

The First National Bank of Baird.

One of the Largest and Oldest Banks in the West.  
Cash Capital \$100,000. Cash Surplus \$20,000.  
Total \$120,000.  
DEPOSITS RECEIVED. MONEY LOANED.  
General Banking.  
Your business solicited, every facility for the transaction of business.

# The Star

'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE

SAY, PAY UP

WHAT YOU OWE

THE - STAR

VOL. 16.

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

AY, JAN. 8. 1903.

NO.

## Look For g Ad

### NEXT

### T. E. POWELL

### WEEK!

### Baird.

#### SPRING GAP GLEANINGS.

Schools opened Monday.

The holidays are over and work has commenced again, though farm work has not begun in earnest.

Christmas times were the liveliest for many years around Admiral. Two parties every night, which wound-up by a dance at Arthur Beasley's.

South of the Gap everything passed off very quietly. No drinking or carousing that we can hear of.

W. B. Griggs, father of our Dr. Griggs, spent a few days with his son, but made his visit short, as professional calls kept the doctor away most of the time.

Miss Mattie Gibbs of Turkey creek spent a few days with friends in Admiral.

J. R. Dawkins of Mt. Calm made a short stop-off at his uncle's, R. C. Dawkins, then continued his journey to San Francisco, via Denver and Salt Lake City.

There have been several changes by parties who intend to begin work with the new year. We would give names but they are too numerous.

Little George Weeks had a relapse of fever and is very low.

Wilson Sikes came in unexpectedly to visit his parents Thursday.

The small-pox scare is now over and we feel free to go where we please. It caused us to miss the spelling contest with the Spring Gap school, but it may be that we can get up another challenge soon.

Several of the Turkey creek boys attended the dance at Cliff Hill's last Friday night. DU BILD.

#### Finds Way to Live Long.

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey of Charubuco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." Powell & Powell, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, guarantee every 50c and \$1.00 bottle, and give trial bottles free.

#### THAT CHRISTMAS DINNER.

EDITOR BAIRD STAR—If you will permit, we desire through THE STAR to thank our old friends, Mr. H. E. Jones and his good wife, Mrs. Mary Jones, for the royal Christmas dinner to which they so kindly invited us and which we thankfully enjoyed. We shall never forget the variety of good things so bountifully spread before us, a partial list of which follows: A large roast turkey with trimmings, then a big roast of beef, the same being a part of a thoroughbred Hereford sent them by their son, Biney Jones of Big Springs, which the finest and fatest we ever had the pleasure of eating; and the fruits, such as apples, oranges, bananas, and grapes of the finest flavor, together with cakes and pies of such rich and luscious crispness as only Aunt Mary Jones can prepare; and last, but not least, we mention the 10-year-old "tongue-oiler," that will make anyone discuss the old-time war happenings.

Then we were regaled by the most delightful music, rendered by the sweet little grand-daughter, Lillie Solomon, assisted by Miss Adela Littlepage.

Then the end came, with many good wishes all around for many returns of the Christmas day, and an invitation to attend in April the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Uncle Henry and Aunt Mary Jones, who assured us that in all the gone-by years they have never had an unpleasant word between them. Respectfully,

MAC L. WILSON,  
JNO. R. WILSON AND FAMILY.

#### The Secret of Long Life

Consists in keeping all the main organs of the body in healthy, regular action, and in quickly destroying deadly disease germs. Electric Bitters regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, and give a splendid appetite. They work wonders in curing kidney troubles, female complaints, nervous diseases, constipation, dyspepsia and malaria. Vigorous health and strength always follow their use. Only 50c, guaranteed by Powell & Powell, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, druggists.

#### PALMISTRY READING

By Miss Martin, four blocks North of school house. Hours 9 to 12, 1 to 4.

#### CLYDE CLIPPINGS.

Clyde Jan. 6—Clyde and community is moving along all o k. Christmas passed off very quiet. Most everybody stayed at home and eat their Xmas turkey, and enjoyed the day with their families.

Mr. R. L. Tabor has moved on the place he bought of Mr. Monroe Appleton.

Mr. R. D. Robbins has moved to L. L. Johnson's place.

Mr. F. F. Suggs has moved on the Hardy Tyler farm.

Mrs. M. V. Nix has moved to Abilene.

Mr. Will Ham is going to build a nice residence in Clyde.

Mr. R. L. D. Fleming of Clyde and Mrs. I. D. Orviss of Scranton were married at Clyde Dec. 30th at 4 p m. Squire H. C. Darden officiating. Mr. Fleming is one of Clyde's most prosperous men and the bride a most estimable lady. May their life be strewn with sunshine and roses.

On the 24th night of December Mr. and Mrs. Pat Miller threw the doors open of their new residence and invited the young people of Clyde and community in to partake in one of our old time dances, which was quite a treat to many of us as it has been so long since we swung on the corner, but we soon caught the step and it made us think back of old times when we used to dance by a pine knot light, and the old darky sitting in the corner with his fiddle, and the young men and women dancing in their homespun clothes. We all enjoyed ourselves better in those days than the young men do today with their custom made suits.

Misses Northington and Smith made a business trip to Baird last Saturday. Mr. L. L. Johnson returned from Brown County on the 26th, but his Xmas gift showed up to be a pair of donkeys.

Next Friday night our great Literary Society meets. We are expecting to hear some very warm speeches, but we hope we will have better lights and better order than we did at the last meeting. If we don't I think it the duty of the school trustees to call it off and stop it. If we can't have something without having our benches and stoves broken up lets just quit.

Mr. W. O. Fleigh high constable, and dep. McCann.

#### The Holidays Have Passed

And 1903 is here. We want your business. We exchange our goods for the cash, we'll not give you trash.

Wall Paper, Paints, Oils,  
JEWELRY, DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES

POWELL & POWELL

#### Best Liniment on Earth.

Henry D. Baldwin, Supt. City Water Works, Shullsburg, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at R. Phillips & Son.

The Stock Exchange is a good place to get a good deal of information. It is a good place to get a good deal of information. It is a good place to get a good deal of information.



GO TO  
R. PHILLIPS & SON,  
FOR

## Pure Drugs, Etc.

### COST OF BAD ROADS.

SOME STATISTICAL FACTS AND FIGURES BY MARTIN DODGE.

Our Poor Highways Said to Cost Us \$550,000,000 Every Year in Repairs. Their Condition an Obstacle to Rural Mail Delivery.

Poor roads in the United States are costing the people annually the enormous sum of \$550,000,000, which is a tax of more than \$7 a year for every man, woman and child. This amazing fact is pointed out by Martin Dodge, director of the bureau of public road inquiries of the department of agriculture in Washington, says the New York Herald. He advocates the construction of brick track roads with convict labor.

As a result of the good roads movement, which has been largely stimulated by the efforts of the department of agriculture, the road question is at present receiving a remarkable degree of active interest, as indicated, for instance, by a movement in the state of New York for bonding the state for \$50,000,000 to build country roads. This is wholly in line with a bill before the last national congress by Mr. Oley of Virginia for \$100,000,000 for the same purpose.

Mr. Oley declared, "In view of our willingly having spent \$400,000,000 on the Philippines, it is time to do something tangible for our own people."

"This is especially true," comments Mr. Dodge, "in view of the fact that we are continually paying an avoidable tax of more than \$650,000,000 each year for the privilege of driving on our dusty and muddy roads. This enormous expense is better comprehended by saying it equals a tax of more than \$7 each year for every man and woman and child in this country."

A careful study of the road problem in detail reveals some important and significant features. While good roads are found in a very few places in this country, good clays are found in nearly every locality.

"If these abundant clays," Mr. Dodge argues, "can be used economically to build good roads, they will greatly assist in meeting the important problem of how to construct our country roads."

Again, as all roads are hauled over very narrow portions of roads through wheel contact—railroad cars, for example—it follows that if such narrow parts



THIS IS THE COSTLY ROAD.

of our roads are cheaply constructed to properly resist the weight and grind of the wagon wheels, more and important results will be attained.

These studies of these conditions resulted in the construction of a section of brick wheel track road in the department of agriculture grounds in the early part of 1900, followed by the introduction of this system in various places for the improvement of country roads and city streets, also with most encouraging results.

The continued advance in the area reached by the benefits of rural free mail delivery under aid from the national treasury indicates its deserved popularity in the rural sections. A ready increase seems probable in the area thus benefited until all of the more densely populated parts of this country are reached.

To the rapid and economical extension of rural mail delivery, only one obstacle worthy of consideration presents itself, but that obstacle is of such a nature as to greatly affect its practicability.

"Without question one of the first great movements toward the economic rural delivery of the mails should be the construction of possible roads. This is already evident from the fact that some of the mail delivery routes have had to be abandoned on account of bad roads."

The circumstances that over \$6,000,000 was appropriated by our last congress largely to be buried in our muddy roads in the delivery of our rural mails, while only the small sum of \$20,000 was last year devoted to meeting the road problem, indicates the great need of legislation regarding the present necessity and demand for vigorous and intelligent road work.

"As much of these large appropriations for rural mail delivery could be saved if we had good roads, it is obvious that an amount equal to a considerable portion of these sums could be spent to good advantage in educating the people in the work of improving our country roads and thus forever close a large drain on our national cash box."

"In view of these facts could not a million or more be spent to the best possible advantage by the national government in constructing a section of brick track road near each county seat throughout the country as an object lesson in each county in the most advanced methods of road construction?"

**Value of Good Roads.**  
It is said that a good highway will increase the value of a country place from 10 to 20 per cent or more. This value is permanent and becomes an asset to be realized upon. Houses thus located are in constant demand.

**THE DODGE'S BLACK-DRAUGHT FOR CONSTIPATION**

Constipation is nothing more than a clogging of the bowels and nothing less than vital stagnation or death if not relieved. If every constipated sufferer could realize that he is allowing poisonous filth to remain in his system, he would soon get relief. Constipation invites all kind of contagion. Headaches, biliousness, colds and many other ailments disappear when constipated bowels are relieved. Theodor's Black-Draught thoroughly cleans out the bowels in an easy and natural manner without the purging of calomel or other violent cathartics.

Be sure that you get the original Theodor's Black-Draught, made by The Chattanooga Medicine Co. Sold by all druggists in 25 cent and \$1.00 packages.

Morgan, Ark., May 23, 1901.  
I cannot recommend Theodor's Black-Draught too highly. I keep it in my house all the time and have used it for the last ten years. I never gave my children any other laxative. I think I could never be able to work without it on account of being troubled with constipation. Your medicine is all that keeps me up.

G. B. McFARLAND.

**Mineral Wells, Texas.**

The health and pleasure resort of the South Reached via the

**Weatherford, Mineral Wells, & Northwestern Railway.**

"Mineral Wells Route."

Excursion round trip tickets on sale with the principal roads to the state. ALL THE YEAR ROUND. Close connection with the Texas & Pacific and Santa Fe trains at Weatherford, Texas.

For any information, address, P. E. BOCK, Superintendent.

L. M. FOUTS, President and General Manager.

**LION COFFEE**

is the kind used by people who want good coffee, without paying fancy prices for it, and who want

Absolutely PURE COFFEE.

**New Eating House.**

I have opened up a nice eating house, 1st door south of McFarlane's store. I would be pleased to have all my friends call, I will treat you right and can furnish you something good to eat.

EMIL LOWE.

**\$300 REWARD.**

The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$300 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this society in good standing."

J. B. COCHRAN, President.  
A. G. WEBB, Secretary.

NOTE:—All members of the Association are earnestly requested to pay up their assessments as the Association has some past due bills to pay. Dec. 25, 1902. A. G. WEBB.

