

The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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NO. 5

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Work On Bankhead Highway No. 1's First Ten Miles Will Start March 1st

County Judge Victor B. Gilbert told The Star reporter yesterday that efforts are being pushed forward to have the first section of Bankhead Highway, ten miles in length, starting from the Eastland County line, ready for the contractor's bid by the first of March.

"Work is progressing satisfactorily on the surveys and compilation of road plans and data on Bankhead Highway No. 1," said Judge Gilbert, "extending from the Eastland to the Taylor County line, through Callahan County.

"It is the present intention to divide the road into three sections, approximately ten miles in length each. The first section extends from the Eastland County line to the Mexia Creek bridge, a distance of 9.7 miles, and it is estimated that at least 90 per cent of the concrete of the whole system will be used in the construction of this first section of the road. The estimated cost of this section of the road is \$182,750.

"The second section, which will probably extend from the Mexia Creek bridge to the west limits of Baird, and the third section from the west limits of Baird to the Taylor County line, have only had preliminary lines run over them, and the location of the road has not been established at this time.

"The Chief Engineer of the T. & P. Railway Company has assured us that a reduction of the grade on the road between Baird and Clyde is likely, but no indication as to when it would be, or whether it would involve changing the present road, was not definitely stated by him.

"The present location, so far as it is known now, follows the north side of the railroad in practically a parallel manner to Putnam from Eastland, remaining on the north side, but veering northwest, almost intersecting the old road where it turns west just east of the Mexia Creek Bridge; thence along the old road into Baird.

"It is the purpose of every body concerned to eliminate all grade crossings, under or over passes being constructed where intersection with the railroad is necessary. We will eliminate five such crossings in the county.

"It is impossible," continued Judge Gilbert, "to describe in detail the road as it will be built: A six-inch sledge-stone base, eighteen feet wide, with four-inch water-bound macadam and one-and-a-half inch bituminous topping, will in all probability be the type used.

"Engineer Webb has made a careful examination of the rock along the way, and has forwarded specimens to the testing department of the University of Texas for analysis and he is of the opinion that enough rock of an acceptable quality is available without a railroad haul.

"It is thought that at least two-and-a-half miles will be saved as over the old road in distance. Our road will be the best of its kind yet constructed.

"Now," concluded the Judge, "I trust the information I have thus briefly given you will be understandable by Star readers. Everybody is interested in the highway, and if I have omitted any point of interest come and see me again and I'll do my best to enlighten you."

ENDORSE S. M. N. MARRS AND DISTRICT INSTITUTES

At the recent Callahan County Teachers' Institute, two resolutions, one endorsing State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marrs for reelection and the other favoring District Teachers' Institutes in stead of the present County Institutes:

The resolution endorsing Superintendent of Public Instruction Marrs is as follows:

Resolved, that we, the teachers of Callahan County, Texas, appreciating the need for a fuller knowledge of the educational conditions in our State, do heartily approve of the educational survey about to begin, and that we pledge our utmost support in any way that it can be given.

That we have the greatest confidence in the ability of State Superintendent Marrs to give Texas a constructive program of school administration; and that should he desire to offer his services for another term, we pledge him our support.

That we heartily approve of State Superintendent Marrs' stand on the Free Text Book situation in Texas; be it

Resolved, that the Institute extend their hearty appreciation and thanks to Rev. Chas. A. Loveless and Judge Victor E. Gilbert for their warm welcome to Baird; be it further

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Miss Carter, Prof. Roy Bedecheck, Dean H. C. Speck, Hon. G. Bloodworth, Prof. Rupert N. Richardson, President Morelock and Dr. Hunt for their masterly inspirational addresses.

That the teachers of Callahan County extend to the Baird School Board our sincere thanks and appreciation for the use of the school building, lights and fuel during the Teachers' Institute.

That we thank Superintendent J. F. Boren, members of the Baird School Faculty and the School Choral Club for courtesies and their splendid entertainment.

That the Teachers of Callahan County cooperate with the Parent-Teachers' Association in securing the services of a County Nurse for the remainder of the present school year.

We kindly express our whole hearted confidence in County Superintendent B. C. Chrisman and commend him for his geniality and enthusiastic efforts in the administration of the varied school interests of our county. His entire program manifests the true spirit of school progress. Especially do we thank Mr. Chrisman for having secured the eminent lecturers we have heard during the County Institute.

We further pledge our support to the movement suggested by Professor Richardson of Simmons College relating to preserving local history as relates to our different schools, or "landmarks" of interest in the county. We recommend that the teachers of the county emphasize this work by making suitable school work assignments to their purpose.

Resolved, that we, the Callahan County Teachers' Institute, express our sanction and approval of the noble, unselfish and sacrificial work of our worthy and estimable friend Hon. Ben L. Russell, Sr., Representative from the 107th Legislative

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EMMA BURKS' ASPIRATIONS

Callahan County Girl Who Won Annie Webb Blanton Silver Cup Would Be Writer

Emma Burks, a Callahan County girl, who last year, in an essay writing contest, fostered by the Interscholastic League, won the Annie Webb Blanton Silver Trophy Cup, received her preliminary education at the Hillside one-teacher rural school, in the southern part of the county.

This year she is a student in the Baird High School. Miss Emma has laudable aspirations to become a writer and she should be encouraged in this desire.

Miss Burks is a country girl, born and reared on a farm, but she was born with a Heaven-sent gift of seeing beauty in all the things of this good old world of ours, and has an uncanny gift of describing what she sees and hears, in sentences that strike the ear as musically as the babble of a crystal brook.

In a letter to The Star, furnishing some desired information about the Trophy Cup she says:

"We had rather a hard time getting to Baird from Hillside that morning (April 7, 1923), but finally in time.

"As I was an entrant in the spelling contest, too, I was almost too late for the essay contest, but Mr. Boren told me I might write it anyway.

"There were five subjects on the board for us to choose from, and I chose the 'Description of My Home,' because I thought I knew more about that one than I did the others.

"The essay was written between eleven and twelve o'clock. I had no idea of winning, even in the county; and I almost believe mine was the only rural essay in the State. Otherwise, how could it have won first place?

"But it has all happened and is real, I suppose, and I call it 'My Lucky Accident.' I am very thankful for the medals and most of all for the University Scholarship.

"The striving little Hillside School has the Loving Cup and fourteen good story books for their library.

"I like writing and hope to be of some use to the world by trying to pursue that great work.

"Very truly yours,
"Emma Burks."

The following is the inscription on the Loving Cup won by this talented and ambitious girl:

The University Interscholastic League
Loving Cup
Won By:
1919—Mary Stoltzfus, Tuleta, Texas
1920—Jettie May Barber, Hawley, Texas
1921—Ruby Gholson, Edna, Texas
1922—Vida Vantresse, Choate School Runge, Texas
1923—Emma Burks, Hillside School, Cross Plains, Texas.

Fortunate early risers Tuesday morning were eye-dazzled and regaled by a world diamond-studded. Hoar frost covered everything and the slanting rays of the sun, rising in a cloudless sky and reflecting from the billions of congealed facets, produced a fairyland of scintillating glory.

CALLAHAN FARMERS START NEW YEAR PROSPEROUSLY

Not in years past have the farmers of Callahan County been so optimistic as to the future. It is true their small grain crop was disappointing, due to drought and low prices, but they have received top prices for their cotton. The yield has been fairly good and the total crop will exceed last year's by about 2,000 bales.

Last year up to December 13th, 10,773 bales had been ginned. This year at that date the output of the gins was 12,048 bales, a gain of 1,275 bales.

It is estimated by competent authority, that when the last of this year's crop has been ginned the 1923 product will total 12,500 bales.

The soil of the county has been thoroughly drenched and is in better condition for the profitable development of rye, wheat, oats, etc., than last year. The acreage of these cereals is smaller than last year's, but they are looking fine and a bumper crop is expected.

