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We Wish Our Friends and Patrons

Happy New Year

The Year 1910 is fast coming to an end and we wish to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage during the year past, and we will be pleased to serve you during the year 1911.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.

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LET US SERVE YOU FOR 1911.

J. G. LOWDEN DEAD.

J. G. Lowden died of apoplexy soon after his arrival at Fort Worth where he met his family last Saturday. This is a sad ending of a busy life. Jim Lowden went to Abilene in 1884, where he was connected with various enterprises, but his latter years were spent at Abilene in the banking business. Mr. Lowden with Otto Steffens organized the American National Bank of Abilene, which failed in 1905. Steffens and Lowden were indicted in the Federal Courts. Otto Steffens died before the case went to trial and later J. G. Lowden was sentenced to five years in Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. He was released on parole and started home and met his family at Fort Worth. The attending physicians say the stroke of apoplexy was brought on by excitement in meeting his family after an absence of over two years. A telegram to Lowden signed by more than one hundred of Abilene's business and professional men was sent to Lowden congratulating him on his release and inviting him to return to his old home. Otto Steffens and J. G. Lowden both had a host of friends in Abilene and elsewhere, who never lost faith in them and believed and still believe that their crime at most, was only technical.

SCHOOL OPENS.

Miss Jewel Johnson requests us to say that her Primary and Kindergarten School will open Monday, January 2d.

MARRIED.

Thursday afternoon, December 22nd, at the home of Father Huddle at Abilene, Texas, at 5 o'clock p.m., W. H. Malone and Miss Maggie Mae Flores were married, Father Huddle officiating. Claude Flores of Ft. Worth and Jack Flores of Belle Plaine, brothers of the bride, accompanied them to Abilene and were present at the marriage ceremony. Immediately after the wedding the young couple left for Spur, where they will spend the holidays with relatives. They will be at home after Jan. 1st, at Stamford, Texas.—Tribune.

Miss Flores is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flores, of Belle Plaine and has a host of friends and relatives in this county who extend congratulations and wishes on this occasion.

FOR SALE.

My home at Baird, one of the best in town, 7 large rooms and bath, corner lot 150x140 feet on beautiful residential street, close in; suitable for boarding house. Cheap and on easy terms. Will exchange for land, steer cattle or mules.
A. G. WEBB, Baird, Tex.

NOTICE.

We have been in the drug business for the past year and we wish to thank all our customers for their patronage during the past year. We have many obligations coming due and we earnestly request all indebted to us to pay up at once.
HOLMES DRUG CO.

ENTERTAINED.

On the Wednesday evening, the hospitable home of Mrs. M. M. Terry was thrown open to the members of the Woodmen Circle. The most important event was the testing of who was the best quilter. Mrs. Ben Halstead won the first prize, Mrs. Lamar Smith the second. The last but not the least, came the announcement that the table was awaiting to be relieved of its burdens and I must say Sovs. Terry and Looney thoroughly understand the culinary art. Late in the afternoon the Sovereigns began to wind their way homeward thanking Sovs. Terry for her kindness and hoping that another invitation would be forthcoming in the near future. xxx

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY.

The public school opens again Monday. The school board will meet Monday night at 7:30, at Mahan's Music Store, being the regular monthly meeting.

READ THE STAR.

Ecnavda ni yap tsum uoy racy tzen repap sil daer ot tnaw uoy fi. The above is neither Dutch nor dog latin, but plain United States. Read it backward and you will see.

Presbyterian Church.

New Year's sermon and special music at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. We would be especially glad to see all of the members and friends present on this, the first day of the New Year.
B. C. Dinwiddie.

FOR HAMS AND BACON.

Here is a packinghouse receipt for curing pork, which we have used nine years. This is for 500 pounds of pork: Ten pounds of brown sugar; 20 pounds of salt; one pound of black pepper; one-half pound red pepper. Take all the above and mix together thoroughly, then divide into two equal parts. As soon as the meat is well cooled, rub thoroughly all over the meat and in the cracks. Lay it in a box where there is plenty of ventilation for two weeks. Then take out and rub on the remainder of the preparation, and put back in the box for four weeks in all. Now hang it up and smoke. If you are careful to weigh meat and preparation it will keep a year, and you will not have to freshen it when cooking it. I wrap each piece, after smoking it, in heavy sacks, and never have any worms in our meat. Be careful not to let the flies get at it while smoking.—Mrs. W. J. Simpson, in The Farmer.

The College Indian Romance is not a dime novel story, but one that is full of heart interest and pathos. It rivets the audience's attention from the rise of the curtain to furnish of the last act, and has been permanently classed stonger than "Strongheart," in dramatic climaxes and situations. There is a bright line of comedy that tends to keep one amused all throughout the action of the play. This excellent company will be at the opera house on the night of Jan. 3d, and will be produced in its entirety and with the original cast.

"PRINCE OF HIS RACE."

The attraction at the opera house Jan. 3d, will be Oscar Graham's Brilliant dramatization "A Prince of His Race." Mr. Graham has had this successful play on the road for the past three seasons and last season through Texas and Oklahoma, it was pronounced one of the very best ever seen outside of New York or Chicago. This season Mr. Graham has spent a good deal of money to make "A Prince of His Race" better than ever. The result is an absolutely new scenic production and even an improvement in the play itself, although last season, critics everywhere pronounced it a perfect literary gem. The company however, is the same as last season for Mr. Graham keeps the same people with him year in and year out. Miss Loretta Graham, the leading lady, has augmented her wardrobe with some "gunning new gowns" one of which is a handsome Battenburg creation valued at \$500. "A Prince of His Race" has been pronounced one of the classiest, most artistic and best dressed attractions on the road.

Miss Ella Clark, of Sherwood, spent a few days here the past week with her uncle, M. Franklin and family. She left Monday for Burkett to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Fannie Terrell and children of Grandbury are visiting Mrs. Terrell's mother and sister, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. M. J. Gilliland, during the holidays.

Farm Posted.

The McManis farm just east of the railroad dam is posted. All hunting and fishing positively prohibited on said premises.
G. R. McManis. 3tf

The Pastor of the Presbyterian Church and his family were the recipients of many handsome and useful gifts at Christmas time, both from the Church and outsiders. These tokens of love and appreciation coming from true and tried friends and parishoners make us feel that our lot has been cast in pleasant places. We appreciate both the gift and the spirit of the giver and accept it with grateful hearts. May the blessings of heaven rest upon the people of Baird, and their lives be prosperous and happy. A Happy New Year to all.

A. B. C. Dinwiddie.

The Presbyterian Church is under many obligations to C. H. Mahan for a handsome organ for their Primary Sunday School room. Many thanks to Mr. Mahan, and may the year 1911 be the most prosperous year of his business career. May the richest blessings of the Lord be with him and his family. A Happy New Year. A. B. C. Dinwiddie, Pastor.

Miss Mary Parks, of Weatherford, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Frank Alvord.

Mrs. M. A. Brightwell and Mrs. J. I. McWhorter, from the De Witt, are visiting relatives in Baird this week.

THE CASE OF THE NEW YEAR TWO VIEWS AND A VERDICT



By ROBERT DONNELL.
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View of Mr. Grouch View of Mr. Grin

THE years are all a bore to me,
And I confess I cannot see
Why any one should celebrate
A mere new figure on the slate
Of time. The days just drag along;
They're full of woe and pain and
wrong.
With only here and there a streak
Of pleasure. Seven make a week,
And thirty days a month we call,
Twelve months a year, and—well,
that's all.

