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HON. J. C. KEARBY'S VIEWS.  
HE WILL VOTE FOR THE IRRIGATION AMENDMENT AND BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD CARRY.  
THE BLESSINGS AND BENEFITS.  
The People of the West Are Deserving and Should Be Assisted, Col. Kearby Says.

From Dallas News-July 21.  
A news representative called at the office of Hon. Jerome C. Kearby yesterday.  
"What do you think of the irrigation amendment?" he was asked.  
"What do I think of the irrigation amendment to the constitution proposed by the twenty-third legislature. I am ordinarily opposed to any public enterprise which draws its substance from interest-bearing bonds. There are, however, many features of this amendment and its probable results should it carry that commend themselves to public favor. I have witnessed the conditions of servitude of people resulting from private corporate ownership of water in parts of California and other sections of this country, and there was predisposed to regard the amendment with distrust. But something more than a superficial investigation has convinced me that this amendment, together with the rules and regulations which are to be prescribed first by a board and lastly by the legislature, will effectually protect the citizen against the abuses and oppressions of private corporate ownership.  
"The section of country which is to enjoy the benefits and sustain the burdens of this amendment, is of fertile soil of diversified resources, and especially adapted to agricultural and horticultural pursuits, with a delightful climate and most beautiful surroundings, but a few years ago it

gave promise of very soon developing into the champaign section of our state; the successive droughts, however, have impoverished its pioneer citizens, arrested emigration and depreciated land values until to-day it is but little better than a barren waste. I believe it to be a part of good citizenship, a patriotic duty, for the people of Texas to assist in rescuing this large area of territory from bankruptcy and restore by placing them in a condition where they can assist themselves, restore their land values. By all this Texas commerce is increased all Texas interests are stimulated.  
"The amendment is local in its operation, local in its tax liability, but general in its blessings and benefits. I am in favor of local self-government. I do not understand that the adoption of the amendment itself creates any liability imposed any burden. But if the people of Texas ratify the amendment, then any given section of the country embraced within the latitude mentioned, may by a majority vote of the persons owning irrigable land within the district sought to be irrigated and actually residing within such district, may organize themselves into an irrigation district, levy upon themselves taxes to create a sinking fund and to raise a revenue with which to pay interest on bonds authorized by the amendments to be issued, which is to be a charge alone upon the irrigable lands in such district. I can see no substantial reason why these people should not be permitted to this associate themselves together, create liens upon their land to the end that such lands may be made habitable and their industry made profitable.  
"I also believe that the amendment is further made optional by the citizen or land owner to the extent that should he own irrigable lands within such district, but declines to use the

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motor for such purpose, the legislative board prescribing the rules may exempt from taxation or liability under the amendment. This amendment, while far-reaching, is very largely experimental, yet the very magnitude of the contemplated enterprise is self-protection, it can not be put in practical operation in a day, or year or even a decade. Should the early experience prove beneficial and successful, then the drought-stricken sections will gradually avail themselves of the option given them, should these first experiments result disastrously and harmful, then the country can, by popular election, escape further wrong and hurt.  
"I have seen much of the section to be affected by this amendment, and know something of its capabilities, the nerve and courage of its citizens; have seen and read of their trials, reverses and failures, their energy and perseverance. I believe they deserve well at the hands of the people of the state, therefore I shall vote for

the amendment, to enable them to make one final effort, looking to the betterment of their condition, the welfare and happiness of their homes. If the policy be a mistaken one, they originated it, they are practically unanimous for it, the results of the mistake are visited upon them alone. If success and prosperity be to come from the policy, those people are entitled to it. To deny them the experiment is a cruel invitation to move."  
BREAD.  
Mrs. E. N. Kase, who had the misfortune sometime ago to fall and hurt one of her arms badly, has so far recovered that she is able to resume baking bread. Call on Mrs. Kase when you want bread.  
FOR SALE ON LONG TIME.  
Band of 1,250 acres ten miles south of Baird on the Coleman road, all fenced and good house with other improvements, for particulars apply or write to Louise C. Heimer, 701 East Second St. Fort Worth, Texas, 29 3m.

HONESTY OF SOUTHERN SENATORS.  
The death of Isam G. Harris naturalized the fact that he died a poor man, and suggests the observation that nearly all southern senators are comparatively poor men, and when they die or quit the senate are usually poorer than they were at the beginning of their senatorial careers. This is significant when it is recalled that the senate is regarded now as a club of millionaires. Why is it that the south is the only section of the union where high political offices are does not rest so largely upon wealth? Why is it that a section containing nearly 30 per cent of the nation's population can not boast of a millionaire senator? One reason is that in reality there are few southern millionaires, and these few have become rich by sticking to business, and avoiding politics. Nevertheless, large fortunes are made by senators, who receive \$5000 a year for their public services, and it goes without saying that senators who become rich in the public service, are accounted politicians of such practical ability. Southern senators have been generally criticized for supporting fallacious theories and practicing the demagogic arts. Such criticism has usually been justified by the record, but is a gratifying fact that the personal honesty of southern congressmen has rarely been attacked. Personal honesty is the keynote of character, and character in its broad sense must ever be the safeguard of the republic. A senatorial campaign such as is being waged in Ohio at the present time is an impossibility in the southern states, and every southern citizen should be glad that it is so. It is an unfortunate fact that the infame money is necessary in northern elections of all kinds and that it is not uncommon for those elected to

high official station to be the mere representative of some particular commercial or financial interest. The unimpeded degeneration of the senate for thirty years past has been wisely treated, and is no longer questioned by intelligent students of national affairs. Nearly every state has suffered in some degree in this respect. In the south it has merely been an intellectual degeneration. The present southern members, while generally lacking the mental capacity of old southern statesmen, are men of admitted personal honesty, and it would be foolish to charge against them anything more serious than a subversion of personal judgment to party demands. This is bad enough, but not quite so bad as that degrading consciousness which regards as legitimate speculation in stocks while legislation affecting such stocks is pending. The example of Senator Caffery, a sugar planter, resisting sugar duties beyond the limit of revenue considerations is certainly an eloquent tribute to the southern idea of sinking personal interest in legislation affecting all the people.—Dallas News.  
NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CITY TAX PAYERS.  
Notice is hereby given to all parties who are delinquent for city taxes for 1896, and prior years, including that on property sold for taxes and unredeemed, to come forward and settle up the same by September 1st 1897. Unless paid by then foreclosure suits will be brought to enforce the collection of said taxes. The costs in said suits will be greater in most cases than the taxes, and by paying at once you will prevent much unnecessary costs and trouble.  
By order of the city council,  
ED COPPENS,  
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A close examination of my stock will reveal the fact that my line of merchandise is selected upon a basis of value, and priced to merit the attention of all buyers. I invite comparison in selections and quality of goods, investigate the current prices, post yourself and I'll make it very convincing to you that this is the place to make your purchases. My Summer Goods must all be sold.

