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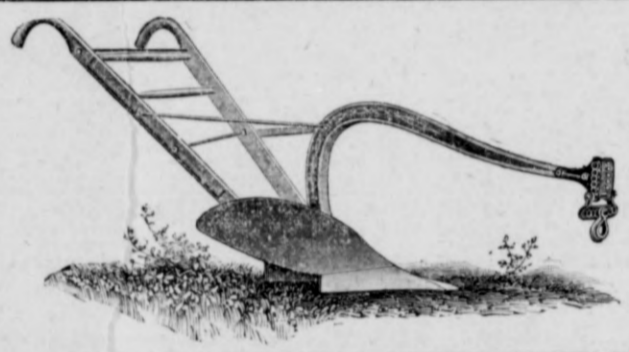
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WM. McMANIS.



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CARLSBAD TRAGEDY.

The Carlsbad, New Mexico, Argus, gives the following account of the terrible difficulty last week between Claib Merchant, Jr., and Geo. H. Hutchins, which resulted in the death of Mr. Hutchins:

On Monday last, at about noon, Claib Merchant, the well known young storkman of the Black river country, shot and killed George H. Hutchins, the popular manager of Hotel Schlitz. There were a number of eye witnesses to the affair, and all agree on the main points of the affair as follows:

Young Merchant had been in town several days, carousing around and having the usual "good time" of his ilk, and on Sunday made himself so obnoxious about the hotel that Mr. Hutchins refused to allow him to remain in his room, Sunday night, and Merchant was deeply angered, but probably on account of the presence of Mrs. Hutchins, did not say much save a few muttered curses. It seems that since the assault upon him by C. C. Emerson, Mr. Hutchins has carried a pistol while about the hotel, and when Merchant came looking for him Monday, had it in his pocket. Merchant came to the hotel at about noon and accosting Mr. Hutchins, who was behind the office counter, began cursing him. Mr. Hutchins came out from behind the counter and passed by Merchant, saying he didn't want any trouble. Merchant kicked him in the back as he went by, when Hutchins wheeled with pistol, a 38 Smith & Wesson, in hand and shot once, then turned away, starting toward the door in the rear of office. Merchant staggered back, but rallied quickly, drew his 45-cal. Colt's and shot twice, one bullet taking effect in Mr. Hutchins' back and the other in the back of the head, coming out at the right eye. He was dead before he reached the floor. Merchant staggered out the front door and friends assisted him to walk to Dr. Whicher's office, where his wound was attended to. The nature of the latter is quite serious, the ball entering the side and ranging

across the body, passed through the upper stomach cavity, and was extracted by the doctor near the surface of the skin on the side opposite the point of entry. However, the surgeons think it has more than a fighting chance for recovery. After a few hours under the doctor's care, he was removed to the residence of Will Dannelly, on North Canal street.

The whole affair is a very needless, shocking and sad tragedy, and is a whole sermon against the evil of carrying arms habitually. Merchant has the reputation of being at all times armed, and on several occasions has been disarmed by officers. The law-abiding citizens of Carlsbad should see to it, promptly and effectually, that this monstrous crime against peace and good order is done away with at once and forever.

A VALUABLE LITTLE BOOK.

This office has received a copy of "Texas Home Industry Almanac" for 1903. It is a great little volume, full of valuable information generally and about Texas affairs in particular. It gives a list of Texas towns and cities, with population of each and county in which located; all Texas counties, showing population, county seat, year organized and vote cast at last presidential election; all congressional districts, counties composing same and representative in congress; prohibition counties in Texas, the principal educational institutions in Texas, besides showing population of all States in the Union and of all principal cities of the world and a vast quantity of other information that is useful to everybody. Besides this it has a classified directory of nearly two thousand Texas manufacturers, which to a majority of Texans will prove a source of surprise in showing the immense variety of goods that are now manufactured by the home industries of their state. It is a valuable reference book for the home or office, and should have a wide circulation. Price 25c; published by C. L. Cunningham & Co., 478 Commerce St., Dallas, Tex.

ADMIRAL.

March 2.—We are having so much wet weather the farmers are going to be late getting through breaking land.

Wheat looks fine, considering the late rains. Bob Harris, J. B. Smartt Gabe Smartt and Mrs. Hood have good crops sown with good stands.

Mr. Joe Ligon has rented his farm to Mr. Lee Sikes for this year. Joe declares he is going to see some of the West when the weather gets warm.

Mrs. E. E. Beasley is still sick with slow fever, though at last report she was better.

Mr. Charley Stallings, who occupies the McCreemmons dwelling, is sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Price, living near Admiral, happened to a serious accident last week. She fell from the top of a grainery breaking her leg.

Mr. Clark Smith lost one of his best mules last week.

Mr. A. A. Callahan, one of our leading farmers, has rented most all of his land to Mr. Almer Street. Cal says he is going to clear ten acres or more land close to the house where there can be found a shade and cool drink of water. The writer can easily agree with him.

A crowd of boys and girls from Admiral went down on the Bayou last week to a dance on a hearsay ticket and as they came back just before dawn we heard them say there was no dance.

As news is scarce in our city I will close by changing my name from Success to a SLOW BOY.

OLD PAPERS, CASH.

Old papers at THE STAR 25c per hundred CASH. Please do not ask to have them charged. We cannot afford open accounts on such things.

Buy Your Furniture

and matting at the Sands' furniture house and secure tickets in the drawing for the ladies handsome dressing table to come off April 1st. 14-1f

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.

Indigestion Causes Catarrh of the Stomach.

For many years it has been supposed that Catarrh of the Stomach caused indigestion and dyspepsia, but the truth is exactly opposite. Indigestion causes catarrh. Repeated attacks of indigestion inflame the mucous membranes lining the stomach, thus exposing the nerves of the stomach, thus the glands to secrete mucin instead of the juices of natural digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach.

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A SUSPENSION DAY

A HOT TIME IS BOOKED FOR THE HOUSE.

BETTER PAY, FEWER MEMBERS

Agricultural Department, Text Book and Iron Works Bills To Come Up.

Austin, Feb. 2.—Today is suspension day in the house, the first suspension day in two weeks. For that reason a stormier time than usual seems imminent.

Among the measures which probably will get a chance in the scramble is the Stewart bill to create a department of agriculture, and upon which a compromise has been reached; the textbook bill, which has passed on second reading; the boll weevil prize bill, which has reached the same stage, and the senate bill providing for enlargement of the iron industry at the Rusk penitentiary. J. D. Cottrell will offer a joint resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution, fixing number of senators at thirty-one and the number of representatives in the house at seventy-five; also providing that they shall be paid \$10 a day for the time they are actually in session; that regular sessions shall not be more than ninety days, nor special sessions for more than thirty days. The mileage is fixed at 3c a mile for the distance actually and necessarily traveled in going to Austin and returning home.

Along with this constitutional proposition Mr. Cottrell will introduce two bills relating to the legislature. The first declares that it shall be a penal offense for members of the legislature to draw pay for days on which they are not actually in attendance, except when excused on account of the sickness of themselves or members of their families. The second bill defines who are lobbyists, and fixes a penalty for lobbying. It prohibits any person not a member of the legislature from going upon the floor or into committee room of the legislature for the purpose of in any manner influencing members of the legislature upon any measures pending in either house. The penalty is a fine of \$200 to \$500 for each offense. The bill declares that this bill shall not be construed to prevent communicating with the legislature or its members by petitions, memorials, letters or other written communications, nor shall it prohibit any person from going before a committee to discuss a measure when requested to do so by a majority of the committee.

Dublin Desires More "Doing."

Dublin: Prominent parties of Galveston, Tex., have this week been in correspondence with Major R. B. Spencer, relative to the erection of a large cotton mill at this point. The people are very much elated over the prospects and are ready to take liberal stock.

Caught it in the Leg.

Greenville: A negro wood hauler of this city was shot Saturday night, the bullet striking him in the leg. The shot was fired by a white woman, who stated to the officers that she was in the rear of her lot when she saw the negro prowling about the back part of the house.

Educational Movement in Sutton.

Sonora: The Sonora independent school district Saturday voted almost unanimously to issue \$7000 of bonds for the erection of a modern school building.

Died in His 86th Year.

Van Alstyne: Died, three miles south of here Saturday night, Rev. T. P. Jay, in his 86th year. He had been a local preacher in the M. E. Church for 55 years.

Playing Havoc With Plains Cattle

El Paso: Cattlemen report that the havoc wrought among stock on the ranges northeast of this place and in the Panhandle by the recent blizzard was tremendous. The cattlemen in that locality do not put up feed for the winter, and the cattle were not in good condition to withstand such severe weather. Unless warm weather comes soon and grass starts, it is probable that thousands of head of cattle will die for want of feed.

Doubly Determined to Die.

El Paso: M. Rosen of Fort Worth was found here Sunday with the arteries of his wrists severed and the gas in his room turned on. He had also taken poison. He died soon after being found. Rosen had been here a week.

Adolphus Lee was shot in a saloon at Gilmer Sunday and died soon thereafter.

Jumbo Rice Company on Tap.
Houston: Information has been received here of the incorporation of the Union Rice Irrigation Company under the laws of New Jersey and Louisiana, the largest concern of the kind in the world, its capital stock being \$6,000,000. The canal will be 50 miles long and 25 feet wide, with 350 feet of right of way, including the canal. It will draw its water supply from the Bayou Courtableau, at a point between Opelousas and Washington in St. Landry Parish, above salt water tide. It will reclaim and irrigate some 500,000 acres of prairie lands on Hayes and Marmou prairies.

Hico Humping Herself.
Hico: Hico is improving her already good system of waterworks by laying several hundred feet more mains. Several new residences are going up now, and one of the largest stone business houses that has ever been built in Hico. S. Doubleday is building a stone building 60x100 feet, to be occupied for some kind of mercantile purpose when completed.

Drunken Demon Does Direful Deed.

Jonesboro, Ga.: While in a state of intoxication and crazed by drink, Ellis Farmer, Deputy Sheriff, and a well-to-do farmer of Clayton County, Friday night shot and killed his father-in-law, James Christian, mortally wounding his wife, who is thought to be dying, and then placed a pistol to his heart and fired, dying instantly.

Terrible Fire at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S.: A tremendous fire, fanned by a fierce wind, threatened the business district of Halifax with destruction for several hours Saturday night. Property to the value of \$300,000 was destroyed, and three of the firemen were seriously injured by the collapse of a ladder on which they were standing.

Horrible Death in Maddened Waves.

Hickman, Ky.: A party of three women and four men left the residence of Mrs. Cooper last night to cross the Mississippi River for home. The current suddenly carried their skiff under a pile of drift. All but one were drowned. Miss Higgins escaped by jumping on top of the drift. The names of the men are unknown.

Temple: A bad smashup occurred on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas extra Sunday morning three miles north of Temple. Thirteen cars of cotton, corn, coal and wheat went into the ditch and the cars were smashed to flinders. No one was hurt. The property damage is very large.

A Big Ranch Sold.

Brackett: Ed Ross has sold his big ranch of 22,000 acres for \$2 per acre. The ranch lies on the Rio Grande and Pinto, and is supposed to be bought for irrigation purposes. The name of the purchaser has not yet been made known.

Horrible Accident to Farm Hand.

Garland: Roscoe Henderson, a farm hand working for J. S. Pickett, while attempting to board a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train one mile north of Garland Saturday morning, fell beneath the wheels and had both legs cut off below the knees.

New Industry at New Boston.

New Boston: The New Boston Pressed Brick company has just opened up its first kiln of 125,000 brick, and, notwithstanding unfavorable weather, find their first-class and has more orders than it can fill.

Baylor University Dedications.

Waco: Preparations are on foot for exercises at Baylor University, on the occasion of the dedication of the Carroll buildings April 19, 20 and 21. Several distinguished educators will be present, among them Dr. W. R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago; Hon. J. B. Baylor, President W. L. Prother of the Texas university. The buildings to be dedicated are the science hall and the library, costly and beautiful stone and steel structures.

Peaches Promis Prolific Product.

Waco: C. Falkner, an extensive fruit grower, says the fruit prospect of Central Texas was never better and that owing to large extension of orchards the yield in this part of the State will be much larger compared with any previous year and the fruitmen are already getting ready to reach the distant markets on rapid trains.

Channing voted against incorporation Saturday.

A great many farmers have remarked that the cold rains have killed thousands of the disastrous boll weevils.

The first express train by the Eastern China and Trans-Siberian railways left Port Arthur on Friday for Lake Balkal.

Some tramps while sleeping in an empty boxcar on the sidetrack at Rice Wednesday night, built up a fire to warm and the car caught fire and was a total loss.

THE MERGER BILLS

GO THROUGH THE SENATE IN GOOD SHAPE.

VOTE A REBUKE TO MAGOGUES

Thirty thousand Dollars Appropriated For the Brazos Survey.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 28.—The senate finally passed the senate bills, known as the "Rock Island consolidation bill." Amendments requiring the new company to build certain lines were voted down, and the bill passed by a vote of 24 to 5.

Each of the several railroads which have sought consolidating legislation have new lines projected, and some of the lines are under construction, but they have without exception resisted all efforts to insert in these consolidation bills conditions requiring them to build these or any other new lines. When the policy of making such conditions was inaugurated four years ago, the receivers then seeking legislation of this character assented to requirements that they should build certain lines which they desired to build any way. But there are so many legislators desirous of inserting conditions requiring lines to be built in their respective districts, that the railroad people have declined to agree to any conditions requiring the building of any lines at all, that the bill would be loaded down with amendments requiring the construction of lines that would not earn enough to pay for axle grease, except they would be forced to reject the legislation absolutely.

The senate bill appropriating \$30,000 for a survey of the Brazos river, looking to protective works; also the bill providing that persons charged with lunacy may be tried at home, providing for the trial of lunatics in the penitentiaries, were passed.

