hereby requested not to employ or have in his employ any person in his employment any person who is or has been indicted for theft, and further resolved that each member of this association is hereby requested not to go upon the criminal bonds of such persons nor aid them in making the same.

Attest.  
J. B. CUTBERTH, Pres.  
F. S. BELL, Secy. 28tf

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My store house is packed from front to rear, and from floor to ceiling, with the finest assortment ever brought to Baird. Just step inside my store and take a glance at my immense stock, and have one of my ever accomodating clerks to show you through the house, and be convinced that my goods and prices are unequaled in Baird. Don't mind the rush, "every day is rush day at Powell's," but you will be waited on.

**Millinery.**

Powell has furnished a special department in charge of Miss Lizzie Emmerson for the accomodation of millinery shoppers. You can't pass his store without seeing the beautiful hats, flowers, etc. in the big show window. This department cannot be excelled for beauty, convenience, goods and prices in West Texas.

**Dress Goods.**

Many women wish to purchase a dress "entirely different from any one in town." Powell can fulfill your wish, he has the largest and finest assortment of Dress Goods that could be purchased in eastern markets. In fact his store is overflowing in real bargains. To see is to be convinced.

**I BOUGHT CHEAP AND WILL SELL THE SAME WAY.**

"To make money is to save it" and Powell will save you more money than any merchant in Baird. Call and be convinced.

an offering goods cheaper than ever before in my life

YOURS FOR TRADE

**T. E. POWELL.**



## MORE LEGISLATION NEEDED

The Governor Submits Nine New Subjects For Legislative Action.

Austin, June 14.—Governor Culberson to-day sent to both houses the following message, together with a bill covering his recommendations on mob violence:

To the senate and house of representatives: For purposes of legislation at this session, your attention is respectfully invited to the following subjects:

1. A general occupation tax.
2. Measures to encourage the establishment of factories.
3. The railway gate system now in operation on some of the railroads of the state.
4. To fix the time of holding court in the thirty-sixth judicial district, so as to avoid the hiatus created by laws passed at the regular session.
5. To amend article 3051, revised statutes, so that the commissioner of insurance shall have the needful authority to make examination into the books and business of insurance companies.
6. Require the payment of all county taxes in current money, except such as may be paid in coupons and other indebtedness, under section 6, article 11 of the constitution.
7. Amend article 1331 of the revised statutes as specially recommended by the supreme court so as to provide a simple and expeditious method for the decision of controverted questions of fact by special verdict of juries.
8. Amend the law with reference to the expenditure of the available school fund so that this fund may be economically and properly distributed for strictly school purposes and regulate the taking of the scholastic census in order that existing fraudulent methods may be corrected. Fraud in the scholastic census is resorted to in order to secure an unjust and unequal share of this fund, and it is becoming more general and scandalous. In one city in the state the net gain in scholastic population as reported exceeds 2000 for the present as compared with the previous year.
9. The good name of the state, respect for our governmental institutions and sentiments of humanity demand that mob violence be suppressed. Its growth is alarming and ominous. For a time the sole objects of its vengeance were those charged with criminal assault upon females, and thus found some measure of provocation and apology in manly and chivalric instincts. Taking encouragement from this toleration it now seems to judge and punish for murder and in a recent instance in Waller county was used for the suppression of testimony. It has reached that stage in this state where it is an indictment of the whole people and a defilement of their civilization. Experience makes it plain that ordinary judicial machinery is inadequate, and if it is to be destroyed and the state spared further debasement, extraordinary measures must be adopted. That my views of the means necessary and feasible may be more clearly presented, a bill is submitted herewith for your consideration. The salient features of the act are, (1) speedy punishment for criminal assault, thus removing any cause for mobs; (2) legal denunciation of the participants in mobs as murderers, to be punished accordingly, and (3) removal from office of any officer who under any circumstances permits a prisoner to be executed by a mob. The enormity of the offense of criminal assault and the delay incident to our present judicial system are the most common excuses for mob violence. Under existing law it often happens that an indictment can not be returned for months, and the trial afterwards is subject to vexatious delays. The bill submitted authorizes immediately in any county in the judicial district of the offense where the court may be in session, and if not in session, then in the first county in the district in which the court is held. A speedy trial is then provided for and precedence is given over all other cases in all courts. Besides the menace to criminals which it offers in swift and ignominious punishment, this would remove all pretext for the populace to take the law in their hands. If in plain violation of the law they nevertheless take human life and cruelly deny to an accused the opportunity to offer proof of innocence, they are guilty of murder and their penalty should at least be rendered probable by fixing the value of the prosecution in counties other than their residence. The jail and the courthouse represent public law. An attack upon them ques-

tions the capacity of the people for self government and is an assault upon civilization itself. The sacrifice of human life by mobs, the victims sometimes innocent and often their guilt in doubt, is appalling, but the disavowal of legal restraint and the trampling under foot of organized government which they involve is far more portentous. The officer charged with their preservation who under any condition will permit the civil institutions of a christian people to be thus assailed and desecrated is unworthy the trust. That removal proceedings may be effected they should be directed by the attorney general in counties free from the influence which would necessarily embarrass or defeat them. Obviously the officer should be rendered ineligible to re-election or appointment, for otherwise removal would be a farce.

C. A. CULBERSON.

## The Round Bale System.

A representative of a St. Louis cotton company, who is in Texas for the purpose of placing his company's new round bale ginning system in operation in the state, is very enthusiastic over the advantages of this system and the outlook for its general adoption. The system, he says operates greatly to the benefit of the producer, ginner and buyer. The demand from the mills for the round bale cotton is so great that the most serious problem his company has had to face was how to get the round bale presses placed in time for the next ginning season. These presses have already been established in thirty-five towns in Texas.

## Texas News.

Governor Culberson has approved the Pressler text book bill.

The next imperial council of the Mystic Shriners will be held in Dallas, in June, 1898.

The corner-stone of the new Patton Seminary building at Oak Cliff was laid in the presence of a large number of patrons, friends and pupils of the school.

Representative R. W. Henderson of Clarksville, has brought suit against City Marshal Nichols and his bondsmen for \$10,000 on an alleged violation of the section of the constitution which exempts senators and representatives from arrest.

Mrs. Ada Turner, who recently carved Mrs. Bennett and Miss Hulsey at the Dallas cotton mills, was last Saturday indicted by the grand jury for assault on murder. She was out on bail, her victims having been pronounced out of danger; but now her whereabouts is unknown to the officials.

The largest land patent issued in a quarter of a century in Kentucky was one recently made on an order from John F. Hager of Ashland for 15,000 acres of land in Pike county. That does well enough for Kentucky but in Texas this is only a turnip-patch transaction.

Sheriff Lee McMurtry of Wichita county has arrested and delivered to U. S. Marshal Love, at Dallas, Tom Williams and Tom Newman, who are charged with passing counterfeit dollar bills. When arrested the men had a roll of \$490 of the bogus bills on them. It is alleged they floated several hundred of their bad money in Oklahoma and the Nation.

At Denver, Colorado, when the trial of J. J. Reithman, on the charge of having defrauded depositors in the German National bank, of which he was president at the time of its failure, was called in the criminal court, Reithman appeared without an attorney and announced that he would conduct his own defense. The court would not consent to this and appointed counsel to defend Mr. Reithman. The trial was postponed until June 23. It is said Mr. Reithman has become an enthusiastic spiritualist and has entrusted his interests entirely to the guardianship of the spirits which he believes are watching over and guarding him.

Garland went dry Saturday by a good majority.

The contract for the building of the First Presbyterian church at Dallas, has been let to Mr. Alex Watson for \$10,425 exclusive of the glass in the memorial windows. It will be ready for occupancy by the first day of October next.

Contract has been let and work begun on the Santa Fe's new passenger depot at Dallas. It will be a handsome brick structure.

The excessive use of stimulants causes the hair to turn gray. Shun the cup, and restore the natural color of the hair with Hall's Hair Renewer.

## A NEW TURN

In the Tyler Affair—Twenty-two Arrested and Hailed at Lindale.

Tyler, Texas, June 14.—At an early hour this morning affidavits were filed in the Lindale precinct against twenty-two citizens of that place and vicinity, including the eleven against whom similar charges have been filed here in Justice Paulson's court, charging them with the murder of Bill Jones.

District Attorney Smith was notified of the prosecution being instituted but refused to go. He wrote Justice King at Lindale that he considered the prosecution there a strategy on the part of the accused and their friends to avoid answering a similar charge in the Tyler court; if it was sincerely desired to bring the other eleven to justice the parties filing affidavits against them could have no objection to filing them in the Tyler court, where they could take the same course as the others at a place already designated as a base of action by the state; that he had consented to postponement of the preliminary trial at request of accused, and that constable Day had allowed them to go without bail on promise to return for trial.

On receipt of Mr. Smith's letter Justice King appointed William Goodman of Tyler to represent the state. He telegraphed the district attorney of his appointment and received a message in reply not to act. The justice, however, insisted on his acting and the case went to trial.

Justice King bound them over in the sum of \$1000 each to await the action of the grand jury.

Mr. Smith will go to Austin today to consult with the attorney general.

Constable Day has served notice on the original eleven that they will be expected to appear here on the day set for the preliminary trial.

## A Joke Jerry Simpson.

Not long ago a number of house bills were called up unanimous consent and passed, and Jerry Simpson was not there to object.

Such unexplained absence was enough to create comment, for Jerry had pledged his word in open debate that he should never give his consent when unanimous consent was asked and one objection is as good as a hundred in such a case.

"Why is the gentleman from Kansas absent? No notice of his sickness has appeared."

Thus asked one member last Monday, and another replied: "Well, you see, several of the boys had some little bridge bills—merely formal authorizations, which had already passed the senate—which they wanted to get through, and it was necessary to get Jerry out of the way. They took Clerk McDowell into their confidence, and this is the way it was done:

"Say, Jerry," said McDowell to the Kansan, "wouldn't you like to take a run home and see the folks for a little while, since the house has determined to do nothing? A fellow offered me a pass the other day. I can't go, but I can get the pass for you if you would like it."

"Jerry swallowed the bait, hook and all, and that is why he was away in Kansas, while the bills went through.—Washington Post.

The first load of new wheat arrived in Dallas Thursday. It was raised by a Dallas county farmer seven miles from Dallas and the yield was twenty bushels per acre. It was sold for 75 cents per bushel.

A great deal of wheat in Denton county will be cut by hand with scythes and cradles, because of the rank weeds in the lowlands.

Henry Labourchere, in a speech on England's policy with reference to the Graeco Turkish difficulty, said that England had as well guarantee the integrity of hell and the dominion of the devil as of the Turkish empire.

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## NEW LAWS.

List of General Bills Passed by the Legislature and Are New Laws.

Following is a list of the general bills which were passed by the present general legislature and have become laws by executive approval or by the constitutional limitation:

(Continued from last week)

An act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds and other obligations.

The presser text book bill. An act to authorize the Houston & Texas Central Railroad company to purchase the Waco & Northwestern railway.

An act to authorize the Galveston, La Porte & Houston Railway to purchase the Galveston & Western railway.

An act to transfer to the general revenue fund the unexpended balance of the United States direct tax fund.

Bill providing for a system of drainage along the public roads of the state and to provide for the collection of assessments from adjoining land owners benefitted by such drainage system.

Bill authorizing the Aransas Pass harbor company to purchase from the state Harbor Island, certain shoal waters and flats in front thereof and in Redfish bay, and to excavate a free channel along and through Turtle Cove, etc.

Bill fixing the minimum term of imprisonment for horse theft at two years and the maximum at ten.

Bill amending article 1180, title 30, chapter 1, of the revised civil statutes so that it shall hereafter read as follows: "No civil suit shall be commenced, nor shall any process be issued or secured on Sunday or on any legal holiday except in cases of injunction, attachment, garnishment, sequestration or distress proceedings."

Bill authorizing road overseers, when expedient, to gravel public roads to use such gravel, earth or stone or other necessary material as may be most convenient therefor, the owner thereof to be paid a fair price therefor out of the county treasury.

Bill to set apart for free school purposes four leagues of land heretofore granted to Greer county, and to authorize the attorney general to initiate proceedings for the recovery of same.

Bill providing for the construction and maintenance of drains, ditches and water courses, and for the improvement and encouragement of natural drainage of the several counties within the state of Texas.

Bill eliminating the punishment by imprisonment provided in the penal code in cases of disturbance of public worship.

Bill providing that supplies for state asylums shall hereafter be contracted for by the superintendents and managers of said asylums instead of by the comptroller.

Bill quieting title to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received in the service of this state or the confederate states a land certificate for 1280 acres of land, and to validate patents issued on such locations and surveys.

