



THE SQUIRE EXPLAINS THE POSITION.

"I don't know what is coming to this country, I really don't, and that's a fact," said the squire to his companions, after they had walked some paces in silence.

"How can I take it in hand? I have one farm of a hundred and fifty acres in hand as it is. Do you know what it would cost to take over that farm?"

"Ten pounds an acre, every farthing of it, and say a thousand for the conveniences—about four thousand pounds in all—now where am I to get four thousand pounds?"

"I suppose I shall see you to-morrow at this time of day," said the squire, looking at his watch.

"No, no, father, by to-morrow you will be changed your mind. Let us have it now. I mean to do it, and I mean to do it really and honestly."

"Well, as you know, our family has for generations depended upon the land. Your dear mother brought a small fortune with her, and she had a hundred pounds, that she expended upon improvements to the farms and in paying off a small mortgage."

"And what is the place worth?" "It used to be worth between fifty and sixty thousand pounds. It is impossible to say what it would fetch now. Land is practically a drug in the market. But things will come round, my dear. It is only a question of holding on."

"Harold Quartich was about his usual, but because he was so disappointed, he had fallen in love with a girl who was now in the process of being married."

THE BAI RD WEEKLY STAR.

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

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 1889.

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By E. RIDER HAGGARD.

away and went, leaving the old man sitting there with his gray head bowed upon his breast.

CHAPTER VI. LAWYER QUEST.

The day following the conversation described in the last chapter was one of those gloomy autumn mornings which sometimes comes as a faint compensation for the cheerfulness and bitter disappointment of the season which, in this country, we dignify by the name of summer.

"Well, George," he said, "what is it that brings you to Bostingham? A letter from the squire? Thank you. Take a seat, will you, while I look through it. Umph! Wants me to come and see him at 11 o'clock. I am very sorry, but I can't manage that any way."

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ALL THE NEWS FOR THE BUILDINGS on the side of Market Street until the Harry Meyer building can be moved to the lot adjoining Phillips' Drug Store.

W. D. Robinson preached at the Methodist Church, Tuesday night and Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

T. K. Powell informs us that his sales in 1888 amounted to \$3,000 in excess of his sales in 1887.

Give something to the fire company. Ten Powell will sell you cheaper than any house in the city.

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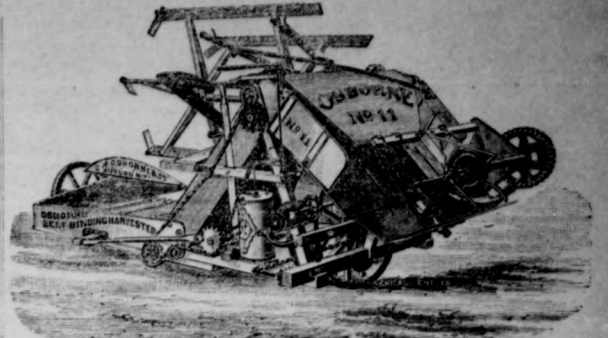
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Fall and Winter.

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Such as Dry Goods, Notions,
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Trunks,
Valises, Jewelry and

Groceries,

We pay no rent, no clerk-hire, and we ask a careful consideration of the public to this fact.
We will not be undersold by any house in Baird, or surrounding towns. Give us a trial and we will prove the above assertion.

Third Weekly Star.

W. AND, Publisher & Proprietor.

LOCAL NEWS.