The house voted down the amendment to exempt cities of more than 10,000 from the operations of the uniform textbook bill, and then passed the bill on second reading.

The house amended its rules, setting aside Wednesday night in each week for the consideration of the local bills. March 3 and 4 were set aside for the consideration of Democratic platform demands in numerical order.

A resolution providing that after March 2 platform demands shall have precedence over all other measures was referred to the committee on rules. The remainder of the day was expended in consideration of the substitute bill regulating elections.

Katy Fireman Killed.

Denison: C. W. Weaver, a Katy fireman was on an engine backing up an outgoing train when the tank of the engine struck the side of the outgoing train four cars from the rear end. Weaver was caught between the engine and the train and badly injured. Both of his legs and right arm were broken and mangled. He died two hours after the accident. Weaver was a single man and had been a fireman in the Katy yards here for the past fifteen years. He was thirty-seven years old. He leaves three sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss.

Terre Gets a Carnegie Building.

Terrell: Mr. Carnegie has agreed to donate \$10,000 to erect a public library building here. For several months clubs of the city have been endeavoring to establish a free public library. The ladies have already secured many volumes of books for the library and the necessary appropriations from the city. Much elation is felt over the proposed location of the philanthropist, which insures a free public library for the city. Dirt will be broken in a few weeks, and the building pushed to completion.

A Mexican Veteran Passes Away.

Greenville: J. H. Carlin, formerly of this city, was found dead in his tailor shop at Commerce Tuesday morning. It is supposed that the cause was the cause of his death. He was 76 years of age, a Mexican and Civil war veteran, serving with Company D, First Missouri cavalry during the war between the states.

General Increase in Wages.

New Orleans, La.: A general increase in wages has been noted by the engineers of the New Orleans and Northeastern, the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific and the Alabama and Great Southern. The result will go into effect March 1 and the result of meetings that have been in progress in New Orleans. The engineers get a 4, 5 and 6 percent increase.

THE BRAZOS ON A TEAR.

Sweeping Floods Threaten Damage Down the Valley.

Galveston: The Brazos River is on a boom and threatens serious damage before the flood now started in the upper section has run its course. Definite information is lacking at this time simply because the flood has not gotten well under way, or, strictly speaking, has not reached the destructive stage.

Information received by Section Director Bowie of the United States whether Bureau was to the effect that heavy rains continued in the northern portions of the State, with snow in the Panhandle, and that the immense watersheds of the Brazos and its numerous tributaries are emptying millions of gallons of water into the river every twenty-four hours.

At the rate the flood is moving it will not take long for it to pass from the headwaters of the upper Brazos into the lower valley, and it is feared the destruction will be great before the stream, backed by the tremendous force behind it, has run its course.

Wolves Depredating in Hill.

Hillsboro: Will Averitt, who lives in the edge of the timber, near Menlow, reports that wolves are raiding chicken roosts in that locality. They have killed several for him and also for his neighbors. So far no one has been able to get a shot at them. A raid will be made in the creek bottom for the purpose of catching or killing them.

Territorial Fair for Muskogee.

Muskogee, I. T.: At a meeting of the chamber of commerce it was announced that the plans for the organization of a Territorial Fair association, to be located at Muskogee, had been completed and all the stock had been subscribed. It will be an Indian Territory company, and the first big stock show will be held in the spring.

Killed While Hunting.

Blum: James Sarter was accidentally killed near here Thursday while out hunting with a friend. They were crossing a wire fence, and in some manner the gun in the hands of his friend was discharged. The full charge struck him in the head, which caused instant death.

Confederate Veteran Died.

Corsicana: S. B. Gault, a carpenter and contractor of this city, and an ex-Confederate soldier, who was a member of the Tenth battery of Tennessee artillery during the Civil War, died at his home on West Eighth Avenue Friday after a long illness.

Tishomingo Wants Schools.

Tishomingo, I. T.: At a special election Friday the proposition of public schools for the city carried by an almost unanimous vote. At an early date an election will be held on the question of issuing bonds to build two handsome brick schoolhouses.

New Depots on the Midland.

Terrell: The Texas Midland railroad has arranged to erect a new depot at Commerce to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire. A new depot is also to be erected at Cash, after the pattern of the one at Kaufman.

Piano: Jesse McDaniel, a Negro,

was shot and killed Friday morning. Constable Grady Kennedy surrendered and was released on \$500 bond.

Hotel Burned at Colorado.

Colorado: The Fire Friday morning destroyed the Bales Hotel. The loss on the building is about \$1000, and on the contents about \$800. All the destroyed property is covered by insurance to the amount of \$600 on building and \$800 on furniture. There were only a few guests in the house at the time of the fire. One man by the name of Trueax came near being burned to death. He leaped from a twenty-foot window. He was uninjured.

Safe Robber Got \$75.

Fort Worth: The office of B. F. Sprinkle was entered Friday while Mr. Sprinkle was at his noonday meal and he safe opened and \$75 taken therefrom. When Mr. Sprinkle returned he noticed that the keys of the safe were in the lock and the safe open. Mr. Sprinkle said he was of the impression that he had locked the safe when he left the office at noon.

Shot While Reading the Bible.

South McAlester, I. T.: Deputy United States Marshal W. W. Watson arrived with three negroes, Alex Green, W. Green and Alex Turner, charged with the killing of a colored preacher named Fowler. Fowler was shot through a crack in his door as he was reading his Bible on Long creek. They deny knowledge of the crime. They were examined by Commissioner Atham and held without bail.

HAPPY AND HEALTHY.

A BEAUTIFUL CANADIAN GIRL SAVED FROM CATARRH OF THE LUNGS BY PE-RU-NA.



MISS FLORENCE KENAH.

Miss Florence E. Kenah, 434 Maria street, Ottawa, Ont., writes: "A few months ago I caught a severe cold, which settled on my lungs and remained there so persistently that I became alarmed. I took medicine without benefit, until my digestive organs became upset, and my head and back began to ache severely and frequently. I was advised to try Peruna, and although I had little faith I felt so sick that I was ready to try anything. It brought me blessed relief at once, and I felt that I had the right medicine at last. Within three weeks I was completely restored and have enjoyed perfect health since."

"I now have the greatest faith in Peruna." F. E. KENAH.

WOMEN should beware of contracting catarrh. The cold wind and rain, slush and mud of winter are especially conducive to catarrhal derangements. Few women escape. Upon the first symptoms of catching cold, Peruna should be taken. It fortifies the system against colds and catarrh. The following letter gives one young woman's experience with Peruna: Miss Rose Gerbing is a popular society woman of Crown Point, Ind., and she writes the following: "Recently I took a long drive in the country, and being too thinly clad I caught a bad cold which settled on my lungs, and which I could not seem to shake off. I had heard a great deal of Peruna for colds and

ALLIGATOR AS A BOATING COMPANION

Sportsmen Have Exciting Experience With One That Had Apparently Been Killed Several Times,

Alligators move rapidly under water, are hard to see, harder to hit, and the harpoon will penetrate only the least accessible portions of the body. Nor does the title to the hide necessarily pass with making fast the weapon.

One afternoon in the Cheeschowitz-kee river I harpooned a large alligator which towed me up and down the stream for an hour or two and then sunk in its deepest part. I pulled on the line until the boat was directly over him and stirred him up with the harpoon pole. He rolled himself up on the line in the manner peculiar to sharks and alligators, and banged the boat suggestively. We rowed to the bank and, making fast to some bushes, hauled on the line until we succeeded in worrying him nearly to the boat, when he rose to the surface and attacked us with open mouth. We repelled the attack with harpoon pole and rifle. The former was promptly bitten in three pieces, but the latter apparently finished him. It was so nearly dark that we decided to carry him in the skiff a mile down the river to where our sloop was anchored. We broke the seats out of the boat, and together managed to lift the head of the alligator aboard and tie it. We then tied the other end, when the reptile came to life and landed a blow with his tail which lifted me out of the skiff into the saw grass, with the breath knocked out of my body, and my hand and face badly cut by the grass.

Boat and boatman were capsized. As my rifle had fortunately been left upon the bank, I was able to kill the alligator again. We secured him by floating the boat, under him and then bailing it out. The alligator completely filled the boat, so that my companion and I sat upon his back as we paddled down the river with gunwales unpleasantly near the water. It was growing dark and the water around us was becoming live with alligators. While we were reflecting upon our overloaded condition, our alligator came to life again and shifted ballast until water poured over the gunwale. We quickly balanced the boat, only to see it again disturbed and to ship more water. A scramble for the shore followed, which we reached without capsizing and where we left our victim for the night after again killing him. In the morning our buzzard friend from the Homosassa river, surrounded by his family, was sitting above him in the tree waiting for us to attend to our carving duties.

There are drawbacks to hunting in the Great Cypress swamp. Even natives have been lost and died in its recesses. It is bounded on the east by the Everglades and on the west by a series of impenetrable mangrove thickets, alternating with deep channels. If lost one should turn his face firmly to the north, and as a guide remarked to me "be ought to get somewhere in three or four days."—Country Life in America.

STORIES OF LIFE IN VENEZUELA

Incidents That Break the Monotony of Existence in the South American Republic.

Two members of parliament have quaint stories to tell of adventures in Venezuela in times past.

An honorable baronet, while on a visit to the republic, had interviews with certain members of the government. He dined with them in the evening, and retired at a late hour. He was awakened from his sleep by a noise in his room, and saw, as he thought, one of his hosts disappear through the bedroom window leading to the veranda.

Concluding that this was a polite custom of the country, the visitor returned to sleep, but in the morning he found his trousers upon the floor, their pockets turned inside out. His old-fashioned, highly decorated chain purse was gone, but its contents were on the ground. His gold-edged cigar case and some gold charms attached to his fob had also vanished.

The Englishman went straight to the seat of government and complained to one of the ministers, who expressed his dismay, and was thereupon informed that the person seen in the room bore a resemblance to himself.

"Very strange," replied the minister, "for there is no one alive who resembles me."

"In that case," rejoined the visitor dryly, "you should have..."

in securing the restoration of my property."

Later in the day the Englishman discovered an anonymous package upon his room table. Opening the cover he found all the missing articles save the gold-edged cigar case and one of the charms—a little goddess in diamonds and emeralds.

Mr. Henry Labouchere went through a revolution in Venezuela some years ago.

A battle took place on the Plaza one afternoon," said Mr. Labouchere in telling his story, "and I watched it from a grass hammock on the terrace in front of my hotel. The government forces were put to flight, and I was joined by my revolutionary friends keen from the fight.

"Later one of the fallen ministers visited us and said he could show us where 250,000 silver dollars were hidden. He was as good as his word, and patriotism being sunk by my friends in obedience to the comforting moral of the place, 'Be kind to ourselves,' it was proposed to divide the swag.

"I said, 'No, don't do that; it might offend the people. Play for it!' Which was agreed to. The government man was allowed in, and we played and the government man won it all to the last dollar. So after all no harm was done."—London Mail.



Many women and doctors do not recognize the real symptoms of derangement of the female organs until too late.

"I had terrible pains along my spinal cord for two years and suffered dreadfully. I was given different medicines, wore plasters; none of these things helped me. Reading of the cures that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought about, I somehow felt that it was what I needed and bought a bottle to take. How glad I am that I did so; two bottles brought me immense relief, and after using three bottles more I felt new life and blood surging through my veins. It seemed as though there had been a regular house cleaning through my system, that all the sickness and poison had been taken out and new life given me instead. I have advised dozens of my friends to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Good health is indispensable to complete happiness, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has secured this to me."

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Revival of Old Remedy. Dr. Lasker, the chess champion, in a recent interview granted to a reporter of the Minneapolis Journal, declared that chess playing, not carried to excess, improves a man's health. "Most of the prominent players," he added, "live to an advanced age. Not nervous people shouldn't play chess at night. If they do, they can't sleep. Nor in the morning, or they can't work. They shouldn't play at all, in fact. Chess is beneficial to a normal man, just as athletics is good for him. The chess player lives longer than the athlete."

Name a Misnomer. The western branch of the Kennebec has been given the name Dead River, because in 1775 it was full of drowned soldiers. So one may read, but there is not a syllable of truth in it; and the next picture conjured up by the name, a doleful styx, turbid and miasmatic, is equally false, says the Century. The plain fact is that the river flows for a long distance through meadows, and unless the water is high, it scarcely seems to move at all. That is why it has been called dead. Nothing gloomy belongs to the name.

Relics of Old Hickory. Several patriotic societies of Louisiana have joined in a project to purchase a large collection of relics of Andrew Jackson, now in the possession of Col. Andrew Jackson of the family of the hero of New Orleans. The collection includes a desk chair which once belonged to George Washington, and which was presented to Andrew Jackson while he was an occupant of the White House; a snuff box given to Jackson by Lafayette, and a bronze statue by Napoleon, presented by the emperor.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

When a man has never been disappointed he can never enjoy contentment.

It takes a clever woman to make the story of her aches and pains interesting.

Most cynical bachelors are men who have loved and lost.

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS FOR WESTERN CANADA.

"There will be thousands of Americans coming up here in the spring," was the remark made by a farmer from the vicinity of Langdon, North Dakota, when he arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the capital of Western Canada, a few days since. He was the advance guard of a large body who are following him, and he has already invested in several farming sections for himself and others and purposes to take up his permanent abode in this country. He went on to say: "Hundreds are coming from my district alone. I know this to be a fact for many of them are neighbors of mine. The chief topic of conversation with the farmers is the coming immigration in the spring."

"The impression general in the part of Dakota where I live that farmers can get from 10 to 15 cents more a bushel for wheat on the American side of the line than on the Canadian has not prevented people from turning their eyes to Canada as a place to live in. They know they can get land in this country which is every bit as fertile as that in Dakota at about one-quarter the price. It is safe to say that the exodus from Dakota into Canada this year will exceed the expectations of all Canadians."

