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A DANGEROUS SUGGESTION.

The next legislature ought to submit a constitutional amendment that would give to the people to abolish about two-thirds of the offices and courts in the state. Our judiciary is too cumbersome and too expensive. The district courts and the five civil courts of appeals ought to be abolished. This would result in a saving to the people of \$250,000 annually. The county courts could be given the jurisdiction of the present district courts and appeals go direct from the county court to either the civil court of appeals or to the supreme court. Criminals would get speedy trials, civil cases die. Some of the best lawyers in the state admit that our judiciary costs too much and a reform is badly needed in this line.

There are a number of useless offices in the state that might be abolished. The office of commissioner of insurance, statistics and history, for instance the railroad commissioners, are fully half of the legislature including the bird chapters of both houses, and many others, but the higher courts of the state are already so far belted with business that when a citizen takes a case to one of the courts he has no assurance that he will ever live to hear the decision. The suggestion that county courts should be given jurisdiction of the present district courts is preposterous. Had the county judges of the state as incompetent as so many bull pups it failed to sit in judgment upon a knotty civil suit or a great criminal trial. The present law does not even require that they shall be lawyers, and the result is that county courts, nearly all important business is carried to the district court. If we had no district courts, the number of appeals that would go the supreme and appellate courts would emerge through the courts that it would require from fifteen to twenty years for the average litigant to get a hearing, and nine-tenths of the cases would be reversed. The average justice of the peace is a lousy lawyer. The average county judge is worse. He knows no law and does not want to know any. Do not enlarge his jurisdiction.—Com Anie Chief.

The Chief reads the above article "A Dangerous Suggestion." Danger on what? Because, forsooth, some county judges are as ignorant as bull pups. You can with equal correctness say the same thing about some of the district judges. The law does not now require county judges to be learned in the law is no objection; but should the change in the organic law THE STAR suggested be made this would not change the qualifications for a county judge as now required for a district judge, otherwise we certainly would not favor the change.

The district judge comes from some county in the district where there is more than one county in the district. If the people can be relied upon to select a competent lawyer for district judge, why cannot they be relied upon to select a competent county judge. The fact that they have not always done so under present conditions is no argument against the proposed change provided under the proposed change the same qualifications would be required for county judges as is now required of district judges. If there is a county in Texas that has not got plenty of a good material for county judges as those who fill the district judgeship we would like for the Chief to name it.

We do not think the Chief's argument in this line would be seriously considered by any person who will give the subject a moment's thought; then why is the change proposed by appeals from the county courts, that is a mere supposition. By knocking out two courts the district court and the civil courts of appeals be made go direct to the supreme court, where they all go anyway. It happens to raise the expenditure to carry them there even under the present law. Our plan would save litigation five cents on the scale to

the supreme court and that is one thing in favor of the new plan.

So far as the supreme court becoming clogged with an increased number of cases we honestly do not think there is any grounds for such apprehension. The old fogies on the supreme bench can dispose of twice as many cases as they do if they would get anything like a business move on them. If they refused to try to expedite the business it is easy to put those in their places who will.

The judiciary in Texas costs the people too much, as every intelligent lawyer knows. They also know that a reform is needed, not only to save cost but to expedite the business of the courts. The plan we propose would give speedy trial to criminals and also to litigants by allowing the county court to sit at any time to try criminal cases and three or four times annually for civil business and then one of the existing evils of the times would be remedied.

We agree with the Chief about abolishing some of the useless departments. As to the commission we fought it from the start and voted against it at the polls. We believe it is useless and we would like to abolish it. We say, amen. As to abolishing the office of chaplain in the House and Senate and half the legislature we think the Chief is mistaken. The first two offices are constitutional, offices and would require an amendment to the organic law to make the change, and the people of Texas want constitution, besides the saving would not amount to anything. Formerly we were of the opinion the legislature was too large and we should shrink so now. After serving four months in the House we have come to the conclusion that rather than decrease the members the Senate ought to be increased at least. There is more danger in hasty legislation than anything else, and a small body is the place to rush things through. As a rule ninety nine out of every hundred bills introduced ought to be killed, and the hundredth one sometimes. The rest of the times it is too much legislation, and about the best service a member can render the state is to assist in slaughtering bills. Texas is a large state, with varied and conflicting interests, and we do not believe it would be a good idea to reduce the members of the legislature but on the contrary think it would be a fatal mistake to do so.

The total cost of the judicial machinery of this state paid for by state beginning with the attorney general office, salaries of the various court officers, sheriff's and witness fees, in examining courts amounts to \$807,415.000 annually. We do not wish to go so far as wanting to abolish all the courts by any means but we do believe that nearly one half this vast sum could be saved by abolishing useless courts, boards and departments.