Bill providing for the alienation within fifteen years of all lands acquired by corporations organized for the purpose of constructing and maintaining ditches and drains according to the provisions of the drainage act passed at this session.

Bill providing for the punishment of persons willfully turning out or permitting to run at large within a county or subdivision of a county in which the stock law has been adopted any stock prohibited by law from running at large.

Bill repealing article 1277 of the revised statutes and amending article 1278 so as to require an affidavit as to the materiality of absent evidence, etc., upon which an application for a new trial may be based; provided, that on a first application for continuance it shall not be necessary to show that the absent testimony cannot be procured from any other source.

Bill providing that when either party to a suit is a corporation neither party thereto shall be permitted to take ex-parte depositions.

Bill requiring bond investment companies doing business in this state to deposit \$5000 in cash and semi-annually with the state treasurer 10 per cent of their net premium receipts until the sum deposited shall amount to \$100,000.

Bill regulating the practice of dentistry.

Bill making it unlawful for any person to gather oysters from the public reefs or beds of the state without first having procured a license from the fish and oyster commissioner, as well as for any person gathering oysters from the state or on private property to sell, market or in any way dispose of oysters so gathered at the time of gathering for any other purpose than planting; provided, this shall not be considered as meaning the right to dispose of a location or oyster bed.

Bill defining "cold storage" and affixing a penalty for maintaining "cold storage" plants in local option counties, precincts, etc.

Bill making it a felony for any president, director, manager, cashier or other officer of any bank, banking institution, or the owner, agent or manager of any private bank or banking institution, or the officer, director or agent of any trust company doing business in Texas to receive or assent to the receipt of deposits of money or other valuable things after having knowledge of the insolvency of such institution.

Bill providing that the proceeds of the voluntary sale of the homestead of a family shall not be subject to garnishment or forced sale within six months after such sale.

Bill giving the courts of civil appeals three months of vacation each year.

Bill amending and perfecting the Colquitt delinquent tax act passed by the Twenty-fourth legislature.

Bill amending the franchise tax act so as to increase the tax upon life insurance companies to 2 per cent of their gross premium receipts.

Bill providing for the establishing of a public park on the site of the battlefield of San Jacinto and providing for the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park, and making an appropriation therefor.

Bill amending article 207, chapter 1, title 8, of the penal code so as to hereafter read as follows: "The crime of perjury, except as in cases provided for in article 208 of the penal code, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not more than ten years nor less than two years."

Bill providing that abstracts of land titles or land abstract books compiled from the records of any county prior to the year 1877, which said records were partially or wholly destroyed or lost from any cause during the months of May, 1874, and March, 1876, shall hereafter be competent prima facie evidence of the truth of the data or memoranda therein contained and compiled prior to the year 1877, and shall be admissible in evidence in the courts of this state.

Bill providing for the survey of lands to be set apart as a permanent endowment fund for the branch university for colored people.

Bill providing a penalty for the failure or refusal of any president, vice president or cashier of a national bank to furnish the tax assessor or deputy tax assessor a correct statement of the assets and liabilities of the national bank of which such person is president, vice president or cashier.

Bill validating the incorporation and acts of towns and villages heretofore regularly incorporated for free school purposes, having within their limits towns incorporated for municipal purposes which latter had ceased to exercise their functions as such or which had not assumed control of the public schools within their limits, and to provide that such towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes shall have exclusive control of the public free schools within their limits.

Bill forfeiting the charters of towns of more than 200 and less than 5000 inhabitants, granted by special act of the legislature in cases where the offices of said towns have been vacant for a period of ten years or more.

Bill validating certain illegal sales of public school, university and asylum lands sold under section 22, chapter 99, of the acts of 1887 and the amendments thereto, sold as isolated and detached land, which were not in fact isolated and detached.

Bill to prevent immoral publications and to prevent the sale and distribution of such publications, and making a violation thereof a felony, punishable by a term in the penitentiary of not less than two nor more than five years.

Bill conferring upon foreign corporations obtaining permits to do business in this state the same rights and privileges conferred upon domestic corporations and authorizing and empowering them to hold, purchase, sell, mortgage or otherwise convey, real and personal estate as the purposes of such corporations may require, and also to take, hold and convey such other property as may be requisite in order to obtain or secure the payment of any indebtedness.

Bill amending the franchise tax act so as to hereafter provide for the collection of the following annual franchise tax: For domestic corporations having an authorized capital stock of \$50,000 and less than \$100,000, \$20; for domestic corporations having an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and less than \$200,000, \$30; for domestic corporations having an authorized capital stock of \$200,000 or more, \$50.

For foreign corporations having an authorized capital stock of \$25,000 or less, \$25; for foreign corporations having an authorized capital stock of more than \$25,000 and not exceeding \$100,000, \$100; and for foreign corporations having an authorized capital stock of over \$100,000, \$100 above \$100,000 and not exceeding \$1,000,000; and if such authorized capital stock exceeds \$1,000,000 then such corporation shall pay a still further additional tax of \$1 for every \$100,000 over and above \$1,000,000. Sleeping, dining and palace car companies are required by this bill to pay an annual tax equivalent to 2 1/2 per cent of their gross receipts on business done in the state.

Bill to prevent the introduction of scab disease among sheep and preventing the spreading and secure the eradication of same, and providing a method of examining scabby animals, etc.

Bill prohibiting the herding of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats or hogs upon the land and within one-half mile of the residence of any citizen of this state whenever the owner, lessee or legal representative of such land shall forbid such herding. This bill does not apply to droves held for shipments, provided the owner thereof shall pay the owner of the premises reasonable pasturage and for all damage done by said herds.

Bill repealing articles 4218 and 4218 chapter 12a, title 87, of the revised civil statutes and providing for the classification of all lands belonging to the various public funds. Also permitting the purchase of two sections of agricultural land by actual settlers. All land purchased in excess of one section must be situated within a radius of five miles of the land occupied by the purchaser. Forfeiture for non-compliance of the above section before three years' residence thereon has been completed shall work a forfeiture of additional purchases. Any actual owner of and resident upon any other lands contiguous to said lands or within a radius of five miles thereof, may also buy any of the aforesaid lands. The bill also reduces the minimum price of agricultural lands to \$1.50 per acre and provides that no lands leased west

of a certain line shall be sold during the term of the lease.

Bill amending the act providing for the creation of private corporations so as to authorize the incorporation of associations organized for the purpose of acting as administrators or testamentary guardians where appointed by the courts; to make bonds that may be required to be filed in any judicial proceeding; to guarantee the fidelity of employees, etc. This bill further authorizes the organization without capital stock of mutual fire or storm or lightning insurance companies, and provides that companies organized for the purpose of building lines of railroad to mines, grins, quarries, manufacturing plants or mills, etc., shall have no power to condemn private property unless declaring themselves public highways and common carriers. The incorporation of companies to excavate, maintain and operate drainage ditches, canals and flumes is also authorized, and street railways and suburban belt lines carrying freight are placed under the control of the railroad commission.

Bill providing that twenty-five of the qualified voters of any incorporated town of not less than 500 nor more than 10,000 inhabitants may petition the county judges to order an election at which the question of abolishing the corporation shall be submitted and determined.

Bill providing that constables may appoint a deputy in cities of 2500 or more inhabitants.

Bill providing that the money of wards may be loaned upon notes secured by mortgage, with power of sale, on unincumbered real estate situated in this state, worth at least double the amount of such notes and interest, or on collateral notes secured by vendors' lien notes, provided that one-half has been paid on the land for which said notes are given, upon the approval of the county judge.

Bill making it unlawful for any fire or marine insurance company, licensed to do business in Texas, to place or cause to be placed an contract or policy except through legally authorized and licensed agents, residents of the state.

Bill amending article 1706 of the revised statutes to read that in each city having more than 10,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding census of the United States, each ward shall constitute an election precinct.

Bill requiring the clerk of the supreme court to issue mandates without cost if the party against whom the costs are adjudged shall make affidavit of his inability to pay same.

Bill providing for the assessment in the county of the residence of the owner thereof of all personal property temporarily removed from the state and subject to taxation, or in the county where the principal office of said owner is situated.

Bill providing that written contracts for the conditional sale, lease or hire of railroad equipments and rolling stock shall be recorded in the office of the secretary of state.

Bill empowering commissioners' court to audit, adjust and settle all claims and accounts in favor of the county.

Bill providing for the organization of school districts in community counties and validating such districts heretofore organized.

Bill making it the duty of counties owning bridges situated within the corporate limits of cities and towns to keep the same in repair in the same manner as they are required by law to keep such bridges as are not so situated.

Bill to prohibit the catching of fish, green turtles, loggerheads, terrapins or shrimp with seines, dragnets, dykes, set nets, gill nets, trammel nets, traps, in any of the bays or navigable waters of this state within the limits or within one mile of the limits of cities and towns.

Bill to preserve and protect the wild game birds and fowls of the state.

Bill to prevent the selling or trading of animals of the horse or mule species known or suspected to be affected with glanders.

Bill to authorize towns and villages incorporated under the provisions of chapter 11, title 18, of the revised civil statutes by special charter to condemn the right of way over and across the roadbed and right of way of any railway company within the limits of such town or village when deemed necessary for the purpose of opening, widening or extending the public streets thereof.

Bill to protect accountants, bookkeepers, artisans, draftsmen, factory operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen, common laborers and farm hands—to provide a lien and prescribe the time of payments and in lawful money of the United States, and prescribing the rights of the assignees of such persons.

Bill prohibiting the taking of fish from fresh waters, lakes and streams otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook, line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale and shipping of game fish. Harrison, Calhoun and Marion counties are the only ones to which this applies, the balance of the state being exempted from its operations.

Bill providing for the relinquishment by the state of title to certain lands in Galveston county and confirming the patents thereto issued to Thomas M. Joseph and Henry M. Trueheart on the 29th day of December, 1859, and the 23d day of August, 1860.

Bill prohibiting persons engaged in the business of running pool or billiard tables in a public place for profit from permitting minors about their places.

Bill prohibiting the barter, sale or gift of deadly weapons to minors.

Bill giving district courts jurisdiction in county boundary suits.

Bill amending a bill passed at the present session authorizing the Aransas harbor company to purchase Harbor Island, etc., so as to eliminate therefrom the requirements that said company excavate a free channel along and through Turtle cove, between Corpus Christi bay and the deep water harbor or channel at or near Aransas Pass.

Bill levying an annual tax of \$200 upon persons selling liquor or medicinal bitters in local option districts upon physicians' prescriptions.



# A BRIDE FROM THE TOMB; OR The Secret of River House.

## CHAPTER VII. THE SECRET BURIED.

Mr. Bower was safely out of sight, when Barbara, who had stealthily followed on his trail to make sure that he made no retrograde movement, became aware of another person in her path.

She recognized Lady Lucie, on foot, beautifully dressed and with a dissatisfied expression on her face, as if she were disappointed. She was looking about behind her and before her, and Miss Mervyn asked with a smile, "are you looking for someone, Lady Lucie?"

"Are you still here—in spite of my warnings, you most foolish girl?" counter-questioned her ladyship, turning very sharply upon the governess.

"I am still here!" responded Miss Mervyn quietly. "I see no reason why I should leave any earlier than I intended when first I came."

Lady Lucie looked puzzled and angry—"Of course it is nothing to me."

"But it seems very much indeed to you, and I am only at a loss to conjecture why."

Then my lady's eyes flashed. "You think that, because you are young and a little pretty, you can set society at defiance—when you find yourself turned out of its doors?"

"Then I shall ask for the friendly hand you seem so ready to give, Lady Lucie." And her sweetness enraged Lady Lucie.

"I shall give you no help." You must turn to your dear Sir Feston.

"Lady Lucy, I fail to see that I have given you any license for impertinence."

They faced each other, two proud women, and the elder quailed before the pure unwavering gaze of the younger. At that moment Barbara was most beautiful. Lady Lucie cried—

"You have placed yourself in a disgraceful position, and all kindness and advice is thrown away upon you. You are out now, I suppose, to meet Sir Feston. Is he anywhere near? I do not wish to encounter him."

"Was it prudent then to venture so close to his grounds? You did not come in search of me—I am sure, Lady Lucie."

Then she reproved herself sharply for her impudence, for the dark dangerous eyes looked at her with a sudden gleam of suspicion.

"I simply wash my hands of you," said her ladyship, and haughtily she moved away. But she did not follow the detective, whom Barbara guessed truly she had come to the park of River House to meet. She went on skirting the park in another direction and the governess breathed freely. Sir Feston did not return home that day, and when the night gathered and all in the old house appeared to be wrapped in slumber, Barbara Mervyn yielded to that strange strong power which throughout the day she had felt upon her.

"It was a hundredfold stronger now. The moment she opened her desk and took that fatal key in her hand, she felt as if her own will were seized and governed by a more powerful one, a force irresistible—she simply must obey it."