The government has established agencies at St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Wausau, Wis.; Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie, and Marquette, Mich.; Toledo, Ohio; Watertown, S. Dakota; Grand Forks, N. Dakota, and Great Falls, Mont., and the suggestion is made that by addressing any of these, who are the authorized agents of the government, it will be to the advantage of the reader, who will be given the fullest and most authentic information regarding the results of mixed farming, dairying, ranching and grain-raising, and also supply information as to freight and passenger rates, etc., etc.

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I suffered from kidney trouble, which finally became so aggravating that I was obliged to give up my position which was paying me \$100 per month, and I came to the city for treatment, but after several months I was worse instead of better. I was advised of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure and I bought a bottle, and I am now so well that I shall return to take a better position. My cure I regard as almost miraculous. My wife was also suffering, and she has been taking your medicine for a short time, and is so much improved that she already regards a cure for her as certain.

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A woman can do almost anything with a hairpin except sharpen a pencil.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

A Newer Revised Version.

We were camping at the seaside. The older ones of the party were much interested in the search for agates, and the children had come to feel that the finding of agates was the chief aim of our existence. One Sunday Roy's mamma was talking with him about the story of the children of Israel. She helped him with the story till they brought the Chosen People to the Red Sea, and then, leaving him to finish, was amazed to hear him say: "And so Moses led the Children of Israel across the Red Sea to hunt agates."—H. A. MacLafferty.

Depends Upon Whose Ox is Gored.

During the speech of Senator Nelson of Minnesota against the admission of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states the senator said that 50 per cent of the population of New Mexico is Spanish and Mexican. Delegate Rodey of New Mexico, who was listening to the speech, scribbled a note and sent it to Nelson. It said: "Dear Senator: I recently had occasion to inquire into the matter and much to my surprise I find that 57 per cent of the population of Minnesota is Norwegianian. How on earth did that state get in?"

Said to Be Unbreakable.

Louis Kauffmann has invented a new glass, which will neither crack nor break. It may be chilling in ice-cold water and then placed on a blazing lamp without injury. A lamp-glass made of the marvelous material, remarks a contemporary, may, in cases of emergency, be used in place of a hammer to drive in nails, or put down oilcloth, or break coals, or even as a life-preserver. It makes no difference to the lamp-glass, which remains uninjured. Water placed on a vessel made of this glass can be quickly brought to boil.

It Went Through.

Representative Hill of Connecticut had a bill up for the relief of a postmaster in his district who had lost money through the theft of stamps from the postoffice. He showed the one of the thieves was serving time in Illinois and one in New York. Representative Bottell of Illinois came to the rescue of Representative Hill and made an eloquent plea for Hill's claim, beginning thus: "Mr. Speaker, here where Illinois and New York join hands—through Joliet and Sing Sing—to help this worthy citizen of Connecticut."

The Worm Turned.

A story is told of a rustic who, after imbibing too freely, fell asleep by the wayside. The day was hot, and a swarm of flies settled on his face and proceeded to make his sleep anything but pleasant. In a little while a few mosquitoes came along to add their torture to that of the flies. Of course the man woke up after repeated attacks by the combined forces, and vainly tried to brush them away. Finally alone came a big wasp and stung him on the nose. "Now, for that you can all get off," he said.

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THURSDAY, MAR., 5, 1903

Bryan's quarantine bill has finally passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Roosevelt says he has not appointed negroes to office in the south simply because they were negroes. My, what a whopper!

If the democrats succeed in convincing the republicans that Roosevelt cannot be elected, the republicans will throw him overboard with as little regret as they would drown a rat.

The Emperor of Germany says the statue of Frederick the Great will not be sent over to this country until next year. There are a whole lot of people in this country who do not care a rap whether he ever sends it or not.

The action of the President in inviting negroes to the White House has raised the negro question again. The President's course will only make the negroes' lot worse. The South will never submit peaceably to either negro officialism or negro equality, neither will the North for that matter.

Bryan seems to be willing to step aside provided, the democrats will let him name the nominee and make the platform. He has not said this in so many words but one gets it by reading between the lines in his public interviews and speeches. Who says that Bryan is not willing to make concession for the sake of harmony?

If the Electric Light Company could see its way clear to put in a steam laundry in connection with the light plant, that day circuit, winter and summer, would be solven. A change in the charter and possibly an increase of capital would probably be necessary, but that would be easy. Some one will put in another steam laundry and we would like to see the Light Co. have the first whack at it.

In youth, we seem to be climbing a hill on whose top eternal sunshine appears to rest. How eagerly we pant to attain its summit! But when we have gained it, how different is the prospect on the other side! We sigh as we contemplate the dreary waste before us and look back with wishful eye upon the flowery path we passed, but may never more retrace. Life is like a portentous cloud, fraught with thunder, storm and rain; but religion, like those streaming rays of sunshine, will cloth it with light as with a garment, and fringe its shadowy skirts with gold.—Ex.

TURN TEXAS LOOSE.

To THE STAR:—In its issue of the 10th of February, the West Texas Stockman seems to take great pleasure in exhorting Gen. F. W. James, because he dared to act as chairman on resolutions at a meeting of the Cattle men's Association of Callahan County.

The consummate cheek of this editor only equals his audacity in assuming to dictate in an arrogant manner to the yeomanry of Callahan County.

This gigantic corporation in an effort to close the mouths of the people in fighting the greatest and most blighting trust ever formed in Texas, will only heap coals of fire on its own head, and sweep from the face of the earth every like opposition to Texas progress.

Gen. James is an honored and very intelligent citizen of Callahan County, deeply interested in the material interests of every part of Texas and in the resolutions so repugnant to the Stockman, has the unanimous endorsement of not only Callahan County but as he said in the resolutions, the great unprejudiced heart of Texas.

'Turn Texas loose' was a Slogan used some years ago and no part of Texas endorsed it more fully than that part now seeking protection from the mythical tick. Turn Texas loose, i. e., have no legal favored spot, no special privileges not enjoyed by all the people. The bug under the chip is three cent lease land, and a barrier forever against the man with the hoe and the small stockman.

The die is cast and all the bitter shafts hurled at Gen. James will not scare or deter from duty either him or his friends which are all the anti-trust host of Texas. It seems that Gen. James's short resolutions has been as a red flag in the faces of the Moguls and Vampires of the West Texas Stockman.

This great corporation cannot expect to make friends in their vernal attempt in ridiculing men for their action in enunciating what they believe to be the best State policy.

The West Texas Stockman is in the last ditch; it is the cry of despair; the people are awake to their own interests and intelligent men like Gen. F. W. James will espouse their cause and see that they are not trampled under foot and crushed by giant corporations and colossal trusts.

Again let the cry go forth 'turn Texas loose from the greatest humbug of the age. J. N. RUSHING.

BAILEY SMITH DEAD.

Bailey Smith, after over a year's suffering died yesterday morning and was buried in Baird cemetery this morning. He leaves a wife and several small children in distitute circumstances. The county has been supporting the family for sometime.

All of them have had slow fever during the past year. Mr. Smith was thrown from a buggy and had his leg broken over a year ago. He was brought to town, and last Summer one after another of the family, including Mr. Smith himself, was stricken with fever. Mr. Smith made a wonderful fight for life, but death at last relieved him of his suffering. May He who rules the destiny of all watch over and protect his helpless family.

G. W. MILLER OF ADMIRAL WAS IN TOWN TUESDAY.

J. M. Cunningham, of Putnam, was in the city yesterday.

L. J. "DOCK" COOK, OF PUTNAM, MADE THE STAR OFFICE A PLEASANT CALL TUESDAY.

Sheriff Irvin arrested a man by name of Monk Wallis yesterday morning, having been notified by Chief of Police of Fort Worth to look out for him. Wallis is charged with robbery and had a considerable sum of money on his person when arrested.

U. C. V.

The following officers were elected by Camp Albert Sidney Johnston U. C. V.

- John Trent, Commander. J. N. Rushing 1st Lieut. W. R. Harral, 2nd Lieut. W. C. Powell, 3d Lieut. L. R. Clemer, 4th Lieut. J. E. W. Lane, Adj. John Couch Quarter Master. W. B. Jones Commissary S. T. Fraser, Surgeon. John Collier, Chaplain. R. A. Kendall, Sergt. Major. R. E. Wathen, Officer of the Day. J. R. Wilson, Color Sergt.

NEW BARBERSHOP.

I have opened a barbershop 1st door north of Geo. S. Hardin's store. Everything new, nice and clean. I will appreciate your patronage. W. H. BRASHER.

A woman threw three rocks through the front of Jas. Beech's saloon Tuesday. No damage was done to anything except the three large window glass that were broken. Baird seems to be getting a fast gait on itself this week. No arrests.

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

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The City Baker. 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 Cakes. Orders promptly attended to. Phone 116. OSCAR NITSCHKE.

DENTAL NOTICE. Having located in Baird, am prepared to do all kinds of dentistry, modern and up-to-date. Porcelain inlay fillings and crown and bridge work being specialties. Painless method used. All work fully guaranteed. Office 3 doors South Opera House Opposite Phillips' Drug Store. Yours Resptl. J. C. TURRENTINE, D. D. S.

Another snow fell Sunday evening and covered the ground about one inch. The weather was not very cold.

Mrs. V. Jackson, of Quanah, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lindner.

Miss Maud Carlisle left this morning for her home at Chapel Washington County.

Mrs. B. L. Russell is reported again.

Mrs. Herman Schwartz is quite well.

Our paper failed to come on the night's express train as usual, consequently we are late, but our paper is all right.

Several Rock Island trains passed through over the T. & F. R. past week or so owing the stop north. A. R. L. train stopped at Baird this morning for breakfast. A. G. Webb has gone to Waco to attend the opening of the theater at that place. Possibly heavy rain, them a few loads of mules and beef is too scarce.

"YOUNG MRS. WINTHROP."

Too much cannot be said in praise of our local talent in the presentation of "Young Mrs. Winthrop" at the Opera House last week. It is a strong play with a fine moral, each actor representing a very important part, and it was produced, with the exception of Mr. F. S. Bell and Mrs. J. B. Harmon, by amateurs.

Mrs. John Woods, as heroine, presented to perfection the innate, inborn nature of a pure and noble womanhood, where, when shorn home and its charms, resorts to the gay and giddy whirl of society, to deaden her pain. Too true and noble herself to sin, but being of that high order of the sensitive being that demands homage and finding it, she abandons herself for a time to its seduction. But only for a season, for in time her great love for her husband eclipses all things.

Mr. Woods as the typical business man, who is so absorbed in his business and club life that he finds no time to be at home with his wife and child. But after all he proves very susceptible to the sweet influence of mother and at last to the love of wife and little child's memory. He carried out the role in a most creditable manner all the way through.

Miss Champe Bell as a modern society lady played her part well, keeping the audience laughing at her wit and repartee. Mr. Tom Fraser as Dr. Mellbanke sustained the part of physician with a marked degree of ability. His whole bearing, even the low, calm voice was that of the able, self possessed physician.

Miss Corinne Trent was the ideal Edith, whose own soul was so full of loving thoughts that she loved every body, everything. This was a lovely character and Miss Corinne did it justice.

Could anyone have made a more desirable lover than was Mr. Buell Jones? The world would be more like the Eden of old if there were more lovers of this type.

It is sometimes harder to personate a simple character than a more exalted one, but Mr. Brooks Rowland adapted himself to the role of John, the bell boy, with an aptitude that proves his talent.

Lastly, Mrs. J. B. Harmon as the sweet mother, whose whole being seemed to be the embodiment of love and lovely things and Mr. F. S. Bell, the shrewd calculating lawyer, though he proves that beneath the cool exterior beats a heart warm and affectionate. Both beautifully rendered their parts. It could not have been done better.

Much credit is due Mrs. F. S. Gage and Mrs. J. B. Harmon for the way in which they "put on" the play. To Mrs. Gage for her many able suggestions and to both her and Mrs. Harmon for their constant espionage and tireless energy at rehearsals. ***

ESTRAY NOTICE.

The State of Texas, County of Callahan. Taken up by Ernest W. Graves, and estrayed before me, H. C. Darden, J. P. Precinct No. 8, the following described animal: one brown horse nine 1/2 years high unbranded, scar on right fore foot, neck drops a little just in front of withers. Appraised at Sixty Dollars. If not proven away by the proper owner, will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this Feb. 23, 1903. W. P. Cochran, Clerk County Court. By J. H. Cochran, Deputy.

FOR SALE.

I have two full blooded Percheron Stallions that I wish to sell. They are good stock getters, in good condition and I will sell one or both on reasonable terms. WM. MCMANIS, 14-tf Baird, Texas.

The weather forecast for to-morrow.

Probably cooler with snow or rain.

Grant Bowlus left this morning for Douglas, Arizona, where he goes to hunt work.

Mrs. C. A. Bowlus and little daughter, Clarabel, left last Saturday for Douglas, Arizona, where she goes to join her husband who is at work there at his trade, carpenter.

Louis Lem who has been running the Switch engine at this place for the past year has been promoted to Engineer of the Work train at Eskota, Texas. He left this morning for that place to assume his new duties.

A FREE FOR ALL FIGHT.

Last Sunday night there was a free fight in east part of town in which quite a number of men and one woman were engaged. From all accounts things were lively for time and the battle was fast and furious. Most of the damage however seems to have been to the furniture. Sheriff Irvin who was called in says it looked as though a cyclone had struck the inside of the building. Two of the men paid fines for the fun-to-day and as all parties, so far as we have learned, are heartily ashamed of the affair THE STAR will not mention the matter further.

Such scenes are unusual in Baird and we hope they will not occur often. J. T. Stewart living south of Belle Plaine, was in town yesterday.