THE PESSIMIST.

THE years are all a joy to me,
For in them each and all I see
So much of beauty and delight
Surviving all decay and blight.
It makes my heart a shrine of song
As God's good years just glide
along.
I'm very glad to be alive
Three hundred days and sixty-
five,
And so I celebrate with cheer
The coming of another year.

THE OPTIMIST.

The Verdict

DON'T look so gloomy, Mr. Grouch!
Your visage hurts a fellow—ouch!
No use to wear a face a mile
Or so in length. Do try to smile!
Just take a glance at Mr. Grin
And get his viewpoint—now, begin!
This world of ours is middling fair;
There's lots of space and light and
air
And many other pleasant things
Enjoyed by common folks and kings.
Since life appears so dark to you
Just get the sunshine point of view,
And I say ten to one you'll find
The world is comfy-like and kind.
At any rate, if I'm the judge
My verdict's this—and I won't
budge
An inch to either side. I say
It pays to smile just any day.
So, Mr. Grouch, you lose your
case;
Your sentence is a year's disgrace.
And as for you, good Mr. Grin,
The court hereby decides you win.

FIRE AT CINCINNATI CAUSES MUCH LOSS

Damage Will Run Close to Two
Million Dollars.

THREE LIVES ARE LOST.

Entire Business Block, Located in
the Modern Factory Section of
the Metropolis of Ohio, Reduced
to Ashes.

Fire in the modern factory district
of Cincinnati caused damage estimat-
ed at nearly \$2,000,000, the death of a
fireman named Robert D. Grear and a
boy named Walter Morris and the in-
jury of six firemen.

Fireman C. Schwegil was also killed.
An entire block from Ninth and Sym-
amore streets to Broadway was enti-
rely destroyed by the flames. While
the fire was at its height a wall fell
and buried Fireman Grear. Three
other firemen were hit by the wall and
badly injured.

Fireman Luhn fell two stories down
a hatchway, breaking several ribs and
receiving other injuries.
An electric light pole 200 feet from
the apparent danger zone fell on the
Morris boy, crushing him. He died
while being taken to a hospital.

Fire Captain Tinsley was caught by
the wall that caused the death of Fire-
man Grear and was badly hurt.

Among the firms whose buildings
were destroyed are: Victor Safe and
Lock company, Krippendorf & O'Neil
Shoe company, Duncan Box factory,
Gries-Pfeiffer Leather company, Ca-
hill Shoe company and several ware-
houses and small shops.

Nervous strain following the death
of Robert Grear, his "bunkie," drove
Pipeman Tiernan temporarily insane
and he tried to jump into the fire. He
was taken away after a struggle.

Almost Wiped Out.

Fire almost wiped out Jacksonburg,
W. Va. Starting at the Elks' hotel,
the flames swept through the business
section with great rapidity, causing a
loss of about \$100,000.

Hotel Burns.

The Appalachian hotel at Cumber-
land Gap, Tenn., was destroyed by
fire. Several guests and others in the
building had narrow escapes, but none
injured. Insurance on the hotel was
cancelled a few days before.

MANY ENTOMBED.

Terrible Calamity Takes Place
In a Colliery.

An explosion followed by fire hap-
pened in the Little Hulton colliery of
the Hulton Colliery company at Bol-
ton, England, soon after the miners
had gone below the surface to begin
their day's labor.

First rescuing party to reach scene
succeeded in bringing seven men and
a boy to safety and later recovered
the bodies of five victims.

At the moment of the explosion the
passage was in flames, which spread
through it, and smoke and poisonous
gas filled the mine.

Plight of the miners was rendered
more dangerous by a mishap to the
machinery of the shafts, where cages
refused to move for a time, preventing
a quick escape and interfering with
the ventilation. The rising gases were
checked by obstructions and driven
back upon the entombed men. Mean-
time the fire raged fiercely, and it is
supposed that many who were not
killed by noxious fumes were burned
death.

At 2 o'clock that afternoon eight
only had been rescued.

Half-crazed wives, weeping children,
sobbing parents and other frantic re-
lations surrounded the entrance soon
after learning of the disaster.

Rescuers, wearing helmets, exting-
uished the flames in an area 151 feet
in length, but encountered heavy falls
of coal and slack loosened from the
roof of the mine by the explosion.

Dead number about 300.

Picking Live Chickens Is Charged.

In the Dallas police court A. M.
Miller, white, and Waddle Waseing-
ton, a negro, were fined \$50 and \$25
respectively. The men are alleged to
have butchered chickens by slitting
their throats with knives, and while
and while the fowls were slowly bleed-
ing to death to have plucked the feath-
ers from them. Charges were made by
the Dallas Humane society. Fines
were paid by the men.

Swallows Splinters and Dies.

While playing on a floor at his
home in Schertz, near San Antonio,
Lonnie Achterberg, fifteen months old,
swallowed several small splinters and,
choked to death. Particles of wood
lodged in the baby's throat and he
was seized with a coughing fit.

Printer Paddleford Retires.

J. A. Paddleford, public printer of
Texas, has resigned to accept employ-
ment with the Austin Printing com-
pany. P. R. Richardson of Austin,
who formerly held this position and
whose term expires with the present
administration, succeeds him.

Safe Cracked.

Safe in general store of M. H. Owens
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BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR— "IT'S ENGLISH, YOU KNOW"



A large hotel in London which is quite popular with Americans who are rich enough to enjoy the costly accommodations a "stunt is pulled off" every New Year's eve which is distinctly different from any ceremony in connection with the advent of the infant year in America. "It's English, quite English, you know." The hundreds of Americans and other guests, including persons from all continental countries and usually a Hindu nabob or two, engage in an evening of dancing in the grand ballroom. At midnight, just as the clocks strike the hour that ushers in the new year, the guests hear a knocking at the ballroom door. The master of ceremonies opens the door. Upon the threshold are four men carrying a sedan chair of most elaborate pattern, which contains as passenger a beautiful young lady—the pick of the party. An attendant meets the antique caravan and escorts it to the center of the ballroom floor, where, amid the admiring company, he assists the star beauty to alight, then becomes her partner in the dance. This pretty ceremony is called "bringing in the new year." The real festivities of the evening begin when Miss New Year makes her advent.

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Notice, City Taxes Due.

The City Tax Rolls for 1910 have been approved and are now in possession of the City Marshall. Please call at his office, rear of First National Bank Building, and pay your taxes. Dog tax also due. By order of OTIS BOWYER, Mayor 2-3t.

WANTED.

A renter for my place, 8 miles east of Baird, or 2 1/2 miles west of Putnam. 150 acres in cultivation. For particulars apply to Mrs. E. M. Rust, Merkel, Texas. 3-3t.

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To authorize The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to lease for a term of not less than twenty-five years the railroad of the Texas Central Railroad Company, extending from the City of Waco, in McLennan County, Texas, to the town of Rotan, in Fisher County, Texas, and its branches and extensions, constructed or to be constructed, together with the properties, franchises and appurtenances pertaining thereto, and to at any time during the life of such lease purchase, own, operate and maintain the same as a part of its line, and to complete and extend the same as contemplated and provided in the charter of the said Texas Central Railroad Company, with the right to make such other extensions and construct such branches as may be hereafter authorized by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas, and vesting said companies, and each of them, with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts and agreements to effect said lease, purchase and sale; and authorizing the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to assume the payment of the bonds and other indebtedness of the said Texas Central Railroad Company, and to purchase the issued and outstanding stock of the Texas Central Railroad Company and to exchange its own stocks and bonds for the stocks and bonds of said Texas Central Railroad Company, or to substitute its own bonds, under the general laws of the State of Texas and subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission of Texas in lieu thereof, and prescribing the terms and conditions upon which said lease, purchase and sale may be made.