"Go into the West Wing and find its secret," a voice spoke to her, almost audibly, and after vainly resisting, or trying to resist, for a few moments, she yielded and obeyed. She was dressed in a quiet, dark morning gown, for she had only spent the evening with Bebe, and a lighted candle stood ready to her hand, the small all-important key was in her hand, she had no preparation to make.

She opened her door, looked into the corridor, and then paused; she felt she would have given anything to escape from this thing she was about to do; she longed for some interruption, some prevention of any sort. She fancied she heard a little noise at the end of the corridor where Bebe slept (her room being nearest to that of her father), and she looked quite eagerly in that direction; but there was nothing really—no one stirring at all, and with a heavy sigh which seemed to herself as an echo of that other sigh she had caught from Sir Feston Carnegie, Barbara moved on to her distasteful task.

Her soft cloth gown created no rustle, her little feet made no noise upon the thick carpet. Nero was not howling to-night, there was no sound at all.

She almost hoped for a difficulty with the invisible lock, but as if

insensibly guided to it she found the exact spot instantly; the little bit of moulding slid back, the key fitted and turned, and the secret door opened, all without making the slightest noise.

One thing she did not do: she drew the door to after her, but she was careful not to let it fasten itself, there must be no aperture visible to catch other eyes, but she could not cut off her own retreat. She thought she left the door closed in appearance outside, but ready to yield to a touch from the inside.

Darkness, dust, desolation! The candle held in her own hand seemed to show these three things more vividly than when she had followed the flicker of the light borne by Sir Feston, and the musty, dusty, the indescribably disagreeable odor of the neglected and hermetically sealed rooms struck her more strongly than before; yet she went on, shuddering and revolting, but making no pause or attempt to turn back.

Oh, what was that? A sudden whirring sound and a sudden swift movement in the dusty shade before her caused her heart to stop, and faintness to overcome her for one moment; the next she saw it was but a bat, a weird phantom-like creature, whom her light had disturbed. She left it whirling behind her as she passed on to that other locked door.

And here she paused in actual helplessness—her terror seemed to rob her of power to go farther, until again came that impelling force, which seemed to fit the key in the lock, and turn it, and bear her on and on. If it were death that lay before her she could not turn back. She was within the dread room now, and her candle, held high in her hand, showed her only the sepulchral-looking four-poster bed. All the rest of the room was deep wrapped in shadow. A score of murderers or their victims might be concealed.

Barbara did not turn towards the little cupboard in the skirting board, out from which she had seen Sir Feston take the mysterious phial. She walked straight to the bedstead, and kneeling down, placed her candle upon the floor, and with both her hands, and all her strength, lifted the board which, intuitively, she recognized as the one. She longed that it might prove too heavy for her strength, but she felt it moving, moving, and as the chasm below appeared, Barbara seized her candle and held it down, as she had seen Sir Feston do; and holding it thus, she peered and leaned forward and downward with dilated eyes and quick drawn breath.

There was a minute's awful stillness, and then the candle dropped from her hand. The girl staggered to her feet, falling, clutching, swaying, while a cry of horror, more like the agonized howl of Nero than anything else, escaped her lips.

Blindly groping and staggering, she made for the doors. She gained them, and rushed through in the darkness; having lost the light to guide her, she lost her bearings and her way; she dashed against a hard blank wall, and she heard the whirr of bat's flight over her head again. She dashed the other way, and came heavily against something, she knew not what. After that, she had no idea how to go to regain the inhabited portion of the house, and she dare not return to recover the light she had lost. She seemed to be stifling, choking, suffocating, and a thousand sparks and lights arose and danced before her eyes in the pitchy darkness. Her strength was leaving her, and her senses were slipping away also into the blank, black abyss of horror.

Another blind, vain, staggering rush, another low despairing cry, and Barbara Mervyn fell, and lay upon the floor insensible.

Sir Feston Carnegie, walking up to the station through his own park, was the first to raise the alarm. As he emerged from the thick shade of the Ghost's Walk, he looked towards his house, standing, dark and grim, against the darker sky, and he saw a light shoot out from some part of it. Did he fancy it? he asked of himself puzzled, far it was after midnight, and there would be no lights in the windows now. As he entered with his latch key, he would light for himself the lamp in the hall. Had he seen a falling star? But the night was cloudy. He quickened his pace, and, losing sight of River House for some minutes, caught it again nearer

and more fully; then again there darted up that inexplicable ray of brightness, followed this time by another and another, and a thin, significant column of smoke began to creep up also—up and up from the roof to the clouded sky, and the man knew then what it all signified—River House was on fire!

He dashed along now at his fastest pace. There was no aid to be obtained nearer than the house itself. One of the gardeners lived a little to the left, but Sir Feston did not like to go a step out of his way; he ran his feetest towards the house. The thought of Bebe had possession of him, and another thought, perhaps even stronger. But within the very grounds, he stopped dead, looked up at the blazing building, and hesitated. He saw distinctly now what it was—a fire in the West wing! He knew how that wing was shut off from the rest of the house, and he knew that there was little risk of the fire spreading to the inhabited portion yet, at all events. Should he let that wing and all that it contained, burn down? No one but himself knew the danger—as yet; the flames would appear to have but just broken out.

How a fire could originate there, Sir Feston could not conceive; but he scarcely thought of that. His mind suddenly realized all that it would be to him, the change it might make in his whole future life, if that West Wing and its secret were consumed. And he had simply to remain inactive; the flames would do their own work. Then he started forward, and called himself a coward and a villain for listening to the temptation. What better than an incendiary would he be, if he deliberately allowed the fire to proceed?

He gave no more time for consideration, but reaching the house in a few minutes, he alarmed every one of its inmates, and the outside servants were called up and a groom despatched for the nearest fire brigade, and all such resources as River House contained were utilized, all within a very little time of daybreak. But Sir Feston's first thought was for Bebe. He held his terrified little girl in his arms, as he looked round upon the scared servants.

"All here safe," he said; and then he missed one face. "Where is Miss Mervyn?" he asked, rising to his feet, and his voice rang quite calmly.

"Isn't she here," replied Brame, pretending to look about with surprise; but Bebe flung her arms round her father's neck and whispered—

"I think she is in the West Wing. The White Lady took her there. I saw her go."

"You saw Miss Mervyn go? Tell me clearly, darling."

Still his voice was perfectly calm and steady, and Bebe was calmed by his strength. She conquered her sobs, and said quite distinctly—

"I heard a little noise, and I was awake, so I peeped from my door to see if you were coming back, papa, and I saw her—Miss Mervyn—going along the corridor to the West Wing. I saw her go through the wall, and she never came back!"

Sir Feston kissed his child and put her carefully upon the ground. "Stay where you are, my precious one; you are quite safe here. Stay, and pray for your father, Bebe,"—and the child knelt down instantly and covered her face with her little hands.

Sir Feston went direct to that door, of which he thought he alone knew the secret. He dipped a blanket in one of the buckets of water, throwing it over his shoulders, then soaked his handkerchief in a culet of vinegar, holding it to his lips and nostrils, and passed swiftly through the door he found ajar, and then, in the choking, blinding smoke, he fought and felt his way, calling only—

"Barbara! Barbara!"

But the roar of the flames and the crackling of the timber drowned his voice. The fire was raging in the one dread room, and when Sir Feston came to that door he found it firmly closed. It was locked, and the key was missing!

To break in that door would be to let the flames, now confined behind it, rage unlimitedly. He realized that, but he never hesitated, save for one moment, to gather up his strength; then he fell back a little to dash upon the door with all his weight and force, and the massive timber creaked and shivered, yet resisted, and the flames beyond roared louder, unable to escape.

Again Sir Feston made unavailing onslaught; then realizing how short the time was—for he knew his own strength would be over- come immediately—he went back farther and farther, that he might make one supreme effort; and as

he stepped backward, his foot struck against something—something soft and human, and stooping down and putting his arms about it, he knew that he had found her, but whether she was living or dead he could not tell.

He lifted the girl in his strong arms, and bore her like an infant through the smoke-filled choking room, and through the other rooms, which were freer in atmosphere, and so to the paneled door in the corridor, which he had found and left ajar, and behold! it was closed. Was he to find her only that they should perish together?

Still holding Barbara in his arms, Sir Feston rushed to one of the windows. If air could be gained, time might be afforded. Placing his precious burden on the ground, he struck with all his failing strength upon the barred shutter, and the result was startling—the whole window frame collapsed and fell outwards—fell, not with a sudden crash, but with a gentle sliding movement; window frame, sill, and the floor attached thereto all fell together, and as they fell, they bore with them the forms of Sir Feston and Barbara.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### THE SECOND VALENTINE'S EVE.

"I am not much hurt; only a trifling sprain. It is wonderful how one can fall without injury. You did not escape so lightly." Barbara spoke, nervously, and did not look at the man whom she addressed. Sir Feston wore his arm in a sling, and looked pale, as if he had undergone some tremendous fatigue. "I—I wished to see you, Sir Feston, before I departed. I am leaving River House to-day."

The man bowed, silently. Barbara continued, with perceptible difficulty—

"I have a little confession to make. I am not the governess you engaged; I am not a real governess at all. My cousin wished to come here, and she met with an accident, and you would not wait; so I, in a moment's foolish impulse, decided to fill the gap, and keep for her the place she desired. I—I am very sorry. I have been punished for my deceit."

"I am very sorry also," said the man's low, grave tones. Then Barbara glanced at him for a moment, and in spite of herself, a gush of sympathy rose in her rebellious heart for the intense sadness of his next words. "I also have proved that the way of deceit is hard."

Then she rose, in spite of her sprained ankle, and limped towards him.

"Sir Feston, before I go—"

"Yes, before you go?"

"I should like—I must say just

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one word. It is not too late now to repent—to try to atone."

Sir Feston looked at her, strangely.

"It is not altogether too late for me, Miss Mervyn."

"No, no, no! Believe me, it is not—even for such sin as yours. Not too late, as long as you live, and have brain and life to devote to repentance. The secret is burned!" She shuddered and paled, yet looking at him, and he still met her gaze with that strange, fathomless one, which thrilled her and puzzled her, for she could not read its meaning. It did not speak of penitence, and yet what hope for this man could there be anywhere outside penitence?

"The West Wing, and all that it contained, is burned to the ground," Sir Feston said in the same tone.

"Yes. It was I who set it on fire, I suppose, by dropping the candle in my terror."

"My child, why did you go in there?" The pity in his voice—pity for her, not for himself—startled her.

She answered with simple truth—

"I was impelled. I was compelled to fathom the mystery of that dreadful place. Two nights ago I saw you passing down the corridor, walking in your sleep."

It was his turn to be startled now.

"I followed you—I saw you unlock doors, and I passed through with you into that horrible room." She shuddered and covered her eyes for a moment. "I saw you lift up the board from that hiding place beneath the bed, but I did not see what it contained. Then you—" he made an eager step forward; she stood like a stone.—"I did see—afterwards. In the morning Bebe brought the key which you had dropped unconsciously in your sleep."

"This is the first time I learn that I am a somnambulist." He appeared quite interested.

Barbara went on unheeding—"I longed to return it to you—that horrid key—but you had left the house."

"I missed the key," he explained quickly. "And thinking I had lost it in London, I returned there posthaste and made strict, but unavailing search. I wore it always securely round my neck, that key. I veritably carried my secret."

"I know—I know!" the girl cried passionately. "Tell me no more, for I know"—then her voice changed, it quivered a little.

"But—it is hidden now and buried, all evidences and proofs. The detectives, who were lurking here at the call of Lady Lucie, who appears your bitter enemy,"—again Sir Feston started—"can find no proof against you now, but your own heart knows the burden upon it."

"Your heart seems to have condemned and sentenced me unheard," he broke in then, with a bitterness uncalled for. But she pitied him, this man who looked so unlike the guilty creature that he was. She turned towards him once again, and for an instant she put her hand upon his arm.

"Sir Feston, I am going to-day, and I shall never see you again. My last words are these"—the tears rose into her sweet earnest eyes: "Repent, atone, try, oh, with all your might and main, try to feel sorry for what you never, never can undo."

Then his stoicism broke before her sweet pleading.

"Heaven knows I have repented. Do you think you can form— you, in your pure sweet innocence—any idea of what I have suffered,

continuously, without one glimpse of hope or remission, since last Valentine's Eve? Child if you knew all—!" Then he stopped, and looked at her with great grave tender sweetness. "It is best that you should not know."

Barbara was sobbing now.

"I will pray for you," she said softly. "That is all I can do, but no one could do more. Sir Feston, I will pray that you may have your punishment on this earth, and not hereafter. That is all I can do, but I shall never forget—never! If—if ever your own strength fails, remember that I—that I care and think and pray always—always—for you."

