

# The Baird Weekly Star.

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

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NO.

## PREACHER'S CRIME

### He Forged Names to get Money to pay His Debts.

## THE ENCAMPMENT OVER.

### A Destructive Fire at Dallas—Santa Fe Fast Train—Lottery Men Much Depressed—Baby Payne.

Four Worth, Tex., July 15.—Another genuine sensation came to the surface to-day when Rev. W. W. Mitchell, D. D., pastor of the south side Presbyterian church was arrested and incarcerated on the charge of forgery. Investigation showed forgeries to have been perpetrated as follows: Farmers and Merchants' national bank, one note for \$1000; Traders' national bank one note for \$500; City national bank one note for \$250; First national bank one note for \$250. The notes were signed by W. W. Mitchell, and as surety the name of Martin Casey was forged. The matter was discovered in this way. It seemed that the City national bank held a forged note which Dr. Mitchell had negotiated. It would have matured in ten days. Dr. Mitchell went to President McCarthy and requested that he be permitted to increase the amount by \$250, and stated that Martin Casey would indorse for him. President McCarthy was willing to this and filled out a note for \$500 due 120 days after date. Dr. Mitchell signed it and then went out ostensibly to get Casey's indorsement on the paper. Pretty soon he returned with the note duly signed and presented it to McCarthy, who discounted it by giving him the first note for \$250 and \$250 in money. After the bank had closed, McCarthy happened in at Casey & Swasey's and in course of a conversation mentioned to Casey that a note had been discounted at the City bank with his indorsement on it. Casey at first thought it was a joke, and simply said: "I guess it is a forgery." McCarthy, however, assured him that such a note had been discounted; whereupon Casey stated point-blank that he had indorsed for nobody and that the thing was a forgery. Although greatly surprised Mr. McCarthy drove to Dr. Mitchell's residence and brought him up to Casey & Swasey's store. When questioned about the matter, he said positively that the City bank note was the only piece of forged paper he had uttered. In order to protect the minister's family, and to suppress the scandal Casey offered to be one of three to bear the loss, and there were good prospects that the matter would be hushed up. But this morning's developments showed that Mitchell's transactions had been considerable. Investigation at the various banks showed that there were five forged notes in existence aggregating \$2,500. The bankers interested, together with Mr. Casey and Dr. Mitchell, held a conference at the Merchants' National bank. Dr. Mitchell admitted having forged the name of Mr. Casey and explained his conduct by stating that Capt. Padlock, I. P. Boyd and others who had always accommodated him were not in the city. He needed the money and thought this was the best way to get it. When asked what he had done with the money he said he used it in discharging an accumulation of debts. The conference of the bankers showed that Dr. Mitchell had been carrying on this business for quite a time. Sometimes he would pay the notes at maturity, if he didn't have the money he would get them extended by other forged notes. On one occasion last fall while Dr. Mitchell was in Chicago, a note at the Traders' bank and another at the Farmers and Merchants' matured. He wired the money from Chicago to the banks to pay them.

After weighing the matter the bankers decided they could do nothing else but turn the doctor over to the law, consequently at noon to-day Deputy Sheriff Joe Wither took charge of him and locked him up, the charge of forgery being entered against him. Dr. Mitchell has been pastor of the South Side Presbyterian church for five or six years and is originally from Canada. He has been regarded as one of the most intellectual ministers in the south and a pulpit orator of rare powers. He has not been popular with other ministers of his denomination because of his liberal views, which are hardly in accordance with the tenets of the Presbyterian church. Since his downfall was made known a number of people have expressed the opinion that his mind is deranged, and it is said before he came to Texas he was in an insane asylum because of kleptomania. The affair is deeply regretted and the sympathy of the community goes out to his wife and children, upon whom the disgrace of the husband and father falls with crushing force.

## Enormous Enterprise.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 14.—Wag Yiu Wau, a wealthy San Francisco Chinaman who has associated with him J. Mowry, an attorney of the same city, who is now here, have just purchased 15,000,000 acres of land on the isthmus of Tehuantepec, and will complete to-day the purchase of another large tract on which coffee, indigo, tobacco, and it is believed, tea, can be successfully grown. On these tracts large Chinese colonies will be established at once. Wag Yiu Wau and Mowry leave for China by way of San Francisco to-morrow for the purpose of sending out the first colonists. Owing to the heat the land has been neglected, but it is believed that the Chinese colonists will be able to stand the temperature, as it is very similar to that of China. These colonies will be the first of Chinese ever established in this country, and are without any aid from the federal government. Some journals here decry the prospect of the Chinese colonies as a delusion.

