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"'Tis neither birth, nor wealth, nor state, but the 'get-up-and-get' that makes men great"

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We are Willing And Ready to quote
..1897 PRICES..

Why Pay Fancy Prices for Goods?

WHEN POWELL HAS SUCH RARE BARGAINS IN STORE FOR YOU.

My store house is packed from front to rear, and from floor to ceiling, with the finest assortment ever brought to Baird. Just step inside my store and take a glance at my immense stock, and have one of my ever accommodating clerks to show you through the house, and be convinced that my goods and prices are unequalled in Baird. Don't mind the rush, "every day is rush day at Powell's," but you will be waited on.



Millinery.

He has furnished a special department in charge of Miss Lizzie Emerson for the accommodation of millinery shoppers. You can't pass his store without seeing the beautiful hats, flowers, etc. in the big show window. This department cannot be excelled for beauty, convenience, goods and prices in West Texas.



Dress Goods.

Many women wish to purchase a dress "entirely different from any one else in town." Powell can fulfill your wish, he has the largest and finest assortment of Dress Goods that could be purchased in eastern markets. In fact his store is overflowing in real bargains. To see is to be convinced.

I BOUGHT CHEAP AND WILL SELL THE SAME WAY.

"To make money is to save it" and Powell will save you more money than any merchant in Baird. Call and be convinced.

I am offering goods cheaper than ever before in my life.

YOURS FOR TRADE

T. E. POWELL.

DEEP CREEK DOTS.

April 27.—Miss Annie Harris niece, our esteemed neighbor R. J. Harris, arrived last week from Arkansas. The young lady is said to be an accomplished musician and as for the interest for the divine music is just now on a kind of revival in this neighborhood this increase to the society is double welcome and we hope that her sojourn among us may be protracted.

The docket for this court week seems to be quite heavy and the deputy sheriffs are busy. Mr. John Hart reports an interesting game of hide-and-seek in the vicinity of Cross Plains.

We enjoyed a nice shower Saturday morning and over the mountain it amounted on some places to a good rain. Other localities had barely the dust laid, but still the whole vegetation is revived and especially small grain much benefited. Volunteer fire already heading and the range is already fine. Stock improving very fast.

The owners of apiraries are kept busy catching new swarms and nearly every farm you find now more or less bee-lives. Honey will be soon not mere a luxury for the few.

Mrs. John Wright who is living at Grandpa Hadley's ranch is visiting at J. K. F. Wright's residence and John wears a long face at the prospect of keeping bachelor's hall.

A new comer to N. L. Smedley's and it is the seventh boy. If that happened in Prussia the king would be god-father to the boy and make him a handsome present now, and again when he enters the army. But papa S. says that even such an inducement will not give up strong enough to make him give up America and especially Texas.

H. B. struck Becher's last night and unroofed H. L. Roebert's fodder house

and stable sheds. The heavy roofs were bodily carried across the road a distance of at least 40 or 50 feet and partially rendered to kindling wood. Your correspondent was not at home having gone to see a neighbor on business. He started for home before the storm came, and one of the first gushes carried his hat in the adjoining. His hat had a lively chase before he regained his hat and meanwhile the storm and rain accompanied by heavy lightning and thunder broke forth with full force. When he reached the road again buggy and horse were gone and in the drenching rain you could not see ten steps. The circumstance was to fool the writer could do under the circumstances was to fool it back to Mr. and Wayne Eastham's and between me and you was not much fun. This morning with day break I returned home to find a part of my property in ruins and no trace of horse and buggy, so far. Fortunately the main building is intact and we are open for business as usual. H. B.

SINGING CONVENTION.

Following is the programme for Saturday morning at the Cottonwood Singing Convention, May 7th and 8th, at Scretion, Texas.

1. Opening song, No. 78 in S. L. M. and opening prayer by the president.
2. Letters called for from the different classes over the country.
3. Programme committee to be selected by the president.
4. Singing fifteen minutes each by D. C. Riley and Prof. J. T. McCollom.
5. Reces, ten minutes.
6. Song No. 219 in S. L. M.
7. Twenty minutes for discussion of music.
8. Singing, fifteen minutes each by W. K. Keyzaddall and E. M. E. Richard.

AJourn till 2 o'clock p. m.
C. S. KERNADY, Pres.
J. N. ALLEN, Secretary.

LIST OF EXCURSIONS.

Account Meeting Grand Lodge Sons of Herman, to be held at Galveston rate of \$3.50 for the round trip. Tickets on sale May 3rd and 4th, limited for return to May 8th.

Account of the various Baptist Convention to be held at Wilmington N. C., namely: Baptist Young Peoples Society on the South, May 6th; American Baptist Educational Society, May 6th; Southern Baptist Educational Conference, May 6 to 7; Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, May 7 to 13; Southern Baptist Convention May to 14. Reduced rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale May 3rd and 4th limited for return to May 23rd days from date of sale.