These suggestions are worth consideration. They are to be hoped, do as idle vapors of a disgruntled democrat or one who wants to throw any obstacle in the way of the democracy. The judiciary of Texas is too heavy and the democracy must unload part of it. It may be impolitic to speak out in "meetin" this way but we have always believed that honesty is the best policy and that if the party makes a mistake it has the courage to rectify that mistake. Some of the most bitter opponents of Democracy now, are justly chargeable with much of these burdens felt upon the party while they were members of that party and active advocates of the very measures they now condemn so bitterly. The party wants to rid itself of the evils these migratory geniuses have foisted upon the party and the people, as the party is now happily rid of most of the distasteful elements of the party in the past. What thoughts are here presented is not to arraign or criticize the dominant party of which the writer is and ever, so long as he lives, expects to remain a member. He, therefore, believes reform badly needed in our clumsy, unwieldy judiciary.

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THE DEMOCRATIC RECORD.

Governor Culberson's exhibit of the fruits of a Democratic administration in Texas during the year 1895 speaks for itself. The shafts of partisan and captious criticism fall harmless before this array of facts. The people of Texas may well be proud of the fact that they enjoy the best state government in the Union, one that is not dominated by rings and cliques that is in touch with the people and responsive to the popular will. Here is the record of a year.

Laws have been passed: Regulating contested elections and county seat contests.

Providing for primary elections. Revising and making plain the civil and penal codes.

Making occupation taxes uniform. Protecting the oyster beds off the coast from destruction.

Equalizing taxation by bringing within its range objectionable heretofore exempt property.

Giving colored people control of their schools by provision for colored trustees.

Making all railroads handling through freight responsible to shippers for damages, instead of leaving them to discover on what road the loss occurred.

Providing for the support of the Confederate Home.

Prohibiting trusts. Reducing fees in felony cases, whereby \$188,000 was saved to the state in 1895.

Providing for the arbitration of labor disputes.

Preventing tax-dodging. Encouraging the development of irrigation enterprises in the west.

The executive record is not less satisfactory.

The railroad commission saved to the farmers and merchants \$2,000,000.

The state expenditures are more than self-sustaining.

Public schools have been placed practically on cash basis.

ORGAN CONTEST.

The name of each candidate and number of votes each has received up to four o'clock of going to press each Friday evening will be published weekly in this column.

CANDIDATES. VOTES.
 Miss Nellie Phillips, Baird, 7
 Miss Lella Lee, Clyde, 6

ORGAN CONTEST NOTES.

A candidate each from Clyde and Putnam was promised this week. Perhaps they will be in next week, also one or two from Baird. Name your candidate.

Remember that any young lady living in Callahan county is eligible as a candidate.

The only way anyone can secure coupons at this office is to subscribe for THE STAR or purchase a copy. No coupons will be printed except those that appear in THE STAR.

Premium certificates will be ready next week and mailed to all that are entitled to them.

Putnam and Clyde are preparing to enter candidates; Baird also, so we are informed, but no names have yet been formally pronounced.

SNOOKS STARTS THE BALL.

Here a come, boys: Help me all around.

We must not let the organ leave the capital town.

Snooks is my name, boys, And I know how to rustle, And if you will help me, We'll have a regular rustle.

With these seven votes I'll start the pace.

With Miss Nellie Phillips in the race; And some of the candidates I'll make see snooks.

If this is not so, my name is not SNOOKS.

Miss Lella Lee is the second candidate and starts in with a good vote. The contest is now fairly begun and several more candidates are expected next week.

Miss Lella Lee, of Clyde, Callahan county, Texas had her organ burned when her house was destroyed two years ago. She is worthy of your vote. She has many friends in this county and will appreciate their votes. Now will they show it by voting for her? Nominated by A. FRENCH.

NOTICE.

I hereby notify all persons not to remove any wood, dead or green, off the Denton and Hancock sections of the land. All persons so trespassing will be prosecuted. W. B. ELLIS, Agent.

ANNOUNCEMENT RATES.

The price of announcements for candidates for 1896 is for county judge, county clerk, sheriff, county treasurer and tax assessor \$10 each. For all other county candidates \$8 each, prepaid, \$2.50 tickets, \$1 for each name extra on democratic ticket only.

MISS LUCY SMITH.

CLYDE, TEXAS. JAN. 24, 1896. Miss Lucy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Smith was born March 1st 1874 and died Jan. 11 1896.