## Original Package Difficulties.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 13.—Harry Dent, agent for a Kansas City liquor house, opened up at Ottawa, Kan., under the sign "Kansas City Original Package." A warrant was sworn out for him on the charge of inciting riot and he was taken before County Attorney Smart. Then every effort was made to force him to leave the city, threats of tar feathers and hemp rope being made. He agreed to take down his sign and he was released. In the afternoon he was again arrested and put under \$500 bond, failing to give which he was put in jail. In the evening two of Dent's assistants were arrested on vagrancy and lodged up.

## The Encampment.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 12.—Camp Stoddard is a memory. Saturday evening saw the end of its lease of life. From both the military and social standpoint it has been the most successful militia encampment in the State. There were more troops present than on any similar previous occasion. The grounds could not have been improved and the discipline was as nearly perfect as it was possible to make it, and the men improve steadily and with astonishing quickness in knowledge of their duties. It has been thoroughly demonstrated, however, that if it is impossible to make the gatherings all they should be without the features of competitive drilling between companies, with large prizes for the visitors. The demand in military circles throughout the state is universally for state aid to the volunteer militia with a view of promoting its efficiency, causing more companies to organize and to provide for the maintenance and instruction of the militia and putting it on an equal footing with that of other states, but there is no anticipation of the state responding very liberally for a few years to come. Gen. King and some of the other officers express themselves as satisfied if the Legislature makes provision for yearly encampments, so that they can be independent of the citizens of the place where the camp is held. The regular army men say that there is one thing that the State should do, and that is to provide the men with manuals and copies of army regulations, so that before they come to a camp they will at least have a theoretical knowledge of the evolutions and be prepared to put them to practical use. The lack of such works or references could be plainly seen in the greenness of the officers and men, who had to be instructed in the first steps of a soldier's existence, thus consuming time that should have been devoted to practice, and that much time was consequently lost.

## Destructive Conflagration.

DALLAS, Tex., July 14.—Last night at midnight, fire was discovered in the general offices of the Texas and Pacific railway on Commerce street. The building was an elegant three-story structure, owned by R. V. Tompkins and erected in 1888 specially for this company. Adjoining it on the west was the Merchants Exchange, and on the east was the Henderson building very recently finished. All three buildings were burned, and for a time it was feared that the elegant Dallas Club building would also burn.

Sparks flew in clouds, and the wind being from the southwest drove the sparks and flying embers toward the row fronting on Main street. Fortunately no serious damage was done in this direction, only a few cloth awnings falling before the flames.

The railway's loss is confined to office furniture and records. Some of the latter were saved in safes and vaults. The buildings were all well insured, though not fully.

## St. Louis-Dallas Fast Trains.

ST. LOUIS, July 13.—The St. Louis-Dallas day mail and passenger service over the Atchison-Frisco will be inaugurated this morning. A solid train, consisting of through coaches, baggage, mail and express cars and a through Pullman buffet car, will leave the St. Louis Union depot every morning at 8:25 o'clock, running over the Frisco and Atchison lines, and arriving at Dallas at noon the next day. A similar train will leave Dallas at noon, arriving here the second evening. This is the best time yet made into Texas, and the service will eventually be extended to Galveston. As soon as arrangements can be made, the Atchison-Frisco management will put on a fast night train out of St. Louis running through to Dallas. The Pullman car attached to the St. Louis-Dallas day mail will run beyond Dallas to Cleburne.

General Passenger Agent Wishart, of the Frisco, left last evening for Topeka to meet Traffic Manager White, of the Atchison, and General Passenger Agent Nicholson, also, General Passenger Agent Bissell, of the Atlantic and Pacific, for a further consideration of plans to strengthen and accelerate the passenger service between St. Louis and Texas.

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## Mama Has the Baby.

GAINEVILLE, Tex., July 14.—Deputy United States Marshal Heck Thomas arrested at Ardmore, I. T., forty miles north of Gainesville, last night old man J. W. Payne who had in his possession Eva Payne, the little three-year-old girl that was kidnapped in Dallas last week, which event has become of state notoriety.

J. W. Payne is the grandfather of the child and he was en route to San Bernardino, Cal., his home, whither he was taking the kidnapped child. The prisoner and babe were brought to Gainesville early this morning and retained here by Officer Thomas until the arrival of Officer Kirby of Dallas. At noon Kirby took charge of Payne and the child and left them for Dallas.

At Whitesboro, sixteen miles east of this city, the party was met by Mrs. Lester Payne, mother of the stolen baby, which was taken from her by her father in Dallas on July 5. The scene of the meeting was very affecting. The mother, who has been prostrated with grief for the past ten days, was completely overcome with the joy of clasping her darling to her bosom. The little girl recognized her mother as soon as she entered the car.

"There is mamma."

