

The Baird Star.

Our Motto; " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO

When The Populist Party Was In Its Heyday and National Prohibition Undreamed

Some one gave Louis Boydston a copy of the Callahan County Prodigal, dated February 5, 1897. The Cottonwood Prodigal, a Populist paper, owned and edited by C. J. Willson, was moved from Cottonwood to Baird early in 1895, after the election in 1894, in which the Populists elected a majority of the Commissioners' Court, including the County Judge and the Sheriff, and changed the name of the paper to the Callahan County Prodigal.

Charley had an idea that The Star was making a big lot of money out of the county printing, which was a mistake, which he had to learn for himself. True he got the county printing and the court, to help him out, paid him two or three times as much for some of the work as The Star had ever received for the same class of work.

Notwithstanding this, the Populists lost out in the election of 1896, and Charley Wilson moved his paper back to Cottonwood about July, 1897.

The copy of the Prodigal before us is a five column quarto, half patent—that is half of it printed in Dallas. Some time after returning to Cottonwood—in about 1898, we think—Charley Wilson moved his printing plant to Clyde and started a paper, the name of which we have forgotten. It never was much of a success, and he sold out and went to Abilene.

Poor Charley! He was a well meaning man, but his newspaper ventures in Callahan County were not very successful. We got along all right, except when he got a fool printer who thought the mission of the Prodigal was to drive The Star out of business by criticism. He found that the editor of The Star could use invectives effectively if forced to do so, and Charley put a stop to his important assistant, who had more gail than brains.

Charley got the tax list to publish, of course, but did not have material enough to print it, and we loaned him about twenty pounds of material, as The Star had for years published the delinquent tax list, and we voluntarily offered to loan him material when he told us he could not get out the list unless he purchased twenty pounds or more of material. Poor Charley! He passed on several years ago.

Most of the advertisers in this issue of the Prodigal are dead. Among them are Brown Seay, Dr. D. J. Wilson, S. M. Moon, F. W. James and W. C. Powell President and Cashier of the First National Bank, Frank Johnson, D. W. Wristen, Harry Meyer, R. J. Hatcher and J. H. Hoffman.

Jack Jones, of all those who had ads in that issue of the Prodigal, is alone left in the same business—barber. Twenty-five years brings many changes in any town. There were few locals in this issue. There was one about Louis Boydston engaging in a snowballing contest with lather all over his face; C. A. Shel-

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RAIN AND MUD A-PLENTY IN OPLIN NEIGHBORHOOD

Oplin, 12-17-'23.

We surely have had our share of mad and rain. If we only had the rain that has fallen at this place in the growing season, we would have plenty for a big crop. But extremes follow extremes, so the saying goes, and we will want for a shower when these rains quit, is my guess. Most all of us are housed in and not able to get in the fields, for it is too wet and muddy to work at anything.

Nearly all the cotton is out; probably forty or fifty bales yet to gin, so Ginner Lee Stradley told me. About 1550 bales have been ginned to date. Grain is looking good and volunteer oats are fine. Pastures will soon be green sure enough.

Editor Gilliland I have a something—a kindly feeling for you and for men that have stuck on the job so long. Thirty-six years! Isn't that a long time? The people of Baird and of Callahan County owe you more than a kindly feeling. No one has spent so much time and few have spent their individual dollars any more freely than you in the up-building and betterment of their town and county. A good, honest living is all you seem to have desired, and you have made the thirty-six years of your service prove it. We know every dollar you have made was honestly made, whether the good living came or not. Those gray hairs and those furrows of care prove that in the early days it was a struggle to be remembered. I have never heard a remark about Editor Gilliland that would not make him feel good to hear. My sincere wish is that you live to be a hundred and The Star live with you. S. S. H.

The Oplin school was dismissed last Friday afternoon. The teachers will attend the Institute at Baird this week.

The music teacher in our school, Miss Agnes Whitmire, left Saturday night for her home in Bell County, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist Church on Christmas eve night and everybody is invited to attend.

The Baptist preacher, Rev. Mr. Brite, held his regular appointment Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night.

The Methodist pastor, Rev. Mr. Northcut, will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m.

The Cody Thomas Show will be here the latter part of the week.

The Oplin Boys' Basket Ball Team defeated the Novice team last Friday week. The score was 28 to 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Windham are the proud parents of a big boy, born Saturday, December 15.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

All business houses of Baird will close on Christmas Day. Groceries and meat markets will be open until 9 o'clock a. m., but no deliveries will be made. Be sure to buy your groceries and meats on Monday.

By Committee.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Church of Christ Monday night, sponsored by Mrs. Frank Hinds, and everybody is invited to attend.

NURSE FOR CALLAHAN

Baird Parent-Teachers' Association Will Ask County To Help In Installing One

Through the good offices of the Baird Parent-Teachers' Association, Miss Carter of the State Health Department was here Tuesday and appeared before the members of the Callahan County Teachers' Institute, in annual session this week in the Public School Auditorium, and discussed the subject of a County Health Nurse, and County Superintendent of Public Instruction B. C. Chrisman, representing the rural schools, the superintendents of the independent schools with their teachers and the principals of the consolidated schools, with their teachers, unanimously decided to ask the State Health Department for a nurse to conduct a four-months' health campaign in the schools of the county.

If a nurse is available she will likely be here about the middle of January, to begin her work, which covers a general survey of the schools in the county. She will also hold health conferences with the mothers at all of the schools.

The cost of this campaign will be very small. The nurse's salary is paid by the State and the county is to pay her board, traveling and personal expenses, which will be something around \$200.

This work will be done under a special appropriation and Miss Carter was not sure that there would be a nurse available, but it is hoped that there will be.

The teachers of the county are to be commended for the steps they have taken in this splendid work, and The Star feels sure that the people of the entire county will lend every aid possible in the work.

FRESHMEN ENTERTAIN SOPHOMORES

Baird High School Freshmen entertained the Sophomores last Friday night at the hospitable home of Mrs. Ed Alexander. Games of "42" were played and everyone had a good time. Refreshments were served to the following:

Verona Satterwhite, Melba Cutbirth, Roberta Warren, Burma Warren, Emma Burks, Lillie Morrison, Lois Brooks, Bessie Eastham, Flossie Hotchkiss, Stafford Alexander, Britton Smart, Muriel Barton, Harold Ray, Millie Morrison, Opal Corn, Elizabeth Boren, Marvel Cutbirth, Harold Foy, Leona Lovvern, Elzora Pruitt, Lois Allen, Lester Jones, Ralph Short, Frances Vestal, John Alexander, Oliver Ashton, Bill Melton, Howard Loveless, Jewell Grimes, Rosa Boyd, Thelma Wengen, Margie Sutphen.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew's children, three sons and one daughter, are expected to spend the holidays with their parents. Miss Nora Lee, of McMurry College, Abilene, is expected today. One of the sons, Laird, student at the Southwestern University, Georgetown, arrived yesterday. Dewey, a teacher at Martin and Woody, linotype operator at Clifton, are expected to arrive Sunday or Monday.