Her ardent disposition together with her true goodness of heart make her many friends who will miss her most sadly from their gatherings. But only the members of her family and her most intimate friends could know her true Christian virtues and the purity of her heart. How she enjoyed lively conversation, merry laughter and kind heart! And since that voice has ceased to speak, we feel assured that all will again bear its tones in the better land. She had confessed the Savior in 1891 and has ever since been a constant member of the Christian Church at Clyde, and died trusting in the promises which the savior has given us in his word, and as was said in the funeral service "we feel that those who are faithful will meet her in the life beyond."

She was thrown from her horse on Dec. 26th 1895 and lingered three weeks and two days after being hurt and died at 5:30 o'clock, Sunday Jan. 19th 1896.

ADVERTISING FOR FARMERS.

While waiting at a country station I was acquainted with quite an intelligent, nicely dressed gentleman who belonged to that class which, according to the funny newspaper, is the natural mark for the confidence man. During our conversation I learned that I was connected with the advertising department of the press.

"I believe in advertising," he remarked, "and practice it, as also do several of my neighbors."

The possibility of a farmer advertising had never occurred to me, and upon expressing a curiosity to know in what manner farmers could advertise, he said:

"I live in one of the best countries in Mississippi, I own and till a large farm. In addition to growing all kinds of grain I raise both cattle and pigs. I live within convenient distance of four railroad stations, each having a number of grain buyers and stock dealers. When I conclude that I am ready to sell my stuff, I insert a local in three or four local papers published at those villages stating the amount and quality and, if I stock, when it will be ready to go. Then, instead of being compelled to go from one dealer to another in order to receive a fair price, they come to me, and by mail and personally put a price on it. The buyers know my methods, and also know that other dealers are after me, and consequently they bid the highest price that can be offered. I always get the best prices going, little outlay in advertising pays me. Then another thing: If I want to buy a milk cow, what is the use of my riding all over the country, inquiring from Tom, Dick and Harry for the desired article, and spending four or five dollars worth of valuable time when fifty cents invested in an advertisement in the local paper will bring such a throng of eager sellers as to give me practically the appearance of a county fair ground?" Printer Ink

PREACHING.

THE STAR is requested to announce that Rev. Frank McAfee will preach at the Cumberland church tonight, Saturday, January 25.

DEEP CREEK NOTES.

Jan. 22nd.—Married on the 17th inst. at the residence of the bride's parents Miss Jane Morgan and Mr. Lawrence Looper. Rev. Maves of Baird officiating. The happy couple will build their nest on the Marion Terry place and Mr. L. will cultivate the farm land belonging to the Hill-Maith ranch.

The road overseer of this precinct Mr. John Benn had the hands out last Friday and Saturday and has summoned them again for the last days of this week. The road has been widened last summer for 10 feet and to clean the additional space from the stumps and underbrush will be about all the work that can be done on the road for the current road year.

The plowing season has not yet closed at John A. Mathew's place. Eight bales were ginned this week and several are in view for next week. Plowing operations have begun everywhere and our blacksmith is kept busy. The soil is in splendid condition. Indeed reliable men tell me that they strike moist dirt at a depth of two feet.

Mr. Jessie Bork the boss of the 184 ranch returned Monday from Blasing star with a bunch of about 120 fine yearlings. The market price is now about \$9.00 but many farmers hold out for higher prices.

Again we have to report something in the southwest line. A red jersey sow of Mr. Jesse Walker is almost more than one year old the progeny of a litter of 14, saw fourteen pigs. That beats the record kept by the well known oldest inhabitant and pushes Callahan county to the front. H. B.

COLONY NOTES.

Jan. 22nd.—During our stay of nearly four weeks on the Colony everything has been moving along quietly and smoothly.

The ground has been so wet—it is most of the sticky kind—that almost nothing has been done by the farmer in the way of "breaking" for the new crop.

The wheat is looking like it thought Spring was soon to open. A good crop is expected.

Verily, it takes thirteen months in the year to make and gather a cotton crop—indeed, it may take fourteen months. Many have cotton to pick in quantities ranging from a bale to two bales. Several children can come to school only on such days as are too bad to pick cotton. If the weather will permit several, probably all, will be able to send to school week after next.

One man who paid a visit to the old home in Mississippi said it is actually made him dizzy to go down the hills where he was accustomed to go before coming to Texas, as "the gules had got deeper and and the hills steeper." He doesn't care to go back again soon even on a visit; he is perfectly satisfied with the free state of Callahan. Other things could be said about those who paid visits to their former relatives, but it would make this letter too long.