Financially speaking the farmers are in much better condition than last year at this time. A majority of them have cancelled old debts, bought new and better agricultural machinery, and still have money in the bank.

Last year, at this time, they spent liberally for the luxuries of life, new cars to replace the old "Lizzies," dresses, clothing, hats, shoes, etc., and other luxuries for the dependent members of their families, and toys galore for the coming men and women.

One of Baird's mercantile establishments reports that on a recent Saturday the figures on its cash registers totalled above \$1,000 and that average daily sales are much larger than last year and, what is most encouraging, many people are paying cash for what they get.

The stockmen, also, look forward to 1924 more hopefully. The ranges are in fine condition, there is an abundance of stock water, and every present indication points to a most prosperous year.

There is a rural educational renaissance, consolidation of small school districts, the erection of modern school buildings and the building of "teacherages" for the pretty schoolm'ams. In nearly every rural school district the maintenance tax has been increased, in most cases more than doubling the previous tax and improvement bonds have been voted by overwhelming majorities.

And the rural population, particularly the voters, are waking up to the fact that good, scientifically built roads are a big asset. When Callahan's division of the Bankhead Highway is hard-surfaced the breadth of the county, it will be a magnificent object lesson for those lateral roads, and already plans are being made to make these thoroughfares comfortably travelable the year round.

Building conditions are improving. Old houses are being repaired and repainted, new ones are being built or are in contemplation, artisans in the building trades are busy, and as a concrete whole, Callahan County faces a happy and prosperous New Year.—George W. Symonds in Monday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCING

Two Men And Two Women Have Thrown Their Hats And Bonnets In The Ring

Well, the ice is broken and the campaign in Callahan County and the City of Baird for 1924 opens with the first week in January. Two men and two women have thrown their hats and bonnets into the ring for the county and one city office. See announcement column elsewhere.

The city election will be held in April and the Democratic primary in July. The primary election settles the question, that is why announcements come now earlier than they did years ago before we had a primary election law.

The following candidates announce as candidates for the offices of County Clerk, District Clerk and County Treasurer:

For County Clerk: Rob P. Cochran.

For District Clerk: Mrs. Kate Hearn, reelection.

For County Treasurer: Mrs. Roy Jackson, reelection.

For city offices, election in April, one candidate, C. W. Conner announces for City Marshal.

R. P. (Rob) Cochran, who announces for County Clerk this week, was born and reared in Baird, is a son of the late W. P. Cochran, for many years County Clerk of Callahan County. Rob served in the Navy during the World War on a destroyer. The past three years he served on Admiral Niblic's flagship in American and South American waters. Altogether Rob served six years in the navy and was recently discharged, having served his full term on second enlistment. He is well qualified for the position he seeks and asks the voters to consider his claims.

Mrs. Kate Hearn announces as a candidate for reelection to the office of District Clerk, having held the office one term. So far as The Star knows Mrs Hearn has made a faithful and efficient officer, and feels that she deserves consideration by the voters at the primary in July. Mrs. Hearn and Mrs. Roy Jackson are the only two women who have ever held office in Callahan County, and The Star is pleased to know that they have both made good.

Mrs. Roy Jackson announces this week as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer. Mrs. Jackson has discharged the duties of that office faithfully and efficiently and feels that she is entitled to the consideration of the voters, having held the office but one term.

C. W. Conner announces as a candidate for City Marshal of Baird. Every one in Baird knows Charley Conner, he having lived in Baird many years. "He is honest, worthy and competent."—Jefferson. The requisites for office. Don't forget him at the city election in April.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER MEETING

The Star is requested to announce that a called meeting for work will be held by Royal Arch Chapter, No. 182, Monday evening, January 7, at 7 o'clock.

All companions are requested to attend. Visiting companions welcome.

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DOMESTIC

An estate of \$1,200,000 was left by William A. Pinkerton, noted detective, who died recently, according to his will, which was filed for probate in Chicago.

A burglar who stole \$500 in cash at the home of Richard A. Jarvis, of St. Paul, Minn., threw aside a ragged bag in which \$15,000 worth of jewelry was concealed.

General Jan Smuts will be unable to accept the invitation of the foreign policy association to visit the United States, a cable dispatch from the South African Premier just made public stated.

The next convention of the Press Congress of the World will be held at Seville, Spain, May 23, 1925. Walter Williams, president of the congress, announced following his return from a conference in New York.

Supreme Court Justice Davis decided that each of the seven children of the late George J. Gould by his first wife was entitled to \$52,871.25 from the trust established by Jay Gould in his will for the benefit of George J. Gould and his other children.

Tree surgeons trimming two famous buttonwood trees, at King's highway and Haddon avenue, Haddonfield, N. J., which are believed to be centuries old, have found an old colonial coin, dated 1742. The coin is a two-pence English piece. It was found inside the tree at a point where a limb had been broken off.

While loading gravel from a pit about two miles from McKinney, Texas, D. W. Walthal dug up what appears to be the petrified tooth of a mastodon. Mr. Walthal continued digging in the pit and in a few minutes unearthed several petrified bones, which gave the appearance of being the bones of the lower limbs of a huge animal.

John William Lieb, 63 years old, of New York, has been awarded the Edison medal for 1923 by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. It has been announced, "for the development and operation of electrical central stations for illumination and power." Mr. Lieb is the thirteenth man to receive the award.

President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, has been elected unanimously a member of the Academy of Moral and Political Science of the Institute of France, one of the highest honors that nation can bestow. The place made vacant by the death of Lord Bryce was given to him. The only other living American member is Woodrow Wilson.

WASHINGTON

A bill by Representative Wurzbach would give the status of commissioned officers to those officers named by President Wilson to serve in the Russian Railway Service Corps during the war, and entitling them to an honorable discharge from

A LOOK BEHIND AND A LOOK AHEAD

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As the years roll around to its close and a new year enters we turn from the humdrum and worry of routine business and serious affairs to thoughts of this season of good cheer.

Fifteen years ago this business was started and for more than a decade it has been conducted in Baird. During this time we have enjoyed a wide patronage and our customers are numbered among our friends. We have been working together, you and I. Your patronage has enabled us to operate this business; our business has enabled you to get good merchandise at a reasonable price and also to get service.

We appreciate the favors shown us and the part you have played in making this business a success. Friends count for a great deal in this old world and we want to thank all our friends who have helped us during the past fifteen years.

As the old year draws to a close, we renew our pledge to the patrons of this institution. "No transaction is complete until the customer is entirely satisfied." And with the help of our friends, who are customers, we will be able to maintain a high standard.

And this we ask—help us by telling us of any fault that you may find in our goods, our service, or our methods and we will reciprocate by giving you the most satisfactory store in which to do business to be found anywhere.

It has not been ours to lay up vast sums of money as some have done, but it has been ours to serve. It has not been for us to enjoy the wealth of some, but it has been for us to enjoy the pleasure that comes from being able to render to those who needed it most, real service. It has not been our pleasure to see our bank account grow by leaps and bounds as others have, but what a pleasure we derive from the satisfaction of knowing that we have given to every one honest service and have for all these years so conducted our business that our principle regret is that we were unable to do more for those who needed our service most. We believe it is better to have brought a little cheer and sunshine to the heart of the old man and woman, whose sun is soon to sink, or to have been able to lend a helping hand to those who are in need, or to have been the means of encouraging the boy or girl who otherwise might have given up the fight, than to have accumulated more money and failed in real service.

So with these little ideals in view we enter the NEW YEAR, trusting that each of our old customers will remember us when we can serve, and that those who have not enjoyed the service rendered by our store for fifteen years, will resolve to profit by our service during 1924. And we shall wish for every one all the pleasure, prosperity and profit possible.

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the service. The 200-odd railroad men appointed to this service, being designated as commissioned officers, were hastened out of the country without the administration of the oath of service. It was represented to the railroad men that they were serving in the army of the United States and not the army of Russia.

