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NO. 10

OUR FIRST SPRING GOODS ANNOUNCEMENT

We have received and now have on display quite a nice lot of Spring Goods, which we invite you to come in and see. Our line of Gingham, Linens, Laces and Embroideries are very pretty. See them before you make your early Spring purchases. You will be pleased with this assortment of Spring goods.

Spring Embroideries.

Our Spring Embroideries have arrived. We took special pains in selecting our Embroideries and bought from the exclusive Embroidery Houses, thereby giving us a larger and better stock to select from, and we now have, and invite your inspection of the largest assortment of embroidery elegance ever shown in Baird, 18, 27 and 45 inch flouncings ranging in price from 65c to \$4.00 per yard. Quite an assortment in designs of Bandings, Insertions and Edgings. These are the things for a beautiful dress for summer wear.

NEW GINGHAMS.

We have received a large assortment of New Gingham in the new spring colors and patterns, in stripes and checks, the thing for early spring wear. "Utility" Gingham 10c "Toile De Noids" 12 1/2c per yard.

WINTER UNDERWEAR.

We will give 1.4 off on all Winter Underwear. Now is the time to save money on this line of Merchandise.

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36 inch all pure Linen made in Belfast, Ireland, at	35c
36 " " " " " " " " " "	40c
36 " " " " " " " " " "	50c
36 " " " " " " " " " "	65c
45 " " " " " " " " " "	50c
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36 inch Handkerchief Linen at " " " "	40c
Brown Linens made in Belfast, Ireland, suitable for Suits, Dresses, Waists, etc. Our Special Leader	
25 inch all pure linen at " " " "	25c

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Besides Gingham, Linens and Embroideries we have many other things in the way of Spring Novelties such as Ratinae Collars, Hair Ornaments, Head Bands, Bar Pins, Hat Pins, Barretts, Hand Bags, etc.

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A full line of Shoes. "Star 5 Star" Shoes are the best. Blue Ribbon Buster Brown School Shoes are the best. Don't buy any other.

MENS' AND BOYS SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

Mens' and Boys Suits and Overcoats at 1.4 off on every one in the house. It will pay you to buy your Overcoat now for next winter.

Gents we give you a special invitation to come in and let us show you our new Spring and Summer line of samples which we have now on display, and remember we guarantee to fit you.

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B. L. BOYDSTUN

BURNT BRANCH LOCALS.

Feb. 10th, 1913.

I feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted
Whose lights have fled,
Whose garlands are dead
And all but me departed.

The majority of the old residents have moved off, that is temporarily at least. As you know we have struck it hard in these parts for the past four or five years on account of grasshoppers and other insects, and our citizenship, especially those who live immediately on the "Branch" have seeded their farms, some moved to town, while some have rented land elsewhere to be planted to cotton and garden. This is thinning us out and it looks somewhat lonely, especially when seen on the blind side.

It is with sorrow and a sad heart we note the recent death of Mrs. R. P. Odum, who only a short time ago moved from these parts to Cross Plains. Her residence here of 30 years, well spent in the care of her family, her husband and ten children and in the cause of Him who has claimed His own. She was loved by all, who join in saying, "Another jewel added to the great Celestial Crown." Her life was well spent, her noble race run, she rests in the arms of Him who said, "Come unto me," and her pure and spotless spirit has taken its flight to God who gave it.

In a real way we are feeling somewhat depressed, having passed through the flint mill of sickness, but bless the Lord we hope to be ourself again, as friend Richard Cordwint is wont to say "Richard is himself again" my kingdom for a horse.

Like Bob Taylor's man who went to town to market his good wife's

chickens and as usual after the sale for good money to the nearest saloon he hiked and got as drunk as a lord. The usual hanger ons were found who insisted the old gentleman was a "rooster from Roosterville" and this pleased him and he flopped his arms and crowed like a sure enough rooster, which called for another so he flopped his arms and crowed again to the great satisfaction of the aforesaid hanger ons, they kept on until the last cent was spent, then homeward he started, supposing he would arrive as the clock struck the usual hours of one and when the good wife opened the door she would strike two. But fate was against the old gent and he fell asleep in a fence corner where three rude boys discovered him and after rubbing some sorgum molasses on his clothing, emptied a lot of feathers on him and then covered him with a quilt to sleep the sleep of the just. Late next morning he awoke and realizing his condition, thus lamented:

Oh I'm a used up chicken,
All my plumage fled,
Yesterday I was a Rooster,
Today a feather bed.

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from Putnam says "beauty is just skin deep and the way to develop said beauty is to skin them." Come down to Burnt Branch and we will give him a job.

The first snow of the season fell a few days ago to the depth of about an inch.

As a general thing farmers are well up with their work, now for the oat sowing.

Cold, Colder, Coldest, but still we hang on.

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returned from Scurry County.

Col. Max Elser is still visible to the naked eye but was away several days last week. We know not where he went.

J. S. Yeager made a business trip to Cisco, Friday.

It was some cold last week, snow fell Friday evening, covering the ground. Wheat and oats will be benefited.

Bring a child up in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it.—Moral: Don't bring the kid up on a bottle.

C. A. Conlee was in town Saturday and informed us that there was no other case of Diphtheria in that community and that his daughter, Ila, was getting along nicely.

Mr. Littlefield of Strawn, was here last week on business.

Dr. Frank Norton of the Milling Sanitarium and Mrs. McDonald of Fort Worth, were married at Baird last Wednesday.

J. L. Cooper of Cottonwood, was in our City last Sunday.

(From the old First Reader.)
See the Cat and the Kit on the mat
The Cat is the Dam of the Kit.
Dam the Cat and the Kit both.

Rastus Peek of Clyde, is visiting his brother, C. K. Peek near Scranton.

The petition requesting the Commissioners Court to appoint Mr. R. D. Williams, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this precinct, will be presented this week and we have assurance that he will receive the appointment. We believe that he will make an efficient officer and trust that he will accept the appointment. Putnam needs an officer who will enforce the laws without fear or favor and Mr. Williams fills the bill.

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Tub, in good condition, Capacity 107 Barrells, just the thing if you want to install water works on the farm, \$30.00.—Cook's Grocery Co., Putnam, Texas.

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COTTONWOOD LOCALS.

Jan. 12th.—The weather clerk has gone right square back on us and we only get sight of Old Sol occasionally.

We have been getting a little rain this week but not a season yet. We need about a 24 hours steady down-pour, though the present season has enabled farmers to sow oats and quite a number have a large percent of their land prepared for another crop.

Last Monday being an unfavorable day for farming a large per cent of Cottonwoodites visited the Terminal City.

Elder Johnson, the Baptist Missionary, filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Our sick list has been curtailed considerably since our last communication.

While we need the roads in this community alright enough, we will have to refer to history to learn anything about the bond election after Saturday.

Mr. Hart, Joe Shackelford, Walton Wagner and some others passed through our town Tuesday enroute to the Capitol City.
Ed Williams, a Baptist minister

of Abilene and pastor of the church at Cottonwood, was in our town Tuesday.

We are not up on Ground hog day but we gather from papers it has passed and was cloudy, hence the Groundhog failed to see his shadow and did not return to winter quarters. Now if this be true we think this world renowned weather prophet displayed poor judgment to say the least of it.

Now Mr. Editor, we are writing this in the Justice of the Peace's office, and litigation is an unknown quantity and our citizenship has become so reformed that business in the J. P. office of a financial character has become so minimized that he cannot afford a fire, so to continue this very important communication it would become necessary for us to repair to more congenial climes, hence we deem it advisable to discontinue.

Nobody married, died or run away that we know of.

Uncle Jimmie.

BOX PARTY

Seats were reserved at the Royal Theater by Mrs. S. T. Frazer Monday night for the following.

Misses Ray Robertson, Lillian Schwartz, Maria Bowyer, Elizabeth Frazer, Messers Young, Norrell, Tisdale, Franklin and Dr. Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Driskill, Mrs. Frazer.

After the show, all repaired to the home of the hostess where the Japanese card game of Fan Tan, was engaged in, at the close of which a two course colatrom and entrees were served by Miss Annette and Peluma Frazer.

See Jackson & Jackson for Abstracts.
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FACTS

- ☞ The news items of the home community.
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- ☞ The births, weddings, deaths of the people you know.
- ☞ The social affairs of our own and surrounding towns.

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DON PIATT BEFRIENDS RILEY

How Friendship Was Started That Lasted as Long as the General Lived.

One day many years ago General Don Platt encountered a local constable in the act of gathering in a seedy-looking individual who appeared to be terribly ill. Reining up he asked:

"What are you going to do with that man?"

"Lock him up, of course," said the constable.

"You better let me take care of him, then," the general said, and in a short time a carriage was brought and the man who had narrowly escaped arrest as a vagrant was taken to the general's home and carefully provided for.

He was so dreadfully ill that several days elapsed before he made his appearance downstairs. Then Don, as he was familiarly called, said:

"Well, old fellow, I have been trying to take care of you for several days and I would like to know who you are and where you are from."

"My name is Riley," was the reply. "and I am a sign painter from Indiana."

"What! You can't be James Whitcomb, who writes verse?"

"That's what they call me at home," was the reply.