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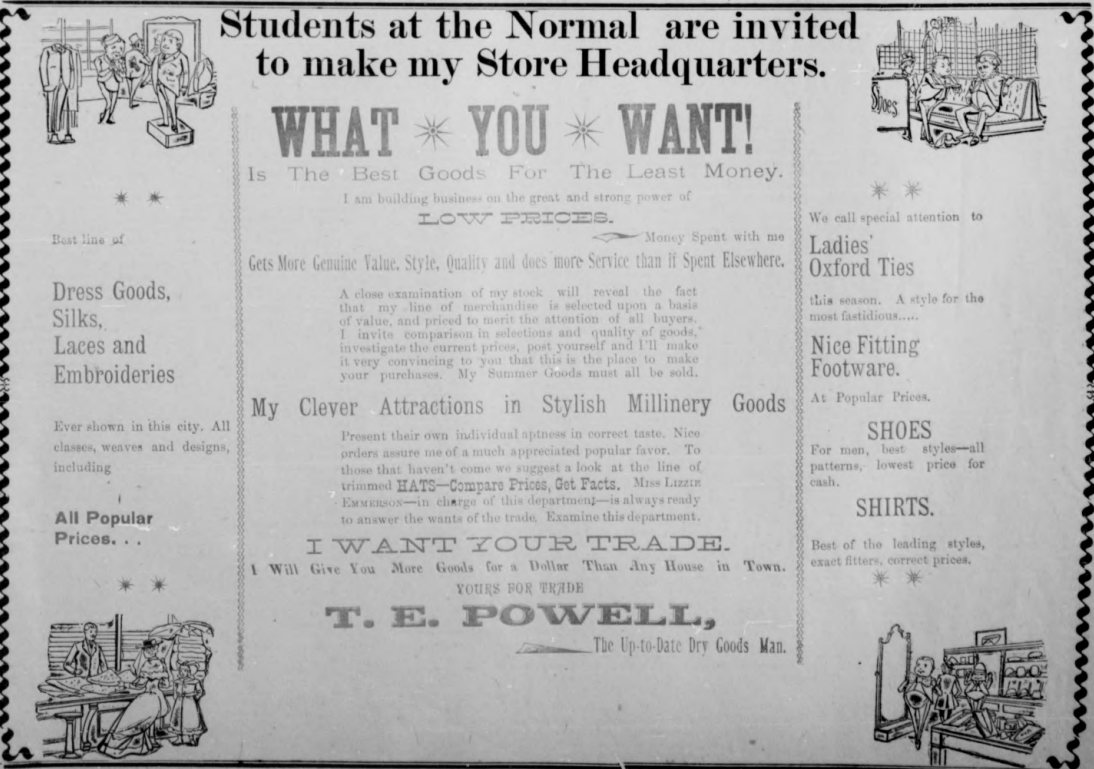
Present their own individual aptness in correct taste. Nice orders assure me of a much appreciated popular favor. To those that haven't come we suggest a look at the line of trimmed HATS—Compare Prices, Get Facts. Miss LIZZIE EMBERSON—in charge of this department—is always ready to answer the wants of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

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ALASKAN GOLD FIND.

Wealth that Pales the Fables of Monte Cristo.

Late San Francisco dispatch tells a story rivaling in magnitude that of the fabulous wealth of Monte Cristo...

There came in on the Excelsior some forty people, men and women, from what is known as the Clondyke district...

The new El Dorado is beyond the Alaskan boundary in British territory.

The discovery of the Clondyke region presents a story that is unique and interesting.

Forty miles on the Yukon, is a tribe of Indians known as the Slickers, and with them in the years ago was known as George Carmack...

Reports of great gold discoveries in Alaska caused the excitement at Seattle, Wash. D. C.

Oil for the world.

A lake bed by Springs from Minnesota is said to be the greatest oil discovery ever made in reported from Alaska...

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TO BLUFF UNCLE SAM.

A Reported Spanish-Japanese Offensive and Defensive Alliance.

London, July 18.—A dispatch from Paris says that envoys at the American embassy at Paris elicited a confirmation of a rumor that the governments of Spain and Japan have arranged a defensive alliance against the United States.

Washington, July 18.—The report sent out from Paris of a defensive alliance between Spain and Japan against the United States was not confirmed at the state department.

A MURDERER'S FATE.

A Florence, Ala., special to the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune says...

Both the Spanish and Japanese ministers are out of the city.

The invasion of Matanzas into occupied Porto Rico.

The New York Herald says: The invasion of Matanzas into occupied Porto Rico by insurgent forces on their march westward is now an accomplished fact.

The Herald's correspondent in Matanzas writes that Col. Alvarez...

A report is current and generally believed in Matanzas that the insurgents have been driven out of the city.

General Weyler has not succeeded in driving the insurgents completely given up the idea, for he has left Sancti Spiritus and is now at Cienfuegos on his way back to Havana.

Importation of Tea.

New York importers, so it is said, are confronted by the prospect of a large tonnage of tea...

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Twenty thousand head of sheep from Mexico were entered at the Laredo custom house.

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James R. Hawkins' body was found lying beside a road six miles from Hartsley, Ok., and has been a short distance away.

ON THE ALERT.

Insurgents Have Merged Into Matanzas Province.

The Chicago Times-Herald has the news of the undersigned, and Japan have arranged a defensive alliance against the United States.

The administration has taken steps to keep its grip on Hawaii. Any aggressive interference on the part of Japan will result in the landing of marines and hoisting of the American flag with or without the ratification of the pending annexation treaty.

The administration, realizing that some crisis might arise while the treaty hangs fire in the senate, has taken steps to be prepared for any emergency.

Rear Admiral Beardeise will arrive in Honolulu, instructions giving him power to act in the event of aggression on the part of Japan or trouble of any kind with the Hawaiian authorities.

Senator Tillman's hobby is the enactment of a law to increase the dispensary liquor law in South Carolina.

Senator Tillman, "I wish that you would agree to a special rule by which the disciplinary bill can be called up in the house."

"Let me see," said the speaker, with his characteristic bluntness, "it is a bill to override the decision of a United States court."

"No, sir," retorted Senator Tillman, "it is a bill to express the wishes of the people."

"The people of the United States or the people of South Carolina?" inquired the speaker, with a tantalizing smile upon his face.

Charles J. O'Malley, now of St. Louis but formerly of County Kerry, Ireland, was personally acquainted with Capt. Boycott, whose death was recently reported.

"Boycott was the agent for an estate at Let Mask, in county Galway," said Mr. C. O'Malley, "and I guess he was the meanest man that ever lived. His petty tyranny was so exasperating that nobody would work for him. The merchants refused to sell him goods or do business with him."

"One season when he could get no workmen, the English government sent him an attachment of soldiers, and he was forced to give the soldiers in their gay uniforms, harvesting the crops."