A prosperous New Year.
Prof. Haynes returned, Monday, from his holiday trip.
Miss Minnie Kershaw returned, Sunday, from a visit to Abilene.
W. B. Ellis, of Eagle Cove, was in town, Saturday.
D. P. Hadley was in town, yesterday.
H. Tolar was in town, yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Kinzey went to Dallas, last Monday.
Rev. W. D. Robinson, of Albany, is attending the Quarterly Conference at this place.
S. L. Robertson and family arrived yesterday, from McKinney. We welcome them back to Baird.
Jose Sprull returned, Saturday, from a visit to Abilene and Sweetwater.
D. H. Palmer, County Attorney, was up, Monday, making arrangements to move to town.
Squire J. P. Barton was in town attending the called term of commissioner's court, Friday and Saturday.
Rev. J. A. Wallace, P. E. of this district, is in attendance at the Quarterly Conference which meets, to-day.
Dr. S. T. Fraser is laid up with a sore finger. The Doctors say it is blood poison, any way it is giving Doc considerable trouble.
We call your attention to the professional card of Dr. G. W. Sherbino, of Abilene, which appears in this issue.
K. Kane's new ad on 2nd and 3rd go to see him when you're anything real nice in the groove.
Moon returned, yesterday, sit to Morris and Cass counsels times are rather quiet.
Lambert, Deputy Sheriff, is bent his sword into a plow-ohr words, he is going to Tecumseh and go to
Aders are returning singly ands. S. L. Robertson and rned, yesterday, and J. H. arrive, to-day. The Star all three welcome.
people say that a naught mount to anything. One led to 800 makes 8000 as ntion. For particulars as addition should be made, sey.
J. E. Gilliland and family were in town, to-day.

Christmas Tree at Putnam.
Having been requested to assist in the opening exercises for the Christmas Tree, at Putnam, I consented to be present on the occasion which was Monday evening, the 24th inst. I arrived at Putnam about 1 o'clock p. m., and found the people astir, getting ready for the Christmas Tree, which was to be exhibited to the people at 6:45 p. m. Long before the hour of exhibiting, the people began to assemble and, in a few minutes after the doors were opened, standing room was in demand. The exercises were opened with prayer and singing and consisted of recitations and addresses, interspersed with songs, prepared for the occasion. Prof. Williams, the popular teacher of the public school at Putnam, was master of ceremonies, and showed tact and good sense in his management of the exercises. Much credit is due to the people for their good behavior and to Prof. Williams and his assistants for the entertainment furnished in the programme. The tree was beautifully decorated and adjusted to the floor and ceiling so as to revolve easily, showing all sides of the tree to the audience. Most every person present had been remembered by their friends, and substantial tokens of their regard for each other were received with gratitude. Among the happy recipients of presents from the tree, this writer answered more than once as the fortunate beneficiary of the kindness of these good people. The whole affair was pleasant from beginning to end and will be remembered by those who enjoyed it as one of the bright spots in the memory of the past.
R. F. DEXS.
Henry Lee has put the Phantom Hill road in first-class repair. The road leading out to Tecumseh, via Capt. Berry's, is said to need work badly. The overseer should look after it, as there is considerable complaint about the hill just south of town.
Last Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Kane gave a supper, at their residence, to the members of the Baird brass band.
The boys were highly entertained, and enjoyed themselves splendidly. It is the unanimous voice of the boys that Mr. Kane and wife make an ideal host and hostess.
A COLD TRAIN.
W. C. Whitley informs us of a queer incident that happened, last Saturday. He called the crew for No. 14, and here is the list: Cole, conductor; Winters, engineer; Sam Snow and Jack Frost, brakemen. Whitley says it was the coldest crew he ever shipped. A cold winter generally brings snow and frost, but we never remember to have seen it mixed up with a railroad train in this way before. Next.
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IMMIGRATION CONVENTION.
To the people of Callahan Co. and of the other counties comprising the 29th Senatorial District.
In obedience to the rules of the State Immigration Committee, I hereby request you to meet in convention, at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, January 15th, 1889, at Baird, Texas, for the purpose of selecting your representative to serve on the State Immigration Committee for the year 1889.
HENRY SAYLES,
Member of the State Immigration Committee from the 29th Senatorial District.
HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.
There was a meeting at Schwartz & Bros., last Monday night, for the purpose of organizing a Hook and Ladder Company.
The following officers were elected: Dan. J. Click, President; T. J. Dean, Vice President; Herman Schwartz, Sec. & Treas.; R. Q. Palmer, Foreman; Robt. Kinzey, 1st Asst. Foreman; W. D. Dean, 2nd Asst. Foreman.
Charter members in addition to officers named: C. S. Rice, Tom Oliver, Ed Fay, Chas. Bowins, G. Bowins, Pete Sugar, and Fred Lane.
Moved and carried that charter members each pay 25c, as initiation fee, and all others pay 50c. Initiation fee, and that no person be admitted under the age of eighteen or over forty-five. Meeting adjourned to meet at the Court-House, Friday night, at 8 p. m.
Officers elected by Callahan Lodge No. 2871, K. of H.:
W. C. Whitley, D.
C. Estes, V. D.
R. G. Powell, A. D.
J. E. W. Lane, Treas.
S. L. Ogle, Chaplain.
H. Schwartz, Reporter.
Harry Meyer, F. R.
P. L. Callahan, Guide.
C. Estes, Trustees.
B. R. Webb, Harry Meyer, Trustees.
H. Schwartz, Rep. to Grand Lodge.
J. E. W. Lane, Alternate Rep.
At a regular meeting of the Baird Lodge No. 47, K. of P., the following officers were elected:
Harry Meyers, C. C.
Dan Dean, V. C.
Aug. Wicks, P.
R. G. Powell, K. B. & S.
W. M. James, M. of F.
H. Schwartz, M. of F.
H. E. Frasier, M. of A.
H. Schwartz, Representative to Grand Lodge, J. E. W. Lane, Alt.
I. O. O. F.
The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:
T. W. King, N. G.
Dan Click, V. G.
H. Schwartz, Sec.
John Rice, Treasurer.
H. Schwartz, P. M. and Lodge.
John Rice, Alt.