**THE YELLOW KID.**

Now is the time to break land. Buy a Yellow Kid disc plow from Harry Meyer.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN: Taken up by C. W. McCollum and estrayed before F. S. Ormsby, J. P. Precinct No. 5, the following described animal:

One bay mare about 12 years old, about 14 hands high, branded 1 on left jaw, and brand of JOF connected, on left shoulder cross P on left thigh, star in forehead saddle and collar marks. Appraised at \$15. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of Dec 1902. W. P. Cochran, C. C. By J. H. Cochran, Deputy, 541

### ATHLETICS IN ENGLAND.

They Arouse Great Enthusiasm and Produce Strange Trophies.

Athletics attract much more attention in England than in America. The people are more enthusiastic, and it is not unusual to see 15,000 or 20,000 people attending the games. There are sports three and five times a week, so that an ambitious runner can fill his trophy room with any number of suitable prizes. An American champion has no idea of the reception that awaits him. The many sports committees attend him, and he is shown the hospitality of the cities.

It is no extraordinary thing to be invited to a dinner in your honor or to stay a few days with the lord mayor of the city. All of these affairs, one must admit, are a great handicap to his training.

The prizes abroad are, as a general rule, very valuable, much more so than in America. They are not wholly confined to silverware, such as cups and the like, but it is nothing extraordinary to see an athlete departing from the races with a sewing machine or hatrack, and in some cases I have seen orders for beds. The lucky competitor, as a rule, can have any article he desires, and, as many British athletes are married, they generally take the most serviceable article.—Arthur F. Duffey in Outing.

**Two of a Kind.**  
"My word, Fitznoodle," said a war office clerk, according to the London Express, to a colleague who sat at the next desk, "just look at that workman on the roof of that building over the way."

"What's the matter with him?" inquired Fitz, glancing through the window at the individual indicated.

"Matter," retorted the other, "why, I've been watching the lazy beggar for the last twenty-five minutes, and he hasn't done a stroke of work all the time."

At the precise moment at which the above conversation occurred a British workman was addressing his "mate."

"Sy, Bill," he remarked in a tone of deep disgust, "d'ye see that 'ere loafin' war office clerk in that room darn there? S'elp me, if I'll ain't bin a-watchin' 'im fur nigh on arf a bow'er, an' the bloomer's done nothin' but stare hout o' the winder the 'ole blessed tyme. That's the sort o' chap as we p'ys taxes ter keep!"

**East Indian Children.**  
East Indian children from their tenderest years are more carefully trained in certain respects by their mothers than the children of the most civilized peoples. The moment the youngest baby ceases nursing its lips are closed by its mother. If the baby does not keep them closed, she uses mechanical means rigidly and even cruelly. When the baby is put to sleep, it is strapped on to a board, its head slightly raised and its chin lowered, which tends to keep the mouth shut. The result is that when the child first appears they meet and continually feel one another. Thus they take their relative positions and that healthful and pleasing regularity that gives the American Indian as a race the most manly and beautiful mouths in the world.

**Not Much of a Showman.**  
The showman's little boy had a Noah's ark which he examined with some contempt.

"Say," he exclaimed at last, "Noah wasn't much of a fellow, was he?"

It was suggested to the youngster that Noah succeeded in gathering together a pretty good menagerie.

"Good!" exclaimed the boy scornfully. "Hub! Where's the two-headed calf and the six-legged goat and the bathysuturus and the elegantopod and the unguicimelopo? Why, if Noah set up as a showman in these days he couldn't make expenses."

"He couldn't?"

"Of course he couldn't. Why, say, he didn't have a thing in his ark except animals that actually Brooklyn Eagle.

**Shelley Liked Plums.**  
The poet Shelley was walking one day in London with a respectable solicitor when Shelley suddenly vanished and soon after as suddenly reappeared. He had entered the shop of a grocer and returned with some plums, which he offered to the attorney with great delight. The man of fact was as much astonished at the offer as Shelley was at his refusal.

**Why the Razor Was Dull.**  
"I wonder what makes my razor so dull," said a man, looking at the blade he had so carefully sharpened only a day or two before.

"Why, father," spoke up little Johnnie, playing marbles on the floor, "it was just beautiful and sharp only this morning when I made my wooden boat with it."

**Behind the Scenes.**  
"Hurry up, Rowland," called the leading lady, "the people are mad because we are keeping them waiting."

"Then I will not go on at all," stormed the heavy tragedian.

"Why not?"

"Because I refuse to play to a madhouse."—Chicago News.

**A Self Evident Fact.**  
"Time was," said the tramp sadly, "when I owned a big plantation."

"You seem to have a good deal of real estate on your hands yet," replied the woman of the house, casting a cold and sarcastic eye upon his grimy paws.—Washington Times.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom and will see the defect when the weaving of a lifetime is unrolled.

**'Hans Hanson'**

AT

**Opera House On**

**- Wed. Jan. 14 -**

The "Hans Hanson" Co. has a band of 20 members. Don't fail to hear the noon day Concert. Tickets are now on sale at R. Phillips & Son' Drug Store, get one now if you want a choice seat for they are going fast.

**BIG CLEARING SALE**

OF ALL

**Winter Goods.**

H. SCHWARTZ.

**Christmas Games FREE**

In each pound package of

**Lion Coffee**

from now until Christmas will be found a free game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds.

Get Lion Coffee and a Free Game at Your Grocers.

### QUEEREST OF LAWSUITS.

A Highwayman Sued His Partner For His Share of Spoils.

Perhaps the most remarkable suit ever brought is on the records of the court of the exchequer in England. It was filed on Oct. 3, 1725, and it sets forth very clearly that John Everit and Joseph Williams were highway robbers.

In its succinct legal phrases the complaint says that the men formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on business as highwaymen. It was highly profitable, as was shown by the fact that Everit sued Williams for the equivalent of \$5,000, "being for moneys wrongfully appropriated to defendant's private purse."

This was the amount in dispute after the partnership had lasted only a year. Then Everit claimed that he discovered that his partner had not made a fair division of the spoils.

The action was adjudged to be a gross contempt of court, and the plaintiff was ordered to pay all costs, while the solicitors who served the writ were fined. One of the solicitors, a man named Wreathcock, refused to pay the fine and was sent to prison for six months. Both plaintiff and defendant to the action were subsequently hanged, one at Tyburn and the other at Maidstone.

### Trivial Causes of Wars.

History records one war that was caused by a glass of water—the war of the Spanish succession. A lady, Mrs. Masham, a celebrated court beauty, was carrying a glass of water when she was obstructed by the Marquis de Torcy. A slight scuffle ensued, and the water was spilled. The marquis lost his temper, and bad feeling ensued between the English and French courts, with the ultimate result that war was declared. The campaign cost France many severe battles—viz., Blenheim, 1704; Ramillies, 1707; Audenard, 1708, and Malplaquit, 1709.

Fully as absurd in its origin was the war that took place during the commonwealth of Modena. A soldier stole a bucket from a public well belonging to the state of Bologna. Although the value of the article did not exceed a few pennies, the incident was the signal for a fierce and prolonged war. Henry, the king of Sardinia, assisted the Modenese to retain the bucket, and in one of the subsequent battles he was made a prisoner. The bucket is still exhibited in the tower of the cathedral of Modena.

### Uncle Israel's Foresight.

Uncle Israel Trask was one of those thrifty Yankees who, his neighbors averred, would squeeze a dollar "till the eagle on it hollered" before allowing it to leave his pocket. He was a shopkeeper in a small way, but his business had not proved in the long run so profitable as his several matrimonial ventures, which had been three times celebrated. Soon after the last event of the kind had been solemnized, one of his intimates rallied him with:

"Well, Uncle Israel, heard'st how you'd be'n an' done it—'em. How'd you make out this time? Pooty well, as usual, hey?"

"Well, neighbor," drawled Uncle Israel, in his soft and saucy way, "I did pooty well, 's you may say, pooty well. Ye-es, Hetty's a godly woman, neighbor; a godly woman—with a lee-tle prop'ity!"—New York Times.

### How Fruits Act.

The Medicine Relief thus summarizes the various uses of fruit in relieving diseased conditions of the body. The list is worth keeping. Under the category of laxatives, oranges, figs, tamarinds, prunes, mulberries, dates, nectarines and plums may be included. Pomegranates, cranberries, blackberries, sunac berries, dewberries, raspberries, barberries, quinces, pears, wild cherries and medlars are astringent. Grapes, peaches, strawberries, whortleberries, prickly pears, black currants and melon seeds are diuretics. Gooseberries, red and white currants, pumpkins and melons are refrigerants. Lemons, limes and apples are stomach sedatives.

### The Gardener Bird.

The highest development of the decorative instinct in animals is found in the gardener bird (amylornis). This plain looking native of New Guinea builds its nest on the ground, spreads some before it and over this green carpet scatters bright berries, flowers and insects. As the flowers wither they are replaced by fresh ones. The whole establishment serves only as a sort of pleasure resort.

### A Sensitive Point.

"Isn't it a great satisfaction to be able to assist those who call on you for help in the struggle of life?"

"It would be," answered Mr. Cumrox, "if you could be sure some of your beneficiaries weren't laughing at you behind your back and calling you an easy mark."—Washington Star.

### Progressive.

"Are you having a pleasant time?" asked a lady of a little miss at a fashionable children's party.

"Delightful, thanks."

"And will your papa and mamma come later?"

"Oh, dear, no; papa and mamma and I don't belong to the same set."

### Does It Himself.

"They say some blind people can actually distinguish colors by the sense of touch."

"That's nothing; there are times when I feel blue myself."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

### It Stopped.

A.—Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor?

B.—Of course it did. Did you think it would go through?

TELEGRAPHS

Comodore Tells of Seizure of Sailing Vessels. CONDEMNED. General Condemns Action as and Quotes a Speech by Benlow Relative to Private Property.

Comodore Scheder at the Germans on Saturday. A large number of Venetian vessels at Porto Cabello were towed to Los Angeles they remain under guard there have been no reports from Porto Cabello.

Scheder, in his dispatch of the seizure of the private vessels being private property of the commadore as the Vossische Zeitung says "Although legal under maritime practice," says it is a German government disapproval of the seizures and quotes von Buelow's statements in a speech in the reichstag when he said: "The empire would not resist and support if a proposal were presented for a more precise through international



COMODORE SCHEDER. The controverted points in the law than has hitherto

A declaration also regarding property rights during the war is still very elastic in existing circumstances. A declaration of the standpoint of the government has been over mastered by the law. We have to that the law is not to be

Arrested at Washington. Caldwell, Tex., Jan. 6.—Sheriff Lee Henslee has been notified by wire of the arrest of W. B. Evans in Washington, D. C., who is wanted here on a charge of assault with intent to murder. He forfeited his bond, and this is the first information of his whereabouts since he left.

Fig Has Two Bodies. Waco, Tex., Jan. 6.—D. R. Dollins, a McLennan county farmer, has a freak pig, the progeny of a sow on his place, the freak being equipped with two bodies, each body having its full complement of legs, making eight legs and two tails to the single head.

Large Sale Rumored. Mason, Tex., Jan. 6.—There is a rumor of a big land sale—the Lemberg and Allen pasture of 12,000 acres, to C. C. Smith—but the terms have not yet been given to the public.

Gone to Austin. Terrell, Tex., Jan. 6.—Hon. O. B. Colquitt, railroad commissioner elect, will enter upon his duties on the 20th. He has moved his family to the state capital.

Demise of a Stockman. Abilene, Tex., Jan. 6.—I. B. Julian, a prominent stock farmer of the Caps neighborhood, southwest of Abilene, died Saturday morning.

BRYAN ON MEXICO.