Account of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, to be held at Nashville, Tenn. May 1st to Nov. 1st, 1897 reduced rates for round trip as follows: Tickets sold Thursday April 29th, and each Tuesday and Thursday thereafter, up to and including Tuesday, October 26th; final limit to return in ten days from date of sale \$18.50. Tickets sold April 29th to October 15th, inclusive, limited for return to twenty days from date of sale \$25.50. Tickets sold April 24th and April 28th to October 15th inclusive, limited for return to November 7th, \$35.40.

Account of the re-union Ex-Confederate Veterans to be held at Nashville, June 20th to 24th. Tickets will be on sale June 10th, 20th, and 21st, limited to return in ten days from date of sale at rate of \$18.90 for round trip.

Until further notice tickets will be on sale to Mineral Wells and return for at rate of \$5.50 for the round trip limited for return 60 days from date of sale.

J. B. HANSON, Agent.

PUTNAM DOTS.

March 28.—We had a fine rain last night, which was a great blessing to our country.

Fishing parties are always in order in Putnam.

The mineral well is ready for use, come one come all and be cured.

Dr. L. J. Cook started south today in his high-topped-buggy and bob-tail mule. We suppose he is in search of the air-bird.

J. J. Sigler has his large house completed and is now stocking it full of goods. He says from now on he will be ready to give prices and sell goods. There will be no use of the people leaving Putnam to go any where else to buy their hardware, for I am satisfied you can do as well in Putnam as you can anywhere.

Mr. James Walker was on our streets Saturday. It was suggested that he start a paper here, which we are in hopes he will. Putnam would certainly be in the swim with a wide-awake paper, such as we know he would give us. Come on James and help us build up one of the best towns in Texas.

F. P. Shackelford must be doing a fine dry goods business from the way the people are loading up their wagons at his store. If we had a dozen such men as "Shack", we would knock the other towns out the first round.

MORE AXONS.

MUSIC BOX FREE.

Go to Phillips and buy your goods. With every 25 cent purchase you receive a coupon, and when all coupons are disposed of the party holding the greatest number of coupons will receive an elegant Swiss music box free. Music box on exhibition at Phillips drug store.

OLD PAPERS For Sale at THE STAR office

Ex-President Cleveland made a speech at the annual dinner of the New York Reform Club last Saturday in which he took occasion to pass some very severe strictures upon democrats who refused to follow his lead into the gold standard camp. His talk about a regenerated democracy on gold bug lines will be spurned and repudiated by the democrats as the democrats have already repudiated Cleveland, the man whom they so fondly and so blindly followed. Now this mountain of fat and egotism assumes to speak for democracy. The writer supported Grover Cleveland the first time willingly and enthusiastically, but under protest the last two times because the gold standard element of the party combined with those who wanted office, forced his nomination. This egotistical self-styled democrat talks about restoring prosperity when we have just got rid of four years of his blighting rule. He charges that the democrats, in the last campaign, with stealing the banner of true democracy and the danger he attributes to the fear of success of the Bryan ticket. He says "the deliverance comes through the action of those who saw the trick and loved the principles of their party too well to follow its stolen banners in an attack upon the nation's safeguards." In other words he attributes the success of McKinley to his wing of the party who deserted to the enemy in the hour of battle or followed off the two old decoy ducks, Palmer and Buckner. What a rallying cry it would be for the democrats in 1900 to have like this "Cleveland and property. It would be as appropriate as for Washington to have assaulted the British lines with the battle cry, "Remember the patriotism of Benedict Arnold." The latter deserted to the British, and Cleveland loved his party so well that he deserted to the republicans, in sen-

time if not in reality. This is a great duck to talk about what the democrats ought to do. One thing they will do, they will smash Grover's political aspirations and all his followers. G. C. hoodooed the party for twelve years, but the Chicago platform and Bryan's eloquence broke the spell and henceforth his name is Demia. If he wants to rally the broken legions of the F-B, lies he is welcome, and we really hope they will nominate him next time just to let him see what the American people think of the "stuffed prophet."

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. Phillips Baird, Texas. 92 1/2 yr.

BEES AND HIVES.

Branded Italian Bees and Roots, best hives, for sale cheap.
J. L. ISA, BAIRD, TEXAS.

OLD PEOPLE.

Old people who require medicine to regulate their bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and stimulant. It acts directly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of its functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at R. Phillips drug store.

EXTRADITION LAW.

Passage of a New Bill Passed by Mexican Congress.
City of Mexico, April 26.—The house of deputies has passed the new extradition law substantially as reported to that body by the Mexican commission...