FARMER R. L. STEPHENSON SITTING PRETTY THESE DAYS

Eula, 12-18-'23.

Dear Uncle Bill:

I was glad to have a few lines from you and will take pleasure in making the report. You know, when I am writing to you I am writing to a real friend, one who has fought the battles before my time.

I am proud to have a letter in your own handwriting. It has been a long time since you raised cotton. We have seen the time when there was not a dollar in raising cotton, but a year like this there sure was good money in it.

The last three bales I sold this year brought me \$548.52. Now that is what I call good money. I have seen the time when these three bales would have brought \$45.

Personally I like high prices. I have 160 acres of land to work next year. I am going to plant 65 acres in cotton, 51 acres in feed, 3 acres in pink beans, 1-2 acre in pop corn, 1-2 acre in watermelons, 1 acre in garden and the rest in general feed.

Cotton is the only money crop, but we can't afford to raise cotton to furnish the table and feed the stock. A man on a farm must raise his living on the farm. You know a good milk cow, one hundred hens and a brood sow will sure help make the living.

Times have sure changed since you were on the farm. In those days you had your smoke house full of eats, but now lots of farmers have their smoke house in town.

Uncle Bill, I am coming down to Baird some time soon and I will call around and see you. I sure enjoy talking with you. I have the highest respect for you older men who have blazed the way for us younger men. We don't know what hard times are.

With best regards to you and yours and a good Christmas.

R. P. Stephenson.

CITY MARSHAL W. L. ASHTON TO RETIRE AFTER LONG SERVICE

After fourteen years of faithful service as City Marshal of Baird and ex-officio Municipal Tax Collector and Water Commissioner W. L. Ashton, has decided to retire to the shades of private life and rest serenely upon his honors, as the following pronouncement indicates: To the Citizens of Baird:

I take this means of extending to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies and considerations that I have received at your hands during the past.

I have endeavored to render you the best service that was possible; under existing circumstances I have been unable to please some of you, however, my honest desire has been to render a fair and impartial service to all concerned.

I take this means, also, of advising you that I will not be a candidate for reelection; it is with a sad heart that I sever my relations with the City of Baird, for it has been a pleasure to serve the good citizens of this place.

My wife joins me in extending to you a sincere wish for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,
W. L. Ashton.

Rob and Frances Cochran spent the weekend with their uncle, B. B. Cochran, at Knox City.

TWO-FIFTHS OF COTTON CROP

Raised in Callahan County This Year Was Sold In Hustling Bustling Town Of Clyde

Clyde, 12-18-'23.

Clyde has received close around 4,000 bales of cotton this season. Most of this cotton was bought by local buyers. A few bales went through the Farm Bureau Association and a few bales had been shipped by individuals to Galveston or Houston. Our cotton buyers have given the very top of the market all the time. One buyer came here from Weatherford and bought for a while, but moved to another place, saying cotton sold too high in Clyde for him.

All lines of business are good in our little city. Lots of lumber being hauled away from the lumber yard for building and improvements of different kinds.

The Clyde Potato Curing Company has discontinued business and sold their house to W. H. Shanks. G. L. Walker has the building rented and is running a wholesale and retail produce business. He also has a business of some kind in Abilene.

Sheriff Chas. E. Bray and County Attorney Ben R. Russell were here Monday, investigating some trouble which some of the Clyde boys had gotten into, principally the alleged stealing of a gun from some travelers. I know not the result of the investigation. I do know there are a few boys around Clyde, as I suppose there is in every town, who need parental care and instruction more than anything else. Most of these petty mischievous goings on in little towns, which finally lead up to something worse, is almost invariably attributable to lax family discipline.

Parents, keep your children employed at something useful at home and keep them off the streets and away from bad companions, and such community disturbances as are now so frequent, will cease.

I am thoroughly convinced that the two most conducive things to present day law violations is: First, a failure in the home to properly train the boys and girls, and the second is a disposition on the part of so many people, as citizens of their respective communities, who evade or neglect their duty with respect to law enforcement, I see for our boasted civilization a very dark and gloomy future, if something is not done to create in the minds of our young people more respect for parental and civil authority.

Turkey raisers around Clyde are much disappointed this year about low prices. They are bringing about 12 cents a pound here on the market.

Mrs. R. C. Clemmer, wife of the assistant cashier of the First Guarantee State Bank here, who was operated upon some time ago at Abilene, is still not able to return home, but I understand is slowly improving.

Mrs. Mae Bowman, who is employed at the Clyde National Bank, is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Septima Smith, who is in Washington, D. C.

J. G. Newton, who lives here in town, was operated upon for appendicitis Sunday at his home.

J. B. Gamble, who rented out his farm at Denton and moved to Clyde last spring, has rented for another year, and will continue city life. He is on the Council place in the Shanks addition.

IX X

Three Cars in One!

A wonderful business car for dad—big loading space for samples, grips, tools, anything—by removing rear seat and upholstery! A wonderful closed car for the whole family—both seats adjustable forward and backward to accommodate everybody, tall and short! A wonderful vacation car for next summer—seats and upholstery make up into full-sized bed! More service at less cost! Come and enjoy a free demonstration.

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Kerens Shipping Cattle
 Kerens, Texas.—Six cars of cattle were shipped from this place to the Fort Worth market last week and several more are ready to be shipped this week. The recent advance in the market and the approaching winter season is putting all cattle on the market at this time.

\$100 From One Pecan Tree.
 San Angelo, Texas.—More than \$100 has been realized this year from one pecan tree by C. W. Runkles, one mile north of Christoval. Mr. Runkles reported in San Angelo that he has gathered 640 pounds of pecans from the one native tree on his place.

Key Rates Reduced
 Austin, Texas.—The State Fire Insurance Commission has reduced the key rate of Robstown from 94c to 46c, and that of Strawn from 88c to 73c on account of improvements.

\$3,000,000 for Northwestern
 Chicago, Ill.—A gift of \$3,000,000 to Northwestern University from Mrs. Montgomery Ward, widow of the mail order merchant, was announced by President Walter Dill Scott. This is the largest single donation ever received by the school. At the suggestion of Mrs. Ward, the university will create a large medical center on the McKinlock memorial campus, near Chicago's downtown business section, and will name it the Montgomery Ward memorial.