Austin, Jan. 6.—Hon. W. J. Bryan spent a few hours here Monday, during which he paid his respects to Governor Sayers and made a brief address to the students of the state university. Speaking of his visit to Mexico, Colonel Bryan said that he believes the governors of the different states and federal authorities of that country are making an honest and earnest effort to advance the people in every possible way in the matter of education and industry. The beneficial results of the compulsory education law is already apparent, he says, in the enlightenment of the youth of the country.

He declined to discuss the financial situation in Mexico for publication. He is in splendid health and was greatly refreshed by the holiday trip.

TEXAS INVESTMENTS.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Bird S. Coler former controller of New York city and Democratic candidate for governor at the last election, arrived in Chicago Sunday night with R. W. Jones, vice president of the Seventh National bank of New York. They came to meet H. P. Hillyar, cashier of the Mechanical National bank of St. Louis, and Isaac H. Kempner of Galveston, Tex., who is also a banker, to discuss proposed investments in Texas.

Fort Worth, Jan. 6.—At a meeting here it was decided that Fort Worth, Waco, Corsicana and Dallas should constitute the Texas Baseball league. Season opens April 25 and schedule will be arranged at Dallas March 10. Doak Roberts gets Corsicana franchise; Joe Gardner, Dallas; W. H. Ward, Fort Worth, and Ted Sullivan, Waco. Paris, Oklahoma City and Shawnee, Okla., are anxious to be taken in and may be if arrangements insuring their permanency can be made.

Copper Mines to Be Worked. Laredo, Tex., Jan. 6.—A special from Morelia, Mex., says: Under a concession granted by the government some time ago to the Rothschilds of Europe, preparations are being made for the operation on a large scale of copper mines in the district of Inguarua, in the state of Michoacan. It is believed that the properties are very rich.

Colonists for Mexico. Laredo, Tex., Jan. 6.—A Monterey, Mex., special says: Local officers of the Central have been notified that there will be a party of 250 residents of Wisconsin go over the Mexican Central to Escondon the early part of next month. They will establish a colony near Escondon.

Arrested at Washington. Caldwell, Tex., Jan. 6.—Sheriff Lee Henslee has been notified by wire of the arrest of W. B. Evans in Washington, D. C., who is wanted here on a charge of assault with intent to murder. He forfeited his bond, and this is the first information of his whereabouts since he left.

Fig Has Two Bodies. Waco, Tex., Jan. 6.—D. R. Dollins, a McLennan county farmer, has a freak pig, the progeny of a sow on his place, the freak being equipped with two bodies, each body having its full complement of legs, making eight legs and two tails to the single head.

Large Sale Rumored. Mason, Tex., Jan. 6.—There is a rumor of a big land sale—the Lemberg and Allen pasture of 12,000 acres, to C. C. Smith—but the terms have not yet been given to the public.

Gone to Austin. Terrell, Tex., Jan. 6.—Hon. O. B. Colquitt, railroad commissioner elect, will enter upon his duties on the 20th. He has moved his family to the state capital.

Demise of a Stockman. Abilene, Tex., Jan. 6.—I. B. Julian, a prominent stock farmer of the Caps neighborhood, southwest of Abilene, died Saturday morning.

Unknown Girl Takes Her Life. San Antonio, Jan. 6.—An unknown girl, about seventeen years old, suicided by swallowing four ounces of carbolic acid.

Bubonic Plague Case. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 6.—A case of bubonic plague is reported at Batopilas, Mex., within 100 miles of this city.

Child Dies from Burns. Mexia, Tex., Jan. 6.—The little son of B. D. Reynolds died Sunday from burns received Saturday.

KIDNEY CURE.

There is no disease so insinuating, so slow but sure, as kidney disease, or so wide-spread. The symptoms are so slight as to generally escape notice. The first indications appear in the urine, with varied effects. The quantity may be increased or decreased; it is likely to be highly colored; it may be pale or thin, or thick and milky with a sediment. Later on more pronounced symptoms will be present, such as dizziness, bloating, etc., with marked bladder and urinary disorders.

Poisonous waste matter is collected by the blood from all parts of the system and carried to the kidneys, where it is separated and cast out through the urine. The kidneys deal with the blood only, deriving nourishment therefrom. Hence, if the blood is bad the kidneys are not only overworked, but underfed. How necessary is it, therefore, that the purity and vitality of the blood should be maintained. It is plain why the great blood purifier and strengthener—Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic—has been successfully used in treating kidney diseases and in preventing same. In purifying the blood the kidneys are greatly relieved, while, at the same time, new strength and vitality are given these organs. The following letter tells a very old story:

JANE KNOT, KY., June 25, 1902. The Dr. Harter Medicine Co., Dayton, O. GENTLEMEN: I had a severe case of typhoid fever six years ago, which left my kidneys in bad order. I have tried a number of remedies and taken treatment from doctors, but Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic has done me more good than everything else. C. CORDELL, Merchant and Mine Operator.

There are thousands of just such cases as the above that are treated without results because they are wrongly treated. Mr. Cordell's condition resulted from an exhausting fever; the kidneys, as well as the rest of the system, had been wasted by disease. No wonder Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic promptly cured, because it purified and enriched the blood, and such blood carried new strength and vitality directly to the kidneys and to all the organs. FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Only display ads are mentioned.

- Dry Goods: T. E. Powell, H. Schwartz, B. L. Boydston. Groceries: D. W. Wristen & Co., Geo. S. Hardin, A. W. McFarlane, Carter & Spencer. Banks: Home National, First National. Furniture: J. T. Sands. Hardware: Harry Meyer. Saloons: Hotel Seay Barr, J. B. Seay. J. B. Beech. Druggists: R. Phillips, Powell & Powell. Physicians: R. G. Powell, E. T. Fraser, E. R. Sartor, A. E. Lankford. Hotels: Hotel Seay, E. Sigal. Proprietor. Lumber: R. B. Spencer & Co. Meat Markets: Wilson & Oliver. Notary Public: W. J. McGowen. Barber Shops: Hotel Seay Barber Shop, Fulton's Barber Shop. Dentist: H. H. Ramsey, T. S. Hollis.

We ask our readers with a special favor when trading with those who advertise in THE STAR to mention that you read their ads in THE STAR. This will not cost you anything and will help us get more ads. Without this we could not run a paper, as the money received on subscription does not pay one fourth of the expense of publishing THE STAR. If it is an eight day clock you want it from us. Powell & Powell.

MORPHINE

OPUI, COCAINE AND WHISKEY. cured at home. The Wilson Chemical Co., Dublin, Texas, incorporated 1902, capital \$5,000, guarantees to cure anyone of the above habits. No suffering, sure and harmless. Builds up the entire nervous system and restores youthful vigor, can be taken at home or elsewhere without the knowledge of any one. No loss from business or work. No cure, no pay. Price \$5. Attends strictly confidential. Book of particulars, testimonials, references, etc. free also manufacture.

TOBACCOLINE

A certain and permanent cure for chewing pipes, cigarette smoking. Price \$1 cure guaranteed. Agents wanted for Tobaccoline. Write to: S. J. Weaver, Postmaster, J. W. Boyd, Secretary, Texas (State Grange), H. W. Boyd, Pastor, M. E. Church, Dublin, Nat'l Bank or any citizen of Dublin.

The Wilson Chemical Co. Dublin, Tex. Sent 11. 6 mos.

Hotel Seay Barber Shop. YOUR PA... SOLICITED.

Who can direct when all pretend to know? Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good crop raiser. Not only Cattle, but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed-stuffs, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals. Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and Farms and ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily. We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what PEOPLE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED along the line of the

"THE DENVER ROAD,"

Fort Worth, Texas. Passenger Department. N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two clear thru. We continue, the year round, the excellent class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, winter and summer. By the way we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dalhart (also good for old Mexico) with first-grade Eating Cars all the way. We sell a home seekers ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third the round trip, allowing stopovers at vermon and points beyond both ways

HOTEL - SEAY,

MRS. E. SIGAL, Lessee. We have moved into the above hotel where we are better prepared than ever to accommodate the public. We take this occasion to thank our friends for their liberal patronage given us in the many years past and express the hope that they will call on us in our new location. Hotel Seay is one of the best equipped hotels in West Texas. Come see us.

D.W. WRISTEN & CO.,

GROCERIES.



We are headquarters for all of the best brands of Groceries. Come and see us. Phone No. 4. BAIRD, TEXAS.

HOTEL SEAY BAR,

J. B. SEAY Proprietor. The Finest Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars. ALWAYS ON HAND. Sacramental Wine Always kept in Stock. Ice old Beer 5cts. a Glass. Baird, Texas.

It's Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver. Herbine is a natural vegetable remedy, containing no mineral or narcotic poisons. It will correct any or all symptoms, make your health, appetite and spirits good. At druggists, 50 cents. For Sale by R. PHILLIPS, DRUGGIST, BAIRD, TEX.

WEEK DAY MEETINGS. January 5th to 10th, 1903. Monday Night—Rev. Kirby, speaker; M. E. Chapin, leader. Tuesday Night—Rev. Underwood, speaker; J. A. Biggs, leader. Wednesday Night—Rev. Cecil Parks, speaker; Rev. I. C. Underwood, leader. Thursday Night—Rev. Biggs, speaker; M. E. Chapin, leader. Friday Night—Rev. Chapin, speaker; J. A. Biggs, leader. Saturday Night—Rev. Keeble, speaker; I. C. Underwood, leader. All meetings will be in the Methodist church, beginning at 7:30 p. m. See large printed program distributed at all the churches January 4th. Everybody welcome; let all Christians prayerfully take part. PASTORS.

NOTICE TAXPAYERS. The time for paying 1902 state and county taxes, without additional cost, is fast coming to a close. Please call and settle your taxes and save the embarrassment of having them collected as the law directs. Very respectfully, T. A. IRVIN, Tax Collector Callahan County. FRESH BREAD. Go to Mrs. E. K. Kane for fresh bread baked daily. Baked from the best flour in town.

To the Ladies! We will do first-class dress making at our home in north part of town. We kindly ask a share of your work. Phone 97. Mrs. J. N. Keith.

GOOD ROAD NOTES.

The Improvement of Highways in Various States.

The council of Hammon, N. J., has passed an ordinance allowing a rebate of \$1 in taxes for each wheel on a wagon having a tire four inches or more in width.

At Farmington, Me., it is stated that the ladies of that vicinity, some thirteen in number, held a "bee" and put a piece of road of about one mile in the best condition it was ever in.

A novel method of raising money to repair roads has been adopted in Superior, Neb. The Commercial club has decided to get up a minstrel show and devote the proceeds to repairing the roads in the river bottoms which were destroyed by the overflowing of the Republican river the past summer.

The road question is being agitated in Tullahoma, Tenn., and vicinity. At a recent meeting one farmer stated that he had sustained a loss of \$800 by not being able to get his corn to market owing to bad roads.

Joplin, Mo., has excellent roads leading from it in every direction. About \$25,000 a year is spent on an average. Some \$150,000 has been spent during the past six years.

A SPLENDID INVESTMENT.

Good Roads Bring Joy to Every Community.

Many of us do not know that bad roads are responsible for so many of our woes because we have not thought, says Isaac B. Foster. Some of our farmers are patient and many of them are contented with these roads because they do not know the value of a good one.

A good road raises the value of every acre, invites us to market when prices are good and takes us out of the clutches of the commission pirates who sell our goods behind our backs at their own figures, keep their own accounts and pay us a pittance for our toll and trouble.

A good road brings us closer together, drives out gloom, makes neighbors of hermits, discounts every farm mortgage and brings joy and contentment to every community.

TO IMPROVE HIGHWAYS.

California County Alive to the Value of Beautiful Roads.