To my Patrons.
1888 died Dec. 31st, at the noon hour of the night, and 1889 was ushered in to take the place of the dead year.
As heretofore, I am here to serve you with a cheap line of hardware stock, and ask your continued patronage. The drought is gone, the country is again prosperous, new people are coming. Our stock-men wear a smile as broad as a locomotive headlight, and our farmers hardly take time to come in to buy nails to repair their fences, barns, etc.
In the early hour of the New Year, I make you a new promise to keep a full line of stock, and to sell same so low that no competitor need bring hardware to Baird, unless he expects to live on air and drink branch water. I predict for stock-men better prices for their stock in 1889 than have ruled for five years. For farmers, 1889 bids to be the best crop year ever known in Western Texas.
To one and all, I wish you a happy and prosperous year. Respect,
HARRY MEYER.
We made a serious blunder, in our last issue, in publishing an announcement for Dr. McMurray. He handed in an announcement to preach at Tecumseh, and, as we were considerably crowded, one of the boys thought he would make "plum" on the article by inserting the announcement that was already up, but, unfortunately, the "plum" notice read that the Doctor would preach at Baird. The mistake was unintentional, however, and we apologize for the error and hope it will not occur again. The weather was so bad that the Doctor did not go out to Tecumseh, but preached at Baird. However, this did not help us out of the scrape, as the notice doubtless caused a misunderstanding both at this place and at Tecumseh.
DEAD LETTER LIST.
Baird, Callahan Co., Tex., Jan. 1, '89.
The following is a list of advertised and unclaimed letters remaining in this office for the month of December, and if not called for in 30 days, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, at Washington, D. C. When calling for any of these letters please say advertised.
J. F. BERRY, P. M.
Baum Geo Giddens S. L. Mrs
Burr Mrs Goode H H
Burr Mrs Humphrey G W 2
Condon J B Johnson T H 2
Davis Lela Miss Platt E
Dean W L Powell J E Prof
Dowell J L Robinson Harry C
Dunlap J O Seaton H
Ellard J T Winkelmeyer A
Fulcher Sallie Miss Woodward Rentz
Gellopsie S Wald Becker
Giddens Susan Mrs Younger Bety
MISCELLANEOUS.
Mercer Alice Young Chris
H. J. Lambert has resigned the office of Deputy Sheriff, and will move out and take charge of J. W. Jones' farm at Tecumseh. Success to you, old boy

