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"'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE 'GIT—UP—AND—GIT' THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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HON. T. B. WHEELER.

HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AS A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

He Will Vote for the Amendment That Does Not Mean a Commission with Plenary Powers.

A Conservative Commission Law What He Favors—Railroads are What Texas Most Needs: Good Roods, Next.

[Fort Worth Gazette.]

AUSTIN, Texas, May 19, 1890.

To the People of Texas:

Being an aspirant for one of the most honorable positions which a free people can bestow upon one of their fellow citizens, and it being impossible for me to go into an active canvass at this time, I think it is due you, as well as myself, to give you my views on the amendment of the constitution for the regulation of railroads, which now appears to be the leading issue of this campaign.

It seems to me that there can be no doubt about the state having the right to regulate railroads. The only question for us to determine is as to the mode of regulation. I expect to vote for the ammendment, for, as I understand it, it simply gives to the legislature the right, means and agencies, invested with such power as may be deemed adequate and adviseable." I can see no great danger in leaving it to the good judgment of the representatives of the people, who are elected every two years, to determine what kind of railroad regultion we shall have in Texas, but I would not vote for the amendment if I believed it forced the legislature to give us a commission with plenary powers.

Let us examine the article as amended and see if its language sustains the constructions placed upon it by many distinguished gentlemen. It is as follows:

"Railroads heretofore constructed or which may hereafter be constructed in this state are hereby declared public highways and railroad companies common carries. The legislature shall pass laws to regulate railroad freight and passenger tariffs, to correct abuses and prevent unjust discriminations and extortions in the rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different roads in this state, and enforce the same by adequate penalties; and to the further accomplishment of these objects and purposes, may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and adviseable."

It says the legislature shall pass laws to regulate railroad freights, etc., but when it refers to the legislature delegating its power it does not use the word shall, but says "may provide and establish all requsite means and agencies invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable." "As may be deemed adequate advisable" by whom? Of course, by the legislature. Then I take it that this whole matter of commission and the kind of commission we shall have must be determined by the legislature after the adoption of the amendment. That you may understand my position on this question, I wish to state that if I should be elected governor and the ammendment is adopted and the legislature should pass a just and conservative commission law I would not oppose or veto it. I would feel it my imperative duty to do all in my power to make the law a success. I would select the best men for commissioners who would accept the position—men above reproach who would not administer the law in favor of any partcular class to the injury of other interests—but who would protect the interest and right of the people and at the same time do justice to the railroads. I think I can see how a railroad commission of that kind would be beneficial. It would give the state a settled railroad policy so that those who owned roads in Texas, and others who might be induced to build additional roads, could know on what they might depend.

It would also do much to allay unnecessary agitation, which has never benefited the people in any way and has checked railroad building. Another duty of the commission would be to collect information as to the cost of building and operating railroads, the transporating and classification of rates and any other information which might be necessary to understand the railroad question and collect and condense it in statistical [illegible] to be submitted to the legislature by the governor, with such recommendations as he and the commission may see proper to suggest. I [illegible] that every man who has had [illegible] of being in the legislature [illegible] will admit that this information is necessary to secure wise, just and effective legislation. It should also be the duty of the commission to see that the roads construct good and comfortable depots, keep the road beds and bridges in safe condition, to investigate and report the causes of all accidents and to see that they give to the public satisfactory service.

The commission should also have the right to investigate any complaints against the roads for overchanges, discriminations, or other violations of the law, and if necessary to cause institution of proceeding in the courts to compel them to do their duty under the law. I believe a board composed of wise, just and impartial men, in whom the people have confidence, could and would do much to break down prejudice against railroads and establish a better feeling between the people and those corporations. This would be a consummation of affairs which every true citizen and lover of Texas would like to see.

That there may be no misunderstanding about my position in regard to this question, I wish to state plainly that I am not in favor of a commission with judical, legislative and executive powers. I am not in favor of it because if a commission be established see its results and if necessary its duties can be increased. I oppose a commission with such extraordinary power for the further reason that I do not believe that it would be just and right to place these great properties under the arbitary control of men who do not own or do not have any direct interest in them. I am opposed to such a law for the further reason that we need more railroads, and I am fully satisfied that the passage of a law giving such powers to a commission at this time will practically stop railroad construction in the state. I know that distinguished gentlemen are ready to deny this and in support of their position refer us to the state of Georgia. They seem to forget that the conditions in Georgia are entirely different from those in Texas. Georgia is a very old state, being as we all know one of the original 13 colonies. She is densely populated and is so located that a great part of the traffic of Alabama, Florida, and the Carolinas go through her territory. It is very natural, therefore, that all of her roads are good paying properties. I take it that no extensive portion of Texas is as densely populated as the most sparsly settled district in Georgia; besides the character of the country which surrounds the two states and which contributes to their through traffic is entirely different. But suppose we discard the question of population, surroundings etc., and make a personal application in regard to railroad building. As well as we all love Texas, and as anxious as we all are to see the state develop would we put our money into railroads and yield their control to the arbitrary will and unrestrained discretion of a commissson? The very suggestion of letting others take charge of our property and deprive us of its management is repugnant to our independance and manhood. If we, with all our loyalty to Texas would not do so how can we expect others who are non-residents and have no interest in the state to bring their money here and invest it in enterprises to be controlled by strangers. If we would have more railroads, the commission with extreme powers, is certainly a very doubtful and dangeaous experiment at this time. I venture the assertion that there is not a community in the state which would not give the right of way—a town or city that would not give a liberal bonus to secure another railroad. If this be true would it not be foolish in us to adopt a policy that may prevent any getting what we want and need? All will admit that Texas cannot be properly developed without more railroads. Middle and West Texas must have better transportation facilities for conveying lumber from Eastern Texas to improve their farms and make comfortable their homes. To develop the exhaustable iron fields of Llano and Eastern Texas and utilize the coal fields of north and northwestern Texas, manufacture our own iron and other products we must have railroads connecting the iron and coal fields and extending to the deep water ports on our coast. We have some 30,000,000 acres of fine land belonging to the school fund which cannot now be occupied for the want of lumber and fuel. Nothing but railroads can supply these essential articles. With one or two lines and the [illegible] fuel and lumber can be supplied, and before many years that whole section will be inhabited by a happy, industrious and prosperous people, and the school children of the entire state will be enjoying a bountiful income as a result of their occupations, and that extensive region, which is now unproductive, will be converted into the finest cereal region on the globe. To illustrate what benefit railroads have been to Texas, we may take any county in the state and we will find that its development has depended to a great extent upon railroads being built through its territory, and its prosperity and increase in property values have kept pace with the extent of their construction.

In 1874 we had 1409 miles of railroad in Texas and the taxable values of that year were $244,510,558, while in 1889 we had 7586 miles, and the taxable values were $729,175,564. We thus see that the property values have advanced in about the same ratio that railroad mileage has increased. That you may know my relations to railroads I wish to state that I have never been, nor am I now their champion, as against further interests in the state. I have never served one as an attorney or otherwise a moment in my life, but I believe in dealing justly with those we have becausd it is right to do so, and such treatment will encourage capitalists to construct more roads which are necessary for the convenience of the people and development of Texas, to the extent resources justify.

I believe that the state has the right, and it is her imperative duty, to fix reasonable freight and passenger rates to prevent discrimination in favor of one person or town against other persons and towns and prohibit oppressive freight rates, and if the state does not exercise that power for the protection of her citizens she is derelict in her duty. Laws regulating railroads should, however, be similar to those regulating any other business, they should be fair, just and conservative, with penalties heavy enough to prevent their violation, and if they are disregarded by the railroads their obedience should be enforced if it took the entire power of the state. Such enforcements, however, should be made without malice and with no feeling of resentment or revenge, but simply because it is the law and they, as well as all other corporations and individuals should be compelled to obey the law.

