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Present their own individual aptness in correct taste. Nice orders assure me of a much appreciated popular favor. To those that haven't come we suggest a look at the line of trimmed **HATS—Compare Prices, Get Facts.** Miss Lizzie EMBERSON—in charge of this department—is always ready to answer the wants of the trade. Examine this department.

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SHALL THERE BE IRRIGATION IN WEST TEXAS?

An amendment to our constitution giving the people of West Texas the right to tax themselves to build irrigation works, if so minded, will be submitted for ratification to a vote of the state on the 8th day of August. If then rests with the voters of Texas to say if farming by irrigation will be permitted in this section of the state, known to be too dry for successful farming one year in another. Vain efforts have been made to raise money for the purpose by other methods, but it seems capital can not be induced to take up this work independently. Apparently that condition which allows it to come as far as Texas has not at this time been restored. However, it is found irrigation plants can be constructed and maintained at less cost under the plan proposed. In this amendment then if the plants are built by corporations who would charge to the limit or use of water.

If this amendment is adopted, by its provisions the entire cost of irrigation must be borne by the people of the West who may wish to organize irrigation districts. Being an amendment to the constitution, it must be passed on by the voters of the state at large; but it is well to remember its provisions apply solely to that part of the state lying west of the following counties, viz: Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Somerville, Bosque, Coryell, Williamson, Travis, Hays, Caldwell, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, Victoria, and Calhoun. If a line be drawn along the west boundary of the counties named, that section of the country east of the west by this dry line is where the proposed change in the constitution will operate, while that part east of said line, containing most of the population and wealth of the state will not be affected by it. That

is, east of this line, the people will have no tax to pay on account of irrigation. Yet if it's success and increases the taxable values of the state, it will lighten their burdens materially. Therefore, so far as the people east of this dry line are concerned, they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by the passage of this amendment.

That irrigation is the best method of farming is no longer an open question. It is resorted to the world over, in countries where the rainfall is plentiful as well as in sections where it is scant. It is used by the farmers of New Jersey as well as by the farmers of Colorado. The fertile plains of Lombardy, where the annual rainfall is above forty inches, relies on irrigation for the production of all kinds of crops, as well as the arid stretches of burning India. In arid countries there can be no farming without irrigation. In humid countries it is used to force the soil to yield its greatest capacity. This being so, why would it not be used in West Texas. It can be had in Conchos and the Panhandle, to show the best results may be expected from this method of farming. Flood water is the best for irrigation and will be used in West Texas. It can be had in plentiful supply at a cost great or small as favorable locations are found at which to build works to hold the water. Even in dry years enough escapes down the streams to irrigate the contiguous valleys if caught and held till wanted. Occasionally in exceptional seasons visits West Texas, and then each wheat crop is raised, both in quantity and quality, as testified strongly to the richness of the soil. These come, however, too infrequently, so the question recurs, why should

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BAIRD, TEXAS.

it not be arranged for this part of the state to have irrigation? There is but one answer to this, and can be but one: the amendment should be adopted, and this section of the state allowed to tax itself to impound the water of its streams, wherever practicable, for the purpose of irrigation. As yet, no opposition of moment has developed to this measure. What has been said is not against irrigation, or the necessity of it, in West Texas, but rather in fear of the abuse of the law. Let us consider this a moment. It should be borne in mind all the while, the AMENDMENT IS NOT THE LAW BY WHICH IRRIGATION ENTERPRISES ARE TO BE GOVERNED. When an amendment to the constitution is adopted the legislature must enact a proper and responsive law to put said amendment into operation, otherwise it will lie still, dead as a herring. If the amendment carries in August, no irrigation enterprise can be put in operation till proper laws to govern the subject have been enacted by the legislature. To avoid the delay of

two years, the power to make the necessary laws to control till the legislature meets in 1899 is given to a board composed of the governor, the land commissioner and the attorney general. It can not be questioned, these gentlemen will do their work with care and fairness. When in session any pertinent suggestion as to the rules and regulations they are to formulate will surely receive from them the consideration it deserves, and they can be equally relied on to safeguard the matter as to shut out schemers and give due protection to individual rights. Investigation will show that under this amendment and the laws made by the board to inaugurate irrigation in West Texas, is the fairest and cheapest way to accomplish works of this magnitude. With the just, but rigid rules the board will be called on to formulate, equal opportunities will be given the rich and the poor alike to avail themselves on the benefits of irrigation. For many reasons it will be found the small owner who assiduously works

from twenty to forty acres, will be the most successful farmer under irrigation.

They stand a better chance to make a success from the start, as they do their own work and can give to it that constant care hired help will not give.