Nikola Guendeleff, a former Cabinet Minister, was assassinated at his doorway and M. Gueshoff, former Bulgarian Minister at Constantinople, who was with him, was seriously wounded. The police ascribe the crime to private vengeance.

School and Road Bonds Approved
 Austin, Texas.—The Attorney General's Department has approved a bond issue of \$306,000 of Palo Pinto County road district No. 1, the bonds being payable serially and bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest.

Tax Assessor Elected
 Amarillo, Texas.—George M. Wadell has been elected to the office of Tax Assessor and Collector for the Amarillo Independent School District at an annual salary of \$3,600. He succeeds S. F. Newboks.

Claims \$150,000 Bribe Offer.
 Mobile, Ala.—The charge that "fixers" representing the liquor traffic, gambling, slot machines and other forms of law violations in the city of Mobile, had offered him \$150,000 as bribe money, to "slow up the work of his office," was made in a public statement by Federal District Attorney Aubrey Boyles. The statement was given out following closely upon adjournment of the federal grand jury, which returned 17 indictments as a result of recent exposures here by federal agents.

Canyon to Plant Trees.
 Canyon, Texas.—Dynamite will be in common use during the next week in Canyon. Four hundred trees will be planted along the streets by citizens, and a local merchant has agreed to furnish dynamite for starting the holes at a reduced price. The selection of the trees and their planting will be under the direction of F. P. Guenther, resident landscape gardener of the West Texas State Teachers' College, and Judge N. A. Henson. The Chamber of Commerce has charge.

FOREIGN

A monument dedicated to the 500,000 of American troops stationed in the region of Saint Aignan-Noyers in 1918 and 1919, more particularly the 850 who died in the cantonments and are buried in the cemeteries there, was unveiled recently.

Chancellor Marx's authorization law, granting his Cabinet plenary powers to run the Government's affairs without parliamentary sanction for an indefinite period, was adopted by a heavy majority in the Reichstag. The vote was 313 to 18.

"Zero stroke" or "cipher stroke" is the name created by German physicians for a prevalent nervous malady brought about by the present fantastic currency figures. Scores of cases of the "stroke" are reported among men and women of all classes, who have been prostrated by their efforts to figure in thousands of billions.

Wilhelm Hohenzollern, back stage at Doorn, received a new blow when the Prussian State Ministry decreed that he should no longer be referred to as the kaiser, but as "Prince Wilhelm of Prussia." Simultaneously it was decreed that the title of ex-Crown Prince Wilhelm shall be merely "prince" thereby suggesting that there is no longer any crown in sight. But while Republican officials were stripping titles from Royalty German noblemen were definitely showing that royalty can not be tampered with, so far as the nobility is concerned.

Floods are menacing Rome province and many have been made homeless. The Tiber river is at the highest level in years.

A disabling eye disease called "nyctagmus" from which miners in the Ebb Vale district have suffered very much, has been relieved by the use of canary yellow glass in safety lamps. About 3,000 miners are incapacitated every year by nyctagmus, and the total loss caused by it is estimated at more than 1,000,000 pounds sterling a year.

The Dallas postoffice made the second largest percentage gain in postal receipts among the fifty largest cities for the month of November, as reported by the Postoffice Department. Los Angeles was first with an increase of 22.75 per cent, and Dallas was second with 17.23 per cent, its receipts for the month being \$276,106, compared with \$235,532 for the same month in 1922.

The Government failed in the Supreme Court in an effort to have quashed a suit won by Edward F. Goltra of St. Louis, by which he uncovered control of nineteen barges and four towboats which had been turned over to him by the Government soon after the war, under a contract which gave him the right to purchase them at their appraised value.

YOU TELL 'EM



Prevents also makes the heart grow fonder

At this Holiday Season of the year, we desire to thank you for your friendship and patronage.

Let each New Year bring us into closer co-operation for the good of all. It is in this spirit that we wish you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND A
 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Murphy's Cafe

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FRUIT CAKE—now on sale at the City Bakery. 52.4t

HOUSE TO RENT—A Six room House on same block with Baptist Church. See S. E. Webb, Baird, Route 1. 2-tf

FOR SALE OR RENT—My residence in West Baird; five room home, four lots, east front. Will sell or rent, either furnished or unfurnished. 52-5t-p L. W. Green.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—Only a few days until Christmas. Have you placed an order for your Christmas Cards? We have a nice line for you to make your selection from. See them. The Star Print Shop.

BED ROOMS FOR RENT—Two neatly furnished Bed Rooms, cement walk to town. Two and a half blocks west of Court House. See Mrs. S. M. Barclay. 2-2t

FLOWERS FOR SALE—Geraniums, Chrysanthemums and Rose plants for sale. Come and see them. 51-2 Mrs. S. M. Tisdale, Baird.

LAUNDRY WORK—I do all kinds of Laundry Work. Call to see me for information as to prices. Five blocks west of Court House. 2-tf Mrs. Johnson.

MULE LOST—Strayed or stolen; black Mare Mule, 3 years old, heavy built, about 15 1-2 hands high left fore-foot little larger than others, because has scar on outside of hoof; no brand. Finder notify W. C. Ray, Coleman, Route 3. Phone 5600, Reward of Twenty-five Dollars. 52-5tp

FRUIT TREES—This Fall and Winter will be a fine time to put out Fruit Trees. I will sell again, beginning about November 20th. Get my prices before you buy. W. W. Slater, Clyde, Texas. 49-4t

SEWING MACHINES—Now is a good time to buy a new machine for the extra rush of sewing. I sell both the ordinary and electric Singer Sewing Machines on easy terms. Also have second hand machines for sale. 43-16tp J. C. Neal, Clyde, Texa

WANTED—Man to sell Rawleigh Quality Products direct to consumers in Callahan County. Pleasant, permanent, profitable business. Little capital needed. Make practically every family a steady, satisfied customer. Workers make large, steady income. Give age, occupation, reference. W. T. Rawleigh Co., Dept. 1580, Memphis, Tenn. 49-3t

WANTED—Men or women to take orders for genuine guaranteed hosiery for men, women and children. Eliminates darning. Salary \$75.00 a week full time, \$1.50 an hour spare time. Cottons, heathers, silks. International Stocking Mills, 42-10tp Norristown, Pa.

Posted

All property lying south and west of Putnam, belonging to R. F. Scott is posted. No trespassing, hunting or fishing allowed. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 28-tf W. M. ARMISTEAD, Mgr.

NONE BETTER FRUIT CAKE 65c Lb.