Lucy Poloka and Sums Bosen, wealthy Creek Indians of Sapulpa, Ok., have donated \$83,000 and \$7,000, respectively, to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York for education of the members of their race. It has been announced by the Interior Department. The amounts are to be used for main-

tenance and subject of the Sacconi Indian School and the Morrow Indian Orphan Home at Muskogee, after the death of the donors, and during their life time they will receive the income from the respective amounts.

The White House had one of its most quiet Christmas days, despite the presence within it of two boys—the first boys to call the White House their home since the days of the National Auto-Saloon League.

Federal inspection laws have been in operation for seventeen years. During this time more than \$2,500,000 whole carcasses and more than 12,000,000 parts of carcasses have been condemned and made unfit for food purposes through the vigilance of federal meat inspectors.

The American Federation of Labor has decided to undertake relief work for the support of labor organizations in Germany.

Santa Claus paid approximately \$1,000,000,000 in tariff duties on the gifts he imports into the United States for Christmas distribution, according to estimates just compiled.

The Cambria & Indiana Railroad company has asked the interstate commerce commission for authority to extend its line five miles out of Revloc, Pa., to tap a new coal mining area.

From the frozen northlands, Donald McMillan, arctic explorer, has sent to Admiral William Moffet, head of the navy air service, a message of congratulation on the proposed north polar naval air flight and an offer of his co-operation.

A movement to have Congress increase appropriations for the training of army reserve officers from \$2,907,640 to \$6,149,150 have been launched by the Reserve Officers' Association under the personal direction of John Ross Delafield of New York, president of the association.

Airplane attacks on the boll weevil, most destructive enemy of the cotton crop, have proved successful and calcium arsenate dust has been found the most effective poison for the weevil and other cotton insects. The Department of Agriculture has announced after extensive experiments.

Christmas cheer has been spread in many parts of the world through efforts of the American Red Cross. More than 35,000 bags of presents were sent to army and naval stations outside of the United States, and nearly all of the 8,000 chapters prepared entertainments for dis-

abled men in government hospitals.

An appeal for clemency for fifty-four members of the Twenty-Fourth Infantry serving prison sentences for participation in the Houston, Texas riots in August, 1917, was presented by James Welden Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Coolidge took the appeal under consideration.

Extension of a number of federal laws to Hawaii is provided in a bill approved by the house territorial committee. Hawaii is given a share of the federal highways appropriation and gets the benefit of the farm loan act, vocational training and rehabilitation act and the maternity laws under the measure, which will be reported to the house in January.

Secretary Wallace has promised to co-operate with members of the cotton block in congress, in studying possible changes in the system of cotton crop reporting. He told Representative Rankin, Democrat, of Mississippi, chairman of a committee of the bloc, the department of agriculture would send experts to confer with the committee in considering the problem. A meeting will be held soon.

FOREIGN

To meet the wishes of the United States, the two projected international opium conferences will be held at Geneva in November, 1924, after the American elections.

Christmas amnesty has been extended to 420 Republican prisoners by the Irish Free State, according to an announcement from Dublin.

Premier Poincaré's high cost of living program has been presented to the chamber of deputies and resulted in a vote of confidence being given the premier. The vote was 392 to 143.

Baron Kenjiro Den, Japanese Minister of Justice, has tendered his resignation from the Cabinet, owing to the failure of passage of an insurance bill for which he was responsible. The resignation has not yet been accepted.

The sun is getting spotty. The first of a group of spots, that will increase until the maximum activity of the sun has been reached within three or four years, has appeared. A close watch will be kept for the electrical and magnetic effects on the earth.

He who inhales his cigaret smoke absorbs eight times as much nicotine as he who does not inhale. That is the statement of Professor Dr. Robert Heinz in the German Medical Weekly. The statement is based on actual laboratory measurements of nicotine absorption.

Mme. Aksarina, an actress of Kharkov, Russia, has been condemned to three years' imprisonment at hard labor for "insulting" a workmen's demonstration during the celebrating of the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. Mme. Aksarina, it seems, was standing on a balcony while the demonstrators were passing, when according to witnesses, she was heard to say: "What a rabble! When will it be over?"

The use of mirrors at railroad crossings, a new expedient for the reduction of accidents, is being tried out by the Swedish State Railways. The first of such "warning mirrors" have just been installed at certain crossings for tests and approval of the general public. They are slightly convex in form and reflect the image of an approaching train which may be seen by drivers at a considerable distance down the road. They are particularly valuable at night because of the bright reflection of train lights.

A definite offer has been submitted to the Shipping Board by P. A. S. Franklin, in behalf of the Atlantic Transport Line, for the ships Presidents Harding and Roosevelt.

Edward M. Alvord, assistant to the director general of railroads, died in Washington after a brief illness. Mr. Alvord, who was 64 years of age, lived in Cincinnati prior to his appointment.

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SAY OREGON GIVES OUT FALSE REPORTS

Washington Hears Sentiment of Opposition Breaks Out in Consular Service

Washington.—Charges that President Obregon's Ministry of War has been publishing inaccurate reports of the situation in Mexico were contained in private telegrams received here outlining conditions from the standpoint of the Mexican revolutionary forces.

"Obregon's Minister of War," said a summary, "has been publishing news wholly inaccurate and cunningly and in a systematic manner has been suppressing the real facts regarding military events."

"He has said nothing up to date, for example, regarding our absolute control of the States of Yucatan, with his ex-Governor, Carrillo Puerto, in prison; Campeche, Quintana Roo and Tabasco, excepting the city of Villa Hermosa, located in the last-named State."

"Gen. Cavazos and Paya, at the head of their cavalry, have incorporated their commands with our forces, and have already initiated a campaign against the Federal Government."

"The evacuation of Puebla was ordered simply as a strategic measure, convenient for the development of a preconceived plan adopted at a meeting of Generals which recently took place at Esperanza. This evacuation was carried out in good order by our forces, who maintained a vigorous charge of musketry with the enemy forces attacking our cavalry, which was protecting the movement."

"Gen. Estrada has taken possession of Yurecuaro on the Guadalupe-Mexico Railroad and continues his advance on the capital. Gen. Romulo Figueroa, with a column of 9,000 men well organized, continues his march against Mexico City."

"A sentiment of opposition has broken out in the consular service and adhesions to the revolutionary cause by Consuls are continuing. The Consuls at Bremen, Cologne, Glasgow, Nuremberg, Frankfurt and Copenhagen have just communicated their adhesion to the cause. The Consul at Belize, British Honduras, embraced the revolution three years ago."

"Revolutionary forces in Tamulipas have begun military operations and have cut communication between Laredo and Tampico. Gen. Manuel Chao, in Chihuahua, at a point near Parral, took several railroad trains, and will appear at the head of a large force composed of veterans who formerly served under Gen. Villa."

VENIZELOS WILL GO BACK TO GREECE

Former Premier Will Help His Country, But Not to Form Cabinet

Athens.—Former Premier Elipheos Venizelos, in compliance with the request of the Greek people as voiced by the leaders of the various political parties, will return to Athens immediately. In informing the government of his decision, Venizelos, however, clearly points out that his return will be only temporary, for the purpose of acting as a guide and adviser in regulating the situation, and that under no circumstances will he undertake the formation of a cabinet. He will take ship at Marseille Dec. 29, according to his present plans, and he begs that there shall be no public reception.

Editor Accuses Hughes of "Forgery" Moscow.—J. Steklov, editor of Isvestia, the official organ of the Lenin Government, has accused Secretary of State Hughes of the United States of virtually "forging" the Isvestia article offered by the American Secretary of State as proof of close identity between the Soviet Government and the Third Internationale. In a statement Steklov declared that Hughes distorted the article and even added whole words.