NOTICE. All accounts are long past due, and I need the Money. If indebted to me please come settle. T. E. POWELL.

THE HARDIN GROCERY CO., Successor to Geo. H. Hardin. GROCERS. BATAVIA GRADED GOODS ALWAYS IN STOCK. ALL GOODS GUARANTEED. Phone No. 44. Baird, Texas.

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.

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.

Sold and Guaranteed by R. PHILLIPS & SON, Baird, Tex.

"But where to find that happiest spot below? 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 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 fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at vernon and points beyond both ways.

LOCAL NEWS

FRESH BREAD

Go to Mrs. E. K. Kane for fresh bread baked daily. Baked from the best flour in town.

All Remnants sold cheap at Powells. Call and get bargain. T. E. Powell. 8tf

Mr. Haley of Cross Plains was in town Monday.

See change in Geo. S. Harden's ad Write up next up next week.

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

Charles French, of Fort Worth, in company with John Laird made THE STAR a pleasant call Friday. Mr. French is in the west in the interest of the Ft Worth Stock Yards.

Horses and Mules.

We want to buy one or two carloads of mules, 2 to 7 years old, also young mares. See us. 14-3t A. G. & S. E. WEBB.

Mr. J. J. Young, of Baker, La., was here lately and bought a carload of mules from A. G. and S. E. Webb.

E. R. Wheat, of Roscoe, Texas, was here looking for mules, but so far as we could learn failed to find enough to make up a shipment.

Fresh bulk and package garden seeds at Terrell's drug store. 9tf

W. T. Pool, of Eola called at THE STAR office Tuesday and set his subscription ahead a year.

Rev. J. A. Biggs, pastor of the Methodist Church left Tuesday for St. Joe, Texas where he goes to assist in a meeting. There will be no preaching at the Methodist Church next Sunday.

L. M. (Mike) Wyatt came in from Thorp Springs last week, where he visited his family, and we learned for the first time that he was in the passenger wreck near Aledo, mentioned sometime ago. Mike says he was in the smoker and escaped unhurt except for a few jolts. None of the coaches turned over as has been reported but he says the track was badly torn up. No one was seriously hurt except the two unfortunate young men who were killed. They were crushed to death between the baggage car and tender.

FOR SALE.

We have two or three of the best bargains in Baird residence property ever offered. Cheap and very small payments, also the best located business lot in Baird. Webb & Russell. 14-3

We learn that the steam laundry will move to Cisco. The cause alleged so we are informed, is lack of business. This is rather strange, because when the laundry was moved down from Abilene last year it did a splendid business for sometime. There is fully as much or more work to do in Baird now than at that time and the question naturally arises whose fault is it, the people of Baird or the laundry itself, that a change is made necessary. Personally we do not know. At any rate, we regret to see any enterprise leave the city.

J. P. Graves bought a number of fine brood mares from A. G. and S. E. Webb. Mr. Graves is a practical and very successful stock farmer, combining cotton, grain, cattle and mules. Such farmers can usually pay cash for their supplies and avoid financial embarrassment.

LANDS.

We have, several 80 acre tracts of fruit and vegetable lands near Clyde for sale or trade for mules, horses or cattle. Webb & Russell. 14-3t

Maj. Wm. McManis, our efficient postmaster whose term of office has just expired has been reappointed. If the President, in making his appointments in the South, would always select such men as Maj. McManis the southern people would never have any room to complain. We do not mean to say that Maj. McManis never makes mistakes, because occasionally he does, but we never knew a postmaster that did not make mistakes, but he never makes them carelessly as some might charge. Maj. McManis has been postmaster at different times for about ten years and we have even found him courteous and obliging. THE STAR has perhaps as much business with the postoffice department as any firm in town. We congratulate Maj. McManis on his reappointment, and we are gratified that a large majority of the people of Baird will join us in so doing.

A Cheap Ranch.

The Arthur Yonge ranch of 150 acres north of Baird for sale at a bargain. Webb & Russell. 14-3t

SPRING GAP LOCALS.

March 3.—The rough weather continues and feed is disappearing fast. All the farmers are in good hopes for early grass.

Monday, Feb. 23, there were two buried in the Admiral cemetery. This is the first time when twins were not buried, that there has been two interments in one day. Mr. W. F. Brown and Mr. J. D. Wright's baby were the ones.

Mr. Eudaley is able to walk about the house with the assistance of crutches.

We heard several of the Deep Creek boys attended the dance on the Bayou Friday night.

Profs. Rylee, Walls and Dawkins went to Baird Saturday to attend the Institute. There were some lively discussions. It is hoped the interest will grow and the next meeting be well represented from all over the county.

Mr. G. T. Mitchell's children have the tonsillitis which served them badly. They are some better at present.

The wood brought to the school house by A. J. Arvin and Jim Horn was much appreciated by the teacher and pupils.

The musical given at Mr. J. E. Eastham's Friday night was a pleasant affair to all that were present.

It seems Affame L'Homme is at a loss to know the whereabouts of Du Bill. We are at the same old place with our mind at ease, since we could not get Admiral to spell us again, letting them name the place to spell, where to spell and when to spell. The challenge is awaiting your acceptance Affame L'Homme if this is not enough to give a fair trial, will you please make the terms to suit you and we will accept. Someone has certainly misunderstood you or you could not have gotten angry at us saying the majority of the judges decided the contest. One of them told us every wrangle was one judge for and two against as vice versa. When it comes from one of the judges, it must be true. We have not personated anyone nor did we make the remark with any degree of sarcasm, or reflection upon their character or integrity.

DU BILL.

Fresh supply of Dog Poison at Powell & Powell's. 14-1t

A crowd of young people were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott last night.

After an absence of three years Cliff McManis came in from Chicago last week, on a visit to his parents, Maj. and Mrs. McManis. Cliff was transferred from the mail service in Texas to Illinois some years ago at his own request. He will remain a month or more.

Kill your dogs now, fresh supply just made at Powell & Powell's. 14-1t

Miss Daisy Williams entertained a few friends at a birthday dinner last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rusk Williams.

Mrs. R. A. Moyers and son, Master Frank, returned home Tuesday of last week from a three weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Castles, at Baird. She also visited her brother, Charley Pycant a few days at Cisco.—Anson Western.

So Sweet and Pleasing in Taste.

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kan., speaking of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, says: "It has never failed to give entire satisfaction, and of all cough remedies, it is my favorite, and I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough or cold; and is so sweet and pleasing in taste." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at R. Phillips & Son.

Be sure to call and see my new line and late styles of matting before placing your order elsewhere. J. T. Sands, Baird, Texas. 14-1t

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by Powell & Powell, Druggist, Baird Tex., and Y. A. Orr, Druggist, Putnam Tex. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

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

\$14.20 from Baird to El Paso and return account Cattle Raisers Association. Tickets on sale March 8, 9, and 10. Return limit March 15th. Any one desiring to make a trip beyond El Paso may secure an extension of 20 days on return limit. J. B. Harmon, Agent.

FOR SALE.

Buggy, horse and harness. C. A. Steele, Baird, Tex., 14-2t

TO ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON CAMP U. C. V.

We your committee to draft suitable resolutions respecting the death of Gen. George Moorman submit the following.

Whereas in the providence of God our beloved comrade and Adjutant General of the United Confederate Veterans has been called from among the walks of men, and

Whereas, his death has caused irreparable loss in many ways, especially in the compilation of true Confederate history, and his social, kind and genial influence manifested at our annual reunions. Therefore

Resolved that Albert Sidney Johnston Camp U. C. V. feel deeply and sincerely this great loss, not only to the united camps but to every individual Confederate soldier who prides in the valor and achievements of the soldier.

Resolved that our heartfelt sympathy is hereby extended to the noble wife and son in this their great bereavement.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Camp. Respectfully submitted,

R. E. WATHIN.
J. N. RUSHING.
THOS. H. FLOYD.
Committee.

Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing Indigestion, Biliousness. Easy pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at Powell & Powell's drug store, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr's drug store, Putnam Tex.

The finest Sunday shoe in America for \$1.50. T. E. Powell. 41-1t

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of La Grange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but he writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, its the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Powell & Powell, druggist, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, druggist, Putnam Texas.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Every Sunday morning there will be preaching at the church east of the Court House. Sermon for March 8th 11 a. m. on text, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it." Sermon, 7:30 p. m. "33 Conversions" continued. Pastor's reading room at the church Wednesday, and prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Always all are welcome. M. E. CHAPIN.

More Riot.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Over work, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all round medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by Powell & Powell, Druggist, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Druggist, Putnam Tex.

Ladies \$2.50 shoe for \$1.50 at T. E. Powell's.

For nice visiting cards go THE STAR office.

DIED.

Died at Pittsburg, Pa., Feb., 21, 1903 James R. Pride, age 33 years and 3 months. Mr. Pride is a son of Mrs. E. Pride, who formerly lived in this county. Besides his aged mother he leaves two brothers and three sisters to mourn his death.

Fort Worth papers please copy.

A Physician Writes.

"I am desirous of knowing if the profession can obtain Herbine in bulk for prescribing purposes? It has been of great use to me in treating cases of dyspepsia brought on by excesses or overwork. I have never known it to fail in restoring the organs affected, to their healthful activity." 50c bottle at R. Phillips & Son.

Sam Hickman of this place, employed by railroad as fireman between Baird and Big Springs, while attempting to leave his engine at Abilene Saturday night, slipped and fell and in some manner caught his foot about the wheels or brake rigging, literally having it pulled off at the ankle. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Wm. Burns, boiler maker at the shops at this place, suffered a serious injury of the arm, probably breaking one of the bones, by having an iron jack fall upon it.

COLLEGE FOR SALE.

We offer the Belle Plaine College property including several acres of fine land at a big bargain. WEBB & RUSSELL. 12-2t

AFTER COMMISSIONERS.

DRESSY, TEX., Feb. 25, 1903.

In reply to the notice given through THE STAR by the Commissioner's Court of February Term 1903, pertaining to the medical aid rendered the paupers of the County by the common physician, I beg leave to say was insistent when viewed from an economic standpoint, as there is no doubt of the charge made by the common physician being as reasonable as that of the County Physician, besides this the County would not be bound to pay any unreasonable charge made by anyone for such practice. There are paupers in different parts of the County that occasionally need medical aid very bad, and it is often the case that two or three dollars would pay the bill if a doctor near by was called in. On the other hand if the County Physician was called for instance, a distance of 25 or 30 miles, it would cost the county \$20 or \$25 dollars, besides it is an injustice to the pauper. If any one of that Court should happen to have one bad spell of the cramp colic and had to wait until a doctor could be got to him from a point 25 miles away before he could get relief, he would at once realize the great injustice of such a law. Commissioners may not have the colic, but pauper's diet is not always easy to digest. Anyone knows that it is cheaper to call a physician that resides near by, thus you see that would be money saved to the county. It is not supposed that the common physician would exact any higher rates for his services than the county physician would. It is strange that the spirit of class legislation is so contagious that our little Commissioner's Court becomes tainted with it, yet it seems to be the case. If our law makers from County Commissioners' up to our congressmen would endeavor to enact such laws as would guarantee to each individual equal rights, as was intended under our constitution it would tend to diffuse a spirit of life, thrift and vigor throughout our entire social circle and would tend to encourage good citizenship. The good that would be derived from such legislation would be immense. On the other hand when the common citizen is led to believe that he is being legislated out of his rights and other classes being favored, it brings over him a state of despondency and thus the thrift and energy of the common class is depressed and this depression will be far reaching in the distant future. The vitality of this grand republic is dependent on the administration of just and equal rights to every citizen, and any legislation that tends to the contrary is depressing to the vitality of the republic. The preservation of this republic is a subject that ought to interest every thinking man, but when we look around and see such a tendency to class legislation we are made to fear for the safety of our republic and the liberties of our posterity. Respectfully,
F. B. MCGEE.

NOTE.—We are satisfied the Court acted for what they considered best for the county in this matter and not in the interest of any individual as our correspondent seems to believe. Remember the Commissioners are expected to consider the interest of the taxpayers as well as the paupers in such matters. We believe our correspondent misconstrues the motive of the Court entirely.—[ED. STAR.]

TO THE BAIRD ORCHESTRA.

The members of the John B. Gordon Chapter U. D. C. wish to express their thanks to the Baird Orchestra, individually and collectively, for the fine and spirited music rendered on the night of Feb. 23d. We wish to convey also our sincere appreciation of their assistance in making the entertainment a brilliant success.

MRS. F. W. JAMES, Pres.
MRS. S. T. FRASER, Sec.

The Stomach is the Plan.

A weak stomach weakens the man, because it cannot transform the food he eats into nourishment. Health and strength cannot be restored to any sick man or weak woman without first restoring health and strength to the stomach. A weak stomach cannot digest enough food to feed the tissues and revive the tired and run down limbs and organs of the body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cleanses, purifies, sweetens and strengthens the glands and membranes of the stomach and cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. Sold by Powell & Powell.

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

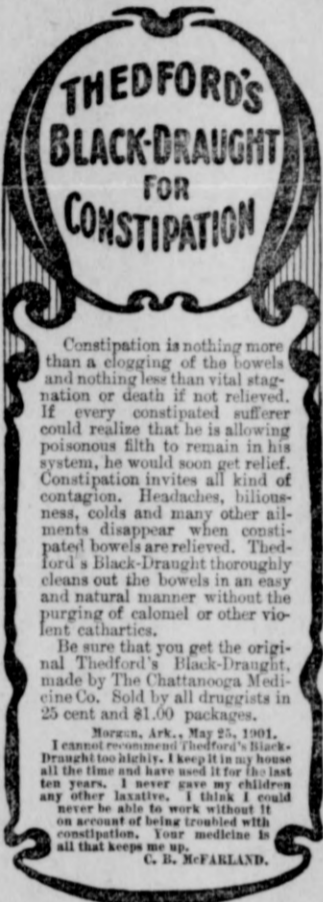
Cures Sciatic Rheumatism.