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The Famous Arlow Cup Race.

A New Year Yarn.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.
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SHORTLY before New Year's the Springville Evening Star had printed in conspicuous type on its first page this announcement:

To the first baby born in Springville after the beginning of the new year the Evening Star will present a solid gold drinking cup. First come, first served.

It was observed around town that the offer caused several fond husbands to become visibly excited. Among these, and undoubtedly the most visibly excited of all, were Hon. Samuel Parlow, recently elected to the legislature, and Joseph Barlow, a brother attorney, whom he had defeated in the race for the office. Parlow and Barlow had been rivals in their profession for years. Both were young and brilliant. Both had married two years before, within a week, and as yet were childless.

The golden cup was on exhibition in the show window of Sanderson's jewelry store. Certain interesting rumors having become prevalent in town, nobody expected any prospective father to be in the running other than Barlow and Parlow. Accordingly the day before New Year's the cup disappeared from the window for about an hour and reappeared thus engraved on the side:

BABY ARLOW, 1910.

Half the men in Springville began laying wagers on the letter that would



"I'll bet you five dollars," said the barber family doctor, "that Sanderson will have to engrave a 'B' in that blank space." "Taken," said the Parlow family doctor to the Barlow family doctor. There was a joint watch meeting at the Baptist church, which had the largest edifice in Springville, and during the long drawn out exercises while

awaiting the advent of the new year the experienced mothers and fathers nudged each other and whispered their views as to the outcome. The pastor in charge of the watch meeting announced the doxology just as the clock hands reached 11:55, and as the final line of the grand old song died away the hands indicated the midnight hour. The new year was born. As the people dispersed to their homes they were startled to hear news-



"IF THE COURT PLEASE," SAID EDITOR ARMSTRONG.

boys crying an extra edition of the Evening Star. "Cup Contest a Tie," said the headline, and the brief story in big type announced that both Baby Barlow and Baby Parlow were born at exactly one minute past midnight. When the populace arose from bed on the first day of the year the remarkable coincidence was the sole topic of conversation. Both Papa Barlow and Papa Parlow had telephoned to Editor Armstrong, each without knowing the other was doing so, announcing baby's arrival. Each said he had timed the event by his watch.

So much being at stake—and this does not refer to the gold drinking cup alone—a public hearing on the vital issue was called for 2 o'clock in the afternoon before Squire Scroggins. The two proud papas being lawyers, it was the feeling of the people that the matter should be settled before the court.

"If the court please," said Editor Armstrong, rising after the courtroom was filled to its ultimate limit, "I will state the case. This, your honor, is the case of Barlow versus Parlow, wherein said Barlow and said Parlow, both being duly sworn, depose and say that little Miss Barlow, daughter of the party of the first part, and little Mr. Parlow, son of the party of the second part, so to speak, first saw the light of this beautiful world at one minute past midnight Jan. 1, 1910. Now, your honor, the present speaker has offered a cup to the first baby born in Springville after the beginning of the new year. The question is, What is the question?"

"Mr. Armstrong," said the court, "seems to see the matter in its true light. There appears to be no question at issue here. A drinking cup cannot be divided between two babies, for if cut into two pieces it would not hold milk, which, the court takes for granted, is the beverage intended for the detection of the winner. Therefore this court dismisses the issue without prejudice." This caused a murmur of disap-

pointment to run through the assemblage. But silence was restored when Sanderson, the jeweler, arose to address the court. "If your honor please," he said, "I think I can make out a case. I seem to be the person most vitally interested here, for I've got that cup on my hands, and unless it is awarded I may have to keep it, and, as you all know, a name, with the exception of one initial letter, has been engraved upon the costly trophy. Now, your honor, I wish to request Mr. Barlow and Mr. Parlow to lay their watches upon the court's desk."

The two young lawyers wonderingly complied. Sanderson then asked each man if he had set his watch since his baby was born. Each replied that he had not done so. "Very well, then," the jeweler continued. "Now I will ask the court to impanel a jury of six men, who shall take these two watches to my store and compare them with the electric clock there, which is set, as you know, by Washington time and therefore is accurate."

The court selected the jury, and the men picked up the watches and fled out. In their absence a few more bets were made. A few minutes later the jurymen returned and took seats. "Gentlemen, what have you to report?" asked Squire Scroggins. "We have to report, your honor," said the juror first qualified, "that we find one of these watches to be five minutes fast and the other exactly on time."

"Which one is on time?" "This one," said the jurymen, holding up one timepiece. "But as both of these watches are of the same make we do not know who owns the slow one."

"Yes," said Sanderson. "I sold both these watches to the gentlemen about a month ago, and they said they would bring them back to have their names engraved, but they never did." "The court rules, then," said Squire Scroggins, "that one of the babies in question was born four minutes before the old year ended, and the other baby therefore is entitled to the cup. 'The foreman of the jury,' he continued, "will take both watches, turn



his back to the assemblage, lay both timepieces down upon my desk and then let Mr. Barlow and Mr. Parlow each identify his watch without opening the cases, of course." Both Barlow and Parlow refused to make an effort at identification. The trophy, now known as the "Arlow cup," was sold at auction for the benefit of the Baptist Sunday school.

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1910--1911.

Good by nineteen hundred and ten; welcome nineteen hundred and eleven. Personally THE STAR has no kick coming for the way 1910 served us, and we hope we will have none for 1911.

The pro press urge only the pros to pay their poll tax. THE STAR wants both pros and antis to pay their poll tax so neither side can have any excuse to offer when they get licked.

The Dallas News says the slogan water as free as air, is hot air. The News ought to know, because Dallas has been short of water so long it is feared that the people there will forget how it tastes.

State Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan fed five thousand poor people in New York Christmas day and as they passed out from the dining room each were requested to call again Feb'y. 1st and handed a ticket good for a pair of shoes and two pair of socks.

Col. William Greene Sterrett has been appointed Fish and Oyster commissioner by Governor-elect Colquitt. There is not a man in Texas loves to fish better than Col. Sterrett, and what he don't know about fish, especially tarpon and devil-fish is not worth knowing.

The Farmers Journal, socialist paper at Abilene, laments that he and his family cannot take a lay off Christmas like other papers. Some papers, not socialist, cannot afford to take a lay off either.

Cross Plains is to have a Ten Thousand Dollar City Water Works to begin with; graded streets; it is the terminus of the Texas Central; has the largest trade territory; will grow into a city.

The usual number of wounds and deaths from dangerous explosives are reported from Christmas celebrations. In a few days the papers will begin to report deaths from tetanus (lockjaw) caused by wounds from toy pistols.

Being Christmas week and consequently very busy, we have no time to reply to Judge Blanton this week. And besides, the old year is dying and the new year will soon be here.

Some ultra Democrats in Texas take the ground that every Democrat who opposes free raw material is in favor of protection. This is absurd. THE STAR is a free trader in sentiment and would abolish every custom house in the world had we the power, but realize that such a thing is impossible in this age.

The iron manufacturers and no one else. Who was benefitted by placing hides on the free list? Not the consumer, because leather is higher than before the tariff was taken off, while the theory was that leather and leather goods would be cheaper.