Mr. John Robins, a young Kentuckian is with his Uncle and will make this his home during the year, and make a crop. Plowing with a disc plow is something new to him, we venture.

One man has been put out of the house by the hands of the law. We learn that he went back in the house and was going to sue for damages but he was not shown accounts. Under the circumstances to give particulars is unnecessary. T. D.

NOTICE.

I desire to call on all my patrons who know themselves indebted to me to come in and settle up. I have been as lenient as possible in extending time—in fact more than I can really afford to do. Please come in and square up old accounts so that I may be able to help those who may need help in the dull season of the year. H. Maves, Baird, Texas.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor



One democratic state convention is all we should have. The STAR is in favor of having only one convention, and settle the differences in the party at once and prepare to meet the enemy in solid phalanx.

The Bulletin, Judge Rufus Harby's official mouthpiece, has suspended publication for want of subscribers. In announcing the fact, the Judge failed to mention the fact the "silver crane" was dying out.—Fort Worth Gazette.

The old-time Alliance wind-bag calls the editor of THE STAR a calamity bowler. That is rich, indeed, coming as it does from one who never could see a ray of sunshine, but preaches nothing but hard times, sadness, gloom and despair—the self-styled organ of the "common people," etcetera.

It is reported that an English fleet is heading for American waters. Should this prove true we are nearer war than any of us ever dreamed of. America will never take a bluff like that, and the drum-beat will be heard from Maine to California and from the gulf to the Canadian shores, for war is at hand.

Shall we have a primary election or a county convention to nominate county candidates? THE STAR has always preferred a primary election to a convention, but the way the election was conducted in the fall of 1894 rather disgusted democrats with that plan, but with the law now in force we think the primary election will be the best. What say the democrats? It is time to consider the matter.

The Prodigal calls on THE STAR to name a few of the sinners in the county. Why did not the Prodigal name to name a few in the nation? Pets and sinners were mentioned in county, state and national; county was only used in a general way. THE STAR in another article points out a few of the pets and sinners in state matters, and the national government is full of them. Does the Prodigal want to know where to find them?

The noble-hearted, generous people of our town and county have done themselves great credit in the way they have remembered the family of our late townsman, J. M. White. All his burial expenses were paid a day or two after his death, and now the debt of \$160.00 on his home, which was mentioned last week, has been raised. Such deeds as these go to show the world that we live in a Christian country.—Fairfield Recorder.

THE STAR makes announcement and ticket rates separate the year. The announcement fee does not entitle anyone to have his name printed on any ticket. After the democratic county nominations are made none but names of democratic nominees will be put on the ticket. If any other ticket is wanted, independent republican or populist (straight tickets only) THE STAR will print them at a reasonable rate only. If any want bogus tickets they will have to get them at some other office, we will not print them at any price.

The Pro denies then admits that the Court House and jail were heretofore repaired out of the general fund. It also admits that the tax was raised although the county has no bonded debt, though the Prodigal refers to a previous debt. What debt except for the county poor farm? The Prodigal says \$260 is not sufficient to pay expenses. Twenty-five cents on the 100 will make nearly seven thousand dollars, that there is the poll and occupation taxes, counting expenses of collecting and delinquents the county would realize between six and seven thousand dollars nearly one dollar per capita of the population of the county. We think if the court cannot run the county that amount a reform of the reformers is needed.

Why could not Baird, Cottonwood and Cro's Plains pool their interests and build a telephone line from Baird to these points? Such a line would pay Baird if we had to pay all the expense. But Cottonwood and Cross Plains would help, we have no doubt.

An exchange says the leading populist papers are clamoring for war with England so this country could repudiate its debts due England. Wonder how many populists have or could borrow money from England.

Texas never before saw the number of mercantile failures the state is having now. Yet we were told last week that the report of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law and the further striking down of silver would bring prosperity and happiness to the country. Both observation and sad experience are beginning to show many failures who when asked what a financial system which injures the people is bound to injure the merchant.

Some affect not to believe it, but many more will learn it to their sorrow before the year is out.—Fairfield Recorder.

DOCTOR BILL'S.

All persons who owe me for professional services are earnestly requested to settle at once. R. G. POWELL, D.D.

NOTICE.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE AT 7:30. THE STAR is requested by T. E. Powell to announce that the business men have agreed to close their stores at 7:30 p.m. during the coming protracted meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

There will be held a Sunday school institute at the Baptist church at Baird, beginning Monday night, Feb. 27th, to continue three days, by Rev. T. C. Boykin. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those who so thoughtfully and generally contributed to the "pounding" at the parsonage on last Monday night. The numerous and valuable gifts are highly appreciated, but more than all the spirit that manifested by our friends. To one and all we return hearty thanks.