She stopped. The words which were breaking from her were beating down her self control; but he helped her to regain it.

"Think of me as altogether unworthy," he said, gently. "Pray that I may not always remain so."

"And now good-bye," the girl whispered, lifting her drowned sweet eyes once again to his face. "You saved my life. I shall ever remember that. You are a brave man and you are strong. You can, if you will, lift yourself to a higher plane. Do not falter, do not be downcast—determine, and you will succeed. Be thankful for your suffering, if it purifies you."

[Concluded next week.]

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Can't somebody prevail on the legislature to commit hari kari?

The great manufacturing monopolies want protection on everything except labor and raw material, they all want these free.

Prosperity still lingers in the lap of adversity, and refuses to come out; yet more than seven months have elapsed since Bryan and his hosts of repudiationists and anarchists were snowed under.

We believe if the legislature was to submit an amendment to the constitution making the term of the legislature four years with only a sixty days term in the four years that the people would gladly adopt it.

Alfred Henry Lewis, the New York Journal correspondent has just visited the west and writes to his paper that the promised prosperity has never come and the silver cause is growing by leaps and bounds. Let her grow; and by and by we will have a government yet run in the interest of the people and not the trusts and boodlers of the country.

Hanna and McKinley evidently do not believe that the sound money democrats elected the republican ticket as claimed by said lordly democrats, otherwise the old time democrats would not have been snubbed. The public has about come to the conclusion that the boasted strength of the sound money democrats is mostly a flat claim: i. e. composed of three tenths gall, one part votes and six tenths wind.

The present legislature remind us of an old drunkard that lived in Washington county years ago. When he got out a drunk, which was about every time he could get the whiskey, which was very easy to get then; he would cry and lament that he had outlived all his friends. So with the present legislature: Long ago its most ardent friends either died of old age; or have forgotten that the legislature was still in session.

The most ridiculous thing in politics at this time is the way the so-called sound money democrats are denouncing McKinley and the republican party for advocating a high tariff. They say they were deceived and betrayed. Poor innocent souls! Deceived were they? when McKinley stood on the porch at his home in Canton, Ohio and preached protection from morning till night all during the campaign. The discredited old time leaders of the democratic party are in a pretty pickle, ain't they?

Bynam, the chief horn blower of the "nashunal" democracy has moved to New York. It is given out that he can manage the campaign for the gold standard better in New York than at Indianapolis. The real truth is no doubt the Hon. W. D. Bynam has tumbled to the fact that gold standard democrats in the west and south are few and far between; and growing fewer every day. The atmosphere in New York is more congenial to gold bugism than in the west, hence the change of the "nashunal" democratic headquarters.

Secretary of the treasury, Gage, is even now preparing to retire the greenbacks. The plan is to simply turn over to the National Banks the absolute control of the paper currency of the country. This is an admission that the banks are stronger than the government. The banks have been working for this scheme for years, but until Carlisle was appointed secretary of the treasury they never made much headway, but they have in Gage, president of one of the largest banks in the country, a man who will give them all they may ask for. The Devil seems to have secured a mortgage on the republican party and is leading it to destruction, swift and sure. On with the dance if such will be the result. If Gage needs any more rope give it him in the name of suffering humanity, and he will Lang the present administration higher than Haman.

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Falling prices, labor strikes, stagnation, bankruptcy and general paralysis of trade is seen and felt all over the country. Is this the "prosperity" promised us by McKinley? All these and worse evils were predicted by the preservers of the "nashunal honah" if Bryan was elected, but they said the very hour Bryan's defeat was assured the wheels of trade and commerce would begin to move, and everything would be lovely. Fortunately for them people do not in these days kill false prophets, otherwise there would be the greatest slaughter of people in this country ever known since the dawn of creation.

### MASONIC ELECTION.

The following officers of Baird Lodge were elected last Saturday night, viz:

H. Schwartz, W. M.  
R. A. St John, S. W.  
B. L. Russell, J. W.  
Ed Coppins, Treas.  
T. N. Newall, Secty.  
J. E. Gilliland, Tiler.  
Claplain, deacons and stewards to be appointed. Public Installation at Court House next Thursday evening at 8:30, June 24th.

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Regular meeting to-night for the election of officers also. All companions respectfully requested to be present.

### MARRIED.

WILSON-FRIEND. At Jim Ned schoolhouse Wednesday June 9, 1897. Miss Eula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Friend, was married to Mr. Milton Wilson. Rev. Elder, officiating.

YEARGEN-FRIEND. At Jim Ned schoolhouse, Wednesday, June 9, 1897. Miss Burnace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Friend, was married to Mr. Bennet Yeargen. Rev. Elder officiating.

THE STAR extends congratulations to these happy young people.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm has no equal as a household liniment. It is the best remedy known for rheumatism lame back, neuralgia; while for sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds and sore throat, it is invaluable. Wertz & Pike merchants, Fernandina, Fla., write: "Everybody who buys a bottle of Chamberlain's Remedies, come back and says it is the best medicine he has ever used." 25 and 50 cents per bottle at all drug stores. June 24 8t

### ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported by W. A. Hinds, Co. Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Callahan Co. Tex., on May 17th, 1897, the following described property to-wit:

One dark brown pony 15 or 16 years old, about 14 1/2 hands high, branded A on left shoulder and F on left hip-saddle and harness marks. Ranging in W. R. Wasson's pasture 9 miles from Baird.

The owner of said animal is requested to come forward prove property, pay charges and take said animal away or the same will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 25 day of May 1897.

W. W. DUNSON,  
Co. Clk. Callahan Co. Tex.,  
By W. P. Cochran, Deputy. 26 4t

### AUSTIN LETTER.

AUSTIN, TEX., JUNE 15, 1897.  
W. E. GILLILAND,  
BAIRD, TEXAS.

DEAR SIR:

Your apprehensions in regard to safety of the democratic party challenge my admiration. Up to five days ago I was alarmed at the condition of affairs; but let me assure you things have changed. The people begin to speak out; the fillbusters and gold bug obstructionist have been fought to a finish. The conservatives, retroachers and reformers, with Charlie Culberson leading, are at last in the saddle; and don't you forget it. We passed a number one fee bill yesterday. Will have a close economical appropriation bill by to-morrow night, and the old time democracy will ride out above all opposition, and the people will put the blame on those representatives who will receive the contempt they so justly merit.

Yours, strong in the faith of the old time simple democracy.

J. K. BUMPASS,  
16th Dist.

Account of Emancipation day, round trip tickets will be sold to any point on the T. & P. Ry. within 200 miles at rate of 1-1-3 fares for the round trip. Dates of sale June 18th and 19th good for return June 20.

Account conference of the M. E. Church South to be held at Big Springs June 24th, tickets will be sold at rate of \$5.90 for round trip. Tickets on sale June 25 and 24 limited for return to June 28th.

Account of the B. Y. P. U. State Convention to be held at Sherman June 22 to 24 rate of \$7.60 for round trip. Tickets on sale June 21 and 22 limited for return to June 26.  
J. B. HARMON, Agent.

### WHEAT WANTED.

I will be in the market for wheat this year and will pay the highest prices the market affords.

F. P. SHACKELFORD,  
Putnam, Texas.

### PROGRAM.

Program for the installation of officers Baird Lodge No. 522, A. F. & A. M.

Members will meet at Masonic Hall at 8 p. m. sharp, June 24th 1897.

March to Court House; entertainment will begin at 8:30

Short opening address by J. N. Rushing. "What is Masonry, its precepts and examples?"

Music.

Installation of W. M.

Music.

What does the outside world think of Mesonry? Response by Gen. F. W. James.

Music.

Installation of remaining officers.

Music.

"Young men in Masonry." Response by Alden Bell.

Music.

Installation officers P. M., J. B. Harmon

Marshall, W. E. Gilliland.

No address to be longer than ten minutes.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises at the Court House

### THE LIVER KEEPS PEOPLE WELL.

When the liver is sluggish all other organs are involved. You suffer from constipation, biliousness, jaundice, headache, pain in back, chills and loss of energy. You will never know how promptly these troubles can be cured until you use **HEMARRS**. It cures quickly when all other remedies utterly fail. Regulates the liver, purifies the blood. **HEMARRS** is a harmless vegetable remedy that gives new life and energy almost from the first dose. Price 75cts. Nelson & St John, Baird. may 29 97 1y

### FOR SALE.

The Parvia residence in Baird, very cheap and on easy terms.  
A. G. WEBB,

### WHEAT WHEAT.

I have completed my arrangements whereby I can handle all the grain in this county at the highest cash prices or on the exchange. J. Norton 24tf

### BREAD! BREAD! BREAD!

Fresh bread baked daily, and can be had in any quantity desired. My bread is made of the best flour the market affords. MRS. E. K. KANE.

Remember T. E. Powell is selling more goods than he ever did in Baird Why? Because he sells cheaper, has the goods to sell, has nice clerks and all sell at one price. I can swear to this and so can every customer in this county, and so can you if you will call at his store and price his goods and see all you neighbors trading at T. E. Powell's.

### BUSINESS LOCALS.

Nice shirt waist 50 cents at Powell's  
Books and periodicals R. A. Speer.

Drugs, patent medicines and toilet articles. R. A. Speer. 14 tf

For a first-class sewing machine go to R. Phillips. 26tf

Headquarters at Vaughn & Co. the best house in town. 15tf

I carry a full line of Kellam & Moore glasses. R. A. Speer. 26 7

Paints, oils and wall paper a specialty at R. Phillips. Call and see. 26tf

The finest assortment of matting in town at Vaughn & Co. 15tf

Finest line of tablets, box paper, papereterie. Nelson & St John. 14 tf

Go to R. A. Speer for your prescriptions, pure drugs, and skill combined. 15tf.

The best binder twine in town. Get my prices before buying. J. Norton. 24 tf

Prescriptions carefully compounded at R. A. Speer's Laboratory in charge of Dr. S. T. Fraser. 17tf.

Just received a new and complete line of 97 wall paper. Prices to suit all. Nelson & St John 14tf

Go to L. O. Oliver's Meat Market for fresh beef, pork, sausage, head cheese, smoked hams and breakfast bacon. 14tf

H. Schwartz, mgr. for Leo. Stern asks us to say to the public that he has straw hats until you can't rest-until you buy one. 19tf

We invite you to call and look through our beautiful line of carpets. We can and will please you. Nothing like it ever shown in Baird. Prices are right and so are the goods. Don't forget to look at our matting. H. SCHWARTZ, Mgr.

PROTRACTED MEETING.

Rev. W. M. Robison will begin a protracted meeting here on the 3rd, Sunday in June. All denominations are cordially and earnestly invited to co-operate. Let's build an arbor.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. Phillips Baird, Texas. 22 1yr.

### PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

Otis Bowyer,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
Practices in all our State and Federal Courts.  
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Baird, Texas.

R. G. POWELL,  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Office upstairs in Powell & Barnhill building.  
Baird, Texas.

D. J. WILSON,  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Local Surgeon for T. and P. Ry. Also City and County Physician. All professional calls promptly answered.  
Office first building west of STAR office.

E. R. SARTOR,  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store.  
Baird, Texas.

GO GO  
**GEO. DEAN,**  
The Barber.

Second Door North of Johnson's Chop House.

**I. N. JACKSON,**  
General Real Estate AGENT.

Local Land Agent for T. & P. R. R. Co. and Canda, Drake & Strauss,  
BAIRD, TEXAS.

GO GO  
**T. K. BRAZELL,**  
FOR A  
Shave, Shampoo or Hair Cut.  
Now located at Rudmose's old stand. Give him a trial. 42tf

**MARTIN BARNHILL**  
Boot and Shoemaker.  
Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed.  
Prices to Suit the Times.  
Market Street, (6) Baird, Texas.

How is this?  
Ladies Oxford Ties (slippers) for 54, 74 and 99 cents.  
Window Shades,  
Straw Matting,  
Dry Goods and  
Ladies Shirt Waists,  
Lower than anyone.  
**H. F. FOY.**

SEASONABLE GOODS.  
CROCKS,  
CHURNS,  
WIRE SCREEN,  
PRESERVE JARS,  
BINDER TWINE,  
MACHINE OIL,  
FAMILY ICE TONGS,  
MASON'S FRUIT JARS.  
For sale at the lowest prices.  
**HARRY MEYER.** 27

VIRGINIA PASTURE POSTED.  
Owing to the many depredations committed on the Va. Ranch, Land & Cattle Co. I am forced to forbid all persons from hunting on the lands or fishing in waters of said company, and any person so hunting or fishing will be prosecuted.—The lands of this company are posted.  
24 tf F. S. BELL.