Don Platt kept the now famous Hoosier poet as a guest in his home for several months. One morning in the fall, as they were walking up a neighboring road, Riley sat down on a log to write. He at last finished his work and tossed into the general's lap a sheet of paper. It was the first manuscript of the well-known poem, "When the Frost Is on the Punkin and the Fodder's in the Shock." As long as the general lived he and the now aged poet remained the firmest of friends.—St. Louis Times.

QUEER SIGNBOARDS IN CHINA

Poetic Gems to Attract Business Adorn Many of the Shops in Peking.

W. Simpson in "Meeting the Sun" writes: "I saw in Peking a list of signboards, and a few samples of them will illustrate their general character: 'Shop of Heaven Sent Luck,' 'Shop of Celestial Principles,' 'The Nine Felicities Prolonged,' 'Mutton Shop of Morning Twilight,' 'The Ten Virtues All Complete,' 'Flowers Rise to the Milky Way.'

"In these signs we can see that the Chinese can combine the soul of a poet with the pocket of a shopman. Contrast such efforts with 'The Noted Eelpie House' of the London streets, and one must feel that we are outer barbarians. Carlyle quotes a Chinese signboard, 'No Cheating Here,' but I could not find anything like it in the list. 'Good and Just According to Heaven' ought to satisfy the ideal notions of the author of 'Sartor Resartus.'

"The Honest Pen Shop of Li" implies that other pen shops are not honest. The "Steel Shop of the Pockmarked Wang" suggests that any peculiarity of a shopman may be used to impress the memory of customers. Snub noses, squint eyes, lame legs, and hump backs might all be used in this way.

A charcoal shop calls itself the "Fountain of Beauty," and a place for the sale of coal indulges in the title of "Heavenly Embroidery." An oil and wine establishment is the "Neighborhood of Chief Beauty," a description the realization of which it is hard to conceive anywhere in Peking. "The Thrice Righteous" one would scarcely expect from an opium shop.

Heels Originated in Persia.
It is said that the heels now worn on shoes had their origin in Persia, where they took the form of flat wood on sandals to raise the feet and protect them from the hot sands.

It was many years afterward that this fashion was introduced into Venice, but the reason for its adoption in this case is said to have been quite different. Here the originators of the fashion were jealous husbands who reasoned that their women thus equipped would not venture far outside the precincts of their dwelling. These heels were called "clogs," and in order to satisfy the vanity of the wearers and perhaps to sweeten the pill—that is, the discomfort of appearing in them—they were elaborately adorned, sometimes being incrustated with gold and silver. The height of the clogs determined the rank of the wearer.—Harper's Weekly.

Facts About the Potato.
Whoever may have introduced the potato into England, according to Dr. Doran's "Table Traits," it was not known in North America in 1586, when Raleigh's colonists there are said to have sent it over to us. But the Spanish "batata," or sweet potato, from which the vegetable derives its name, was brought to Ireland many years before by Captain Hawkins from Santa Fe in South America. This is probably the potato of Shakespeare's time. "Let the sky rain potatoes. I will remain here," cried Sir John Falstaff, embracing Mrs. Ford.

Black and White
Adjoining stores at the corner of Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, attract the attention of passersby. One store is occupied by an undertaker by the name of Black, who very appropriately has placed a black sign outside the store bearing his name, while the adjoining store is occupied by a shoe dealer whose name is White. Mr. White has his name painted on a sheet of that color.

Groceries

WE WANT A SHARE OF YOUR TRADE

We carry a full stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries and guarantee them to be fresh. We have a competent corps of clerks, who are always glad to meet you and promptly fill your orders. We make a special effort to keep just what our customers want. We always have fresh vegetables and fruit in season. To our friends in the city: Phone us your orders, it will be our pleasure to fill same and make prompt delivery. To our friends from the county: Come to see us and make our store headquarters when in town. We pay the highest market price for eggs, chickens and country produce. We appreciate your patronage and endeavor to prove it by always giving you full value for your money.

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PAY-UP

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E. C. Fulton
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All my pastures are posted and I positively forbid hunting or trespassing in any way by anyone. Keep out.
Mrs. J. E. Rushing, 1.6t.

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FATHER MAKES EARLY START

Every One in the Family Feared That the Breadwinner Would Be Late.

Mrs. T. awoke with a start, looked at the clock with alarm and bounced out of bed. The reliable old family clock showed that it was 5:10.

"Henry!" she called. "Get up! You've got to get that car at 5:25; it's 5:10."

Henry rolled out of bed, cutting short a leave taking from the delightful realm that lies just between waking and sleeping. He wished vaguely it was Sunday morning and not a work day. Then he began to dress with a full realization that he would have to run two squares before he caught his car.

Just then came a grumble and a series of movements in a little side room, and Mrs. T., busy with breakfast preparations, realized her son Chester was up and about. Surprised at the unusual performance, she glanced into the little bedroom, and the light dawned. Chester had a new "go-cycle" built by his father the night before. He was anxious to get into action.

The breakfast was hurriedly eaten, and Mr. T., with his lunch, hastened to the car line. Mrs. T. yawned and told Chester to "go cycle" to the grocery for a fresh box of cereal for a guest's breakfast.

Twenty minutes later, with a clatter and bang, Chester reached the house again. "Mamma!" he shouted, "there wasn't a single store open—and it's awful dark."

There came a second step on the veranda. The door opened and Mr. T. lunch in one hand and watch in the other, came in. Silently he held his chronometer before Mrs. T.'s bewildered eyes. The watch was ticking industriously and it was just 2:15 a. m. "I waited for a car that didn't come—then looked at my watch," explained Mr. T., with just a trace of sarcasm and weariness.

KAISER CAUSES NEW STIR

German War Lord Now Threatens to Change the Angle of His Mustache.

The greatest news of the week is the mere rumor that the kaiser is thinking of changing the angle of his mustache. You may remember the terrible time some years ago when the kaiser grew a beard, and thousands of photograph sellers were

threatened with ruin, until the kaiser, appealed to, consented to abandon the beard. You could get a lot of money if you found a photograph of the kaiser in a beard. But set the fashion of the turned-up mustache, which has lived. Shall it die?

To kill the fashion is a pleasing art. It is not only a matter of beard or mustache, but a question of clothes. There was a time when fur capes were coming into fashion. It was some five and twenty years ago. And then some feminine genius bought a fur cape and placed it over the shoulders of her coachman. Henceforth no one who rode behind a coachman ever wore a fur cape again.

For the killing of a fashion you must first find a word—slang with a touch of meaning. Some years before you or I came into the world the young men of means and leisure walked along Piccadilly—beautifully pressed and with the new fashioned article into which their cold hands were inserted. But other people noticed them; were rather annoyed at the young gentlemen who stuck their hands into the new-fangled receptacles. And the deadly word came. "A muff." There is probably not a living man who has escaped the influence of that word—in London. We will be frostbitten rather than be called a muff. The word struck the masculine muff dead, and left the feminine muff triumphant!

Honor Memory of George Fox.

George Fox, the fearless preacher and the founder of the Society of Friends, familiarly known as Quakers, is honored in Flushing, L. I., by a granite boulder placed on the site of the famous Fox oaks. It is opposite the ancient Bowne house, one of the oldest houses in America, still standing in its original condition. The house was built in 1661, and when George Fox visited this country ten years later he was entertained there. The boulder commemorates two enormous oaks under which the Quaker leader preached. One was blown down in 1841 and the other survived until 1873.

Hotel Moving Fad.

In one of the most fashionable hotels in New York half a dozen millionaire families are getting ready to move. There is nothing the matter with the hotel they are leaving. They have no fault to find with it. But they all have the same fad. They move every six months or so. Every time a new and gorgeous hotel is opened

in New York these half dozen families move into it. They like to be the first to have apartments in each newly finished hostelry.

His Revenge.

They were newly wed, and were showing their friends over their tiny apartments. Each room in turn was inspected. Last on the list came the kitchenette. The little wife waxed eloquent. "You see," she said, "that is where I do all my cooking. And this is the very basin in which I mix my cakes." "And this," cried the young man, indicating the oven with a sweep of his arm, "is the brick kiln!"

Longer Schedule for Fast Trains.

While it is true that patrons of the American railroads like to "annihilate distance" by traveling at a high rate of speed and share the pride of directors in Eighteen Hour Flyers and Twentieth Century Limiteds, the proposal to make the schedules of such fast expresses longer will be generally applauded. Speed has a fascination for the traveling public, which is always impatient of delays and missed connections, holding railroads responsible for them, but when safety seems to be sacrificed for speed there is no doubt how the traveling public feels about the matter.—New York Sun.

Germany's New Railroad.

Germany has just completed its longest colonial railway, that from Dar-es-Salaam to Tabora in East Africa. The completed line is slightly more than 500 miles long, and is to be extended to the shore of Lake Tanganyika. By steamer the line will here connect with a Belgian railroad to the navigable Congo and by steamboat and railway a real trans-continental line of communication will be established across equatorial Africa. Ultimately the Germans plan to connect the Congo with the Gulf of Guinea by another railway they are constructing in the Kamerun.—New York Sun.

Cabbage will sometimes cure slobber in horses caused by eating white clover; but it is better to keep the clover away from the horses.

Try putting a pinch of copperas in the watering trough once or twice a month. Better still, scrub out the trough and spray thoroughly

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President elect Wilson gives no hint of the kind of a cabinet he has constructed—at any rate it don't leak.

Investigation seems to be a fad with all reformers. They must investigate something or somebody just to show they are better than other folks.