M. & Mrs. W. W. DORMAN.

REVIVAL AT WARRIOR.

Rev. J. H. Andrews assisted Rev. E. W. Jones for nearly two weeks in a meeting at Warrior, closing Sunday night, 23d inst. The citizens of Warrior say they never saw anything like it before. The work was deep and thorough. Nearly 150 are reported to have professed conversion.

NOTICE.

We will begin a protracted meeting at the court house in Baird Saturday, January 25th. Rev. J. H. Andrews, of Alabama, will assist from beginning to close. Bro. Andrews is a member of the north Alabama conference, and is most successful as a revivalist. I have known him for years and am fully prepared to endorse him in every sense. The meeting is for the public good. We therefore earnestly ask the co-operation of the people and especially of the Christian people. W. W. DORMAN.

AN EXPLANATION.

I desire to say to the people of Putnam and vicinity that my reason for not filling my appointment there last Sunday is this: To obtain a stop over on my tickets, on the 7th of Jan. I sent them to the general passenger agent at Memphis to be signed by the agents of the different roads. I then left the M. & C. R. R. at Grand Junction, Tenn. ran down to Miss. to visit my mother returning to Grand Junction on the 14th and waited there four days for my tickets. They were received Saturday the 18th. It was then too late for me to reach Putnam before Sabbath had passed. This I very much regret but feel that it was unavoidable. Yours Truly W. W. DORMAN.

ODDITIES OF DRESS.
National Characteristics of the Attire of Europe, among the higher classes as well as among the peasantry, is distinctive peculiarly costume exists that is absolutely nothing of the kind in North America. The richness of the country does not explain this, as in the American states, which are younger than our nation, a national costume is the rule.

The Russian "kakoshnik" is one of the most charming articles of adornment in Europe. It originated among the Muscovite peasant women, but has been adopted during this century by the ladies of the court, who have elaborated it into a red velvet cap encircled the plumes and veil worn at the English court.

The Spanish mantilla is well known and has been somewhat vulgarized on the continent. The national dress of Romania has escaped that fate. Carmen Sylva always wears it when upon the stage. It is a white linen sleeveless garment made with as few folds as possible and somewhat resembling the Egyptian "chabbesim." It is strictly embroidered in a cross-stitch arabesque in bright red, sky blue, orange, yellow and black silk, intermingled with gold and silver threads. A band of similar embroidery encircling the waist, with streamers of colored ribbon falling therefrom in a shimmering cascade. The hair is braided in four plaits loosely tied with chains of sequins and the feet are incased in crimson kid slippers strewn with seed pearls.

In Poland peasants and peasants wear around their throats several rows of large coral beads, and so loath to part with these supposed bringers of good luck are they that when a grande dame is arrayed for ball and is obliged to put on pearls and diamonds she carries her coral beads in her pocket.

In Austria-Hungary is found the richest diversity in the matter of costume. The garb of the Hungarian peasant is so fetching that the wealthy ladies copy it when on their estates. It consists of a short puff-skirt of crimson and yellow, a small sleeveless velvet bodice imprisoning a smoky shirt, stiffly starched and embroidered in contrasting colors, and an artistically knotted head scarf from under which escapes a thick head of hair entwined with colored ribbons.

In the plains of Provence and in the Normandy lanes the wealthy aristocracy of their little lace cap, the intrinsic value of which is some times incalculable, made as they are of rare pearl lace fastened down with quaintly chased golden pins, heirlooms in families.—New York Telegram.

Where to Plant Watermelons.

Several young farmers were discussing the raising of watermelons, says a correspondent of the New York Post. Many opinions were expressed as to the most desirable soil the best seed, the best fertilizer and the like, and finally one of the group avowed an aged colored man who happened to pass. The question was stated, and the young man said: "Come now, Uncle Winder, what is your opinion about all that?" You must have made many a fine crop in your time."

The old man's eyes twinkled. He took of his hat, scratched his gray wool and answered: "I ain't rightly saro 'bout de 'lowance of fertilizer, neither as to de 'viable kind ob seed what is more better dan common. But I's dead saro able to pick out de best patch for plantin' watermelon, wheder de land is een dis county or de 'Tinn (adjoinin') one. Boss," he added, pausing to emphasize his words, "I done figure it out long time dat de perfectest place for mistin' 'milions is de patch what faces all de windows een de big house up and down, and neber is los' sight de sun."

The Fool Postmaster.

"Are you fond of stethines?" asked a young man who had taken the hostess' pretty niece from the country down to supper.