BRAVE GIRLS.

Fought in a Boat With a Large Devil Fish.
Katie, Wash., April 25.—Two little heroines and Lillian McKee...

The octopus thrust an arm into the boat, catching Miss Herbeck by the foot. She screamed and pulled, finally escaping by a narrow margin...

The octopus whipped the sound until foam covered its surface, endeavoring all the time to fasten a tentacle about one of the boat's occupants. The young woman responded by vigorously pounding it with oars and fish hook...

TO OUST DOLE.

Washing, D. C., April 25.—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii does not desire the re-establishment of a monarchy by the government or seek her own restoration to the throne. Her mission in this city is to secure from President McKinley...

This would oust Dole from the presidency. The former queen believes if the will of the Hawaiian people is freely and unobscuredly ascertained...

It is the intention of Liliuokalani to remain here until she receives a reply from the president to the communication she submitted. The former queen is very anxious that her request will meet with favorable consideration...

The following is an interesting description of the 'Sugar Princess' who gives 1000 bushels of wheat a year, and also sells this to 1000 persons in all parts of the country, a great portion of them saying that they will hand you a dollar in a short time. The farmer does not want to be small and says, 'Alright.' Sooner than the 1000 bushels of wheat, he has nothing to show for it, and then realizes that he has lost away his whole crop, and its value is due in a thousand dollars...

A Kentucky woman fed 419 tramps in 365 days.

TEXAS NEWS.

Miss Alma Heath was thrown from her buggy at Houston and had her collar bone broken.

James Cavithorn was killed near Houston by the accidental discharge of a gun while out hunting.

King Williams, a young man of 24, living at Georgetown, accidentally shot and killed himself with a six shooter, the ball entering the heart. He leaves a wife and two children.

While a party of young ladies were hunting near DeCatur Miss Bessie Kennedy was shot with a target rifle, the ball lodging in the leg just above the knee. She is not seriously hurt.

Rev. Justin Rice, the cowboy preacher, accompanied by his wife, were holding open-air services on the streets of Dallas...

The remarkable vigor and vitality of Bernards is well shown by a discovery at Denison, Tex. The doctor, while removing some old wall paper preparatory to repapering, discovered that between the cracks of the wall a burglar had come up from the ground, entered a crack in the wall and crawled nearly up to the ceiling. The winter had been in the upper part.

Brown & Dabney, who constructed the dam across the Trinity river at Denison, Tex., have been ordered to remove the dam...

Mrs. H. A. Tillett, of Abilene, wife of State Senator Tillett, disposes of the house at Denison...

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ABILENE POSTOFFICE.

A Strong Fight to Bring Mead to Retain the Postage of the Frontier.
A large number of the most prominent citizens of Abilene are taking an active interest in behalf of Mrs. M. W. Morrow, the daughter of Sam Houston...

Mrs. M. W. Morrow is the daughter of Sam Houston, the greatest of our postmaster of that city. The strongest influences are being used in her behalf, a number of telegrams have been sent to Washington...

Mr. Lapowski, who has been the leading applicant for the postoffice, has withdrawn in favor of Mrs. Morrow.

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Gen. J. News.

Hon. C. M. Barnes of Guthrie, has been appointed as Governor of Oklahoma.

Geo. King, a rich Chinaman of Georgia, has wedded Harriet Berry, a negro girl of Texas.

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MEXICAN COTTON WEAVIL.

The Marriage Becoming a serious Menace to the South's Greatest Product.
Director J. H. Collier of the Texas Agricultural experiment station writes to the president of the Corsicana Commercial club...

It is this station has conducted no independent investigations concerning the threatened invasion by the Mexican boll weevil on the cotton interests. We are fully impressed with the gravity of the situation, and anticipate that our cotton interest will suffer to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars without the necessary means...

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Pistols and Pestles.
Your pills are the best in the world. I used to be annoyed with constipation until I began using them. Now I have no trouble of any kind. I can attest to my recovery to the use of your valuable medicine. It is springing up all over the place.
The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to show the effect of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Valley Hill Stock Farm, Corsicana, Texas.
English Berkshire Hogs and Jersey Cattle.
Geo. T. Jester, Prop'r.
St. George Hotel, Rates \$2.00 Per Day.
Chas. Hodges Proprietor.
Dallas, Texas.