## STATE SUMMER NORMAL.

BAIRD, TEXAS:

July 12 to August 13, 1897.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The citizens of this place, and many of the leading teachers of Callahan and surrounding counties have exercised unusual energy to secure a State Summer Normal at Baird. The State Superintendent has recognized the petition and granted the Normal. No effort has been spared by the enterprising citizens to make this Normal one of the most successful ever taught in Western Texas. Ample provisions have been made for the accommodation of more than one hundred teachers and students. Encouraging reports from different sections show conclusively the high estimate which teachers and others place upon this Normal.

Those attending will enjoy the privilege of lectures from some of the most distinguished educators and advanced thinkers of the State. Among these the Hon. J. M. Carlisle, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is expected.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE NORMAL?

Those desiring to raise their standard based upon true educational lines.

Those wishing to raise the grade of their certificates and qualify themselves for higher and better positions.

Those who would avoid the annoyance of county examinations.

Those who have never taught, but desire the best methods of scientific instruction with a view to entering the teacher's profession.

Anyone desiring review, or instruction in any special line.

### THE COURSE WILL EMBRACE:

Branches for Second Grade Certificates;  
Branches for First Grade Certificates;  
Branches for Permanent Certificates.

It is the intention of the Conductors not only to prepare teachers for satisfactory examination, but to impart a thorough understanding of the subjects taught and the principles and methods to be used in their application.

### TEACHERS.

F. W. CHATFIELD, } Conductors,  
A. M. STEWART. }

The well established reputation of Supt. Chatfield as an educator is sufficient guarantee of his ability. He is a graduate of one of our leading Southern institutions, was for a number of years president of Las Vegas Seminary and since that institution was destroyed by fire he has been prominently connected with the public schools of West Texas. He is at present superintendent of the Abilene Public Schools.

Mr. Stewart is a graduate of Weatherford College, a gentleman of marked ability, and a teacher of several years successful experience. He has been connected with normal work for years and is fully abreast with the times in advanced educational circles.

Associated with these gentlemen will be a corps of competent instructors.

### TEXT BOOKS.

As the topical method will be used any standard text book on any subject will be acceptable.

### SPECIAL ADVANTAGES.

Baird is exerting herself to make this Normal pleasant and profitable for the teachers. The people are social and will have a hearty welcome for each person that may attend.

One of the editors contemplates a special daily edition of his paper during the Normal for the benefit of the teachers.

The various libraries of the city will be accessible to visitors.

The pastors of the different denominations will welcome you to their services.

The conductors are in close touch with the schools of this section and will use every effort to aid worthy and capable teachers to positions.

### EXPENSE.

A tuition fee of \$5.00 will be charged each matriculate which includes examination fee.

Board in hotels has been reduced, by special arrangement, to \$12.00 for the term. In private families good board can be secured from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per term.

### EXAMINATIONS

Will be held on August 10, 11, 12, and 13. All teachers must attend at least ten days to be eligible to examination.

For any additional information address the secretary, A. M. Stewart, Baird, Texas. All inquiries promptly and cheerfully answered.

T. E. POWELL, Pres.  
R. A. STJOHN, Treas.  
A. M. STEWART, Sec.

## THE INFLUENCE

of the Mother shapes the course of unborn generations—goes sounding through all the ages and enters the confines of Eternity. With what care, therefore, should the Expectant Mother be guarded, and how great the effort be to ward off danger and make her life joyous and happy.

## MOTHER'S FRIEND



allays all Nervousness, relieves the Headache Cramps, and Nausea, and so fully prepares the system that Childbirth is made easy and the time of recovery shortened—many say "stronger after than before confinement." It insures safety to life of both mother and child. All who have used "Mother's Friend" say they will never be without it again. No other remedy robs confinement of its pain.

"A customer whose wife used 'Mother's Friend,' says that if she had to go through the ordeal again, and there were but four bottles to be obtained, and the cost was \$100.00 per bottle, he would have them." GEO. LAYTON, Dayton, Ohio

Sent by Mail, on receipt of price, \$1.00 PER BOTTLE. Book to "EXPECTANT MOTHERS" mailed free upon application, containing valuable information and voluntary testimonials. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Tom Windham of Tecumseh, was in town Monday.

J. W. Merrick, of Clyde, was in town Monday.

Wylie Lambert was up from the Bayou last Friday.

John Bowyer, of Abilene was in town Wednesday.

"Grandpa" Jobe, of Putnam, was in the city Wednesday.

There were lots of people in town trading, Monday last.

E. A. Hearn and family visited relatives at Tuesday night.

Sheriff Jones is down on his Bayou farm harvesting, this week.

Hanna contemplates remaining in Baird only ten days longer. 28tf

Julius Norton, our popular grocerman, is doing a fine fruit business.

Ladle's summer vest 5 cents and up at Powell's. Worth double. 26tf

R. J. Harris and M. M. Terry, of Buchenville, were in town Wednesday.

Jno. Surles, the hustling grocerman, of Putnam was in the city last Saturday.

J. N. Allen, of Clyde was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office last Saturday.

Millinery goods and hats at Powell's cheap, cheaper and cheapest place in Baird.

Messrs Chatfield, Driskill, Austin with their families went fishing down on the Bayou last week.

Quite a crowd of Bairdites attended the Abilene-Sweetwater base ball game at Abilene, Tuesday.

Jas. Gilliland, Jr. of Angelena county is visiting relatives in town and will remain out here for sometime.

Those who wish pictures of the Tournament rides, can secure same at Y. A. Orr's drug store, Putnam, Texas. 28tf

THE STAR job office turned out some neat work this week for the State Summer Normal to be held at Baird.

T. J. Norrell was up from Cottonwood this week to submit his assessments to the commissioners court, now in session.

Frank Prew, T. B. Keblinger, John Caddenhead, Jno Kerkendall and several other Eagle Coveites were in town Monday.

Perry Klepper, John and George Lee and many other Clydeites were in town this week before the Commissioners Court.

The Commissioners' Court wanted to know who "Hooten Top" is. They found out, but what else they learned we do not know.

What is the use of being without music when you can go to A. Cook's dry goods store and get a fine organ so cheap and on such easy terms. 26 1t

J. A. Wagner and W. B. Farmer, of Cross Plains, and Dolphus Robinson, of Cottonwood attended the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Baird, Saturday night.

John Babb says crops on his place is as fine as could be.

Call and examine the new Blue Flame Oil Stove. Harry Meyer. 27.

Fine line of linen writing paper, tablets, envelopes at R. A. Speer's 26tf  
No shoes in town wear like Powell's get a pair and see for yourself. 20tf

THE STAR Job Office is prepared to do all kinds of school catalogue and pamphlet work on short notice.

My \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 mens all wool summer suits are very very cheap. Please call and see them. T. E. Powell. 26tf

You can't do better than bring your printing to THE STAR Job Office Everything turned out in the neatest and most artistic styles.

The largest shipment of Mason's Fruit Jars ever brought to Baird. Can save you money by leaving your orders now at J. Norton's. 24tf

I have 15 dozen very fine lisle thread high colored ladie's vest, worth \$1.00 reduced to 25 cents each. Come quick. T. E. Powell 26tf.

The Baird base ball nine beats all other nines. Why? Because they buy their clothing from T. E. Powell and get a \$15. suit for \$10. Call and see them. 26tf.

A Mexican attacked one of the Portuguese near Clyde Saturday and in the scrimmage the Mexican was cut in the right arm. He was brought in to Dr. Powell, who dressed his wounds Monday he was sent to the Poor Farm.

Mrs. Sarah Day, of Austin, mother of J. W. Day, arrived last week on a visit to her son. Wednesday, in company with Mr. Day and daughter Miss Addie, left for Haskell to visit relatives. Mrs. Day is 89 years old, but still hale and hearty.

Public installation of the officers of Baird Lodge No. 522 A. F. & A. M. will take place at the Court House next Thursday night. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. Several addresses will be made both by masons and others. See program.

J. H. Hill was in the burg Tuesday. See add of the Normal school at Baird.

Miss Annie Yost, of Tecumseh, visited friends in the city last Saturday.

Try a bottle of Wild Cherry Phosphate sold by R. Phillips. 28tf

W. P. Ramsey and P. W. Hall from Cottonwood, were pleasant callers at THE STAR office Wednesday.

We publish this week a letter from that old democratic war horse in the legislature from Kaufman, Capt. Bumpass. Read it.

R. J. Hatcher left last week for Waco to take charge of the Central Texan. THE STAR wishes Mr. Hatcher success in his venture.

Try a bottle of Wild Cherry Phosphate sold by R. Phillips. 28tf

J. W. Carter, of Cisco, has some nice organs at low prices and on liberal terms at A. Cook's dry goods store. Call and see them. 26 1t

Try a bottle of Wild Cherry Phosphate sold by R. Phillips. 28tf

Cottonwood extends a cordial invitation to the people of Callahan and adjoining counties to attend a picnic at that place on Saturday, June 26.

We call attention to the half page ad of the Mutual Life Insurance Company in this issue. This is a reliable company or we would not run the ad for them.

Homemade flavoring extracts at R. A. Speer's drugstore. Made especially for home trade. Guaranteed absolutely pure, and cheaper than any extract in the market. Give them a trial order. 26tf.

We are a little crowded with ads at present, but it will not be for long. If the ads hold out we will enlarge THE STAR, if not, readers will again get their accustomed amount of reading matter.

Dr. E. R. Sartor was called to Trenton Tenn. last week, to see his wife who is on a visit to relatives at that place. Mrs. Sartor has been in feeble health for some time, and was taken worse soon after her arrival at Trenton, and the Doctor was wired to come at once and he left on the next train.

The Holiness meeting is still going on, and interest seems to be increasing, judging from the increased attendance. The storm Sunday night blew the tent down, causing considerable damage, but they had it up again ready for services Monday night. Two of the preachers, Pardo and Ross, left, Wednesday; but the others are holding the fort, and the little band seem to be fighting the world, the flesh and the Devil with renewed vigor. We may not agree with them on some doctrinal points, but they deserve credit for the zeal they manifest in the Master's cause, which others might well imitate with profit to their church and themselves.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." We heard so much about the holiness people that we naturally had a desire to hear them. They do not preach any new and strange doctrines so far as we are able to judge. They preach repentance, faith and holiness. The latter we think is not generally understood, judging from some remarks we hear by outsiders, but as THE STAR is not a religious paper and not up on church doctrinal points we cannot discuss that question. Go hear for yourself, and you will at least be better qualified to judge them than from hearsay testimony, which is so often unreliable, and unfair towards persons or things we do not understand.

### THE TRUE REMEDY.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill. "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never found the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at R. Phillips drug store.

## DRY GOODS

—FOR—

# Spring & Summer 1897.

### DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Fine line of Spring and Summer Dry Goods, Clothing, Ladies Dress Goods, Etc. Call and see them.

### SHOE DEPARTMENT.

I have a beautiful line of mens' and boys' shoes, ladies shoes and slippers, quality considered none cheaper anywhere. Just received a fine line of infant shoes.

### CARPETS.

You want carpets! I have them. From the costliest to the cheapest. Carpets, Matting, Oil Cloth, and Linolium. Come and see them before purchasing.

### FURNITURE.

I carry a full and complete line of furniture, rockers, chairs, tables, dressers, bed room sets, baby carriages, sofas, etc. I can please all in this line.

### UNDERTAKERS GOODS.

I keep in stock at all times a complete line of caskets and undertakers goods.

I appreciate the patronage I have received in the past and especially in the past few months. I have a large and complete stock in all lines and my experience in the past sixteen years in Business in Baird certainly has taught me the kind and quality of goods the people want and I have them in stock and am going to sell them. See my stock before buying.

## LEO. STERN.

H. Schwartz, Mgr.



## W. E. LEE'S REPORT

On the Ruiz Case—An Ugly Case Against the Spanish Authorities.

Consul General Lee has made a full report on the killing of Dr. Ruiz, the American citizen, who died while in a Spanish prison. The report, in part, is as follows:

"I deduce from my knowledge of the facts the following conclusions:

"1. Dr. Ruiz was arrested on a false charge.

"2. He was placed under improper jurisdiction and died before the proper tribunal considered his case, thereby giving him no opportunity to prove his innocence.

"3. He was kept 'incommunicado' in a solitary cell for 315 hours, in violation of his treaty rights, which limit such confinement to 72 hours.

"4. He died from congestion of the brain, produced by a blow on the top of the head.

"5. There are two theories connected with the wound on the head. One, that in a state of mental excitement he ran across the cell, as described by one of the jailers, and butted his head against the door in his frantic effort to get out. Another, that he was struck over the head with one of the clubs carried by the immediate watchmen, who had probably ordered him to cease his cries for relief and for his children, and upon his not doing so, struck him with more force than he intended, or it is possible, the blow was delivered to make him confess or give evidence against others.