The Texas Congressmen, Jack Beall excepted, must feel a lot of uneasiness about that bunch at Austin who are trying to bunch two or three of the congs together in redistricting the state into congressional districts.

The poker investigation started by the legislature ended in a fiasco. They found out that one member lost three dollars in a poker game with three other gentlemen, whose names he refused to divulge, and the committee found itself powerless to make him tell and the House discharged the committee.

Some people are always willing to do something in the way of public improvements, but invariably object to the particular plan proposed. Just so with the road bonds, some object to the precinct bonds, but would favor county bonds. Some favor precinct bonds who would vote against county bonds and so on. We guess when we can all agree on these things the mellenium will have come and we wont need any roads. We will ether have wings or airships.

The question that puzzles many loyal democrats is whether Bryan will do most injury to his party in or outside of Wilson's cabinet. It must be remembered that the country went overwhelmingly against Bryan every time he has been a candidate and if President Wilson acts on the theory that in his election the country has endorsed all of Bryan's crack-brained political theories, then the only thing that will prevent the defeat of the democrats in 1916 is the division in the republican party.

The present Legislature started an investigation of poker playing among the members. We spent four months in the legislature in 1895 at Austin and never saw a poker or any other game of chance played during the session, but it was common rumor around the capitol that poker playing was frequently indulged in by the members. We do not suppose that there ever was a session of the Texas Legislature but that some members at times played poker, but it was left for the unco good in the 33d Legislature to investigate poker playing among its members. The whole thing ended in a farce. If members of the Legislature play poker it is for the police to investigate, not the Legislature.

The Dallas News that seems to be the chief organ of the "Progressive Democrats", whatever that is, in Texas thinks a primary election for Postmasters is a scheme of the spoilsman. On the contrary this plan would hit the spoils system the hardest jolt it ever got. Federal appointments has ever been considered the especial personal perquisites of the congressmen of the party in power who use it to build up a personal political machine for themselves. No one knows this better than the News, and we are surprised to find a Progressive newspaper upholding the very system it has always opposed. One of the main objections to the primary system urged by the News is

that the most popular candidate might be incompetent. We would like to ask if the patrons of a post-office are not just as competent to select a Postmaster for themselves as is a congressman who is possibly not personally acquainted with half a dozen patrons of the offices. There is no obligation upon the part of the federal government to appoint or retain in office any postmaster not qualified to discharge the duties of the office. One of the main things advocated by Wilson and his friends was to bring the government nearer to the people. The primary election for postmasters will do this. The writer voted in the legislature, 1895, for the first primary election law ever enacted in Texas. Also had the primary election adopted by the democrats in this, Callahan county in 1892 to nominate all county and precinct candidates. The News will hardly claim that the democrats of any county in Texas are not capable of nominating county officers. If the democrats are capable of nominating county and state officers by a primary election it is absurd to say that they are not capable of selecting their local postmaster in the same way. The News favored a presidential primary election in Texas last year and we agreed with it. Will The News explain why a primary election is more desirable to nominate a candidate for president than to nominate a candidate for postmaster?

Judge Smith objected to a primary because there is no law to govern such an election and we believe The News agreed with him. A sufficient answer to this objection is that primary elections were held in Texas for many years before there was any law to govern them and we did not hear as much complaint about unfairness then as now. If people are dishonest you cannot make them honest by law and any law devised by man can be practically nullified by dishonest election officers. We would trust the average citizen to hold an election honestly without any law, just as implicitly as we would to swear them and give them a law even twice as long and ten times as strict as the Terrell monstrosity, misnamed an election law.

There is a movement on foot to have the legislature call a constitutional convention. Some believe this is an effort on the part of the pros and progressives to have state wide prohibition, the initiative referendum and recall saddled upon the people. We need a new constitution, but if the plan is being used for the purposes named the people ought to defeat it.

Mr. Ross has sold the material of the Baird Bulletin, formerly the Callahan County News, to J. L. Lightfoot, who has moved the outfit down on the coast. Thus ends a four years effort to maintain a second paper in Baird. The News ran along for two and a half years and suspended publication after some eight or ten changes of owners. The News was started as a Prohibition paper. Many pros believed and some predicted the News would run THE STAR out of business in a year or two. Of course the wish was father to the thought, but it did not work. One thing we can say, we got along fine with everyone who ran The News and Mr. Johnson who ran the Baird Bulletin for a year. None of them can truthfully say that we ever threw a single stone in their way, but on the contrary aided them in many ways, even loaning them material and often news in type. None of the men who were connected with the two publications, so far as we know, ever boasted that they had come run THE STAR out of business. We never bothered about what our competitors were doing but went on just as usual. The people of Baird may not realize it, but it is a fact that we have always spent more money on THE STAR than the business justified and no town the size of Baird has a better paper than Baird, many not so good. This is not said boastingly, but because it is a fact. Some ten or twelve persons connected with the News and Bulletin as editors and creditors have found out by experience that a second paper in Baird is not a paying proposition.

Cotton Mills to be Exempt From Taxation.



Louis J. Wortham Jno. G. Willacy

Anstin, Texas.—Hon. Jno. H. Kirby, chairman of the Committee on Manufacturing in the House, and Hon. V. A. Collins, chairman of the Committee on Manufacturing in the Senate, will probably have under consideration the exemption of cotton mills from taxation for a period of 25 years and many other measures calculated to encourage manufacturing.

There is really not as much business here as one paper ought to have to run successfully without being hampered financially. That is all.

SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE ROAD BONDS.

First. What is the use of building roads that only extend out in the country a mile or two? Answer: There are about 41 miles of roads in the precinct outside the town and so far as we know there is not a country road that is as short as one mile or even three miles, unless it is some branch road. Building good roads in the Baird Precinct will certainly cause other precincts to build.

Second: Says one. "I am opposed to issuing bonds by precincts, but will vote for county bonds or an increase in road tax. Many counties prefer the precinct plan, but there is nothing to prevent us holding an election for county road bonds. If the bonds fail in the precinct those who favor county bonds or an increased road tax will very likely have a chance to vote for one of the other plan. THE STAR is in favor of good roads, no matter what the plan.

Third: Some oppose the bonds because they say there is likely to be "graft" in building the roads. This is no argument at all, and those who use it probably would not vote for bonds under any consideration. The money will be under the control of the Commissioners' Court, and such an objection implies that we elected a set of "graters" as our Commissioners' Court. We don't think any would say the Court would permit "graft", but such argument implies such a charge.

Fourth: Some object to bonds because they say the next generation will have to pay the bonds. This old chestnut has been exploded so often we are surprised that any one will use it. If the bonds run 40 years one-fortieth of the amount must be paid each year. The next generation will pay just in proportion as this generation pays, no more and no less. If that is a valid objection it applies to all bond issues.

Fifth: One man says. "My tax is \$20.00 and if we vote the bonds it will increase my tax about \$3. and I could hardly raise the money to pay my taxes this year." If that is a good argument against good roads it is just as good to use against the school tax, city tax, water tax and so on.

The opponents of the road bonds say the proposition will be defeated. Perhaps so. We well remember the first election, 23 years ago, after the drouth in 1886-7 to vote a 20 cent school tax for Baird school was defeated by one majority when like, the road bonds, it required a two-thirds majority to carry. Most of those who voted against the tax realized that the victory they had won was one of the hardest licks the town ever got and if we could have had another election the tax would

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We ought to have built the school house, we now have, twenty years ago. We ought to have done more for the roads, but for the last few years we have done practically nothing, and it looks like we cannot do anything, or want, which amounts to the same thing. You hear talk of voting bonds for the whole county to build roads. That all sounds nice but Callahan county is not liable to vote bonds at any time soon. If Baird and Cross Plains defeat the bonds tomorrow it would be folly to call a county election until we can have the law changed so as to require a majority vote in place of a two-thirds majority.

Remember that all progressive towns are working for good roads. If Baird defeats the road bonds tomorrow how do the people of Baird ever expect to build good roads? We have not found any one of those who oppose the bonds who will admit that they do not want the roads improved. Some say they will vote for county road bonds, and some say they oppose bonds of any kind but favor a 30 cents tax. We think it useless to talk about county road bonds if the people of Baird defeat the bonds, because, as a rule, people of the towns realize the importance of good roads sooner than the people in the country. If we defeat the precinct bonds and then ask for an election on county bonds wont the country people throw it in our teeth that we refused to build roads ourselves but want the country people to build them for us? There would be no justification for such a charge, but see if those in the country who oppose bonds issues of all kinds don't use this argument. The town will pay about two-thirds of the tax if the bonds carry tomorrow and the money will all be spent in the district. If county bonds are voted, which is exceedingly doubtful, Baird Precinct will pay about one-fifth of the whole, and possibly get about one-twentieth of the amount back on roads in this precinct. This is one reason why we favor the precinct bonds in preference to county bonds. However, if the precinct bonds fail we will then favor county bonds or a 30 cent road tax.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Bryan—A committee has been named to draft a new charter for

this city.

Yorktown—Work on a new garage for Yorktown has been started. The plan is to be thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect.

Carlsbad—The San Angelo Telephone Company is to erect a new telephone exchange building in this city.

Denton—The Denton Oil and Development Company has been organized here with a capital of \$32,000. It will begin sinking a well on its property close to the city at once.