There seeme to me to be a desire on the part of some parties to this discussion to array one portion of our fellow-citizens against the other who followed different avocations—such teachings if heeded will marr the peace of our beloved state—interfere with the enjoyment of our invididual property and personal rights, and if followed to their natural consequences, will ultimately destroy free Democratic government. If we should be free, happy and prosperous, we must not build up class prejudices in Texas, simply because we follow different avocations. The farmers are being appealed to and asked to support and advocate a commission with extreme power, and they are assured that it will prove to be the great panacea which will relieve them of all their embarrasment. Having been raised on a farm, and many of the truest friends that I ever had on earth being engaged in that business, I know that no man in Texas desires more than I do to see the farmers of this state contented and prosperous. These gentlemen tell the farmers that they can get fair treatment from the railroads through a commisson with arbitrary power, but in no other manner. When we investigate that proposition and examine the conditions of the farmers in Georgia, Iowa and Nebraska where they have such commissions, we find that there is more complaint among the farmers of those states about railroad oppressions and financial embarrassments that there is among the farmers in Texas. If the farmers in those states were not relieved, how can the farmers of Texas expect to be benefited by the same character of legislation? It is said that the local rates on the products of the farm are too high. If this be true, and I have no reason to doubt it, the rates should and must be reduced to what is fair and reasonable. This can be done by making it the issue in every representative district in the state and by electing men who will protect the rights of the farmers as well as those of other classes. I know that it is flippantly stated that the representatives will not obey the instructions of the people. I do [illegible] the instructions of his constituents. If this be true why should the farmer suspect men of their own selection, and place implicit confidence in three men with arbitrary power, when those three men are not selected by them and are not subject to them or any other power? Justice and conservatism have always controlled the agricultural classes of Texas, and it will be very surprising if they go to extremes in this contest. In all past conflicts they have had the balance of power which in every case they have used to give to Texas good, safe and conservative government.

In conclusion I wish to state that I am in favor of the other amendment, which will give the majority of tax payers in a county the right to increase their tax for road purposes. I am also in favor of a local option road law, which will give each county the right to regulate and keep in repare its public roads in such manner as its inhabitants may determine. I am in favor of a continued and economic management of the public free school and the funds belonging thereto, so that as soon as possible every child in Texas within scholastic age can go to school from eight to ten months in the year.

I believe that the state university with the medical branch, the agricultural college and normal school should, with as little delay as possible, be made equal to any schools of like character in the Union, so that no young men or young ladies will leave Texas to seek their education in other states.

I am in favor of completing the Western asylum and placing it on an equal footing with the other splendid institutions where the poor unfortunates find such comfortable homes. I believe that the state should establish a home for the indigent and disabled Texas and Confederate veterans, where they could be cared for at the state's expense.

If the Democracy give me the nomination, I will properly appreciate the honor, and if elected, will strive to give perfect protection to every individual, and legitimate interest, with special privileges to none, and will do all in my power, to push Texas forward in her grand strides towards state supremacy. Respectfully,

T. B. WHEELER.

There are many very warm spots on the torrid zone, but Bohrin, by the Gulf of Persia, seems to be, as far as temperature goes, absolutely without a rival. For forty consecutive days in July and August last year, which was by no means an exceptional season, the theremometer was known not to fall lower than 100 degs. Fahrenheit, night or day, and often ran up as high as 128 degs. in the afternoon.

One reason why English comedians are so popular socially is because they are, as a rule, all around entertainers. A music hall comedian who can sing and do nothing else cannot command much of a salary, but if he is able to dance, play a musical instrument or two and give an exhibition of legerde main he is pretty sure of adding materially to his income.

Scotch manners can occasionally be odd. A Glasgow gentleman, in escorting some ladies home from a dance, found a diamond hairpin in the bottom of the cab and handed it to one of the ladies. The owner advertised, and the young woman who had taken it from her escort received a reward of £10. Then the young man applied for a share of the money, and she refusing he carried the question to court. The court allotted him £5.

A schoolboy recently scalded his leg from knee to toe. As there were no signs of healing the attending surgeon chloroformed a greyhound puppy to death, shaved its body, skinned it, and grafted the skin on the boy's leg. The healing was rapid and the color of the grafted skin was uniform and very similar to that of the normal skin.

Some idea of the support which Englishmen give to artists whom they consider great masters may be had from sales of paintings by Sir John Everett Millais. In 1877 "The Knight Errant" brought at auction $7,500, in 1886 "The Vale of Rest" fetched $15,000, and in 1888 the enormous sum of $20,000 was paid for "The Northwest Passage."

A little white bearded man named Widdows, now a clerk in the treasury department, was one of Patti's first managers. Widdows is a noted chime ringer. He paid the 13-year-old child who was destined to become a world renowned diva $100 a week for singing in a concert troupe with which he toured the country.

While Robert Wilson, living near Columbiana, Ala., was plowing in an old field last week he unearthed a tin box containing $650 in gold and $25 in silver. The place was formerly owned by an old gentleman who always buried his [illegible]

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FOR SALE--140 acres of land at Belle Plaine 40 acres in fine state of cultivation; good orchard, house with 6 rooms and outbuildings, cistern, fine tank cost $300; plenty of wood; best bargain in the county; only half a mile from Belle Plaine college; [illegible] will trade for cattle, horses or sheep; improvements worth the money.

FOR SALE--The fine residence of Joe Rushing in Baird, is for sale. Price, [illegible], cash. Will [illegible] for good [illegible] Dwelling [illegible] roof. Finest residence in the city. Ten acres [illegible] [illegible] cistern, [illegible] water. [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] right how much [illegible] low down [illegible] be due you to [illegible] Come to see [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1890.

I am the state.—J. S. Hogg.

Big "I" and little "u."—J. S. Hogg.

I would not give a d—n for a land patent.—J. S. Hogg.

Who is the biggest hog in Texas? J mes S., of course.

Hon. T. M. Bonner appears to be for Hogg, then he don't.

Who rides on a free pass and cusses the railroads? J. S. Hogg.

The Childress Index flops to Hogg. Ye gods! what a tumble.

Baird will have a new gin and grist mill ready for the next crop.

For fourteen years the legislature has betrayed the people.—J. S. Hogg.

You fellows in the Panhandle can go to sheol for all I care.—J. S. Hogg.

Hurrah for Mills. He is one man that has the courage of his convictions.

The Dallas Mercury is a thundering sight better Hogg organ than it is a farmer's paper.

Make me governor and I will put the railroad kings in the state penitentiary.—J. S. Hogg.

Who is trying to ride into the governor's office by inflaming the minds of the people? J. S. Hogg.

Who sued the railroads for one-half the lands granted them since 1876 and got left? J. S. Hogg.

"Howdy" Martin is at home looking after his congressional fences, which seems to be a little out of repair.

If THE STAR cared more for popularity than for principal it would support Hogg and give the railroads fits.

There are at least two hundred statesmen in Texas who are expecting to get a soft snap as railroad commissioner.

Barney Gibbs, posing as a friend of the farmer, is enough to make the angels weep.

Hogg may be governor, but THE STAR will have nothing to do in helping him get the nomination.

Commissioner Hall is said to have a stilletto up his sleeve. Plunge it into the Hogg boom before it grows any larger.

More rain and western Texas booms, Hogg or no Hogg. But THE STAR prefers good fat beef any time to hog.

Corn and cotton are first class in Callahan. Oats medium and wheat spotted, i. e., a few good crops and some not so good.

We can tell the Cherokee Herald by the scent before we break the wrapper. We are inclined to believe Imboden is for Hogg.

If Hogg is elected Barney Gibbs and Hon. Tom Brown will probably be two of the commissioners. Who will be the third man?

Some of the leading commission papers are trying to prove that George Clark is not a Democrat. That's rich, to be sure.

Railroad building has almost ceased in Texas. Who could expect anything else with all this cry against the roads we already have.

THE STAR is anti-Hogg simply because it does not believe Mr. Hogg's policy the best for Texas. That is the whole thing in a nutshell.

The Fort Worth Gazette has caught the drift at last. We like the Gazette, otherwise we would not care so much to see it support the Hogg Policy.

THE STAR acknowledges receipt, [illegible]sure, an invitation from the [illegible] Abilene to be present at [illegible] June 4, in [illegible]

Some patent medicine advertisers say our rates are too high. All rigth, stay out in the cold, then.

The sheriff's convention meets in Abilene next month. It has been intimated that Mr. Hogg will not be present.

The prospect for dear biscuit another year is very flattering—to the seller. The wheat crop is short in more states than Texas.

John D. McCall is as solid as a brick wall, and Mr. Brahan, if he stays in the race, is going to brain himself upon an immovable object.

THE STAR does not own any railroads or railroad stock, therefore it is actuated solely by patriotic motives in opposing a railroad commission.

To be conservative on the railroad question is to be a railroad hireling, according to some of the extremely good men in the commission camp.

Henry E. McCulloch is a good and true man, and while he has many worthy opponents, we believe he will walk off with the treasury persimmon.

The cry of the Austin Statesman to dam the Colorado has been taken up and changed by the Texas politicians to d—m the railroads. On with the howl.

Perhaps Barney Gibbs wants to get even with George Clark for supplanting him as the anti-leader in prohibition fight in years gone by. It looks like it.