Down in Mexico.
The Coming Country, Where Men Are D-Pools for Working at.
Mr. W. A. Aston, a Georgia capitalist, being interviewed by a Dallas newspaper man, says a great deal of American and European capital is seeking investment in coffee lands, mines and colonization schemes in Mexico, and he believes it to be the coming country in the Western hemisphere. The new railroad from Vera Cruz on the gulf coast to Coahuila on the Pacific coast, new in operation, has made it possible for us to unsupervised fertility of soil, which is adapted to coffee, tobacco and vanilla. Much of this land is being taken at \$2.50 in gold per acre and put in cultivation. This road is about 200 miles long and runs three trains per week. There is a scheme on foot to improve the track the road with a view of drawing the business over it which now has to double back. The road cuts of 10,000 miles in the distance between New York and San Francisco. Pearson Bros., a wealthy English firm, have contracted to do \$2,000,000 worth of work on the harbor at the Pacific end of the road. It is estimated that the English company would get the \$8,000,000 contract on the harbor at Vera Cruz, as well as the contract to double the road at \$2.50 in gold per acre. Mr. Aston says Mexicans are the best governed people in the world. Property and life are absolutely safe. The free silver money is worth just half what gold is. But a Mexican dollar buys as much of anything as the Mexican one dollar will buy in this country. So an American going to Mexico is worth \$2 for every \$1 he takes with him. But the Mexican dollar will not buy as much imported goods as our dollar will. Imported goods are bought on a gold basis in this country. So if you take this they can not be sold at a profit at the Mexican value of money. The effect of this is very salutary, as it makes the people here to manufacturing in that country.

Exchange of 340 Land for 112 Land Just as Fertile and Desirable.
A North Texas farmer can sell his black land farm for \$40 to \$60 per acre. He can buy as fertile land in one of the fertile coast counties for \$10 to \$12 per acre, improve it for \$10 or \$12 per acre and have left a good sum for investment in adjacent lands for speculation. Then there are those whose farms are mortgaged for \$10 or \$15 per acre, more than it will be convenient to pay when it comes due. Would it not be well to sell the mortgage even \$10 or \$20 per acre, net, and buy in South Texas where that amount will secure you as large a farm as of fertile land and a comfortable home in an even more desirable climate, free from debt?

A Terrible Tragedy.
A terrible tragedy was enacted about 4 o'clock yesterday morning five miles southeast of McKinney. At that hour neighbors discovered the home of W. J. Hammond in flames. Hastening to the burning residence, they stumbled over the dead body of Hammond lying near by in a pool of blood not yet cold.

Highway Robbery.
The federal grand jury at Waco has been investigating charges of violations of postoffice laws, and among the matters submitted was a letter which came addressed to the United States court at Waco, in which the writer desires to know what penalty attaches to the offense of a man, after leaving the public road, taking possession of a water bucket, by the side of the road, which the writer says he had taken possession of for the convenience of the cow. The writer is urgent for a reply and states that in his opinion the removal of the water bucket under the circumstances constituted a case of highway robbery in which the federal grand jury at Waco should be asked to take the person accused of removing the water bucket is a carrier of the United States mail.

COAST COLONY COMPANY, Austin, Texas.
A Kentucky woman fed 419 tramps in 365 days.

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W. E. GILLLAND, Editor and Proprietor.

The war in Cuba still drags along.

Patronize home merchants, home workmen and home products of all kinds, this will keep the money at home and benefit all.

The mythical flying machines lately seen traveling about the country, are new-made to be the advance agents of McKinley's property, which seems to be about as shadowy as the mythical flyers.

If Greece can hold her own against Turkey for sixty days longer the prospect is splendid for Europe to carve a cooked Turkey. All we fear is that Greece will be defeated inside of two weeks.

Irrigation is destined some day to make this part of West Texas the garden spot of Uncle Sam's domain. None of us may live to see it, but let us work for it so those who come after us may reap the reward.

Oman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, has superseded Edhem Pasha in command of the Turks in the present Turko-Greek war. This change of commander would indicate that the glowing accounts of Turkish victories are false; else why the change?

When a man gets so insignificant that his local papers won't notice him, because he never does anything worthy of notice, the only chance he has to make a name is only chance to boost himself and his enemies is to write to some paper in an adjacent town Great Scheme.

War is awful to contemplate, but the world will have to improve wonderfully before it will get to the point that nations can always settle their differences by arbitration. There is a vast deal of the bog in the make up of man, which must be eradicated before he will stop fighting.

Ancient Greece owned all, or nearly all, of the territory now occupied by the Ottoman empire. It was first conquered by the Romans and changed masters repeatedly through the dark and middle ages until it finally fell into the hands of the Turk. Greece's claim is barred by limitation, but she may recover by conquest which is exactly the kind of title the Turk holds.

"C" the Baird correspondent of the Abilene Reporter comes to Capt. Tucker's rescue last week, on the prairie dog amendment to the constitution, not bill, as both "C" and the Reporter call it. He says it is better to have a man in a hole with horse sense or some other kind of sense, so they concluded "C" did not fill the bill on either score.