The only other appointment made by me is the foreman of the grand jury. It requires much executive ability to make a good foreman, for he has to preside, administer the oath to all witnesses, conduct much of the examination of witnesses, with ability to ascertain and bring out all evidence within their knowledge.

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FROM JUDGE BLANTON.

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 20, 1910. Hon. W. E. Gilliland, Editor The Baird Star.

Dear Bro. Gilliland: Your editorial last week, and a former one, if left unchallenged, might create the false impression in some parts of the State, that anti-prohibitionists are discriminated against in the District Court in Callahan county.

I deny emphatically that politics of any nature has ever in any way influenced the selection of grand or petit jurors, jury commissioners or foremen of grand juries. Once before, I fully explained to you that I have nothing whatever to do with the selection of the personnel of either the grand or petit jury, as all of these jurors are chosen by the jury commissioners.

I will admit that I use the greatest care in selecting these three jury commissioners, and it is my purpose to always get three of the very best men in the county, for they are to select a grand jury to enforce the law, and a petit jury to pass upon the life, liberty and valuable property rights of citizens.

The only other appointment made by me is the foreman of the grand jury. It requires much executive ability to make a good foreman, for he has to preside, administer the oath to all witnesses, conduct much of the examination of witnesses, with ability to ascertain and bring out all evidence within their knowledge.

During the past two years that I have been Judge, I have made the following appointments, viz: For November 1910 term: L. N. Jackson, Foreman of Grand Jury; W. D. Boydston, of Baird, R. H. Smith, of Eula, and J. M. Hembrey, of Cottonwood as Jury Commissioners.

For May 1910 Term: T. E. Powell, Foreman of Grand Jury; Jno. W.

Robbins, of Clyde, D. P. Carter, of Cottonwood, and W. E. Pruitt, of Putnam, as Jury Commissioners. For November 1909 Term: W. H. Dawkins, Foreman of Grand Jury; B. C. Clemer, of Clyde, and R. D. Williams, of Putnam and A. G. Webb of Baird, as Jury Commissioners.

In one editorial you said: "Was it an accident that only two antis were selected among the sixteen grand jurors for this term court? Was it an accident that these two antis were among the four excused by the District Judge?" You should have been fair Bro. Gilliland, and have questioned the two antis excused as to why they were excused, and you would have found out that both of them gave a lawful excuse for not serving, and begged the court to excuse them, and that I was compelled to excuse them because of their lawful excuse interposed.

You further said: "There were three preachers on the last grand jury, all pros." This was news to me. When I empanelled the grand jury, I asked for lawful excuses. Four men gave lawful excuses and were excused. A preacher is exempt from jury service, and no one claimed to be a preacher, and I have never yet found any exempt person who failed to give his excuse.

You say that I received more anti than pro votes in Baird, and yet I appoint only pros. Bro. Gilliland again you are unfair. The only promise that I made the people of Callahan county for their votes was that I would strictly enforce the law. This I have faithfully kept to the letter. There is not a more law-abiding county in the State of Texas than Callahan. There is not another county of its size in the State whose District Court expenses is less, and both the civil and criminal docket of your District Court is now clear.

The message was sent, the place from which it was sent, the place to which it was sent, the name of the party signing the message, and the name of the party to whom it was sent, and the contents of the message, the Company still refuses to comply with the law, and allowed its attorney to pay a fine of \$100, and serve out a sentence of three days in jail (which was the maximum penalty), and thus thwart the law, as at that time the grand jury had adjourned and the court could not inflict further punishment.

Thanking you for the above message, beg to remain, Very sincerely yours, Thomas L. Blanton.

ROAD AS DUMPING GROUND.

Complaint is made that someone is using the public road as a dumping ground, near the old Henry Jones place. It is a violation of the law to dump refuse along a public road and it is strange people will do this, even if there was no law against it. If not stopped prosecution will follow.

The editor and part of the family, J. H. Walker and family, Mrs. J. R. Price and children, Robt. Estes, of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blakely, of Crooked Creek and Sam Windham of Oplin spent Christmas day with Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones on their Clear Creek ranch. It is needless to say that there was plenty to eat and drink and all had a most enjoyable time, the Baird contingent returning home Monday.

D. W. Teasley, of Codell, Kansas, is visiting his cousin W. K. Boatwright, on Deep Creek. While in town Tuesday they visited THE STAR office and spent some time. Mr. Teasley says it is very dry in Kansas, just as it is in Texas, and Oklahoma is the same.

The railroad has been completed into Cross Plains, the new terminus of the Texas Central, and excursion rates will be run for the opening of the townsite on Jan. 12, 1911.

Advertised Letters.

The following list of letters remain uncalled for in the P. O. at Baird, Texas, for the week ending Dec. 17, 1910. When calling for same please say "advertised." I cent due on all advertised letters. R. D. George. Miss Gladys Johnson. J. Littlepage. Mr. Phil B. McConney. G. R. McClain. L. F. McManis. P. M.

Cross Plains is the terminus of the Texas Central. It will be opened by a big auction sale of lots on Jan. 12th, 1911. It has the best trade territory; ten thousand dollar city water works; graded streets. It will be opened by big auction sale. Those who have seen the terminus towns of Spur, Stamford, Rotan, San Angelo, Brady and others can appreciate what it means to be the terminus town with a large trade territory. An investment in Cross Plains on the opening day may return you more than a years salary, take a day off and attend the sale.

The big city water tank filled up all right. Some feared, owing to the height, it would never fill, but it did and ran over. Capt. W. C. Powell says the profiles show that the wells are 56 feet above the top of the tank, which is 96 feet in height and situated on a high hill.

W. K. Boatwright was in from Deep Creek Tuesday. He says that Santa Clause came very near forgetting to bring along one of the main ingredients for Christmas egg nog.

J. C. Estes spent Christmas with his parents in Jones County.

Mrs. L. J. Sullivan and little daughter, Francis, of Big Springs, took Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Laird.

Virgil Hill, who is attending the Dental School at Dallas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill south of town.

Special trains and round trip rates will be given for the Cross Plains townsite opening Jan. 12th, 1911. Be there and get in on the ground floor; plenty of food and shelter for every one. 5 2t

Advertisement for The First National Bank of Baird. Text: "DON'T LET IT SLIP Through your FINGERS PUT IT IN THE BANK THEN YOU WILL HAVE IT". Includes an illustration of a hand holding coins and the bank's name and officers.

I WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
 WILL D. BOYDSTUN.

PERSONAL MENTION

COAL—Phone Grant Bowlus.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell were in from the Bayou, Tuesday.

Commissioner Phil Yost, of Tecumseh, was in town yesterday.

J. U. Johnson, of Ovalo, spent a few days in town this week.

Mrs. P. H. Crook is visiting her parents in Gorman.

A right good little rain with some hail fell at Baird, Wednesday night.

Lelan Jackson is at home for the holidays from the A. & M. College.

Gabe Smartt and others from Admiral, were in town on business the first of the week.

T. C. (Cal) Whatley, formerly of this county, now living in New Mexico, came in Tuesday night.

Drop in at Boyles and see the \$40 sewing machine that he is giving away.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Jackson are spending the holidays with relatives in Erath county.

Tom Austin, of Clyde, who was reported seriously ill a week or so ago, is up and about as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leverett, of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Willie Gilliland is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Franklin and family this week.