Nitschke's famous "None Better Fruit Cake," a favorite in Baird for twenty years and needs no praise, is on sale at the City Bakery from now until the end of the Holiday Season at Sixty-five Cents the Pound. 1-3

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Collar Pads

All Sizes for 60 cents each

Casserole Specials

\$5.00 Casseroles for \$3.75

Granite Ware

Tripple Coat Dish Pan, Pure White
\$1.50 Value for 98c

Tea Set Specials

\$15.00 Tea Sets for \$12.00

Cups and Saucers

\$1.50 Values for \$1.25

Ice Tea Glasses

\$1.00 Values for 60c

Aluminum Ware

Oat Meal Cookers, \$1.50 Values for
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Throughout the Union and Our
Colonies—News From Europe
That Will Interest.

DOMESTIC

Surgeons successfully operated on
2-year-old Dorothy Tresh, of New
York, whose life was despaired of
when a pin she had swallowed was
detected by the X-Ray, nosing its
way toward her heart.

The entire United States battle
fleet of three score vessels and 39
airplanes participated in a rehearsal
of the maneuvers that the entire
navy will do in the Caribbean sea in
January. The fleet was under the
command of Admiral S. S. Robinson.

The first winter crop of dandelions
ever known in Pana, Ill., appeared
on a lawn as numerous as last
spring's crop. Singularly enough,
none are reported on other lawns,
where they were prolific in spring
and summer.

Four hundred dollars, the largest
contribution ever made to the Los
Angeles internal revenue office "con-
science fund" has been received from
a wage earner whose income was
some higher than the figures shown
on his tax form.

Former Gov. Frank O. Lowden
"could not and would not take the
presidency of the American Farm
Bureau Federation if it were offered
me unanimously," he declared in a
telegram to Herman Steen, secretary
of the National Wheat Growers' ad-
visory committee.

Giant footprints, some of them
measuring as much as two feet
across with indentations outlining
five distinct toes, have been dis-
covered in a ledge of rock on the
east side of Salmon mountain, Cal.,
by Leonard Joss while on an ex-
ploring expedition.

Reduction of the surtax one-half
and the granting of the consular
visa free on all packages going to
Mexico has been announced by Post-

master Lucas. The new order of
the Mexican Government goes into
effect immediately and all Christmas
packages will benefit by it, accord-
ing to Mr. Lucas.

Bootleg booze is becoming a lead-
ing cause of distress in Boston
homes, according to a report of the
Family Welfare society. Families
aided because of intemperance in-
creased nearly 60 per cent last year
over the previous year, and 280
per cent over two years ago.

J. T. Jefferson, who gave his ad-
dress as Huron, S. D., refused an
offer to obtain his liberty on his
own bonds after being arrested for
speeding, because, he said, a fellow
prisoner was telling him about a
quarrel with his sweetheart, and he
did not want to leave "right in the
midst of his story." A police judge
fined Jefferson \$30.

Because of the prediction of a
fortune teller that Mexico would
on Jan. 21, 1924, be visited by an
earthquake more frightful than the
recent Japanese disaster, Antonio
Alvarez killed his wife and eight
children and then took his own life.
Alvarez killed his family with an
axe as they slept. He explained the
motive for the crime in a note.

WASHINGTON

The United States has well over
400,000 miles of surfaced roads, in-
cluding those paved, according to an
estimate made by the Bureau of
Public Roads. About 35,000 miles of
such roads were constructed in
1922, and it is believed that the
work done this year will bring the
total to 430,000 miles. The total
mileage of the State of Texas is
167,685. The surface road on Jan.
1, 1922, was 14,883 miles and 2,103
miles were finished during that year.

The appeal of former Governor
Walton of Oklahoma from dismissal
of his injunction suit to prevent the
Oklahoma House of Representatives
from proceeding with his impeach-
ment case has been filed in the Su-
preme Court. When the case may
be reached is uncertain. If an ap-
peal is granted the case will bring
up for review by the highest court
one of the bitterest controversies
that has shaken the government of
any State in years.

The wage agreement between the
National Association of Window
Manufacturers and the Na-
tional Window Glass Workers' Union
has been declared by the Supreme
Court to be valid and not in restraint
of trade.

An allowance to rural route car-
riers serving a daily route of \$1.50
a mile a month, for maintenance of
either horse-drawn or motor ve-
hicle, is made under the terms of
a bill introduced by Representative
Mansfield of Texas.

The "Pittsburgh base" practice of
selling steel in the Middle West
was declared to be an infringement
upon the free operation of the law
of competitive supply and demand
in price making by Professor F. A.
Fetter of Princeton University test-
ifying at Federal Trade Commission
hearings on the subject.

A huge athletic stadium in Wash-
ington, with a seating capacity of
at least 150,000, is being urged by
Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr.,
of New York. With such a stadium
here, he believes Washington in
time would be chosen for the Olym-
pic games which have been held in
this country only once—at St. Louis
in 1904.

Magazines Make Good Christmas Gifts

The Magazine Christmas idea
is constantly growing in popular-
ity. Twelve or fifty-two issues of
a Magazine will spread your
Christmas Greeting throughout
the year—a constant reminder
of your good wish. Below is
listed a few of the many maga-
zines which I take subscriptions
for:

American Magazine	\$2.50
Woman's Home Companion	1.50
Ladies Home Journal	1.00
Good Housekeeping	3.00
American Boy	2.00
Delineator	2.00
Colliers	2.50
McCall's Magazine	1.00
Modern Priscilla	2.00
Pictorial Review	1.50

I have some splendid Clubbing
Offers

ELISKA GILLILAND
PHONE 6 BAIRD, TEXAS

\$4,000,000 TO TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

\$150,000 Included for Building Which
Will Be Constructed When
Plans Drawn

Fort Worth, Tex.—Texas Christian
University has become the benefi-
ciary of the \$4,000,000 estate of Mrs.
Mary Couts Burnett of this city. In
addition, Mrs. Burnett gave the in-
stitution \$150,000 cash for a library
building, which will be erected as
soon as plans can be drawn and con-
tracts awarded. President Edward
McShane Waits of the University
said this is one of the largest gifts
ever made toward education in the
South.

The gift was made through a decla-
ration of trust, which was filed
Wednesday morning by W. H. Slay
of Slay, Simon & Smith, attorneys
who handle Mrs. Burnett's affairs.
Trustees appointed by Mrs. Burnett
will have charge of the fund. Mrs.
Burnett will act as chairman of the
trustees during her life, after which
W. H. Slay will be chairman. Other
members of the trustees are Dr.
Charles Harris, Mrs. Ollie Lake Bur-
nett, Mrs. Ella Bardin, all of this
city, and John Swett, president of
the Farmers State Bank of Mexia.