At the recent meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Commercial association in Merced the committee on resolutions reported in favor of adopting the following:

Whereas, Nothing adds more beauty to a farming country than appropriate shade trees along its highways, and, whereas, there is a notable absence of such trees along the roadways of the San Joaquin valley; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That each organization in the San Joaquin valley be urged to set aside a day to be known as Arbor day, making the same a holiday, and to invite the population of each respective community to turn out en masse on that day for the purpose of planting shade trees along the roads in its respective neighborhood.

The different organizations in the valley, says the San Francisco Chronicle, were urged to bend every effort toward effecting a betterment of the public roads.

Worth More Than Larger Crops.

A system of good ditches or even of the modern well drained and well kept dirt road, constructed according to scientific engineering principles, would be worth more than an extra barrel of corn or a fraction of a bale of cotton to the acre, says the Springfield (Mo.) Republican.

Good Roads in Europe.

In Europe many roads, especially in the mountain regions, with their windings, buttresses, culverts, walls and tunnels, are monuments of the highest engineering skill.

A KING'S POEM.

Autograph Verses by James I. in a Book Owned in Boston.

An interesting volume in the Boston Public Library is Montaigne's "Essays," printed early in the seventeenth century, which was owned by James I., the English king who was so largely responsible for the publication of the accepted version of the Holy Bible.

The Boston Library copy has a modern binding, but the ancient fly leaf is preserved on which is written the following poem, in King James' autograph:

Here lyeth I nakit to the anatomie Of my fraill hairt, o humane devitie O trust the Almychtie, lyk the Almychtie's word O put on me thy robe as gnylome lord Thou putest once more me in thy blest beliefe

The queer words and quaint spelling are characteristic of early Scotch poetry, which King James, as a Scotchman himself, took great delight in writing, and perhaps the average reader will have no more difficulty in deciphering the royal meaning than in making out a page in a modern Scotch dialect novel.

Liquid Oxygen.

Liquid oxygen when first formed is milky in appearance owing to the presence of some impurity which may be removed by passing it through ordinary filter paper. When pure, it is of a pale blue color, which, however, is not due, as some have thought, to the presence of liquid ozone, which is of a dark blue color.

The Forgetmenot.

Everybody knows the pretty little forgetmenot and likes the flower more perhaps because of its name than its beauty. How was it so called? The Germans account for it by quite a pathetic romance. It seems that once upon a time a knight and a lady were walking by the bank of the Danube when the latter asked her "gallant gay" to pluck for her a tiny blue flower which she saw growing in the stream.

London Police Methods.

This is the modus operandi of London's police: Two citizens engage in a street fight; crowd gathers to see the fall; four "bobbies" appear, working their way through the press with a "by your leave" or "kindly let me pass"; they have neither bills nor guns. Two seize each combatant, leading him aside with no rough hands and arguing thus in chiding tones: "Aren't ye 'shamed o' ye'self? What's the good o' fightin'?"

Moslem Etiquette.

All true Moslems when eating must begin with salt and finish with vinegar. If they begin with salt, they will escape the contagion of seventy diseases. If they finish with vinegar, their worldly prosperity will continue to increase. The host is in etiquette bound to be the first to start eating and the last to leave off.

A New Clerical Order.

An Oxford correspondent writes: "A friend of mine, a rector in this neighborhood, told me the other day the following: He was preparing some boys for confirmation and asked one of them what were the three orders in the Church of England, to which he received the reply, 'Bishops, priests and demons,' and on my friend making him repeat his answer to see if he had mistaken him the same reply was made."

Then He Got Mad.

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Gallacher, "it was funny enough to make a donkey laugh. I laughed till I cried." And then, as he saw a smile go round the room, he grew red in the face and went away angry.—London Tit-Bits.

Some people seem to think you ought to pay rent for the place you occupy in their daily thoughts.—Chicago News.

GENERAL NEWS.

The per capita for Texas school children is now \$5.

Pope Leo will celebrate his jubilee Feb. 29.

A Houston street car conductor held up and robbed of \$28.

A number of wells are to be in the Louisiana oil field.

A boxing bill will be introduced in the New York legislature.

Up to Jan. 1 Paris, Tex., received 254 bales of cotton this season.

Ed Smith's two-year-old child bit to death near Aspermont, Tex.

Congressman Lanham leaves Washington in a few days for Austin.

Judge James Christian Lamb, a noted Virginian, died at Richmond.

Thomas Putnam was run over by Cane Belt train near Lake City.

Charles North, a prominent farmer, was killed by a train at Guthrie, Okla.

Charles Duke was acquitted at San Angelo, Tex., of a charge of murder.

The Muskogee Southern railroad has let a contract for 118 miles of truck.

Dr. G. W. Kendall, a prominent dentist, was found dead in bed at Shreveport, La.

Mexican government is relieving the distress in the plague-stricken city of Mazatlan.

Cornerstone of girls' industrial school at Denton, Tex., will be laid on the 10th.

W. J. Dawson, a prominent stockman of Franklin county, Texas, died near Mount Vernon.

One hundred painters at Beaumont, Tex., are on strike. They demand 50 cents per day additional.

Painters at Lake Charles, La., to the number of eighty have struck for \$350 per day of eight hours.

James H. Mattheim, a former resident of Fort Smith, Ark., died suddenly near Beaumont, Tex.

Thomas A. Edison predicts the horse and the drug store will become things of the past in the not far distant future.

Topsy, the elephant, was electrocuted at Coney Island. The animal killed one man at Waco, Tex., and another at Paris.

Hon. Bellamy Storer, United States ambassador to Austria, has been formally presented to Emperor Francis Joseph.

The Threadneedle Hotel company will soon begin the erection of a five-story building at Beaumont, to cost \$150,000.

President Prather of the University of Texas is attending the session of National Association of Universities at Washington.

A Gainesville, Tex., firm secured for \$18,500 the contract for the lighting and plumbing work at the epileptic asylum at Abilene.

Miss Mollie Atchinson died thirteen miles from Benton, Ill. She weighed 529 pounds. Her coffin was thirty-six inches wide inside.

While en route to Houston on a Southern Pacific train, Mr. Poe, a merchant of Glidden, Tex., was robbed of his pocketbook, containing \$625.

During 1902 there were 395 marriage licenses issued by the county clerk of Hill county, Texas. During that time forty-six divorce suits were filed.

Thieves raided a clothing factory at Dallas owned by Sanger Bros. The goods taken are alleged to have been found and an arrest has been made.

Contract for building an electric line between Oklahoma City and Guthrie has been given. Distance thirty miles and cost will be \$1,600,000.

Burglars blew open a safe in a saloon at Dallas with nitro-glycerin. There was no money in it. The door was blown ten feet and saloon fixtures damaged.

The Studebaker Manufacturing company will build at South Bend, Ind., a \$200,000 Young Men's Christian Association building as a memorial to the founder of the firm.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Pecos, Tex., had a twelve-hour snow storm.

City hall at Mineola, Tex., was destroyed by fire.

The wife of Congressman Dockery at Missouri is dead.

An Italian cruiser chased a large Venezuelan schooner off La Guayra.

An unknown boy was run over and killed by a train at Rio Vista, Tex.

Robert W. Tansill, a leading advocate of irrigation, died at Carlsbad, N. M.

Consolidated Tobacco company has increased its capital stock to \$40,000,000.

The expenses of the city government at Fort Worth during December were \$53,704.16.

Luke Walker had a hand mangled in a gin at Brookston, Lamar county, Texas.

Irma Hawkes, thirteen years old was burned to a crisp at Dresden, Tenn.

Dr. John McKnight has been ordered to resume his quarantine duties at Laredo, Tex.

Metropolitan Street Railway company of New York has increased the wages of its employees.

Miss Clara Sweeting was accidentally shot and killed at Pine Barren, Fla., by Paul Lambert, a boy.

Tobacco experiment stations will be established at Rockport, Port Lavaca Nursery and Hallettsville, Tex.

Colonel Mackey, a leading citizen of Washington county, Texas, died at his home near Brenham of black jaundice.

Miners and coke workers in the Connellsville and Latrobe regions of Pennsylvania to the number of 15,000 get a 10 per cent raise.

Shanghai, Jan. 5.—Paid in Shanghai for the January International Index. He explained the interpretation adopted by the

The greatest bargain in men's shoes at T. E. Powell's. All new goods. 41-4f

NOTICE.

If you want to buy or sell land. If you want to buy or sell horses. If you want to buy or sell mules. If you want to buy or sell buggies. If you want to buy or sell wagons. If you have property to rent. If you have debts to collect. If you have business to adjust. I will give you a square deal. Call on or address.

J. H. SURLER, Putnam, Texas.

If you want a handsome shirt Powell's is the place to get the latest. 41

The Selmore Oil Light Heaters are the best. Call and see them, at Harry Meyer's. 50f

patterns and any others. Gold medal school 75c worth \$1. Granite-ware less any one. Xmas goods. Come and Dollis, Dollis. H. F. F. 49f

The finest Sunday shoe in A for \$1.50. T. E. Powell.

A complete line of winter have arrived at T. E. Powell's.

Ladies \$2.50 shoe for \$1.50 Powell's.

Why pay \$65 to \$75 for a rag Harry Meyer will sell you for \$6.

Men's \$3.00 shoes for \$2.00 Powell's, great bargains. Se

Save money by getting a buggy Boyles' while he is closing up at actual cost. He will sell you a buggy for \$67.50, \$70 buggies

YOU ARE INVITED

To Call and Look over a Great Stock of

FALL AND WINTER GOODS

Which is complete in all departments. We big hence you can select from a large stock. will please you as to Quality and Price. Don't forget us while in town. Give us a call.

We Have Dress Goods, Silks, Shirt Waist, and Patterns. Shoes for Men, Women and Children, Rags and many other beautiful Dry Goods, Etc.

H. SCHWARTZ

T. E. POWELL, Presdt HARRY MEYER V. P. FRED LANE

The Home National Bank OF BAIRD.

The above bank solicits from the people of Baird and han County a share of their patronage.

PROMPT AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT TO We appreciate all business entrusted to us, whether large and We extend all accommodations consistent with sound and have money to lend on good security.

Modern Fire Proof Vault. Fine Fire and Burglar CALL AND SEE US.

GEECH'S SALOON

DEALS IN— Fine Whiskies, Wines, AND ICE COLD BEER AT C ts. A G

Only the best brands of everything in stock. Baird, Texas.

Billiard and Pool Room First Door Sou

Staple and F

GROCER

A. W. McF Phone 27. Queen of Pant

Wilson & Oliver,

Dealers in Beef, Pork, Sausage, Lard AND GAME IN SEASON.

Free delivery to any part of the city keep cattle on feed all winter and spring. Baird, Texas.

CARTER & PENCE

ONE PRICE

Respectfully ask a share have a complete line of Free Give us a trial.



# T. & P.'s SCHEDULE.

**EAST BOUND.**  
 No. 6. departs..... 1 20 a. m.  
 No. 4. departs..... 10 15 a. m.

**WEST BOUND.**  
 No. 5. departs..... 2 30 a. m.  
 No. 3. departs..... 9 25 p. m.

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

## SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

### CHURCHES.

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.** Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. J. A. BIGGS, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. T. E. Powell Superintendent.

**BAAPTIST CHURCH.** Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. I. C. Underwood, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** Services 2nd and 4th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.** Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meeting at 2 p. m. every Sunday. W. A. Barnhill, Elder.

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. W. F. Kirby Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. N. Keeling, Supt.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night. Mr. J. C. Gray Supt. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night 8:30 p. m. Pastors Reading Room at church, every Wednesday all day. REV. M. E. CHAPIN.