Grandpa Payne is about 60 years of age and is engaged in the manufacturing of carriages at San Bernardino. He left Dallas Saturday night with the babe in a closed carriage, was driven to a station north of Dallas where he boarded a freight train, traveling on that to Denton, some fifty miles, where he left the train, secured a vehicle and drove across the country to Krum station on the Santa Fe, twenty miles south of Gainesville.

Here he boarded a north-bound freight at 4 a. m., reaching Ardmore at 12 noon. He was compelled to stop over there to make arrangements for money to defray his expenses home, there being a bank at Ardmore, where he expected to get a draft cashed. He had not been in town long before Deputy Marshal Heck Thomas, who happened to be there, spotted him as being one of the kidnapers of Baby Payne, and accordingly placed him under arrest. The old man soon broke down, confessed that the child in his possession was Eva Payne, the baby kidnapped in Dallas some days ago.

He at first demanded a habes corpus, but finally gave up and came to Gainesville with the officer without any further trouble. Here he was turned over to Officer Kirby, who held a capias for his arrest issued in Dallas county charging him with kidnaping.

## Payne and His Baby.

DALLAS, Tex., July 13.—About 11 o'clock Saturday night, July 5, Lester Payne reported having lost his 3-year-old daughter, Eva, in Oak Cliff park. His statement was that after enjoying an afternoon at the park he left his little daughter to play on the grass while he stepped aside. After remaining about five minutes he emerged again but the child was not to be found. He immediately gave an alarm and the park was thoroughly searched but in vain. The boatman and several other persons who were on the lakeside were positive that no child had been near the water, and the search was finally abandoned for the night, the father came to Dallas and placed the matter in the hands of the police. Assistant Chief of Police Ed Cornwall and Officer Bud Kirby soon came to the conclusion that the child was spirited away. The result was a surprise when Lester Payne was arrested and charged with kidnaping his own child. Over the wires it was learned that the child was at El Paso with its grandmother, who lives in California, and circumstances pointed to the suspicion that this lady had spirited away the baby at the instance of her son. She was arrested at El Paso, and Officer Kirby was dispatched to bring her back to Dallas.

When Kirby was at Arlington, on his way back with the old lady and the baby, he went on the rear platform. Just then Payne, who had been released on bail, slipped on the train and captured the baby. Officers were sent in search of Payne, but his capture was not made. The child's mother is terribly grief-stricken.

## Lull in the Lottery Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, July 14.—The lotteryites are much depressed over the result of their fight, and are doing no boasting. They are not claiming the payment of any bets, and their newspapers have absolutely nothing to say on the result. They have devoted their columns to eulogies of the late Senator Smith. They tacitly admit their defeat. The consensus of public opinion is that the lottery has lost, and that the courts will so decide. The anti, however, are not lulled into any false sense of security. At a meeting of the leaders an anti-lottery convention of delegates from all over the state was called to meet in Baton Rouge, Aug. 6, to effect a state organization. A strong executive committee of representative men will be chosen to conduct the fight, and a vigorous campaign will be inaugurated. The state Farmers alliance meets at the same time and place, and the two bodies will act in the lottery matter in unison. The anti will be prepared to combat the amendment at the polls if the lottery should get control of the courts and thus obtain a decision in their favor, or to prevent the election of a lottery governor and legislature in 1892, which the lottery will surely attempt if the courts decide against them. On Wednesday night the citizens will give a reception in New Orleans to the governor, lieutenant governor, and some of the anti-lottery senators and representatives as can come to New Orleans. It will be a magnificent affair. For the next few weeks the lottery matter will be quiet while both sides are preparing for the struggle.

## Not a Stockman

SAN ANGELO, Tex., July 14.—R. E. Williams, agent for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad at Taipa, a small station south of here, became involved in a difficulty with a stockman by the name of Cusberry, which resulted in the latter's receiving two pistol shots that will probably prove fatal. Williams gave himself up to the authorities at Coleman, Tex., where he was placed under a \$2000 bond to await the action of the Grand Jury.

## AWFUL CALAMITY

### An Explosion of Powder Kills Many People.

## MARRIAGE OF STANLEY.

### Fl. Worth's Mayor in a Bad Box—Subsidy Bill—Race Riot in Georgia—A Fire at Denton.

CINCINNATI, O., July 15.—A terrible explosion occurred late this afternoon at King's powder mills, on the little Miami railway twenty-six miles east of here. Six persons were killed and a dozen seriously injured. Six empty freight cars were being rolled into a sidetrack where a car containing 500 kegs of gunpowder was standing. As the cars struck there was a terrific explosion, and immediately afterward another car containing 800 kegs of gunpowder exploded, making 1300 kegs altogether.