"As a general thing, yes," she answered, looking up into his eyes with an encouraging frankness that he pretenses never to his heart, "she added hastily, as he started to say something pretty, "not any tonight, thank you—it's rather late. A very little, however, is all I care for."—New York Mercury.

Origin of the Starbed Arrow.

The harbed arrow doubtless had its origin in the observation of different kinds of thorns. Many thorns have natural barbs which render them both inconvenient and dangerous to travelers.—Chicago Chronicle.

Asking Too Much.

"So you want to marry one of my daughters, eh? Suppose you take the oldest."

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FOR SALE.

Five broke horses and two colts, graded Norman. One McCormick binder. Good as new. Two Salky plows. One harrow. Will sell above property cheaper for cash as I have no use for them. R. A. Sweeny, Baird, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM.

Little Vance Sublett, infant son of Brother and Sister Sublett, departed this life January 21st, and was buried in the Baird cemetery January 22d 1896. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Mays.

Little Vance was fifteen months old, a very sweet and intelligent child. He has gone from the family and can not return, but he can go to him. A sleep in Jesus; blessed sleep with which none ever wakes to weep. Good-bye, little Vance, till we meet again. We sympathize with the dear family in their bereavement.

J. L. MAYS.

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Do you owe T. E. Powell. If so he owes the money. He must have it to settle his debts. Go settle with him. These 100 are demanding the money. I cannot pay until you pay me. Come at once. T. E. Powell 50.

I owe a great deal of money. The Wholesale merchants are rushing me for the money. I sincerely ask all that owe me to come up and pay me. It is all due, and I must collect it to meet my bills. If you owe me at once, T. E. Powell will do it.

The year's accounts for a close and outstanding account must be closed. Please attend to this at once. T. E. P.

TRY READING The Star.

STAR "ORGAN CONTEST" COUPON.

Cut this out, fill out blank in ink for whom you want to vote and send as follows:

To Contest Editor BAIRD STAR,
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I cast one vote for

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Write name and address plainly in ink. Contest closes May 31, 1906

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No. 12 1:00 p. m. to Ft. Worth
No. 13 3:00 p. m. to Ft. Worth
No. 14 5:00 p. m. to Ft. Worth
No. 15 7:00 p. m. to Ft. Worth
No. 16 9:00 p. m. to Ft. Worth

WEST BOUND.

No. 17 11:00 a. m. from Ft. Worth
No. 18 1:00 p. m. from Ft. Worth
No. 19 3:00 p. m. from Ft. Worth
No. 20 5:00 p. m. from Ft. Worth
No. 21 7:00 p. m. from Ft. Worth
No. 22 9:00 p. m. from Ft. Worth

F. S. GAGB, AGENT.

MAILS.

TOMATO, COTTONWOOD, CADDO PEAK CROSS PLAINS.

Leaves Baird 7:00 a. m.
Arrives 10:00 a. m.

PITMAN AND CEDAR. Train schedule.

TECUMSEH AND EAGLE COVE.

Daily, except Sunday.

Leaves 7:00 a. m.
Arrives 9:00 a. m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Eliza Gilliland is visiting in the county this week.

Earnest Aycock is now wrapping up goods for Mr. Schwartz.

There was a dance at the Powell-Barnhill Hall Tuesday night.

Tom Fraser is now handling "chuck" at Frank Johnsons Chop House.

Rev. Dorman and family returned Monday from a visit to the old states.

Miss Manning from Albany is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ellie Richardson this week.

Mrs. J. J. Matthews returned this week from a visit to her old home at Comanche.

There was a party at Mr. Ellis Richardson's Tuesday night in honor of Miss Manning from Albany.

S. W. Jackson from near Putnam was in the city Monday, and left a dollar with us for THE STAR a year.

C. S. Boyles our efficient saddler left for Corsicana Wednesday. When asked by a reporter what the nature of the trip was he replied: "Just look at me when I get off the train Saturday or Sunday.

Dr. S. T. Fraser has another girl at his house.

Union sets cheaper then was ever known at J. Norton's, 717

Brown Seay has had the interior of his saloon repaired and painted.

J. H. Breeding and W. J. Stone, of Cottonwood, were in town Monday.

J. M. Marshall, who has been sick for several weeks, is able to be out on the streets again.

Sam Culbirth and they and Alex McWhorter shipped some cattle to market this week.

The best seed potato known, "Early Triumph" Sure crop in 90 days. For sale by J. Norton. 717

The total receipts of cotton at Baird up to Thursday night was 3015 bales. Total receipts last season, about 4,500 bales.