Mrs. A. E. Simpson, 509 Craig St., Knoxville, Tenn., writes, June 10th, 1899: "I have been trying the baths of Hot Springs, Ark., for sciatic rheumatism, but I got more relief from Ballard's Snow Lintiment than any medicine or anything I have ever tried. Enclosed find postoffice order for \$1. Send me a large bottle by Southern Express." Sold by R. Phillips & Son.

Get your Dog Poison and get it now at Powell & Powell's. 14-1t



Wire Netting and Poultry Fencing For Sale by **Harry Meyer.**



THEFORD'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. Theford'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 Theford's Black-Draught, made by The Chattanooga Medicine Co. Sold by all druggists in 25 cent and \$1.00 packages.

Marion, Ark., May 25, 1901. I cannot recommend Theford'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. E. McFARLAND.

Jack Jones
Hotel Seay Barber Shop.
YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

\$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. CUTBERT, 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.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.
DUDLEY, TEXAS, Feb. 1, 1903.
The firm of N. M. Dudley & Co., Dudley, Callahan Co. Texas, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, W. R. HARRAL retiring from said firm. The firm name of N. M. Dudley & Co. will be retained and the business will be continued as heretofore at Dudley, Texas. All indebtedness and accounts are assumed by and payable to the new firm.
N. M. DUDLEY,
11-4t W. R. HARRAL.

Children's Coughs and Colds.
Mrs. Joe McGrath, 327 E. 1st St., Hutchison, Kan., writes: "I have given Ballard's Horehound Syrup to my children for coughs and colds for the past four years, and find it the best medicine I ever used." Unlike many cough syrups, it contains no opium, but will soothe and heal any disease of the throat or lungs quicker than any other remedy. 25c 50c and \$1. at R. Phillips & Son.

\$100 REWARD.
The Stock Raisers' Association of Coleman and adjoining counties hereby offer a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who are guilty of stealing or killing any stock belonging to any member or members of this association. To be paid when satisfactory proof is made to the executive committee of this association.
J. P. MORRIS, Pres.
J. RATHBELL Secy. 12-1t

The best pill 'neath the stars and stripes;
It cleanses the system and never gripes.
Little Eearly Risers of worldly repute—
Ask for DeWitt's and take no substitute.
A small pill, easy to buy, easy to take and easy to act, but never failing in results. DeWitt's Little Eearly Risers arouse the secretions and act as a tonic to the liver, curing permanently. Sold by Powell & Powell.

A good many have paid their subscription to THE STAR this week, but many have not. Look at date on your paper. Subscription is due in advance. Remember this please. 9tf

What's in a Name?
Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases, DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by Powell & Powell.

Men's \$3.00 shoes for \$2.00 at T E Powell's, great bargains. See them.

We have remnants of wall paper at your own price. Powell & Powell.

If it is an eight day clock you want get it from us. Powell & Powell.

A Remarkable Case.
One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I run down in weight from 148 to 62 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by Powell & Powell.

O. F. Asbury, a freight brakeman running between Baird and Big Springs, fell under his train as it was pulling into Baird Friday night. One car passed over his foot, crushing it badly. He was taken to the Company hospital at Marshall, where his foot in all probability will be amputated.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Mar. 2, 1903. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Mr. B. L. Cunningham.
W. R. Griffin.
J. B. Johnson.
Miss May Jerrell.
Mrs. B. F. Miles.
Harry Ransom.
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BAIRD, TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

North Dakota was visited by a real ground-shaker last Wednesday.

Knapp, self-confessed murderer of Hamilton, Ohio, says he does not know why he killed his victims.

A fire in the heart of the city of Cincinnati last Wednesday destroyed property valued at over \$2,000,000.

Anarchists from all parts of the world expect to hold secret convention in Paris to devise plans affecting crown heads of Europe.

Many cattle are dying around Lehigh, T. T., from an unknown disease.

Eighteen postoffices were established in Oklahoma during January.

February Postal Guide shows that thirty postoffices have been established in Texas since the first of the year, up to the first of February.

A dispatch received from Gros Horne announces the complete destruction of the port of Depaix, Hayti, by fire. Vessels belonging to the Haytian company were saved.

Rumors of hostilities in Macedonia, if not premature, are not confirmed. The efforts of the powers to restrain both Serbia and Bulgaria are increased rather than relaxed.

E. E. Smithers, the Brooklyn trotting horse man, bought McChesney for \$30,000. He will race him in the west and probably at Saratoga, and is willing to make a match with Hermis.

An American syndicate have bought the volcano Popocatepetl and will convert it into a sulphur mine. It may convert the operators in sulphuretted cracklings some day.

Ten masked men invaded the home of Christian Joehlin near Toledo, Ohio, and demanded \$20,000 which they thought he had. Their request was not complied with and all members of the family were most brutally tortured. The intruders secured \$300.

The information that the Rock Island has bought the Frisco System, adding some 5000 miles to its possession already of over 7000 miles making it one of the largest in the country, is generally well received.

A few days since the Pennsylvania supreme court, in an opinion by Judge Potter, decided that belief in Spiritualism is not proof of insanity.

Two robbers blew open the safe of Hubbard's private bank at Cedar Springs, Mich., Thursday night, and secured between \$4000 and \$5000. They entered the bank by means of keys and then opened the safe with dynamite.

Mr. Bowen, the Venezuelan plenipotentiary, has proposed to the allies that the czar of Russia be asked to name the three arbitrators who, as The Hague tribunal, shall decide the question of preferential treatment.

The Mississippi river is above the danger line, and a serious overflow is threatened. Already the lowlands are beginning to get the full effect of the overflow, and the railroads entering the city are keeping a sharp lookout for their tracks where they penetrated the bottoms.

Manywhere is a new coinage by an English scientist who has added a number of new words to the English vocabulary, but none so good as the last. There is no reason why manywhere should not become as popular as anywhere or everywhere.

A report is in circulation here to the effect that there is a gigantic movement to consolidate all the silver-lead mines in the famous Coeur d'Alene country under one company, calling for a capitalization of \$20,000,000.

Dispatches from Queenstown say the severe weather which has prevailed over these coasts during the past few days culminated Thursday evening in a furious gale, which burst soon after the White Star Line steamer Oceanic had sailed for New York.

Tracklayers are at work on the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient between Lone Wolf, Ok., and the Fort Worth & Denver City crossing in Texas and the grade is completed to Sweetwater, on the Texas and Pacific.

Minnesota will have the second biggest man in the house next session in the person of Hans Stenstrom of the Ninth district. Cy Sulloway of New Hampshire will hold the record for size, but the North State has a good second.

The total appropriations for all purposes in the executive department aggregate \$12,000. The president's salary is \$50,000, and the contingent expenses of the executive office are \$15,000.

Dr. Jannasch, director of the Export bank of Berlin, said that a policy of acquisition in South Africa would not only be stupid, but would be madness, Germany has far too much to do at home to embark upon a policy of adventure at such a distance.

DOWN AT AUSTIN

MUCH SPEECHMAKING STILL RETARDS BUSINESS.

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Nepotism Gets the Benefit of a Simple Resolution of Inquiry.

Austin, March 4.—Both the senate and house had up for consideration yesterday joint resolutions for holding a constitutional convention. A proviso is embraced in both resolutions retaining the present homestead exemption feature of the present constitution. Other provisions were also adopted to both resolutions, providing that the question of whether a constitutional convention shall be held shall be submitted to the people at a general election to be held in November, 1904, and that the constitutional convention shall be held in May, 1905.

In the senate there was a lively discussion over the anti-free pass amendments to the resolution. The senate passed the resolution to engrossment by a vote of 16 ayes and 13 noes.

The house refused to postpone the resolution indefinitely by a vote of 55 ayes and 56 noes. The resolution is pending business in the house today.

The above action of the two branches may be taken as a reliable indication that the resolution will be passed finally and that the question of a constitutional convention will be submitted to the people.

Plague Feared at Torreon.

Laredo: Both the state and federal quarantine officers have received instructions to enforce a quarantine against Torreon, Mex., where it is thought the bubonic plague has appeared. A dispatch has been received from the state health officer stating that there were suspicious cases thought to be bubonic plague, and instructing him to quarantine at once against that city.

Panama Proposition Extended.

Washington: Attorney General Knox reported to the cabinet that he had received from the American representative of the Panama canal, an acceptance of the proposition recently made to the canal company to keep alive the option held by this government. The answer is regarded as entirely satisfactory to this government.

Big Sugar Plant Destroyed.

Alexandria: The large plant of the Loyd Sugar and Molasses company, at Loyd, fifteen miles south of this place, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The plant had shut down for the season, and two watchmen were in charge. The loss amounts to \$65,000, with \$40,000 insurance.

Texan Dead in Kentucky.

Waxahachie: Prof. P. J. Herndon of this city Monday received the intelligence of the death of his uncle, James H. Smith, at Versailles, Ky. Mr. Smith was a former citizen of this county, living near Boyce. His remains will be brought to this city for interment.

Woman Suicided.

Fort Worth: Miss Pearl Hathaway, aged about twenty-seven years, suicided Tuesday by taking morphine. The woman, who had been in Fort Worth for about five months, left a note saying she was going to a happier land and that she would not be present in court to answer a charge against her.

Beaumont: President Hopkins of the Beaumont and Port Arthur Electric railway, for which most of the grade has been made, has returned from New York City. He says that everything is in readiness for the resumption of work on the line. The cars are eight in number, 54 feet long, and are provided with three apartments.

Red Hot in Camp County.

Pittsburg: This being the last week of the prohibition campaign in Camp county, interest and enthusiasm are getting to a white heat on both sides. Speakers from abroad are now in the field.

A Farmers Sad End.

Greenville: Z. T. Adams, who resides west of Commerce, in this county, was found near a ravine on his farm Monday afternoon in a dying condition. His throat had been slashed with a knife and one wrist was cut. When picked up he had become so weak from loss of blood that the attending physicians gave it as their opinion that he could live but a few hours.

Mexico Going to Gold Basis.

City of Mexico: The silver commission is working on practical lines in accumulating data for study, and much is hoped for from the coming conference with American monetary experts, soon to arrive here as the guests of the government. That practically a gold basis will be the policy finally adopted is believed by many bankers here.

Water at 1894 Feet.

Farmersville: Water has been struck in the well being sunk by the city. At a depth of 1894 feet the water rises to within forty-seven feet of the surface. By a test the water could not be lowered below 300 feet. It is thought that an ample supply of good water has been obtained.

Colored Child Burned to Death.

Temple: Monday morning the six-year-old daughter of Dosa Denman, colored, was burned to death. The mother had left the house, leaving the girl wrapped in quilts lying on the floor near the stove. When she returned it was only to find the bedding in ashes and the child burned to death.

Granbury-Glenrose Traction Co.

Granbury: The railroad committee of Granbury and Glenrose met for the purpose of organizing and making preliminary arrangements toward the building of an electric line between Granbury and Glenrose. It was determined to name it the Granbury and Glenrose Traction Company, and the value of shares was fixed at 100.

John Bardon Gets Contract.

Dallas: John Bardon of Fort Worth was awarded the contract for building the new addition to the Federal building. Mr. Bardon's bid was for \$109,852.55, and it was accepted. He is building the government building at Abilene. Before Mr. Bardon will begin the work he will have to file a bond of \$50,000.

Got to Do Business.

Temple: The grocermen of Temple having utilized almost every other known method of transportation in making deliveries, several enterprising firms resorted to the wheelbarrow method, and in various parts of the city could be seen the delivery men with barrows loaded with packages making their regular rounds.

All Coming This Way.

New Orleans: A big Tennessee colony will be located in the Louisiana Texas rice belt, the first time in history when a large colony will move from a Southern State to the rice belt. The settlers, numbering 100 families will come from Johnson, Tenn., and each will have a farm of a hundred acres.

Zeno Parr, an old and prominent resident of Denton county died at his home near Justin Tuesday morning, aged about 89 years. He came to and settled in this county about thirty-five years ago.

Head End Collision Near Weatherford.

Weatherford: A wreck occurred on the Texas and Pacific road about 6 o'clock Monday morning two miles east of here. It was a head-end collision, two large freight engines pulling heavy cars going together with much force. Most of the train crews saw what was coming and jumped for their lives and no one was seriously hurt. The track was blocked for several hours.

The January exports of the United States amounted to \$134,000,000, the largest on record for the month except in January, 1901, when the amount was \$2,000,000 larger. Last year the exports for the month were \$108,000,000, and in 1893 they were \$67,000,000.

W. M. Rigdian, charged by grand jury indictment in Lamar county with forgery, was arrested Sunday at Foreman, Ark.

Six rural mail routes were started out of Greenville Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. Billups, who resides about five miles east of Mineola, was bitten by a dog, supposed to be affected with hydrophobia. The dog was killed. Mineral Wells is to build a city hall.

Peaches have been greatly damaged in the territories by recent freezes, but fruit in Texas is reported but little damaged.

Proctor Craig, a freight brakeman on the Texas and Pacific railroad, whose home is Handley, got his left hand cut off in the yards Monday while his train was being switched.

Oswald Johnson, a young man, who has been in bad health for some time, shot himself at McKinney Monday. He may recover.

L. J. Gray, at Deport, had a leg broken Sunday morning by a horse in the stall crowding against him, while he was in the lot feeding his stock.

Willemsstad: According to advices received in Venezuelan revolutionary circles the eastern army of the revolutionists, said to number 5000 men under the command of Gen. Bolando, is in sight of Caracas awaiting the arrival of the central revolutionary army, reported to number 3000 men under Gen. Fernandez, when a junction is to be formed between the two forces, an attack on Caracas is to be made.