Wm. Frauly, a brakemen in the service of the Little Miami, was standing on one of the empties when the explosion occurred. His body must have been blown to atoms, although no trace of it has been found. Five other persons supposed to have been employed by the powder company were killed. The Kings powder company and the Peters cartridge works have works on both sides of the run along the railroad. The explosion occurred on the south side and the destruction was enormous. There are a number of cottages, occupied by workmen in the powder factory, and situated close to the track. These were shattered by the explosion and their inmates injured. Twelve or fifteen girls at work in the cartridge factory, were crippled by the explosion. The railway station and the freighthouse belonging to the Little Miami railroad, together with all the adjacent buildings were set on fire and totally consumed. The havoc wrought by the explosion of the sixteen tons of powder is dreadful. The track and the ties of the railroad are fairly torn out of the ground and a great hole torn in the ground. The Peters cartridge factory was burned to the ground.

News reached the city about 5 o'clock and a relief train was dispatched with Superintendent Peters and a large party of surgeons on board and relief was afforded the sufferers as soon as possible. The work of searching for the missing and caring for the wounded is now in progress. As most of the girls who were injured live at Morrow and South Lebanon, it is most probable they will be taken to their homes in those places. The names of none of the killed or wounded are as yet obtainable but additional particulars and list of names of injured will be sent as soon as possible.

News from King's mill at 9 o'clock to-night is, that ten bodies have been taken from the ruins, and thirty are known to be killed. Definite news is more likely to swell the list of casualties than to diminish it.

## Postal Subsidy Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—The postal subsidy bill passed by the senate to-day authorizes the Postmaster General to enter into contracts for a term of not less than five and not more than ten years in duration with American citizens for the carrying of mails on American steamships between ports in the United States and such ports in foreign countries, the Dominion of Canada excepted. The vessels are to be American built steamships, and owned and officered by American citizens. The vessels are to be divided into four classes by the bill. The steamships of the first, second and third classes are to be constructed with particular reference to prompt and economical conversion into auxiliary naval cruisers. The rate of compensation to be paid for such ocean mail service of the said first class ships is not to exceed the sum of \$6 a mile, and for the second-class ships \$3 a mile by the shortest practicable route, for each outward voyage; for the third-class ships not to exceed \$1.50 a mile, and for the fourth-class ships \$1 a mile, for the actual number of miles required by the post-office department to be traveled on each outward-bound voyage.

## To Bridge the Rio Grande.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 15.—An important charter was filed here to-day—that of the Continental Bridge company, of Cameron county, Texas. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000, and its object is to bridge the Rio Grande from near Brownsville, Texas, to near Matamoros, for railroad trains and other transit, at the option of the corporation. The officers of the company are: Felician San Roman, of Brownsville, president; Enrique Viscaya, of Mier, Mexico, vice president; James A. Brown, secretary; Geo. H. Torney, treasurer, and James Wells, attorney of Brownsville; and others are Joaquin Mais, of Monterey, Mexico, and Demetrius Salazar, of the City of Mexico.

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- FOR SALE—600 acres of land. Section 339, one mile south of PUTNAM. Fine grazing and farming land. Terms, one-fourth cash, balance on six years time.
- FOR SALE—500 acres situated 10 miles N. E. of Baird, has house of 3 rooms, good chimney, good tank, smoke house, sheds and lots. Small farm in cultivation. Price \$1,500, one-half cash balance in 12 months. Also 25 head of stock cattle; price, \$400; will take improved town property in part payment.
- RANCH—1,700 acres of land 20 miles southeast of Baird; all under good wire fence, plenty of lasting stock water, fine grass, good dwelling with 4 rooms, barn and other outbuildings, 60 acres in cultivation; price, \$6,000; one-third cash, balance in two annual payments. Nearly all this pasture good tillable land.
- FOR SALE—100 acres of land at Belle Plaine 40 acres in fine state of cultivation; good orchard, house with 6 rooms and outbuildings; good cistern; fine tank cost \$500; plenty of wood; best bargain in the county; only half a mile from Belle Plaine college; price, \$2,000; will trade for cattle, horses or sheep; improvements worth the money.
- FOR SALE—The fine residence of Joe Bushing in Baird, is for sale. Price, \$5,000, cash. Will exchange for good agricultural land. Dwelling has six rooms, gothic roof. Finest residence in the city. Ten acres under fence, two acres in trees and one acre in grape. No better cistern, well of inexhaustible water. Private water works. This is one of the best bargains in Callahan county.

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LILLAND, Editor and Proprietor.

SDAY, JULY, 24, 1890.

up the County Fair.

R Pendleton has resigned.

John C. Fremont, the first of the Republican party, is

ENE will hold no District Fair ar, but will co-operate with in county in her Fair.

date of the County Fair was this morning as follows: October ad 5th.