"One instance of his petty tyranny well shows the kind of man he was. One of the few workmen he was able to engage, occurred in the village of Let Mask, from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m., went one day late, leaving a barn door open. Boycott sent a man after the thief, who made him walk from his home to Boycott's place, a distance of several miles, and shut the door behind him."

"The 'boycott' started in 1879 and continued for two or three years. Every time Boycott appeared in the village the 'boycott' was hoisted after him, and stones and mud were thrown at him."

"Boycott finally realized what a fool he was making of himself, and became a good man as he had been before, and during his life was greatly respected and loved by his tenants. He is now dead, but his name will live forever."

A member of the firm of Carter, Macy & Co. said that the "first crop" upon which importers had been heavily taxed...

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It is the duty of every citizen to vote at the polls on the day of the election, and to vote for the best man for the office.

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W. E. GILLILAND.

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### NOTICE.

Every person is well naturally expect us to pay our bills, but it is impossible for us to pay promptly when we fail to collect what is due us. Anything paid on account, large or small, will be appreciated at any time, and especially just now. THE STAR. If

All sorts of absurd arguments are being used against the irrigation amendment; but one of the most absurd that we have heard yet is that some are offering to buy of the amendment carries that all lands, whether irrigable or not, that is included in an irrigation district can be bonded and taxed for irrigation purposes. Any person that will offer to make such a bid as this either has not read the amendment or he cannot understand plain English when he reads it. THE STAR makes the assertion that no land that is in an irrigation district can be included in an irrigation district. The amendment no where provides for bonding and taxing any other than irrigable land, consequently grazing land or agricultural land not irrigable cannot be taxed under this amendment. Read first paragraph in section 20 of the amendment. If the amendment would permit the bonding and taxing of land for irrigation purposes that could not possibly be irrigated equally with all other lands in said district, the work would be a fraud because it would amount to confiscation of all non-irrigable land in irrigation districts. But the widest stretch of the imagination of any one can justify any such a construction as this. The amendment is proposed to help West Texas, and the people of East Texas are willing to help us, but our people in West Texas are so short sighted or controlled by personal interests that they are doing all they can to defeat the amendment that promises so much for West Texas. If the amendment is defeated the people of West Texas alone will be responsible for it.

### NORMAL NOTES.

Miss Nina Redmond and Lage Stewart of Baird entered this week.

Ex-teachers J. H. Wood, R. A. St. John, R. L. Russell, T. B. Holland and others were visitors at the school.

Sup. H. B. Conline of Marfa, Texas, representing the state board of education, arrived on Thursday train and will address the teachers while here.

The examination for the scholarship in the San Houston normal school will take place on the third day of August. The examination will include the following branches: Orthography, Reading, Writing, Elementary Algebra, Geography, English Grammar, English Composition and U. S. History.

County Judge J. E. Thomas conducted the recitation in Civil Government Wednesday, the subject being the Supreme Court.

Prof. D. S. Sawyer, president of Weatherford College, was with us Tuesday and Wednesday and made some fine talks.

### A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.

AMULET, TEXAS, July 13, '97.  
Will you please send the columns of the Reporter to all parties interested, that I have been allowed to name two persons for appointment to the San Houston normal school from this 20th senatorial district. Desiring to give these appointments to the most deserving and meritorious and desiring to give every young man and woman, whose actual domicile residence is in the district, an equal show, I shall, under the direction of competent teachers, hold a competitive examination at Baird on Tuesday, August the 18th, 1897, and those two making the highest grade shall receive the appointments. I trust that all the papers in the 20th senatorial district will copy this.

Very Respectfully,  
H. A. TILLEY.

We have the opportunity of a life time. Vote for the irrigation amendment.

# 11 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.  
Koh-i-noor. Orange Pekof. I Carry in Stock

Chase & Sanborns Seal Brand Coffee in 2lb tins.  
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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 Anxious to Please,

# Julius Norton.

### COTTONWOOD CLIPPINGS.

July 14.—We are in the midst of a drought. Cotton suffering and will be light, cotton where the land is well cultivated is not suffering yet. The Epworth League in connection with the Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools will have a picnic at Cottonwood on Friday before the second Sunday in August for which they intend to have an extensive programme. Every body is invited.

Dr. Sublett who has been visiting at Fort Worth and surrounding country returned Saturday.

Miss Lena Parker of Ninrod, who is visiting Miss Pearl Smart, of Tomato, accompanied Miss Smart, visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Rosa Norton and Jan. Hembree attended singing at Spring Springs last Sunday.

Several Putnamites, some of whom remained over this week, attended the meeting conducted by Elder Webb at this place, Sunday. Among those we knew were J. H. Suris, Sr. and wife, Mrs. Annie Suris, Morland Suris, Bony Smith, Will Short and wife, Bob Reed, Joe McGowan, Ole Moon and another gentlemen were down from Baird Sunday.

W. F. Cochran was down last week for two or three days.

Will Coffman, Marvin Farmer and Charley Allen are boarding with Geo. Harris and attending the Vandyke school at this place. T. E. Pool is also attending the same school.

Prof. Tipton being a grammar and arithmetic school here Monday.

Mr. Odum who was thrown from a wagon and severely hurt some time since is able to be up now.

Mrs. and Mr. Odum gave Mrs. Ora Martin, Mrs. Odum, an entertainment Tuesday night which was well attended. Mr. Martin lives at Odessa and is visiting here.

Rev. Webb's meeting is being well attended and his sermons are doing much toward dispelling the traditions and superstition that may have mixed with religion.

With the finishing facilities we will have this fall, the ground at this place from 2000 to 3000 bales of cotton, and it is to the interest of the merchants of Cottonwood to make arrangements to handle the cotton here. Thousands of dollars of trade which rightfully belongs here goes to other places because the business men make no effort to secure it.

Cottonwood is improving steadily and only needs a few live enthusiastic men to make her bump higher.

### DEEP CREEK DOTS.

July 20.—Thos. Ponnell and family returned the other day from Barrett County and with them, John Pearce. The latter gentleman in full appreciation of the biblical saying: It is no good for man to be alone, carried a fair daughter of Barrett County as loving and beloved wife to his home. John seems so deeply immersed in the blissfulness of young matrimony life that he has hardly any eyes for the balance of the world. Nevertheless we congratulate.

Will McGowan, one of Cross Plains' successful business men told us that a contractor in Eastland County made the offer to establish the telephone connection between Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Cisco in consideration of a bonus of \$100 from Cross Plains and \$250 from Cottonwood.

Both places—Mr. Dolph Holston of Cottonwood, assured me only a few days ago—would prefer communication with the county seat. But if Baird will do nothing and will not start the enterprise soon and energetically we will see the adjoining county encroach more and more upon the eastern part of Calhoun county. There are lots of gentlemen of leisure in Baird who could devote a couple of days to the good cause. The question is only, who has the public spirit in my opinion it would be best to have a public meeting and then there decide upon the ways and means.