We don't understand this. Will some one please make the matter plain to our possibly dull comprehension? The papers tell us that American capitalists have secured three new railroad concessions in Mexico and will begin the work of building without delay. Why should these capitalists of gold standard country go to poor, degraded, silver standard Mexico to invest their accumulated surplus? Are they insane, or idiotic? or perhaps the silver standard is not as bad as they told it was a few months ago.—Tex. Farm & Ranch.

No one connected with THE STAR is or will be a candidate next year for mayor of the city, county judge, legislature or anything else just to help the cause of silver along you know or for any other reason. THE STAR is for silver however, but its editor wants no office nor would he accept one under any condition—not in the next campaign at least. We intend that THE STAR shall be absolutely independent, therefore we never expect to enter politics as an aspirant for office. THE STAR will stand by its friends however, and all it can do to spoil the political dumping of its enemies.

Buffalo gnats have killed a great amount of stock in east Texas.

The publishers propose to send a copy of Word and Works five months from June to October inclusive, to new subscribers only as a trial order for 25 cents, and in addition there will give each trial subscriber free, a copy of a little book of 64 pages, which contains select chapters of a work by Rev. I. R. Hicks, which is the crowning work of his life. This is a rare opportunity for any one to study the storm forecasts throughout the coming season, besides the many other good things in Word and Works of interest to each member of the family. The regular price of this little book alone is 25 cents. Send 25 cents and your address, to Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis Mo.

The Abilene Reporter speaking of those who criticize Capt. Tucker's prairie dog bill, says: "Mr. Tucker is making a good representative, his opponents will learn if they ever have occasion to get in the road so defeat him. With most of his critics it is enough to know he is a democrat, and therefore lies, all his trouble with them. If he would only stick to something like the truth—his habit of lying will doubtless be a violation of their principles."

Does this mean that Capt. Tucker is already in the race for reelection? His habit of lying will doubtless be a violation of the prairie dogs and the pope's? THE STAR nominates the Reporter's Baird correspondent (of last week) as better holder for the valiant Captain Tucker's prairie dog bill than the Editor of the Abilene Reporter and the Editor of the Dallas Herald.

The present war between Greece and Turkey is waged in a territory famous in the history as a battle ground. Mt. Olympus, the home of the gods, is northeast of the contending armies only a few miles; Thermopylae, the famous pass, where Leonidas perished with his 300 Spartans and 700 Thracians 490 B. C., is in the vain effort to check the Persian hordes, is only a few miles southwest of the present headquarters of the Greek army. The hills and valleys all over that country have echoed and re-echoed, for more than thirty centuries with the war whoops of contending armies. To-day the boom of the modern cannon and rattling of musketry is heard where formerly the contending forces met each other with the silent but not less deadly battle, ax, cross bow and lance. Prince Constantine may yet make his last stand at Thermopylae, if so, let us hope that he will have better luck in checking the hosts of Islam than Leonidas had in checking the hordes of Xerxes.

From the Abilene Reporter comes the defense of Capt. Tucker, against his prairie dog "bill." The Reporter is evidently laboring under a mistake in assuming that opposition to the Capt. Tucker's plan of exterminating the prairie dog, comes only from his political enemies. We have talked with the people and have yet to find a man, democrat, populist or republican, who favors it. The opposition because they believe it impracticable and will result in no good to any one except a few prairie dog hunters and vendors of prairie dog poison. If private parties cannot exterminate the dogs, the state should pass a law offering a bounty for every dog killed; but such a bill could never pass the legislature. Under Capt. Tucker's plan counties would be taxed to kill the prairie dogs on the millions of acres of public lands owned by the state in West Texas; and all the public lands would be exempt which would be a gross injustice to the people of West Texas; and another thing, if as "C" and the Reporter say, the amendment leaves it to the counties to vote the tax, that is a fatal mistake; because some counties would not vote the tax, and in that case the prairie dog county in ten refused to vote the tax, that county would raise money to keep the dogs, and the dog hunters around stocked, and the dog county would have a perpetual picnic, and the people would be stimulated to popular vote the people will set down on it with such a thud that every prairie dog in West Texas will think an earthquake has struck his domain.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Reported by H. E. Mowbratt, Co. Commissioner, or President No. 2, Calhoun Co., Tex., on April 19th, 1897, the following described property: "One sorrel mare about 5 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, branded L on neck near E. eye, and white seal on nose running in neighborhood of eye. She is wearing a white mane and is expected to enter forward pass property. Any person who has seen said animal or who may have dealt with it as the law directs, please give under my hand as the owner this day of April 1897."

W. W. DUBOIS, Co. Clk. Calhoun Co., Tex. By W. P. Cochrane, Deputy.

FOR STARTING THE FIRE.

The Use to Which the Fisherman's Poise Has Been Put.