The Texas Farmer published a cartoon last week and makes out Hogg a regular razor-back Texas hog, just exactly what we took him for all along.

Taylor county captured the gold medal at the Spring Palace. Callahan has captured nothing but an aggravated regret for not having an exhibit at the Palace.

W. L. McGaughey seems to be in the lead for land commissioner. About the only objection we have to him he seems to be swinging to Hogg's coat tail a little too close.

The Texas Tribune came bouncing into THE STAR office for the first time this week. Glad to greet you, friend Copeland, and hope you will continue to send the Tribune regularly.

Barney Gibbs, the swarthy hued statesman, failing to get an office on his own account, has seized hold of Hogg's coat tail and expects to be jerked into office — commissioner perhaps.

All the bad men and corporation henchmen are against a railroad commission, and all the goody goody folks are in favor of the commission and "agin" the railroads, according to some folks.

Nine-tenths of the people that are clamoring for a railroad commission seem to think that this is all on earth they need to make them wealthy, healthy and happy. They are already wise in—their own conceit.

Strong efforts have been made to induce Seth Shepard to run for governor, but he positively refuses to do so. Seth Shepard is one of the brainiest men in Texas, and we would love to see him governor of Texas.

THE STAR is in favor of regulating freight and passenger rates, to prevent overcharging and discrimination, but let it be done in a spirit of fairness to all parties. The legislature, through the courts, is amply able to give all needed regulation.

The Comanche Exponent is honest. It says it favors a railroad commission because it is a step towards government ownership of railroads. Exactly. That's why THE STAR opposes it. But then, great minds will differ. On with the bust.

The Cherokee Herald is dead certain (so it says) that Hogg will be nominated on the first ballot, but it is yelling lustily to Wheeler and Hall to come down. If the Herald was certain its man was going to get there Eli it would not care how many Halls and Wheelers were in the race.

Col. William Shaw, of the Texas Farmer, says he had a hard time keeping the boys straight at Houston. If it had not been for the Colonel we do not know what would have become of Juan Hart, Cox, Stewart, Copeland, Charley Edwards, and the writer on [illegible] road from Houston to Fort Worth. [illegible]

Read Gov. Wheeler's address on first page. It is not so rampant as Mr. Hogg's speech, but the country will eventually come to the Wheeler idea whether it benefits Mr. Wheeler or not. This is both a prediction and a threat.

It has been suggested that the peo- of the town donate a lot for the new gin near the business portion of the town. It is a good idea and will more than repay the business men by increased trade. Let us have the mill somewhere near Market street.

Mr. Alden A. Bell has been requested by numerous friends to deliver a lecture on his travels in Cuba, South America and Africa. He has consented, and will give the people a talk at the court house next Tuesday night. Everybody, ladies especially, invited. The lecture will be free.

At the late session of the general conference of the M. E. Church (South) at St. Louis, Dr. A. G. Haygood, president of Emory college at Oxford, Ga., and Dr. A. P. Fitzgerald, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, were elected bishops.

The Fort Worth Gazette says Mr. Wheeler does not declare for or against the amendment. The Gazette's eyes are so full of Hogg hair just now that it cannot see straight. Wheeler declares in favor of the amendment, in his address to the people, which the Gazette published before it made the statement above mentioned.

The Methodist general conference at St. Louis declared for prohibition and a complete suppression of the liquor traffic. The editor of THE STAR is a straight out Methodist, but believes this is mixing church and politics a little too much, for prohibition is a political question and nothing else.

It will be a glorious day for grand old Texas when the Hogg boom is laid silently away under the shadow of the Alamo, as it certainly will be if the opponents of the Hogg policy will unite. The only thing we regret about it is the thought that brother Imboden, of the Cherokee Herald will perhaps have to be sent to the asylum; but we sincerely hope he will recover from the shock.

The New Birmingham Times calls attention to the fact that a large majority of the Texas press favored the prohibition amendment, yet it was defeated by one hundred thousand majority. The Times says it is a noticeable fact that a majority of the Texas press favor Hogg for governor, yet he is destined to be defeated. We hope the Times' prediction will come true.

Dr. Macune is engineering the subtreasury bill for the farmers in congress. Dr. Macune engineered the Alliance Exchange at Dallas so deep in the ground that the members have been hunting the hole it went into for the last two years. Macune went into the exchange without any great amount of cash, but managed to turn up at Washington with cash enough to start a big paper to educate the farmers. "Yet Brutus is an honorable man" and a great financer.

Cox, of the Merkel Mail, says he had to send twenty-five cents to the Cleburne Chronicle in order to induce it to exchange with the Mail for three months. We would not have done it, Cox; would not give two bits to boot between THE STAR and any paper in existence, and it is a bad example besides, for here we have been looking for the Chronicle for two weeks and it has not shown up. You've spoiled things dead sure, Cox. Brother Scurlock is no doubt so busy watching the Hogg boom he has no time to think of anything else.

REQUEST TO LECTURE.

BAIRD, TEXAS, May 17, 1890.

A. A. Bell Esq., Baird, Texas:

Dear Sir:—We, your friends and neighbors in Baird and vicinity, who have followed you in your travels through the columns of the press in the United States, would be pleased to be still further instructed and entertained by you; and therefore respectfully request you to deliver a lecture to them relative to the countries you have visited, etc. Should you kindly comply with our request, please name the date which will suit your convenience and we will take pleasure in having a suitable hall for the occasion. Very truly yours,

F. W. JAMES,
W. C. POWELL,
W. H. PARVIN.

And fifty other prominent citizens.

Mr. A. A. Bell's Reply.

BAIRD, Texas, May 26, 1890.

To Messrs. F. W. James, W. C. Powell, W. H. Parvin and others:

Gentlemen:— In response to the above request, I will take pleasure in addressing the people on Tuesday, June 3, at 8 o'clock p. m. Respectfully,

ALDEN A. BELL.

NOTE.—The lecture will be given at the court house.

SHERIFF'S CONVENTION.

June 1st to 3d. Good to return until June 9th. One fare round trip. [illegible] T. & P. [illegible]

Note: [illegible] 1t

SHALL WE BARBECUE.

We have been requested to call a mass-meeting of the citizens of Baird, at the Court House next Monday evening, at 8:30 o'clock to decide whether or not we shall have a grand barbecue on the 4th of July: Therefore all who feel an interest in the matter are requested to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Come out, everbody.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Resignation of Tom Stratton, as Constable of precint. No. 2 acceptd

Time of payment of principal due April 1 1890, on contract of sale of Callahan county school land to H. H. Campbell extended.

Quarterly report of C. Estes county treasurer examined and approved.

Tax levy for year 1890.—For Court house purposes, 12 1-2 cents on the $100 valuation of property, 25 cents for general county purposes, 10 cents for road and bridge, purposes, 25 cents on each poll and an occupation tax equal to one half the state occupation tax levied by law.

$151, 13, Poll tax fund, $102, 72, Road fund $64, 78, Estray fund and $100 General fund transferred to the Jury fund.

J. W. Jones, tax collector allowed credits on assessment of 1889 for taxes on delinquent list, for lands sold to the state for taxes April 1 1890, for taxes on lands sold to the state in former years and not redeemed to date, and for taxes on list, errors in assessment, total $523, 53.

J. W. Jaues, tax collector, Report of taxes collected on lands redeemed from tax sales and on delinquent list $258, 05, approved and said sum charged to said collector.

Clerk ordered to give legal notice of the meeting of this court June 9th 1890 as a Board of equalization.

Cross Plains and Coleman public road changed as asked by Bryant, Bond and Reed.

Several road petitions and reports of juries, of review were passed until next term.

Road preciuts 6 and 7 were consolidated and C. C. Seal appointed overseer.

Nat. L. Gist, John H. Babb and Craig Clemmer were appointed overseers of road precints 15 16 and 17 respectively.