"It is possible that he went mad and many causes combined to produce such a result. His knowledge of his own innocence, his confinement in a gloomy cell, where he was not allowed to communicate with family or friends or to send or write, alone, all alone, the thought doubtless impressed itself upon his mind that he was liable in the reign of terror then existing in Guanabacoa, to be summarily executed at any moment. He loved his wife and children, and in the darkness and loneliness of his cell he was constantly crying for them.

"The thought that they were but a few rods away and yet he could not see them or hear the sound of their voices or feel the touch of their lips and hands maddened him and proved too much for the mind of the distracted and unhappy man and, it is thought not improbable as the long hours passed by, it may have given away and left him a mad man. His wife says his derby hat was all battered up and his clothes greatly torn when returned to her.

"But whether when bereft of reason he inflicted the blows which produced brain congestion, or whether he died at the hands of others, the truth will probably only be known when the hearts of all are revealed—the fact remains, his unjust confinement killed him, and had he been released from incommunicado by the hands of men at the end of seventy-two hours, the hand of death might not have released him at the end of the 315 hours, and to-day the widow would have had the support of her husband and the moans of her fatherless children would never have been heard in the land.

"I, therefore, conclude by saying as I have done in all previous reports about the case, that whether Dr. Ruiz killed himself or was killed by someone else, under existing conditions, will always remain unknown."

### When They Were Boys.

Stories of the boyhood of cabinet officers, says the New York Voice, have been in order for some time. At the McKinley dinner the other day, Judge Hilborn of California recounted his experience with the "boyhood of famous men." He said:

"When I was a pupil at Hebron Academy, over 40 years ago, there were two boys in the academy to whom I was especially attracted. One came from Turner. He was a bright spirited little fellow, the best scholar in his classes, very quick to learn, and the sort of boy that everybody said would amount to something by and by. His name was Gene Hale. The other came from Buckfield, and was a year or two younger, a little chubby chap, whom everybody liked. We called him Johnnie Long. He was the marvel of the school in Latin. He had read Virgil through and knew a great deal of it by heart. He was a wonder, too, in Latin grammar. After we left school I went west and lost sight of them. Now I am here, a member of the naval committee in the house, Gene Hale is at the head of the naval committee in the senate and Johnnie Long is secretary of the navy."

An attempt was made to assassinate President Faure of France last Sunday.

## DELTA'S TWO SHERIFFS.

Compromise Offers Rejected and the Dual Situation Remains Unchanged.

A Cooper special says: The situation as to Delta's two sheriffs remains unchanged. It is at all times the chief cause of excitement and the principal theme of conversation on the streets and through the county. At times it seems that a bloody conflict is inevitable, and then wiser counsel will prevail and offers of compromise will be made, all to be rejected by the opposite party. It is hard to find some plan that would appear equally fair and just to each side and each rejects the offers of the other, because they think the plan is more favorable to the party making the offer than to themselves.

The last offers of compromise came from Mr. Buckler. He makes the offer to Mr. Turberville that they get Judge Templeton to hold a special session of the district court for this county and try the last contest case and that they enter into a written agreement to abide the result and let all else hinge on this one suit, and the one that wins have the office free from all other suits or appeals.

He further makes the proposition that in case the former offer is not satisfactory that they run the race over again and whoever is elected have the office and pay the cost of the election and all suits for the office are to be withdrawn, they both to sign a written contract to comply with the terms of the agreement.

Mr. Turberville rejects these offers because, he says, the law does not authorize a special session of the district court unless it is ordered in term time by the court, and the day set for the court to convene and the order entered on the minutes of the court, and no new cases can be tried at such a session, and no such order having been made and this case having been filed since the adjournment of court, any trial of it at a special term would be a nullity and could not be made binding on any one, and no provision being made in the law for ordering an election for any county office, except when the ballots and returns are in such a condition that the "true result of the election cannot be ascertained," and this not being a case of that kind and not being authorized by the law, would also be a nullity, and there would be no way of preventing minors, non-residents and other illegal voters from voting, there being no punishment prescribed against an illegal voter voting at an illegal election, and no fair result could be ascertained at such an election.

Mr. Buckler insists that his plan of settlement is as fair to one party as to the other and they can abide the result, whatever it may be, and thereby settle the annoying controversy at an early date and without cost to the county and without being in the way of trying other cases at the regular term of the court.

Mr. Turberville further claims in answer to the foregoing that it is not sure that Judge Templeton will call a session of court not authorized by law, even if the litigants do agree and that County Judge Dunegan says there being no law for ordering another election he will order none, and that if he (Turberville) resigns to make the race the commissioners' court, as the statute provides, will have to fill the vacancy by appointment.

Mr. Turberville further claims that Mr. Buckler and his attorneys can hurry up their brief in the appealed contest case and get the case before the court of appeals in time for it to decide the case before it adjourns and have this controversy settled legally during this month, for if Buckler wins the case he will hold the office regardless of the second election and if Turberville wins he will hold the office until the next contest case is decided, as he has made his bond to account for the proceeds of the office should Buckler win in the second suit.

Thus this dual sheriff controversy drags on, and neither side will yield an inch.

Mr. Buckler is still in possession of the office, books, papers and jail, and collects all the occupation taxes.

Mr. Turberville is recognized as sheriff by the commissioners court and county court and serves most of the processes.

Each side blames the other for not taking some step to speedily settle the disputed claim to the office, but neither will act, for every new move requires new bonds for large amounts and each wants to shun giving any more bonds if possible.

Dallas is corralling her stray dogs.

## CATTLEMEN COMPLAIN

Before the Inter-State Commission Against Terminal Charges.

President A. P. Bush, Jr., of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, has just returned from Chicago where he has been with their traffic manager, W. V. Newlin, attending the continued hearing before the interstate commerce commission of the case of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas vs. various railroads that since about June 1, 1894, have been requiring shippers of live stock a terminal charge of \$2 per car for the delivery of their cattle in Chicago. President Bush said:

"Nearly two days and a half were spent on taking testimony in this case. It is one of greater magnitude than most people imagine and concerns every cattle shipper in the United States, so we feel that in this matter there is nothing selfish or small, for we want every producer to participate in its benefits should we be successful. The amount thus far mulcted of the producers of live stock by the various railroads and the Union Stock Yards and Transit company now amounts to something between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, all of which to our minds is illegal, unjust and inequitable from every standpoint.

"In the case we produced all the testimony we could under the circumstances, mostly from the railroads themselves, and have no reason to doubt that the commission will see the case as it presents itself to our minds.

"And right here, I want to say that the interstate commission is a body of big men, not in their own estimation, but they impressed me with the idea that they recognized the fact that they stood as a tribunal between the grasping power of great corporations and the interests of the people. It would be a great blessing could we have a few more such courts in this country with power sufficient to carry out such purposes.

"Of course we do not know what the decision of the commission will be with the facts before them, but of one thing we feel assured and that is that they are the friends of the producers of the country and that so far as lays within their power, the people will receive justice.

"The testimony was virtually considered before we left Chicago, except some matters of record the commission wanted from the Union Stock Yards and Transit company.

"The complainants will be given thirty days in which to file their brief, after the official record of the testimony is submitted to them, and the defendants an equal time in which to answer.

"Should the commission decide in our favor, of course we do not know what action the roads will take, however, we are prepared to carry the matter to the United States supreme court, and have the arbitrary power of railroads defined, should it be necessary.

"Our attorneys will now take the case in hand, prepare our briefs and fight it through.

"Our stay in Chicago was quite pleasant, that is, we had cool and bracing weather, but of course our interest in the case in our hands, so monopolized our attention that we had but little time for pleasure that otherwise might have been enjoyed.

"The imposition of this charge of \$2 is working as great a discrimination against the Chicago market, and the results are becoming quite apparent in relative decreased receipts of Texas and southwestern cattle at that market as compared with other markets.

"The people feel that they are being robbed of just that much money, and in almost every case will sell their cattle in other markets when practicable. We believe, from all the facts and conditions before us, that we must necessarily win the case.

### Bushnell Upholds the Militia.

Governor Bushnell of Ohio has the following statement in a Cincinnati paper in regard to Urbana mob:

"The members of the national guard at Urbana did their duty and are entitled to the support of the state. Lamentable as the results were, their efforts were to maintain the majesty of the law and they should be upheld by all the people."

Adj. Gen. Axline says: "A careful examination at Urbana fails to show that the national guards' conduct was anything but that of courageous and obedient soldiers, and when the public is in full possession of the facts and complications that surrounded their service the unwarranted criticisms that have gone out to the world will be speedily corrected."

## TRUSTS MAY FIGHT.

The Beef and Oil Monopolies Clash over Oil Interests in the Southwest.

New York, June 14.—A movement to consolidate Eastern beef packing plants into one great concern is in progress. A Wall street rumor identifies the Standard Oil company with the project. Simultaneously, a report from Chicago declares that the Chicago Beef Trust magnates have bought additional oil territory in Kansas and are planning to go extensively into competition with the Standard monopoly.

The United Dressed Beef company of New York is the concern upon which the projected consolidation of Eastern packing interests depends. It has never been identified with the Beef Trust. The only other concern said to be necessary to the consummation of the deal is the firm of Jacob Dold & Co. of Buffalo and Kansas City.

Two former Standard Oil men—Messrs. Stowe and Sauer—are in charge of the beef packers' new campaign for the oil trade. It has been inaugurated by the Marvin Oil company, a new concern, headed by P. D. Armour, Nelson Morris and George M. Pullman.

This syndicate has acquired control of more than 6,000 acres of valuable oil fields of southern Kansas and Indian Territory. With the oil territories in Ohio and Indiana controlled by Cudahy, these accessions will give to the packers in the beef trust the material for competition.

### THE NEW SILVER PARTY.

The Committee Favors Early Organization for Coming Campaigns.

Chicago, June 12.—The executive committee of the national silver party held a session this afternoon to discuss methods of carrying on the organization. The national committee of the new party did not hold a meeting to-day, as intended, but decided to leave the selection of the executive committee to chairman Towne. Ex-Senator Fred J. DuBois of Idaho, will be chairman of this committee. The others have not yet been selected. National headquarters will be in charge of ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, and for the present will be at Duluth.

The committee favored immediate organization for the congressional elections of 1898 and also for the campaign of 1900 and instructed Chairman Towne to push the work as rapidly as possible. Chairman Towne said that the conference was better attended than he expected and that he believed it indicated that the silver republicans would hold the balance of power in the congressional and presidential elections.

### Tariff on Long Staple Cotton.

Robert E. Craig, Jr., of Yazoo City, Miss., who is largely interested in the growth of long staple cotton, says the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, is interviewing members of congress in the hope of getting a duty on Egyptian cotton.

"In my county," said Mr. Craig, "we raise something like 30,000 bales of long staple cotton. Planters of this cotton expected, the high taxation party being in power, that they would be allowed a duty.

Long staple cotton is worth from \$12 to \$15 more per bale than common short staple cotton, and a tariff of from 2 to 3 cents a pound was asked. Such a tariff would have made the crop worth \$400,000 in my county. The Mississippi delta, comprising many thousands of acres of the most fertile lands on the globe, has been rapidly increasing the area of cultivation of long staple cotton, while at the same time the importations of Egyptian cotton have correspondingly increased. Our people want only an even chance to compete with the pauper labor of Egypt, but they have been denied that."

Mr. Craig has just returned from a trip among the cotton manufacturers of New England and says so much Egyptian cotton is now coming in free of duty that the Southern long staple growers can do no business with the manufacturers; that these planters will be driven back to the cultivation of the short staple.

It is proposed to farm out the state railroads in the Argentine Republic.

## THE NAVY READY

For Either Offensive or Defensive War—In Five Weeks for Action.

Washington, D. C., June 13.—The Cuban situation gains in interest. When President McKinley returns from Nashville he will find the note to Spain drafted. He will, more, find the navy better prepared than ever before for offensive and defensive operations. Stores are accumulated to put on board in 24 hours' notice. The crews are drilling and officers are awaiting orders from Washington. For the first time in years the secretary of the navy has refused the request of four graduates of the naval academy to be permitted to resign. They are engineers and may be needed.

The department is laboring hard to concentrate as many vessels on the eastern coast of the United States as possible.

Attorney General McKenna is busily engaged in examining international law relating to intervention and mediation. It is known that when President McKinley sent his message to congress asking an appropriation for the relief of suffering Americans in Cuba, he had in mind another message more to the point and much bolder in tone. Then, for some reason not known at the time, he modified the message to the rather tame conclusion which was sent to the senate.

The explanation is now given that he received an intimation from ex-President Harrison, whose reputation as a lawyer is world wide, and whose statesmanship is of the highest order, that he would better enquire into the effects of granting belligerent rights and offering mediation, and prepare to meet them before making public his intentions in the premises. Judge McKenna is now carefully going over the ground to guard against embarrassing results.