Wichita Falls—The lodge of Elks this city has purchased a lot upon which it is the intention to erect an Elk's building. The lot unimproved cost \$3,800.

Hughes Springs—A new guaranty states bank has been organized here with a capital of \$225,000.

IMPORT NEWS.

The Mexican revolution took a new turn Sunday when three thousand Federal troops revolted in the City of Mexico. Gens. Reyes and Diaz, rebel prisoners, were released and assumed command of the revolting troops. Gen. Reyes was killed in the battle that followed. Tuesday a seven hours battle was fought right in the heart of the city and immense damage to property resulted. The report yesterday was that they were still fighting. Gen. Diaz is a nephew of former President Diaz.

Gen. Reyes was said to have been the ablest general and statesman in Mexico.

It looks like the United States is bound to become involved in the struggle in Mexico.

War in the Balkans is with renewed vigor and it is difficult to learn the truth about the situation there, but from all accounts Turkey is hard pressed and unless the European powers intervene it looks as though the Turk will be driven out of Europe. Turkey and the Balkan States are all practically bankrupted by the war and it cannot last much longer.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. E. C. Seaman requests notice of change in program for services at Baird. There will be no service Saturday night as formerly announced but services will be held Sunday morning and at night; at 10 a. m. Sunday Holy Communion and Instruction and Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

Jackson & Jackson are making loans on farms and ranches at 8 per cent interest. 10-31.



NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Callahan, By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Callahan County, on the 10th day of Jan. 1913, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of L. J. Good versus Gordon Wetzel, No. 1121 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in March 1913, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: South 1-2 of a 140 acre tract in Callahan County, Texas, out of the 160 acre tract, patented to W. J. Bryson, assignee of A. J. Burke, and described as follows: Beginning at the N. E. Corner of this survey, the same being the N. W. Corner of the R. C. Atwood 160 acre tract; Thence South 1091 varas to a stake in the West Beg. line of said R. C. Atwood tract; Thence West 639 varas to a stake in the East boundary line of the J. Lavine survey; Thence North 1091 varas to a stake for corner; Thence East 636 varas to place of beginning.

This foreclosure being for the South of the tract above described, and having its East and West lines 545 2.10 varas in length and its North and South lines 639 varas in length, and this particular 70 acres being described in a deed from Hopson to Forst of date Jan. 15th 1908, and recorded in Callahan County, Deed Records, levied on as the property of Gordon Wetzell to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1520.75 in favor of L. J. Good and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of Feb. 1913.

F. F. Rains, Sheriff.

NOTICE W. O. W.

The Consul Commander has called a special meeting of Baird Camp No. 508, W. O. W. for Monday, Feby. 17th, at 7:30 p. m. for purpose of transacting any and all business that may come up at said special meeting.

Fraternally, J. Robert Black, Clerk.

Martin Barnhill returned, Sunday night, from Mardi Gras, N'w Orleans

THIS BANK Wants Your Business

We confess it. On the other hand, we know we are justified in thus asking your patronage. We not only offer our depositors every facility to be found in a modern institution, together with courteous consideration and the best of service, but we also assure you of Security for your money. Strength and Stability in management and methods. We will appreciate your business.

The First National Bank of Baird

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

- J. F. Dyer, President. Henry James, Vice President.
W. S. Hinds, Cashier. J. W. Turner, Asst. Cashier.
W. A. Hinds, Tom Windham

BUYING NEW SPRING GOODS



I have just returned from my Spring buying trip. I visited St. Louis Kansas City and Dallas and found the Wholesale Merchants very optimistic over business conditions and their houses overflowing with new Spring Goods. The displays were well up to the standard with no increase in prices. I availed myself of this excellent opportunity and have purchased the most serviceable line of Spring Goods that I have ever placed in my store. Mrs. Ricketts accompanied me and bought a most beautiful supply of Millinery Goods, which we will have on display on or before March 1st. My new goods are now arriving daily and we will take pleasure in showing you our entire line. Do not hesitate to ask my clerks for any information that they may be able to give you. I wish to state to my friends and customers that I will carry the only stock of Millinery Goods in Baird this season and it is not my intention to increase the price of these goods because I have no competition, but instead will sell at the reasonable prices that I have always asked for my merchandise. I am not going to "hold up" any one, but will continue to sell right goods at right prices.

ALREADY ARRIVED.

A nice line of Ladies Low Shoes, which we will be glad to show you. They consist of Black and Champaigne Kid, Gun Metal, Tan and Patent Leathers, all shown in lace, button and pump styles. Also many new Novelty Goods, just arrived by express. These consist of Ties, Collars, Belts Pins, Bar Pins, Laces and Embroideries, etc. A hearty welcome awaits you at my place of business:

The Store With A Conscience.

WILL D. BOYDSTUN

Dry Goods

Millinery

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

Following changes in Time Card to take effect, Sunday, Feb. 2, 1913.

East Bound.

No. 2. arrives - 10:50 p. m.

" 4 " - 12:01 p. m.

" 6 " - 1:25 a. m.

West Bound.

No. 1 arrives - 2:35 a. m.

" 3 " - 4:50 p. m.

" 5 " - 3:50 a. m.

Trains No. 1. and 2. stop at Roscoe.

Trains No. 3. 4. 5. and 6. are through trains to El Paso.

J. H. Rowley, Agent.

PERSONAL MENTION

H. L. Walker, of Admiral, was in town Wednesday.

Willis Windham, of Tecumseh, was in Baird, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill were in town, Wednesday.

Tom Windham, of Oplin, was in town the first of the week.

Be sure to hear the Strollers Quartette at the Auditorium, Wednesday Feby. 19th.

Good house in West part of town for rent. Jackson & Jackson. 10-11

Riley Austin, who lives near Eagle Cove, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. L. A. Mahan, of Big Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Mahan.

Arthur Young, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young, from the Bayou country, were in Baird Monday.

Strollers Quartette at the Auditorium, Wednesday, Feby. 19th. See ad on 7th page.

J. A. Hillis came in from El Paso the first of the week to spend a few days with his family.

Lunsford Hill and Robert Estes went to Hamby, Monday, after a bunch of mules.

Wanted.—Your new or renewal subscriptions to The Ladies' Home Journal and Saturday Evening Post.—Miss John Gilliland.

FOR RENT.

4 room house in east Baird for rent, or for sale on easy terms. J. W. Turner.

Gray Powell, of Cross Plains, visited the County Capital, yesterday.

Miss Lora Franklin returned home Tuesday from a two week's visit in Big Springs and Abilene.

Joe Shackelford, Walton Wagner, Dod Price and Virgil Hart of Cross Plains were in Baird for a few hours Tuesday.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church are planning a unique entertainment on the 17th of March. See more about this in next weeks paper

Miss Norma Lee Pace, who has been visiting friends and relatives here for sometime, left Thursday for her home in Mangum, Oklahoma.

County Health Officer Dr. Allen Shackelford has received his new auto and he is now prepared to chase all infectious or contagious diseases out of the county at a forty mile gait.

Judge W. R. Ely attended the County Judges' Convention at Fort Worth last week, got cartooned by the Record and says he learned a great deal about public roads and other things.

NOTICE CONFEDERATES

Members of Camp Albert Sidney Johnston are hereby notified that tomorrow is the regular meeting and annual election of officers.

Tom Floyd, Adj.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

H. M. Peebles, Pastor.

MISSION SOCIETY.

The Mission Society of the Methodist Church will meet at the Church Monday afternoon, Feb. 17th, at 4 o'clock.

LAND

I can trade you a good farm in Callahan Co. for Western Land or land in this county or sell you a farm cheap.

Write, phone or see me.

C. B. HOLMES,

Phone 11 Baird, Texas

If you want to subscribe for two or more magazines I can give you clubbing rates on them.—Miss John Gilliland.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

Mrs. C. H. Mahan entertained on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock in honor of her sister, Mrs. Harry Livingston of Bangs, who was formerly Miss Hannah Sheffield, most of the guests being former schoolmates of Mrs. Livingston. The rooms were most beautifully decorated in red and green, and the hours were pleasantly spent in playing "42." Refreshments of chicken salad, olives, crackers and chocolate were served by Mrs. Shirley P. Randolph and Mrs. L. A. Mahan. The guests were: Mesdames Elmer Walker, F. L. Driskill, H. D. Driskill B. Richardson, E. Reynolds, L. M. Hadley, Shirley P. Randolph, W. S. Hinds, J. Rupert Jackson, C. B. Holmes, Mrs. L. A. Mahan of Big Springs. Misses Bernice Foy, Nan Bell, Maria Bowyer, Maude Wilson, Mattie Scott, Mrs. Livingston and the hostess.

ADMIRAL DOTS.

We have had some real cold weather, plenty of ice and some snow. Our sick in this community are all improving.

Mrs. Flora Smartt has been real sick and we hear that Dr. Fraser has been called to see her.

Mr and Mrs. McWhorter have a new daughter at their home.

Mrs. Dollie Rucker, of Oplin, has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Davis.

Bob Black, of Baird, visits his mother real often despite the cold weather.

Mrs. Pierce is improving fast.

The singing at Mr. Eubanks' Sunday night, was enjoyed by all.

Tom Walker has a right sore foot caused by stepping on a nail.

Will Dawkins and mother, were pleasant callers at Wristen's store Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Willie Clements of West Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tula Martin.

We did not have church Sunday as our Pastor could not come. We hear his daughter is sick.