Accouuts Allowed

C. C, Westerman, waiting on R. Queen in last sickness	$40 00
C. C. Pack town election	2 00
C. Estes	2 00
W. W. Ogle	2 00
H. Schwartz Jan 7 1890	2 00
Peter Sugar,	2 00
J. E. Pace killing 2 wolves	1 00
J. F. Claggett	50
John Martin 5 wild cats	2 50
W. M. Edwards 1 wolf	50
W. P. Cutbirth 4 lobo	4 00
A. B. Gallaway 1 wolf	50
H. R. Kendrick	50
D. W. Claiborne 2 wild cats	1 00
G. W. Black 1 wolf	50
W. B. Gardner 6 wild cats	3 00
J. P. Motley	1 00
J. D. Windham & Sons, provisions to pauper family	15 00
I. N. Jackson, official postrge, recording deeds, for county, and work in two lunacy cases and express charges paid	47 00
J. W. Jones, waiting on District and County courts, etc	50 75
Gabe Smartt work on road	5 00
W. E. Gilliland publishing financial statement	7 50
W. H. Young' balance due for land used as road bed	25 00
E. E. Solomon attending to school matters	55 92
W. P. Derrington, land used as road bed	5 00
J. E McConnell representing the state in case of lunacy tried by county court	10 00
A. W. Conner road supvr	12 00
Jno. Trent reviewing road	6 00
E. J. Hicks,	6 00
John Kirkendall	6 00
N. M. Dudley	6 00
S. W. Wilkinson,	6 00
Harry Meyer, scraper for use on roads	9 10
A. D. Aldridge & Co. stationery to Co. officers	16 00
T. E. Powell, carpet for court house	11 16
Texas P. & L. Co. stationery for Co. officers	3 25
Geo. D. Barnard & Co.	2 10
Floyd Shock & Co. to J. P. precinct No. 1	30 85
W. D. Dean, boarding prisoners.	30 75
E. E. Solomon ex-officio salary.	200 00
J. W. Jones,	75 00
I. N. Jackson,	125 00
E. E. Solomon disposing of cases in Co. court	24 00
W. B. Ferguson, land used for road bed	30 06
S. M., Merrick	30 00
J. F. Barton road supervisor	3 00
E. E. Solomon, per diem	9 00
Harry Meyer,	9 00
J. F. Barton,	9 00
R. J. Harris,	9 00
A. W Conner,	9 00
J. W. Jones,	6 00
Total	[illegible]

Lace
Powell.

BEAUTIFUL SUMMER GOODS!

DRESS GOODS.

This department comprises all the latest and most nevel effects in Silks, Brocades, Henriettas, English Mohair, Brilliantine, Embroidered and Side Stripe Robes, Challies Wash goods— such as Satines, Ginghams in fancy plaids and stripes, black, striped and checked Lawns; white plaid lace, organdies, challies. Nets in every design.

CLOTHING.

In Clothing and Furnishing goods this season we have made an extra effort, As to selection and make it is nearer perfection than ever before. On our counters will be found beautiful fabrics, chaste patterns designed by artists and guaranteed to fit. Extra size suits and pants. This department being so complete we rarely fail to fit or suit you.

FURNISHING GOODS.

This season we have given extra care and attention to this department, and this summer show more nobby and stylish goods than have ever before been brought here. White and colored shirts, silk shirts, collars and cuffs, handkerchiefs, nobby line of plain and fancy Hose, kid gloves, neck-wear, children's shirt waists, jewelry, etc.

New Summer Goods Arriving Every Day.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Our line of ladies' and gents' fine shoes is full and complete. We can offer you all that is stylish, durable and cheap. In this department our prices will be found as low as you can buy the same goods in Dallas or Fort Worth. Remember we have all our fine goods made to order. It will pay you to buy your shoes from us.

CURTAINS.

An elegant line of lace curtains, scrimes, bed sets, pillow shams, bed spreads, in white and colors. Our line of table damasks is unsurpassed, wo have all grades in white, bordered, snow drop, varigated, Turkey red, both foreign and domestic.

Our line of towels, napkins linens and crashes are complete.

HOSIERY.

We invite your attention to our hosiery department, where you will find a complete assortment of lisle thread, solid cotton, regular made ladies' French fast black, warranted not to fade; ladies' brown balbrigan, ladies' fancy, in all colors. Children's fast black. Also an elegant assortment in colors.

J. D. BOYDSTUN.

SENT ON TRIAL — 'OSGOOD' U.S. STANDARD SCALES 3 Ton $35.
Freight Paid. Fully Warranted. Other sizes proportionately low. H. W. HUBBARD, Gen. Agt., Atlanta, Ga. or Dallas, Tex. Also Engines, Boilers, Corn and Feed Grinding Mills.

TO CONSUMPTIVES

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease CONSUMPTION, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find is a sure cure for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address Rev. Edward A. Wilson. Williamsburg, Kings county, New York. 31-1y

Advice to Mothers.

MRS WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and gis the best known remedy for diarhœa, whethe arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-ve cents a bottle. AUGUST, 1st. '88.

A GENTLEMAN having been cured of Nervous Prostration, Seminal Weakness, Premature Decay, and all the evil effects of early indiscretion and youthful folly, is anxious to make known to others the simple mode of self-cure. To those who wish and will give him their symptoms, he will send (free) by return mail a copy of the recipe so successfully used in his case.

Address in confidence, James W Pinkney, 42 Cedar street, N. Y.

Answer This Question.

Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of the Food, Yellow Skin, when for 75c. we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them. Sold by R. Philips. 18-1y.

That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure, We guarantde it. Sold by R. Philips. 19-1y

Dyspepsia and Liver Comqlaint

is it not worth the small of 75c. to free yourself of evry symptom of those distressing complaints if you think so call at our store rnd get a bottle of Shiloh's vitalizer, every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use accordingly and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing Sold by R. Philips. 19—1y.

A Capitalist of Texas.

BURNET, Tex., June 12, 1887.

Mr. A. K. Hawkes—Fifteen years ago I bought from you a pair of spectacles, and during all these years I think that my sight has not failed at all as I still use the same glasses, and they suit me as well as ever. My age is now 64 years. Yours, etc.,

W. H. WESTFALL,
President Burnet Bank.

All eyes fitted and the fit guaranteed at the drug store of R. Phillips. 23

All female weakness positively cured with Chas. Alff's Germ Exterminator, a wonderful tonic. Baird Drug Co., agents. 21-4

Now is the time to clean the system of Malaria. Alff's [illegible]

D. J. WILSON,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
(Local surgeon for Texas & Pacific Railway company). Office with Baird Drug Co. Office days Tuesdays and Saturdays.

R. G. POWELL,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Office third door south of the post office
Baird, Texas.

Bowlus Bros., Contractors and Builders.

ESTIMATES GIVEN AND PLANS DRAWN.

E. FRUEH & MAX,
THE BAIRD CHOP HOUSE AND RESTAURANT.
Open day and night. | Front Street. | The best the market affords.

Will M. Buell,
HOUSE, - SIGN - AND - CARRIAGE - PAINTING.
All work done with neatness and dispatch. 11t

THE WHITLEY HOUSE
W. C. WHITLEY, Proprietor.
The table supplied with the best the market affords. Board and lodging. Rates reasonable

Go to the OFFICE SALOON *for your*
NINE YEAR OLD KENTUCKY COMFORT WHISKY.
J. B. MAXWELL, Proprietor, Baird, Texas.

T. J. DEAN, TONSORIAL ARTIST,
Market Street, Baird, Texas.
FIRST CLASS WORKMEN ALWAYS EMPLOYED. GIVE ME A CALL. 23tf

J. H. HOFFMANN,
House, Sign and Carriage Painter

OLIVER'S MEAT MARKET.
L. O. OLIVER, PROPRIETOR.

Fresh meats of all kinds always on hand. Give me a call when you want good meats.

Market street. First door south of Ph. Schwartz.

W. A. McLAURY. W. L. JONES T. J. DEAN

New Grocery,
McLAURY, JONES & DEAN,
—Dealers in—
Staple and Fancy Groceries.
MARKET STREET, BAIRD, TEX.

WM. CAMERON & CO.,
DEALERS IN
Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds,

Moulding, Posts, Stays, Lime and Cement.
THIRD STREET, BAIRD, TEX.

W. D. JOPLING,
A Fine Practical
WATCHMAKER and JEWELE
Over five years steady practice [illegible] bench. Fine tools, fine recomm[illegible]tions. First-class work promptly [illegible] and fully warranted. Very r[illegible] fully, W. D. JOP[illegible]
At Mom & Crowder's store, W[illegible]

LOCAL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce J T. Purvis, of Cottonwood, as a candidate for Sheriff of Callahan county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce W. L. Jones as a candidate for sheriff of Callahan county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce Lee McCammon as a candidate for sheriff of Callahan county.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce John C. Greathouse of Toro, as a candidate for Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to annnounce R. J. Estes, of Clyde, as a candidate for Tax-Assessor.

FOR CO. AND DISTRICT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce F. P. Shackelford, of Putnam, as a candidate for County and District clerk.