Jones and Hearn pasture fence for county was cut Tuesday for the fifth time.

S. W. T. Lanham was non- for congress at Abilene Tues- y acclamation. He had no op- ion whatever.

N. W. H. Hammon, who was the aback nominee for governor in , was killed in New Birmingham e 14, instant.

Abilene Reporter jumped out e fight too soon. The Reporter THE STAR run over by the Hogg a and it became frightened.

L. J. Richardson says that there ver forty pianos in Baird, and ns too numerous to mention. at's the matter with Baird becom- a music center?

HE special sixteen-page edition of Ballinger Ledger was received t week. It was well gotten up and ws commendable enterprise on the et of the gentlemen proprietors, srs Truly & Clark.

THE Brownwood Bulletin says the itor of THE STAR don't know what a gwump is. Make so, but there are d of old time Democrats in Brown ounty who will bet heavy that he ell an old Greenbacker or a Union Laborite a mile by the cut of his jib.

Hogg only lacks a few votes of having the requisite two thirds vote to secure his nomination. THE STAR has a big pot of crow cooking which will be generously divided with Charley Edwards and M. J. Cox. Get your- selves in shape boys, to partake of the hateful but inevitable repast.

THE Farmers Alliance of Callahan county favors free coinage of silver, the abolishment of the national bank- ing system and government own- ership of all railroads and telegraph lines. THE STAR hopes the railroads will not be absorbed by the govern- ment until "the Democrats get into power then let her go Gallagher."

THE STAR is catching it all around because Callahan county instructed for Hogg. Well THE STAR did all it could against the East Texas "rooter," but he "got thar all the same." It is some consolation, however, to know that THE STAR is not alone in its failure to stem the tide of fanaticism that is sweeping over the state.

Belle Plaine College which has been closed for the last twelve months will be re-opened Sept. 17, 1890, by its former President Judge I. M. Onins. Let us all do what we can to make it a success. THE STAR will do what it can to further the good work of educations in our midst, by advertising the college in every way possible.

THE Weatherford Constitution has bought out the Sun of the same place and will consolidate the two papers under the name of the Constitution. The sun was a most excellent paper and one of the neatest printed and best gotten up papers in the state. The Constitution was also a splendid paper and will now stand at the head of the country weeklies in the State. THE STAR is pleased to note the prosper- ity of the Constitution and predicts for it a grand future.

THE Cherokee Herald assures THE STAR that Mr. Chas. Rogan of Brown- wood, candidate for the legislature, is a democratic, all wool and two yards wide. Thanks, THE STAR has been under the impression all along that such was the case, but when the Brownwood Bulletin began to sing his praise, THE STAR took it for grant- ed he was a mugwump. Probably the Bulletin is coming back to Democrat- ic principles, as several of the old time Greenbackers returned to the Dem- ocratic fold in Brown county.

Barbecue at Cottonwood THE STAR is requested to announce that the citizens of Cottonwood will give a barbecue at Cottonwood, Thursday, July 31st. C. J. Wilson, editor of the Prodigal, requests THE STAR to say to the people of Baird and Callahan county that they are one and all cordially invited to be present.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Whereas, on the the 6th day of April, A. D. 1889, the following Joint Resolution passed by the Twenty-first legislature was approved, by the terms of which the Executive is re- quired to issue his proclamation submitting the same to the vote of the qualified electors of the State and county officers:

Joint Resolution to Amend Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Section 1. Resolved by the Legis- lature of the State of Texas That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitu- tion of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows.

Article 8, Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt and of the taxes provided for the benefit of public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city, or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceed fifteen cents for road and bridges on the one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, A. D. 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, street sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as in this Constitu- tion otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads: Provided, That a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such county. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of public roads and highways without the local notice required for special or local laws.

Sec. 2. That the Governor of Texas be and he is hereby required to submit the foregoing resolution to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the next general election.

Sec. 3. That those voting for the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballot "For amend- ment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution," and those voting against the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballot "Against amendment to Section 9, Article 8 of the Constitution"

Approved April 6, 1889.