In the majority of households an old newspaper is the material most commonly used to start a fire, and the adjustment of this material is a matter of considerable art. There should be enough of it to make a flame sufficient to ignite the wood laid upon it, and it should be put in with just the right degree of looseness so that the air will circulate through it and make it burn freely and to the best advantage. But there are houses in which paper is never used for this purpose—the houses of fishermen. Here, year in and year out, day after day, the fire is started with the bank of discarded tarred netting, and there is nothing like it.

When a wet gets tender, so that it is likely to burst when a body of soap or seaweed floats against it in a tide way, or to break with a big catch of fish, it is condemned. It may be whole and look all right, but it doesn't pay to take any risk with it. Some fishermen using a considerable number of nets may have half a ton of such netting in a year. They use it to start fires and give away some of it. Formerly they sold it for junk, and they do so now occasionally, though not so much as they did. It brings a cent a pound.

This netting has been tarred again and again with flax, this tar being thoroughly saturated. The net may be 6 feet deep. A length of it is rolled up, and the roll is then flattened on a flattened roll up to 6 inches wide, and it is cut off with an iron chisel of perhaps a foot in length, just enough to fit snugly on the grate of a kitchen range. It is then ignited, and it is set. It all ignites quickly, and burns fiercely and uniformly, with a high fire and rather a pleasant smell. A properly laid fire with a section of old tarred netting to start it never goes out. Whoever wishes to see the netting in the fisherman's house prepares it, if possible, the night before and puts a strand from the tarred netting on the range through the bars of the grate in front. To start the fire in the morning all that is necessary is to touch it with a match to the end of that tarred rope yarn.

Some of this tarred netting has been sold to start fires in Germany, as a Such a thing is not unheard of as the use of cotton waste and oil for this purpose, but a sheet of old tarred netting laid over the grate bars beats the cotton waste out of sight. Still, locomotives have multiple and tarred netting in no figure as a means of starting the fire in them. It is perhaps now used for that purpose, if at all, only on roads running through or near fishing districts. And, as said, it is now rarely sold. The fisherman uses it to start his own fire, and the man who has more than a few wants gives to his neighbor—New York Sun.

A Costly Job.

A Berlin correspondent tells as true a story about a job that resulted somewhat seriously for the man who invented it. This person was incredulous about the discriminating appreciation of wives which a distinguished friend of his claimed to possess, and to test the matter invited him to dine at a hotel whose landlord had previously been instructed to set before the comissuaire a bottle of excellent moutard. It was to hear how later on either side he would gush it from "vin ordinaire," and if questioned the landlord was to say that cost only five francs. The invitation was accepted, and the plot was carried out. The guest had hardly taken a single sip from his glass, however, before he proved the injustice of his host's suspicion by exclaiming over the merit of the wine to the amusement of the landlord, and on hearing that its price was 3 marks he calmly ordered 1,000 bottles of the same vintage. The next day he filled, and he took, rather than reveal the fallow of his trick, paid the difference between the alleged real price, which amounted to something over 4,000 marks.

English Lawyers.

In the United States the names applied to lawyers are usually attorney and counselor at law. In Great Britain there are barristers at law, and 2nd counselors, learned in the laws, qualified and admitted to practice at the bar; solicitors, who are attorneys, advocates or counselors at law, who are authorized to practice in the English court of chancery, sergeants at law, who are lawyers of the high rank and answer to the doctor of the civil law. Only after 10 years of practice of the bar can one become a serjeant. Queens's counsel are eminent lawyers, who are given by the government that title, and from their number all the judges are chosen.

Domestic English Methods.

To make English muffins add a pint of milk, and while hot add 2 ounces of butter. Warm milk-water, and add a teaspoonful of yeast, half an ounce of compressed yeast dissolved in 2 tablespoonfuls of warm water, and 1 ounce of flour. Beat thoroughly and set aside for 2 hours. Bake in greased muffin rings on a hot griddle.—Mrs. A. T. Roger in Ladies' Home Journal.

Shrewly Theorized.

"Yes," she said lightly, "I must confess that he deceived me as to his habits."

"Does he drink or gamble or anything of the kind?" she asked.

"No. Before we were wed he led me to believe that he had a habit of talking to his dog about his business, and he does not."—Indianapolis Journal.

Friendships are not uncommon between the cat and dog, and have been known between a dog and a wolf, but the mutual attitude of the woad and goat is invariably war—that is, waged to the death.

The telegraph lines of the world aggregate 1,000,123 miles. America has more than half—448,822 miles.



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Don't Miss a Good Thing!

In looking over our stock we find we have made already a number of remnants in Laces, Embroideries, Lawns, Percals and other Goods, which we have MARKED DOWN HALF. We have made up a special of \$1.00 1.50 and \$2.00 ladies hats which are worth \$1.50 \$2.00 and \$2.50. You can't find such bargains anywhere else. GOOD GOODS AND LOW PRICES

Is what makes business at my store. IN SHOES WE LEAD THE TOWN. Cash buyers will find our place will make the dollars last longer.