### LODGES

**BAIRD LODGE, No. 22, A. F. & A. M.** Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m. J. W. Woods, W. M. J. H. Walker, Secretary.

**BAIRD CHAPTER, E. A. M. No. 192.** Meets 3rd Friday night in each month. J. B. Harmon, H. P. J. H. Walker, Secretary.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 47, K. of P.** Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome. Van Jones, C. C. H. Schwartz, K of R. S.

**BAIRD CAMP No. 48, W. O. W.** Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall. 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month. W. G. Rowles, C. C. Oris Phillips, Clk.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F.** Meets every Saturday night. J. J. Allen, N. G. H. Schwartz, Sec.

**ABILENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No. 27.** Meets 2nd Monday of each month. J. H. Pickens, E. C. C. W. Roberts, Rec.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. W.** Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend. J. A. Emmons, M. W. JOHN J. ALLEN, Recorder.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 866, BARKERS UNION of the World.** Meets in the Odd Fellows hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m. L. L. Blackburn, President. J. H. Cochran, Sec.

**CAMP ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, No. 100.** Meets at Hotel at 10 p. m. 4th Saturday in each month. J. W. Trent, Capt. J. E. W. Lane, Adjut.

## LOCAL NEWS

The weather the past few days has been splendid.

J. C. Gist is now a citizen of Eula and requests his STAR sent to that office.

W. J. Rylee, of Cottonwood, was in town this week and did not forget THE STAR.

If you have any news give it to THE STAR. We cannot always know what you know if you do not tell us.

Capt. J. H. Finch, for a number of years a number of years a citizen of this county, now residing in Welbarger County is visiting in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Parks, of Mt. Selmon, Texas, visited Mrs. Parks' sister Mrs. R. A. Williams last week, and returned here last Saturday night.

Capt. and Mrs. L. Lea who spent the past few months with Mrs. Lea's father in Minnesota, returned home the latter part of last week. Capt. Lea says it was very cold where he left the North.

The new house being built by J. E. Pace and his son-in-law, Jesse Rice, in the West part of town is about completed. Carpenter Ed Enoch, is the chief carpenter and his work shows him to be a skillful mechanic.

Have your pictures framed at J. T. Sands' furniture store. He has just received a new up to date stock of moulding.

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.**

The Women's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church South will give a Musical for the benefit of the church, at the residence of Mrs. L. O. Oliver, January 16th at 7 p. m. Everybody invited.

MRS. R. A. KENDALL, Pres.  
 MRS. J. E. W. LANE, SEC'Y.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE.**

Program for Sunday, Jan. 11, 1903.  
 Leader, Jessie Oliver.  
 Song by league.  
 Recitation, Frouche Emmons.  
 Talk by Mrs. A. M. Miller.  
 Recitation, Homer Lane.

**FRESH BREAD.**—Mrs. Kane bakes fresh bread daily.

## MUNICIPAL AND TEACHERS OF THE BAIRD PUBLIC SCHOOL.

BAIRD, TEX., JAN. 1, 1903.

We recognize the importance of thoroughness as far as the pupils may go in their studies and, furthermore, that to arouse their pride and excite their ambition are some of the surest ways of bringing about such results, therefore we do now suggest and encourage that, in spelling, the method of turning down, be adopted, and in all the other studies the pupils, when reciting, shall occupy these positions to which they may be entitled by their preceding monthly reports. We further recommend that much attention be given to penmanship and as the editor of THE BAIRD STAR, has generously offered a space in his paper free of charge, that a roll of honor be furnished monthly for publication.

Respectfully  
 F. S. BELL,  
 A. G. WEBB,  
 W. M. COFFMAN, Trustees.

I want your trade. T. E. Powell. 41

**If Unwell**

Try a 50c bottle of *Herbine*, notice the improvement speedily effected in your appetite, energy, strength and vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from indigestion and debility.

Isaac Story, Ava, Mo., writes, Sept. 10th, 1900. "I was in bad health, I had stomach trouble for 12 months, also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed *Herbine*, it cured me in two weeks. I cannot recommend it too highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by R. Phillips & Son.

Commissioners Court was in session two days the first of the week.

Go to see "Hanson" Wednesday, Jan. 14. It's a good laugh and forgettable.

See change in Drs. Brittain & Brittain's card, in reference to charges.

Miss Mittie Jones left last week for Temple, Texas, where she will make her home, for the present, and requested THE STAR to say goodbye to all her friends in Baird that she could not see before she left.

The city council at the regular meeting last Saturday night passed a stock law to go into effect Jan. 24th. After that date all cattle and horses and stock of all kinds will not be permitted to run at large. This is a good law.

## NOTICE.

I have been lenient with all those who owe me and have accommodated them as much as possible, now I need money and I earnestly request all who owe me to come and settle up and take a new start, the coming year.

H. MEYER.

Spectacles, Photo Albums, Jardiniere at Powell & Powell. 6

**FRESH BREAD.**—Go to Mrs. E. K. Kane for fresh bread baked daily. She uses the best flour in town.

Remember the date. Dr. Henry, specialist will be at Seay Hotel next Tuesday January 13th.

For Drugs and drug sundries of all kinds see Powell & Powell. 6

**The City Bakery.**

Furnishes pure and healthy Bread and Rolls.

Made of the best material in the market and absolutely free of alum or any other substitutes, fresh every day, also a great variety of Cakes. Orders promptly attended to. Phone 116.

**OSCAR NITSCHKE.**

**DENTAL NOTICE.**

Having located in Baird I am prepared to do all kinds of dentistry, modern and up-to-date. Porcelain inlay fillings and crown and bridge work being my specialties. Painless method used.

**ALL work Fully Guaranteed.**

Office 3 doors South Opera House. Opposite Phillips' Drug Store. Yours Resp'lly  
**J. C. TURRENTINE, D. D. S.**

B. F. Brittain Eugene Brittain  
**BRITTAİN & BRITTAİN,**  
 Physicians and Surgeons.  
 PUTNAM, TEXAS.

Scale of Charges after Jan. 1, 1903. Visit to town \$1. 1 to 2 miles out of town \$2.50. 3 to 4 miles out of town \$4. Over 4 miles at one per mile. Consultations and obstetrics, if close, \$10; if over 7 miles, part in fee and charge. \$1 in each case. We are prepared to take prompt care of every call at any distance.

## GREAT WEATHER CALENDAR.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co., the manufacturers of McElree's Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black Draught, have just issued the 1903 edition of the Cardui Weather Calendar. This Calendar has sprung into universal prominence by accurately foretelling the Galveston flood and predicting the droughts and floods of the past summer, a year ahead of each occurrence. This office has just received one of these calendars, which consists of twelve sheets of paper, 13x20 inches in size, all fastened together with a gilt tin strip and a brass loop hanger. Each sheet contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across the room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. DeVoe's Weather forecasts for every day in the year appear. We understand a few copies of it can be secured by sending in cents apiece in postage stamps to The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

**New Century Comfort.**

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from burns, scalds, cuts, bruises; conquers ulcers and fever sores; cures eruptions, salt rheum, boils and felons; removes corns and warts. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at Powell & Powell, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, drug store.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan. Reported by James Randall Co. Commissioner Precinct No. 1 Callahan Co. P. O. Cottonwood, Tex. the following described animals to wit:

One sorrel horse about 12 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, No brand.

If not legally proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given my hand and seal of office at Baird, Tex. this 5th day of Dec. 1902.

W. F. Cochran, clerk county court  
 By J. H. Cochran, Deputy.

**Heads Should Never Ache.**

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, Winnie, Va., she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cure headache, constipation, biliousness. 25c at Powell & Powell, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, drug stores.

**FOR SALE.**—Old papers, 2¢ per hundred at THE STAR office.

Manager Wallen and his assistant are busy every day putting in new lights. Mr. Wallen says they will soon have all the lights the dynamo will carry.

## PUTNAM DOTS.

Jan. 5th—Judge B. L. Russell was in our town last Saturday attending to some legal business for J. J. Sigler. J. L. Woods left this morning for Albany on business.

L. J. Cook has been in our county capitol for several days this past week, looking after his financial interest.

Mr. D. L. Johnson has a smile on his face that reaches almost the entire circumference of his head. It's a girl. Mother and child both doing well.

Little Ray Steadham came very near getting killed last week. A pony ran away with him, his foot hanging in the stirrup. The pony ran some two hundred yards with him, with his head hanging down, but fortunately he was not seriously hurt.

Miss Lollie Brittain is still improving slowly.

Our merchants seem to be very busy taking stock and selling goods.

Mr. J. E. Harris and family have moved in the J. L. Woods' house South of town.

Mrs. Hattie Simmons has been sick for some time, though she is some better now.

Mr. Dave Gray came home from Abilene a few days ago sick.

Miss Eva Clifford spent Christmas in Clyde with Mr. B. C. Clemmer's family.

## CARROLL SURLS.

A sure cure for the blues—"Hans Hanson" at the Opera House next Wednesday, Jan. 14.

J. R. Price returned from the West last week and is now working for Wilson & Oliver.

Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Guitar and Mandolin Cases. Powell & Powell. 6

## CITY ORDINANCE.

Whereas, the running at large of Stock (Horse, Mules and Cattle) within the city limits of Baird, is a great public nuisance to citizens of said City and whereas, a petition has been presented to the City Council of said City asking that an ordinance be passed prohibiting the running at large of Stock (Horses, Mules and Cattle) within said corporate limits; Therefore

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Baird: That

It shall be unlawful for any owner or controller of any Stock (Horses, Mules and Cattle) to permit the same to go at large within the city limits of Baird; and any owner or controller of any Stock (Horses, Mules and Cattle) who shall permit the same to go at large within the city limits of Baird, shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than five dollars.

This ordinance to take effect on and after Saturday, January 24th 1903. 6-3c

Toilet Soaps, Perfumes, Box Stationery at Powell & Powell. 6

The entertainment given at the Opera House Wednesday Evening was well attended, and all present seemed well pleased. The vocal solos by Miss Wilson were well rendered and highly appreciated. Jack Huffman, Baird's Comedian, kept up the funny part of the entertainment and did it well, his make-up, dialect and songs were all good. The music by Orchestra was excellent and highly enjoyed by all. This is the Orchestra's first appearance in public.

Miss Mattie Scott is visiting in Big Springs.

Miss Ada Cooke is attending the wedding of her cousin at Hico this week.

We have reports of all passengers on the train.

John Rives, who lost his left hand in an accident some time ago is in the city for a few days. Mr. Rives is employed as conductor on the T. & P.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the Court House yesterday by Judge Jackson. The contracting parties were, a young lady from Abilene named Miss Crisp and a News Salesman on one of the passenger trains passing through, we have not learned his name.

I. C. Seldon, a popular engineer on the T. & P. is the happy father of a bouncing baby boy. All doing well.

J. B. Harmon and Harry Meyer are contemplating a trip to El Paso during the carnival.

We want your trade this year, anything in the drug line. Powell & Powell.

Notice is hereby given as required by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, that an application will be made to the Twenty Eighth Legislature of Texas, at its first regular session for a local or special law creating a new county out of a portion of the counties of Eastland, Comanche, Brown, Callahan and Coleman as per map on file in the X ray printing office at Rising Star, Texas.

W. S. MICHAEL,  
 W. W. JOYCE, Committee.  
 A. L. McDONALD.

## ADMIRAL DOTS.

We have been patiently waiting for "Da Bill" to give the news of our little city, but it seems his business is so rushing that he has no time to look after the news of our city.

The cotton is about all gathered, and breaking land is the order of the day.

W. O. W. of Admiral met Saturday night to elect new officers; had a nice supper and every body seemed to have a good time. Rev. Watson of Cross Plains made a talk on Woodcraft.