### THROUGH PIKE'S PEAK

Tesla Now Sends Messages—Telegraphy Without Wires.

Nicola Tesla, the marvelous electrician, has perfected a system that will render it possible to communicate intelligence from one point of the globe to any other point without using wires or any other connecting medium. At present only a beginning has been made, but the principle is established, and when the details have been worked out it may be that greater distances than those separating different quarters of the earth will prove to be traversed by electric vibrations under the control of human intelligence.

If a message can be sent around the earth without wires or cables, it may possibly be sent from the earth to the moon or to mars or to venus.

"I have so improved my machine," Tesla says, "that I am able to transmit sounds through the earth for a distance of 20 miles. I am now at work on another, which will not be hampered or affected by any distance even though it be half around the globe.

"Imagine, if you will, an immense rubber bag filled with water. At one point a tube is inserted and in this tube there is a piston. Press on the piston rod and the incompressible water expands the rubber bag.

"Withdraw the piston and the bag shrinks just as much as there is water drawn into the tube. Now place in the rubber bag another tube with a piston. At every pressure on the first piston rod the effect will be felt and measured in the second tube.

"Let a certain action of one piston indicate a word or sentence; watch the other piston and you may read it."

This illustrates the principle upon which Tesla bases his idea of telegraphing through the earth. The qualities of electricity and elasticity, incompressibility and inertia, he decided after investigating that if the electro-static condition of the earth could be disturbed in one place the disturbance would be felt all over the earth.

Then, if this disturbance was created by a machine, any similar machine, at any point, should be susceptible to the disturbance.

Theodore Durant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont, has been reprimanded. Gov. Budd decided upon this course in order to settle the question of the rights of the federal courts to interfere in execution of the sentence imposed by state courts. He named July 9 as the day upon which the sentence shall be carried out.

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The committee on contingent expenses of the United States senate has decided to report adversely the Tillman resolution for an investigation of the alleged speculation in sugar by senators.

J. E. Martin, 40, doing time at an Arkansas convict camp, jumped into one of the grinders of a brick machine and was instantly ground to pieces. He remarked as he leaped: "I'd rather be an angel than a convict."

A Wichita, Kansas, special says: Miss Evelyn Louise Lease, daughter of Mary Ellen Lease, the populist orator, has accepted an invitation to deliver a lecture in July before the National Chautauqua Assembly in Jamestown, N. Y. This will be her initial appearance as a lecturer.

The grossest frauds have been discovered in connection with laws passed by the late Illinois legislature relating to municipal affairs of Chicago. Wholesale bribery is charged and citizens of Chicago are threatening to take steps to have the obnoxious laws declared void on account of fraud.

A special term of court has been called at Huntsville, Ala., to try the rapists who narrowly escaped lynching last week. This step was taken to soothe the irritated citizens, and the sheriff says: "If the negroes are tried and sentenced to death the case will not be interfered with; but if they are acquitted or sentenced to life imprisonment, a mob will hang them."

At Marquette, Mich., R. Wilson is said to have made a find which is apt to cause an upheaval in the electric world. Wilson, it is alleged, has discovered a complete model of an electric lighting plant made by an eccentric inventor, John Ingalls, which has lain in disguise since 1887, and has been unearthed in perfect working order. By it a light similar to the incandescent bulb is said to be obtained without use of a filament, the light being caused by waves of electrical energy forced through a vacuum of "high frequency."

G. W. Simpson, of Boston, president of the Fort Worth Stock Yards company, writes to W. E. Skinner of Fort Worth from Chicago as follows: "As familiar as I am with Texas it is a marvel to hear of the advanced condition of crops in that state. I have not let the fires go in the furnaces beneath my residence in Boston and overcoats are a necessity here in Chicago. Send me at once by express a sample each of corn, wheat and oats in order that I may show the members of the Chicago board of Trade how things look in grand old Texas."

A New York paper says: John J. Moran, 60, is now imprisoned in Ludlow street jail under circumstances which practically mean a life sentence unless the surrogate changes his mind and consents to his release. Moran was executor of the estate of John Minor, and when he was removed in 1895 it is alleged that he was unable to account for \$10,000 of the funds. He was unable or unwilling to furnish a statement. Surrogate Arnold committed him to jail on July 31, 1895, for contempt of court. He has made several appeals to be released, but none of them have satisfied the surrogate.

### Test Vote On Sugar Tariff.

Washington, D. C., June 12.—The senate at 5 p. m. took the first test vote on the sugar schedule on one of the committee amendments. The committee was sustained by a vote of 32 to 30. The populists and silver republicans voted against or were paired against the amendment. McHenry of Louisiana, democrat, voted with the republicans and Stewart and Jones of Nevada voted with the democrats.

### After 32 Years

New York, June 12.—After a term of 32 years as United States district judge, Charles L. Benedict has sent in his resignation to the attorney general. He has reached the age of 72 years, two more than entitled him to retire under the law.

Judge Benedict was appointed under President Lincoln in 1865, and was assigned to the second circuit of the eastern district of New York. He presided in the federal court in the Brooklyn post-office building for 20 years.

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# NEW LEGISLATURE.

## A Compromise Fee Bill Passed. Free Conference Appropriation Bill Is Ready.

Austin, June 14 (Special).—The free conference committee on the appropriation have agreed on a bill, which is, in a measure, a compromise between the house and senate—and it is generally conceded the report will be adopted by both branches of the legislature. House bill cut the salaries of department chiefs of divisions from \$100 to \$300, and clerks receiving over \$1000 about 15 per cent. Senate carried a larger appropriation to the University, while the house gave a larger appropriation to the State Normal and A. and M. College. The conference report divides the differences on all these items. The total appropriation is about \$360,000 less than the bill which the governor vetoed.

The second free conference committee on the fee bill agreed upon a compromise measure, which was today promptly adopted in the house by a vote of 20 to 24. The bill, contrary to the rule applying to compromises, is a good one—much better than the one rejected last week. It provides for a scaling of fees 20 per cent, with the Wayland feature of maximum salaries of \$2000 to \$2500—the sheriffs being subject to the 20 per cent reduction, but not to the maximum limit. The bill affects only counties having 3000 voters and over. Thus a democratic platform is compiled with—after much more trouble in arriving at details than experienced in making the deal at Fort Worth.

### SENATE.

The Lewis fellow-servants bill was taken up and passed finally. The conference report on the deficiency bill was read. It concurs in the house amendments which omit allowances for back pay for court stenographers and liquor dealers' taxes erroneously collected. Senator Wayland moved the adoption of the report. Senator Beall vigorously opposed concurrence, saying the report was an unnecessary surrender on the part of the senate members of the conference committee as members of the house committee had expressed a willingness to compromise on half-way ground. He moved the rejection of the report. The Beall substitute was lost and the report adopted. The committee on state affairs reported favorably Mr. Colquit's bill requiring district judges to sit for each other without extra compensation where a district judge is disqualified. Senator Tillet's bill, defining an additional method of issuing and serving citations, was passed finally.

Senator Colquit's bill relating to district judges was ordered printed. Mr. Wall's house joint resolution was called up. It sets forth that all employees of the confederate home shall be practiced and experienced in the line of their duties; that all male employees shall, as far as possible, be ex-confederate soldiers, and that female employees shall be widows of ex-confederates, who have not remarried. The resolution was defeated. The chair appointed Senators Greer, Terrell, Yantis, Dibrell and Wayland on the part of the senate on the conference committee on the fee bill.

### THE HOUSE.

When the house reconvened the appropriation bill was taken up, amendments relating to the reveue agent's salary being the pending question. After some discussion the amendments were killed, the item remaining at 15,000 as fixed by the committee. Mr. Meade sent up an amendment raising the amounts allowed for employees in the governor's office, furniture and repairs for the governor's mansion, etc. After a long and somewhat heated discussion, the amendment was killed by a vote of 69 to 20. The previous question was ordered and Mr. Freeman's amendment to strike out of the senate bill everything below the enacting clause and insert therefor the house bill, was adopted by a viva voce vote and the bill was passed to engrossment. The bill then passed finally under suspension of rules by a vote of 71 to 15.

Mr. Patterson sent up a resolution providing for adjournment June 14. It failed by a vote of 67 to 34. The Ayers bill, providing a method for forcing the attendance of witnesses in counties where they are not residents without attachment in criminal cases, was

taken up. It was slightly amended and passed to engrossment.

The request of the senate for a conference on the general appropriation bill was granted and the speaker named the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Garrison, Freeman, Wilcox, Conoly and Pleuffer.

The resolution providing for an investigation of certain charges in regard to the conduct of the state university was called. It recites that there are rumors current that there are men in the faculty who are not in accord with the traditions of the south and who teach political heresies instead of system of political economy which is cherished by our people. The university board is requested to use great care hereafter to select as members of the faculty only those those who are in sympathy with southern political institutions.

The resolution gave rise to a heated discussion, Speaker Dashiell taking the floor in defense of the university. It was adopted after several amendments had been voted down.

Mr. Ayer's bill enforcing attendance of witnesses in criminal cases without attachment, was taken up on final passage.

Mr. Bell assailed the measure, saying he did not want a law that would assist him or any other lawyer in turning criminals loose. Such a law would cost the state a tremendous amount of money in the long run.

Mr. Beard concurred in these views.

Mr. Tracy spoke at length in opposition to the bill. He said if it became a law the deficiency next year would be "clear out of sight," the people would regret the day the extra session met.

The conference committee report on the general deficiency bill. The report concedes the points contended for by the house and it was adopted.

The house passed finally the Ayers bill enforcing the attendance of witnesses in criminal cases without attachment.

The fee bill with senate amendments, was taken up and Mr. Dean moved to concur in amendments.

Mr. Tracy contended that the senate amendments were not in compliance with the platform demand of fee regulation, and that the house ought to stand by the house fee bill.

Mr. Carpenter took the same position, saying that the house should not be guiled by the senate reversing itself, as the house was in closer touch with the people than the senate. He moved to refer to a conference committee.

The house refused to concur by a vote of 55 to 51. The Carpenter motion then prevailed.

The speaker named the following on the fee bill conference committee: Messrs. Carpenter, Brown, Bopd, Dean and Maxwell.

## NORTHERN PROFESSORS

Charged With Teaching Heresy in the State University.

Austin, June 9.—A sensation was created in legislative circles by the introduction of a resolution in the house to have a committee appointed to investigate the management of the State University. It is charged in the resolution that northern professors are occupying professorships in the university against the interests of the institution; that they are teaching heresy and inflating the minds of the pupils with republican political faith, and that the entire management of the institution, as well as the students, are suffering by the presence of these northern Ishmaelites.

The committee is charged to secure the dismissal of these northern professors if any of them are found in the university. The resolution went over a day for action.

Austin, June 10.—After a wrangle lasting three hours this morning, the house of the Texas legislature adopted a resolution to have a committee appointed to investigate the charge that there were northern professors occupying chairs in the State university here who were teaching republican principles and ridiculing the traditions of the lost cause.

A veritable leviathan of the deep was captured a few days since in Corpus Christi bay by Capt. Wm. Anderson, in the shape of a sawfish. The monster weighed 937 pounds and measured a fraction over eighteen feet. The length of its saw is four feet. Capt. Anderson was seining for turtle about seventeen miles east of Corpus Christi when the sawfish became entangled in his net. Then a most terrific struggle ensued, but finally the monster was subdued and towed to the city where it was placed on public exhibition.

## RAILROADS MUST REPAY

Money Borrowed from the School Fund Before the War.

Austin, Texas, June 12.—The court of civil appeals has reformed and reaffirmed the judgment in cases of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway company vs. the State of Texas, and the Houston & Texas Central Railway company vs. the state of Texas. The cases are known as the "school fund suits," and were instituted against the railway companies by C. A. Culberson, when attorney general, to recover for the state \$720,000 worth of bonds issued by the defendants in return for money loaned them out of the school fund from 1855 to 1860. The defendants alleged payment of the whole debt by them. Part of this payment was made during the civil war and was in state treasury warrants. The trial court held that the payment alleged, in so far as it was made in these warrants, was invalid and did not discharge the debt. The effect of the decision by the court of civil appeals is to affirm this ruling of the trial court. This is practically a victory for the state.

In the case against the Houston & Texas Central Railway company the judgment of the trial court is reformed, so that no personal judgment will be rendered against the appellant, but only a judgment to foreclose a lien upon those portions of the road which are shown to have been in existence August 13, 1870, together with all other property mentioned in connection therewith in the judgment below, such as depots, etc., and also the franchise of that part of the road.

In the case against the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, the personal judgment against the appellant is sustained, because it assumed such liability by the special act under which it was chartered. Otherwise, the judgment is similar to that against the Houston & Texas Central Railway company.