Boys and Mens Clothing for Everybody. BOYSTUN.

MARTIN BARNHILL, Boot and Shoemaker. Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed. Prices to Suit the Times. Market Street, (6) Baird, Texas.

A VALUABLE PRESCRIPTION. Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun" writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic. It has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat or digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Price 50 cts and \$1.00. Get a bottle at R. Phillips Drug store.

Great Danger in Coughs. A neglected cough is source of imminent danger to all. Ballard's Hoop Syrup is guaranteed to cure the worst cough, Whooping Cough, sore throat and all other coughs. Nelson & St. John.

ELECTRIC BITTERS. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish, and the need of a tonic and alternative. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps bilious fevers. No medicine will set more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison, Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness, hold to electric Bitters, 50 cents and \$1. per bottle at Phillips.

SINGING CONVENTION. Each and every singing class in Calhoun County is requested to elect delegates to the county convention, which meets at Serrano, Texas, May 8th and 9th 1897. Delegates please come and bring your song books. C. S. KENNEDY, Pres. J. E. ALLEN, Sec.

STANDS AT THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best I have." J. E. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at R. Phillips Drug Store.

FEATHER DUSTERS. Stove Dusters. Ceiling Dusters. Carriage Dusters. HARRY MEYER.

Nice line of granite ware, consisting of sauce pans, coffee pots, etc., at H. Meyer.

SOMETHING TO DEPEND ON.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Sons, Cowdell, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with LaGrippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pans could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hoody Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in the store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half a dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. Phillips drug store.

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GO GO. GEO. DEAN, The Barber. Second Door North of Johnson's Chop House.

L. N. JACKSON, General Real Estate AGENT. Local Land Agent for T. & P. R. R. Co. and Canda, Drake & Strauss. HAIRD, - - - TEXAS.

GO GO. T. K. BRAZELL, SHAWE, SHAMPON or Hair Cut. Now located at Rudmond's stand. Give him a trial.

T. & P. RY SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND.

No. 4 9 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

No. 3 3:15 P. M.

J. H. HANCOCK, Agent.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

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BALDWIN Lodge, Order of Elks, meets every Monday night, 8:15 P. M., at the residence of **Mrs. Amelia Cross M. W. H. Powers, Secy.**

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Nice shirt waist 50 cents at Powell's.

Chattel and Crop mortgages for sale at The STAR office, at 2 cents each.

No shoes in town wear like POWELL's get a pair and see for yourself. 20¢

Millinery goods and hats at Powell's cheap, cheaper and cheapest place in Bald.

The STAR Job Office is equipped to do all kinds of first-class printing When in need of work, call or write

The Grand Jury was about to find a bill against T. E. Powell for selling some of his wool suits for \$10.00 that others sell for \$15.00.

Murray James spent a day or two in Bald, this week, and returned to Wichita Falls, where he will make his headquarters for the next two or three months.

Will Coffman, base ball enthusiast, from Cross Plains, spent several days in the city this week. Will is a great boy and knows how to twirl a ball to perfection.

One of Bald's whitest citizens skipped for parts unknown, last week, leaving several of our merchants in the lurch for various amounts, and some of the merchants lost pretty blue over it.

For the next thirty days I will sell you a man's undershirt and drawers of good quality of the Baldring goods at 25cts. each, less than half price. Call and see them before they are all gone. Sure bargain.

Mayor pro tem, Whitley, says he is not in a hurry for Mayor Clark, who is on leave of absence, to return, as he (W) is just making scoundrels out of money. If the Lord Mayor hears of this there will be no mayor pro tempore p. q.

County Treasurer, T. B. Holland, was laid up a day or two last week, with a slight attack of biliousness. Mr. Holland says that as soon as district court is over he's going to the country with his family, and spend several weeks hunting and fishing.

Ladies call at my store and examine my stock of all wool dress goods and silks and all other kind of goods you may want cheaper than they can be bought anywhere. If you find things not as I represent them I will give you a nice fan. Please call.

Mr. A. Cooke returned, last week, from Dallas where he went some three weeks ago, to have a surgical operation performed on one of his legs, on which an abscess had formed. We are glad to learn that the operation was successful, and that Mr. Cooke is on the way to complete recovery.

Remember T. E. Powell is selling more goods than he ever did in his life. Why because he sells cheaper, has the goods to sell, has nice clerks and all sell at one price. I can swear to this and so can every customer in this county, and so can you if you will call at his store and price his goods and see all you neighbors trading at T. E. Powell's.