As usual the first of the year makes many changes. Mr. J. J. Price formerly a merchant of Admiral has exchanged his place for a store at Atwell. Mr. Price will move in a few days to take charge of same. Mr. Harvey Finch Sr. has moved back to Callahan where he will make his future home.

Misses Gladys and Edna Nelson, of Abilene, were the guest of Miss Jenny Harris the past week returning Thursday to their home.

Miss Bowden a charming young lady of Gion, Taylor County spent the holidays with Miss Pearl Jackson.

Dick Cordwain was out at church Sunday and he was not by himself "either."

Some of the young people of Admiral are talking of organizing a Literary Society which I think would be a benefit toward improving the interest of our community. Success to you all in your undertakings. The school at Admiral Prof. Geo. Rylee teacher is progressing nicely with near 50 scholars enrolled.

Misses Stella and Allie Davis spent Xmas at Cottonwood. They report a happy time.

Mr. Ben Bouton, from near Eddy, N. M. spent a few days in old Callahan on his way to La. Hello! Ben, there must be some attraction down in the Creek.

Prof. Will Walls is to begin teaching at Board Flat next Monday the Cedar Gap school having closed.

Dr. Griggs of this place seems to be quite busy or else he does not take any part in our social gatherings. Poor fellow does have a tough time as well as other professionals.

Little Geo. Weeks who has been down with slow for some is reported better.

Having given in all the news my wife can collect and if this escapes the waste basket will come again.

APPEARE L' HOMME.

## SPRING GAP LOCALS

Jan. 6.—Our communication was too late so will write a day earlier.

John Rives, who lost his left hand in an accident some time ago is in the city for a few days. Mr. Rives is employed as conductor on the T. & P.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the Court House yesterday by Judge Jackson. The contracting parties were, a young lady from Abilene named Miss Crisp and a News Salesman on one of the passenger trains passing through, we have not learned his name.

I. C. Seldon, a popular engineer on the T. & P. is the happy father of a bouncing baby boy. All doing well.

J. B. Harmon and Harry Meyer are contemplating a trip to El Paso during the carnival.

We want your trade this year, anything in the drug line. Powell & Powell.

Notice is hereby given as required by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, that an application will be made to the Twenty Eighth Legislature of Texas, at its first regular session for a local or special law creating a new county out of a portion of the counties of Eastland, Comanche, Brown, Callahan and Coleman as per map on file in the X ray printing office at Rising Star, Texas.

W. S. MICHAEL,  
 W. W. JOYCE, Committee.  
 A. L. McDONALD.

Bring your old sewing machines to J. T. Sands' furniture store. He will buy them and sell you a new Drop Head up to date Ball Bearing Machine, the latest on the market.

# MISSISSIPPIANS ANGRY

## Closing of Indianola Postoffice Bitterly Resented.

# WOMAN NOT WANTED

## Should an Attack or Any Violence Be Offered Mrs. Cox the Mayor Says She Will Receive All Protection Necessary.

Indianola, Miss., Jan. 6.—There can be no mistaking the fact that a large portion of this community is considerably wrought up over the action of government in closing postoffice here.

Partial paralysis to business is being felt more and more as each day passes. Monday a private office was established for distribution of mail collected by an independent messenger service from Heathman and Greenville. Both these postoffices are being congested with mail as a result of the closing of this office. The independent office here will be maintained at the expense of citizens. No serious trouble is anticipated by the more conservative people here, but precautions have been taken by both city and county officials, who will deputize a sufficient complement of men should the occasion demand it. Postoffice inspectors are here checking up the accounts of the abandoned office. Large number of people publicly avow they will not accept the negro woman as postmaster under any circumstances, despite the inconvenience being suffered.

It was reported Sunday night that Sheriff A. C. Cox had named twenty deputies to patrol the town with a view to suppressing any disorder that should arise, but the night passed without special incident.

Wayne Cox, husband of Minnie Cox, the negro postmaster, who is a clerk in the railway mail service, passed through here on a regular run Sunday night, but would not discuss the matter. He has been in the government service fourteen years, and bears a good record.

An authorized statement from the mayor says the conditions such he would not advise Mrs. Cox to open the postoffice. The mayor stated that if the situation at any time showed that the woman's life, liberty or property were jeopardized he would swear in a sufficient number of men to afford her ample protection.

The under current of excitement extends to surrounding towns.

# BUILT BY CONVICTS.

## EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS ON ROADS IN THE SOUTH.

### Laws of the Different States on THIS Subject—How the Convicts Work on the Public Highways—Cost of Maintaining Them.

The use of convict labor in public roadbuilding is most largely practiced in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina and Kentucky in the order named, writes A. J. Holmes in the yearbook of the department of agriculture. In Virginia, where only twenty-three convicts are reported as having been used on the public roads of the state, and these confined to four counties, and in Alabama, where only twenty-five convicts are reported as being used on the public roads in two counties, the system is still in its infancy. In Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi the system has been more largely adopted. In the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Florida and Georgia



CONVICTS BUILDING A ROAD.

prisoners convicted of misdemeanors only may be assigned to work on the public roads, and for those the sentence does not usually exceed a year, which, when the costs are added, may be thereby extended to nearly two years in extreme cases. In Alabama, in a few cases, all able-bodied male prisoners whose terms of sentence do not exceed two years may be assigned to work on the public roads. In South Carolina this limit is extended to five years and in North Carolina to ten years.

The experience in North Carolina during the past ten years has shown that all the able-bodied male prisoners whose terms of sentence do not exceed ten years may be successfully employed at the ordinary work of the highway improvement. Many such prisoners in the southern states whose terms of sentence range between one and ten years are now employed under either the lease or contract system or under state control, and are working on farms or in mines and factories. All of these might be employed in improving the public highways. The expense entailed would not be great, the difficulties which seem to stand in the way would disappear in practice, and the result would be of incalculable benefit in helping along industrial and educational development in each of these states.

As a rule, it has not been found economical to work convicts on the public roads when the squad consisted of less than eight or ten men. It is customary to have one guard for each ten or fifteen men, and of course this one guard would be necessary even were there only one or two men in the squad. In addition to the guards, there is usually a superintendent of the work; consequently this work is carried on most efficiently when the road force or camp contains from thirty to fifty men. When the number of convicts to be employed on the roads in any county is more than fifty or sixty, it has been found better to divide the force into two squads or camps, each having its own local superintendent and guards.

It is to be noted that this system of roadbuilding that it offers too many opportunities for the escape of prisoners. Experience in many counties, however, has shown that the average annual escapes amount to less than 2 per cent, and the few who do escape are usually recaptured within a day or two.

A comparison of the figures given with similar figures for hired labor shows that the cost of convict labor in several states ranges from one-third to one-half that of the hired labor employed on the public roads in those states. In the two Carolinas and Georgia, where the road work is carried on with great efficiency, the cost of maintaining and guarding the convicts at work on the public roads ranges in many counties from 20 to 30 cents per convict per day and is even considerably less than the cost of feeding them in the county jail.

Morning and evening the prisoners are marched along the road from and to their temporary quarters, which consist usually of either heavy, large tents, portable houses on wheels or structures either of wood or corrugated iron built in sections so they can be easily taken to pieces, removed and set up again. In order to facilitate their being safely guarded during the night without too great risk and expense each prisoner when he goes to bed has either one foot or one hand fastened loosely to a chain or rod, from which he can be easily released the following morning.

It has been the general verdict from the various counties in the southern states where convict labor is employed in roadbuilding to any considerable extent that it is decidedly superior to such free labor as is ordinarily available there for

# CONVICT MUTINY.

## One on the Donovant Proves to Have Been a Serious Affair.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 5.—According to information received here, the mutiny of the convicts at the Donovant plantation was of a more serious character than was indicated in the published reports of the occurrence. It is stated that the leaders of the mutiny were desperate men, and the preparations for the revolt had been secretly in progress for several days. They smuggled a quantity of food into the building, which they took possession of, and this lasted them during the first day. They also managed to get a number of cane knives into the prison, and were well armed for a desperate attack, should they have made a break for liberty. When they finally submitted some of the convicts were so weak from lack of food that they could hardly stand, and the water which they were given could not be retained on their stomachs.

# IMPORTANT RULING.

## Poll Tax May Be Paid and Other Taxes Returned as Delinquent.

Austin, Jan. 6.—Comptroller Love received a telegram from Maury Kemp, county attorney of El Paso county, reading: "Can a man pay his poll tax, leaving delinquent taxes on real and personal property?" The comptroller replied: "Poll tax can be paid and other tax returned delinquent." This means that a voter can vote if he has paid poll tax and not any other tax, which is an important ruling.

State Health Officer Tabor received a telegram from Quarantine Officer McClendon of Galveston advising that the new quarantine vessel for Galveston had arrived and would be put in commission immediately.

# WIDOW WINS.

## She Gets Judgment for Ten Thousand Dollars.

Waxahatchie, Tex., Jan. 5.—The jury in the damage suit of Mrs. Mollie Turner vs. the Houston and Texas Central Railroad company, which has been on trial in the district court here all this week, Friday brought in a verdict for Mrs. Turner for \$10,000.

Mrs. Turner sued for \$36,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was killed in this city on Nov. 20, 1901, while working on the railroad, by a car which was being "kicked" onto a siding.

# MISERIES OF MISSES.

## One Young Lady Commits Suicide and Another Makes a Failure.

West Point, Miss., Jan. 6.—Miss Susie Vanlandingham, daughter of Rev. J. W. Vanlandingham, committed suicide Sunday evening by shooting herself through the head. Her mind is thought to have been unbalanced.

Miss Lucy Travis attempted suicide Sunday by taking strychnine, but was discovered and relieved before the drug had time to take effect.

Humiliation over the action of her niece in marrying a traveling showman, connected with the recent street carnival at West Point, is said to have caused act.

# To Race for Bennett Cup.

New York, Jan. 6.—Representatives of the British Automobile club are inspecting roads in Ireland with a view to a race for the James Gordon Bennett cup, cables the Tribune's London correspondent. Parliament may be asked to pass an act which shall suspend twelve miles an hour limit in regard to roads during certain hours of a specific day. The event is exciting great interest in the automobile world, and challenges have been received from America, France and Germany.

# Failed to Hold Up Pay Car.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 5.—News of a bold plan to hold up the Southern Pacific pay car has reached here. Local officials of the El Paso division were informed Friday afternoon that an attempt would be made, and at once took measures to prevent it. The scene of the proposed robbery was at Strauss, a small station of the Southern Pacific. The car was ordered tied up at Lordsburg, N. M., and late Friday night a special bearing a posse was sent to accompany it to El Paso.

# Cablegram Sent by Dewey.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The navy department has received the following cable from Admiral Dewey, dated San Juan: "Combined squadron reassembled at Culebra. Visits to various West Indian ports most cordially welcomed. Effect excellent in every respect. Fleet continuing tactical exercises. Marine and torpedo flotilla engaged in several drills, including night attack by the latter upon designated ships. E. Bralley, coal passer, drowned in sinking of Newark's steam cutter by collision with torpedo boat."

# Downs Case Decision.

Washington, Jan. 6.—In an opinion handed down by Justice Brown the United States supreme court decided in the Downs case that money paid by the Russian government on sugar exported is bounty, and is justified in levying a countervailing duty on Russian sugar under terms of Dingley law.

# Discussed Situation.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator McLaurin of Mississippi has conferred with Postmaster General Payne on the situation at Indianola, Miss., where the postoffice is closed as a result of antagonism to the negro postmaster. Subsequently Senator McLaurin stated he believed the office would be reopened this week. Mr. Payne said that the office would be reopened if there was no intimidation of the postmaster.