Mrs. Wm. Handley spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Cale Hall in Ft. Worth. She will also visit in Greenville before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Vaughn, for many years residents of Baird, but now living in Fort Worth, came up the first of the week to visit relatives.

Willis Windham and J. J. Jones of Oplin, were in town, yesterday.

W. J. Leverett, living northwest of town, was in the city Tuesday.

D. F. Harp was in the city Tuesday. He reports wheat looking fine in his section.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McManis spent Christmas day with relatives on the Bayou.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones are visiting relatives in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Miss Frenche Emmous, who is attending school at Stamford, is at home for the holidays.

Three free town lots will be given away at the opening of Cross Plains January 12th, 1911. 5 2t

Hugo Foy, of Taylor, Texas, came in last week to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Foy.

FOR SALE.—One fresh milch cow, half Jersey. Apply to John Hirt, south of Clyde. 5 2t

Orin and Miss Dana Moon, are at home for the holidays from Britton Training School, Cisco, for the holidays.

Miss Isabel Brock, who is teaching school in Haskell County is spending the holidays with her parents at Belle Plaine.

Miss Lulu Cutbirth, who is attending the Switzer School at Itasca, is spending the holidays with the home folks.

Almonte Moon, of Quanah; Misses Commora and Lillie Moon, of Eastland, visited their mother, Mrs. M. E. Moon, and family, the past week.

A. H. Tuberville, public weigher at Clyde, was in town Wednesday. He reports the cotton crop at Clyde about all marketed. About 2400 bales, total.

Thomas D. Dawkins, of Austin, came in Wednesday to visit his mother and family.

T. L. Conway and family left Tuesday night for Oklahoma to visit relatives.

Miss John Gilliland is visiting Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones on Clear Creek.

Cross Plains townsite opening on Thursday, Jan. 12th, 1911. Big auction sale of town lots. 5 2t

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McFarlane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Gilliland entertained quite a number of young friends at their home near Belle Plaine, Tuesday night.

Claude and Jack Flores entertained with a dance at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Flores, at Belle Plaine, Wednesday night.

Geo. Crutchfield returned home Monday from Fort Worth, where he was called some days before by the serious illness of his sister.

Claude Flores, of Fort Worth is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Flores at Belle Plaine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Day, of Stamford, visited Mrs. Day's brother, J. C. Estes and family, the first of the week.

Fréd Cutbirth, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cutbirth and children, spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth.

Three free lots will be given at the opening sale of Cross Plains, the terminus of the Texas Central, at auction sale opening Jan. 12th.

Arrangements have been made to feed and shelter the big crowds that will attend the townsite opening at Cross Plains, January 12th, 1911. The sale will occur hot or cold, rain or shine. 5 2t

CONFEDERATE COLUMN.

Military record of S. Walker, Baird, Texas.

He entered the service in April, 1861, Company H, 46th Mississippi Infantry, Sears Brigade, A.P. Hill's division. His first engagement was at Chicasaw Bayou. In this battle the Confederate loss was very light, but the Federals suffered a loss of about nineteen hundred men. The next engagement of note was at Kenasaw Mountain. There the Federals were completely routed with heavy loss of men. The company to which this sketch belonged then took up their line of march toward Atlanta, Ga. There was fighting almost continuously all along the line. The hardest battle occurred at New Hope Church, there the Confederates took everything by storm and the Federals were driven in disorder from the field.

Mr. Walker was captured within five miles of Atlanta on July 5, 1864. He was taken to Camp Douglas, Ill. and was released in May 1865, thus being a prisoner for just ten months. No one who has not been a prisoner in times of war can form any idea of the privations attendant upon such a life. The hardships of the regular soldier on the fighting line is not to be compared at all to some of the suffering and privations which prisoners were sometimes compelled to undergo. Sometimes cats and rats were killed and formed the whole bill of fare and sometimes even those could not be obtained and the soldiers actually died of sheer starvation.

At a certain time a bugle was blown and then all talking among the prisoners must cease. Any who were heard talking after the bugle were subjected to all kinds of punishment. Sometimes they were compelled to toe a line on the ground and to stoop forward without bending the knees and touch their fingers to another mark on the ground. This was continued for 30 minutes at a time. The Yankees,

apparently unmindful of the suffering that this brought on men, good men too as ever shouldered a musket in defense of a cause, would laugh at the confederates under this punishment and call it "picking peas." Another popular mode of punishment was "riding one on a rail." This was accomplished by causing the soldier who had violated some whimsical rule to be ridden on a 2x4 scantlin which was called by the Yankees "Morgan's Mule." The subject of this sketch was never compelled to ride "Morgan's Mule"

but he was compelled to other punishment. Any person who is above command will S. Walker, Baird, Tex.

Miss Vera S. teaching school during the holidays with other relatives here.

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BRAVE FIREMEN PERISH DOING DUTY

During Conflagrations at Two Large Cities.

CHICAGO IS ONE PLACE,

Philadelphia the Other—A Wooden Canopy's Fall Crushing a Number—At Pennsylvania Metropolitan Several Caught in Ruins.

Two terrible calamities, both happening at conflagrations, caused the deaths of a number of firemen and a considerable property loss.

At Chicago fire broke in the large packing establishment of Morris & Co. and for hours threatened Union stockyards. Morris & Co.'s warehouse and contents were damaged, it is estimated, about \$1,250,000.

A wooden canopy fell from the beef house, where the blaze originated, carrying with it tons of redhot bricks and debris upon Marshal James Horan, the fire chief, killing him. Assistant Chief Burroughs and Lieut. Fitzgerald and several members of the two companies underneath. Many were injured. Twenty-four are dead.

HEAD MISSING.

Limbs Drop From the Bodies of Other Corpses.

The conflagration at Philadelphia, taking place in the leather factory of Daniel Friedlander, caused a monetary loss of less than \$25,000. Like as at Chicago firemen lost their lives. Walls fell upon firemen. Chief Baxter of the fire department, who had a narrow escape, said shortly after the flames had been extinguished the death list was fourteen.

After having been pinned under the great mass of twisted iron and broked bricks for twelve hours three firemen were rescued alive. Two died while being taken to a hospital and recovery of other, surgeons stated, was not probable.

Some of the bodies were so badly burned the limbs dropped off while corpses were being removed.

When the body of Assistant Foreman Kalberer was found in the ruins it was without the head, being recognized by the uniform.

Morris Galis, a policeman, also lost his life.

Lying face downward with tons of debris a foot away from him Glazier lay pinned to the pavement. He conversed with scores of firemen and policemen. Brother firemen crawled beneath the debris and spread a tarpaulin over Glazier to keep the frigid streams of water being poured on the still burning ruins of him until he could be rescued. Stimulants were also provided. He had been in the ruins thirteen hours when taken out and conscious. Glazier was rushed to a hospital, but his case was declared hopeless.

Father Englert of St. Peter's cathedral crept as close to Glazier and administered spiritual comfort.

Factory was five stories high.

Will Sanders, a negro, after a preliminary hearing was held without bail at Texarkana on the charge of killing Isaac Curry, another negro. Body of Curry was found on the Richmond road five miles from Texarkana with a bullet in his head. Testimony is circumstantial.

Two negroes who were arrested near Lawrence, Ala., in connection with the shooting of a farmer named Shirley narrowly escaped lynching at hands of a posse of farmers. While preparing to attack the horse in which the prisoners had been placed by officers militia arrived and got the posse into the make the assault. Negroes were conveyed to Montgomery. Eight negroes have been arrested as a result of this affair.