A fine rain Saturday night and Sunday and this time localities were blessed that last week went without rain. Indeed this year seems to be a letter year in the history of Baird county and every day protractors stop and inquire for land and prices.

There is a new comer at Mr. and Mrs. Wonders. You see Calhoun County is really on a boom in all directions and fortunately the bio is not artificial but entirely upon natural resources.

I record with pleasure another accession to the list of subscribers to wards our new meeting house. Geo. Wells who always shows practical interest in everything that concerns the community and good subscriber \$50. Another substantial citizen has declared he would give as much as any of them. We put no limit to any individual's generosity and liberality and feel really elated over this splendid start, especially as the actual canvassing and soliciting work has not commenced at all.

John, the only child of Mrs. Emma Hill and a very bright boy was taken seriously sick last week with inflammation of the stomach and bowels. Two physicians were in attendance and the danger is not over yet. Out we hope that a change for the better will set in soon. H. B.

### THE LIVER KEEPS PEOPLE WELL.

When the liver is sluggish all other organs are involved. You suffer from constipation, biliousness, jaundice, headache, pain in back, chills and loss of energy. You will never know how promptly these troubles can be cured until you see ANKER-PURGE. It cures quickly when all other remedies utterly fail. Regulates the liver, purifies the blood. Restores a valuable vegetable remedy that gives new life and energy almost from the first dose. Price 50c. Nelson & St. John, Baird, Tex. may 20 97

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I have completed my arrangements whereby I can handle all the grain in this county at the highest cash prices or on the exchange. J. Norton 241F

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We do anything that can be done with a bicycle. We have a large stock of new and used bicycles. Also, we have a large stock of sporting goods. Call on A. J. ANDERSON, Ft. Worth, Texas.

### HOW TO GET RICH.

Any man, with only \$5.00, readily, with our plan of investment, can secure \$100.00 in 30 days. You can do likewise. If you have \$10.00 and only \$5.00 more, you can get \$100.00 in 30 days. Write to us for particulars to the Chamberlain Dispensary Co., 115 North Main Street, Los Angeles, California.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors, but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. Nelson & St. John. 29 4F

Unconditional surrender is the only terms with famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Blue Pills. They make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. Nelson & St. John. 29 4F

Our customers say you manufacture three of the best remedies on earth, and the marvellous firm of Hays, Harris, Brim & McLean, of Dawson, Ga., in a recent letter to the Chamberlain Dispensary Co. This is the universal verdict. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the finest preparation in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sore throat, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, pains and swellings. A 25 cent bottle of this liniment in the home will save a great deal of suffering. Buy it at all druggists. July

### How Are These Prices?

1000 Note Heads \$5.50 For \$5.00  
1000 XXX Envelopes \$3.50  
These prices are good only for a short time and if you take advantage of these extremely low prices you should be very order at once. Call and examine stock at our samples. A saving of \$2 that's all.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

Nice shirt waist 50 cents at Powell's Books and periodicals. R. A. Speer. 241F  
Drugs, patent medicines and toilet articles. R. A. Speer. 14 1F  
For a first-class sewing machine go to R. Phillips. 254F  
Headquarters at Vaughn & Co. the best house in town. 154F

I carry a full line of Kellam & Moore glasses. R. A. Speer. 25 1F  
Paints, oils and wall paper a specialty at R. Phillips. Call and see. 254F  
The finest assortment of matting in town at Vaughn & Co. 154F  
Finest line of tablets, box paper, paper, etc. Nelson & St. John. 14 1F  
Go to R. A. Speer for your prescriptions, pure drugs, and skill combined. 154F  
The best binder twice in town. Get my prices before buying. J. Norton. 24 1F

Prescriptions carefully compounded by R. A. Speer's Laboratory in charge of Dr. S. T. Fraser. 171F

Just received a new and complete line of 97 wall paper. Prices to suit all. Nelson & St. John. 141F  
Go to L. O. Oliver's Meat 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—unlike any one else. 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. 191F

When the spring time comes, "gentle breezes, soft showers, and the gentle rain," like all other sensible people, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Blue Pills famous little pills for the liver and the stomach all the year round. Nelson & St. John. 29 4F

### BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird, Texas. 52 17F

### PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

OTIS BOWER,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
Practices in all our State and Federal Courts.  
BAIRD, TEXAS.

R. G. POWELL,  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Office upstairs in Powell & Marshall building.  
BAIRD, TEXAS.

E. R. SARTON,  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store.  
BAIRD, TEXAS.

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

**W. I. JACKSON,**  
General Real Estate AGENT.  
Local Land Agent for T. & P. R. R. Co. and Canada, Drake & Strauss, BAIRD, TEXAS.

GO GO  
**T. K. BRAZELL,**  
Shahe, Shampoo or Hair Out.  
Now located at Rudman's old stand. Give him a trial. 124F

**MARTIN BARNHILL**  
Boot and Shoemaker.  
Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed.  
Prices to Suit the Times.  
Market Street, 101 BAIRD, TEXAS.

How is this?  
Ladies Oxford Ties (all sizes) for 50c, 75c and 90c.  
Window Shades, 50c  
Straw Matting, 50c  
Ladies Shirt Waives, 50c  
Lower than anyone.  
**H. F. FOY.**

VIRGINIA PASTURE POSTED.  
Owing to the many depositions committed on the Va. Ranch, Land & 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.—The lands of this company are posted.  
24 1F F. S. DELL

**Geo. A. Castles,**  
JEWELER.  
Repairing Specialty.  
If you wish to have watches in the shop, call and get them. Located at R. Phillips' Drug Store, Baird, Tex. 25 1F

**DR. M. ELLEN KELLER'S.**  
Patented Elector Vitalizer.  
Positively removes all disease peculiar to women, scores of whom have given pronounced testimonials attesting its wonderful efficacy. Local Agent, Mrs. E. A. Youngblood, BAIRD, TEXAS. 30 1m.

**T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.**

**EAST BOUND.**

No. 4. . . . . 8:30 A. M.

No. 5. . . . . 1:15 P. M.

J. B. HANSON, Agent.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

**THE BLUE X.**

If you see it on your Stax this week, don't become offended, but come around and drop a silver dollar or two in THE STAR cash box that is badly needed just now.

Louis Boydston has another girl at his house.

M. Summers, of Juarez, Mexico, was in this week on business.

Miss Blanch Gilliland, of Abilene is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wadhams, of Tennesse were in town Wednesday.

Gov. Gibbs and Maj. Nelson went to the in the country Thursday to look at some cattle.

Rev. French McAfee will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Saturday night and Sunday.

There was a race between a Baird and Moran horse at the track Saturday. The Moran horse won.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rushing and Miss Anna Rudmore returned last week from Breckenridge, where they went to attend the Presbytery.

W. M. Robbins, of Putnam was in Wednesday and set his subscription sheet to '98. That's the way to help a newspaper out. Thank.