Irrigation will not interfere with our stock interest. It will help it. In the great region lying west of the dry line there is approximately 115,000,000 acres of land. It is fair to say, no more than one per cent will go under irrigation during the lives of those now living, and for several decades ahead not one quarter of this last amount will be used. Most of the land which will be first irrigated is already in the hands of the farmer, who is holding on in that section vainly awaiting a change of the season. The food stuffs, the grain and the fodder fields, that would come in handy, reach, will make irrigation in the West a source of profit and convenience to the stockman, as now said to be the case in the state of Wyoming. With irrigation comes the day when Texas ceases to import her pork from the north. From a position low down the line, she will become one of the leading hog marketing states of the west. Then, instead of two in the state, there will be many packing houses at our leading live stock markets.

The action of the legislature in submitting this amendment, is one of the very best things done during its regular session. It denotes an attention to give more consideration to those things conducive to the material prosperity of the state. This opportunity of obtaining the benefits of irrigation, if neglected may not be presented in the near future. Its neglect should not call over small differences, but get together in earnest and support of the measure. When the time comes for the board to

formulate rules and regulations we can worry over the details; but now every friend of irrigation should advocate the amendment sturdily, lest it be defeated through the carelessness of its friends.—Ft. Worth Live Stock Reporter.

BASE BALL.

BAIRD VS. PECAN.
 The Baird diamond Wednesday evening was the scene of an interesting game of base ball between the Baird and Pecan teams.

As usual, Baird won the game, this being the second time they have defeated Pecan.

The game was called at 4:30 by the umpire, whose name we failed to learn, but whose decisions were fair and entirely satisfactory to both teams.

Howell and Jones played Pecan's battery, while McGovern and Fisher were Baird's battery.

The main feature of the game were Roberts home run hits and Leonard's fielding while McGovern and Fisher did great credit to Baird's battery.

Jones, of Pecan, got a terrific blow on the head with the ball, while at the last in the first inning.

We regret we haven't time or space to publish the game by innings. The following is the score.

Baird 9 3 8 7 0 2 0—24
 Pecan 0 1 0 0 1 2 1 3—8

SIGN YOUR NAME.

We want news items from city and country, but we must know who send them. Anonymous communications sent this office positively will not be published. This will explain to several persons lately why the items sent us were not published. If you are afraid to give your name we are afraid to give your article publicly in THE STAR. Names required not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

The Baird Star.

W. E. GILLILAND.

Published at this office at Baird, Texas, a second class matter.

Subscription Rates.

One year... Six months... Three months...

The democrats in Ohio are not anxious for Mr. Bryan to come to this state during the campaign.

The Blade is not authorized to speak for the democrats of Ohio...

Brother Gilliland of THE BAIRD STAR was kind enough to send us a copy of his last week issue.

The copy sent to newspaper offices by prominent men in this state are professions too often indicative that scientists can not spell, and that orators are ignorant of the simplest rules of punctuation.

The Standard was 13 years old last Saturday. Thirteen years of successful business under one name are a record that few, very few, newspapers in Texas can point to.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Just one hundred and twenty-one years ago, on the fourth of July, in the Statehouse of Pennsylvania, signed into the City of Philadelphia, was signed the famous Declaration of Independence.

THE 7 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

In the Grocery Business in Baird. I have secured many good things for my customers. When I find an article of exceeding merit and proper price I secure it.

Emperor's Blend. Tea. Fills the Bill. Orange Pekof.

I Carry in Stock

- Chase & Sanborns Seal Brand Coffee in 2lb tins. African Java in bulk. Pure Rio in bulk. Old Maple Syrup in bottles. Regent Canned Vegetables. Silver Cord Canned Fruits. Sweet hams & breakfast bacon, plain & canvassed. Swift and Sour Pickles in glass or wood.

BROMANGELON. The most delicious desert jelly, kept in the following popular flavors. Lemon, Orange, Strawberry, Raspberry.

I would be pleased to have you call and see my goods and get my prices before making your purchase. Yours Annixto to Please,

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The bitter feeling which has prevailed the ranks of the Confederate survivors throughout the south regarding the Grand Army for some time, found vigorous expressions in the adoption of resolutions by the survivors in Atlanta and New Orleans.

OBSERVER.

Forty-one years in north eastern Kentucky, 19 years in Kansas and years in Texas is the writers age. And such education, as Texas puts up, takes the May apple out of the forks of the road.

THE LIVES KEYS PEOPLE WELL.

When the liver is sluggish all other organs are affected. You suffer from constipation, biliousness, indigestion, headache, pain in back, chest and loss of energy.