We are authorized to announce I. N. Jackson as a candidate for re-election to the office of county and district clerk.

We are authorized to announce J. M. Houston as a candidate for County and District Clerk.

COUNTY TREASURER.

We are requested to announce John H. Surles, of Putnam, as a candidate for county treasurer.

We are authorhized to announce C. Estes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer.

INSPECTOR.

We are requested to announce J. E. Pace as a candidate for Inspector of Hides and Animals.

Car of bran and meal just arrived J. L. Lea & Co.

French satine at Powell's.

Spring clothing at Powell's.

Jas. Young was in the city Monday.

Prof. T. B. Holland of Eagle Cove was in town Monday.

Clothing made to order at Powell's.

Dr. J. M. Foy was up from Putnam, yesterday.

Hamilton & Brown shoes. Powell.

Perry Klipper, in company with his father, of Tennessee, made THE STAR a pleasent call Tuesday.

Fresh lot of meal. S. L. Ogle

A. L. Bandy from the Hulltown neighborhood was in town yesterday. He reports everything as in flourishing condition in his section.

A nice assortment of straw hats at J. D. Boydstun's.

Judge Gray and wife, of Brenham, came in on the train last Thursdey and spent a few days in town, guests of A. G. Webb and family. They are highley pleased with our county and will move out next Fall.

French ginghams Algareens Drab De Venis, etc. Powell.

Mrs. Menerva Smith, only sister of John E. Lee, of the Hubbard Timbers, surprised her brother by paying him a visit last week. Mr and Mrs Lee brought her in Thursday, when she returned home.

French ginghams are all the rage call at Powell's and get a nice dress.

A considerable amount of matter was crowded out last week, and the same thing occurs this week. Some locals were left out last week that we thought were in the paper. Mistake will happen sometimes anywhere, and very frequently in a printing office.

Blue ribbon shoes at Powell's.

Mr. Wm. Klepper and his wife, Father and Mother of Perry Klepper, who have been spending some three weeks visiting their son and his family, left Tuesday for their home at Alum Wells, Tenn. They will go by way of Gainsville and Golden City, Mo.

Get W. D. Jopling, of Baird, to do your fine watch work.

Joe Rushing is building a large 25 x 100 feet twc story brick store-house in Abilene, and we learn will continue business under the firm name of the Abilene dry goods company. Nor is Joe under any peace bond, as was reportted.

You can hardly miss the opportunity calling at the dry goods house of Schwartz & Bro. and examine r tailor-made clothing. Perfect uaranteed. Prices very cheap. hwariz & Bro.

John Babb, of Putnam, sister Gilliland of Baird, brought hild to Baird sometime ago reated by the Doctors here. at her sisters now and ld is very low, but we et recover. Mr. Babb orth on business fast led by telegraph to the bedside of his sick child. The parents have our deepest sympathy in their trouble.

LATER.—The little sufferer died yesterday evening at 2:30 o'clock.

Lee Estes is at home.

Arthur Yonge has gone Longview.

See J. H. Huffmann's new ad. and don't forget him.

Silk shirts and all kinds of shirts a Powell's.

Bowlus Bro., have secured the contract to build J. B. Hensley's dwelling.

J. D. Parks of Meridian, Texas, is town the guest of Maj. D. Richardson.

Justin Cook, E. J. Hicks and H. Buchen have been appointed census enumerators for Callahan county.

W. A. Hutcherson, of Bowling Green, Mo., come in on a visit to his brother-in- law, S. L. Ogle, sometime ago, and after spending several days visiting in the town and country, returned home last Thursday.

Black Venecian lace lawns at Powell's, make the finest dresses in the land, Be sure and get one.

Misses Mollie Smith and Mattie Westbrook of Johnson county, who were visiting the families of C. Estes and W. E. Kennard for sometime, past, returned home last week.

Summer underwear at Powell's.

Rev. R. F. Dunn and family left for Granburry, last Thursday, where Brother Dunn will preach the commencement sermon at Granburry college, this week.

Straw matting. T. E. Powel.

We call your attention to J. E. Pace's announcement in this issue of THE STAR. Mr. Pace is an old cowman, thoroughly familiar with marks and brands, has the get-up-and-git to make a rattling good officer should the people decide that he is their choiue for Insector.

Lace curtains at Powell's.

It is to the interest of the county that a full and complete census of the county be had this year; therefor let every citizen aid the enumerators in every way, by answering all questions cheerfully, and give all the information you can to the enumerators.

We are glad to note the arrival of J. B. Hensley and Mr. Everett, from Marshall, Texas. Mr. Hensley has bought property and will build at once. He brings several car-loads of lumber and machinery for a gin, corn and feed mill. He will erect his mill in town and will be ready to gin the present crop. Our friend, Maj. Richardson, says Mr. Hensley is reliable, energetic and a successful mill man and worthy of the confidence of the public. We think that as soon as Mr. Hensley has made a success the gin and corn mill our people will go in with him and put up a roller mill.

Carpets at Powell's.

Trunks cheap at Powell's.

Wedding suits at Powell's.

Window shades at Powells.

Trunks very cheap at Powell's.

Undressed kid gloves at Powell's.

New potatoes cheap at Lea's 2t

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, Texas, will meet as a Board of Equalization June 9, 1890.

By order of the court.

I. N. JACKSON,
25-2 County Clerk.

Call and see our lace dress paterns. J. D. Boydstun.

Greatest variety of parasols in town. J. D. Boydstun.

SPEAKING

about cotton, it is evident that the crop this year will far exceed that of any past season, if you are interested, read the advt. of H. W. HUBBARD, Dallas, Tex., in another part of THE STAR. 24-4m.

Cheapest line of parasols in the market just received. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Just got in our new supply of gentlemen and boy's hats. Come and see them. We will please you in style and price. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

We can fit you up in any kind of yellow pine lumber. Also sash, doors, and moulding at prices reasonable and solicit your trade. Moon & Crowder.

Steers For Sale.

Three hundred steers for sale. Two and three years old.

O. V. COLEMAN,
25-2 Brownwood, Texas.

Dry goods and notions at lowest prices. Moon & Crowder.

RESOLUTIONS.

Preamble and resolutions adopted by Bethel Sunday School, M. E. Church, South, Baird, Texas.

Whereas, our faithful and efficient superintendent, Brother Wm. H. Parvin, has notified us of his intention to move from our midst, therefore must resign his office as superintendent of this Sunday School

ed services, he has greatly endeared himself to the Church and School; therefore be it

Resolved, that it is with profound regret that we learn of his early retirement from the position; which he has so ably filled, and from the church here, whose interests he has always been ready to advance, by his material and spiritual support.

Resolved, that this school, now in session, join in one earnest prayer for God's richest blessings to follow Brother Parvin and his family to their new home, and that we commend them to the Christian love and fellowship of the community in which they shall make their home.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished Brother Parvin; also, that a copy be furnirhe THE BAIRD WEEKLY STAR for publication.

R. F. DUNN.
G. E. NELSON.
A. G. WEBB.
L. GOULD.
J. E. W. LANE.

Cures Cancer of the Skin.

Mr. A. C. Tilly, of Arcadia, La., writes the following under date of March 25th, 1889: "I have suffered with a malignant form of scrofula for twenty-five years, which afterwards developed into a cancer. In 1875 I had the cancer cut out, but not cured.

Shortly after this the scrofula broke out all over my head and body in ulcers and eruptions, the ulcers were full of humor and continually running. I was in such a horrible condition from its effect that I could not sleep, and the strain on me was so great that I fered I would lose my mind. I consulted physician after physician and took thousands of dollars worth of medicine without receiving any benefit. Early in the spring of 1888 I was induced to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) That medicine had a wonderlul effect on me, and in a short time I was entirely cured of the cancer and scrofula that I had suffered a living death from for twenty-five years."

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Organ and Watch.

As I will leave here I will sell one nice parlor organ at a very low price. Also one patent gold watch, the only watch of this kind in the United States.

WM. PFUND,
Car Inspector.

8th Wonder.

Instant Lung Cure.
Price $10.

Warranted instant relief for worst cases. *Cures incipient consumption.*

All chronic diseases treated by massage and electricity. If afflicted, and hitherto unable to obtain relief, write for testimonials of cures.

DR. J. W. CHEEK,
Massage Electrical Specialest, Putnam, Texas. 25tf.

GENERAL NEWS.

Gold has been discovered in Georgia and Maine.

Five more victims of the Georgetown flood were found last Thursday.

City elections in Indiana May 6 resulted in many Democratic gains.