H. L. Buehen our Deep Creek correspondent was in town Tuesday. He says he started before day and got wet in the rain that fell that morning before he reached Baird.

Phillip Yost was in town Wednesday. He is traveling on to the Harris neighborhood. He says wheat is running from 15 to 22 bushels, but ears are not as good as many predicted.

Granite ware, tin ware, glass ware, queens ware, china, dinner sets, etc. Our goods are right and our prices are right. Don't forget to call on us when you need anything in our line. Harry Meyer. 321F

The Normal School knocked out the sun in the spelling bee, last Thursday night. The winner is talk of another spelling match but we did not learn the date. Those present report a good time and plenty of amusement.

Capt. John Trent returned a few days ago from Nashville, Tenn., where he went to attend the populist convention. He says he met many of his old Tennessee friends that he had not seen for years and had a good time generally.

Panl Nunn, of Belle County, came in this week on a visit to his uncle, Capt. J. W. Jones, whom he hasn't seen for several years. Panl N. lived in this county some seventeen or eighteen years, and went to East Texas and from there to California, where he spent eight years and returned to Belle County a few years ago.

Ex. Gov. Barney Gibbs, of Dallas spent a day or two in Baird this week on business. Gov. Gibbs expressed himself to persons here as being in favor of all the proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on next month. Gov. Gibbs may be a judge of color in politics but when it comes to business here is pretty level.

The steam shovel that has been at work in the cut west of Abilene has been moved down about Weatherford, the work being done at this point. Judge Agnaphy, the operator at the cut during the work there has left us, but says he is coming back as he is stuck on Baird. The marble games on Market Street are as nearly as usual since he left us and all would be glad to welcome him back.

H. P. Simonds, formerly traveling agent for the Dallas News, but now at Sherman, Tex., where he has begun the publication of The Southern Home Magazine. Mr. Simonds is an old newspaper man and THE STAR wishes him success in his new venture. The Southern Home Magazine is well gotten up and neatly printed and should command the sympathy and support of every Texan. Mr. Simonds is also traveling in the interest of the North Texas Female College, at Sherman.

**BAIRD SUMMER NORMAL.**

- Following is a list of those, from 13 counties, who have registered:
- Miss Anna Harris, Callahan Co.
  - Lillia McItee, " "
  - Neil Norton, " "
  - Minnie Robbins, " "
  - Corinne Trent, " "
  - Isabel James, " "
  - Maud Johnson, " "
  - Dora Stewart, " "
  - Tennie Simons, " "
  - Bennie Thomas, " "
  - Anna Richardson, " "
  - Bella Rykendaal, " "
  - Bertha Wiley, " "
  - Laura Rice, " "
  - Emily Teeple, " "
  - Heniah Cooke, " "
  - Mrs. Gusie Serles, " "
  - Mr. W. B. Acherbranner, " "
  - T. A. Irvin, " "
  - T. L. Brechen, " "
  - W. B. Hator, " "
  - E. C. Cummings, " "
  - F. W. Chatfield, " "
  - A. M. Stewart, " "
  - Miss Pearl Johnson, Taylor Co.
  - Olle Crofton, " "
  - Maggie Ayala, " "
  - Bertie Canon, " "
  - Alma Canon, " "
  - J. N. Ellis, " "
  - Miss Ida King, Jones Co.
  - Fannie Archer, " "
  - Jimmie Morrison Comanche Co.
  - Mr. S. F. Hator, " "
  - O. W. Hator, " "
  - Fred C. Switzer, " "
  - Mr. G. W. Dunsaw, Eastland Co.
  - Miss Dora Lewis, " "
  - Mr. J. R. Dill, " "
  - Miss Mattie Laury, Stonewall Co.
  - Agnes Richmond, " "
  - Mary Anderson, " "
  - Mr. J. G. Spurlock, Hunt Co.
  - Mr. J. C. McNair, Kaufman Co.
  - Mr. J. A. Butler, Parker Co.
  - Miss Winnie Lynch Shackelford Co.
  - Miss Della Whitley, Young Co.
  - Mr. L. L. Lovett, Stephens Co.
  - Mr. J. M. Parish, " "
  - Barnell Cox, " "
  - C. C. Parish, Palo Pinto Co.
  - Y. P. Parish, " "

Henry Williams of Putnam was in town Thursday.

'Yank' Harris from Cottonwood, was in town Thursday.

Judge Field of Dallas came in on West bound train yesterday.

Joe Shackelford and sister, Miss Mary, were in town Wednesday.

Miss Lena Melaris, of Abilene, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Martin Barnhill.

John Smartt, G. W. Weeks, Jack Clifford and other Tomatoes were in town yesterday.

Master Britton Webb who has been visiting here for several weeks returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deney Ryan of Tucson Ariz. arrived this week on a visit to relatives and old friends.

Mrs. Dudley Fay, formerly of Baird, but now living in Dallas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Ballard.

J. W. Carter, of Cisco, has some organs at his prices and on liberal terms at A. Cook's dry goods store. Call and see them. 26 11

Mr. M. O. Gill, of Aledo, is visiting her brother, J. A. Emmons. "Jako" informed a Star reporter that she is the first time he has seen his sister in twenty years.

Murray Harris went up to Abilene this week to inspect the new dam, recently put in about that enterprising city. He says the lake is simply beautiful, and all that the citizens can expect for it.

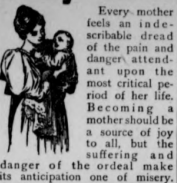
We received this week the first installment of fall and winter goods. We must have room and our summer goods of which we have a few left, must be disposed of at all prices. Come quick. Leo Stern 23 11

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung trouble. Nelson & St. John. 29 41

Geo. T. Garrill of the Navarro Review called at THE STAR office last Saturday. The editor regrets that he was absent at the time. Mr. Garrill has raised interests some seven cent miles from Baird, and he is out looking after his interests.

Remember T. E. Powell is selling more goods than he ever did in Baird why? Because he sells cheaper, has the goods to sell, has nice clerks and sells at one price. I can swear to this and so can every customer in this county, and so can you if you will call on his store at price 12 goods and see all you neighbors trading at T. E. Powell's.

**Baby Mine!**



Every mother feels an indescribable dread of the pain and danger attending upon the most critical period of her life. Becoming a mother should be a source of joy to all, but the suffering and the danger of the ordeal make its anticipation one of misery.

**MOTHER'S FRIEND** is the remedy which relieves women of the great pain and suffering incident to maternity; this home which is created as woman's severest trial is not only made painless, but all the danger is removed by its use. Those who use this remedy are no longer dependent or gloomy; nervousness, nausea and other distressing conditions are avoided, the system is made ready for the coming event, and the serious accidents so common to the critical hour are obviated by the use of **Mother's Friend**. It is a blessing to women.