INDEPENDENCEDAY

THE HOUSE REFUSES TO ADJOURN IN ITS OBSERVANCE.

NOT MUCH PROGRESS IS MADE

Agricultural Bureau and Child Labor Bills are Moved Up a Notch in the House.

Austin, March 3.—The earlier morning hours were taken up by the house in the discussion of a resolution against nepotism. It was talked into a state of innocuous desuetude by the time the hour had arrived to take up special orders.

Stewart's bill to establish a bureau of agriculture passed second reading by 78 to 34. A bill to give manual training in state normal schools was passed, carrying an appropriation of \$10,000 by a vote of 65 to 36. The bill against child labor which fixes the age limit at 12 instead of 14 years, forbids employment at night or of any child under 14 who is unable to read, and forbids employment in mine or brewery of any child under 16 years old, was passed without dissenting vote under suspension.

A sluice of bills were introduced, many to be pigeonholed, many simply to get rid of importunities from constituents and some actually bad. It is likely that they will be threshed over and all that are of paramount value will come again to the surface.

The larger part of the afternoon was spent observing Texas Independence Day.

Odd Fellows in Session.

Dallas: Over seven hundred delegates to the grand encampment of the grand lodge of Texas I. O. O. F. gathered at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the auditorium of the city hall for the transaction of the first and most important business of the encampment, though the selection of officers for the year to come was not decided until the evening session at the same place.

The business before the gathering was the installation of elected officers and the appointment of all standing committees for the coming year.

The present encampment of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is the largest and best attended in the history of Texas. Grand Secretary Fahm said last night that there were fully 2000 visitors and delegates present in the city and that the Rebekahs were represented by fully twice as many as were expected.

Runnells Capital Has Lady Candidate.

Ballinger: Miss Fannie Simmons has announced her candidacy for the office of city secretary, which carries with it the office of city assessor and collector of taxes. The election takes place the first Tuesday in April. As this is the first instance in which a lady has ever been a candidate for any office of emolument in this city or county, the result will be watched with interest.

New Projection in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Ok.: A territorial charter has been granted to the Oklahoma and Southwestern Railroad company, with the principal place of business at Elk City, and with \$600,000 capital stock. The project is to build a railroad through the counties of Custer, Day and Roger Mills, in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Davis May Attend Reunion.

New Orleans, La.: Mrs. Jefferson Davis has practically consented to be present at the coming Confederate reunion. She is at present at Biloxi, recuperating. A special committee of Gen. W. J. Behan, Mrs. Behan, president of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, and Col. Levert, commanding the Louisiana division, went to Biloxi to urge Mrs. Davis to attend, extending the official invitation.

Terrible Winds and Seas.

London: Terrific seas are running in the English Channel. The waves are sweeping the sea fronts of the south coast towns and doing much damage to the piers and adjacent roads. Several fatalities have resulted from the collapse of various structures. A large bark, believed to belong to Hamburg, has foundered off Lands End. The crew, numbering about twenty men, is supposed to have been drowned.

Fatal Train Wreck in Illinois.

Washington, Ind.: Train wreckers last Sunday night, in an attempt to ditch one of the fast express trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, wrecked a freight, killing Fireman Joseph Hughey of this city and Harry Friend of Odlin, Ill., and the fatal injuring of brakeman W. L. Lucas of this city, near Lebanon, Ill. Engineer W. A. Wendling escaped by jumping.

Smothered in Cotton Seed.

Sulphur Springs: The dead body of a colored man was found in the hull house of the oil mill. The body was covered over with hulls and badly decomposed. The negro was identified as William Price and was last seen in this city two weeks ago. The theory of the inquest was that he had scratched out a place in the hulls in which to lie, the hulls caved in on him and smothered him to death.

Senate Called in Extra Session.

Washington, March 3.—The president has issued the following proclamation:

By the president of the United States of America: A proclamation—Whereas, Public interests require that the senate should convene in extraordinary session; therefore I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capitol, in the city of Washington, on March 5 next, at 12 o'clock, noon, at which all persons who at that time shall be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington, the second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

By the President:
THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

Floods At Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn.: River at Memphis on Monday stood at 34.2 stage, a foot and two-tenths above the danger line. The worst feature of the situation now is that there has been another rise in the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, and when this volume of water pours down the valley it is feared the river at this point and below will rise so high as to cause a disastrous flood. The local weather bureau says: "From the present outlook of water in sight it is believed that the gauge will equal or excel the highest known rise, and a flood is coming."

Canning Plant for Tarrant.

Fort Worth: The truck and fruit growers will organize an association at the courthouse on next Saturday afternoon, and will select a committee to confer with the mayor and city council for the purpose of providing an adequate markethouse. The question of the disposition of vegetables at home and abroad will be considered by the meeting. If sufficient encouragement is secured a movement will be put on foot for the establishment of a canning factory in this city.

Canning Prospect at Denison.

Denison: The following is the estimate sent to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas officials for the Fruit Growers' Union: Potatoes 1000 acres; tomatoes, 200; onions, 20; beans, 100; cabbage, 25; watermelons, 100; cantaloupes, 50; strawberries, 40; pears, 25; peaches, 5000; plums, 10; apples, 1000. Mr. Venable, said that he had been assured by a Katy official that if the acreage and promised yield would be large enough to warrant the building of a canning factory, one would be built, as a man and sufficient capital was waiting for an opportunity for such an investment.

Probably Fatally Stounded.

El Paso: J. H. Flood was shot and probably fatally wounded at an early hour Monday morning by R. H. Hague. The shooting occurred in a lodging house. Each man fired five shots and Flood was struck twice in a vital spot. Hague was arrested by the police, and in default of bond, was held in jail.

Branch Court for Texarkana.

A telegram received at Texarkana from Congressman Morris Sheppard says that President Roosevelt had signed the bill giving Texarkana a branch of the Federal Court.

New Territory Town Projected.

Muskogee, I. T.: The officials of the Muskogee Southern, the new railroad building from this city to Fort Smith, say that the first new town that will be built on their line will be Russell. This will be twenty miles southeast of Muskogee, and in a rich section of country. The company announces that it will build a two-story stone block and start a bank at the new town, the building to be completed before the lots are placed on sale.

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LIKE MOTHER USED TO MAKE.

A Wail for Succotash and Home-Raised Pork.

The things that mother used to make are still in the world. Far in the recesses of life you will find them. And the name of the magic charm is pork. Fresh young pork—home-raised pork—clean and fat and sweet. Pork that permeates and flavors, with no indigestion in its bones and no sorrows in its train. Verily, there is more poetry in pigs than Homer extracted from their white and rosy hides—or even Charles Lamb. Oh, for some modern bard to sing the glories of the vanishing home-made pork! For where he exists joy is. Succotash—do you know it? Not the cold, hard, lumpy mixture, one part corn and other part beans—but succotash, the real thing such as our Puritan ancestors knew and loved—bean flavored with corn, corn melting to bean, and all alive and palpitating to the gentle influence of pork.

Talk not to me of stock yards or of herd or butter or cottolene or oleomargarine or other just-as-goods. I would go far this morning to meet a respectable, a worthy piece of home-raised pork. It is not the things that mother used to make that are passing away, but the things she used to make them with, the things that they stand for—the things that we must come back to in spirit and in truth, and in actuality, if we would taste again the true flavor, not the flavor of pork alone, but the flavor of life itself.—The Atlantic.

LIFE SAVED BY A MATCH.

Would-be Lynchers Would Have Taken Man But for an Accident.

Awaiting death on the gallows in the prison here, says a dispatch from New Orleans, is a man who was saved from a frightful torture, at the hands of a mob by so slight an incident as the accidental scratching of a match.

Williams McCoy, who has been guilty of assaulting a woman in Lafayette parish, was on trial there. His victim had identified him and the townspeople decided to lynch him. Threats of burning were openly made, and McCoy expected to be taken out and horribly used. On the last day of the trial a mob entered the courtroom with the avowed purpose of attacking the prisoner's guards as soon as the verdict was read and lynching him, whether he was found guilty or not.

The sheriff had extra deputies, but the mob was so large that there seemed no hope of saving McCoy. The judge received the verdict and read it. The mob started forward. At that instant, when the fight was about to begin, some one stepped upon a match, which made a loud report, and it was mistaken for a pistol shot.

McCoy fainting and the mob, believing he had been shot, stampeded. The sheriff hustled him away and locked him up, putting the key of the jail in the bank vault. Later McCoy was brought to this city and now awaits death. He has been refused a new trial.

Entitled to Forgiveness.

Passengers on one of the city street cars overheard a somewhat acrimonious discussion the other evening between a young man and a girl he adored, says the New York Press. Though carried on in an undertone, the spirit of it was unmistakable. It seemed that the man in the case, a fledgling of some twenty summers and one hard fall, had taken the young woman, a miss with a mouth like a rain-washed bud, to the theater and had also invited another girl to go along. The lady who sat beside him wanted to know what he meant by such doings. He stammered and stuttered and looked sideways until a happy thought struck him.

"Madeline," he whispered in a tone that made the cash register thrill, "you know I didn't dare take you without a chaperon. I might"—here he gazed feelingly at the register—"have wanted to kiss you."

And by a miracle her face cleared and her eyes fell consciously. "If that was the reason," she murmured softly, "I suppose I'll have to forgive you, though—"

But the rest was lost in the clatter of the car.

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ON APRIL FIRST

HOUSE HAS SET ALL FOOLS' DAY TO ADJOURN.

THE SENATE MAY UNDO THE PLAN

Legislature Will Have to Hustle, or Much Will Go To the Pigeon Hole.

Austin, Feb. 27.—The Texas house of representatives picked All Fools' Day as the time when the legislature should adjourn sine die. The vote was 59 to 21. The proposition was vigorously debated throughout the morning session. The discussion developed the fact that there is a considerable sentiment against passing an appropriation bill at this session, and to postpone that matter to a special session. It is admitted by some supporters of the proposition that such is the program. The senate, however, will have something to say on the matter. In fact, the house has given the senate a club with which to belabor it. As has been done before under similar circumstances, the senate will put the sine die adjournment resolution "on ice." Later on, if the senate concludes that the legislature should not adjourn on April 1, it will bring the resolution out of the refrigerator, amend to suit the senatorial idea, and return it to the house with the senate's compliments. If, however, the senate should conclude that April 1 is a good time to quit it will adopt the resolution in its own good time, and force the house to do its bidding. It is probable, also, that the senate will pass an appropriation bill, send it over to the house and place the responsibility for inaction upon the other body. But the adoption of sine die adjournment at this time is of little significance.

Good Prospects in West Texas.
Roby: Thursday evening it began raining here a slow, steady rain and continued all night, and at noon Friday was still raining. A splendid season is now in the ground—the best at this time of the year since 1895. The prospects for good crops in this county this year are very flattering. As a rule, when there is a winter season in this section of country, good crops follow, especially small grain. The recent blizzard caused no damage in this county to stock, wheat or oats, although it was severe.

Waco Wants Warm Water.
Waco: The drilling of a municipal hot well, has been taken up by the city council. The wells drilled twelve and fifteen years ago continue to yield plenty of water at a temperature of 103 degrees Fahrenheit, remaining unchanged in all respects, but this plan contemplates sending the drill down to a sufficient depth below the stratum yielding the present flow to obtain water as near the boiling point as possible, perhaps fully up to that temperature.

Half of Fruit Buds Destroyed.
McKinney: E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney's nurseryman says after a thorough examination of his fruit trees he finds about half of the buds of the peach, plum and apple trees killed by the recent freeze. However, enough remain to insure a good crop if no further damage is received.

Prominent Educator Dead.
Hillsboro: Prof. E. Pettit died Thursday morning while in the yard milking, of heart failure. He was 81 years old. He taught in leading colleges in Kentucky and Tennessee. He taught for years at Palestine, and while living there served two terms in the state senate. He was in the senate while Davis was governor. He taught here twelve years, but gave up teaching a few years ago on account of his health. He was born in New York.

Frisco Sold to Rock Island.
St. Louis: James Campbell, a heavy stockholder in the St. Louis and San Francisco returned Friday from New York, where he and President Yoakum have been for the last week arranging the details of the sale to the Rock Island. The stockholders of the Frisco received telegrams from Mr. Campbell stating that no transfer of the road will take place until after his arrival here.

Something Doing at Cisco.
Cisco: A franchise has been granted to parties to erect a new electric light plant in Cisco. The franchise requires the work to begin immediately, and is to be fully completed by Aug. 1. Cisco's new ice plant will be completed within a few weeks and will be of sufficient capacity to supply the demand. This is the first large plant Cisco has had. A new steam laundry using the latest improved machinery is being erected.

The President Orates.
New York: President Roosevelt was the chief speaker at a mass meeting at Carnegie Hall, held "to do honor to the character and labors of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, scholar, missionary, philanthropist, preacher, gentleman." The meeting was held under the auspices of the New York Thank-Offering Commission, which has had charge of the local work of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Fund of \$20,000,000 that has been raised by the Methodists to celebrate the advent of the twentieth century.

Bills Signed By the Governor.
Austin: Gov. Lanham approved the following measures: Bill authorizing the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad to purchase and operate the Denison and Wichita railroad. Bill changing time for holding court in the Third Judicial District. Bill diminishing the civil and criminal jurisdiction of County Court of Sutton County. Bill creating a special road law for Lamar County. Concurrent resolution, providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the Senate and house to negotiate the purchase of McArdle's painting, "The Battle of San Jacinto."

Government Farm at Terrell.
Terrell: At a meeting of the citizens of this city the final work of establishing a Government demonstration farm was concluded. The executive committee, assisted by Prof. S. A. Knapp of the Agricultural Department, selected a tract of fifty acres of land on Capt. J. B. Porter's farm three miles north of this city for the experiment farm. As soon as practicable a man will be put in charge of the land and the experimenting will begin.