I have now in stock D. M. Perry & Co.'s Crossman Trees and California 1896 garden and flower seeds. 717

J. NORTON.

There was considerable disturbance in town Sunday night. John Barceyorn seemed to be on a tear.

J. H. McWaters and his son-in-law, Johnny Johnson, have rented the Carmichael place from F. S. Bell.

Wheat is reported in splendid condition in this county, but unfortunately the acreage is smaller than usual.

Cary Hinds is among the Bairdites who recently moved to the country, but we seriously doubt if Cary does much real granger work.

THE STAR job office got out some work for both Putnam and Cottonwood merchants this week, in addition to considerable work for home parties.

THE STAR missed a good item last week on Gus Klinkman's horseman ship, but after letting it go by for a week, we promised Gus not to say anything about it—and we won't.

I have purchased the entire stock of goods from R. F. Gurney, and I want to close them out regardless of price, either by retail or in bulk. Give me a call. W. E. MAVER. 717

W. T. Wheeler, of Putnam, deposited \$5 in THE STAR's exchequer this week, and thereby got 100 premium notes, for which, he says, he is going to cast for some Putnam girl or that Star organ.

Last week W. E. Mayer bought out F. E. Scott's wagon yard, feed and grocery store. This week he traded the wagon yard and feed store to R. F. Gurney for the Racket store, and consolidated the two stocks of groceries at the Racket store.

Several large, healthy, robust tramps have for some time past been loading around town. One particular healthy specimen has been here for two or three weeks to our certain knowledge. They should be put to work or made to kick out.

Phillip Yost and two sons, Phillip and George, returned Saturday night from a visit to Mr. Yost's old home in Dayton, Ohio. They report a good time all around. Mr. Yost says the more he sees of the old states the better he likes Texas. That is the universal verdict.

Every business firm in Baird ought to have an advertisement in the STAR for '96. We intend to push the paper to the front this year, and an advertisement in it will pay better than ever. Try it. Our prices are as low as any first-class county weekly in Texas. 417

In making a difference between cash and credit subscribers we only follow a well established rule, that is he who gets credit must pay for it and he who pays cash is entitled to a discount. THE STAR gives 33 1-3 per cent discount for cash. 41

A full line of dry goods, boots, shoes clothing and notions just received for fall and winter. We shall try to please and make prices satisfactory. All we ask is an examination. Buying will follow. Leo St. J. Schwartz manager. 39.

J. H. Peters has been appointed agent for the old (\$8,000,000) Continental Fire and Tornado Insurance Company of New York. This gives Mr. Peters a line of companies of all kinds of insurance that cannot be beat. Look at his card in this paper and you will see \$125,000,000 of assets represented by him.

NOTICE—Local reading matter sets a fine first insertion, 5c thereafter. Locals run until ordered out. Transient advertising must be paid for in advance. All job work spot cash on delivery of goods. No advertiser is entitled to, nor will they receive THE STAR, unless paid for at regular rate. All contracts for advertising and job work are made on a strictly cash basis, and settlement must be made accordingly. I do not promise or agree to take goods or anything but money for advertising and job work. I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any employee of this office, or anyone else connected with my own family, and all members are hereby notified not to charge anything to my account except on written orders, otherwise than above mentioned.

W. E. GILLILAND, ED. STAR.

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T. B. Ballou, Treasurer.

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Precinct No. 1.

L. O. Olive, Justice of Peace.

Sam Deane, Constable.

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Join the big rush at Powell's 47

See Kavanaugh's ad in this issue.

Go to Mike Sigal's for fresh meat. Kavanaugh makes locket pictures.

For real bargains go to Stern's. 811

Boys hats to a finish T. E. Powell 47

Go to Mike Sigal's for pure leaf lard. 517

Kavanaugh is the best photographer in the west. 217

Remember Mike Sigal is still in the butcher business. 517

—Furniture and coffins at Stern's, 811 Schwartz, manager. 817

The best meat in town at Mike Sigal's Meat Market. 517

Nice line of stoneware, jugs, crockets and churns. H. Meyer. 4217

Have you tried the Bologna sausage at the City Meat Market? 4117.

Kavanaugh guarantees all work to be first-class in every way. 2117.

Mike Sigal keeps on hand all kinds of fresh meat and sausages. 517

Your account is long past due and I must have money. C. S. Boyles. 417

Fresh Groceries arriving every day at Vaughn & Co. Cheap for cash. 617

I have waited on you a long time so please settle your account. C. S. Boyles. 417

1200 pairs men's gloves. Awful anxious to sell. Cheap for cash. 7. E. Powell. 47

Go to Mike Sigal's for hoghead cheese and pork sausage, bologna and wolverine! 517

—Bills of sales, crop and chattle mortgages and blank notes for sale at THE STAR office. 3217

—FOR SALE—Blank chattle mortgages, crop mortgages, blank notes etc., at STAR office.