All the real and personal prop-
erty of Mrs. Burnett is included in
the gift. This consists of an un-
divided half interest in the 6666
Ranch in Carson and Hutchinson
Counties, with an acreage of 107,-
000, on which two of the largest gas
wells in the United States are lo-
cated; one-fourth interest in the
mineral rights on 12,000 acres in
Wichita County oil lands, half inter-
est in the Burk Burnett Building at
Fourth and Main streets, Fort
Worth; all interests in the Rey-
nolds Building at Eighth and Hou-
ston streets, Fort Worth; the family
residence, one of the finest in the
city at 1424 Summit avenue, and
some eight or nine other smaller
pieces of real estate; all personal
property in stocks, Government
bonds and various other securities
of a value approximating \$1,000,000.

One-fourth of the net income from
all these properties will go to the
university annually during the life
time of Mrs. Burnett, and after her
death the entire net proceeds will
be given to the institution. After
the death of the benefactor, the af-
fairs will continue to be adminis-
tered by the trustees until all mem-
bers appointed by Mrs. Burnett have
died, then after a lapse of twenty
years the estate will go as a body
into the hands of the university.
The only exception is a gift of
\$12,000 made to a negro orphanage
at Gilmer, for the purpose of main-
taining a chair of domestic science.

Texas Christian University was
selected to receive the gift after a
consideration extending over seven
years, Mrs. Burnett said. She said
she wanted her properties to go to
the maintaining of an institution of
learning so that the youth of Texas
would be assured of a full oppor-
tunity to make the utmost of their
lives. It is her hope that T. C. U.
will be maintained of such type as
to attract students from all parts
of the United States.

OPENING STEPS IN INQUIRY STARTED

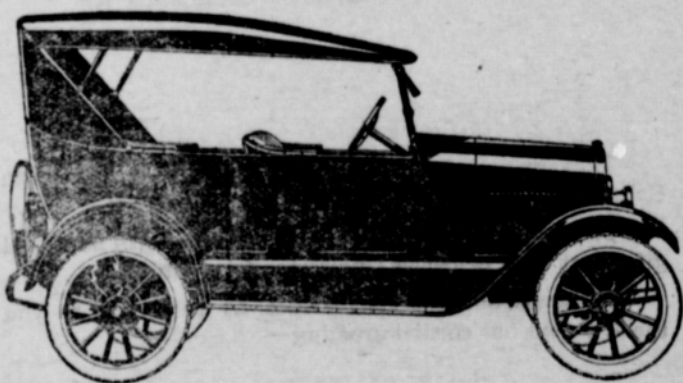
U. S. To Have Same Powers As Al-
lies in German Investi-
gation

Paris.—The United States will
have precisely the same powers as
England and France in the coming
inquiry into German finances, and
the American experts will be on the
same footing as others in the ex-
pert committees, according to a
member of the reparations commis-
sion.

Opening steps toward participa-
tion by Americans in the inquiry
were made recently in a conference
between Col. James A. Logan, Am-
erican unofficial observer on the
reparations commission, and Louis
Barthou, French president of the
commission. It is understood that
Logan gave Barthou suggestions as
to names of Americans who would
be acceptable to the United States
as members of the committees, and
the reparations commission will send
invitations to these men.

By agreement with Washington,
it has been decided to publish the
letters exchanged between Logan
and Barthou in regard to the in-
quiries. The letters define the au-
thority of the experts making the in-
quiries and the extent to which the
United States will participate.

Fire Damages Smelting Plant
Amarillo, Texas.—A fire of un-
known origin at the smelting plant
northwest of town caused damage to
the extent of \$1,000.



The Star. The Wonder Car

I have bought the James Garage, and have Star and
Durant Cars for sale, also parts for these cars. I also
carry a full line of Auto Accessories, Tires Tubes, Jacks,
and etc.

THE RAMSEY GARAGE

PHONE 139.

BAIRD, TEXAS.

The Baird Star.

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OUTSIDE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

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Three Months..... .75

IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months..... .80
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(Payable in Advance)

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Next Tuesday we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World. While we are rejoicing and sending gifts to each other, let us not forget those in need at home. The true Christian rejoices more in giving than receiving gifts.

Our Heavenly Father has been good to our people this year and as a token of our appreciation we should remember the poor with us; also remember that millions of people, women and children and aged persons in many places in Europe, especially in Germany, are in dire want.

God has blessed our country more than any other nation, and we should feel grateful for such blessings, and after helping those at home, remember the starving women and children in other lands. He whose birthday we honor next Tuesday said:

"In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me!"

God does not need our gold or goods. All is His anyway, but He wants us to divide with His children who are in want.

"People are starving in Germany!" we are told daily in the press. There is no reason that the world knows why this should be, but Americans do not stop to reason why, when people are starving or in distress in our own or other lands.

The greatest sufferers are women and children, and it is the duty of all charitable people to come to their succor. If any want to contribute enquire of any of the pastors of the local churches or the Red Cross, and they will tell you where to send your contributions.

A good portion of France was devastated by the war. Yet you hear of no distress nor starvation in France. Not one soldier of the enemy put foot on German soil during war, yet it is claimed that twenty million people are in destitute instances in Germany, owing to gross mismanagement of those in authority. German money is worthless; but women and children are starving, and that is enough for generous Americans.

Help what you can. Duty demands it.

SULLEN AND SELFISH ISOLATION

The last issue, December 15, of the Saturday Evening Post, has a good editorial on the above subject. The article is too long to reproduce here, but the Post completely refutes the idea that the United States, in refusing to join the League of Nations, is either "sullen or selfish." The Post comments upon the propaganda that for five years in this country tried to have our nation join the League of Nations, does not question the honesty or sincerity of any, but refutes the charge that in keeping out of the League we are either

"sullen" or "selfish."

Mentioning former President Wilson, The Post says: "Before we joined the allies we were 'too proud to fight!' Recently he announced that 'our post war attitude has been deeply ignoble, cowardly and 'dishonorable!' The ex-President was equally sincere and equally wrong in both statements."

The Post does not think that the entrance of our nation as a member of the League of Nations would amount to anything under present conditions in Europe, and we think the Post is right. The Post, referring to the oft-repeated phrase: "Our duty to Europe," says: "If we have a duty to Europe, it has an obligation to us. We hear nothing about that."

Yes, European nations owe our government near twelve billion dollars, and so far England is the only nation that has paid our government one penny on money our government loaned them during the war.

There is no way of proving that conditions would have been different had the Senate promptly ratified the Versailles Treaty, which they did not, and the country ratified its action by seven million plurality. The last proved, if it proved anything, that an overwhelming majority of the American people oppose the League of Nations or any entangling alliance with Europe that gives them the power to call on us for an army or anything else, at their own sweet will.