Bridge Gave Way Under Wagon.
Terrell: The wagon bridge across Brushy creek, west of this city, collapsed during the rainy weather. The bridge went down while a four-mule team and wagon was on it. The west side of the bridge gave way first and the wagon, team and driver, Presley Johnson, colored, were precipitated to the bottom of the creek. No serious injury.

San Angelo Incorporated.
San Angelo: The incorporation election was hotly contested. Much interest was shown. Incorporation carried by thirty-four majority.

Lioness Attacks a Man.
Dallas: Julia, a huge Nubian lioness, attempted the life of Col. P. J. Mundy Thursday afternoon out at the fair grounds, where the Gaskill-Mundy collection of animals is now in winter quarters. Mr. Mundy owes his life to his lion trainer, Capt. Dyer.

Piscatorial Projector Prospers.
Waco: A young lady has started an entirely new industry in this city, which is the breeding of ornamental fish for aquariums, gold fish, fantails, comets and telescope fish being the specialties. Her breeding tanks are just south of the city and she is having good luck in growing them and getting into market at paying prices. She will enlarge the industry at once.

Had Killed Five Women.
Hamilton, Ohio: Albert Knapp, the Indianapolis man arrested Wednesday, who confessed to the murder of his third wife, Thursday made a full confession of five murders. Among them is that of Ida Gebhardt, the West Indianapolis girl, who was found murdered and outraged in a stable July 3, 1885.

Unknown Cattle Disease in Territory.
Denison: E. L. Overman, a dairyman of Lehigh, I. T., says hundreds of cattle are dying in and about Lehigh from a mysterious disease. Tom Barns, a stockman and farmer, who has a herd of 400 steers, is losing on an average of three a day. William Minton, the local Lehigh butcher, has 1500 head of cattle, and he, too, reports heavy losses. They are unable to account for the sudden death of so many.

Wants Big Damages.
Greenville: Mrs. M. E. Wright has filed suit against the Katy for \$30,000. J. W. Wright, plaintiff's husband, was carrying a gangplank from a car to the warehouse the accident occurring on Feb. 11, 1902. Wright's foot slipped into a hole that had formed near the sidetrack on the right of way, which was covered with hay, causing injuries from which it is alleged that he died eleven days after the accident.

Cannery for Kaufman County.
Scurry: A stock company has just been formed for the purpose of erecting at once and operating a canning factory. The contract for the building of the plant is let and work upon it will begin at once. C. E. Phillips of Dallas, is a member of the company. The plant will have a capacity of 8000 cans daily. It will be ready for operation by the beginning of the season.

ONCE AND FOREVER.
Our own are our own forever; God taketh not back His gift; They may pass beyond our vision, but our souls shall find them out When the waiting is all accomplished, and the deathly shadows lift, And glory is given for grieving, and the surety of God for doubt.
We may find the waiting bitter, and count the silence long; God knoweth that we are dust and He pitieth our pain; And when faith has grown to fullness and the silence changed to song, We shall eat the fruit of patience, and shall hunger not again.
So, sorrowing hearts, who dumbly in darkness and all alone Sit, missing a dear lost presence and the joy of a vanished day, Be comforted with this message, that our own are forever our own, And God, who gave the gracious gift, He takes it never away.



The Little Florist

I.
They were neighbors. He was a florist, and had hopes of making a good living. She was making a prosperous living by managing an inherited nursery. He was young. She was younger. There similarity ceased. He was rugged, uncultured, plain, rough, with a certain charm of virile, forceful homeliness difficult to analyze. She was pretty, college bred, aristocratic. He believed in brawn and brain. She believed in blood and breeding.
They were not neighborly. She called herself a "horticulturist." He was merely a florist. Of course, Dick Russell was a bachelor, and in love.
"Why don't you stick up a house on your grounds?" asked Uncle William one night as he and Dick sat smoking a good-night pipe in the porch.
"Can't afford it," said Dick, curtly. "I'm putting every penny I can raise into that gas machine I'm building in the nursery."
"Foolish, too! Who ever heard tell of raisin' flowers or fruit with gas? It's agin Nature."
"You'll see," said Dick, with a fierce puff at his pipe and a far away look in his blue eyes.

"It's perfectly scand'lous!" sniffed Aunt William one bitterly cold February evening as she sat by the kitchen fire mending a pair of Dick's socks.
"Which?" asked William, looking up from his newspaper absent-mindedly.
"Dick's goin'-on."
"Where's he goin' now?" he asked, his mind still on the paper.
"Don't you know?" she demanded, looking at him severely, "that Dick is a-spending ev'ry penny he's got in the world for a big black machine an' a lot o' rusty pipes?"
Uncle William looked crushed.
"Listen!" she said, suddenly, holding up one of Dick's socks warningly. Borne on the crisp night-air there came the distant ringing blow of hammer upon steel.
Just then the telephone bell rang loudly.
"Goodness me!" exclaimed William, almost dropping the lamp. Stepping to the instrument he put the receiver to his ear.
"Is Dick Russell there?" asked an unfamiliar voice.
"No. He's away at work on his gas engine."
"Will you take a message to him at once?"
"Who're you?"
"Never mind me. Here's the message—it's important. Tell Russell that the weather clerk wires, 'Severe frost to-night.' Good-bye."
A tramp of about two hundred yards through the snow brought Uncle William to the "gassy madhouse," as Dick's neighbors politely called the structure.
"Who's that?" asked Dick's voice from within.
"Me—Uncle Bill."
"What's up?"
"There's to be a severe frost to-night. Weather expert says so. An' I'm a-freezing out here."
Dick swung the door wide open.
"So there's going to be a big frost to-night, eh? Did you notice what the thermometer said when you left home?"
"It said five b'low zero."
Picking up the lantern, Dick hurried outside the door and consulted his own thermometer.
"Six below now," said he, thoughtfully.
Then, hastily giving some instructions to the workmen, he put on his

coat and hat, took up the lantern again, and turned to Uncle William.
"Uncle Bill," said he earnestly, "I've been working and waiting a long time

for this night. Sit still and get warm till I come back."
II.
Dick went straight to Helen Remington. He knocked on the door softly. His heart pounded fiercely.
"Who is there?" asked a puzzled, half-frightened feminine voice through the door.
"It's only Dick Russell," he said quietly. "There's an important matter I must see you about."
Then she opened the door—haughtily, fearlessly.
"Come into the sitting room, Mr. Russell," said the girl frigidly.
"There's to be a big record frost to-

night," said he, blushing like a girl, and I come to warn you."
"Have you warned the other neighbors?" she asked quietly.
"No-o. That is, I—I—"
"Why haven't you?"
"Because I—well—both-er it all!" he stammered, suddenly getting warm all over—"because I thought of you first. And I only got the news a few minutes ago. And I couldn't, if I wanted to, save all the orchards around here. But I can save yours—and my own—and Uncle Bill's."
"How?"
"With the gas plant I've been building, and—"
He hesitated, stopped.
"Never mind the details, Mr. Russell," she said hurriedly, as she arose to her feet; "it is late, and there is your own garden to think of. Mine must take its chances, as it always has done. I thank you."
"But," interrupted Dick, as he stood up and faced her—"but"—he began again—"I—I—"
Then a sudden comprehension swept through him; he understood her strange expression. The words he would have said died upon his lips. He marched out.

Miss Remington, left alone, took up a book and tried to read. But she could not.
Looking out in the direction of Dick Russell's farm, she saw that his orchard was encompassed and crossed by systematic rows of yellow light jets, blazing and smoking uncannily in the still air.
Then the truth came home to her. He was not insane. He was merely a genius. He was right; she was wrong. He had come to her in manly helpfulness, and she had—
The tears came to her eyes. But not for long. Hurrying to the hall, she put on her heaviest boots and warm wraps, and stepped outside. But one thought possessed her—to find Mr. Russell and ask his forgiveness. The rest did not matter.
She found him, as fate would have it—alone.
Hearing footsteps, Dick raised his head.
"Helen!"
They looked into each other's eyes—hesitating, incredulous, mute.
Words came at last. "I misjudged you," she said simply, humbly. That was all.
That night Dick "did things"—manly things, rapid, clever things. He hurried Aunt William and the two men, Uncle William hurried two horses, and the two horses hurried load after load of spare iron piping to various places on Miss Remington's farm. But first, with great joy (and a file), Dick cut a wide opening in the fence. Under his vigorous strokes the wires parted with a vicious, reluctant snap, and the victorious besieger passed through into the promised land.
Quickly and deftly the men began coupling the lengths of pipe together, while Dick, with one hand almost frozen, went back to find his lost mitten. Finding it, the pipe laying progressed with greater rapidity. Soon

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the Remington orchard was encompassed and crossed with lines of black tubing laid upon the snow crust, each pipe-length pierced in the center with a tiny drilled hole.
Ten degrees below zero!
Wearied and cold the men staggered to the gas house and sank exhausted on the floor. After a short rest Dick consulted the thermometer again.
Five below!
"I've done it!" he gasped triumphantly.

As weeks and months went by, the wisdom of Dick's foolish idea became more and more manifest; and, when crop time came, the only orchards which bore fruit crops in that village were the three farms at Prittlewell. Dick's bank account grew prodigiously. The last remnant of Miss Remington's mortgage disappeared.
The breach in fence barrier, once open, slowly widened; the sundered wires, once parted, refused to reunite. The way into paradise remained open. One night he asked a question—that question which has re-echoed in the universe since time began—and Miss Remington, blushing, archly said: "Yes, Dick."

AT THE SIGN OF THE BEAR.
Why the Fur Is the Most Popular for Advertisers.
The man who comes to New York only once in ten years said he could not understand why the bears in Central Park seemed so much stuck up than the rest of the animals, but after he had traveled about town for several days he saw through it. It was because 99 per cent of the furriers in town have chosen a big black bear for an advertising sign. Why the other animals in the Zoo should be so discriminated against puzzled the man not a little. One day he asked a furrier about it.
"It is because the bears last longer than anything else," said the furrier. "Of all the animals in New York I don't know of any that have a harder time than those that stand outside furriers' stores, winter and summer, and try to drum up trade for their employers. It doesn't make any difference what kind of weather comes along, whether it blows hot or cold, those fellows have to stand at their post and sweater or freeze, as the case may be. Naturally, all those changes are pretty hard on their hide, and none but bears can stand the strain. Some furriers have tried the fox, lynx and other animals now and then at a venture, but they have mostly come back to the bear as the most satisfactory of the lot. They cost more, too. A good stuffed bear comes as high as \$75, but if he is treated well he will last for twenty-five years, so that brings him down to a comparatively low price after all."—New York Press.

French Press Agent's Effort.
M. Coqueilin Sr., the celebrated French comedian, who is going to Berlin again this season, seems to have an enterprising impresario. The following advertisement has been issued. After quoting from a criticism by Adolph Brissson, the advertisement continues:
"Now he will travel over the whole world. He will travel over Europe, he will explore America, try every mode of conveyance—railway, steamer, electric car, kalf, cabs, Norwegian carriages, the splendid Pullman car, etc."
"He will drive everywhere in a princely turnout, accompanied by his chamberlain and court—that is, his impresario and company. He will rush on without resting, covering miles like lightning. In every town enormous placards with his portrait will announce his coming and reporters will hasten from all sides to interview this quickly appearing and disappearing meteor."

Alderman's Advice to Young Men.
Archdeacon Sinclair told a story recently at the Lord Mayor's banquet to the Common Council. In the days when he was a young vicar in Westminster, together with a number of other young men, many of them clergymen, he dined with a distinguished alderman. After the ladies had left and the gentlemen were slipping their wine the distinguished aldermen fixed the young men with a stony glare and expressed a desire to offer them one word of good advice. An expectant pause followed, the young clergymen expecting some words of exhortation. The alderman solemnly proceeded: "Young men, if ever any of you are brought up before me, don't pretend to know me, and then I can let you off."—London Chronicle.

A Vigil.
All night her flickering watch light, low and dim,
Stood in the wind-swept casement there for him.
All night, all night, in grief and unknown pain,
She listened to the beating of the rain; And when the midnight darkness closer crept,
Through all the weary hours she never slept;
But as the dawn rose, white and amenable,
God sent His balm—her brow was slumber-kissed,
Who was it thus that waited in the night,
Care-worn and wan, close to her oandle-light?
Forgetful of the boon she might enjoy— It was a mother watching for her boy.

Knew He Had No Chance.
She hesitated and asked for a little time for consultation.
"Why, certainly," he said. "There is no hurry about this matter. If you desire to consult your parents—"
"Don't you believe it for a moment," she interrupted firmly. "I want to consult Bradstreet's."
And he threw up the sponge and went out into the night.