The suit against the Houston & Texas Central was filed in the district court of Travis county in December, 1894, in which it was sought to recover from the railway company the special school fund loaned under the act of 1856 to the Houston & Texas Central and the Washington county railroad, which had become merged into the former. This suit was pending when Mr. Crane came into office, and after he became attorney general the defendant filed an answer setting up the fact that the railroad company had paid the indebtedness due the state in treasury warrants issued by the state, and that these payments were in conformity with the acts of the legislature during the war. Crane by supplemental petition contended that if these payments were made they were void for several reasons, but mainly because the treasury warrants in which the payments were made were issued during the war for the purpose of being circulated as money, and that they therefore violated the constitution of Texas, as well as the federal constitution, which prohibits the issuance of bills of credit; that they were also void because issued in aid of rebellion. The case was tried in February, 1896, and judgment rendered for the state for the sum of \$67,190, with foreclosure of a lien on the railroad of the defendant to secure payment of same.

The suit against the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio is almost identical with the above, nearly the same questions being involved. It was tried at the same time and resulted in a judgment in favor of the state for the sum of \$447,567, with foreclosure of lien, etc.

Both cases were appealed, with the result announced at the beginning of this report. A few days ago a prominent business man of Hillsboro received a letter from a man who twenty-one years ago was his schoolmate in which the writer stated that when they were schoolmates he (the writer) had borrowed from him \$1.50. He had long desired to repay the loan but had lost track of his friend. Hearing there was a man residing at Hillsboro of the same name as his old schoolmate, he wrote to enquire if he was his boyhood friend, mentioning the incident of the loan, saying he desired to repay it. The Hillsboro man remembered the incident and wrote his old friend that if he would send the amount to Buckners Orphans' he would consider the loan cancelled. This was done and in due time the Hillsboro man received a receipt from the orphans' for \$1.50. A peculiarity about the matter is that the gentlemen live in adjoining counties and are both wide-awake business men, yet they had not met since they were boys.

Spain has a new minister.

## THE TYLER LYNCHING.

Eleven Prominent Citizens Charged with the Killing of Will Jones in Jail.

Tyler, Texas, June 10.—A great deal of talk is being indulged in here this afternoon over the filing of affidavits in Justice Parson's court charging eleven prominent citizens of Lindale and vicinity with the murder of Bill Jones, who was shot to death in the jail here on the morning of May 24. Sheriff Smith made the affidavits before District Attorney Stuart. The following names appear in the affidavits:

T. M. Harpole, tax assessor of this county; Dr. H. L. Tate, who for years represented this county in the legislature; John Stewart, son of R. W. Stewart, whom Bill Jones was charged with killing; James Vickery, a deputy sheriff at the time of the killing of Jones, but who has since been discharged; S. S. Lyons, who was twice a prominent candidate for sheriff; John Maxwell, John Bailey, Tom Ogden, Henderson Tucker, T. E. Skyles, C. H. Latham.

Sheriff Smith says the arrests will be made as soon as possible.

District Attorney Smith said: "Well, I have had nothing to say for the papers so far, as my attitude has been more of an enquiring nature than demonstrative. You can and will find more in the records of the court than in what I have to say on the outside, but as the public generally, I believe, have a right to know what will be the course of the law in this affair, I am not averse to giving my position in the matter."

"I believe the situation should be met by a sturdy determination on the part of the authorities charged with the enforcement of the law. I am a sworn officer of the law and therefore its embodiment as far as all cases that come before me are concerned, and believing that the law should prevail in every condition of society, shall contribute the strength of every nerve in my being toward upholding it in this case, as in every other that comes within my cognizance. Having been engaged in the discharge of my imperative duties up to this time, and being inclined to avoid even the appearance of haste and passion, I have delayed thus far moving in that affair."

"I am so intensely impressed that the law should be upheld in this case that I shall spare no effort, no means of detection and no degree of aggressive caution in presenting to the bar of justice this infraction of the law of the land."

To-night a delegation of Lindale people are in the city, brought here by the news that prosecution had been instituted.

Tyler, June 11.—Dr. H. L. Tate, ex-representative of this county in the legislature, and others charged with the murder of Bill Jones, are in town to-night to surrender to the sheriff to-morrow morning, when an examining trial will be accorded them at once.

A large number of the citizens of Lindale are indignant at the prosecution being instituted and it is thought by many that if the prosecution is carried to a finish, there will be a demand made for the prosecution of all who took part in the burning of Henry Hillard in Tyler in 1895.

In that event a large number of the most prominent people in east Texas will be involved. The Lindale people say that the murder of old man Stewart is a more atrocious crime than the murder and outrage of the lady by negro Hillard.

Tyler, Texas, June 12.—The eleven citizen of Lindale, who are charged with the killing of Bill Jones, rode into town this morning and stationed themselves in the courthouse yard, expecting to have their examining trial, as it was promised them. For some reason known only to the officers, the trial was postponed until the 16th inst. The warrants which were issued were placed in the hands of Constable Day and were not served on the parties charged in the affidavits.

These people were escorted to Lindale by some 700 people from Lindale and vicinity, who were eager to lend assistance in the way of making bond, etc., to their fellow-townsmen in trouble.

Hon. Stewart Smith, said to-night that nothing would be left undone by him to bring the participants in this crime, whoever they may be, to justice, and that as a sworn officer of the law, he would advocate the refusal of bail to all engaged where the evidence was conclusive enough to justify such action.

It is well known from an interview given out by Judge Russell on the day of the killing that he, too, agrees to the position taken by District Attorney Smith.

It is the universal talk here

among citizens of Tyler county that, in case the charged are not given bail, they will be liberated by a popular uprising of citizens.

## Dr. Burleson Has Retired.

Waco, Texas, June 11.—Dr. Rufus C. Burleson will retire from active work as president of the Baylor university. He was voted full pay for life and will continue to give counsel in the management of the university. The hard work will fall on younger shoulders.

Dr. Burleson has been the active head of Baylor for fifty-years and has built it up from a small school to a flourishing university, whose graduates fill high places, state and national.

## Effect of New Local Option Law.

Representative Meade, one of the leaders in securing the passage of the new local option law, has given out the following regarding the scope of the new law:

"It seems from reports over the state that the anti-local optionists are running a grand bluff or the prohibitionists are very badly misinformed as to laws passed by the twenty-fourth legislature affecting local option. No law has passed killing local option or materially changing it. The only change is by a bill introduced by Mr. Staples, which prescribes that hereafter in voting on subdivisions local option established lines must be followed, stopping gerrymandering, and under the Staples bill local option can only be voted in commissioners' precincts, justice precincts and school districts and only amends article 3384 of the revised civil statutes, but makes no change as to the time of holding such elections. House bill, No. 602, introduced by Mr. Ayers of Tarrant, amending article 3395, and which as follows: 'The result of such election in a county shall not prevent the election for the same purpose from immediately thereafter being held in a justice precinct or subdivision of such county as designated by the commissioners' court or any town or city in such county, and that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed,' did not pass. This bill never passed and evidently is the one which misled so many in this matter. I will state, however, that after Aug. 21, 1897, when the new laws take effect perfecting the local option laws, those who laughed first will wish they had laughed last, and by way of parenthesis, will say the Mineral Wells people had better advise with the attorney general about the matter before they proceed further with their petition for a new election, and further that Mr. Rosser of Waxahachie had better not yield quite so quick to a bluff."

A Denton county farmer was too industrious in harvesting his wheat crop. He was so anxious to cut his wheat while the weather was good that he kept running his reaper all night. The heat generated in the bearings, which were not properly lubricated, set fire to the canvas, which was burned before the fire could be extinguished. He had to go to town for a new canvas and supply of machine oil and now says he will let his machine rest at night.

The cotton crop report of the agricultural department makes the condition 83.5 against 97.2 last year. The general acreage average is 103.5, making a total acreage of 24,091,394 as compared with 23,271,704 last year.

## Eloquent Bob Taylor.

"If our forefathers, who died a hundred years ago, could come back from the 'tongueless silence of the dreamless dust,' and see the miracles that have been wrought; if they could see their children talking across oceans, and sweeping across continents in palace cars swifter than the swiftest wing; if they could see the modern reaper sweeping like phantom ships through seas of sunset gold, and hear the music of the harvest song, and if they could catch glimpses of the myriads of cities and towns and country homes, which are the habitations of seventy millions of people, if they could look upon this beautiful White Centennial City, rising like a seraph here in the heart of Tennessee, under whose wings the nations of the earth are gathered to join us in this glorious jubilee, I doubt not that they would shout for joy, and sing with us, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"—Governor Taylor in a speech at the opening of the Nashville Exposition.

The difference between a cat and a sentence is that the cat has its claws at the end of its paws while the sentence has its pause at the end of its clause.

Dr. A. W. Fly has again been chosen mayor of Galveston.

P. B. Gibbons has been confirmed as postmaster at Paris.

Benjamin M. Foreman has been appointed postmaster at Texarkana. He succeeds his father-in-law, who recently resigned.

Mr. H. J. Saxon died at Dallas at the advanced age of 93. He was a native of South Carolina, and had resided in Texas for 13 years.

John W. Sherod has instituted suit at Corsicana against W. W. Loop, et al, for trespass to try title to 560 acres of land near Chatfield. The land is very valuable.

Treasurer Wortham has received a letter, post-marked Fort Worth, containing \$20 which the writer, whose name was not signed, says belongs to the school fund.

Some unknown party waylaid and fired at Will Mobley, a son-in-law of Judge Reagan near Palestine. One shot hit Mr. Mobley just above the eye but did no harm.

The court of criminal appeals has confirmed the death sentence rendered against Eugene Burt at Austin for the murder of his wife and two children in that city last August.

Miss Clara Smith was drowned in the Nolan river near Blum, Hill county. She was in a wagon with another young lady, Miss Ella Hunniwell, and her father, and in trying to cross the swollen stream, the wagon was overturned.

Joseph Huffaker, a farmer living in the suburbs of Palmer, was cutting his oat crop with a mowing machine and accidentally cut off one of his little boys' feet just at the ankle—all but the large leader on the back of the leg. It could not be saved and was amputated.

The U. S. supreme court of appeals at New Orleans has confirmed the decisions of the lower courts of Texas, allowing to Mrs. Mary A. Holliday a \$5000 judgment against the Texas & Pacific for the killing of her husband by a switch engine in the company's yards at Texarkana two years ago.

At Galveston Charles Grins, 16 years old, was struck on the head with a base ball bat and died in a few minutes. Wm. Lucas, aged 16 years, is in jail, charged with the murder. A crowd of boys on the corner of Thirty-seventh and Winnie streets were shooting craps for cigarettes. A quarrel arose with the above result.

A suit which has no precedent has been filed in the federal court at Beaumont and will come up at the present term. It is styled T. J. Epperson vs. Armour Packing Company of Kansas City and the plaintiff sues for \$31,250 damages allowed to have been sustained by eating meat canned by the Armour company, claiming that the canned meat was poisoned.

Another sensational arrest growing out of the attempt to burn the Winsor hotel at Abilene has been made. Sheriff Cooke arrested at Weatherford Jesse Hitson, well-known cattleman on charge of being concerned in firing the hotel. It will be remembered that ex-Sheriff Cunningham shot J. B. McMahon at Wichita, Kan., attempting to arrest Steve Purdy for this offense.

At Galveston Mrs. A. B. Harvin filed suit for \$925 damages against the Pullman Palace Car company on the grounds of having been scalded by a glass of hot lemonade served her while a passenger on defendants car from Chicago to St. Louis. The porter spilled the glass of hot lemonade on plaintiff's arm, burning and scalding her and causing plaintiff to take to her bed for eight days, so the petition alleges.

Clarence B. Douglas, a well-known and influential republican politician, shot through the heart and instantly killed James Williams, Editor of the Ardmore, (I. T.), Chronicle. The difficulty occurred on the streets of Ardmore and was caused by a humorous article in the Chronicle containing an illusion to Douglas. Williams was well known in Texas, having been an editor in this state for some time before going to the Indian Territory. He was buried at Denton under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

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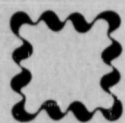
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### INCOME.

Received for Premiums.	\$39,593,414.20
From all other Sources.	10,109,281.07
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	\$49,702,695.27



### DISBURSEMENTS.

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death.	\$12,595,113.39
To " for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	12,842,456.11
For all other Accounts.	10,781,005.64
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	\$36,218,575.14

Assets, \$234,744,148.42. Surplus \$29,733,514.70. Insurance in force \$918,698,338.45.

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct, liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department. From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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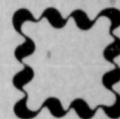
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#### New Beer Hall.

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