And Whereas, on the 8th day of April, 1889, the following Joint Resolu- tion passed by the Twenty-first Legis- lature was approved, by the terms of which the Executive is required to issue his proclamation submitting the same to the vote of the qualified electors of the State and county officers:

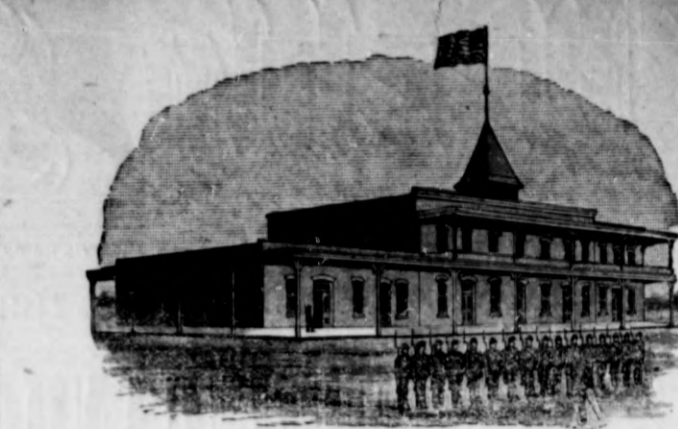
Joint Resolution Amending Article 10 Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas

Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 2, Article 10, of the Con- stitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to read as follows: Article 2. Railroad heretofore con- structed or which may hereafter be constructed in this State are hereby declared public highways and rail- road companies common carriers. The Legislature shall pass laws to regulate railroad freight and passenger tariffs, to correct abuses, and prevent unjust discriminations and extortion in the rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroad in this State, and enforce the same by adequate penalties; and to the further accom- plishment of these objects and pur- poses may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitu- tional amendment shall be sub- mitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legis- lature of the State of Texas at the next general election for State and county officers, at which election all favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amend- ment to Article 10, Section 2, of the Constitution, relating to railroads," and all voters opposed to said amend- ment shall write or have printed on their ballot the words, "Against the amendment to Article 10 Section 2, of the Constitution, relating to railroads;" Provided, That the said article and section of the Constitution may be indicated on said ballots either by words, numerals or figures. The Governor of the State is hereby di- rected to issue the necessary pro- clamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Approved April 8, 1889.

Now, therefore, I, I. S. Ross, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and



Belle Plaine College will be reopened September 17, by President, I. M. Onins.

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Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Feed.

laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation ordering an election to be held on

Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1890, in the several counties of this State for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitu- tion.

Said elections shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this State, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same and returns made in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclama- tion.

In Testimony Whereof I hereto sign my name and cause the seal of State to be affixed at the city of Austin, this 15th day of July, A. D. 1890.

L. S. ROSS, By the Governor: Governor of Texas. J. M. MOORE, Secretary of State.

FAIR ITEMS.

As I ascertained Monday, there will be no fair at Abilene this fall and the citizens of this prosperous and progressive city are willing to encourage our enterprise in a substantial way, as shown by a number of valuable pre- miums offered by the leading business men.

Nearly \$700 is already subscribed for the fair in Baird, and several persons yet to hear from. Is not this a flattering prospect? Just keep on in that way and the first Callahan County Fair will be a real success.

The secretary of the Fair Association trembled the other day when the first letters came in reply to his letters addressed to a number of business houses, in this and other states, in behalf of the fair. But how agreeably he was surprised he when every one of them promised a premium, and some of them very substantial ones. What do you think about a road cart as a premium for the best bushel of corn, offered by the wide awake gentlemen of the Keating Machine and Implement Company, Dallas?

Now a few words to you, the farm- ers of this and adjoining counties. The committees are doing all they can to make the fair as attractive and as in- teresting as possible and are aided in this purpose by most of the citizens of Baird, who generally show the right understanding and the vital im- portance of the enterprise. We can declare that our fair, in regard to premiums, will surpass all expectations, and it will really pay to compete for the prizes. Therefore please select and preserve all the good things, which we are going to show what this our western county can produce. Next week we will publish the names of the gentlemen who will kindly col- lect the country produce at the differ- ent post offices in the county.

The ladies, whose hearty co-opera- tion is solicited, will find some special attractions in our premium list. Div.—2, Sewing machines, side saddle, and many other things too numerous to mention.

We will distribute the premium list about the middle of August. Look out for it. H. BUCHER.

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Callahan county has been again visited quite severely by the wire cutters.—Commanche Chief.

You correct this instanter, Frank. The fence cutting is in Taylor county, Callahan county people don't cut fences, they are all too busy at work.

It is currently reported that the Cattle Trail Railroad Company has ef- fected a sale of its bonds, and it is also said that this can not be done until the route of the road has been located, and it is believed that the Old Cattle Trail is the route fixed upon by the Company. With two railroads crossing at Baird, waterworks, which is now a fixed fact, and a splendid County Fair, to be made a Dis- trict Fair next year, what is to pre- vent Baird from becoming a city? We answer, nothing. Pin this in your hat—there is something important for Baird in the future of no small di- mensions. On with the boom.

S. W. Foss, in The Boston Globe, de- fends the use of the word "pants," mean- ing trousers, in the newspapers of that city and remarks: "Boston usage may be invariably trusted in all matters per- taining to the English language." We always knew there wasn't any conceit about Boston.