Mrs. Bob Harris is improving slowly.

Grandpa Finch, who has been very ill for the past week, is reported much better.

Mr. Clark Smith has had a spell of lagrippe.

"A. W."

Methodist Services.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. each Sabbath. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night at 7:15.

A. W. Waddill, Pastor.

TO THE VOTERS.

Pay no attention to extravagant claims made by the opponents of the road bonds; but go to the polls tomorrow and vote for Baird, because when you vote for good roads you vote for your town.

MARRIED.

A most beautiful and impressive wedding ceremony was solemnized Wednesday evening, Feby. 12, 1913, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy on the Bayou, when Miss Carrie McCoy and Mr. Preston D. Morris, of Coleman, were united in marriage by Rev. Waddill, of the Methodist Church. At the appointed hour to the accompaniment of Mrs. W. R. Ely, sister of the bride, Miss Ermine Wilson sang "My Dear" Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, the groom entered accompanied by his best man, Mr. Will McCoy, brother of the bride. Then came the bride accompanied by her maid of honor, Miss Mittie Brock. The bridal couple stood beneath an arch of green ferns from which was suspended a white wedding bell as the marriage vows were spoken.

The brides dress was of white satin made en train, her veil of maline was caught up with lillies of the valley. She carried an arm bouquet of cream rosebuds. Miss Brock's dress was pink chiffon over pink messaline and she carried an arm bouquet of pink rosebuds. Mrs. Ely was dressed in yellow chiffon over yellow satin. Miss Wilson white over blue.

A delicious supper was served. The bride and groom came to Baird and left on the 1:25 train for San Antonio and other points. The bride was becomingly attired in a tan suit and black hat.

Miss Carrie is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy, one of the oldest and most prominent families in Callahan county. Mr. Morris is a popular young ranchman of Coleman county.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris will make their home at the Morris ranch near Coleman.

Those from Baird who attended the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ely, Mrs. W. P. Cochran, Misses Lora Franklin, Corinne Barringer, Mittie and Laura Brock, Elsie McFarlane and Ermine Wilson, Messers Shackelford, Frank Austin, Jr. Everette Driskill, Clarence Brock, Virgil Hill, D. Young.

I have money to lend on land, or to buy Vendor's Lien notes, 5-St. L. L. Blackburn.

Our Responsibility.

We feel that our bank is worthy of your trust and confidence. Will you listen a moment while we tell you why? This bank takes pride in its reputation of carefully safeguarding the interests of its depositors. Every dollar of our capital and surplus stands ready to protect the depositors, to insure them that we are sound. Every stockholder stands liable for double the amount of his stock as a further guarantee that all is well. Every officer, director and stockholder is proud of the record this bank is making, and feels personally responsible for the confidence reposed in this bank by its patrons. We invite your confidence. We hope to continue to merit your friendship and esteem.

YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

The Home National Bank of Baird

S. L. Driskill, Pres. Harry Meyer, V. P. H. Ross, V. P.

T. E. Powell Cashier

F. L. Driskill, Asst. C.

Will C. Franklin, Asst. C.

Gave Up Hope

"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint, I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

For more than 50 years, Cardui has been relieving woman's sufferings, and making weak women strong and well. During this time, thousands of women have written, like Mrs. McPherson, to tell of the really surprising results they obtained by the use of this purely vegetable, tonic remedy for women.

Cardui strengthens, builds, restores, and relieves or prevents unnecessary pain and suffering from womanly troubles. If you are a woman, begin taking Cardui, today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 49

TURKISH TRADE MARKS

"BAZAR" TAKES PLACE OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT STORE.

Coffee Shop an Inseparable Accompaniment of Each Shop—Are Classified According to the Business Done.

Bazars take the place of department stores in Bagdad. The word "bazar" means bargain, but in the Turkish sense it is generally applied to a series of shops forming a continuous row on both sides of a thoroughfare. As Turkish streets are narrow, often only eight or ten feet wide, congestion results. The shops themselves are small, the more commodious being only eight by ten feet, and the smaller five by six feet. One whole side opens on the street.

In Bagdad, writes the American consul, bazars are divided into several classes, according to the location and the wares sold. The classification follows:

Karla bashi is the name of the bazar where groceries, candies and liquids are sold. Sug-el-shorga is where fruits and vegetables are sold. The name is also applied to the district, and it is generally understood that the drug stores are in the bazar sug-el-shorga, though it is so only by accident. In the sug-el-sarai wearing apparel, haberdashery, antiques and rugs are sold. Sug-el-chukhechi is the bazar where Bagdad-made cloth, such as prints, calico and silk goods, is sold. Yemenchia is the bazar where native shoes are manufactured and sold. Sug-el-sefafr is the coppersmith bazar. The copper is heated and worked while hot inside the shops, but the cold sheet copper is hammered into shape out in the street.

Bab-el-azha is occupied by the blacksmiths, tinsmiths and carpenters. The blacksmiths make chains, nails, locks and horse and donkey shoes. The tinsmiths manufacture tin vessels, pots, water cans and lanterns. The carpenters make practically all the furniture used there and coffins, doors and door and window frames.

Different bazars are segregated in different parts of the city, and the district often takes the name of the bazar. Some bazars are also named after the district in which they are situated, there being no sharp divisions of the bazar according to the material sold. An example is the bazar Sug-el-hanoun in the Jewish district, which is said to be patronized by Jews only. In each bazar there is a khan for every ten or twelve shops. These khans are two stories high and have an open court in the center, the rooms on the four sides all opening into the court. A large door leads from the open court into the street. The rooms in the khan are let to the different shopkeepers for their surplus wares.

Each bazar has a coffee shop, which is a large open place partly covered by a roof, where a large number of cheap wooden settees are arranged in rows. Any one who sits down in a coffee shop first gets a cup of Turkish coffee and then a native pipe in which Shirza tobacco is smoked. The charge for the coffee and the use of the pipe is about two cents. The coffee shop Quahwat Pasha is the "bourse" for the native business people. Here the merchants gather to discuss trade bills and other subjects. Representatives of the banks ascertain here the number of bills to be taken up and secure the facts from which they can determine the exchange rates for bills and for foreign coins. The rates are practically determined in the coffee shops.

Statue to Potatoes.

"When I was in Germany last year," says a man who travels, "I saw some people who like potatoes even better than I do. At any rate, they erect statues to them, and even if I could afford it I hardly think I should do that.

"Offenberg was the first city to erect a monument of this kind. The

upper part consists of a statue of Sir Francis Drake, who introduced the plant into Europe. This, as well as the pedestal, is draped with garlands of the potato vine, with full-grown tubers attached.

On the pedestal, on one side, is Sir Francis Drake's name, the second side explains what a blessing the potato has been to mankind, the third records that the statue is the gift of a certain Andrew Frederick of Strasburg. The fourth contains the names of the erectors. A statue similar to this is placed in the town of Murz, and I have been told that there are other copies in many small towns."

New Arctic Cruise.

Pedro Christofferson, a rich Norwegian living in Buenos Ayres, whose contributions largely assisted in the equipment of the expedition which discovered the south pole, has recently furnished the money necessary to complete the Amundsen expedition into the north polar regions. The ship of this explorer will be fitted out in San Francisco and will sail in June, 1913, with supplies for five years, although it is expected to accomplish the objects of the voyage in three years. The vessel will be sent as far north in the Bering sea as possible and then, entering the ice, will drift across to Greenland, and it is hoped to get nearer the north pole in the vessel than did any of the previous expeditions. No special effort will be made to seek the pole, but the expedition will make a number of investigations and observations which may be of great value.

WHEN WIZARDS CUT LOOSE

Compete Among Themselves in Performance of Wonders at Banquet in London.

The wizards at Anderton's hotel at the seventh annual banquet of the Magic circle, under the presidency of Nevil Maskelyne, bore themselves like ordinary citizens for the greater part of the evening. Their real and extraordinary nature came out, however, at last. The magicians began competing among themselves in the performance of wonders.

Cecil Lyle started hat trimming by magic, causing an ostrich plume and some white fox trimming to drape itself on an untrimmed hat without the agency of human hands. Chris Hilton manufactured Union Jacks and other flags out of plain colored handkerchiefs. William Dawkes fused a number of billiard balls into one. Herbert Collings produced out of an empty sealed envelope replies to advertisements taken at random from a daily newspaper, while Dr. Herschell carried out a series of uncanny tricks with cards. In an interval, when the normal reigned for a time, Miss Sybil Goodchild sang one or two songs. Immediately afterwards, however, the magicians recommenced competing one against the other in bewildering exhibitions of magical skill.

It was self-evident that evening dress, so far as modern magicians are concerned, is a mere deception. Even without the wand, the pointed shoes and the cabalistic signs upon their clothes, there are unquestionably magicians still.—London Telegraph.

TOUCH AND QUICK DEATH

Theater Owner Mourns Gudden Demise of His Friend, the Press Agent.

Jake Tannenbaum, who owns a big heater in Mobile, goes to New York two or three times a year and there meets a lot of his friends. One morning before he had left his hotel for a stroll on Broadway, a press agent who had met him in Mobile rushed in and engineered a swift touch.

"Mr. Tannenbaum," he said breathlessly, "I've got to have \$20! It's a matter of life and death. Lend me that twenty, will you?"

"That's all very well," replied Tannenbaum, "but when do I get it back?"