Rev. John Henry Jowett Dies London.—The Rev. John Henry Jowett, noted British clergyman, formerly pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York is dead in Surrey.

Killed While Hunting Guthrie, Ok.—While hunting rabbits on Christmas Day near Ripley George Harrison, 16 years old, was accidentally shot in the head by a companion and died from the result of the wound.

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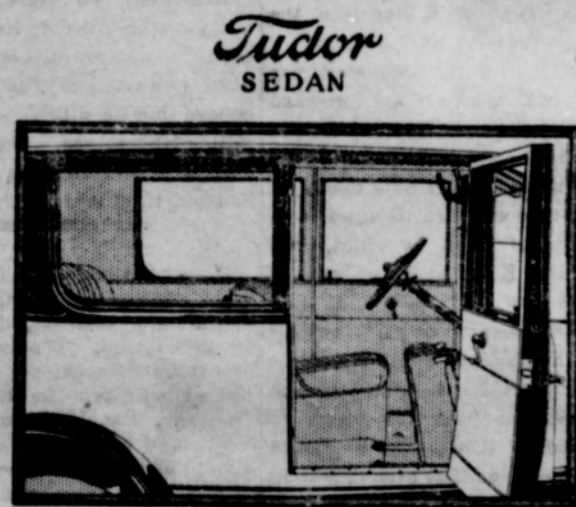
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us.

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To find fault with the rest of us.
—Author Unknown.

Let him that is without sin cast the
first stone.—New Testament.

If all of us would stop and con-
sider our own faults, we would per-
haps not be so ready to condemn
others; but, unfortunately, the critic
never sees his own faults. Perhaps
the reason is that he is so busy
hunting for faults in his neighbors
that he does not realize that he is
full of faults, often more than he
condemns in his neighbors.

Think about this. "Do unto oth-
ers as you would have others do un-
to you." Would not this be better
than always harping about the faults
of others.

Why, then the world is mine oyster,
Which I with sword shall open.
—Shakespeare.

That is about the way the German
Kaiser viewed the world in 1914,
and as a result the Kaiser and not
the world proved to be the oyster.
Result: The Kaiser's in exile and
Germany bankrupt, all because a
crack-brained Kaiser imagined that
he was a second Alexander the
Great, a Caesar or a Napoleon the
First, destined to rule the world.

The days of world conquerors has
passed and most of the crowned
heads with them. What few crowns
are left in the world the wearers have
to hold them on with both hands in
the day time and lock them up in a
burglar proof vault at night, and
neither the King of Spain nor of
Italy are sure that they will find
their headpiece in the morning
light. England, of all the empires
and kingdoms that took part in the
World War on either side, seems to
be safe for a King, and there are
some indications that even that staid
old empire is shaky.

E. Y. Clarke, former Imperial
Wizard of the Invisible Empire, has
appealed to President Coolidge to
suppress the Klan, claiming that it
has degenerated into a lawless, dan-
gerous organization.

Clark ought to know what the or-
ganization is, because he helped or-
ganize it. It is rather strange, how-
ever, that Clark did not discover
how bad the Klan was until he was
deprived of high office in the Klan.
So long as the dollars flowed in large
quantities into Klan coffers the ben-
eficiaries never saw any evil in the
Klan.

Some day, perhaps, some one will
oust Evans, as he ousted Clark and
perhaps, then, he too will see great
evil in the Klan, while his succes-
sor, like he is doing now, will be

praising the Klan to the skies.

It the Klan would cut off the
revenue for these high muck-a-
mucks, the Klan would die out in
three months, but so long as high
officials can make fortunes out of
the Klan, propaganda will go on of
course.

Griffith, one of the Americans who
tried to kidnap Grover Cleveland
Bergdoll, was fined a billion marks
and given a prison term. The fine,
as one editor says, is not so terrible,
as it amounts to about fifty cents in
American money. The German mark,
before the World War, was
equal in value to 24 cents in Ameri-
can coin.

That shows to what a low ebb
German finances have reached. Con-
federate money, in Texas at least,
never went below one cent to the
dollar, even at the very close of the
Civil War. If Germany had a cur-
rency as good as that, they no doubt
would think it splendid.

We do not see why any nation
would print such worthless currency,
because it does not seem to be worth
the paper it is printed on, much less
the labor required to print it. The
American people have the most high-
ly favored nation in the world to-
day, but many of us do not realize
it, because some are always kicking
about something, wanting the Gov-
ernment to do this, that or the other
thing for some special cause.

Harry Hubert editor of the Cole-
man Voice who is anything else
than a Ku Kluxer, last week received
a package containing three robes,
pillow slips and all complete, direct
from headquarters of the Invisible
Empire at Atlanta, Georgia.

Not knowing what the package
might be, Editor Hubert paid the
express charges and opened it, he
says, with some trepidation, and
found the three Klux uniforms. Real-
izing that some mistake had been
made upon the part of the shipper,
as he had never been initiated into
the ranks of the Knights of the Bed
Sheet and Pillow Slip, he returned
the package to the express office
marked: "Opened by mistake!"

Editor Hubert fails to state wheth-
er the express agent refunded him
the \$1.03 express he paid on the
packet, which he says was marked:
"Valued at \$5,000."

Next thing we know, Dick Mc-
Carty of the Albany News will be
receiving a night robe or something
from the Invisibles, but we do not
believe that he will be as lucky as
Editor Hubert was. Dick will prob-
ably get a robe made out of a saddle
blanket, if he gets anything.

Jasper Collins, a well known news-
paper man, later engaged in the
real estate business, died at his
home in Dallas. The editor of The
Star regrets the passing of a friend
and a good man. He was born near
Carthage, Panola County, and at
the time of his death was 54 years
old. For many years he was editor
of the Panola Watchman. He quit
the newspaper business some fifteen
years ago, and moved to Dallas,
where he entered the real estate busi-
ness. He was a prominent Demo-
crat, an ex-member of the Texas
Legislature and a Mason, Knight
Templar and a member of Hella
Temple, Dallas.

ROB COCHRAN'S FINE WAR RECORD

To the Voters of Callahan County:
I am asking you for the office of
County Clerk.

I want this office for two reasons:
1st, I am a young man and want to
build up; 2nd, It is my desire to
serve you with the same record (which
is first class) with which I served my
country for the past six years.

Vote for me!

Yours, to serve and to please,

Rob Cochran.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES

The following announce them-
selves as candidates for the various
offices printed above their names,
subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic Primary Election, to be held
Saturday, July 26, 1924:

For County Clerk:

Rob Cochran

For District Clerk:

Mrs. Kate Hearn

For County Treasurer:

Mrs. Roy Jackson

FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES

The following announce them-
selves as candidates for the Muni-
cipal offices in the City of Baird print-
ed above their names. Election Sat-
urday, April 5:

For City Marshal and Water Com-
missioner:

Chas. W. Conner

"NEW LIFE" ENDEAVOR AIM OF NEW METHODIST PASTOR

Next Sunday being the first Sun-
day in the New Year, we hope to
have every department of the work
of the Church to take on new life.

Beginning with the Sunday School
let there not be a single one of us
absent. Not only so, but let's bring
a new member with us. Remember
that Sunday School begins at ten
o'clock, sharp. Be on time, with
pep in your step and a smile on your
face.

At the 11 o'clock service the Lord's
Supper will be administered. It is
hoped that every member of the
Church will make special effort to be
at this service. At both the morn-
ing and evening services we are go-
ing to "count noses," in order to
learn just what part of our mem-
bership is attending the services of the
Church. This will doubtless reveal
facts that will astonish us. Be one
of the Methodists present.

The Junior League is an enthusias-
tic bunch. Beginning with the new
Conference Year, we have enrolled
45 members to date. There is an
interesting contest being waged, and
the losing side is to entertain at the
close.