Before they let them out finally high school professors should ask their grad- uating pupils to define the words in this sentence from that classic of Mr. Edgar Saltus "A Transaction in Hearts": "Her skin was eburnous in its clarity, her eyes were icarime, and in her features something there was that suggested a pastel of a politer age."

President Elliott, of Harvard college, stand up in court! You called news- paper reporters "thieves, bunners and drunkards" at a banquet last spring, didn't you? You advised your gen- tlemanly Harvard graduates not to enter newspaper offices and "mix their babies up" by associating with these scurvy wretches, didn't you? But do you think the low downest newspaper man in America would have defaced and mutilated the venerable statue of John Har- vard as some of your pet lambs have just been doing—ya, even painting the august countenance red? No, you don't. Newspaper people extend to the students of Harvard college their sincere com- miseration on the kind of manners they are taught there. We weep to think of it.

A Girl Wrangler. In Cambridge university, England, the student who passes best in mathe- matics at the annual examination is called the senior wrangler. It is the highest honor attainable. This year something like a cold wave was passed down the spinal column of conservative England by the announcement that this honor has been won by a girl, Philippa Fawcett. That is, she would have won it if she had been a young man. Cam- bridge will not bestow collegiate titles on women, though it permits them to take its studies. The senior wrangler, a man, was announced, and after his name that of Miss Fawcett, with the state- ment that she passed the better examina- tion. The feelings of that young man may be imagined.

The highest intellectual test known in university life women have now passed triumphantly. While six men failed in the Cambridge examination this year every girl who applied passed it, and two of them are in the list of wranglers. Since their first admission to the univer- sity course the success of the women students has been pronounced "phenom- enal."

Miss Fawcett inherits her gifts from both sides. Her mother is Millicent Garrett Fawcett, who writes on political and social economy, and her father was Professor Fawcett, the blind postmaster general of England. The fair wrangler is said to be a very charming young woman.

The Children's Reading. In a Massachusetts town not long since a daring burglary was committed by three boys. The leader of the three was the son of a wealthy and prominent citizen of the town, a boy who dressed handsomely and had every wish gratified as far as money could go. He was very well educated, too, so that neither poverty nor ignorance could be pleaded

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THE DALLAS FIRE.

The Loss Reaches \$150,000—Where the Blaze Started.

DALLAS, Tex., July 14.—The total loss from last night's fire will foot up \$150,000, on which there is insurance of probably \$75,000. The origin of the fire is unknown further than the fact that the fire started under the stairway of the ground floor of the Texas and Pacific building.

Stanley Married.

LONDON, July 12.—The marriage of Henry M. Stanley and Miss Dorothy Tennant, took place to-day in Westminster abbey. Stanley showed the effects of illness by which he was attacked yesterday and he was compelled to use a stick to assist him in walking to and from the altar.

The ceremony performed by Rev. George Bradley, William Farrar, Very Rev. Frederick of Westminster, D. D. F. R. S., Boyd Carpenter, and Right Hon. Ripon. The service was held in the abbey and was attended by a large number of guests.

SOMEWHAT SENSATIONAL.

Fort Worth's Mayor Gets a Divorce and Marries a Telephone Girl.

FORT WORTH, Tex., July 13.—Mayor W. S. Pendleton was, on July 5, married to Addie G. Cullen, a telephone girl in the employ of the Fort Worth telephone exchange.

Georgia Race Riot.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 12.—A terrible race riot, in which the list of killed and wounded is placed at sixteen, is raging in Fayette county at Starr's Mills.

A large crowd had assembled to catch fish, and a row occurred between a negro and a white man. Others were soon interested and engaged in the difficulty and a general war ensued.

When the rioters had exhausted their ammunition they looted a store and took all the powder as well as every knife and pistol in the place. The crowd on both sides are being augmented by friends and bloodier fights are expected to-night.

GENERAL NEWS.

Austria threatens reprisal legislation should the McKinley tariff bill pass.

It is said that the famine in Central Africa has driven many to cannibalism.

Professor S. F. Harker, of Columbus, Kas., killed himself through fear of insanity.

Millions of feet of lumber and the steamship Sea Gull were burned at East Tawas, Mich.

China will not accept the new treaty with United States because of the exclusion clause.

At the German Federal rifle meeting at Berlin, the American riflemen were given the place of honor.

A man giving his name as "B. Smith," and supposed to be from Chicago committed suicide at New York.

Count Sala, of the French legation at Washington, was dangerously hurt while trying to stop a runaway horse.

Mrs. William Lloyd Garrison, widow of the abolition leader, is said to be in destitute circumstances at Castine, Me.

John Mood, a colored man, was drowned at Wilkesbarre, Pa., in a heroic attempt to save a little child which had fallen into the river.