"I'll give it back to you at 2 o'clock this afternoon," the press agent reassured him.

"But will you?"

"Mr. Tannenbaum I'll give it to

you at that time if I'm alive."

The theater owner handed out the money.

At 2:30 that afternoon Jake, walked down Broadway, displaying on his coat sleeve a tremendous band of crape. There were tears in his eyes, and if Niobe had been living he would have made her grief look like a fit of laughing hysterics.

"It's a sad thing," he lamented. "I'm all broken up. A young friend of mine, a press agent whom I knew well in Mobile, died some time before 2 o'clock this afternoon."—Popular Magazine.

Eternal Fitness of Things.

A person with a highly developed artistic nature always reminds me of a violin whose strings have been "strung up too tight." This is rather a homely manner of putting it, but if any of my readers have lived, or are now residing, with any one who possesses this trait, they will more than likely recognize the point of resemblance.

A little strain or a sudden harsh note is apt to "let down the whole thing," and the music of the artist's life will be a discordant measure, just from the effects of one false note. Should the person but have the power to use a little good taste and common sense along with their genius, then the strain will amount to nothing—the notes will sound clear and sweet above the humdrum of life, and the harmony will go on and on, to brighten the lives of all others.

Every living being has a place to fill, and if they choose, they can "fit" that place so that their lives will be complete and beautify the pattern which an all-wise Creator designed.

Punished.

"Camp life," said the returned war correspondent, "was not without its disagreeable features. Frequently we missed meals because the cookee didn't know the range. Often our meals consisted of hot shot served on the half shell. Even coming back on the transport we couldn't get up card games because the ship had only a quarter deck. Even the men's wages suffered, for when our boat landed we were docked."

The managing editor looked at him in withering scorn, then transferred him to the Wall street office.

"This," he said, "will help you to curb your stock of miserable puns."

Impression Made.

It was snowing hard, and the teacher sought to impress upon her charges the advisability of avoiding colds.

"This is the time," she said, "when boys and girls should be very careful while outdoors. I had a darling little brother, eight years old. One day he took his new sled and went out to play in the snow. That evening, before going to bed, he complained of severe pains in his chest. The next morning he grew worse, pneumonia set in, and two days later he died."

The deep silence that followed this tale was finally broken when an aggressive looking youngster in the rear of the room stood up and inquired: "Where's his sled?"—Collier's Weekly.

MAN IS PUBLIC BENEFACTOR

John Ware's Act Should Bring Relief to a Few Distressed Souls.

"While working through a mining district recently I saw an advertisement in a country paper that ought to bring relief to a few distressed souls," said the traveling salesman. "It headed the personal column, and said:

"Be it hereby known to all my correspondents that I have this day destroyed all letters that they would wish to be destroyed. JOHN WARE."

"That notice was so extraordinary that I stopped over for a late train and called on John Ware. He was a genial old man and willing to talk. He said he was a person to whom people voluntarily imparted secrets; that many persons in bursts of confidence had written letters that no doubt afterward regretted having written. Sometimes they said, 'Destroy this,' sometimes they didn't. Anyhow, John Ware had kept most of these incriminating letters. But now that he was getting old he had seen what harm might result from those letters falling into strange hands, and he had taken that novel way of notifying his correspondents that they were safe.

"That talk with John-Ware set me thinking. The first thing I did when I got back home was to burn a batch of letters."

Social Amenities in Macedonia.

Almost at the moment we entered Beroea a shot was heard, and a policeman who was trying to disarm an Albanian who was carrying weapons contrary to the law was laid low. So far as we could learn the Albanian quietly walked off unpursued, while the poor policeman breathed his last on the train that took us back to Saloniki that same afternoon as he was being carried to the hospital. Such an incident, seemingly commonplace, told volumes about the Albanian peril, and the antipathies between the irreconcilable races of Macedonia. In spite of the murder things seemed to go on quietly and peacefully enough in the streets of Beroea. The merchants in the tiny shops sold their goods in leisurely fashion. Little girls with cocked knitting needles plied them industriously as they walked along. The unusual advent of four strangers, for an American missionary and a Greek pastor accompanied us, seemed to give the Beroeans no little diversion as we made our way with interested curiosity through the narrow streets.—Christian Herald.

GRANT CHILD RIGHTS

LET HIM MOLD HIMSELF, IS ADVICE GIVEN BY WRITER.

Putting it in Another Way, a Little: "Letting Alone" is a Wise Course for Parents to Pursue—Matter of Freedom.

Let your children alone. Do not neglect them. There is a difference between a wise letting alone and a foolish neglect.

There have been probably as many children spoiled by over-management as by negligence.

Don't forget that the prime right of a child is the right to his own personality. In fact, his chief business in life is to develop properly the expression of that personality. How can he do this if he is continually heaped and thwarted by you?

A child learns by three means—by experience, by example and by atmosphere.

It is doubtful if didactic teaching and preaching ever did much good to anybody, child or grown-up. Only inspirational preaching is of any account.

To let the child touch the stove and get hurt a little is far better than to say "You mustn't touch it!"

Be chary of your commands. Every useless order is a burden that interferes with his growth and tends to alienate him from you.

Let him run as free as you dare. One lesson he learns from his own experience is worth a dozen he gets from you.

How many little lives are rendered utterly wretched by the loving but irritating tyranny of parents. The little ones are crossed at every turn. The mother is continually scolding, the father breaking in at times with sharp prohibitions.

The queer part of all this is that those parents think they are doing their high duty by the child. They propose to give their children some "bringing up" and not let them "run wild." So they cramp, thwart, oppose the growing mind.

Children are sharp. They soon adjust themselves to this, and get their parents' measure. Then they turn to become one or two things—"good," that is, shrewd little hypocrites, prigs and time-servers; or "bad," that is, angrily insistent upon having a life of their own.

Study the child, seek to bring out what is in him. Don't study your catechism or "system of education" and try to make your child measure up to that.

There is no genuine morality without freedom.

Anything done from fear is immoral. Even the "goodness" your child puts on because he is afraid of you is wicked.

Quit trying to mold your child. Stand by and help him. Let him mold himself. Be his friend. Let him feel you understand him.

A lot of our "moral principle" is mere self-conceit and vanity of opinion, and we think we are doing God's services when we impose our egotism on others, particularly upon helpless youth.

Study the child, live with him, enter into his life and point of view, encourage him in what he wants to do, sympathize with him.—Exchange.

Da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

The Mona Lisa of Leonardo da Vinci represents "Madonna Lisa," a Neapolitan, wife of Zanobi del Giocondo, from whose name the painting is also known as La Gioconda. The subtle, baffling expression is of a kind that the artist particularly delighted in, and here brought nearest to perfection. The painting was finished by Leonardo in 1506. It is said that he worked on it for four successive years and used to have music played while his model was sitting in order that the expression which he wished to render might not disappear from her face.

Francis I. of France bought the painting from the artist for 4,000 gold florins, and ever since it has been in the possession of France. Until it was stolen recently it was one of the most renowned treasures of the Louvre gallery in Paris. It has inspired numerous authorities on art to rapturous outbursts of praise, among which the most celebrated is that of the English critic, Walter Pater.

Making the Best of Things.

Mr. Paterfamilias was having an economical streak.

"Am I going to have to buy new winter underwear for the whole family this year?" he asked.

"No, dear," answered Mrs. P., brightly cheerful. "Your flannels have shrunk enough to fit Johnny, and Johnny's have shrunk so that Billy can wear them, and Billy's are now small enough for the baby. All you have to do is to get some for yourself—I have my fur neckpiece."

Just think how you can save on the high cost of living by having a big and well-graded family.—Exchange.

Found Hidden Spring.

Solving the secret of a hidden spring which opened a case of valuable miniatures at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Daniel C. Lavery stole \$2,000 worth of art treasures, according to his admission in court. The robbery is the first of the kind at the museum. Just how Lavery gained possession of the secret of the spring is a mystery. His arrest followed an attempt to dispose of some of the articles.

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NORA'S BLUE EYES

One of Many Romances of the Great Receiving Room at Ellis Island.

By HAROLD CARTER.

Dr. Sergius O'Flanahan, stationed at his post in the great receiving room at Ellis Island, examining immigrants for trachoma, let his hands fall upon his apron and gasped. He found himself staring into a sweet face upturned twinkled with fun and then suddenly to his and into two blue eyes that clouded with sorrow.

"Nora Mulcahy!" he muttered. "Glory be! I guess there's nothing the matter with your eyes, Nora. How did you get here?"

"Whist! You're holding up the line, Sergius," said Nora. "I'll see you afterward at the place they're sending me to, unless they won't let me go there."

Then she was gone and Sergius O'Flanahan was resuming his daily prosaic task of examining eyes. He looked into several hundred pairs that morning, but none of these affected him in the least like the blue eyes of Nora Mulcahy, his former sweetheart.

"Mulcahy?" asked the official to whom he applied. He turned to his register. "That little Irish girl? They're holding her in the detention room until her man comes. He was to have met her. They won't let her in if he doesn't come."

So Sergius found her in the detention room, her eyes piteously red, her face white, her lips trembling. At the sight of him a faint smile came to her lips, and presently she was twinkling



"Nora, is it too late?" He asked softly.

with laughter again. Nora was never sad for more than a few minutes together.

"Sure, Nora, this is a bad business," said the young doctor, sitting down beside her. "I hear you're to be married."