THE SOCIAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.
The meeting of The Social and Literary Society at the residence of Mr. S. L. Ogle, last Monday night, was highly enjoyed by all the participants. The most noticeable features of the programme were Readings by Miss Nettie Dunn and C. S. Rice, and a Recitation by Miss Kitty Pace.
An instrumental piece of music, entitled "Ole Black Joe with Variations," was admirably rendered by Miss Jose Sprull, of Granbury, who, in brilliancy of execution and correctness of expression, has very few peers.
Miss Willie Gillespie rendered several pieces of instrumental music with her usual facility and correctness.
A beautiful waltz was rendered, with fine effect, by Miss McManis.
"Junonia," by Misses Willie Gillespie and Neva Ogle, was very sweet and touching, and won the applause of an appreciative audience.
At the conclusion of the exercises, a majority of the Society concluded to watch the advent of the New Year.
Authors, Logomachy, Fortune-Telling, and Consequences, were the principal games, the last mentioned creating much merriment by the "eternal fitness of things."
At about 11 o'clock, refreshments, consisting of different kinds of cake, candies, apples, etc., were handed around.
It being the last night of the Leap Year, dark despair took possession of the young gentlemen, but, when the clock struck 12 and all of them, with one or two exceptions, having escaped the painful necessity of answering the "all important question," their countenances lighted up with unexpressible joy, and one was heard to softly murmur, "Safe once more."
The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ogle and Miss Neva for their most excellent entertainment, and to the President of the Society, Miss Willie Gillespie, for the arrangement of so enjoyable a programme.
The next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. Norvell on the 14th inst.
A. G. Webb returned, last Saturday, from Memphis where he went, some time ago, with horses. A. G. was within a few miles of the river where the ill-fated Kate Adams was burned. He met several passengers of the burned vessel, a short time after the disaster. He says that some estimate the number of persons killed and drowned as high as one hundred. A. G. says he struck a hard market with his horses.
SETTLE UP.
Those owing us must come up and settle. If you can't pay the cash, bring us grain or stock, and if you have no grain or stock, give us a secure note.
J. L. LEA & CO.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
(From our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20th
Senator Beck was at the Capitol Saturday, for the first time since he was taken sick last summer. Although he is very weak, he does not look ill, owing perhaps to his peculiar resistive constitution and Scottish energy. He leaves for Aiken, South Carolina, this week, greatly to the regret of the Democratic side of the Senate and to the delight of the Republicans. Senator Beck is an army within himself on the tariff question.
Senator Riddleberger has been at his old trick of turning the Senate Chamber into a circus ring. Cause, too much whiskey.
Democrats here are greatly enjoying the bitter fight now raging between the Miller and Platt factions in New York and the Sherman and Foraker crowds in Ohio. Conservative Republicans here express the belief that neither New York nor Ohio will be represented in Harrison's cabinet, on account of these wrangles. Morton, who it is supposed went to Indianapolis in the interest of Platt for secretary of the treasury, has, it is said, telegraphed to a New York member of Congress that Harrison had positively refused to have Platt in his cabinet.
Capt Cowdon's plan of making Laque Bogue the outlet for the flood waters of the Mississippi river has been adversely reported upon by the Senate committee on improvement of that river.
It was reported that the United States had demanded the appointment of a successor to Lord Sackville, and notified the British Government that Mr. Phelps (our minister) would be recalled unless a British minister was speedily appointed. Upon inquiry at the State Department, it was learned that the rumor was without foundation, and that the Department was perfectly indifferent about the matter, whether a minister was or was not sent here.
Blaine still continues to be a thorn in the side of many Republicans. A rumor that he had been offered the Secretaryship of State by Harrison and that he had accepted it created consternation among those Republican Congressmen who do not like him, and there are quite a large number of them, one certainly, and many people say two, in the delegation from his own State. These men know that if Blaine goes into the Cabinet, they will get no favors from the administration. No enemy is too small for Blaine to wreak his vengeance upon, hence they are bringing all the power they can to the entire country to bear on Harrison to prevent Blaine's getting into the Cabinet. If the rumor were true, their work has not all been for nothing. Hundreds of messages were sent flying over the wires and the anti-Blainettes were soon made happy by