In a collision between a couple of night trains on the Pennsylvania railroad at Millston Junction near Newell gunwink, N. J., a passenger train crashed into one of the freight trains. Engineer John Lowenburg, timekeeper Fireman Knox and Flag-bearer Minahan were killed. Mrs. Dora Minahan was the only passenger badly injured. After being taken to a hospital death occurred.

A. M. Courtenay, pastor of a Methodist church at Zanesville, O., went to the office of the Sunday News and higher Editor Ellersham. Latter is the one who has been an active work in the "dry" cause, took exception to the editorial criticism of himself in how easiness.

The schooner was injured in a collision between a Pennsylvania rail- switch engine and the Manhattan at Chicago. Engine of the flyer south and north of the track, hitting a east, the boiler exploded and mail cars of this collision.

Schmidt, son of B. Schmidt, was shot and killed himself some two miles north of Se- Thousand ex., with a revolver of small to begin with.

business portion of Burdwar- hitoba, was burned, causing a loss of \$525,000.

list, a sheerman, was shot a- nuary 12, 1911, near Roswell, N. M., and opening sale.

FLEMING GUILTY IS THE VERDICT

President of the Failed Western Bank and Trust Company

IS GIVEN FOUR YEARS.

Charge Was Accepting Deposits When Aware the Former Financial Institution Was in a Tottering Condition.

In the criminal district court at Dallas Fred Fleming, former president of the defunct Western Bank and Trust company of that city, was declared guilty on charge of having received money for deposit in that institution, knowing it to be a failing condition, and his punishment assessed at four years in the penitentiary.

There are several other indictments against the convicted man. This conviction was obtained on the S. C. McAlester complaint—that is, original complaint that former County Attorney Lewelling asked grand jury after grand jury to return on indictment on. Last grand jury returned the indictment.

Judge Clint of the prosecution soon after the verdict was rendered thanked the jury.

BOLD BANDIT.

Robs Passengers In Pullman Car at El Paso.

The Sunset express, the Southern Pacific railway's through passenger train from San Francisco to New Orleans, was boarded at El Paso by a highwayman. With a revolver in each hand he forced the Pullman porter to walk ahead of him through that coach and commanded the passengers to part company with \$150 in money and two railroad tickets.

After riding less than three blocks the robber commanded a brakeman to stop the train. As it slowed he leaped off and disappeared.

OTHER TEXAS EVFNTS.

Lee Woo, a Chinese boy, confined in the detention room of the immigration station at El Paso awaiting deportation, was found hanging to a bar with a towel tied around his neck. He was barely alive when discovered.

Calvin Barnes, a farmer, who resided three miles north of Lancaster, after eating his breakfast took his gun and went out to the rear of the house, and placing the gun against his head just above an ear fired a load of shot into his head, death being instantaneous. No cause is known for the act. He was a tenant farmer and leaves a widow, five children, father and several brothers.

Grand jury at Rock Springs Edwards county, charged to investigate the burning at the sale of Antonio Rodriguez, a Mexican, reported to Judge Burney the fact had been established that Rodriguez had met his death thus, but that no testimony had been presented tending to establish the identity of the mob. Secret service agents of the government aided in the investigation and stated they had forwarded a special report to the state department at Washington.

On the farm of Sam Porter, about twenty-five miles east of Austin, while his six-year-old son, dug into hay over a cave. "Some beast, he thought a dog, yelped. He left and reported at home there was a dog in the hay stack. Investigation showed a wolf and six little ones. Mother and puppies were captured and are in the possession of Mr. Porter. He is raising them and finds the puppies little trouble to domesticate.

Christopher Wolfe, aged seventy-two years, a butcher, died in West Dallas. He is said to have been the oldest native born citizen of Dallas county, first seeing the light of day in 1838. Mr. Wolfe saw Texas under the rule of Mexico; then a republican; then a state of the Union; then a Confederate state; again a United States commonwealth. He was a Confederate soldier. A widow is left.

While interceding for her son, who was held upon the charge of having burglarized the store of the Dimmitt Mercantile company, dropped dead in the courthouse of Castro county. The lady after making her plea fell to the floor a corpse. The son, after being permitted to attend the funeral of his mother near Happy, Fisher county, was jailed.

Frederick Tassanari, a rich Italian merchant of Austin, was found murdered at his place of business. With some kind of a blunt instrument his head had been crushed. Trunks had been ransacked and robbery is said to have been the motive. In the apparel, however, that Tassanari had on was sound \$260 in currency.

John Brewington was killed and a couple of other men injured when a Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway passenger train crashed into the wagon in which they were riding. Deplorable affair occurred at the station in Grabbury.

While attempting to put four negro ramys off his train on the Santa Fe railway between Kopperl and Morgan Conductor Cox was badly shot by one J. B. Corley, a farmer, residing near far from Garland, while on a visit to Dallas dropped a roll of bills that amounted to \$60 out of a pocket.

THE SEASON'S COMPLIMENTS

We heartily wish every one, our patrons and friends in particular, a Happy New Year. We heartily appreciate the patronage given us during the year just closing. For the coming year we hope to be favored with a continuance of your patronage, assuring you of our best efforts to make your dealings with us pleasant and profitable. "May you all live long and prosper."

J. H. HAMMANS & BRO.

THE JOY OF LIVING.

Half the Joy of Living is in the eating, and there is Happiness in the Home when your Groceries are of the Highest Grade and Purest Quality. We stake the reputation of our firm upon the Quality of our Merchandise; on these grounds we solicit your trade.

All The Year Round

We carry a full and complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries. In fact we have the largest stock of groceries to be found in Callahan County, and guarantee them to be pure and fresh. We also carry everything in the Feed line, such as Hay, Bran, Chops, etc.

Fresh Vegetables.

We receive daily shipments of Fresh Vegetables, such as Lettuce, Onions, Raddish, Beets, Turnips, etc. When you want fresh vegetables phone us your order and it will be given prompt attention.

LET US BE YOUR GROCERYMEN.

WRISTEN & JOHNSON.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

The State of Texas, County of Callahan:

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of J. L. Harris, deceased. The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of J. L. Harris, deceased, late of Callahan County, Texas by C. D. Russell, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 6th day of December, 1910, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence, Clyde, Rt. 3, Callahan County, Texas, where he receives his mail. This 6th day of December, A. D. 1910.

RAY HARRINGTON, Administrator of the Estate of J. L. Harris, deceased. 2-4

All About Texas.

For information about Texas see the TEXAS ALMANAC & STATE INDUSTRIAL GUIDE (360 pages.) Gives detailed description of every county in the state, price of land, etc. Also contains railroad and county map of the State. Price, postpaid, 30c. Address: The Dallas News, Dallas, Texas.

It can be repaired, give us the work. Baird Machine Co. 25tf

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Listen! My subscription books show that for 1909 and 1910 collections are but a little more for both years than for the year 1908; in other words nearly one thousand dollars is due on subscription. I positively cannot carry this amount over another year, besides the Postoffice Department instructs me to discontinue all subscriptions more than one year in arrears or they will bar THE STAR from second class postal rates. It is not for me to discuss the right or wrong of such ruling. I have to comply and that is all there is to it. Pay up, if delinquent, or THE STAR will be discontinued to your address after January 1, 1911. I need money and must collect. There is very little profit in one dollar rates if paid in advance and none on credit.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN. Taken up by C. A. Parker, Nov. 18th, 1910 and estrayed before J. H. Burkett, J. P. No. 5, Callahan County, Texas, on the 9th day of Dec. 1910, one bay horse 14 1-2 hands high, 4 years old, white spot in forehead, snip on nose, left hind foot white. If not legally proven away within twelve months, will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office this 13th day of Dec. 1910. R. L. SURLS, County Clerk, Callahan Co., Texas.