BEES AND HIVES.

Italian Bees and Roofs, best hives, for sale cheap.

BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR SALE.

My blacksmith and wood shop in Baird for sale. Apply to W. H. SMOOK.

WHEAT WHEAT.

I have completed my arrangements whereby I can handle all the grain in this county at the highest cash price or on the exchange. J. Norton 2147

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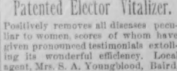
Fresh bread baked daily, and can be had in any quantity desired. My bread is made of the best flour the market affords. Mrs. E. K. KASK.

WHEAT WANTED.

I will be in the market for wheat this year and will pay the highest prices the market affords. F. P. SHAKELFORD, Baird, TEXAS.

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Also will earn \$25 weekly, with out any more money, and will last you 100 years.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Nice shirt waist 50 cents at Powell's. Drugs and periodicals. R. A. Speer. Books, patent medicines and toilet articles. R. A. Speer. 1414

For a first-class sewing machine go to R. Phillips. 261f. Headquarters at Vaughn & Co. the best house in town. 151f

I carry a full line of Kellam & Moore glasses. R. A. Speer. 261f. Paints, oils and wall paper a specialty at R. Phillips. Call and see. 261f

The finest assortment of matting in town at Vaughn & Co. 151f. Finest line of tablets, box paper, paperettes. Nelson & St. John. 141f

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Go to L. O. Orler's Best Market for fresh beef, pork, sausage, head cheese, smoked hams and breakfast bacon. 141f

H. Schwartz, mgr. for Leo. Stern asks us to say to the public that he has straw hats until you can't rest until you buy one. 191f

We invite you to call and look through our beautiful line of carpets. We can and will please you. Nothing like it ever shown in Baird. Prices are right and so are the goods. Don't forget to look at our matting. H. SCHWARTZ, Mgr.

When the spring time comes, "genie Annie" like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Bitters famous little pills for the liver and the stomach all the year round. Nelson & St. John. 294f

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The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chafe, piles, hemorrhoids, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures the liver and renovates the system with DeWitt's Little Early Bitters famous little pills for the liver and the stomach all the year round. Nelson & St. John. 294f

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How is this? Ladies Oxford Ties (striped) from 75c and 99c each. Window Shades, Dry Goods and Ladies Shift Waists. Lower than anyone. H. F. FOY.

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Owing to the many depredations committed on the Va. Ranch, Lead & Cattle Co. I am forced to forbid all persons from hunting on the lands or fishing in waters of said company, and any person so hunting or fishing will be prosecuted. These lands of this company are posted. 241f F. S. BURL.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm has no equal as a household liniment. It is the best remedy known for rheumatism, lame back, neuralgic, neuralgia, sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds and sore throat. It is invaluable. Wertz & Pike merchants. Ferandina, Fla. write everybody who buys a bottle of Chamberlain's Remedies, come back and say it is the best medicine he has ever used. 25 and 50 cent per bottle at all drug stores. June 55 1yr.

THE NEW FEE BILL

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County attorney, an amount not exceeding \$2500 per annum.

Clerk of the district court, an amount not exceeding \$2500 per annum, inclusive of the \$500 allowed by the constitution and paid by the state.

Clerk of the district court, an amount not exceeding \$2500 per annum, inclusive of the \$500 allowed by the constitution and paid by the state.

Collector of taxes, an amount not exceeding \$2500 per annum. Assessor of taxes, an amount not exceeding \$2500 per annum.

A NEW TRIUMPH. The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured.

W. A. Hosmer, the Great Chemist and Scientist, will cure all cases of Chronic Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Hay Asthma, Hay Cough, Hay Fever, Hay Asthma, Hay Cough, Hay Fever, Hay Asthma, Hay Cough.

Noting could be better, more efficacious, and more pleasant in its effects, than the generous offer of the honored and distinguished chemist, W. A. Hosmer, of New York City.

He has proved a reliable and abundant source for consumption, and all bronchitis, hay fever, and other diseases, and all the ailments of the human system.

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collected by him during the fiscal year, and the amount of fees charged and not collected and by whom done, and the number of reports made by him during the year and the amount paid or to be paid each; and all fees collected by officers and assistants in excess of the maximum amount allowed and in excess of the amount for their services, and for the services of their deputies or assistants here provided, shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county where the excess accrued; provided, that the officer mentioned in section 10 of this act who does not collect the maximum amount of his fees for any fiscal year and who reports delinquent fees for that year shall be entitled to retain, when collected, such part of such delinquent fees as is sufficient to complete the maximum compensation for the year in which they are so collected, and he also retains one-fourth of excess belonging to him, and the remainder of the delinquent fees for each year shall be paid as hereinafter provided for when collected.