"That I am," answered Nora, looking sidewise at him. "It's a bad business," said O'Flanahan again. "Who is it, Nora darlin'?" "You mustn't call me that, Sergius, nor squeeze my hand," said Nora primly. "I wouldn't have thought it of you, Doctor O'Flanahan."

"I'm not squeezing it, Nora; I'm just holding it," said Sergius, and, as she made no protest, he continued holding it. "Who is the lucky man?" he continued. "Is it Piggy MacShane?"

"Now do you think that I'd be after marrying MacShane?" cried Nora indignantly. "No, indeed it isn't."

"Then it's Terry MacBride; bad luck to him," cried Sergius. "I knew he'd get you, Nora, if you didn't take care. Is it MacBride?"

"No, it isn't MacBride," said Nora faintly. "And please—please don't ask me. You'd be so jealous." "Then I know who it is for sure," said the young doctor. "It's Ellis O'Flaherty. Ellis, who always boasted that he'd get you and went to Chicago four years ago and made his pile fattening pigs."

"And what if he does fatten pigs, Sergius O'Flanahan?" exclaimed Nora indignantly. "He's worth his ten thousand dollars today, is Ellis, if he's worth a penny. Mind you," she added, "I'm not saying that it is Ellis, though."

"I know it's Ellis," answered Sergius O'Flanahan gloomily. "I knew he'd get you. He always beat me out of everything. Do you remember when he won the pig at the fair by staying on the mule when I got pitched into the mud? He was always great on pigs, Ellis was. Ah, Nora, if only you hadn't turned me down when I asked you, before I left the Old Sod to walk a lonely wanderer over the earth. Twice I asked you and each time you said no."

"Twice!" exclaimed Nora. "Why, Ellis asked me seven times before he sailed and wrote me five times afterward. Why didn't you try me again, Sergius?" she continued softly.

The young doctor edged closer toward her. "You'd—you'd have taken me, Nora?" he whispered.

Then he saw that the tears stood in her eyes again. He clasped her in his arms, and she did not resist but lay there.

"Nora, is it too late?" he asked

softly. "We were a couple of young fools to quarrel over nothing at all, asthore. And all the years I've been in America I've been seeing your sweet face before me night and day, darlin'. And when I wrote you from Newark, when I had my last job there, I was sure you'd come out to me, but you didn't even answer me. Wouldn't you rather take a fine, rising young doctor with a government job than old Ellis O'Flaherty, with his ten thousand dollars and his pig-sticking?"

Nora was smiling up at him as she lay in his arms.

"Yes, Sergius, darling, I'd like to," she whispered. "But now—now that they've sent a telegram to the man I've come out to marry I'm afraid it's too late. He may be here any moment. And how would I look, walking off with the doctor? If only I'd known you were here. How long have you been at Ellis Island, Sergius?"

"A month last Saturday," the doctor answered. "Why?"

"O, nothing," sighed Nora. "Nora, asthore," whispered Sergius, "it isn't too late. I think I can square the folks here. They can't hold you so long as you've got some means of support. And I can support you, Nora, yes, even if I lose my place in consequence. And I guess a woman's always privileged to change her mind."

"And what about Ellis, Sergius?" inquired Nora demurely.

"It is Ellis, then?"

"I'm not saying it's Ellis," Nora protested.

Sergius O'Flanahan snapped his fingers. "Nora," he said, "you always were a tease. If I'd had a grain of sense in the old days I'd have captured you and carried you to the priest and made you marry me before you knew what I was doing to you. But it isn't too late yet. And as for Ellis, a man who lets a chance like you slip through his fingers isn't worth the having. Now I've got you and I'm going to keep you. Come along and see the commissioner."

He led her out of the detention room, along the corridor, and up the stairs to the room in which the offices of the commissioner are situated. He paused at the door.

"I'd like to see you a minute, sir," he called.

"Come in, O'Flanahan," the commissioner answered. "Let the lady come in. By the way, here's a telegram just come for you. I held it here, knowing you'd be up for the board meeting. You'd better open it."

The doctor tore open the envelope and pulled out the missive inside. He read:

"Yes, Sergius, Nora."

It had been re-sent from Newark. And the place of dispatch was Ellis Island.

Nora was looking over his shoulder. Now, as he began to understand, she snatched the telegram out of his hands.

"Don't you understand, you stupid?" she whispered. "It was you. I sent it to you at Newark when I landed here. It's you, you, you, and not Ellis O'Flaherty at all."

A sound behind them made them start. The commissioner, with his back turned, was coughing exceedingly loudly.

"I beg your pardon, doctor," he said, turning round. "What was it that you wanted to see me about?"

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JUDGE WILLING TO PLEASE

Protesting Prisoner Escaped With Light Sentence After He Had Put Up an Argument.

Judges were very considerate in the old days. Lord Brampton, in his "Reminiscences," relates a story illustrating this:

Baron Martin, a famous English jurist of the old school, whose native leniency and sense of fun often placed him at the mercy of the very men he was trying, was once about to sentence an old offender charged with a petty theft.

"Look," said the baron, with an assumption of severity; "I hardly know what to do, but you can take six months."

"I can't take that, my lord; it's too much," said the prisoner, respectfully but firmly. "I can't take it. Your lordship sees I didn't steal very much, after all."

The baron indulged in one of his low, chuckling laughs before replying:

"Well, that's very true; ye didn't steal much," he said. "Well, then, ye can take four months. Will that do—four months?"

"Nay, my lord, but I can't take that, either," was the reply.

"Then tak' three."

"That's nearer the mark, my lord," the prisoner said, approvingly. "But I'd rather you made it two, if you will be so kind."

"Verra well, then, tak' two," said the judge, with the air of one who is pleased to have done the right thing at last. "And mind, don't come again. If you do I'll give yer—well, it all depends!"

Forty and a Bittock.

The novelist, Barrie, has given a new phrase, a Scottish phrase which may be adopted into the English language. It is to take the place of the awkwardly polite terms of "a woman of uncertain age," or "of years of discretion." His phrase is "forty and a bittock." A "bittock" is Scotch for a bit more or a short distance. It may mean five years or twenty years. In the case of Madame Yale, Lillian Russell or that woman of imperishable youth, Sarah Bernhardt, it might mean even more years beyond forty.

ENJOYED HIS DINNER

REAL SOUTHERN FEAST SURPRISE FOR COLORED MAN.

Probably Appreciated "Spread" Offered by Disappointed Hostess More Than the Expected Guest Would Have Done.

One evening my husband came home with the news that Dr. Baird of North Carolina was in town. I was delighted at the thought of seeing an old friend from my native place; so we called at once and asked him to stay with us while he was in the city. He could not conveniently accept the invitation, but as he expected to remain in town over Sunday he promised to dine with us on that day.

The thought of entertaining my good old family doctor filled me with happiness. I was determined to show him that I had not forgotten the art of southern cookery, although I was married to a northern man and lived in a northern city. So I planned a simple, old-fashioned Carolina dinner, and soon had grocers and butchers at their wits' ends trying to find me a genuine country-cured ham, white corn meal and real Virginia sweet potatoes.

Frieda, my cook, yielded her place, and I took entire charge. On Saturday I boiled the ham, and cooled it in its own liquor, into which I had dropped a gill of molasses and a hint of spices; it was delicious. On Sunday morning I did the rest of the cooking; the batter bread browned beautifully; the grated sweet potato pudding, with its quart of rich cream, was excellent; I did not forget the doctor's taste for gravy with rice, or his favorite lettuce salad.

When the table was set I was proud of it; the snowy linen, the shining silver and the pretty china and glass were certainly attractive. And then we sat down to watch for our guest. Noon came, one o'clock, two o'clock, and still no Dr. Baird. But at 2:15 o'clock a leisurely messenger boy sauntered up and handed us a hastily pencilled note. A telegram had come from home urging Dr. Baird's immediate return. In fact, he had left.

We ate in disappointed silence, and after dinner my husband went out for a few minute's walk. I went out to the porch, and as I stood there I saw a rather dilapidated old colored man come up the street, picking his way carefully over the icy sidewalk. He stopped and I heard him ask my husband:

"Sah, ken you tell me whah a pussen might git a bite to eat? I's a stranger in this heah town—"

"Well," my husband said, "it depends on whether a 'pussen' likes rice and gravy and boiled sliced ham—do you?"

The old man took off his hat. "That I does, sah; yes, sah."

"And Virginia batter bread?" "Virginia batter bread?" the stranger repeated, gently. "Why, boss, I was brung up on that. Co'se I does."

"How about sweet-potato pudding?" At this the old man laughed and shuffled his broken shoes in the snow.

"Boss, you's just foolin'—I knows you is."

"No, I am not," my husband replied. "See that house? Go round to the back door and ask the lady for a bite—it's all there waiting for you."

I turned and ran back to the dining room. "Frieda," I said, "make a cup of hot coffee." Then I added, "Man proposes but God disposes." Frieda did not understand, but I couldn't help saying it. In a moment I heard the old man's timid but hopeful rap.

I asked him in, called him "uncle," after the southern fashion, and bade him sit down and have his dinner. I shall never forget the bewildered expression on his face as he dropped his shabby old hat on the floor beside his chair and looked over the table. As I beckoned to Frieda, and we left him to his feast, I heard him say:

"Well, bless Gawd!—Youth's Companion."