**\$1.00 PER BOTTLE** at all Drug Stores, or by mail, consist of 250 drops.

**BOOKS** containing invaluable information of value to all mothers, sent **FREE** by E. C. Senter, upon application, by THE SHARPLESS REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

**E. C. SENTER,**  
LAWYER.

General Attorney Texas Prison Association.  
202 Main St., Second Floor, DALLAS, TEXAS.

**HAVE YOU READ THE PROPOSED IRRIGATION AMENDMENT FOR WEST TEXAS?**

Don't oppose this measure until you have read the following reasons for its adoption.

It should be adopted because it will make West Texas one of the most prosperous communities in the world.

It will settle the West and make a market for the people lands.

It will decrease the burden of taxation on the people of Texas by increasing the taxable value in the West.

It will cost you nothing unless you are not benefited.

This amendment affects only the arid and semi-arid regions of Texas.

It will furnish Texas with sugar, corn, alfalfa and potatoes that now come from other states, and that, at a less cost to the consumer.

The resident land owners of particular sub-divisions of any county in the state are authorized by our present Constitution to incorporate themselves into districts and, by vote, levy a tax upon themselves for school purposes. The people of Texas ask only the same privilege for irrigation.

Under the Constitution of our State and the Statutes enacted thereunder, the resident citizens of incorporated cities and towns are authorized to impose a tax upon their property for water works, street and other public improvements. The farmers and all other kind of men in the State ask for the same for the purpose of irrigation.

Every time you make a producer you make a consumer. This is business for all classes.

It is sorely needed in West Texas.

The experience of the West Texas farmer for the past five years proves its necessity.

The expenditure of large sums of money necessary for the building of irrigation canals, 90 per cent of which will be for labor, will give employment to thousands of workmen in Texas who are now idle.

With irrigation Texas can produce all the hundred millions of dollars worth of sugar now imported and thereby lessen the price to the consumer.

The five thousand cars of potatoes now shipped into the state from Colorado can be produced at home and sold for less money.

Irrigation will give a certain return for the labor and money expended.

It is the fairest and most just irrigation plan yet presented. For the Amendment, once adopted, only the resident land owners of the

**DRY GOODS**

FOR

**Spring & Summer 1897.**

**DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.**

Fine line of Spring and Summer Dry Goods Clothing Ladies Dress Goods Etc. Call and see them.

**SHOE DEPARTMENT.**

I have a beautiful line of mens' and boys' shoes, ladies shoes and slippers, quality considered none cheaper anywhere. Just received a fine line of infant shoes.

**CARPETS.**

You want carpets? I have them. From the costliest to the cheapest. Carpets Matting, Oil Cloth, and Linoleum. Come and see them before purchasing.

**FURNITURE.**

I carry a full and complete line of furniture, rockers, chairs, tables, dressers, bed room sets, baby carriages, sofas, etc. I can please all in this line.

**UNDERTAKERS GOODS.**

I keep in stock at all times a complete line of caskets and undertakers goods.

I appreciate the patronage I have received in the past and especially in the past few months. I have a large and complete stock in all lines and my experience in the past sixteen years in Business in Baird certainly has taught me the kind and quality of goods the people want and I have them in stock and am going to sell them. See my stock before buying.

**LEO. STERN.**  
H. Schwartz, Mgr.

**Ballard's Snow Liniment**

is a remedy that would be in every home if all knew what thousands in all parts of the continent have learned. Those who have used ordinary liniments are amazed at what Snow Liniment does and the rapidity with which it does it. Cure Lame Back, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Bruises, Strains—Muscular pains anywhere. Equally good for animals. R. E. Moore, Traveling Salesman, Galveston, Texas, says: "Two bottles of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me of Rheumatism of three months standing." When buying, remember Snow Liniment has no substitute. Price 50 cents. Sold by Nelson & St. John.

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LATE TEXAS NEWS.

Four houses were bargarized in Greenville last Monday night. The thief secured about \$50 in money and jewelry.

The 1-year-old baby of J. B. Banks, Ford county, was bitten by a tarantula while playing in the yard and died in great agony a few hours later.

The first official act of Postmaster Foreman of Galveston was to reduce the salaries of all employees—adding \$1000 to the pay roll. His action was approved by the department at Washington.

The contract for building the new court house at Galveston was awarded to the Texas Construction Co. of Galveston and Fort Worth. Their bid was \$168,000, which is \$18,000 below the guaranteed estimate of the architects. Work will begin as soon as the ruins of the old building can be cleared away.

Present indications go to show that the deal looking to the absorption of the Galveston by Fort & Houston by the Huntington interests is about to be consummated. Most of the claims against the property have been turned over to a trustee named by the road and the creditors for the purpose of the understanding that only a small proportion of the claims are out, which will be regarded in a few days.

Property owners of El Paso are excited over the action of the county board of equalization, which has been raising valuations in some instances 300 per cent. The Southern Pacific valuation was raised from \$985, 120 to \$1,260,450, and other "other" valuations were raised about the same proportion. The finances of the county are in a bad shape and continually getting worse, and some other action is necessary to recap.

Dallas' lawmakers recently enacted a city law prohibiting "move wagons" or other vehicles used for hire from standing longer than twenty-five minutes at one place except certain thoroughfares, and fixing a penalty of not exceeding \$100.

A NEW TRIUMPH

The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured.

W. A. Wilson, the Great Chemical and Medicinal Will not waste your money. He offers you the only cure for Consumption and All Lung Trouble.

Nothing could be faster, more efficacious, or more sure. It is the only cure for Consumption and All Lung Trouble. It is the only cure for Consumption and All Lung Trouble.

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\$100 for violation. Nelson Kinsinger was the first victim, and a test case was made. Judge Clint pronounced the ordinance illegal, and therefore unconstitutional. He holds that an "express" is no more of an obstruction than a trolley wagon which may stop all day in front of the place of business, or that some "colored" man whose horse may stop tied to a telephone pole all day without water.

Rev. W. L. Clifton, of Bonham, who was recently struck by a T. & M. train, has sued suit for \$15,530 damages.

Mr. Maxwell Coffin, representing the Little Rock, Ark., cotton mills, has submitted a proposition to erect a cotton mill at Corsicana.

Seven negroes, three of them women, confined in the Texarkana jail, escaped by digging through a brick wall. They fled and were not captured.

A severe electric storm swept over Big Springs Saturday night, and destroyed the property of the Steeple of the new Methodist church, the Baptist and Episcopal churches, several private residences and some business houses were blown down.

Charles Williams, formerly foreman of the Slayden Kirksey cotton gin, has been arrested for bathing in the sink at Galveston with his wife and several friends, was caught in a whirlpool and suddenly disappeared and was not seen again.

Last Saturday and early Sunday night the drought was broken by a heavy rain, covering nearly every locality in west, northwest, north, northeast, central and south sections. In some localities a regular ground-sinker is reported. The rain comes in to save some of the late crops, but all early corn where it is not already made and will be worth dozens of dollars to cotton growers, as the plant was just beginning to suffer for rain.