The Republicans of Wisconsin are divided on the Bennett school law issue.

The World's Fair Committee has decided to issue no bonds, but to raise the required $10,000,000 by stock subscriptions.

A man named J S. Hirrman is trying to walk from Wabash, Ind., to San Francisco within 65 days on a wager of $10,000.

The Singer sewing machine works at Elizabethport, N. J., were destroyed by fire last week. The loss was over $1,000,000.

Heavy frosts throughout Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, last week, did much damage to early vegetables, fruit trees and grain.

It is estimated that the carpenters strike in Chicago caused a loss of $1,000,000 a week to those involved.

In Germany over 50,000 workmen are on strike. Employers in Leipsic and Berlin have formed a union to fight the strikers.

A Chicago corporation is about to build the largest department store in the world, and call it "The Fair." The capital involved is $5,000,000.

Notwithstanding President Harrison's orders to clear the Cherokee strip of all cattle, Oct. 1, thousands of head are being shipped into the strip.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle has been nominated by acclimation by the Democratic caucus for United States senator from Kentucky, as successor to Mr. Beck.

The Governor of Mississippi last week refused to accept any aid whatever from the Federal Government for the flood suffersers, on the ground that it would demoralize the plantation hands.

The American Squadron of Evolution has been ordered by the Department of State to go from Europe to Brazil to prevent outside interference with the elections in that country in September next.

An English syndicate together with several American capitalists have taken steps to build a railroad 1,250 miles long from Deming, N. M., to Topolobampo Bay, on the Pacific coast. The capital involved is $21,850,000.

The price of bread is rising, as well as the bread itself, in Hungary, owing to the bakers' strike. The strikers are

ICE! ICE! ICE!

Ice always on hand at 2 1-2 cents per pound at the Bismarck Hall.

Ice cold beer at Bismarck Hall 5 cents a glass.

Report of the Condition

OF THE

First National Bank of Baird

At Baird, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, May 17, 1890.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	155,329 27
Over-Drafts, secured and unsecured.	2,569 59
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	7,903 26
Due from other National Banks	29,261 66
Due from State Banks and bankers	3,820 85
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,516 16
Other real estate and mortgages owned	4,343 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	2,200 38
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	740 63
Checks and other cash items	
Bill's of other Banks	7,225 00
Fract'l paper cur'cy nickels and cts.	27 53
Specie	1,215 00
Legal-tender notes	5,000 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation	623 50
Due rom U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	
Total	250,775 74

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	100,000 00
Surplus Fund	5,800 00
Undivided profits	6,945 03
National Bank notes outstanding	22,500 00
Dividends unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check.	62,798 64
Demand certificates of deposit	
Time certificates of deposit	15,950 45
Due to other National Banks	5,007 58
Due to State Banks and bankers	24 29
Notes and bills re-discounted	31,775 74
Total	250,775 74

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan, } ss.

I, W. C. Powell, Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. C. POWELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1890. W. H. CLIETT.
{Seal.} Notary Public, Callahan Co, Tex.

CORRECT—Attest: F. W. JAMES, J. I. MCWHORTER, W. L. GILLILAND } Directors.

NOTE.—Dividend periods, March 1st and Sept. 1. Annually.

The Star Land Co., is the only real estate firm in the county that advertises all property free of charge.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Marbels of all kinds at R. Phillips'.

Best sugar house molasses in town. McLAURY, JONES & DEAN.

Four cans good lye for 25c. S. L. OGLE.

Hides and furs of all kinds wanted J. L. LEA & CO.

Coppins & Driskill, have the largest ssortment of tobacco in Baird.

Get your White Rose and Clarette soaps at Coppins & Driskill's.

Sixteen pounds soda $1. S. L. Ogle.

Little red amber cane seed at McLaury, Jones & Dean's.

Writing material of all descriptions at R. Phillips'.

The best molasses and vinegar, very cheap, at J. L. Lea & Co's.

Just received a fresh supply of crockery, flower pots, etc. S. L. Ogle.

Call and get your flower pots. S. L. Ogle.

Curtain poles to arrive this week. L. Gould.

For Blank books of all kinds go to R. Phillips.

Floor paint all colors at Baird Drug Co.

The best leaf lard at McLaury, Jones and Dean's.

New invoice of pipes at Coppins & Driskill's.

New styles of window shades at Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Highest cash price paid for corn and oats by J L. Lea & Co.

R. Phillips still has a few goods for sale. Call and see.

Flax fiber buckets, wash pans, chamber pails. Harry Meyer.

New invoice sugar house syrups and sugar at Coppins & Driskell.

Dousens hankerchief extract. Very fine and cheap. Baird Drug Co.

Twenty pounds rice $1. S. L. Ogle.

All kinds of Salt at Lea's.

Full line of coffins. L. Gould.

Fine Imported Havana Cigars at Office saloon.

You will always receive kindest attention at Office saloon.

Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's

Coffins put up at short notice. L. Gould.

Bran, Cotton Seed & other feed cheap at Lea's.

Furniture cheap at Gould's Furniture store.

Our prices are the lowest. Foy & Richardson.

All kinds of candies and nuts, cheap, at Lea's.

Car of fine salt just received at Coppins and Driskill's.

Sixty grain white wine vinegar at Coppins & Driskill's.

Call at Phillips' drug store and see what he has on hand.

Call and examine our churns. S. L. Ogle.

Reading matter—Novels by best authors. R. Phillips.

Stone crocks, jars, churns and water coolers. Harry Meyer.

Just received a lot of pure lard and a nice lot of small clear side bacon. S. L. Ogle.

BIG STONE GROCERY.

J. L. LEA & CO.

Keep on Hand

-: THE LARGEST STOCK OF GROCERIES :-

Therefore they buy and sell cheaper than anyone.

Wagons, Drills, Plows.

D. M. OSBORNE'S

HARVESTING

MACHINERY.

Cheap and on Liberal Terms.

We will buy or help you sell your

COUNTRY PRODUCE FOR CASH.

CASH PAID FOR

Cotton, Wool and Hides.

Cresylic ointment. Phillips.

Dead shot fly paper. Phillips.

Ice cream freezers. Harry Meyer.

Fresh butter on ice at Arthur Yonge's.

California soap at Coppins & Driskill.

Corn and cotton hoes, shovels and spades. Harry Meyer.

Boneless Ham dried beef and onions McLaury Jones & Dean.

Galvanized iron wash tubs, and wringers. Harry Meyer.

Coppins & Driskill have a lot of boneless hams. Get some.

Car load fresh meal to arrive McLaury Jones & Dean.

Nice prize with every package of coffee sold by McLaury Jones & Dean.

Car lot of sugar and molasses direct from New Orleans. Will sell by barrel very cheap for cash. S. L. Ogle.

We will receive, in a few days, another car load of flour, meal and bran Every sack of flour guaranteed first-class. Coppins & Driskill.

The Baird Drug Co. has Ruddy harvest machine oil, Boston coach oil, castor machine oil, lard oil, neatsfoot oil and Eureka harness oil, all at a cheap price.

Coppins & Driskill have first grade flour of all brands and will not be undersold.

A full line of undertaker's goods always kept on hand. We also have ladies' and gents' burial robes, metalic caskets, etc. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Dont forget that we are still in business, and as for goods, we have a full line of everything. Prices! Well we can certainly interest you without a doubt, for we sell low down as everyone can testify. Come to see us you will be pleased. We Schwartz & Bro.

A full line of colognes and Florida waters, elegant and cheap. Baird Drug Co.

Garden rakes, hoes, spades and shovels. H. Meyer.

Genuine Gravely Car-Wheel tobacco $1 per pound. S. L. Ogle.

Best hard water soap in town at McLaury, Jones & Dean's.

Straw hats for ladies, misses, gentlemen and boys, at giving away prices. Call and see. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

A complete assortment of milk pans, crocks and jugs at McLaury, Jones & Dean's.

Every barrel of oil we handle bears certificate of inspection of 150 test, and we challange anyone to publish the test of their oil and produce the certificate. Don't you know they would publish it quick if it would bear the test? S. L. OGLE.

A new lot of furniture just received. More coming soon. We also keep a full line of coffins, from the smallest to the largest. Metalic caskets always on hand. Also ladies and gentlemen's burial suits. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Shoe Polish at Coppins & Driskill's.

Our stock of clothing is complete and we are prepared to meet competition. J. D. Boydstun.

Landreth's garden seed, sold by the Baird Drug Co., are the best in the market.

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SERMON BY DR. TALMAGE

HE PREACHES ON THE HANGING OF PROUD HAMAN.