# Only Eight Votes Against.

Decatur, I. T., Jan. 6.—With only eight votes against, the proposition to issue \$25,000 forty-year waterworks bonds carried.

# CULBERSON'S BILL.

## Texas Senator Introduces Measure to Remove Duty on Coal.

Washington, Jan. 6.—When the senate reconvened Monday after the holiday recess, few senators were absent. Almost immediately a discussion began regarding the coal situation. Mr. Lodge prefaced his introduction of a bill suspending for ninety days the duty on coal with the statement that in New England there was much distress owing to the scarcity of coal, and that unless relief was afforded at once a number of factories would have to shut down. He was aware, he said, that such a bill should originate in the house of representatives, but it was his intention to call the attention of the finance committee to the state of affairs. Mr. Culberson followed with a resolution providing for the removal of the duty on coal, and asked its immediate consideration. Mr. Platt (Conn.) objected, saying it was his understanding that there was no duty on anthracite coal. Mr. Vest took exception to this statement, and said that the board of general appraisers and President Roosevelt had decided that such a duty is imposed. Mr. Vest also introduced a resolution on the subject.

Another resolution bearing on the subject of coal, introduced by Mr. Jones (Ark.), recited the charge of W. R. Hearst that there was an illegal combination among certain railroads to control the shipment of anthracite coal, and called on the attorney general for the evidence which it was allowed had been secured by him. It caused a lively debate, in which several Republican senators vigorously resented what they thought was a reflection on the attorney general. The discussion continued until 2 o'clock, when the resolution went over, being displaced by the omnibus statehood bill. Mr. Nelson (Minn.) addressed the senate in opposition to the bill, and favored single statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

# HOUSE RECONVENES.

## Unsuccessful Effort Made to Pass the Bill for General Staff of Army.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The house resumed work Monday after a recess of two weeks, but within two hours the machinery broke down for lack of a quorum. The bill to create a general staff in the army was the issue. An attempt was made to pass it under suspension of the rules, which require a two-thirds majority. Although all the members of the minority of the military committee endorsed it opposition developed because of the hurried manner in which it was proposed to pass the bill, and the division 108 to 57, developed that it did not command the support of two-thirds of those present.

# Boot a Shoemaker.

## Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed.

### Prices to Suit the Times.

Market Street, [6] Baird, Texas.

# FULTONS BARBER SHOP.

## For An Easy Shave and Stylish Hair Cut, SHAMPOOING, HAIR DYEING.

—Nice clean place, 2nd door South of Scott & McFarlane's Store. Courteous treatment and satisfaction guaranteed.

—For Model Steam Laundry

—I am now running two chairs and am prepared to serve you promptly.

Hot and Cold Baths.

# Fortune Knocks Once.

## HE EVERY MAN'S DOOR, and this may be the rap that will tempt you to court the fair goddess that rules the world.

The days of 49 were a wild scramble of the adventurer to find the yellow metal that has brought prosperity in its wake wherever found and made more millionaires than any other one industry. Mining for precious metals has been gradually narrowing down to a science until to-day it is considered the safest avenue for the investment of money with almost surely the largest returns.

# INTELLIGENT INVESTMENT

of small sums in the co-operative plan of mining has put not a few men and women on the road to prosperity. The company doing this advertising has four undeveloped but promising claims in a proven mining district and offers an attractive proposition to secure the co-operation of money to be used in the development of its property. It is now placing the first installment of treasury stock on the market at a nominal figure, and if you are interested, write for prospectus and other information. Address

## Spanish Gulch Gold Mining Co.

### THE DALLES, ORE.

# DR. E. S. BOLLIS, DENTIST.

Over Harris New Drug Store, South side. Hours 8:30 to 6:00. Phone 225. Abilene, Tex.

# PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

A. E. LANKFORD, Physician and Surgeon. Chronic Diseases a Specialty. Office at Phillip's Drug Store. Res. Phone 119.

E. G. SENTER, LAWYER. General Attorney Texas Press Association. Notary Public. 205 Main St. Second Floor. DALLAS, TEXAS.

S. T. FRASER, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Diseases of Females and Infants a Specialty. Office at Terrell's Drug Store. Baird, Texas.

R. G. POWELL, Physician and Surgeon. Office over Powell & Powell's Drug Store. Local Surgeon T. & P. Ry. Co. BAIRD, TEXAS.

E. R. SARTOR, Physician and Surgeon. Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store. BAIRD, TEXAS.

# NOTARY PUBLIC.

W. J. MCGOWEN, Notary Public. Office at R. L. Boydston's Dry Goods Store.

# H. H. RAMSEY, DENTIST.

I have the 20th Century Apparatus, the latest and best for Painless Extractions.

All other work pertaining to Dentistry. Office over Powell & Powell's Drug Store.

Baird, Texas.

# MARTIN BARNHILL

Boot a Shoemaker. Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed. Prices to Suit the Times. Market Street, [6] Baird, Texas.

# FULTONS BARBER SHOP.

For An Easy Shave and Stylish Hair Cut, SHAMPOOING, HAIR DYEING.

Nice clean place, 2nd door South of Scott & McFarlane's Store. Courteous treatment and satisfaction guaranteed.

For Model Steam Laundry

I am now running two chairs and am prepared to serve you promptly.

Hot and Cold Baths.

# Fortune Knocks Once.

HE EVERY MAN'S DOOR, and this may be the rap that will tempt you to court the fair goddess that rules the world.

The days of 49 were a wild scramble of the adventurer to find the yellow metal that has brought prosperity in its wake wherever found and made more millionaires than any other one industry. Mining for precious metals has been gradually narrowing down to a science until to-day it is considered the safest avenue for the investment of money with almost surely the largest returns.

# INTELLIGENT INVESTMENT

of small sums in the co-operative plan of mining has put not a few men and women on the road to prosperity. The company doing this advertising has four undeveloped but promising claims in a proven mining district and offers an attractive proposition to secure the co-operation of money to be used in the development of its property. It is now placing the first installment of treasury stock on the market at a nominal figure, and if you are interested, write for prospectus and other information. Address

## Spanish Gulch Gold Mining Co.

### THE DALLES, ORE.

# DR. E. S. BOLLIS, DENTIST.

Over Harris New Drug Store, South side. Hours 8:30 to 6:00. Phone 225. Abilene, Tex.

# K. P. HOTEL.

## I have just received a shipment of fresh

# Cat Fish, Oysters.

## I can give you a better MEAL FOR 25c.

### Than any other house in West Texas. Come and be Convinced.

### I have had 25 years experience in Hotel and Short Order business.

## Respectfully, H. B. BURGE, Prop.

# DR. KING'S TRY NEW DISCOVERY FOR THAT COLD.

## TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE.

### Cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough.

### NO CURE, NO PAY. Price 50c. and \$1. TRIAL BOTTLES FREE.

### POWELL & POWELL, Baird, Y. A. ORR, Patman.

# A Weak Stomach

Indigestion is often caused by over-eating. An eminent authority says the harm done thus exceeds that from the excessive use of alcohol. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. A weak stomach may refuse to digest what you eat. Then you need a good digestant like Kodol, which digests your food without the stomach's aid. This rest and the wholesome tonic, Kodol, contains from restore health. This is necessary. Kodol quickly relieves the feeling of fullness and bloating from which some people suffer after meals. Absolutely cures indigestion.

# Kodol is your Tonic.

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. Each bottle contains 25 times the dose.

# Sold by All Newsdealers

## J. W. PEPPER

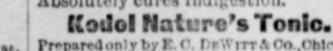
# MUSIC

Furnishes Monthly to all lovers of song and Music a vast volume of New, Choice Copyright Compositions by the most popular authors. 25 Pages of Piano Music, 2nd Vocal, half instrumental—21 Complete Pieces for Piano—Once a Month for 25 Cents. Yearly Subscription, \$2.00. If you will send us the name and address of five performers on the Piano Organ, we will send you a copy of the Magazine Free.

J. W. PEPPER, Publisher, Eighth & Locust Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

# BEST PASSENGER SERVICE IN TEXAS.

## 4-IMPORTANT GATEWAYS-4



### NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

*No Strakes*  
*to am from line*  
*Six or seven*

## E. P. TURNER, GEN'L PASS'N AND TICKET AGENT, DALLAS, TEXAS.

**COST OF BAD ROADS.**

SOME STATISTICAL FACTS AND FIGURES BY MARTIN DODGE.

Our Poor Highways Said to Cost Us \$650,000,000 Every Year in Repairs. Their Condition an Obstacle to Rural Mail Delivery.

Poor roads in the United States are costing the people annually the enormous sum of \$650,000,000, which is a tax of more than \$7 a year for every man, woman and child. This amazing fact is pointed out by Martin Dodge, director of the bureau of public road inquiries of the department of agriculture in Washington, says the New York Herald. He advocates the construction of brick track roads with convict labor.

As a result of the good roads movement, which has been largely stimulated by the efforts of the department of agriculture, the road question is at present receiving a remarkable degree of active interest, as indicated, for instance, by a movement in the state of New York for bonding the state for \$80,000,000 to build country roads. This is wholly in line with a bill before the last national congress by Mr. Otley C. Virginia for \$100,000,000 for the same purpose.

Mr. Otley declared, "In view of our willingly having spent \$400,000,000 on the Philippines, it is time to do something tangible for our own people."

"This is especially true," comments Mr. Dodge, "in view of the fact that we are continually paying an avoidable and tax of more than \$650,000,000 each year for the privilege of driving on our dusty and muddy roads. This enormous expense is better comprehended by saying it equals a tax of more than \$7 each year for every man, woman and child in this country."

A careful study of the road problem in detail reveals some important and significant features. While good roads are found in a very few places in this country, good clays are found in nearly every locality.

"If these abundant clays," Mr. Dodge argues, "can be used economically to build good roads, they will greatly assist in meeting the important problem of how to construct our country roads."

Again, as all roads are hindered over very narrow portions of roads through wheel contact—railroad cars, for example—it follows that if such narrow parts



THIS IS THE COSTLY ROAD.

of our roads are cheaply constructed to properly resist the weight and grind of the wagon wheels, wear and important results will be attained.

"These studies of these conditions resulted in the construction of a section of brick wheel track road in the department of agriculture grounds in the early part of 1900, followed by the introduction of this system in various places for the improvement of country roads and city streets, also with most encouraging results."

The continued advance in the area reached by the benefits of rural free mail delivery under aid from the national treasury indicates its deserved popularity in the rural sections. A steady increase seems probable in the area thus benefited until all of the more densely populated parts of this country are covered.

"To the rapid and economical extension of rural mail delivery only one obstacle worthy of consideration presents itself, but that obstacle is of such a nature as to greatly affect its practicability—namely, the condition of our country roads."

Without question one of the first great movements toward the economic rural delivery of the mails should be the construction of passable roads. This is already evident from the fact that some of the mail delivery routes have had to be abandoned on account of bad roads.

The circumstances that over \$6,000,000 was appropriated by our last congress largely to be buried in our muddy roads in the delivery of our rural mails, while only the small sum of \$20,000,000 was last year devoted to meeting the road problem, indicates the great need of legislation regarding the present necessity and demand for vigorous and intelligent road work.

"As much of these large appropriations for rural mail delivery could be saved if we had good roads, it is obvious that an amount equal to a considerable portion of these sums could be spent to good advantage in educating the people in the work of improving our country roads and thus forever close a large drain on our national cash box."

"In view of these facts could not a million or more be spent to the best possible advantage by the national government in constructing a section of brick track road near each county seat throughout the country as an object lesson in each county in the most advanced methods of road construction?"