Interest is increasing with each
meeting, and the doors are wide
open for new members every after-
noon. Two o'clock is the hour of
meeting. To be present fifteen min-
utes too early, or ten minutes too
late incurs a penalty. The "on
time" counts most.

Our young people are urged to be
present next Sunday evening prompt-
ly at 6:15, for the Senior League
meeting. Important business is to
be considered. Remember that the
District League Conference will
convene with us right soon,
and we must be ready to receive it.
This we can do most impressively
by being ourselves a real live League.

If you haven't been attending dur-
ing the past few weeks, be sure to
be on hand next Sunday evening.
We must begin to "drill" for a
creditable "parade" when our visi-
tors come.

The Christmas holidays and the
recent cold weather have interrupted
our pastoral work, but we hope to
resume it right early. In the mean-
time, if we can serve you in any
way, let us know.

W. J. Mayhew, Pastor.

NONE BETTER FRUIT CAKE 65c Lb.

Nitschke's famous "None Better
Fruit Cake," a favorite in Baird for
twenty years and needs no praise, is
on sale at the City Bakery from now
until the end of the Holiday Season
at Sixty-five Cents the Pound. 1.3

THE CITY BAKERY - O. NITSCHKE

Fresh Groceries

Fresh Groceries, Vegetables,
Fruits, Feed, Etc.

FRED L. WRISTEN

Groceries and Feed
Successor to E. M. Wristen

Children's Wool Caps

I have a nice line of Children's Wool Caps, some
of them hand made, which I will close out at

50c, 75c and \$1.00

Also a few Ladies and Children's Hats which I will sell
AT COST, I also make and retrim hats.

MRS. DON C. CARTER

At Mrs. J. H. Laird's, East of Market st.

The Star and Abilene Reporter One
Year For \$4.50 Outside of the County \$5.00

"H-N-Y-!!!"

Since time beyond memory everybody has wish-
ed everybody else A Happy New Year; but we
ask you to believe that nobody ever wished it to
anybody more heartily or more sincerely than
we wish it to you!

May 1924 prove to be the richest, finest,
happiest year you have ever known!

THE First National Bank

CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00
SURPLUS & PROFITS \$ 25,000.00

1885---The Old Established Bank---1885

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Henry James, V. P.
Tom Windham

W. A. Hinds

W. S. Hinds, Cashier
Bob Norrell, Asst. C.
Ace Hickman

1923-1924

We enjoyed a splendid business during the entire year 1923. The Holiday business was especially good. We again thank our friends and customers for their patronage.

Special Notice

Since the Holiday rush is over and we are again down to routine business we find quite a few who are indebted to us. Please come in and make settlement.

OUR CREDIT TERMS ARE 30 DAYS ONLY—
AND NO LONGER

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We carry a full stock of Lumber, Shingles and Builder's Supplies. See us before you buy anything in this line.

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ARE YOU SATISFIED?

Very few of us are entirely satisfied with everything that happens in life.

We are not satisfied and won't be until you become a patron of this bank—and we won't be satisfied even then unless you are satisfied with our service and the helpful assistance we render all patrons.

You must be satisfied with our Individual Attention and Service, or somebody will get "fired."

This is a Satisfying Bank—We'll stake our ability to retain you as a patron on that statement.

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BAIRD, TEXAS

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| T. E. Powell, Cashier. | P. G. Hatchett, Vice-Pres. |
| F. L. Driskill, A. Cashier | E. D. Driskill, A. Cashier |
| M. Barnhill | C. B. Snyder |

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill were in Baird Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McManis, of Breckenridge, spent New Years' day with Mr. McManis' mother, Mrs. M. E. McManis.

Miss Rex Gilliland, of Breckenridge, spent New Years' day with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Gilliland.

Miss Elizabeth Webb has returned to Canyon, where she will continue her studies in the W. T. T. C.

Mrs. Chifton Brown and children, of Pocatello, Idaho, are visiting Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wristen.

Mrs. Dallas Stanley, sister-in-law of the Frank E. Stanleys and one of his Christmas guests, returned to her home at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Saturday morning.

Mrs. George Page of Dallas, accompanied by little Charley Graves, returned to their home last Saturday after spending Christmas with "Papa" and "Mama" Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Harden and little daughter, Margie, came up from Cross Plains Sunday. Mr. Harden returned home Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Harden and Margie remained for a visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.

By an oversight the local thanking our good friend Oscar Nitschke the baker, for a nice lot of old-time fruit cake sent The Star force Christmas, was left out last week. The editor, especially, wants to thank Mr. Nitschke for that splendid pound cake sent him.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth and son, Jake, of Brownwood; Mrs. E. C. Hill and daughter, Miss Lucile, Denton; Miss Lucile Farmer, of Baird; Mrs. M. E. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Price McFarlane were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill.

Mrs. Alice Simpson, widow of the late James Simpson, who died three years ago, died at her home near Snyder Christmas Day. Mrs. Simpson, before her marriage, was Miss Alice Price. The editor of The Star know both her and her husband at Tecumseh, before their marriage. She was a daughter of Morgan Price and sister of J. R. Price, formerly of Baird, now living at Van Horn. We heard of her death with sorrow, as we knew her as a girl; but such is life.

R. P. Stephenson (Patsie) of Euless, was a pleasant caller at The Star office last Friday. The Star force is always glad to see Bob; but, unfortunately, he is always in such a hurry. Bob reports times good in his bailiwick, lots of new cars—mostly Ford's—and the people all seem happy and prosperous. Well, this is a pretty good world, after all, if all of us, at times, do have some hard sledding financially and otherwise.

O. Nitschke the Baker, came to Baird in the early days and he is a city institution. Men and women who were kiddies in those days remember their eagerness to "go for bread," because the kindly baker always rewarded his little customers with a fresh, crisp, sweet cake. Scores of the kiddies, now with children of their own, wandering back to the home nest at Yuletide, smacked their lips over those more ambitious products of his craft, the delicious pound cake and that cloying compound of gustatory sweets, Nitschke's first cake, that is "better than mother used to make."

DON'T HAUL AWAY MY ROAD DIRT

I have given no one authority to haul dirt or gravel from public roads in Road District No. 1. Please do not haul any more. Any one so trespassing on Public Highways are subject to prosecution.

A. R. Kelton,
3-2tp Commissioner Precinct One

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Brushed Wool Sweaters at
ONE-HALF PRICE

FURS 20 Per Cent Off

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One lot Ide Collars at 10c Regular Price 20c

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BAIRD, CLYDE, CROSS PLAINS, DENTON, PUTNAM

C. W. CONNER'S HAT IN THE RING

To the Voters of the City of Baird.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the position of City Marshal and Water Commissioner of the City of Baird, subject to the will of the voters at the polls on Saturday, April 5.

My varied experiences in the office of Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of Callahan County, have, I believe, fitted me to fill the offices I ask at your hands, with accuracy and fidelity.

In the handling of the city's financial affairs I feel competent, because of the experience gained as Treasurer of Callahan County from 1910 to 1914.

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited.

Chas. W. Conner.

JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader: Grace Jackson.

Song.

Sentence Prayers by Leaguers, closed by Brother Mayhew.

Song.

Roll Call, responded to by Scripture quotations.

Piano Solo: Bonnie Belle James.

Vocal Duet: Oleta White and Grace Jackson.

Story of Bible Characters: Willard Kelton.

Reading: Anita Hart.

Scripture Contest, in "Spelling Match" style.

League Benediction.

Time: Next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Place: Baird Methodist Church.

BAIRD FIREMEN DOUSE BLAZE IN RECORD BREAKING TIME

The wind was blowing a gale just before noon Saturday when the siren at the roundhouse screamed a warning and the fire boys of Baird were on the job instantaneously with their chemical engine and a few seconds later the hose truck was in service.

The fire, which started in a closet had burned its way through the ceiling and spread over the loft above, in the home of W. O. Prewitt on South Chestnut Street, close by the new \$35,000 Methodist Church.