The tobacco firm of Nerlich & Co., of Toronto is charged with defrauding consumers by using retired stamps on domestic stamps.

The Methodist church at Mechanicsburg, O., is disturbed by Minister A. L. Reynolds' prohibition of the use of fans during divine worship.

The Duluth census enumerators will prosecute for criminal libel Editor Frank A. Flowers of the West Superior Telegram, who published charges that the enumerators had falsified the returns.

The Louisiana Lottery bill passed the House, notwithstanding the Governor's veto—years 95, says 31.

The National Union of American Flint Glass Workers, representing 130 organizations scattered over the United States, are in convention at Baltimore.

Ex State Treasurer Archer, of Maryland, pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement of the state funds and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

A fearful wind and electric storm visited the country near Birmingham, Ala., doing great damage. No lives were lost but several barns destroyed by lightning.

Two hundred Mississippi merchants celebrated the completion of the Georgia Pacific road through to the Mississippi river. They were banqueted by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Meredith, a Brooklyn preacher, has established a second reading room for workmen, where no restriction is placed on smoking cigars and pipes.

According to recent figures the people of this country are longer lived than those of Europe. In this country eighteen persons out of every 1,000 die each year, in England the average is twenty and in Germany twenty-six.

A dispatch from El Paso says: The coal mine on the west side of the river that was discovered sometime ago is now being worked with great success. Two shafts are being worked with a day and night shift. The owner is hopeful of making a great strike in hard coal.

The July fly, a large insect with gauzy wings, resembling somewhat the locust, has made its appearance in Georgia. The July fly makes a peculiar shrill, rasping noise with its wings, and there is a belief current with many people that frost will fall exactly three months from the time it was first heard.

He Killed His Friend, Then Himself. GAINESVILLE, Tex., July 13.—News reached here to-day from Fred, Chickasaw nation, of a terrible tragedy which took place at a picnic at that little hamlet last Friday.

It seems that two young men of that neighborhood became involved in a quarrel, when one of them, Charley Burch by name, drew a six-shooter and shot his antagonist, who caught hold of the pistol just as it fired. Three of his fingers were cut off by the bullet, which also entered the right side of his neck, making a serious flesh wound.

The bullet after passing through the hand and neck of the man, struck Jeff Parks, a young man who was standing some fifty yards away, passed through his body killing him almost instantly. Parks was an intimate friend and chum of Burch, who fired the fatal shot, and upon the latter learning that his shot had taken the life of his best friend he became so frantic with grief that he was soon in a state of perfect mania.

He was taken charge of by his friends who endeavored to reconcile him, but in vain. He grew more frantic and desperate until Saturday morning when he managed to elude his guards, secured a revolver, which was in the house where he was being guarded, placed the muzzle against his right temple and blew out his brains, dying almost without a struggle.

BIG BLAZE AT DENTON.

The East Side of the Square, Excepting One Building, Destroyed.

DENTON, Tex., July 15.—A fire originating in a barber shop culminated in the destruction of \$85,000 worth of property. The whole east side of the square, excepting one building, was destroyed. Insurance about \$40,000. Cause of the fire not yet ascertained. Detail losses are now being estimated.

The Pope has commanded the Rev. Father Burtell, of Brooklyn, to obey Archbishop Corrigan's order removing him to a country parish for his support of Dr. McGlynn.

The poor but ambitious young man used to work his way through colleges by sawing wood and sweeping recitation rooms. Now he does it by selling cigars and tobacco. The world moves.

Rider Haggard complains that American publishers not only pirate his stories but even mutilate them by cutting them down. Well, all we have to say is that if Mr. Rider Haggard does not want his stories cut down he ought not to sign them out so long.

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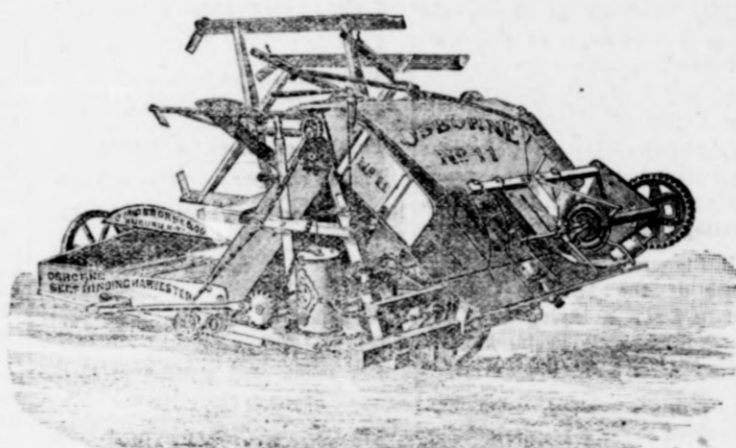


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