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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1899.



Pluck and energy always win. Baird will have a roller mill ere many moons.

In the death of S. S. Cox the Democratic party loses one of its ablest leaders.

Commissioner Tanner was bounced last week, and there is wailing and gnashing of teeth thereat in the G. A. R.

The editor of the Fort Worth Gazette is not a hog by any means, but he gets up a wonderful sight of hog lore these days.

The outlook for Mahone in old Virginia is indeed gloomy. We hope the people of the old dominion will show the haughty little brigadier under ten thousand fathoms deep.

The Albany News copied an item from THE STAR on Judge Wheeler and credited it to the Round-up. If the Round-up does not kick THE STAR will not.

John L. Sullivan declared himself a Democrat and a candidate for congress from Boston. Perhaps he thinks Gov. Lowery would not insist upon sending a good democrat to jail.

THE STAR acknowledges receipt of a complimentary ticket to the Abilene fair Oct. 1 to 3. Gov. Hubbard and Gov. Throckmorton are expected to address the people during the fair.

THE ANSON WESTERN stops the press to remark that Baird cannot play ball. We do not have to stop the press to remark that a majority of the people of Baird care very little for base ball one way or the other.

EVAN JONES will be a candidate for governor on the farmers' ticket. Remember this prophecy; also remember the prediction of the outcome. He will be snouted under by the Democratic nominee so deep he will not be heard of for two whole years.

THE COMMISSIONERS' court of Brown county have contracted to build a bridge over the Jim Ned on the Brownwood and Belle Plaine road. Our commissioners should have a good road opened up from Baird via Cottonwood and Cross Plains to the county line to intersect the Brownwood road.

GOV. HUBBARD and Gov. Throckmorton are both expected to address the people at Abilene during the fair. Our people should not fail to go and hear them. One or perhaps both of them will be in the race for governor next year. They both have national reputations as public men, and Gov. Hubbard has no superior as an orator in the state.

THE BROWNWOOD BANNER is catching it all around for trying to boost its own county at the expense of surrounding counties. A paper that cannot boost its own county without belittling others equally as good as its own, shows a very liberal spirit. The papers of adjoining counties have done much to advertise the Brownwood district fair and we suppose the Banner is trying to get even by disparaging all adjoining counties. Brownwood, of course, does not want trade from any other than its own county.

THE STAR goes out 744 strong this week. This does not sound as big as 1,500 to 5,000, as some county papers boast, but we give our exact issue this week without any fudging or false count. THE STAR is getting there; not with a whoop, but it is getting there all the same. We will send out a few extra copies in the county each week, and if you, kind reader, are not a subscriber and would like to take a county paper that is not afraid to speak its honest sentiments, just send in your name to THE STAR and pay us when you sell your cotton.

THE PRESS OF WESTERN TEXAS is the most liberal in the world. They are always ready to help any enterprise in a neighboring town by words of encouragement. This is illustrated every week. If Abilene, Brownwood or San Angelo starts out to get up a fair the fact is heralded all over the west and even across the ocean. If Baird, Anson or any other town raise funds to start a roller mill or to inaugurate any other enterprise, although only of local interest, the press of western Texas, instead of being jealous, rejoice at this evidence of prosperity of neighboring towns. Western Texas is booming and this fact is due more to the press than anything else. The press of western Texas is conducted by men of broad, liberal views, and with only one single exception, they try to boom their own towns or cities by showing their neighbors.

A TRUST is a trust, but with some people it makes a wonderful sight of difference who form the trust. The Standard Oil company form a trust or combination and say they will not sell oil except at an advance of two cents per gallon, and a howl goes up from Maine to California and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. The Farmers' Alliance of Georgia form a trust or combination and say they will not sell cotton for less than twelve and one-half cents per pound, and not a word is said about it. Now, will some of the politicians who earn their living by the sweat of their tongues tell us why one trust is wrong and the other is right?