discovering that Harrison had not tendered a position to Blaine, but the thought that he may do so, hovers over the anti-Blaine men like a cloud. All this is fun for the democrats, and it's about the only kind of fun they have had since the election.
The Democratic Senators are now fighting the republican tariff bill, tooth and nail, but, as the republicans vote solidly on every amendment offered, they have no hope of doing anything better than showing the country the injustice and absurdity of the measure prepared by the republicans. At the present rate of progress, the bill will not pass the Senate before February.
The Democratic House has had a bill favorably reported to it placing that eminent republican, Gen. Jno. C. Fremont, once the candidate of his party for the presidency, on the retired list of the army with the rank of Major-General; and the republican Senate has had a bill reported to it placing that sterling old democrat Gen. W. S. Rescans ("Old Rosy"), on the retired list of the Army with the rank of Brigadier-General. This I as it should be—there should be no politics in providing a comfortable old age for such men as these, who have given the best years of their lives to the country.
The Direct tax bill, as was anticipated, passed the House, and has now gone to Mr. Cleveland. Democrats, generally, expect it to be vetoed.
Representative Holman, chairman of the House committee on public lands, does not think that either of the bills passed last session, one by the House and the other by the Senate, forfeiting various sections of lands granted to railroad companies, will become a law, this session; nor that any other legislation upon the subject will be passed. The two bills passed are now in the hands of a conference committee, but there is little hope of an agreement.
The annexation of Canada has been made a live question by the introduction in the House by Mr. Butterworth of a concurrent resolution authorizing the President to open negotiations for the annexation.
It is a many-sided question, but no one seems to doubt that, eventually, Canada will become a part of the United States.
Dr. L. Gould has moved, temporarily, into the Charleville buildings on the west side of Market Street until the Harry Meyer building can be turned to the lot adjoining Phillips' building, when the Doctor will move to his old quarters.
W. D. Robinson preached at the Methodist Church, Tuesday night and Wednesday at 11 o'clock.
T. E. Powell informs us that his sales in 1888 amounted to \$9,000 in excess of his sales in 1887.
Give something to the Eric company

PREACHING NEXT SUNDAY.
Rev. R. F. Dunn will preach at the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. A cordial invitation is extended to all.
Rev. John McMurray will preach at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. He will also hold services in the College, at Belle Plain, at 3 p. m.
We are offering some rare bargain, in gingham, worsted goods, ladies' cloaks, jackets, shawls, and Misses' cloaks. Come and see these goods. All other goods will be sold as cheap as can be bought in Baird.
MOON & CROWDER.
If you need anything in the line of dry-goods, boots, shoes, &c., in fact, everything belonging to a first-class dry-goods house, go to Ph. Schwartz & Bro., where you will find it. Their prices, as is known, are lower than any one's, and they won't and can't be undersold by any one. Reck-hire to pay, and, therefore, the public gets this benefit.
PH. SCHWARTZ & BRO.
Old papers for sale at this office, at 40c. per hundred.
NOTICE.
I desire to have all my accounts squared up by Jan. 1st. Those owing me will please come forward and settle. My books must be squared up. I have accommodated you during the hard times occasioned by the drought, and, as the country is now prosperous, I expect you to come forward and accommodate me in return. The prosperity of the country now will admit of prompt payments, and you must not expect me to indulge you as I have formerly done. In future, I expect to adopt the cash system.
S. L. OGLE.
A Women's Discovery.
"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle she miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Baird, price 25c a bottle.
T. E. Powell will sell you cheaper than any other in town.
W. L. Gilliland yesterday.
Singing, next 83