**Value of Good Roads.**

It is said that a good highway will increase the value of a country place from 10 to 20 per cent or more. This rise is permanent and becomes an asset to be realized upon. Houses thus located are in constant demand.

**THE DODGE'S BLACK-DRAUGHT FOR CONSTIPATION**

Constipation is nothing more than a clogging of the bowels and nothing less than vital stagnation or death if not relieved. If every constipated sufferer could realize that he is allowing poisonous filth to remain in his system, he would soon get relief. Constipation invites all kind of contagion. Headaches, biliousness, colds and many other ailments disappear when constipated bowels are relieved. The Dodge's Black-Draught thoroughly cleans out the bowels in an easy and natural manner without the purging of calomel or other violent cathartics.

Be sure that you get the original The Dodge's Black-Draught, made by The Chattanooga Medicine Co. Sold by all druggists in 25 cent and \$1.00 packages.

Moran, Ark., May 23, 1901.  
I cannot recommend The Dodge's Black-Draught too highly. I keep it in my house all the time and have used it for the last ten years. I never gave my children any other laxative. I think I could never be able to work without it on account of being troubled with constipation. Your medicine is all that keeps me up.  
C. B. McFARLAND.

**Mineral Wells, Texas.**

The health and pleasure resort of the South Reached via the

**Weatherford, Mineral Wells, & Northwestern Railway.**

"Mineral Wells Route."

Excursion round trip tickets on sale with the principal roads in the state. CALL THE YEAR ROUND. Close connection with the Texas & Pacific and Santa Fe trains at Weatherford Texas.

For any information, address,  
F. E. BOCK, Superintendent  
L. M. FOUTS, President and General Manager

**LION COFFEE**

is the kind used by people who want good coffee, without paying fancy prices for it, and who want

Absolutely PURE COFFEE.

**New Eating House.**

I have opened up a nice eating house, 1st door south of McFarlane's, etc. I would be pleased to have all my friends call, I will treat you right and can furnish you something good to eat. **EMIL LOWE.**

**\$300 REWARD.**

The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$300.00 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this society in good standing."  
J. B. CUTSHURD, President. A. G. WEBB, Secretary.

**THE YELLOW KID.**

Now is the time to break land. Buy a Yellow Kid disc plow from Harry Meyer.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN: Taken up by C. W. McCollum and estrayed before F. R. Ormsby, J. P. Precinct No. 8, the following described animal:  
One bay mare about 12 years old, about 14 hands high, branded on left jaw, and branded on left shoulder cross P on left thigh, star on forehead saddle and collar marks. Appraised at \$15. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of Dec 1902. W. P. Cochran, C. C. By J. H. Cochran, Deputy, 541

**ATHLETICS IN ENGLAND.**

They Arouse Great Enthusiasm and Produce Strange Tropies.

Athletics attract much more attention in England than in America. The people are more enthusiastic, and it is not unusual to see 15,000 or 20,000 people attending the games. There are sports three and five times a week, so that an ambitious runner can fill his trophy room with any number of suitable prizes. An American champion has no idea of the reception that awaits him. The many sports committees attend him, and he is shown the hospitality of the cities.

It is no extraordinary thing to be invited to a dinner in your honor or to stay a few days with the lord mayor of the city. All of these affairs, one must admit, are a great handicap to his training.

The prizes abroad are, as a general rule, very valuable, much more so than in America. They are not wholly confined to silverware, such as cups and the like, but it is nothing extraordinary to see an athlete departing from the races with a sewing machine or hatrack, and in some cases I have seen orders for beds. The lucky competitor, as a rule, can have any article he desires, and, as many British athletes are married, they generally take the most serviceable article.—Arthur F. Duffey in Outing.

**Two of a Kind.**

"My word, Fitznoodle," said a war office clerk, according to the London Express, to a colleague who sat at the next desk, "just look at that workman on the roof of that building over the way."

"What's the matter with him?" inquired Fitz, glancing through the window at the individual indicated.

"Matter," retorted the other, "why, I've been watching the lazy beggar for the last twenty-five minutes, and he hasn't done a stroke of work all the time."

At the precise moment at which the above conversation occurred a British workman was addressing his "mate."

"Sy, Bill," he remarked in a tone of deep disgust, "I've see that 'ere loafin' war offis clerk in that room darn there? S'elp me, if I'll ain't bin a-watchin' 'im fur nigh on arf a hower, an' the bloomer's done nothin' but stare hout o' the winder the 'ole blessed tyme. That's the sort o' chap as we p'ys taxes ter keep!"

**East Indian Children.**

East Indian children from their tenderest years are more carefully trained in certain respects by their mothers than the children of the most civilized peoples. The moment the youngest baby ceases nursing its lips are closed by its mother. If the baby does not keep them closed, she uses mechanical means rigidly and even cruelly. When the baby is put to sleep, it is strapped on to a board, its head slightly raised and its chin lowered, which tends to keep the mouth shut. The result is that when the baby first appears and meets and continually feel one another. Thus they take their relative positions and that healthful and pleasing regularity that gives to the American Indian as a race the most manly and beautiful mouths in the world.

**Not Much of a Showman.**

The showman's little boy had a Noah's ark which he examined with some contempt.

"Say," he exclaimed at last, "Noah wasn't much of a fellow, was he?"

It was suggested to the youngster that Noah succeeded in gathering together a pretty good menagerie.

"Good!" exclaimed the boy scornfully. "Huh! Where's the two-headed elf and the six-legged goat and the lithrosaurus and the elegantopard and the unguicentelope? Why, if Noah set up as a showman in these days he couldn't make expenses."

"He couldn't?"

"Of course he couldn't. Why, say, he didn't have a thing in his ark except animals that actually Brooklyn Eagle.

**Shelley Liked Plums.**

The poet Shelley was walking one day in London with a respectable solicitor when Shelley suddenly vanished and soon after as suddenly reappeared. He had entered the shop of a grocer and returned with some plums, which he offered to the attorney with great delight. The man of fact was as much astonished at the offer as Shelley was at his refusal.

**Why the Razor Was Dull.**

"I wonder what makes my razor so dull," said a man, looking at the blade he had so carefully sharpened only a day or two before.

"Why, father," spoke up little Johnnie, playing marbles on the floor, "it was just beautiful and sharp only this morning when I made my wooden boat with it."

**Behind the Scenes.**

"Hurry up, Rowland," called the leading lady, "the people are mad because we are keeping them waiting."

"Then I will not go on at all," stormed the heavy tragedian.

"Why not?"

"Because I refuse to play to a madhouse."—Chicago News.

**A Self Evident Fact.**

"Time was," said the tramp sadly, "when I owned a big plantation."

"You seem to have a good deal of real estate on your hands yet," replied the woman of the house, casting a cold and sarcastic eye upon his grimy paws.—Washington Times.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom and will see the defect when the weaving of a lifetime is unrolled.

**'Hans Hanson'**

AT  
**Opera House On**

**- Wed. Jan. 14 -**

The "Hans Hanson" Co. has a band of 20 members. Don't fail to hear the noon day Concert. Tickets are now on sale at R. Phillips & Son' Drug Store, get one now if you want a choice seat for they are going fast.

**BIG CLEARING SALE**

OF ALL

**Winter Goods.**

**H. SCHWARTZ.**

**Christmas Games FREE**

In each pound package of

**Lion Coffee**

from now until Christmas will be found a free game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds. Get Lion Coffee and a Free Game at Your Grocers.

**QUEEREST OF LAWSUITS.**

A Highwayman Sued His Partner For His Share of Spoils.

Perhaps the most remarkable suit ever brought in on the records of the court of the exchequer in England. It was filed on Oct. 3, 1725, and it sets forth very clearly that John Everit and Joseph Williams were highway robbers.

In its succinct legal phrases the complaint says that the men formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on business as highwaymen. It was mighty profitable, as was shown by the fact that Everit sued Williams for the equivalent of \$5,000, "being for moneys wrongfully appropriated to defendant's private purse."

This was the amount in dispute after the partnership had lasted only a year. Then Everit claimed that he discovered that his partner had not made a fair division of the spoils.

The action was adjudged to be a gross contempt of court, and the plaintiff was ordered to pay all costs, while the solicitors who served the writ were fined. One of the solicitors, a man named Wreathcock, refused to pay the fine and was sent to prison for six months. Both plaintiff and defendant to the action were subsequently hanged, one at Tyburn and the other at Maidstone.

**Trivial Causes of Wars.**

History records one war that was caused by a glass of water—the war of the Spanish succession. A lady, Mrs. Masham, a celebrated court beauty, was carrying a glass of water when she was obstructed by the Marquis de Torcy. A slight scuffle ensued, and the water was spilled. The marquis lost his temper, and bad feeling ensued between the English and French courts, with the ultimate result that war was declared. The campaign cost France many severe battles—viz. Blenheim, 1704; Ramillies, 1707; Audenard, 1708, and Malplaquit, 1709.

Fully as absurd in its origin was the war that took place during the commonwealth of Modena. A soldier stole a bucket from a public well belonging to the state of Bologna. Although the value of the article did not exceed a few pennies, the incident was the signal for a fierce and prolonged war. Henry, the king of Sardinia, assisted the Modenese to retain the bucket, and in one of the subsequent battles he was made a prisoner. The bucket is still exhibited in the tower of the cathedral of Modena.

**Uncle Israel's Foresight.**

Uncle Israel Trask was one of those thrifty Yankees who, his neighbors averred, would squeeze a dollar "till the eagle on it hollered" before allowing it to leave his pocket. He was a shopkeeper in a small way, but his business had not proved in the long run so profitable as his several matrimonial ventures, which had been three times celebrated. Soon after the last event of the kind had been solemnized, one of his intimates called him with:

"Well, Uncle Israel, heard's how you'd be'n an' done it? How'd you make out this time? Pooty well, as usual, hey?"

"Well, neighbor," drawled Uncle Israel, in his soft and saintly way, "I did pooty well, 's you may say, pooty well. Yes, Heety's a godly woman, neighbor; a godly woman—with a lee-thee proply!"—New York Times.

**How Fruits Act.**

The Medicine Belt thus summarizes the various uses of fruit in relieving diseased conditions of the body. The list is worth keeping. Under the category of laxatives, oranges, figs, tamarinds, prunes, mulberries, dates, nectarines and plums may be included. Pomegranates, cranberries, blackberries, sunac berries, dewberries, raspberries, barberries, quinces, pears, wild cherries and medlars are astingent. Grapes, peaches, strawberries, whortleberries, prickly pears, black currants and melon seeds are diuretics. Gooseberries, red and white currants, pumpkins and melons are refrigerants. Lemons, limes and apples are stomach sedatives.

**The Gardener Bird.**

The highest development of the decorative instinct in animals is found in the gardener bird (ambylyornis). This plain looking native of New Guinea builds its nest on the ground, spreads moss before it and over this green carpet scatters bright berries, flowers and insects. As the flowers wither they are replaced by fresh ones. The whole establishment serves only as a sort of pleasure resort.

**A Sensitive Point.**

"Isn't it a great satisfaction to be able to assist those who call on you for help in the struggle of life?"

"It would be," answered Mr. Cumrox, "if you could be sure some of your beneficiaries weren't laughing at you behind your back and calling you an easy mark."—Washington Star.

**Progressive.**

"Are you having a pleasant time?" asked a lady of a little miss at a fashionable children's party.

"Delightful, thanks."

"And will your papa and mamma come later?"

"Oh, dear, no; papa and mamma and I don't belong to the same set."

**Does It Blindself.**

"They say some blind people can actually distinguish colors by the sense of touch."

"That's nothing; there are times when I feel blue myself."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

**It Stopped.**

A.—Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor?

B.—Of course it did. Did you think it would go through?