CLIPPING RATES.

THE STAR and Dallas News one year, \$1.75. THE STAR and Houston Post one year, \$1.75. THE STAR and Fort Worth Record one year, \$1.75.

Notice to the Public.

We wish to inform our friends and the public generally that we have moved our blacksmith shop from its old location back of Terrell's drug store. We are now located on the Sigal lot just south of The Baird Star office. We are better prepared than ever before to do your work and would be glad to have our friends and customers call on us when in need of anything in our line, such as horse shoeing, wagon work, plow work and rubber tires. We know how and can do it quicker, better and just as cheap as any body. We appreciate the liberal patronage we have received in the past and will be thankful for a continuance of the same. Yours for good work, I:tf DICKEY & BOUNDS.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

Just one left. One 3 inch Luedinghaus Bois' arc Wagon, a bargain if you come quick. C. S. Boyles, 3-4t.

Old Papers For Sale.—At THE STAR office. Can be used for putting under carpets, in shelves, etc. 25cts per hundred.

Your Friends Prefer Jewelry to Any Other Gift in the World.

For thousands of years, as far back as historical records go, the universal token of Love and Friendship has been precious stones and jewels. To every race, in every age and generation, gems and jewels have held a charm more alluring than money, land, merchandise or any other form of wealth. And with each generation, the sentiment attached to the giving and owning of jewels grow.

Every achievement in Life is associated with gifts of beautiful jewels, a diminutive ring for baby; bracelets and neck chains for birthday remembrances; at graduation, perhaps a fine watch; a diamond ring announces the marriage engagement; and at the wedding, the crowning event of all, a multitude of precious gems, stones and jewels.

Search the gamut of human wants and you will find no gift so acceptable as jewelry. Good jewelry is a heritage that is handed down from generation to generation and an enduring remembrance of the giver.

When you want to select jewelry for your friends or relatives, come to this store. You can not find more dependable jewelry any place; you can not find so large a line or so many novelties elsewhere in this city. Nor or the prices we ask in any case unreasonable. In many instances a comparison will demonstrate that to trade with us means a considerable cost saving.

If you are unfamiliar with jewelry, we will be glad to help you make tasteful selections. On the other hand, if you are accustomed to buying rings, lockets, bracelets, watches, diamonds, etc, so much the better. You will appreciate the more keenly the high quality of our goods and up-to-date selections. Needless to say, every article of merchandise we sell is warranted to be exactly as represented. There is no chance for deception at this store. Our line is particularly interesting in rings, brooches, bracelets, necklaces, lockets, pins, watches, diamonds and late novelties.

We are local agents for the famous South Bend Watch, which you see advertised in leading magazines. Come and visit our store, whether you are ready to purchase jewelry or not. Bring your friends along. We take pleasure in showing the many beautiful gems and jewels that we have. We also have a complete line of Kodaks and supplies.

J. H. TERRELL

The Druggist and Jeweler.

Always Referred to as The Best.

TRIO MAIN.

Man, His Daughter and Grand-Daughter Murdered.

Three charred bodies found in the ruins of the burned home of J. L. Sanders, near Henderson, twenty miles from Durham, N. C., and strands of a girl's hair discovered in a pool of blood in the yard led to the arrest of Nathan Montague, a young negro, on charges of criminal assault, murder and arson.

For safe keeping the negro was at once taken to Durham and after the inquest to the penitentiary.

Family consisted of Mr. Sanders, a daughter, Mary Sanders, and a two-year-old granddaughter.

Searchers found near the ruins of the house a large pocketknife covered with blood. One of the neighbors at once identified the knife, claiming to have seen Montague using it in cleaning and scraping hogs.

Upon this information Sheriff Wilson went to Montague's home and accused him of the awful crimes. The negro was covered with blood, it is alleged, and was trembling with fear. He offered resistance, but was subdued and taken into custody.

GOVERNMENT FIGURES.

Bales of Cotton Ginned Up to Dec. 13.

Census bureau's report on cotton ginning shows 10,689,482 bales, counting round bales as half bales, were ginned from the growth of 1910 up to Dec. 13, compared with 9,358,085 for 1909, 11,904,209 for 1908 and 9,234,070 for 1907.

Percentage of the last three crops ginned to Dec. 13 was 92.9 for 1909, 91.0 for 1908 and 84.0 for 1907.

Ginning by states to Dec. 13 was in bales: Alabama, 1,129,373; Arkansas, 676,156; Florida, 59,488; Georgia, 1,140,110; Louisiana, 234,468; Mississippi, 1,006,946; North Carolina, 664,000; Oklahoma, 888,928; South Carolina, 1,108,967; Tennessee, 269,057; Texas, 1,549,911; all other states, 62,949. Detailed statistics of cotton ginned up to Dec. 13 are 10,139,712 bales.

MORE NAMED.

Additional List of Appointments Given Out.

Governor-elect Colquitt announces these appointments:

Railroad Commissioner—John A. Wortham of Harris county.

Labor Commissioner—J. A. Stuchling of Tarrant county.

Assistant Attorney General—C. M. Lane of Fayette county.

Insurance Board—R. L. Pollard of Travis county and Wallace English of Cooke county.

Board of Medical Examiners—Dr. W. L. Crosthwaite, Bell county; W. H. Collins, Houston county; G. L. Baber, Wood; J. M. Evans, Anderson; J. D. Osborn, Johnson (all allopathic); J. F. Bailey, McLennan; Paul M. Peck, Bexar (osteopath); M. E. Daniel of Fannin (eclectic); R. O. Braswell of Tarrant (physico-medical); J. D. Mitchell, Tarrant; W. E. Crowe, Dallas (homeopath).

Library and Historical Commission—Walter Tipton, Travis county; Mrs. J. D. Sayers, Travis; Mrs. J. B. Dilrell, Guadalupe.

Intangible Tax Commissioner—R. E. Hopkins, Denton county.

State Revenue Agent—E. B. House, San Saba county.

Prison Commissioners—B. E. Cabell, Dallas county; L. W. Tittle, Cherokee; R. W. Brahan, Walker.

State Mining Board—H. C. Koehler (lignite), Bexar county; W. K. Gordon (bituminous), Palo Pinto; C. N. Avery (lignite), Travis.

Representing Mine Owners—W. N. Bullock (lignite), Milam county; Gomer Cower (bituminous), Palo Pinto; T. H. Lipp (bituminous) Wise.

Representing Mine Workers—W. B. Fitzhugh, Tarrant county (non interested member).

Quarantine Officer at Sabine Pass—Dr. A. S. Pollock, Upshur county.

Quarantine Officer at Eagle Pass—Dr. Van E. MacFarland of Maverick county.

Quarantine Officer at Velasco—Dr. B. H. Carleton of Brazoria county.

Superintendent of State Training School for Juveniles at Gatesville—W. B. Gray, Navarro county; managers, Sam R. Scott, McLennan; John M. Furman, Bell; Dr. A. Garwood, Comal; Mesdames Cornelia Branch Stone, Galveston, and Wiley Blair, Wichita.

Chief Clerk, Secretary of State Department—J. R. Elliott of Grayson county.