THE STAR acknowledges receipt of the premium list and a complimentary ticket to the San Angelo fair October 29 to November 1. The directors very pleasantly remark: "We will be delighted to have you drop your shears and take a run out to see it. San Angelo owes the press of Texas a very large debt for the many kindly attentions she has received and would like to show her gratitude in a substantial way. It will do you good to get a whiff of the pure ozone of the plains—to meet the energetic people that are developing, and see the fine stock that is raised on these plains. Come out, and we will guarantee to make your visit a pleasant one and to show you the finest fair ever held in western Texas."

WE RECEIVED the first and second issues this week of the National Democrat, published at Washington city. The Democrat is a straight-out party paper, and as it is the only Democratic paper published at the seat of the national government, it is highly important that it should meet with a liberal support from all Democrats throughout the country. The National Democrat is a large paper and chock full of just such news as every Democrat wants who desires to keep posted about what his party is doing. The subscription price of the National Democrat is \$1.50 per year in advance. Agents wanted all over the United States. Address Edmund Hudson; Editor and Publisher, 1420 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

THE ANSON CLUB refuses to play the third game with the Baird club at Abilene, as was agreed upon, alleging as their excuse that the Baird club paid the Coleman boys, who they allege are professionals, twenty-five dollars to go to Anson. The Baird club assures us that they never paid the Coleman boys a cent to go to Anson, and they are no more professionals than the Anson club. The Baird club was short two men and they got the Coleman boys to go, as they had a right to do. The fact that the Anson club won the last game easier than the first does not make it appear that the Baird club wrong in professionals on the Anson club. What is the matter with the Anson club? Is it really afraid to play the third game with the Baird club after winning two straight games? THE STAR knows nothing, nor does not care anything for the game either one way or the other, but simply give the facts as reported to us. It was our understanding that three games were to be played, at Baird, Anson and Abilene. The challenge came from the Anson club and was accepted by the Baird club. If that is true, we cannot see why Anson should crawl now after winning two straight games.

ABILENE FAIR. TICKETS will be on sale to the Abilene fair September 29 to October 3, inclusive, good to return until October 6. One fare for the round trip.

SOW WHEAT. It is customary for newspaper men to give everybody advice upon any and all subjects, and frequently it is neither heeded nor respected. However, we will venture to say a word to the farmers in Callahan in regard to sowing wheat this fall. There is no doubt but what there will be a roller mill erected at Baird to grind the next crop of wheat, and perhaps the least part of this crop. This will insure you a good price for your wheat next year. The late rains have put the ground in splendid fix for fall wheat sowing and it will pay the farmers to sow every acre of wheat they can. Divide your principal crops, wheat and cotton, and you will find it more profitable to sow more grain and plant less cotton.

CORRESPONDENCE. CROSS PLAINS, September 11, 1899. To the Editor of THE STAR. Perhaps a word from this part might not be amiss, and if you are scarce of news, might help fill up your blank columns, thereby bringing our little corner and town into notice. Since the rains you cannot imagine how gay we feel over the prospect of inducing some hard-working man to come and make one in our midst. In fact, we imagine ourselves sitting back to-day eating turnip greens flavored with at least a half of a Berkshire jaw and trimmings suited to that of spring, in the shape of an Arkansas pudding. In fact, we are on a boom and can boast of splendid crops, good people and lots of water. The gin at this place has begun to hum and Coffman is always ready with smiles and baskets to meet his customers at the door. A new enterprise has lately sprung up in town in the shape of a barber shop. Mr. Linebarger proposes to shave the boys and clip their hair in the latest style for only twenty-five cents. Mr. Sam Eldridge stands pat and proposes to hammer the boys' leather for them; says he will work on anything from a number ten down if he