Prompt work by the firemen and a strong water pressure, quenched the flames in short order. The cottage is owned by I. N. Jackson of Abilene; was fully insured. The damage was about \$200. The roof will have to be replaced.

Mr. Pruitt's loss was trifling, as the flames were confined to the roof, and the household goods were removed before the firemen really got on the job.

ROUNDED OUT THE OLD YEAR

The Reverend and Justice of the Peace George E. Printz rounded out the year which has just passed into history by making a quartette of hearts to beat as two:

On Saturday, December 22 he canonically and civilly made one Mr. Ernest Willis and Miss Myrtle Gurney, both of Moran, and on Monday, the 24th ultimo, did the same office for John R. Rimmer of Jones County and Miss Almeda Childress of Admiral.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF ARMY GOODS TO BE HELD AT BAIRD, JAN. 11, 1924 BEGINNING AT 1:30 P. M.

The following Merchandise will be sold:
Army Harness—Comprising several types including those with and without Breeching, New and used.
Saddles—The Remount Stock Saddle and the Regulation McClellan Saddle.
Riding Bridles—Of various styles and types.
Miscellaneous Harness Parts such as—Lariat Picket Ropes, Extra Team Bridles, Whips, Collars, Extra Lines, Halters, Halter Leads, Tie Chains, Snaffle and Curb

Bits, Pole Straps, Hame Straps, Saddle Bags, Extra Breeching, and many other good articles in the Harness Line.
Blankets and Clothing—Consisting of Rain Coats, Slickers, Shirts, Breeches, Socks, Wrap Leggings, Cartridge Belts and many other articles not listed for lack of space.
Men's All Wool Suits—These Three-Piece Suits are brand new and were made by the English Government for discharged soldiers. This is an unusual opportunity to buy your winter suit at a great saving.

It Will Pay You to Attend This Sale For This is a Good Clean Stock of Merchandise and Without Doubt This Will be Your Very Last Opportunity to Buy this Quality of Army Goods at Auction---DONT FORGET THE TIME AND PLACE!

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A. L. JONES, Sales Manager

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17 LOSE LIVES IN INSANE HOSPITAL

Man on Knees in Prayer Discovers
Flames and Gives Alarm, Saving
Many Lives

Chicago, Ill.—Seventeen persons are known to have perished in a fire which destroyed a part of one section of one of the frame structures of the Chicago State Hospital for the Insane at Dunning, on the north-west edge of Chicago.

Hospital officials said twenty-nine patients were unaccounted for. This included the unidentified dead and the patients who escaped from the institution and had not been returned.

A search of the ruins is still in progress and other bodies may be lying in the ruins. Six hundred men patients, who were inmates of the partly destroyed structure were rushed out into a drizzling rain by guards as the fire spread. About fifty of them, confused by the darkness and rain, escaped or wandered away from the hospital grounds. Some of them were rounded up later by the police and motorists, but no check on the number of missing had been made.

One of the victims of the fire was a woman attendant, who had rushed into the building to rescue some of the patients.

She was identified by a son as Mrs. Mary Caraker, an attendant. Her husband, Elijah Caraker, and a second son, Lowell, 11 years old, are also missing and were partly identified by the son as among the bodies recovered.

The only patient whose body was partly identified was Michael Ledwich, 23, of Chicago. A coat belonging to him was found beside a charred body.

The patients were seated at supper in the large dormitory comprising one section of the story and a half structure when the fire gong sounded, the alarm being transmitted to about a dozen frame and brick structures composing the institution, which is uninclosed and includes about twenty-five acres of ground.

Attendants, nurses and doctors hurried to the burning building to assist the attendants in charge of the patients, all of whom were victims of only mild forms of insanity and many of whom were soon to be discharged.

The patients were hurried from the burning building and at first it was thought that all had been rescued from the structure, known among the patients as the "death house," because some sections of it had been utilized to house incurables.

Heroic acts of both attendants and patients were responsible for the fact that there was not a larger loss of life. Many patients assisted their more unfortunate companions who became confused. Some of the patients are believed to have perished when they tried to save Christmas trinkets.

MUST GO TO JAIL IN CONTEMPT CASE

Federal Court of Appeals Decides
Against Fort Worth
Attorney

New Orleans, La.—Clay Cooke, an attorney of Fort Worth, Texas, must go to jail for thirty days at Fort Worth and J. L. Walker, his client, must stand trial once more for contempt of court, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals has decided.

The decision resulted from an incident in Federal District Court at Fort Worth last February. Cooke, at that time, was representing Walker in a bankruptcy case.

During a short recess and while Judge James C. Wilson was in his chambers, Cooke is said to have written a letter declaring that "in his opinion Judge Wilson was too biased to act on the case equitably," and asked that the Judge excuse himself from its further trial.

This letter was signed by Walker and delivered by him to the Judge in his chambers. Immediately at the conclusion of the recess Judge Wilson summoned attorney and client before him and sentenced both to thirty days in jail for contempt of court. Walker declared he did not know what was in the letter, having signed it as he would have any other legal document prepared by his attorney.

\$150,000 Fire in Kansas City
Kansas City, Mo.—Fire swept through thirteen small shops and destroyed the old Coliseum Building, a two-story structure at Thirty-Ninth and Main streets, with an estimated loss of between \$150,000 and \$225,000. The stocks of six of the business places were destroyed.

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Special Attention to diseases of
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Fit by
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365 days in each year,
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All property lying south and west of Putnam, belonging to R. F. Scott is posted. No trespassing, hunting or fishing allowed. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. M. ARMISTEAD, Mgr.

THE HOME GUARDS LIVERGARD and LUNGARDIA

LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we cannot improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.

LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces, Lungardia Co., Dallas, Texas.

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Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by

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JOHNSON'S Hamburger, Chili and Coffee Stand.

Just North of Ramsey's Garags

Land For Sale

320 acres of land, clear title, situated in south-eastern part of New Mexico.

DON C. CARTER, Baird, Texas.

Neff Remits Fine Given Ranger
San Antonio, Texas.—Governor Neff has remitted the \$25 fine imposed upon Ranger A. Boyd by Justice of the Peace Campbell on Dec. 14. A proclamation remitting the fine has been filed here. The Governor says: "In the proper administration of justice and for other satisfactory reasons this fine should be remitted." The proclamation came to San Antonio addressed to Ranger Captain B. C. Baldwin, head of the ranger forces here, with an accompanying letter of personal esteem.

Plans for the installation of a new power plant to replace the Gorgas power plant and to aid in the disposition of Muscle Shoals were laid before President Coolidge by Chairman Madden of the House appropriations committee.

Release of Robert A. Newman of Barron, Wis., who has been held by Mexican bandits in the region of Torreon for several months, was reported to the State Department both by the American Embassy in Mexico City and by consular officials at Torreon.

Slays Wife in Drunken Rage
Birmingham.—Going home in an intoxicated condition, L. M. McLaughlin of this city shot and killed his wife and seriously wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. Luty McOray according to police.

Theodore Roberts Very Weak
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Theodore Roberts the actor, confined to his room in a hotel here for several weeks by a sudden illness, was "very weak and suffering 'much pain' Friday" it was announced by Mrs. Roberts.

Taking America Off Its Feet!

Overland Success is the Talk of the Country

The year just ended has been the greatest of all the fifteen years of Overland history. A great year made by great cars—the greatest Overlands ever built. Greatest in looks, power, action, comfort—and money's worth?

Look at the new Overland Champion, for instance. It brings a quality closed car with features and utilities hitherto unheard of within reach of every purse. America's first all-

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The Champion and all Overland models have the bigger Overland engine—brute power with extreme economy. Leaders in economy—leaders on the road—leaders in the many satisfactions they bring to owners. See them. Sit in them. Ask for a sample of their performance.