Many Years Have Passed Since That Event, but Its Story Is Full of Lessons for Us Today—The Doctor's Discourse in Full.

BROOKLYN, May 25.—In the Brooklyn Academy of Music this morning, after the preliminary exercises which in this congregation are considered as important as any of the others, Dr. Talmage preached from the text, "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai."—Esther vii, 10. Following is his sermon in full:

Here is an oriental courtier, about the most offensive man in Hebrew history, Haman by name. He plotted for the destruction of the Israelitish nation, and I wonder not that in some of the Hebrew synagogues to this day, when Haman's name is mentioned, the congregation clinch their fists, and stamp their feet and cry, "Let his name be blotted out!" Haman was prime minister in the magnificent court of Persia. Thoroughly appreciative of the honor conferred, he expects everybody that he passes to be obsequious. Coming in one day at the gate of the palace, the servants drop their heads in honor of his office; but a Hebrew, named Mordecai, gazes upon the passing dignitary without bending his head or taking off his hat.

He was a good man, and would not have been negligent of the ordinary courtesies of life, but he felt no respect either for Haman or the nation from which he had come. But he could not be hypocritical, and while others made oriental salaam, getting clear down before this prime minister when he passed, Mordecai, the Hebrew, relaxed not a muscle of his neck, and kept his chin clear up. Because of that affront Haman gets a decree from Ahasuerus, the dastardly king, for the massacre of all the Israelites, and that, of course, will include Mordecai.

HAMAN'S PLOT FOUND OUT.

To make a long story short, through Queen Esther this whole plot was revealed to her husband, Ahasuerus. One night Ahasuerus, who was afflicted with insomnia, in his sleepless hours calls for his secretary to read him a few passages of Persian history, and so while away the night. In the book read that night to the king an account was given of a conspiracy, from which Mordecai, the Hebrew, had saved the king's life, and for which kindness Mordecai had never received any reward. Haman, who had been fixing up a nice gallows to hang Mordecai on, was walking outside the door of the king's sleeping apartment, and was called in. The king told him that he had just had read to him the account of some one who had saved his (the king's) life, and he asked what reward ought to be given to such a one.

Self conceited Haman, supposing that he himself was to get the honor, and not imagining for a moment that the deliverer of the king's life was Mordecai, says: "Why your majesty ought to make a triumph for him, and put a crown on him, and set him on a splendid horse, high stepping and full blooded, and then have one of your princes lead the horse through the streets, crying, 'Bow the knee, here comes a man who has saved the king's life!'" Then said Ahasuerus in severe tones to Haman: "I know all about your scoundrelism. Now you go out and make a triumph for Mordecai, the Hebrew, whom you hate. Put the best saddle on the finest horse, and you, the prince, hold the stirrup while Mordecai gets on, and then lead his horse through the street. Make haste!"

What a spectacle! A comedy and tragedy at one and the same time. There they go! Mordecai, who had been despised, now starred and robed, in the stirrups. Haman, the chancellor, afoot, holding the prancing, rearing, champing stallion. Mordecai bends his neck at last, but it is to look down at the degraded prime minister walking beneath him. Huzza for Mordecai! Alas for Haman! But what a pity to have the gallows, recently built, entirely wasted! It is fifty cubits high, and built with care. And Haman had erected it for Mordecai, by whose stirrups he now walks as groom. Stranger and more startling than any romance, there go up the steps of the scaffolding, side by side, the hangman and Haman the ex-chancellor. "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai."

ALL IS WRONG IF THE HEART ISN'T RIGHT.

Although so many years have passed since cowardly Ahasuerus reigned, and the beautiful Esther answered to his whims, and Persia perished, yet from the life and death of Haman we may draw living lessons of warning and instruction. And, first, we come to the practical suggestion that, when the heart is wrong, things very insignificant will destroy our comfort. Who would have thought that a great prime minister, admired and applauded by millions of Persians, would have been so nettled and harassed by anything trivial? What more could the great dignitary have wanted than his [illegible] and attendants, and palaces [illegible]

iots. With a heart puffed up with every inflation of vanity and revenge, it was impossible for him to be happy. The silence of Mordecai at the gate was louder than the braying of trumpets in the palace. Thus shall it always be if the heart is not right. Circumstances the most trivial will disturb the spirit.

It is not the great calamities of life that create the most worriment. I have seen men, felled by repeated blows of misfortune, arising from the dust, never desponding. But the most of the disquiet which men suffer is from insignificant causes, as a lion attacked by some beast of prey turns easily around and slays him, yet runs roaring through the forest at the alighting on his brawny neck of a few insects. You meet some great loss in business with comparative composure, but you can think of petty trickeries inflicted upon you which rouse all your capacity for wrath and remain in your heart an unbearable annoyance. If you look back upon your life you will find that the most of the vexations and disturbances of spirit which you felt were produced by circumstances that were not worthy of notice.

If you want to be happy you must not care for trifles. Do not be too minute in your inspection of the treatment you receive from others. Who cares whether Mordecai bows when you pass, or stands erect and stiff as a cedar? That woodman would not make much clearing in the forest who should stop to bind up every little bruise and scratch he received in the thicket; nor will that man accomplish much for the world or the church who is too watchful and appreciative of petty annoyances. There are multitudes of people in the world constantly harrowed because they pass their lives, not in searching out those things which are attractive and deserving, but in spying out with all their powers of vision to see whether they cannot find a Mordecai.

WORLDLINESS VS. GODLINESS.

Again: I learn from the life of the man under our notice that worldly vanity and sin are very anxious to have piety bow before them. Haman was a fair emblem of entire worldliness, and Mordecai the representative of unflinching godliness. Such were the usages of society in ancient times that, had this Israelite bowed to the prime minister, it would have been an acknowledgment of respect for his character and nation. Mordecai would, therefore, have sinned against his religion had he made any obeisance or dropped his chin half an inch before Haman. When, therefore, proud Haman attempted to compel an homage which was not felt, he only did what the world ever since has tried to do when it would force our holy religion in any way to yield to its dictates. Daniel, if he had been a man of religious compromises, would never have been thrown into the den of lions. He might have made some arrangement with King Darius whereby he could have retained part of his form of religion without making himself so completely obnoxious to the idolaters. Paul might have retained the favor of his rulers and escaped martyrdom if he had only been willing to mix up his Christian faith with a few errors. His unbending Christian character was taken as an insult.

Fagot and rack and halter in all ages have been only the different ways in which the world has demanded obeisance. It was once, away up on the top of the temple, that Satan commanded the Holy One of Nazareth to kneel before him. But it is not now so much on the top of churches as down in the aisle and the pew and the pulpit that Satan tempts the exposers of the Christian faith to kneel before him. Why was it that the Platonic philosophers of early times, as well as Toland, Spinoza and Bolingbroke of later days, were so madly opposed to Christianity? Certainly not because it favored immoralities, or arrested civilization, or dwarfed the intellect. The genuine reason, whether admitted or not, was because the religion of Christ paid no respect to their intellectual vanities. Blount and Boyle, and the host of infidels hatched out by the vile reign of Charles the Second, as reptiles crawl out of a marsh of slime, could not keep their patience because, as they passed along, there were sitting in the gate of the church such men as Matthew, and Mark, and Luke, and John, who would not bend an inch in respect to their philosophies.

YET ANOTHER APPLE.

Satan told our first parents that they would become as gods if they would only reach up and take a taste of the fruit. They tried it and failed, but their descendants are not yet satisfied with the experiment. We have now many desiring to be as gods, reaching up after yet another apple. Human reason, scornful of God's word, may foam and strut with the proud wrath of a Haman, and attempt to compel the homage of the good, but in the presence of men and angels it shall be confounded. "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall." When science began to make its brilliant discoveries there were great facts brought to light that seemed to overthrow the truth of the bible. The archæologist with his crowbar, and the geologist with his hammer, and the chemist with his batteries charged upon the Bible.

Moses' account of the creation seemed denied by the very structure of the earth. The astronomer wheeled round his telescope until the heavenly bodies seemed to marshal themselves against the Bible, as the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. Observatories and universities rejoiced at what they considered the extinction of Christianity. They gathered new courage at what they considered past victory, and pressed on their conquest into the kingdom of nature, until, alas for them! they discovered too much. God's word had only been lying in

city, which poured out its numbers and strength upon Joshua's little band. According to previous plan, they fell back in seeming defeat; but after all the proud inhabitants of the city had been brought out of their homes, and had joined in the pursuit of Joshua, suddenly that brave man halted in his flight, and, with his spear pointing toward the city, thirty thousand men bounded from the thickets as panthers spring to their prey, and the pursuers were dashed to pieces, while the hosts of Joshua pressed up to the city, and, with their lighted torches, tossed it into flame.