Dairy and Food Commissioner—Dr. J. S. Abbott, Denton (reappointed).

Superintendent Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio—Dr. Frank S. White, Kaufman.

University Regent—Fred W. Cook of Bexar, vice W. L. Sanford, Grayson, declined.

Member Board of Regents, College of Industrial Arts at Denton—Robert E. Prince of Navarro, vice William D. Cleveland of Harris, declined.

ARKANSAS LYNCHING.

Mob Shoots Man and Body Left on Sidewalk.

Oscar Chitwood, white, charged at Hot Springs with the killing Aug. 17 last, was shot and killed at that city by a masked mob, composed of some twenty-five persons.

Deputy Sheriff Rutherford had left the jail with the prisoner, intending to take him to the penitentiary at Little Rock when the mob converged him with guns and demanded the prisoner, telling him the slightest resistance on his part meant death to both.

Chitwood was shot in the head and left breast. One bullet entered a hand as he threw it up to ward off bullets. His body was left on the concrete walk where it fell until removed by some officers.

Chitwood had been granted change of venue to Saline county.

Shot Four Times.

S. L. Woodward shot and killed at Rockwell, Tex., L. B. Tarlton. Four bullets entered the latter's body, one producing effect in his abdomen, death resulting almost instantly. Woodward, who surrendered, claims Tarlton with a knife pursued him into his but and that he had to act in self-defense. Tarlton was found dying on the sidewalk outside yard of Woodward. Tarlton leaves a widow. He was a medicine salesman.

Baum Ends Life.

Arthur J. Baum, a well known cotton broker, who inaugurated several months ago the movement for a monument to the "black warriors" of the southern Confederacy, ended his life at a Galveston hotel. He had resided in that city several years.

Presented Victoria and Team.

One of the many Christmas presents is the plants of was a handsome Victoria every year's fine span of horses, given by a less late by H. A. Wroe, a banker of how each.

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H. SCHWARTZ

BAIRD, TEXAS.

Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions upon the opening day of our Special Sale we have decided to continue SALE on all merchandise at a great sacrifice, until further notice, that all may be enabled to purchase at a great saving, to make one dollar do the work of two. Below we mention only a few of the many features:



SPECIAL No.	Description	Regular Price	Sale Price
1.	Full Length Kersey Coats in Black only	\$5.00	\$2.65
2.	Full Length Kersey Coats in Oxford only	7.50	3.65
3.	Full Length Melton Coats in Tan and Gray	10.00	4.65
4.	Tailored Coat Suits, sizes 34 to 44	\$17.50 and 18.00	15.00
5.	Tailored Coat Suits, sizes 34 to 44	20.00 and 22.50	17.50
6.	Tailored Coat Suits, sizes 34 to 40	25.00	18.50
7.	Silk Tissues for Headscarfs and evening wear, all shades per yard		48c
8.	36 inch Mohair in Black, Brown, Red Blue, Regular Price	50c per yard	43c
9.	Mercerized Satin Foulard, latest dress fabric, Regular Price	35c	24c
10.	Cluster Hair Curls, just arrived, your match, Regular Price		1.00
11.	Phoenix Mufflers, all shades and sizes.		50c
12.	Ladies Hemmed Stitch Handkerchiefs, pure linen		10c
13.	One Lot Valenciene Lace, Edge and Insertion, 12 yards for		25c
14.	One Lot Children's Cloaks, sizes up to 14 years, Regular Price	\$5.00	\$2.75
15.	Ladies Vici Patent Tip Shoes Regular Price	3.00	2.38
16.	49 Prs. Mens' "Patriot" Shoes, sizes 6 to 9. Value up to	5.00	2.89
17.	37 Prs. Mens' "Pilgrim" Shoes, mostly large sizes Regular price	3.50	2.49

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

We take pleasure in expressing to our many friends and customers our appreciation of their favors during the year now drawing to a close. For the year's business we thank you and hope to be favored with your valuable patronage during the year 1911. We wish all a Happy New Year.

H. SCHWARTZ.

Miss Alice Floyd, who is teaching at Cottonwood, and Miss Willie Floyd, who is teaching in the Public Schools at Abilene, are at home for the holidays.

Cross Plains, the terminus of the Texas Central Railroad, in Callahan County, has the largest trade territory of any town in this section. Attend the opening sale on Jan. 12, 1911. 5 2t

J. C. Trulove and family left last week for Alvarado, where they will make their future home. We regret to have this family leave Baird, but wish them well in their new home.

Lovers of Indian Romance will have the opportunity of witnessing one of the prettiest plays even written on next Tuesday night, Jan. 3d at the opera house with the "Prince of His Race," headed by that stealing young actor of romantic parts, Oscar Graham. It is a true tale of an incident in the life of an Indian brave, in the early days of Oklahoma, and a dramatization of the novel of the same name and is presented by a company of excellence.

WANTED.

A renter for my place, 8 miles east of Baird, or 2 1-2 miles west of Putnam. 150 acres in cultivation. For particulars apply to Mrs. E. M. Rust, Merkel, Texas. 3-3L

SHERIFF'S SALE.

(REAL ESTATE)

By Virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Callahan County, on the 2nd day of December A. D. 1910, in the case of E. P. Walshe versus M. L. Burkhead, L. L. Lane, C. L. Hailey, C. W. Dudley, S. W. Estes, and W. H. Monk and J. M. Warren, No. 1055, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 7 day of December A. D. 1910, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1911, it being the 3rd day of said month, at the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the town of Baird, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which said defendants had on the 11th day of Nov. A. D. 1910, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: All that certain tract of land lying and being situated in Callahan County, Texas, and being more fully described as follows, to-wit: Being fifty acres off of the west end of the south half of the north-east quarter section No. 74, State school land, surveyed by the B. B. & C. Railroad Company, said property being levied on as the property of J. H. Warren to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1021.83,

in favor of E. P. Walshe and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand This 3rd day of Dec. A. D. 1910.

F. F. RAINS, Sheriff Callahan County, Texas.

Call C. S. Boyles, Phone 239 for the best coal. 2-4ts.

For Sale or Trade.

Good 4 room house (practically new) cistern and city water. Lot 75 by 150, 2 blocks from new School building. 42-tf. C. S. Boyles.

For Sale.—Registered Jersey cows Apply to J. E. W. Lane. 2-5t.

We sell the best coal, phone 239 C. S. Boyles. 2-4ts.

We will give every Saturday rest of season. Will buy your cotton seed. Baird Gin Co. 4tf.

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Don't forget that the Schubert Symphony Company will be at the opera House on Dec. 31st under the auspices of the Baird Public Schools. Every dollar that comes to the school fund will be set aside to buy seats for the auditorium in the school building.

WANTED.

All the Cow hides in the County, will pay highest market price. 2-tf. C. S. Boyles.

To Be Given Away. a \$40.00 sewing machine, call at C. S. Boyles and get particulars. 2-4ts

COAL—Phone Grant Bowlus.

A Lay Quartette is always a source of delight to lovers of beautiful music and the Schubert Lady Quartette is one of the best. Hear them at the Baird Opera House, Saturday night, Dec. 31. Given under the auspices of the Baird Public School.

FOR SALE.—Fresh milch cow at a bargain. Also couple of good mares See stock at Russell's Ranch on the Bayou or address P. H. Armistead, Baird, Texas. 4-4

Bicycles and parts sold by us Baird Machine Co. 25

DR. RHODE'S ECZEMA CURE

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