How does 12 1-2 cents a yard for Hous strike you? You can get it that price at T. E. Powell's. 47

You did not forget me when you wanted credit, so come and pay up I need money. C. S. Boyles. 417

Give your sweetheart a picture of yourself for a New Year present. Kavanaugh's Gallery is the best. 217

A general stock of Farming Goods, Notions and Groceries at the Racket Store. Prices to please all 41

—Purchase a thousand mile ticket good on all lines of the Texas and Pacific Railway, and save five dollars. F. S. GAGB, AGENT.

Red Ross and Triumph Seed Potatoes also handle a native Rose Seed Potatoes at Rock Bottom Prices. Vaughn & Co. 617

The folks back at the old home have sent you their pictures, of send them yours. Kavanaugh's gallery is the place to have them taken. 217

You need not be surprised to get a dun for your account for I need money and must have what you owe me. C. S. Boyles. 417

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All accounts are past due and all parties owing us will please come in and settle up at once, as we are needing money very bad. Vaughn & Co 317

Baird Chapter No. 141 O. E. S. meets on the first and third Monday nights at Masonic Hall. All cordially invited. Mrs. AMELIA CLOSS W. M.

—The City Meat Market wants your meat trade and will get it if the best, in town, fall weights every year, fair treatment and no over charge will do it. 2617.

Buy your meat at the City Meat Market. It is in the business to stay and don't shut the door when cattle are high or weather hot, so just give them your trade and you will have no change to make. 4117

I need money, please settle your act. T. E. Powell.

Your account is past due and I must have money. T. E. Powell. 50

If you want your STAR stopped or your ad out say so. Don't wait for them to run six months or a year, and kick at the bill. We don't want to force the paper on anyone, but would like for those who discontinue ads or paper to pay up first.

It is this. If you have a cough or cold, a tickling in the throat, which keeps you constantly coughing, or if you are afflicted with any chest, throat or lung trouble, whooping cough, &c., and you use Hallard's Horehound syrup as directed, giving it a fair trial, and no benefit is experienced, we authorize our advertised agent to refund your money on return of bottle. It never fails to give satisfaction. It promptly relieves Bronchitis, sold by T. L. Oliver & Co. Baird.

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HOW TO OBTAIN VOTES AND FOR WHOM TO VOTE.

As heretofore announced THE STAR offers a handsome parlor organ to the most popular young lady in Callahan County to be decided by the subscribers of THE STAR, by ballot on coupons printed in each copy of THE STAR, etc.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE AS CANDIDATES.

Any young unmarried lady living in Callahan County (except member of the editors own family.)

HOW TO GET COUPONS.

1st. Every subscriber can get one coupon each week out of THE STAR from now until contest closes.

2nd. Every person who will subscribe for THE STAR to be sent to himself or someone else in the county for not less than one year after Jan. 1st, 1896 will be entitled to 20 votes for every dollar in cash so paid on subscription. This is given as a premium on subscription. If you want to pay two years in advance you will get 40 coupons, 3 years 60 coupons and so on.

Old subscribers will be allowed 20 coupons on each dollar paid on old account or for renewals since Jan. 1 1895.

A special certificate will be given subscribers for premium votes to save time in counting and the necessity of giving one coupon for each vote.

REMEMBER NOW, no one is entitled to any votes as a premium who paid on subscription prior to Jan. 1st. But this offer dates from and after Jan. 1st 1896. We gave the Gazette as a premium to all subscribers between Sept. 1 '95 and Jan. 1 '96 and under no circumstances will any be allowed premium coupons on subscription paid prior to Jan. 1 1896.

3rd. To every subscriber living out of the county we will give 15 votes as a premium. NOTE THE DIFFERENCE: We give 20 votes for each yearly subscription of \$1.00 in the county and 15 out of the county. The cash must accompany the order in every instance. To be plain about it our object is to increase the circulation of THE STAR in the county by securing cash subscribers.

We will select three disinterested persons to count the votes, and will guarantee absolute fairness and impartiality in giving the result. No one in any way connected with this office will be allowed to vote in the contest. So far as we are concerned we guarantee two things. First to conduct the contest fairly and impartially, and second, award the organ to the young lady receiving the highest number of votes.

Read the instructions carefully and send in your votes whenever you desire.

Nominations for candidates are now in order.

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W. E. GILLILAND,
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