Thus it was that the discoveries of science seemed to give temporary victory against God and the Bible, and for a while the church acted as if she were on a retreat; but, when all the opposers of God and truth had joined in the pursuit and were sure of the field, Christ gave the signal to his church, and, turning, they drove back their foes in shame. There was found to be no antagonism between nature and revelation. The universe and the Bible were found to be the work of the same hand, two strokes of the same pen, their authorship the same God.

A FEW LESSONS PRESENTED.

Again: learn the lesson that pride goes before a fall. Was any man ever so far up as Haman, who tumbled so far down? Yes, on a smaller scale every day the world sees the same thing. Against their very advantages men trip into destruction. When God humbles proud men, it is usually at the moment of their greatest arrogancy. If there be a man in your community greatly puffed up with worldly success, you have but to stand a little while and you will see him come down. You say, I wonder that God allows that man to go on riding over others' heads and making great assumptions of power. There is no wonder about it. Haman has not yet got to the top. Pride is a commander, well plumed and caparisoned, but it leads forth a dark and frowning host.

We have the best of authority for saying that "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." The arrows from the Almighty's quiver are apt to strike a man when on the wing. Goliath shakes his great spear in defiance, but the small stones from the brook Elah make him stagger and fall like an ox under the butcher's bludgeon. He who is down cannot fall. Vessels scudding under bare poles do not feel the force of the storm, but those with all sails set capsize at the sudden descent of the tempest.

Again: This oriental tale reminds us of the fact that wrongs we prepare for others return upon ourselves. The gallows that Haman built for Mordecai became the prime minister's strangulation. Robespierre, who sent so many to the guillotine, had his own head chopped off by that horrid instrument. The evil you practice on others will recoil upon your own pate. Slanders come home. Oppressions come home. Cruelties come home. You will yet be a lackey walking beside the very charger on which you expected to ride others down. When Charles the First, who had destroyed Strafford, was about to be beheaded, he said, "I basely ratified an unjust sentence, and the similar injustice I am now to undergo is a sensible retribution for the punishment I inflicted on an innocent man."

Lord Jeffries, after incarcerating many innocent and good people in London Tower, was himself imprisoned in the same place, where the shades of those whom he had maltreated seemed to haunt him so that he kept crying to his attendants: "Keep them off, gentlemen! for God's sake, keep them off!" The chickens had come home to roost. The body of Bradshaw, the English judge who had been ruthless and cruel in his decisions, was taken from his splendid tomb in Westminster Abbey and at Tyburn hung on a gallows from morning until night in the presence of jeering multitudes. Haman's gallows came a little late, but they came. Opportunities fly in a straight line and just touch us as they pass from eternity to eternity; but the wrongs we do others fly in a circle, and however the circle may widen out they are sure to come back to the point from which they started. There are guns that kick!

THE TURNS OF FORTUNE'S WHEEL.

Furthermore, let the story of Haman teach us how quickly turns the wheel of fortune. One day, excepting the king, Haman was the mightiest man in Persia; but the next day, a lackey. So we go up, and so we come down. You seldom find any man twenty years in the same circumstances. Of those who, in political life twenty years ago, were the most prominent, how few remain in conspicuity. Political parties make certain men do their hard work, and then, after using them as hacks, turn them out on the commons to die. Every four years there is a complete revolution, and about five thousand men who ought certainly to be the next president are shamefully disappointed; while some, who this day are obscure and poverty stricken, will ride upon the shoulders of the people and take their turn at admiration and the spoils of office. Oh, how quickly the wheel turns! Ballot boxes are the steps on which men come down as often as they go up.

Of those who were long ago successful in the accumulation of property, how few have not met with reverses, while many of those who then were straightened in circumstances now hold the bonds and bank keys of the nation. Of all fickle things in the world, fortune is the most fickle. Every day she changes her mind, and woe to the man who puts any confidence in what she promises or proposes. She cheers when you go up, and she laughs when you come down. Oh, trust not a moment your heart's affections to this changeful world! Anchor your soul in God. Para[illegible]

MISERY IN ITS WORST FORM.

Again, this Haman's history shows us that outward possessions and circumstances cannot make a man happy. While yet fully vested in authority, and the chief adviser of the Persian monarch, and everything that equipage and pomp and splendor of residence could do were his, he is an object lesson of wretchedness. There are today more aching sorrows under crowns of royalty than under the ragged caps of the houseless. Much of the world's affluence and gayety is only misery in colors. Many a woman seated in the street at her apple stand is happier than the great bankers. The mountains of worldly honor are covered with perpetual snow. Tamerlane conquered half the world, but could not subdue his own fears. Ahab goes to bed, sick, because Naboth will not sell him his vineyard. Herod is in agony because a little child is born down in Bethlehem. Great Felix trembles because a poor minister will preach righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. From the time of Louis the Twelfth to Louis the Eighteenth was there a straw bottomed chair in France that did not set more solidly than the great throne on which the French kings reigned?

Were I called to sketch misery in its worst form, I would not go up the dark alley of the poor, but up the highway over which prancing Bucephali strike the sparks with their hoofs and between statuary and parks of stalking deer. Wretchedness is more bitter when swallowed from gemmed goblets than from earthen pitcher or pewter mug. If there are young people here who are looking for this position and that circumstance, thinking that worldly success will bring peace of the soul, let them shatter the delusion. It is not what we get, it is what we are. Daniel among the lions is happier than Nebuchadnezzar on his throne. And when life is closing, brilliancy of worldly surroundings will be no solace.

Death is blind, and sees no difference between a king and his clown, between the Nazarene and the Athenian, between a bookless hut and a national library. The frivolities of life cannot, with their giddy laugh, echoing from heart to heart, entirely drown the voice of a tremendous conscience which says: "I am immortal. The stars shall die, but I am immortal. One wave of eternity shall drown time in its depths, but I am immortal. The earth shall have a shroud of flame and the heavens flee at the glance of the Lord, but I am immortal. From all the heights and depths of my nature rings down, and rings up, and rings out the word 'immortal.'" A good conscience and assurance of life eternal through the Lord Jesus Christ are the only securities.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE GOOD INEVITABLE.

The soul's happiness is too large a craft to sail up the stream of worldly pleasure. As ship carpenters say, it draws too much water. This earth is a bubble, and it will burst. This life is a vision, and it will soon pass away. Time! It is only a ripple, and it breaketh against the throne of judgment. Our days! They fly swifter than a shuttle, weaving for us a robe of triumph or a garment of shame. Begin your life with religion and for its greatest trial you will be ready. Every day will be a triumph, and death will be only a king's servant calling you to a royal banquet.

In olden time the man who was to receive the honors of knighthood was required to spend the previous night fully armed, and with shield and lance to walk up and down among the tombs of the dead. Through all the hours of that night his steady step was heard, and when the morning dawned, amid grand parade and the sound of coronets the honors of knighthood were bestowed. Thus it shall be with the good man's soul in the night before heaven. Fully armed with shield and sword and helmet, he shall watch and wait until the darkness fly and the morning break, and amid the sound of celestial harpings the soul shall take the honors of heaven amid the innumerable throng with robes snowy white streaming over seas of sapphire.

Mordecai will only have to wait for his day of triumph. It took all the preceding trials to make a proper background for his after successes. The scaffold built for him makes all the more imposing and picturesque the horse into whose long white mane he twisted his fingers at the mounting. You want at least two misfortunes, hard as flint, to strike fire. Heavy and long continued snows in the winter are signs of good crops next summer. So, many have yielded wonderful harvests of benevolence and energy because they were a long while snowed under. We must have a good many hard falls before we learn to walk straight. It is on the black anvil of trouble that men hammer out their fortunes. Sorrows take up men on their shoulders and enthrone them. Tonics are nearly always bitter.

Men, like fruit trees, are barren unless trimmed with sharp knives. They are like wheat—all the better for the flailing. It required the prison darkness and chill to make John Bunyan dream. It took Delaware ice and cold feet at Valley Forge, and the whizz of bullets, to make a Washington. Paul, when he climbed up on the beach of Melita, shivering in his wet clothes, was more of a Christian than when the ship struck the breakers. Prescott, the historian, saw better without his eyes than he could ever have seen with them. Mordecai, despised at the gate, is only predecessor of Mordecai, grandly mounted.

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