Fire Prevention Responsibility.

Woman as a factor in fire prevention was an important feature of the organization work of the "Fire Show" which was given in Madison Square Garden, New York. Domestic fire prevention is rapidly being reduced to a science by expert specialists. Good housekeeping means neatness and cleanliness, and neatness and cleanliness should in themselves do away with those stacks of inflammable rubbish, in corners, closets and store rooms, that are the cause of so many fires. Some of the points emphasized at the show were that super-heated attics have caused many fires; ordinary matches will ignite at 110 degrees F.; fireproof installation of stoves means the saving of many child lives, etc.

The fire peril, it is contended, is just as great in many metropolitan residences as in suburban and rural homes because of conditions that intelligence and care would do away with. A special committee of women had charge of this department of the fire show.

Eighty-Three, and at College.

One of the regularly enrolled students of the University of Wisconsin is Mrs. Amy Winship, aged eighty-three. She is known as "the oldest junior in the world." Some of her grandchildren got ahead of her in the winning of a college diploma, but she promises herself now that she will soon overtake them. "I can't remember when I did not believe in woman's suffrage," she says.

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Wanted—all the fat cattle in Callahan county. Phone or call at the Wilson Market. 10t

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\$100.00 REWARD.

I will pay \$100.00 Reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who burned my pasture on Jan. 30th 1913. W. J. Harris. 9tf

Farm For Sale.

The Blackshear farm near Silver Valley, Coleman Co. See or write Mrs. Nannie Wallace, Baird.

**GET READY NOW FOR DRY WEATHER
NEXT SUMMER.**

It is a well known fact that even in the more humid climates a crop is seldom raised that has not at some time during its growth suffered for the want of water. This need of moisture is especially felt over the larger portion of Texas and the western country. Yet even in the driest sections of the country the annual rainfall is generally ample to make at least one crop a year. The great trouble is not that there has not been sufficient rain, but that a large portion of that rain came at a time when the crop did not need it, and instead of being held in the soil until it was needed, the greater portion ran off or evaporated. Twenty inches of rain, the average for even the driest sections, if it were all saved and supplied to the crop as needed, would supply enough water to make one hundred and twenty-six bushels of corn. Of course, it will seldom be possible to save all of this rainfall, but by proper handling of the soil much larger quantities of this moisture, than is usually done, can be saved.

The chief source of this loss of rain water are the running off from the surface and evaporation from the soil during dry weather. As a matter of fact even in sections where the rainfall is frequent and gentle, not over fifty per cent of the water in this form is absorbed by the soil. The rate with which soils absorb rainfall, varies both with the kind of soil and the rapidity of the precipitation. Coarse grain soils, and soils the surface of which are loose and open, will absorb much more of the rain water than will soils that are fine textured and more compact. Again, if the surface of the soil is level, it will be able to absorb a greater portion of the rainfall than if it has an incline, and at the same time the same soil will absorb more of the water if its surface is rough and uneven than were it perfectly smooth.

Since the greater portion of Texas and our western country consists of fine clays containing very small spaces between the particles of soil for the absorption of water, and further, since the majority of our rainfall comes in heavy downpours and at a time when our crops are not growing upon the land, this problem of saving the moisture within the soil until it will be needed by the plants, is of paramount importance and yet after all a comparatively simple one of solution.

First we must take steps to so prepare the soil that it will store as much of the moisture that comes to it as possible. The way to do this is to plow that soil as deeply as possible before the usual winter or early spring rains. The deeper this is done, the greater will be the absorptive area, and the more moisture will be stored within the soil for the use of our plants next summer. It is of especial importance that this fall and winter breaking shall be deeply done, as we must store the moisture deep down in the soil so as to prevent it being lost by evaporation. In breaking the land for the saving of moisture it will be well to break it in rows or leave it rough while the rains are coming. If the land has a fall in one direction, then run the rows nearly level so that they will catch and hold as much water as possible. But as soon as the surface soil begins to get dry, we must get busy to prevent the loss of moisture by evaporation. As long as the rains are coming the movement of moisture is downward into the soil. But when the surface soil begins to dry out, then the moisture that has been stored in the deeper layers is brought back to the surface to take the place of that which has been evaporated, and it in turn escapes through the atmosphere. This loss can be prevented by frequent stirring of the surface soil. This stirring breaks capillary tubes that bring the water to the surface and the water is held in the soil for the later use of our plants.

To show the immense gain in soil water by plowing before the rains come, it might be well to state that as the result of one determination it was found that there were one hundred and forty tons more water in an acre of land that had been so treated than in a similar acre not fall plowed. In another instance, out of fourteen determinations fall plowing showed a larger water content in every instance, ranging from seventy-two to two hundred and sixty-four tons per acre more water than was to be found in a similar acre plowed after the rains were over.

By deep plowing before the rains, followed by good cultivation to save the stored water, the amount of water available for our plants can be increased nearly fifty per cent. With such an increase there should never, even in our driest sections, be such a scarcity of water as to cause a loss of the crop. The best insurance against a drouth next summer is deep plowing this winter and early spring. Turn the land if possible to a depth of at least eight inches and then follow this plowing with some implement in each furrow that will stir the soil at least another four or six inches. With such preparation before the rains come, such soil should and will absorb enough water to insure a crop next summer, whether the rains are scarce or not.—Texas Industrial Congress.

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—OF THE—
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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$126,759.10
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,001.32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	125.00
Bonds, Securities, Etc.	2,192.22
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,814.90
Other real estate owned	8,012.50
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	1,724.05
Due from State Banks and Bankers	123.33
Due from approved reserve agents	27,261.43
Checks and other cash items	1,114.40
Notes of other National Banks	1,985.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	213.15
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	7,565.60
Legal-tender notes	7,992.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	None
Total	\$ 217,983.40
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,369.92
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	6,585.86
Due to State Banks and Bankers	1,230.01
Dividends unpaid	220.00
Individual deposits subject to check	124,244.31
Time certificates of deposit	5,129.94
Cashier's checks outstanding	213.45
Total	\$ 217,983.40

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Callahan, } ss.
I, W. S. HINDS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. S. HINDS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3th day of Feb. 1913.
Notary Public, Callahan county, Texas
Correct—Attest:
J. F. DYER,
T. WINDHAM,
W. A. HINDS } Directors.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the postoffice at Baird, Texas, for the week ending Feb. 8, 1913. When calling for same, please say "advertised."
John J. Strickland,
Geo. R. McManis, P. M.

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At Baird, in the State of Texas at the close of business, Feb. 4, 1913.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$143,051.22
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,818.96
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	900.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	18,455.36
Other real estate owned	2,982.50
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	33,432.92
Due from State banks and bankers	750.34
Due from approved reserve agents	22,938.44
Checks and other cash items	2,445.14
Expense	65.16
Notes of other National Banks	2,945.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	365.25
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$5,690.45
Legal-tender notes	3,066.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	2,500.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	1,200.00
Total	292,138.74
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	
National Bank notes outstanding	49,000.00
Due to other National Banks	27,359.48
Dividends unpaid	100.00
Individual deposits subject to check	147,119.62
Time certificates of deposit	8,332.22
Cashier's checks outstanding	224.42
Total	292,138.74

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T. E. POWELL, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Feb. 1913.
Notary Public Callahan Co., Texas
Correct—Attest:
Harry Meyer,
Martin Barnhill,
H. W. Ross } Directors.

Teller Blakley returned home to day from Midland.
County Health Officer Dr. Shackelford reports several cases of diptheria around Eola. All cases quarantined

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Rare savings for the man or woman that appreciates the worth of a Dollar. We at all times keep a full line of Dry Goods, Men's and Boys Clothing, Shoes, etc. In our Ladies Ready-to-Wear Department we have suits, coats, dresses, skirts, house dresses, and underwear, also Children's coats, dresses and underwear at most reasonable prices. "Live and let live" is our motto. Come in and let us show you our goods and give you our prices before you buy.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The State of Texas County of Callahan On this the 14th day of Jan., 1913, the Commissioners Court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of W. D. Boydston and 87 other persons, praying that bonds be issued by Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, in the sum of \$75,000.00 bearing five per cent rate of interest, maturing forty years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof. And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas. It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas, on the 15th day of February 1913, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars; bearing five per cent rate of interest and maturing forty years from the date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper

published in said Road District No. One for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in the County, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three weeks prior to said election. Said election shall be held at Baird, Texas, at the Court House thereof and the following named person is hereby appointed manager of said election, F. S. Bell. Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road Improvement District Act passed by the first called session of the Thirty-first Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of the Tax in payment thereof," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the issuance of Bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof." The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections. A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the county judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, for four successive weeks preceeding said election, and to cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door,

for three weeks prior to said election. W. R. ELY, 6-4 County Judge Callahan Co. Tex.

He Laughed 'Till He Died.

Taylorburg, Ohio.—Abe Skinner, the village pessimist laughed himself to death from reading BIFF! the Great American Magazine of Fun which is making greater strides than any other magazine before the American public today. It is a magazine that will keep the whole family in a good humor. The Staff of Biff contains the greatest artists, caricaturists, critics and editors on the continent. It is highly illustrated and printed in many colors. It will keep the whole family cheerful the year round. You can afford to spend \$1.00 a year to do this. Send this clipping and a one dollar bill today to The Biff Publishing Co. Dayton, Ohio, for one year's subscription. 9-31.

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