Our old time friend, Maj. Stanley M. Jones formerly of Bald, is now residing in Oklahoma, came in Monday and spent a few days in town on business and greeting old friends. Maj. Jones has traveled over many states and part of Canada, since he left Bald, but says take old Callahan all through he had rather live here than at any place he has struck yet. Maj. Jones goes from here to Eddy, New Mexico, and then home.

Why will you pay big prices for goods when you can get them for 15-18 per cent cheaper from T. E. Powell than you can get them in the State and a very large stock to select from and a strictly one price house, so you know you are not paying more than others and all know the cheapest in Bald. It costs very few that are not customers of mine please call and get my prices and do me the kindness to state why you are not a customer and I will thank you, for I well know I can save you money. Please call.

T. E. POWELL.

Capt. J. K. Bumpas, Representative from Kaufman county, was on the east bound passenger Wednesday, on his return to Austin. Speaking of the legislature, he says they will adjourn about May 10th. He says a great deal of his delay in legislation this session was caused by the cities wanting so much pay 'ing and amending their charters; the stock, bankers, doctors and other associations that want some special legislation. The Captain swears by the beard of the prophet that from now on he proposes to fight his whole business, he believes they are all shams and humbugs.

Fishing parties are quite numerous now days.

Boss—On April 26 to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whites girl.

John Pearce, liverman of Coleman, was in town Wednesday night.

If you want your picture taken call on Hanna. Next 30 days pictures at cost.

R. A. Speer is now located in his new building and everything is in tip top shape.

The STAR shop is receiving a new coat of paint, from the hands of our local painter, J. H. Hoffman.

When you are in Bald don't fail to call on Hanna and see his sample photographs. All work first-class. 21

Rev. R. M. T. Davis and wife are visiting in town, the guests of Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Floyd.

See the governor's proclamation submitting constitutional amendments to vote of the people, next August. Inside page of THE STAR.

The Odd Fellows celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary at Bald Monday night, by a banquet. A pleasant time was had by all present.

WANTED—600 native yearlings and two year old steers by the Virginia Ranch, Land and Cattle Co. Apply to its attorney, P. S. Bell, Bald, Texas. 21ff

You will find considerable change on inside pages of THE STAR this week. The print is from larger type, and advertisements few. We consider this a great improvement, and we hope our readers will appreciate the change.

S. A. Murdoch sold his lumber yard to J. A. Scott sometime ago and last week Mr. Scott sold the yard to I. N. Jackson. Mr. Jackson says he has not decided what he will do; whether to stock up the yard or let it go. He is going to move out to the county soon he may come back this fall and go into the lumber business.

THE STAR Job Office will for 30 days make a reduction of 10 per cent from former prices, on all work. The very best and the finest workmanship will be included with every order, but we must have cash on delivery of goods. These prices will enable every one to supply their very low cost with the finest material at a very low cost. Call or write for samples.

Distict Court adjourned for the term Wednesday evening and Judge Conner went home yesterday. Manning of Coleman charged with theft of cotton, was given two years in the pen. Attorney St. Jones county and A. H. Berby of Abilene were before court Wednesday and perfected a settlement of the Jones County bond case.

Examine the printed address on your paper and if your subscription is in just due don't wait for a statement next week. If you haven't got the money we will take anything that we can use. We are going to send a statement to every delinquent subscriber next week. Do not like to do this but we need money and have no other way to get it except from those who owe us.

On last Tuesday evening the thickening of the clouds in the southwest and the flashes of vivid lightning mingled with heavy peals of thunder announced the approach of a rain-storm. Shortly after sundown the long lull for moisture began falling at an enormous rate and so continued for some time and the ground was thoroughly soaked and the outlook for the present crop is very flattering.

MARRIAGES.

BRASHER-WILLIAMS. Mr. W. H. Brasher and Miss Rosa Williams were united in marriage April 21st. Judge J. E. Thomas officiating.

OWENS-RILEY. Mr. G. T. Owens and Mrs. Mollie Riley were united in marriage April 26th by Judge J. E. Thomas.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Messrs M. L. Craven and O. Teep, persons, agents for the Stemple Fire Extinguisher, gave a public exhibition near the court house Wednesday night. A large bonfire was started, and when the flames were fierce the hose attached to the extinguisher was turned on the burning pile and the fire disappeared as if by magic. Less than one half of the contents of one of machines was used. The test all that is claimed for it, and we hope the business men of the town will purchase several of the machines, as the town is absolutely without anything to fight its fire down.

THE STAR wants WOOD.

THE INFLUENCE

of the Mother phases the course of unborn generations—goes ascending through all the ages and enters the confines of Eternity. With what care, therefore, should the Expectant Mother be guarded, and how great the effort be to ward off danger and make her life joyous and happy.

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