don't break his pegging awl again. Mr. Harpole, our beef man, has learned to cut your round steak from right behind the horns. L. C. Helton moved from our town to the country to-day. Will McGowan takes his place for the purpose of schooling his children. Joe Henderson, owing to the wet weather, is backward about moving to the country for fear he will take cold, though I think he will start the first sunny day. From some cause G. W. Tipton went home sick the other day, I am afraid, from eating too many water-melons. J. D. Moore met with an accident and came very near breaking his back. However, he is better now and is having the hands warned in to work on the road three days in succession. I tell you, boys, this thing working the road horseback has played out, from the note our boss got from Mr. Conner. Say, Billie, what will it cost to have our road macadamized down here and our town incorporated? We are getting tired of foolishness. Expecting you to keep posted in the future in our affairs down here, will quit by asking you what Mike Wyatt is doing up there. His father needs him a home to pick cotton. MAMMY'S DUMBLING. In answer to our correspondent's questions, in order named, we will say that having never seen a macadamized road cannot say what it would cost, but think it is rather expensive for a new country. It will cost you nothing to incorporate; the cost all comes after you have incorporated. As to Mike Wyatt, he appears to be getting along first rate and don't think he proposes to pick any cotton this fall. We hope our correspondent will remember his promise to send us news from his town. Send letter so it will reach us on Monday or Tuesday, or they will be like the above—too late for the current week.—[E.O.]

TECUMSEH TALK. TECUMSEH, September 14. After last Monday's glorious rain a few little showers more, but not so as to interfere earnestly with cotton picking and plowing. W. Blake, brother to John and Dicie Blake, dropped in Thursday from the far west, and was glad to find his sister much improved and on a fair way to restored health. The fall term in both of our schools begins the first of next month and the teachers are already engaged. The trustees deserve full credit for their zeal and prompt action in this direction. Some of our progressive farmers are in the field with the reliable Oliver steel chilled riding plows. They are the easiest running and working plow I have ever seen, and three acres is an average day's work for one man and three horses. That beats the old-fashioned one horse pony-plow most decidedly. Are you going to the fair? The people seem to warm up to this occasion and I hope Callahan county will be well represented there. Look out for an article on roads next week. H. BECHER. West Caddo. WEST CADDO, September 14. Cotton picking is now in full blast and soon the "fleecy staple" will be making its appearance in Baird from this locality. Cotton, taking all in all, is good. Some have gathered corn, and the yield was never better. Land that will produce like Callahan county land will, before many years, be worth big money per acre. Those desiring good and cheap homes at this time had best take note to this and govern themselves accordingly. We have had fine rains, plenty of stock water and grass as fine as can be desired. There will be some wheat sown next week. The ground was never in finer condition for that purpose. Maj. Sam Outbirth was preambled in these parts last week, with an eye to 1 and 2-year-olds, of which he found in goodly numbers and condition. Sam is a good judge of cattle and never slights us when buying, which we all appreciate. "May his shadow never grow less."

WAS DOWN in the Cross Plains district some days ago and found the grangers all jubilant with their prospects for big yields. Mr. Coffman, of said place, has his gin machinery in fine condition and amply prepared to gin all the cotton that may come, and think him a gentleman who will do justice to all who may favor him with their patronage. Met Mr. Neebe, the energetic agent for the Comal county school lands. He says he is selling these lands in small tracts and on very reasonable terms as regards time and price, and those wishing good homes had better "whoop up" or they will be left. Will Garrett, of Deep Creek, was down with us this week for a few days. Will is talking of moving to the Nation, but think he will wisely reconsider. Fayette Jones is rustling like smoke for your roller mill. Wish him and Baird all success imaginable in this mill matter, which will be a grand thing for Baird and Callahan county. AN OCCASIONAL. Ladies' Aid Society. The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church wish to announce that they will take patching, darning and fancy work of all kinds. Anything left with Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. R. F. Dunn or Miss Sallie Gould, will be promptly attended to. MRS. BROWN, President.

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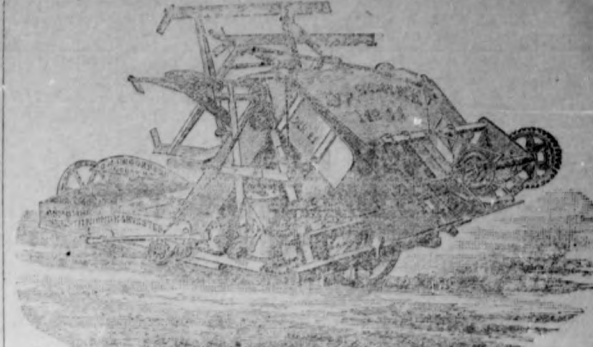


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