Two accidents occurred in Austin last Friday which resulted in the death three white boys, the services of a fourth and the death of a negro man. The four white boys were: John Rogers, Ernest W. McNeely, J. Montgomery and Henry Estes, aged 12, 13, 14 and 16 respectively. They were killed in Fort Worth and were being taken to San Antonio. The details of the accident were given by the injured boy, the only one who escaped alive. The boys had made their way to the first crossing at Austin, when they concluded to return home. On the south of the Colorado bridge they set down on the track and went to sleep. Henry was awakened by a terrific explosion, and saw the engine attempted to get off the track but was knocked into the ditch by a freight train, and was hurled a northbound freight. The other three boys were instantly killed, their bodies being fearfully mangled.

The negro man, who was killed, met his death while riding on a board northbound freight.

A Half-Million Cattle Deal. Geo. B. Loving & Co. of Fort Worth have just consummated one of the largest cattle deals that has been made for many years. The Continental Land and Cattle company of Dallas, whose Texas ranches are in Hall and Collier counties, and in the Franklins of Deadwood, S. D., their ranch and cattle in Montana. The price paid is estimated to range from \$25,000 head. In the sale, however, the company reserves the right to accept only 100,000 head of cows, which will leave the number of cattle sold to about 17,000. These will classify about as follows: Six hundred 2-year-olds, of which about 20 per cent are speckled heads, about 6000 steers yearlings, 1000 head yearlings and two-year-olds. The cowboys, and the cows. The calf crop for the present year will number about 2000 head. The cowboys, and the cows. The calf crop for the present year will number about 2000 head.

Oratory of Senator Mills. The floor of the senate is a favorite lounging place for members of the lower house of our legislature. According to the Amos J. Cummings, the well-known congressman and correspondent, the new members are delighted with the new methods and usages. The methods and usages. The methods and usages. The methods and usages.

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JESTER WILL RUN.

Will Enter the Race for Governor at the State Election.

Lieutenant Governor Jester was the honored guest and orator of the day at the annual convention held near Abbott, Hill county, on the 13th inst. in response to a call from a number of new party representatives at his hotel, the Corsicana statesman said:

At the proper time I will be a candidate for governor of Texas. It is a little early for one to enter the list at this time. The unsolicited assurances of support I have received thus far have been very flattering. The campaign, in my opinion, should be one in which state issues ought to be predominant. I believe the people should be allowed to discuss the availability of can't-does and make their own selection. This I feel they can do without the necessity of waging a long campaign by state offices. To my way of thinking the development of Texas and the welfare of the state should be at this inurent point.

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How Old are You? It makes no difference whether you are young or old. It is always true that a woman is as old as she looks. Nothing sets the seal of age upon a woman's beauty so deeply as gray hair. The hair loses its color generally from lack of nutrition. If you nourish the hair, the color will come back. That is the way that the normal color of the hair is restored by Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Valley Hill Stock Farm. CORMICK, TEXAS. English Berkshire Hogs and Jersey Cattle. GEO. T. JESTER, Prop.

KNOWS HER NOW. Mrs. Leese Caines a Dressmaker with Husbands Elsewhere. Mrs. Mary E. Leese boarded a Santa Fe train here, says the Times-Journal of Atchison, where she had a lecture date. She found the car crowded, the only vacant seat being the one in Chicago traveling man. Of course the traveling man moved his big grip and made room for her. This brought from the "vacant corner of the Kansas prairie" a "thank you" and a pleasant smile.

One of the most peculiar cases of the death of a stranger is reported from Denison. Last Monday night a man named Mary Bush and her three children at the apartment house of S. Landman. She arrived in Denison at 11 o'clock and applied for lodging at Landman's. She was very weak when she went to her room at lodging house and soon grew ill, seemingly from physical exhaustion. A doctor was summoned but she died early Monday night, leaving nothing that would give more than a clue to her identity and past life.

In answer to question she said her name was Mary Bush and that she had no husband or other relative. When asked where she was from she said "O. everywhere. I have been traveling in California, Missouri and all around." A little hand satchel which she carried contained \$33 and in a bundle was found a shroud and complete grave clothes, showing she expected death. There was not a line upon her face which would give any clue to her identity. A memorandum book in her satchel contained the names of a number of railway stations in Texas and Mexico.

Great Land Possessions. "The area of the United States is 3,025,600 square miles; with Alaska it is 3,602,900 square miles. It is larger than all other countries with Italy and Turkey excepted," writes William George Jordan on "The Greatest Nation on Earth," in the Los Angeles Times.

"Texas its largest State, is two hundred and twelve times the size of the island of Great Britain. It invites every man, woman and child now living in the world to settle in Texas, offering each individual a half of ground, forty-nine and a half feet by one hundred feet. The State would not be really crowded, for each individual would have four times the space taken by each person in New York City, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy and Portugal could be transplanted to Texas and there would still be room for a good-sized crowd of about 100,000,000 Americans could walk while studying the lot of Europe. Three of our States, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, are as much territory as the Sandwich Islands, which we were to annex four years ago."

Our Wealth in Gold Dollars. The wealthiest nation in the world is the United States, so says William George Jordan in "The World's Wealth" in the Los Angeles Times. The census of 1880 shows the true valuation of fair value of the real and personal property of the country to be \$65,067,107. It is an increase of 20 per cent on the valuation of the previous decade, and is about six times as much as the money of the entire world. The mind cannot grasp the meaning of such figures without optical illustration. This amount in gold dollars would fill 123,570 carts, each carrying a ton. If 2000 gold dollars were piled one on the other they would form a column three feet high. Make similar piles close together till a wall one mile long and worth \$250,000,000 would be increased this wall to twenty-eight and a quarter miles and the amount would represent our gold in the nation. Piled side by side the coins would form a carpet of gold covering five square miles.

The postoffice at the Sac and Fox agency, fifty miles east of Guthrie, Ok., was robbed last night of the 18th and a large sum of money and much registered mail.

The Minsburg reservoir in the Fishkill mountains, New York, under pressure of heavy rains, broke and swept the hillsides. It much damage to property and the estimated loss of 30 to 300 lives was the result.

The Minnesota state board of pardons refused to pardon the Younger brothers. Indemnity papers, supported by long arguments and affidavits, were presented to Warden Wolfe of the penitentiary, were more than counterbalanced by the opposition from Northfield.

J. A. Barden harvested from 2300 acres of bottom land in the Cherokee Nation, 40,000 bushels of wheat.

A mysterious Woman's Death. One of the most peculiar cases of the death of a stranger is reported from Denison. Last Monday night a man named Mary Bush and her three children at the apartment house of S. Landman. She arrived in Denison at 11 o'clock and applied for lodging at Landman's. She was very weak when she went to her room at lodging house and soon grew ill, seemingly from physical exhaustion. A doctor was summoned but she died early Monday night, leaving nothing that would give more than a clue to her identity and past life.