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TALES OF THE OLD FRONTIER

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT COON INTERVIEW

ONE of the favorite stories of the frontier, when the subject of great feats of marksmanship was under discussion, was the yarn about Davy Crockett and the coon. When the coon saw the hunter approaching it is said to have exclaimed "Is that you, Crockett? Then don't shoot—I'll come down!" As a matter of fact Crockett was not the hunter about whom this tale was originally told.

Captain Martin Scott was the man and he was a native of Bennington, Vt. Compared to the "hero of the Alamo," Scott is an obscure figure in history, although his skill with the rifle was greater than Crockett's, even with his famous "Old Betsy." Scott won his first renown as a hunter at the age of twelve when he killed a big bear whose ravages the best hunters of the neighborhood had been unable to check. But it was not until he joined the army during the War of 1812 that his reputation as a sharpshooter was established.

The celebrated interview with the coon is said to have taken place near Lake Bonaparte in the foothills of the Adirondacks and the yarn was started by some of the soldiers in the company of which Scott was captain. The story appeared first in a Utica newspaper in 1837, was reprinted in the New York Sun and soon gained wide currency. How Crockett's name came to be substituted for Scott's in it is unknown. But it is there and future generations of Americans probably will continue repeating it just as they do so many of our most cherished pieces of historical fiction.

Although Captain Scott is denied his rightful place in the coon story, he is the hero of a great many other tales of wonderful marksmanship. Once a ace of clubs was tacked up on a tree and in one minute and 20 seconds, taking drop sight and firing instantaneously, he had fired three shots at it with his rifle, an old-fashioned muzzle loader. A brother officer examined the target and announced one hit and two misses. Whereupon Scott dug into the tree and showed all three bullets in the one hole.

Captain Scott served in the Mexican war and, after winning promotion for gallant conduct at Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma and Monterey, was killed in the battle of Molino del Rey, September 8, 1847.

Amnesty to Mexican Generals. Austin, Texas.—J. L. Schleimer, official representative of President Obregon of Mexico, has been in conference with Gov. Neff. Gov. Neff announced that the matters discussed would be disclosed in a prepared statement, which he expected to give out soon. The envoy, however, said that President Obregon had offered amnesty to the generals in the rebel army if they will lay down arms within 15 days. The envoy said they would be granted pardons by the president.

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READS LIKE PAGE OF FICTION

Forgotten by World, Louis Danval Has Hopes Revived by Discoveries and Is Released.

Paris.—By virtue of the medical science, Louis Danval, convict, has won a 45-year fight for freedom and cleared himself of the accusation that he killed his wife.

In 1878 doctors, performing an autopsy on the dead body of Mme. Danval, discovered arsenic. Danval was a druggist. The conclusion was obvious. Protesting innocence, he was sent to prison.

The world forgot Danval as he served the long years of his sentence.

But beyond the prison walls scientists were making swift progress in knowledge of the human machine. They had discovered that arsenic exists in the body of every normal human being.

Meanwhile Danval had appealed his sentence.

Recently Judges of the high Court of Appeals pored over musty documents of the old conviction and received the testimony of five scientists. The scientists declared that the two milligrams of arsenic found in the woman's body was not sufficient to cause death. Danval's release was ordered. The court annulled the decree of 1878 and granted the prisoner an indemnity of 20,000 francs and annual pension of 12,000 francs to compensate for his years in prison.

The strange tragedy and stranger vindication of the aged man reads like a page of Guy de Maupassant.

For 45 years Danval, behind bars, has stubbornly and monotonously told his jailers, fellow-prisoners and all who would listen that he had not given arsenic to his wife.

After he had served 24 years he saw in French newspapers that scientists had discovered that arsenic is always present in the human body. He appealed for a retrial of the case, but the appeal failed. Danval, sweeping prison corridors, marching in line to the mess tables, pondering in his cell at night, became an amateur of medicine. He subscribed to medical journals, reading every line.

No man, perhaps, watched the march of science more eagerly. Two years ago Danval's faith was rewarded. Scientists, he read, had succeeded in measuring the amount of arsenic in the normal human body. Again he appealed.

The case has dragged through endless red tape of the courts. Old evidence has been reviewed. The judges have studied testimony of doctors long since dead. Today, in the light of new knowledge, the pronouncement of the forgotten medical men seemed medieval. Modern experts were called in. It became apparent that Danval might possibly have a reasonable case. Now the testimony of five scientists has brought his freedom.

GARNER PLANNING NEW TAX MEASURE

Levy on Stock Dividends Said to Be Embraced in Texans' Program.

Washington.—Democrats are going to force the tax fight on the floor of the House before the administration bill, now being carefully planned, completes its tedious way through the House Ways and Means Committee.

This is revealed in the announcement of Representative Jack Garner of Texas, ranking Democratic member of the committee, that he will introduce a tax measure of his own after the House reconvenes.

Declining to discuss the details of the measure, which he is now preparing, he said it will provide \$500,000,000 in new taxes, to be distributed upon "those who can best bear the burden," and will allow tax reductions of \$270,000,000.

Though Mr. Garner is opposed to a bonus, he is confident that a bonus bill will be enacted, and is preparing his tax measure with that in view. When a bonus is passed, and the administrative leaders prepare to call off their tax program, in accordance with the opinion expressed by Secretary Mellon that both can not be enacted, Mr. Garner will then lay his tax measure before the House, which is not dependent upon shelving the bonus. This is the plan now being contrived.

HYPNOTIC MURDER LEGAL QUESTION

Hauling Out His Own Revolver, The Policeman Started to Shoot Into the Audience

Vienna.—Can a man stand trial for a murder he committed when under a hypnotic spell? Is the mesmerist who hypnotized the slayer also a murderer?

The questions are raised by the extraordinary situation created in the Jugo-Slav city of Sebenico, where a policeman hypnotized by a stage mesmerist flew into a mad frenzy, shooting three people.

Prof. Maximilian Langsner, a professional mesmerist, was exhibiting his arts in a theatre in the little Adriatic town. A policeman responded to his call for volunteers from the audience.

The man fell under the hypnotist's spell immediately and the audience was soon roaring with laughter as the numbed officer was put through a series of funny tricks. Finally Langsner handed the policeman a block of wood and said:

"This is a revolver, shoot." Moving as if in a daze, the officer took the block. Then it dropped from his fingers.

Hauling out his own revolver, the policeman started to shoot into the audience. Three persons were killed and a number wounded before his revolver magazine was exhausted. Then he attacked the crowd, seizing several people and driving them before him to the police station, telling them they were under arrest.

At the station house Langsner finally awakened his victim. Both the policeman and the mesmerist were then placed under arrest charged with murder.

LETTER WARNS SON AGAINST DISHONESTY

Words of Missing Promoter Read in Bankruptcy Court in Chicago

Chicago, Ill.—Warning against dishonesty and weakness was issued to his son by Leo Koretz, missing promoter, who is alleged to have swindled his customers out of \$5,000,000, two days before he disappeared in New York. Dr. Milton Mandel, Koretz's family physician, testified at the bankruptcy hearing to determine Koretz's assets.

The warning was contained in a letter postmarked New York, Dec. 10, in which the promoter declared he was a "victim of selfishness and desire to receive the acclaim of the world," and in which he asked that the father's fate be a warning to his son, Dr. Mandel testified. The letter he said, read as follows:

"My dear son: This is probably the last communication you will have from me. I am a fugitive without family or friends. I am a victim of selfishness, idleness and my desire to receive the acclaim and applause of the world. You have an adorable sister and mother. Be good to them. Be honest and strong. If you are ever tempted, or feel yourself slipping, think of the fate which awaits me. Your father, Leo. Koretz."

Doctor Mandel said the letter was inclosed in an envelope accompanied by a note which read: "If you think my son should have this letter, give it to him." He said that he had conferred with the boy's mother, who after reading the letter, tore it up without giving it to her son.