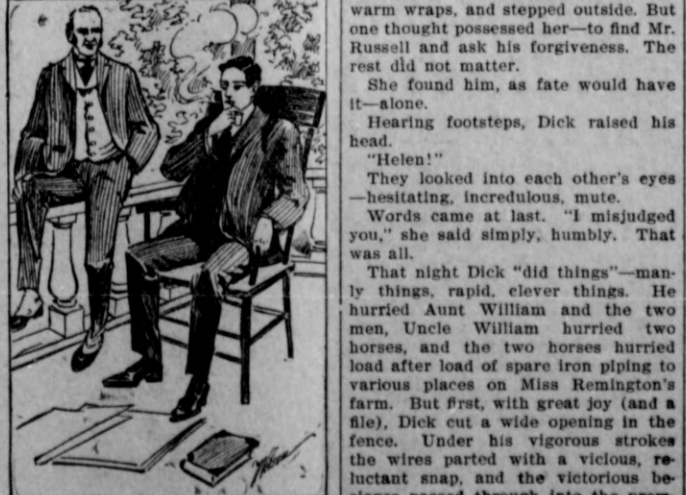
OLD LEGENDS OF BABYLON.
Tablets Deciphered Tell of Creation of the World and Man.
The story of the creation, as told on the clay tablets of ancient Babylon, is now for the first time put at the disposal of modern scholars.
Portions of it, as told in cuneiform text, were deciphered by Rawlinson and the late George Smith, but those Assyriologists had only twenty-one tablets and fragments to work on. L. W. King of the British museum has examined twenty-eight more (some of which are duplicates, however), and is thus able to get a more nearly complete and connected narrative.
Several deities appear to have been regarded as in existence at the beginning of things. At least two, Apsu and Tiamat, represented chaos, and the former rebelled against the gods in consequence. The chief struggle was between him and Ea, whose son, Bel, created the world.
Man was made by Marmuk, who, in spite of the difference in name, may have been identical with Bel. The creation of man was the culminating event of the history.
Marmuk told Ea that he intended to perform this task and asked his father to behead him. Man was to be made out of Marmuk's blood and bone. Marmuk appears to have survived decapitation, as he subsequently took part in the councils of the gods.
Many parallels between these legends and the Hebrew story of the creation can be detected by scholars. The idea that seven days were devoted to the work may have long antedated Abraham's time.
The oldest tablets yet discovered are not originals, but copies. These date back only 658-626 B. C. A reviewer in "Nature" expresses the opinion that the composition is "many thousands of years old."

THE BIRTHPLACE OF LIBERTY.
Spots in New England That Abound in Deep Interest.
If the most sacred buildings in Boston and Philadelphia are properly rivals in claiming the title of the Cradle of Liberty, then here in the Champlain valley of Vermont is surely the scene of its birth, says a writer in Harper's. From this cradle Rochester mountain one may see the great "lake that is the gate to the country," as the Indians named Lake Champlain; one may see the Otter up which the paint-smearing savages crept to make their murderous attacks deep in Connecticut and Massachusetts; one may scan where Ticonderago lies in shameful abandonment, the spot where Champlain fought the red men of 293 years ago; where the French built their most important fort in the chain that ran from Montreal to New Orleans; where Amherst took it from them; where our dashing friend and leader, young Lord Howe, fell and was secretly buried.

It required but little imagination for the mind's eye to see the path that Ethan Allen and his band took to gain, this fortress, our first great victory in the revolutionary war. From where the church spires marked the seats of Rutland, Pittsford, Brandon, Whiting, Castleton and Middlebury, one fancied he might almost see again the tall, rugged "mountain boys" stalking the trails to the rendezvous with Alleea at Shoreham— newly noted now as the birthplace of Levi P. Morton.

HAD NOTHING TO GIVE.
Excellent Reason for Congressman Being Out of Seeds.
Representative Candler of Mississippi, a prominent Baptist and successor to Private John Allen, was lamenting to the House the other day about his difficulties in getting sufficient seed for his constituents. "I use all I own quota," said he, "and then I just as many more as I can from a brother member."
"If the gentleman will kindly inform his constituents," interposed Representative "Hank" Smith of Michigan, "what kind of seeds they are getting, he will have seeds to burn."
"Has the gentleman any to give away," inquired Mr. Candler zealously. "If he has will he give them to me? If he will I will cheerfully and promptly send them to my district."
"Such as I have, I give unto thee," replied Mr. Smith, dropping waggishly into a Bible quotation.
Mr. Candler began to press the Michiganian, who admitted that he was "in the condition of the spirit that was going to give the world to the Lord if he would fall down and worship him." Mr. Smith added frankly that he had nothing to give, which seemed to puzzle the Mississippian, who questioned farther.
"I am returning home with the consent of my constituents," finally Mr. Smith admitted, amidst general laughter, thereby giving Mr. Candler to understand that he had failed of reelection.—Washington Post.

Grammar.
"What part of speech is the word 'marriage'?" asked the girl on the piazza of the Hurdened Wretch.
And he, being himself a married man, replied:
"It's a subordinate conjunction."
The examination paper read: Parse the word Pennsylvania in the sentence, "A hold-up occurred the other night in Pennsylvania."
The bright boy answered that it was an abstract noun, being the name of a state, but Mr. Cassatt, when asked about it, thought it a proper noun in the objective case, being the object of "hold-up."
"The woman and the man were married yesterday—parse woman."
And the answer of the littlest boy was, "A preposition, governing 'man.'"—New York Times.



"I'm Putting Every Penny into That Gas Machine."

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT Callahan County, Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, February Term, 1903.

J. E. W. LANE, Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas.

We The Undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Callahan County, and the Hon. I. N. JACKSON, County Judge of said Callahan County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of T. B. Holland, Ex-Treasurer and J. E. W. Lane, Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1902, and ending on the 10th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 10th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and have ordered proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 29, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in the hands of said Treasurer belonging to Callahan County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

JURY FUND.	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	\$ 412 88	
To amount received since said date.....	246 67	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		479 93
By amount to balance.....		179 62
Total.....	659 55	659 55
Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day making a total balance of.....		\$179 62

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	308 84	
To amount received since said date.....	4620 51	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		1072 54
By amount to balance.....		3856 81
Total.....	4929 35	4929 35
Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		\$3856 81

GENERAL FUND.	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	865 89	
To amount received since said date.....	7306 34	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		1858 39
By amount to balance.....		6313 84
Total.....	8172 23	8172 23
Balance to credit of said General Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		\$6313 84

COURT HOUSE FUND.	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	2278 73	
To amount received since said date.....	2342 86	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		14 09
By amount to balance.....		4607 50
Total.....	4621 59	4621 59
Balance to credit of said Court House Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		\$4607 50

JAIL FUND	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	4751 54	
To amount received since said date.....	2342 87	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		13 93
By amount to balance.....		7080 48
Total.....	7094 41	7094 41
Balance to credit of said Jail Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		\$7080 48

ESTRAY FUND	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	51 76	
To amount received since said date.....	46 60	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		52
By amount to balance.....		97 94
Total.....	98 36	98 36
Balance to credit of said Estray Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		\$97 94

POLL TAX FUND.	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's report on the 10th day of Nov. 1902.....	12 70	
To amount received since said date.....	284 08	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		30
By amount to balance.....		296 48
Total.....	296 78	296 78
Balance to credit of said Poll Tax Fund as actually counted by us on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1903, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		\$296 48

DATE	RECAPITULATION.	AMOUNT.
Feb. 12, 1903	Balance to credit of Jury Fund on this day.....	\$ 179 62
" " "	Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund on this day.....	3856 81
" " "	Balance to credit of General Fund on this day.....	6313 84
" " "	Balance to credit of Court House Fund on this day.....	4607 50
" " "	Balance to credit of Jail Fund on this day.....	7080 48
" " "	Balance to credit of Estray Fund on this day.....	97 94
" " "	Balance to credit of Poll Tax Fund on this day.....	296 48
	Total Cash on hand belonging to Callahan County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us.....	\$22432 57

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:	
25 County Jail bonds each for \$500.00.....	\$12,500 00
20 County Court House bonds each for \$1000.00.....	20,000 00
1 R. & B. bond No. 1 to Permanent School fund.....	293 76
Total.....	\$32,793 76

Witness Our Hands, officially, this 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903.

I. N. JACKSON, County Judge.

W. A. HINDS, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

PHILLIP YOST, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

J. H. BURNAM, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, by I. N. JACKSON, County Judge, and W. A. HINDS and Phillip Yost and J. H. BURNAM County Commissioners of said Callahan County, each respectively, on this, the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1903.

W. P. COCHRAN, County Clerk.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Of the Aggregate amount received and paid out of each Fund for the year ending Feb. 12, 1903, and the balance on hand or profit or debit of each Fund, and indebtedness of Callahan County, Texas.

JURY FUND. FIFTH CLASS.	DR.	CR.
To balance Feb. 12, 1902.....	\$ 121 22	
To amount received during year.....	1010 01	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	735 61	
By amount paid out during year.....		1687 22
By amount to balance.....		179 62
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	1866 84	1866 84

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND. SECOND CLASS.	DR.	CR.
To balance Feb. 12, 1902.....	4098 47	
To amount received during year.....	5441 11	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	900 00	
By amount paid out during year.....		6582 77
By amount to balance.....		3856 81
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	10439 58	10439 58

GENERAL COUNTY FUND. THIRD CLASS.	DR.	CR.
To balance, Feb. 12, 1902.....	5655 30	
To amount received during year.....	8288 36	
By amount paid out during year.....		6229 82
By amount transferred to other funds.....		1300 00
By amount to balance.....		6313 84
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	13943 66	13943 66

COURT HOUSE FUND. FOURTH CLASS.	DR.	CR.
To balance Feb. 12, 1902.....	3101 80	
To amount received during year.....	2534 85	
By amount paid out during year.....		1029 15
By amount to balance.....		4607 50
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	5636 65	5636 65

JAIL FUND. FIFTH CLASS.	DR.	CR.
To balance, Feb. 12, 1902.....	4654 17	
To amount received during year.....	3241 51	
By amount paid out during year.....		815 20
By amount to balance.....		7080 48
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	7895 68	7895 68

ESTRAY FUND. SIXTH CLASS.	DR.	CR.
To balance Feb. 12, 1901.....	105 21	
To amount received during year.....	85 55	
By amount paid out during year.....		1 31
By amount transferred to other funds.....		91 61
By amount to balance.....		97 84
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	190 76	190 76

POLL TAX FUND. SEVENTH.	DR.	CR.
To balance Feb. 12, 1902.....	239 07	
To amount received during year.....	297 95	
By amount paid out during year.....		6 54
By amount transferred to other funds.....		244 00
By amount to balance.....		296 48
To balance, Feb. 12, 1903.....	547 02	547 02

AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTY		
	Amount	Date of Accrual Month Day Year
1 R. & B. Bond issued to Permanent School fund 5 per cent int.....	\$ 293 76	April 10, 1908
25 Co. Jail bonds \$500 each 5 per cent int.....	12500 00	June 1, 1908
20 Co. Court House bonds, \$1000 each 4 per cent int.....	20000 00	April 10, 1920
Total.....	\$32,793 76	

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN.

The foregoing is a true and correct exhibit of the finances of said County for the year ending the 12th day of Feb. 1903.

Dated at Baird, Texas this 23rd day of Feb. 1903.

W. P. COCHRAN, Co. Clerk Callahan Co. Tex.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd day of Feb. 1903.

I. N. JACKSON, Co. Judge Callahan County Tex.,

MALARIA AND YELLOW JACK

(From N. Y. Herald, January 14, 1902.)

"The widow of Dr. Lazare, who, in the employ of the Government, went to Cuba, was inoculated with Yellow Fever through mosquito bites, and died, applied to Congress for relief to-day."

The above tells of the sad culmination of a series of experiments by the Government, all of which proved conclusively that the familiar mosquito is a dangerous vehicle for carrying Malaria, "Yellow Jack," and other malarial fevers.



Those who are exposed to mosquitos or other malarial influences should take warning. Iron is the fighting element in the blood and provides nature with sufficient resistance to ward off disease. But if the blood is impure or impoverished, or if there is weakness, it means that the fighting qualities of the blood have been lowered, and consequently there is danger. If you would escape, keep the blood pure and properly nourished with

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic

It supplies the blood with iron in a natural way. It is recognized everywhere as the best blood purifier and tonic in use, and it has been used for half a century.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 1, 1901.

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(\$5,000 guarantee that above testimonial is genuine.)

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

My house and lot containing 5 acres 3 blocks north of Court House, also 58 acres of land 1/2 mile north of Baird, 30 acres in farm and 28 grass. For information apply to W. E. MAYES, 12

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

FOR SALE—Old papers, 25 cts per hundred at THE STAR office.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN. Reported by J. H. Burnam, County Commissioner precinct no. 3, the following described animal:

One black mare 7 or 8 year old about 14-15 hands high, one white foal, no brand. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of March 1903.

W. P. COCHRAN, Clerk County Court.

By J. H. COCHRAN, Deputy. 44 41

B. Y. P. U.

Program for Sunday, March 8 1903.

Subject, "Young Christians in Training." Acts. 2:17, 18; Prov. 2:1-8.

Leader, Mr. Weaver Taylor.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Paper, "Why be Trained for Service," Miss Eula Cooke.

Duet, Mrs. Underwood and Miss Charlie Sartor.

Paper, "How Jesus Trained for Service," Miss Bertha Gunn.

WANTED TO BUY

Old bones and scrap iron.

14-3 T. J. WISE.

We want to closeout all clothing and overcoats; will give you big bargains come and see. T. E. Powell. 8tf.

Duck Coats Slicker lined only 90cts worth \$1.50. Come quick. T. E. Powell. 8tf.

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

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

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

DISTRICT COURT.

County Clerk Dick Cochran informs us that District Court will convene in Baird May 11th, about one month later than usual. All parties will govern themselves accordingly.

Herman Schwartz attended the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. at Dallas this week. His daughter, Ruby who has been attending school at Oak Cliff returned home with him.

OUR SPRING GOODS

Have arrived and never did we display a more beautiful line for you inspection. It consists of all kinds of Wash Goods and Dress Goods, both in white and colors. It will be a pleasure to show them.

AS TO SHOES

We have a first-class line from the smallest to the largest. If you buy a pair you will be entirely satisfied as to style and wear. They are all right. No better shoes made than ours. We have Wash Suits for Children, Ladies Underware, Parasols, Silks, Organdies, Bastists, Dimities, French and Domestica lawns and many other goods which we cannot mention. If you call we will do all we can to please you. As to prices you know as heretofore that they are the lowest. We shall have more to say later. Anticipating your visit. H. SCHWARTZ.

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

The Home National Bank OF BAIRD.

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

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