HAIR OF THE DOG CURES BITE

This country never did a wiser or more just thing in all its history than when it deported a ship load of anarchists to Russia. Emma Goldman, a Russian, who had spent most of her life in America abusing our government and lambasting the capitalists, was the most prominent and best known among these Russian anarchists.

After the war they were praising Russia under Soviet rule to the skies and deploring the fact that our country did not have a Soviet government like glorious Russia. So Uncle Sam gathered a bunch of the worst radicals and shipped them to their beloved Russia they bragged about. Poor old Emma Goldman did not want to leave the land she had abused all her life after she came here at the age of sixteen years, but she consoled herself with the thought that she would see with her own eyes the workings of a glorious proletarian state of her dreams.

Emma, in due time, landed on Russian soil and to her horror soon learned that her golden dream of a glorious proletarianism was more like Dante's Inferno. Her beautiful dream was shattered.

She has written a book, after she had escaped from Russia, and is now living in Germany. She lambasts the Soviet Government worse, if anything, than she did our Capitalistic Government. She says the poorer class have simply changed masters and the Soviet rulers are worse than Czarism.

Fraud, graft, lying and every conceivable crime are used by the Soviet masters to perpetuate their rule. Emma scores American communists, who, without any immediate contact with Russia are favorably spreading the deadly virus of Sovietism to this and all other nations. She concludes as follows:

"Those familiar with the real situation in Russia and who are not under the mesmeric influence of the Bolshevik superstitions, or in the employ of the Communists, will bear me out that I have given a true picture. The rest of the world will learn it."

Emma hits Communism the most deadly blow it has yet got, because she has been a life-long opponent of all forms of government that did

not conform to her diseased imagination of what a real government of the working class could be. True, Emma never did any work worth notice, except with her bitter tongue and her pen dipped in the gall of hatred of all capitalistic governments and individuals. A capitalist, with Emma and her crowd, is any one who saves part of his earnings.

For one, we are glad that Emma got a dose of her own medicine. The hair of a dog is said to be good for his bite. Emma seems to have been cured by the same method.

Phil Fox, who shot and killed Captain Coburn in Atlanta, Georgia, some weeks ago, pleads insanity, the only plea that can save his neck, as it was a cold blooded murder.

Fox was the publicity agent of the Evans faction and Captain Coburn was attorney for the Simmons faction of the Ku Klux Klan. Cox is from Dallas and a lot of prominent men and city officials are at Atlanta to help Fox.

The prosecution charges that Fox was drinking for three days before he killed Captain Coburn, and during that time was driving over the city with a lewd woman. A great bird for publicity agent for anything that pretends to be a decent organization.

Fox is guilty of cold blooded murder, but Klan money and Klan influence may defeat justice, so richly deserved in this case. Crazy drunk is no defense, but may save this murderer's neck.

Captain Coburn was a captain in overseas service during the late World War.

We wish to extend to every reader of The Baird Star sincere Christmas Greetings, and express the hope that every one of you will enjoy good health, happiness and prosperity during the entire year of 1924.

Have you noticed the improved appearance of the print on The Star the past four weeks? No, we have not put in a new press nor new type for The Star. Just new form rollers, that cost us \$24, just double what the old rollers cost seven years ago, and more than the first press we bought to print the first issues of Tecumseh Banner (not The Baird Star), thirty-seven years ago.

If printing material keeps advancing in price, the next set of rollers may cost us as much as the press we printed the first issue of The Star on thirty-six years ago last Saturday, December 8. And the worst of it is, we need a new cylinder press now.

TO STILL SERVE AS COMMISSIONER

To the People of Precinct No. 1:

After carefully considering the matter of my contemplated resignation from the Commissioner's Court, and having been urged to continue by a great many people of this Precinct, I have decided, on account of the important work lying ahead of the Court, to remain in office, and assist the best I can, in the work aforesaid.

I am asking the cooperation of the citizens in reporting the bad places in the road, and helping me fix them. The Commissioner's job is a hard one. I haven't done my best, because I have to make a living in some other manner, as I only get paid for sixteen days out of each month; my work, therefore, being divided, my best efforts are naturally handicapped.

A. Rod Kelton.

DON'T HAUL AWAY MY ROAD DIRT

I have given no one authority to haul dirt or gravel from public roads in Road District No. 1. Please do not haul any more. Any one so trespassing on Public Highways are subject to prosecution.

A. R. Kelton,
3-2tp Commissioner Precinct One.

FOR YOUR FRUIT CAKE

We have everything that you will want for making your Christmas Fruit Cake such as

- Dates, Fresh Cocoanuts, Bottled Cherries,
- Chrystalized Cherries, Lemon Peel, Orange Peel,
- Figs, Raisins, Pears, Currents, Citron
- Mince Meat, Brazil Nuts, Pecans, Almonds, Walnuts,
- Also Sorghum Syrup in large and small Sizes.

We can supply your needs for your holiday cooking

FRED L. WRISTEN

Groceries and Feed
Successor to E. M. Wristen

Children's Wool Caps

I have a nice line of Children's Wool Caps, some of them hand made, which I will close out at

50c, 75c and \$1.00

Also a few Ladies and Children's Hats which I will sell AT COST, I also make and retrim hats.

MRS. DON C. CARTER

At Mrs. J. H. Laird's, East of Market st.

The Star and Abilene Reporter One
Year For \$4.50 Outside of the County \$5.00



Three Wishes

That your Christmas candles may burn brightly.

That the colorful holly may symbolize for you true Holiday Happiness.

That your tree may be laden not only with bountiful gifts, but with priceless Christmas friendships.

These are our heartfelt wishes as we extend to you the age-old but cordial greeting—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE First National Bank

CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00
SURPLUS & PROFITS \$ 25,000.00

1885---The Old Established Bank---1885

BAIRD, TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. F. Dyer, President
Henry James, V. P.
Tom Windham

W. A. Hinds

W. S. Hinds, Cashier
Bob Norrell, Asst. C.
Ace Hickmam

ONLY THREE MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

It will pay you to buy from us. All Holiday Goods are marked to sell. Come in the mornings and avoid the rush.

WILL D. BOYDSTUN

PHONE 23.

BAIRD, TEXAS.

HOME LUMBER CO.

ALL HOME PEOPLE

We carry a full stock of Lumber, Shingles and Builder's Supplies See us before you buy anything in this line

W. M. COFFMAN, Manager

We Wish You
A
Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year

First Guaranty State Bank

BAIRD, TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

E. L. Finley, Pres. H. Ross, V. P.
T. E. Powell, Cashier. P. G. Hatchett, Vice-Pres
F. L. Driskill, A. Cashier E. D. Driskill A. Cashier
M. Barnhill C. B. Snyder

PERSONALS

The Baird Public School will resume its sessions on Monday morning, December 31.