To Resign as Shipping Board Head

Washington.—Edward P. Farley, chairman of the Shipping Board, announced after a conference with President Coolidge that he had requested the executive to withdraw his nomination as a commissioner of the board now pending before the Senate and that upon its withdrawal he would resign as chairman of the board, which office he now fills by recess appointment. Mr. Farley indicated that the President would accede to his request for withdrawal of his nomination, upon which an adverse report recently was voted by the Senate Commerce Commission.

Evans to Visit Ohio Cities Youngstown, Ohio.—W. H. Evans, Imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, will visit several Ohio cities next month in an effort to reconcile secession movements, according to a statement given newspaper men by a recognized Klan spokesman. The statement said that Dr. Evans will visit Cleveland Jan. 2 and thereafter will go to Youngstown, Sandusky, Lorain and Elyria.

**MANY CHANGES TAKING PLACE
AROUND-BUSTLING CLYDE**

Clyde, 1-1-'24.

I am now writing it 1924 for the first time. May we all resolve to do more good in 1924 than in the past year. Of course it is always in order to make resolutions to do more and better things than we have been doing, but especially is this true at the beginning of a new year.

Many changes are taking place in and around Clyde in the way of moving.

W. A. Langley, who recently sold his farm, four miles southwest of Clyde and bought a few miles north of Big Spring, has moved to his new location.

Mrs. Watts, who recently sold her farm near Eula and bought near Lamess, has also moved.

Several other real estate deals have been made and many people are on the move, as is always the case at the beginning of a new year.

Misses Bessie Hays and Nannie Belle Estes, who are teaching, spent the holidays with home folks; also the Misses Edna Mabel Bouchette of Van Horn and Thelma Sikes of Sweetwater.

W. H. Shanks has had the building occupied by Harry Berry as a garage remodeled and a new front put in, which gives it a swell appearance. Mr. Shanks is also having his other rent property in town treated to a new coat of paint and otherwise improved. Nothing speaks better for property owners than to see them willing to keep their property in good repair.

About the only addition to our city for the new year in the way of business ventures, is a new feed and produce store by G. W. Walker and N. W. Slater. X X X

MRS. KATE HEARNE ANNOUNCES

I wish, at this time, to announce for reelection to the office of District Clerk, and to thank those who so loyally supported me in my last campaign, and to solicit your support for a second term.

I shall appreciate the influence and support of every one who may see fit to vote for me, whether you were for me in my last campaign or not, and I can not express my feeling of appreciation to the entire citizenship of the county, better than is expressed in the lines below.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you, to brush the gray from out the skies and leave them only blue. I'd like to give back the joy you have given me, yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be.

I'm wishing at this New Year time that I could but repay a portion of the gladness you have strewn along my way. And would I have one wish this year, this only would it be: I'd like to be the sort of friend you all have been to me.

And will say to the people that if I am elected I will endeavor to discharge my duties promptly and efficiently, that my interests and the interests of the people may best be served.

That I accept and recognize the responsibilities of my position and will perform them to the very best of my knowledge.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Kate Hearne.

**THE 1923 COTTON OUTPUT IN
CALLAHAN LARGER THAN 1922'S**

Callahan County's cotton output this year will run around 2,000 bales above the 1922 crop. Weather conditions and the ravages of insect pests cut the possible crop down a third this year, estimating from the acreage planted.

Prior to December 13, 1923, 12,048 bales had been ginned in the county, as against 10,773 at the same date in 1922, a gain for 1923 of 1,275 bales.

The following is the number of bales ginned at each market town in the county up to December 13, 1923: Cross Plains, 2,855; Clyde, 2,323; Opha, 1,574; Putnam, 1,507; Eula, 1,386; Baird, 1,123; Dressy, 580.

**Endorse S. M. N. Marrs And
District Institutes**

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District of Texas, in his attitude and vote on all matters of school legislation in Texas; and especially relative to larger appropriations for the common school children of the State.

We appreciate the kindly spirit of the season's good cheer as shown by the Christmas Greetings cards to our Institute by the Holmes Drug Company.

Signed: S. E. Settle, R. H. McAdams, Miss Mattie Lovvorn, Mrs. Lillie Mae Smith, Mrs. J. Henry Littleton.

The resolution endorsing State Superintendent of Public Instruction S. N. M. Marrs' recommendation for District instead of County Institutes is as follows:

Whereas, State Superintendent Marrs has requested the Teachers' Institute of Callahan County to offer recommendations concerning an "Institute Law," we, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

1st, We believe the the Teachers' Institute has been of untold value to the teachers of Texas, but the old plan of holding County Institutes has served its day and a better plan should be adopted.

2nd, Be it resolved, by the teachers of Callahan County in Institute assembled, that we suggest that Superintendent Marrs recommend to the Legislature that an Institute Law be passed at the next session of the Legislature. Said Institute Law to divide the State into Institute Districts of approximately 400 teachers.

3rd, That at least one day at each Institute shall be spent by the teachers of each county separately and apart from the teachers of other counties comprising such Institute District.

4th, That the first week in

September be declared to be Institute Week.

5th, That transfers be granted when applied for.

6th, That attendance upon this Institute be compulsory and that full pay be received for the same.

7th, That the program for said District Institute be compiled by the County Superintendent and Superintendents of Independent Districts of the counties in the Institute District and that such programs be approved by the State Superintendent.

Signed: H. S. Varner, J. F. Boren, T. E. Mitchell, Missouri Strahan, J. C. Baker.

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**TALES OF THE
OLD FRONTIER**

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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WHEN A JOURNEY WAS MEASURED IN "PIPES"

En roulant ma boule, roulant;
En roulant ma boule, en roulant ma boule.
En roulant ma boule, roulant!

TO THE accompaniment of this gay chanson the paddles dipped and flashed in the sun as the brigade of long canoes swept around a bend in the river. Then at the shout of the bourgeois, "Whoop ia! A terre, a terre, pour la pipe!" the sturdy arms of the voyageurs brought the canoes around sharply and beached them gently on the sloping bank.

For these were the days when the fur trade was the principal industry of the Middle Western frontier and the picturesque figures of the French-Canadian trader (the bourgeois) and his employees (the voyageurs) held the center of the stage.

The voyageur's life was one of difficult tasks, long hours and constant privation. For it all he received the meager wage of about \$100 a year and daily rations of a quart of lyed corn and one ounce of tallow or "its equivalent in whatever sort of food is to be found in the Indian country."

But a more light-hearted, happy-go-lucky fellow never lived. Simple, trusting and intensely loyal to his bourgeois, he regarded the terms of his engagement as binding to the letter on both parties. Once M. St. Jean, a trader on the Upper Mississippi, ordered one of his voyageurs to go with a party into the forest to chop wood. The man refused.

"I was not hired to chop wood," he declared.

"Ah, for what were you hired?" exclaimed M. St. Jean.

"To steer a boat, monsieur."

"Very well, steer a boat then you shall," replied the bourgeois.

It was midwinter and the boats were frozen in the ice-bound river. But the stubborn voyageur was marched to the river bank, placed in the stern of a boat, given a paddle and ordered to steer.

There he sat holding the paddle in his benumbed hands for two hours. At the end of that time he was willing to admit that he might perform duties other than those stipulated in his agreement and he never again refused to obey the orders of his bourgeois.

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2-tf S. E. Webb,
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Notice of Annual Account in Guardianship

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Callahan, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of twenty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return hereof:

Notice.

The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the welfare of Ernestine Otella Cundiff, a Minor, E. P. Cundiff, Guardian of the person and estate of said Minor, has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, an annual account of said guardianship for the year ending on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1923, which will be heard by our said County Court on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1924, at the Court House of said County in Baird, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of such Minor may appear and contest such account if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Baird, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1923.

[Seal] Grady G. Respass,
Clerk County Court,
4-4t Callahan County, Texas.