Whenever an officer named in section 10 of this act shall require the services of deputies or assistants in the performance of his duties, he shall apply to the county judge of his county for authority to appoint same, and the county judge, under order authorizing the appointment of such number of deputies or assistants as he deems proper or necessary as assistants to the officer named in section 10 of this act, shall make affidavit that they are necessary for the efficiency of the officer named in section 10 of this act, and the county judge may require in addition a statement showing the need of such deputies or assistants, and in the event the county judge attempts to influence the appointment of any person as deputy or assistant, he shall be deemed in contempt of court, and the maximum amount allowed for deputies or assistants for their services shall be as follows:

First assistant or chief deputy, a sum not to exceed a rate of \$1200 per annum, others not to exceed \$800 per annum.

The county judge in issuing his order granting authority to appoint such persons as witnesses, shall state in such order the number of deputies or assistants authorized and the amount to be paid each; and if the county judge allows shall be paid out of fees of office to which said deputies or assistants may be appointed, and shall not be included in estimating the maximum salaries of officers named in section 10 of this act.

All fees due and not collected as shown in the reports required by section 11 of this act shall be collected by the county judge or his deputy, and the amount of such part of delinquent fees as may be due the county, the officer making such reports shall be entitled to ten per cent of the amount collected by him, and the remainder to be paid to the county treasurer as provided in section 11 of this act. It shall not be legal for any officer named in section 10 of this act to receive any fee that may be due under the law fixing duties.

commissions, in a book to be provided by the clerk for that purpose, in which the officer at the time into any fees or moneys shall come into his hands, and he shall enter thereon, and it shall be the duty of the grand jury (and the district judge shall so charge the grand jury) to examine the reports of the officers of the district court next succeeding the first day of December of each year, and to report to the district court at the conclusion of the session of the grand jury.

The officers named in section 10 of this act in those counties having a population of 15,000 or less shall not be required to make reports of fees as provided in section 11 of this act, or to keep a statement as provided for in section 16 of this act; the population of the county to be determined by the vote cast at the next preceding presidential election, on the basis of five inhabitants for each vote cast at such election, provided that all district attorneys shall be required to make reports, and to keep the statements required in this act.

The tax collector and assessor, at the time of their settlement of accounts with the comptroller, shall file with him a statement of all moneys received and disbursed under section 11 of this act.

This section defines the fiscal year of the county clerk, and the return to be made by him, and the amount to be received for his services, and the amount to be received for his deputies or assistants for their services.

Section 20. The sheriff shall, in addition to his reports and statements required by sections 11 and 16 of this act the following items, to-wit: 1. A statement of all moneys received and disbursed, including the per diem allowed him received from the state in conveying attached persons to and from the county residence, 2. Mileage and sums allowed by the law and paid by the county for civil suits and conveying prisoners to and from any point beyond the county of the sheriff's residence under all legal process, 3. A statement of all moneys received as rewards for making arrests of fugitives and for civil suits, and for removing and conveying prisoners to and from the county for safe keeping, support and maintenance of prisoners confined in jail.

Section 21. Any district clerk who shall issue any attachment or subpoena for any witnesses, attachment or writ of court or upon the written application signed and sworn to by the defendant or state's counsel stating that such witness is believed to be a material witness, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall pay a fine not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

For each final judgment or decree, 2 cents; every other order or decree not exceeding 100 words, 15 cents; where such other order or decree contains 100 words and not more than 200 words, 25 cents; when any final judgment or decree, or any other order or decree, or any other order or decree, shall exceed 200 words, 50 cents; each additional page inserted in a subpoena, 5 cents; approving bond, except bond for cost in civil suits, \$1; approving notarial bond, 50 cents; copies of interrogatories, cross-interrogatories, and all other papers or records required to be copied by him, including certificate and seal, where the copy does not exceed 200 words, for each 100 words, 15 cents; where the copy exceeds 200 words, for each additional 100 words in excess of 200 words, 10 cents; transcript in any case where appeal or writ of error is taken, with certificate and seal, each 100 words, 15 cents; recording all papers required or permitted by law to be recorded, not otherwise provided for, for each 100 words, 15 cents; and seal, for each 100 words, 25 cents; issuing and re-issuing licenses for recording return of any writ when any such return is required by law to be returned, the amount of 50 cents for each return of 100 words, for each 100 words in excess of 100 words, 10 cents; quality of copies, for each 100 words in excess of 100 words, 10 cents; quality of copies, for each 100 words in excess of 100 words, 10 cents; quality of copies, for each 100 words in excess of 100 words, 10 cents.