Messrs. John McGowan and W. E. Melton left Thursday on the Sunshine, on a business mission to Dayton, Ohio.

A Christmas Dinner of all the good home cooking that you will want for 50 cents at Mrs. Hawk's Boarding House 3-1t

Horton Hornsby and Ed Glover have arranged for another "Old Time Dance" next Wednesday night at Terrell Hall. The music will be furnished by an old-time orchestra, two violins, two guitars and a piano.

A Camel can go ten days without a drink. How long will the Clock run? Guess at Holmes Drug Co. 2-2

Miss Fae McDavid, of Overton, one of the public school teachers, resigned her position Friday evening and Saturday morning, in Fort Worth, became the bride of Ranchman Polk Childress, Jr., of San Antonio.

To those who are away from home on Christmas day, eat dinner at Mrs. Hawk's Boarding House, where the home spirit prevades. 3-1t

In a spelling contest between the 6th and 7th grade pupils, little Miss Oleta White of the 6th grade, was the only one who was able to spell "principle" correctly. In a contest between the 4th and 5th grades, the fifth won, with three up.

Guess at the Clock at Holmes and et something nice. 2-2

Class No. 8 of the Presbyterian Sunday School will render a Christmas program next Monday night, December 24. After the entertainment presents will be distributed from the Christmas Tree. The members of the Sunday School and those who do not attend any other Sunday School, are cordially invited to attend.

Will the Clock run until after Santa Claus comes? Guess. 2-2

Six or seven members of the Building Committee of the Winters Methodist Church, headed by Dr. W. D. Sanders, its chairman, visited the new Baird Methodist Church last Sunday. After inspecting the building the visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased with it and may build their church on the same plan. They paid high compliment to the builder, W. Grant Bowlus, on the workmanlike manner of its construction. Ace Hickman, chairman of the Baird Church Building Committee, entertained the visitors at dinner at Mrs. Hawk's.

Eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Hawk. 3-1t

TELEPHONE OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The Telephone Office will be closed on Christmas day from 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and from 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

When will the Clock run down? Guess. 2-2

WILL GIN ONE MORE DAY

We will gin one more day, Friday, December 28.

Callahan County Gin,
3-1t J. M. Reynolds, Mgr.

JOHNSON'S

Hamburger, Chili and Coffee Stand.

Just North of Ramsey's Garags

Land For Sale

320 acres of land, clear title, situated in south-eastern part of New Mexico.

DON C. CARTER, Baird, Texas.

OVERCOAT SPECIALS

We have just received a shipment of Young Men's Overcoats. These Coats were bought to retail for \$35.00, but we are making a

Special Price of \$21.95.

SWEATERS

20 per cent off on our entire line of Sweaters.

Christmas Gifts

If you are looking for Christmas Gifts we have them.

A Merry Christmas
And Every Good Wish For
The Coming Year

B. L. BOYDSTUN

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, FARMING MACHINERY.
BAIRD, CLYDE, CROSS PLAINS, DENTON, PUTNAM

Santa Claus' Workshop

SNOW-HOUSE

NORTH POLE

December 14, 1923



Christmas Greetings
and best Wishes for
the New Year

LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS:

My Dear Little Friends.

I am awful busy, but I must send you this message so you will know where to mail your letters to me. I will have my mail box at Holmes Drug Store, and I want everyone of you to write to me by the 20th, if you can, so I can get the nice things you want.

Now you might see something at Holmes that you want and which I hav'nt got in my pack. If you do just tell some of them about it and I will get it for you if I get there in time.

I am going to leave a nice present at Holmes Drug Store for the little boy or girl who writes the nicest letter, and you all can come down Christmas Eve at 6 o'clock and see who gets it.

By the way, little folks, I heard the other day that some American men were coming to the North Pole in a big Air-Plane in a few days. If they do and have room I might come back with them and bring more thing than my Reindeers can pull. If I do I'll be at Holmes Drug Store by 6 o'clock Christmas Eve. Now remember the place and write as soon as you can so I can get everything you want.

Your Old Friend,

SANTA CLAUS.

P. S. I am sending this message by Radio from my big Radio in my work shop.

YE OLD CHRISTMAS DINNER
AT

MRS. HAWK'S

BOARDING HOUSE

Christmas Day

TURKEY

With All The

TRIMMINGS

'An Everything

ALL YOU CAN EAT OF GOOD OLD HOME COOKED
FOOD FOR

50c

To Those Away From Home "Come Eat Where the
Home Spirit Exists."

**HOLD HUMBLE OIL
NOT VIOLATING LAW**

No Breach of Antitrust Statute, De-
spite Fact 60 Per Cent of Stock
Held by Standard

Austin, Texas.—The Humble Oil and Refining Company of Houston, notwithstanding that 60 per cent of its stock is owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, is operating lawfully and is not violating the Texas anti-trust laws, Judge George Calhoun of the Fifty-Third District Court of Travis County, held in rendering judgment for the Humble company in the suit brought against it by Attorney General W. A. Keeling, in behalf of the State of Texas.

Judge Calhoun held that the mere fact that a foreign corporation owns stock in a domestic corporation does not constitute that the foreign concern is doing business in the State of Texas. Notice of appeal to the Third Court of Civil Appeals was given by the Attorney General. Judge Calhoun announced his decision immediately at the conclusion of argument in the case.

The Attorney General sought to have the charter of the Humble company forfeited and also asked for penalties against that company for alleged violation of the Texas anti-trust laws in that the company was operating its business in this State, when a majority of its stock was owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, a corporation which was fined \$500,000 under an agreed judgment entered at Greenville in 1913 for violation of the Texas anti-trust laws, and which, under that judgment, was banished from Texas.

In the trial of the suit against the Humble company, the defendant company admitted that 60 per cent of its stock was owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and there was evidence given by the Standard company that other than the Humble company it did not own stock in any Texas corporation.

Testimony was given that stock of the Humble concern was sold to an individual who later proved to be a representative of the Standard interests. There was also testimony that the business of the Humble company, since its organization, had been controlled by its officers and directors, who, with two exceptions, are the same at this time and it was further testified that the Humble company does not own a private or leased telegraph wire outside of the State.

The defendant company, while admitting the Standard Oil company owned a majority of its stock, contended that such did not constitute the Standard company doing business in Texas, and this contention was sustained by Judge Calhoun.

**USE TEXAS HELIUM FOR
DASH TO THE POLE**

Only Basis on Which Denby Favors
Sending Big Dirigible
On Trip

Washington. — Instructions have been sent to the naval Arctic air board by Secretary Denby to consider possible use of the naval airship Shenandoah in the contemplated flight next summer to the North Pole only on the basis that the ship should be inflated with the non-inflammable helium gas for that trip.