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AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weston, Miss Tillie Betcher, and Mr. Allen Bell, on Wednesday of last week went into the country, on pleasure bent, to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. August Betcher in the Cove, which takes its name from the eagle.

The party there with the addition of Miss Ovielt Barton and Mr. Otto Betcher, and Miss Alvina Betcher, and Mr. Henry Betcher, enjoyed a beautiful breakfast driving to Tecumseh and back to the Betcher home, with the most agreeable time spent fishing, with various other kinds of amusements, and sweet music interspersed, and in being entertained and entertaining; until the following Friday evening, when the whole party which filled the large hall, on a beautiful moonlight night, with its silver rays falling all around, drove nine miles to the truly picturesque home of Mr. Thomas Johnson, which nestles just at the foot of the noted Tecumseh bluff.

The route of the party led over crag and peak and hill and dale amid the silent beauties of nature as they lay glistening in the glad moonlight. The next morning the party succeeded in climbing the dizzy heights of Tecumseh peaks and found various evidences of a burial place on top of the peak which tradition says is the last resting place of the noted chief, Tecumseh, after whom the peaks take their name.

As we approached the summit of the mountain trail sank into awe, and the merry flow of sweet converse to silence, as we stood by the grave of the dead Indian brave, the indomitable Tecumseh. Spent lightly here, the ground between you and the peak ground, for Tecumseh sleeps his last sleep beneath the greatest, grandest mystery that ever heard, or voice ever said. Mystery has woven its web of fact and fancy, and the character of the great chief, but there is now left little doubt, that his remains rest on Tecumseh peaks, where years ago he was laid to rest, amid all the pomp and circumstance of Indian sepulture. And there, he has slept, "the sleep that knows no waking," for so many years; with the almost tropical sun, pouring its rays, and the silent moon shining down, and the quiet stars twinkling over, on that lonely grave away up in the mountain heights, beneath the shadows of the rocks from adjacent cliffs, with the winds chanting his last sad requiem, and the wild mountain flower giving its fragrance to the sighing breezes. Mr. Thomas Johnson has examined the mound and has exhumed the bones, the spear and bow of the chieftain, with the utensils which the survivors of the battle took man for his journey to the happy hunting grounds. "Oh! irony of fate, the voice of a people who rejoice," awake the echoes around the dead man's grave and send pale death's tramps on his dishonored ashes. Warrior Tecumseh! requiescat in pace.

The itinerary of the happy party then led by the way of Mr. Thomas Johnson's hospitable home of Mr. Albert Betcher on the crystal waters of Clear Creek, where the party for some time enjoyed great success in angling with the dry fly, with excellent results. A beautiful table was laden, to refresh the inner man. We may state that before getting to Mr. Albert Betcher's the party encountered a hard wind storm when some not wishing to brave the fury of the storm returned and came on the next morning.

From the last named place the party returned by the way of Mr. William Ellis' home, where a hospitable reception is given to all, and then on by Mr. Hugh Moore's place, where the starting point at the Betchers on the Bayou and returned next day to Baird.

Round about Eagle Cove and Tecumseh is the most romantic looking part of this country; the ancient place of the red man's roaming, whose savage nature could never find its simple counterpart in the life of a civilized brother, and who, while feeding at the dull bank of no worse out creed, yet,

"Waste unutilized mind, See God in man and beard him in the wind. Dreamy, poetic, is this far away part of the world, far from the ignominious strife, with its old, old history of Indian warfare, its soft Italian skies, and the green of the plum and peach groves litting along the hill sides, and fragrant with the sweet odors in the meadows, with their limbs laden with the sustenance of man; and then at night casting such strange and mystic light on the shadows in the silver light of the silent moon, and ever watchful stars. It is an idyllic life down there where

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**STANDS AT THE HEAD** Aug. J. Bogert, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption Coughs and Croup." It cannot be enough for its merits. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It cures all kinds of Croup, Whooping Cough, and R. Phillips Drug Store.

**Do Your Children Thieve?** It is the business of children to eat and grow. If you have a child that eats well but does not grow, or if his appetite is variable, you have cause to suspect worms. There are apt to be other symptoms. Face is pale, eyes are dull, sleep is broken, the child picks at its nose and is restless. Buy a bottle of the White's Cream Vermifuge. Every worm will be destroyed and the child will be able to grow and develop as nature intended. Price 25cts Sold by Nelson & St. John. No. 4.

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COLTS vs. MIDLANDERS.

The Midlanders Remain Three Days in Baird and take two games from the Colts.



The Midland base ball team, who holds the championship of West Texas, accepted a challenge from the Baird Colts, for a series of three games.

The Midlanders were returning from a tour of the East where they lost only two out of the sixteen games played. Five ex-league players belong to the Midland team.

The Colts defrayed all the expense of the Midlanders while in Baird and paid their fare to Colorado City, where they play next.

The first game was called Monday evening by Umpire Anglin, at 7 o'clock and was witnessed by a large crowd. The Colts did considerably better playing than was expected by the town sports, some having the nerve to say that the Colts could score in two games. Both teams played good ball, but the Midlanders stole our eyes to the tune of 11 to 6. Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. Midland.....2 4 0 0 1 0 0 3—11. Baird.....0 2 0 0 1 1 2 0—6.

Batteries—McLown and Fisher for Baird; Dick and Markley for Midland. Anglin, umpire.

The second game was called Tuesday evening, at 4 o'clock by umpire Anglin, whose decisions the day before were entirely satisfactory to both teams.

The Colts shut out the Midlanders and came to bats and scored three runs. H. Reagan scoring the box of cigars offered by Manager Boyles to the Colt scoring the first home run. Roberts also scored a home run this evening.

Never during the game did the Midlanders score even with the Colts. The score stood 5 to 3 in the Colts favor and the last of the ninth inning was played by the Colts did not score it.

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The third game was called Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock by umpire Solon—Anglin having to go out on his legs. The Midlanders got the go on the Colts—by their bad errors, and held it the entire game. The Colts played good ball and are much praised for doing as well as they did in repeatedly shutting the Midlanders out. The score at the close of the game stood 9 to 4 in Midland's favor.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. Midland.....1 1 1 0 0 2 0—9. Baird.....0 0 0 0 4 0 0 0—4. The Midlanders left for Colorado Wednesday night on the special and the Colts had prepared for them.

The game receipts during the three days will place the Colts in very good circumstances.

Manager Boyles is proud of the Colts and will tackle any of the amateur teams you may trot out.

The ladies of Baird will gladly accept the invitation of the Colts and may grant the park with their presence. Good order is prevailed the entire time and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

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Attent. J. B. CUTBERT, Pres. F. S. BELL, Secy.

\$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.

R. H. OVERALL, Pres. A. T. BROWN, Sec.

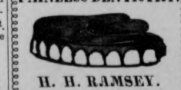
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