Section 22. The clerks of the district court shall receive the following services for the following services: For recording returns of any writ when any such return is required by law to be recorded, the amount of 50 cents, when the return exceeds 100 words, for each 100 words in excess of 100 words, 10 cents.

Section 23. Justices of the peace shall receive for the following services: For recording returns of any writ when any such return is required by law to be recorded, the amount of 50 cents, when the return exceeds 100 words, for each 100 words in excess of 100 words, 10 cents.

Section 24. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed. It is not intended, however, by this act to repeal any law with regard to any fee except where there is a conflict between the fees provided for by this act and the fees prescribed by this act.

Section 25. It shall be the duty of the county clerk to file with the county clerk a copy of the minutes of the district court, and to file with the county clerk a copy of the minutes of the district court, and to file with the county clerk a copy of the minutes of the district court.

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Section 4. That laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed, it being intended to affect any fees as prescribed by other laws, except when they conflict with this act.

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The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the hands of the collector of relics of war. The pistol ought to have been filled with bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of

Pistols and Pestles.

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PERFECTING PROTECTION.

Two Slight Changes Suggested in the Future of Farmers and Laborers. The issue is now engaged in re-considering the small imperfections of the Dingley bill, which, as all good protectionists are agreed, is one of the best tariff bills ever drafted.

First.—Little's remedy, a heavy sublet made enable the farmer to get a small slice of the benefits of protection. Of course the farmer should expect—more than usually to get a much of the benefits as the manufacturers have been getting for 50 years. A protection of about 20 per cent—about 15 cents per bushel on wheat, 5 cents on corn, etc.—would satisfy him, which it takes four times as much to satisfy ordinary tariff infants.

Second.—It is also fitting to recognize the laborer in the distribution of tariff profits. The farmer may not get his hand into his pocket to help swell the profits of protection, protection is an easy matter to equalize the benefits of protection so that no one can get a small slice of the full share.

At present the condition of working-men in the protected industries is pitiable in the extreme. The Philadelphia Ledger, a good Republican paper, told us about May 1 that in the protected iron and coal industries of Pennsylvania the wage rate has been reduced so low "that it is scarcely sufficient to provide the necessities of decent sanitary living."

When these changes are made in the bill, it will undoubtedly be what the New York Tribune declared its prototype, the McKinley bill, to be—"the fairest and best tariff bill ever passed."

DEEP CREEK DOTS.

June 30—Grave, the 6 year old daughter of Wayne Eastham, was bitten last Wednesday night by a polecat. A medicine was applied and the child is doing well. The dog who killed that polecat shows no alarming signs although closely watched.

Jose Walker's year old boy, Tom fell the other day from a horse that was led by his uncle, J. B. Walker. Grave fears were entertained that the right arm of the little fellow was broken. Fortunately it was only bruised and Mr. R. J. Harris reset and bled the injured limb.

Mathews & Tisdale's team broker finished the business in that part of Deep Creek Valley yesterday and started for the lower Deep Creek. The put out so far is about 2000 bu. wheat and 2000 bu. of oats and of course hardly one-third of the oat crop was threshed, the bigger part being saved for feeding in shaves.

Prof. Ab Martin left last Saturday for Xoville, Coleman county to receive there his old school for a short term of 2 months. You see they have a special school tax in other communities and manage to give their children's and extra 8 months school.

Mrs. Pearl Smart went to Baird yesterday to meet her friend, Miss Claire Parker, of Nimrod, Eastland county, who will spend a few days visiting here.

I learn from reliable source that in Cross Plains and Cottonwood the question of communication by rail and roads with a railroad town is agitated again and that each community is willing to subscribe about \$100 toward it.

John Matthews, of Callahan City was in town yesterday. Commissioner's court was in session as a board of equalization.

Dr. Towell was called to H. A. McWhorter's Sunday night. A girl, mother and child doing well.

At a meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That when any arrest is made of any person charged with the unlawful handling of any stock of any number in this association...

Resolved, That each member of this association is hereby requested not to employ or have in his employ any person in his employment person who has been indicted for theft, and further resolved that each member of this association is hereby requested not to go upon the criminal bonds of such persons nor aid them in making the same.

Bank of 1,930 acres ten miles south of Baird on the Coleman road, all fenced and good house with other improvements, for particulars apply or write to Louisa C. Heimer, 701 East Second St. Fort Worth, Texas, 29.

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