Secretary Denby's position is that any increase in efficiency which might result from substituting the more buoyant hydrogen for helium would not warrant exposing the ship and her people to the added dangers involved in the use of an inflammable gas like hydrogen.

The Navy Department, moreover, has been satisfied with the tests of helium gas for aircraft inflation during and since the war.

The source of the supply for helium gas for the United States dirigibles is the Government helium plant at Fort Worth.

Foreign Vessels Watch Situation.

Canton.—The reports emanating from Hongkong that marines from foreign warships here have taken over the customs house are unfounded. The officers of foreign forces here, which comprise four British, two French, two American, one Portuguese and one Japanese gunboats, are, however, watching the situation carefully.

Poultry Auction Postponed

Denton, Texas.—The auction of poultry and other farm products, to have been held Dec. 15 by the Chamber of Commerce, has been postponed until Dec. 29 because of the condition of dirt roads in rural communities of the county.

**A
CHRISTMAS DINNER
That Makes Your Mouth Water**

YUM! YUM! YUM!

Don't forget that the T-P Cafe has prepared for all a bountiful feast on this great Christmas Holiday

Menu:

RELISHES

Olives Iceberg Lettuce Celery Hearts

MEATS

Baked Turkey Giblet Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
Oyster Dressing Turkey Broth with Rice

VEGETABLES

Snow Flake Potatoes Asparagus Tips in Cream
French Peas, Plain New Beans in Butter

DESSERT

Baked Apple Cobbler with Brandy Sauce Fruit Cake

T-P. CAFE

F. E. STANLEY, Prop.

**LA FOLLETTE WRAPS
COOLIDGE MESSAGE**

Says President Spoke For Standpat
Government and Big
Business

Madison, Wis.—President Coolidge's first message to Congress was declared to be an "able(concise and frank presentation of the standpat, reactionary theory of government." In a statement by United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, made public here Friday, there is nothing in the message that will offend the "most sensitive of the big business interests," the statement said.

"If it be courageous to champion the interests of the railroads, the profiteers, the coal magnates, and our other overlords against the mass of the people," the Wisconsin Senator declared, "then in all fairness it must be conceded that the President has earned the tributes to his courage so warmly accorded him by many of the newspapers of the country.

"There is little in the message that will satisfy the mass of the American people."

Mr. La Follette said the President's recommendations in respect to agriculture, in effect, "tells the farmer to help himself and to pull himself out of the difficulties into which the 'deflation' policy, the Esch-Cummins law and other acts of the Federal government, have thrown him.

"The President has elected to cast his lot with the reactionaries of his own party who have been repudiated by the country and to promote the welfare of those predatory special interests which have thrived for a generation upon favors and subsidies exacted from the Federal Government," Senator La Follette concluded.

Skiff Capsizes; Four Drown
Vicksburg, Miss.—Four men, one white and three negroes, were drowned when a small skiff in which they were attempting to reach shore, capsized in Lake Centennial during a squall.

**SOCIALIST SCORES
POINCARÉ'S POLICY**

French Chamber Rocks in Fury as
French are Accused of Aiding
Separatists and Monarchists

Paris.—Hoots, jeers, and shouts of "pro-German" rang through the French Chamber of Deputies Friday as M. Blum, Socialist leader, launched a bitter attack on Poincaré, condemning the Premier's Ruhr policy.

The tumult and uproar that followed forced suspension of the chamber.

Blum charged that French officials had encouraged both the Separatist movements in the Rhineland and the Monarchist movement in Bavaria, had furnished transport, arms and money to the Rhineland Separatists, and had attempted to break up German unity.

The charges aroused the Chamber to fury. Shouts of protest came from the Conservatives and taunts from the Communists. Premier Poincaré frequently interrupted Blum, denying the Socialist's statement point by point.

Blum, however, carried the attack into the Premier's camp.

"You have had your victory, M. Poincaré!" he said dramatically. "You have pinned Germany's shoulders to the ground, but it is a capitulation without result!"

Blum declared the occupation of the Ruhr would not assure reparations, and condemned the French attitude in the zone.

A new storm of hoots and shouts greeted his words, and suspension of the session was ordered.

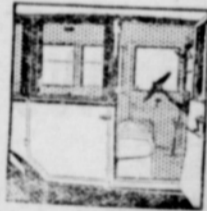
Former Emperor William is learned to be maintaining close relations with the leaders of the monarchist movement in Germany and is hopeful that present events there will turn in his favor. The former Crown Prince has not yet left Wieringen for Germany.

**T-P. CAFE
CHRISTMAS WISH**

We wish to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year. Friends new and old, may God's richest joys rest upon you thro the whole New Year.

MR. AND MRS. F. E. STANLEY

Fordor Sedan
\$685



—for Christmas

IT IS not at all surprising that the new Fordor Sedan is proving extremely popular as a Christmas gift. For this handsome closed type body is a truly exceptional value at its present price —\$685, fully equipped. Inspect this new Fordor Sedan at your first opportunity and arrange for its delivery on Christmas morning.

You can buy this car through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

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LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

Biloxi, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed to constipate me. I would suffer until I got so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.

"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

Thedford's Black-Draught liver medicine is for sale everywhere.

GIVES U. S. REVENUE PLAN TO CONGRESS

MELLON ANALYSES PROPOSED REDUCTION IN SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT LEVIES.

COMMUNITY PROPERTY CUT

Treasury Chief Points Out Greatest Cut Granted \$4,000 of Less Incomes.

Washington.—Secretary Mellon has reduced to definite form his tax reduction proposal and forwarded a complete redraft of the revenue act to the House Ways and Means Committee, for use in consideration of tax revision legislation.

The treasury secretary, in a letter accompanying the redrafted measure, made public at the treasury, noted that the reduction program "appears to have met with a most favorable public reception," and advised Chairman Green of the committee that treasury officials are prepared to present at any time arguments in support of the proposed revision.

In an analysis of the changes proposed, Mr. Mellon placed first the 25 per cent reduction on incomes below \$4,000, and the additional credit of 25 per cent to be granted on earned incomes, showing that in the case of earned incomes of \$4,000 or less the reduction contemplated really amounts to about 44 per cent.

Analysis of the changes proposed follows:

Earned income, defined as wages, salaries and professional fees, is given a credit of 25 per cent of the amount of the tax attributable to the earned income.

The normal tax on, the first \$4,000 of net income is fixed at 3 per cent, and upon the remainder of the net income at 6 per cent.

The surtax rates begin at 1 per cent on net incomes from \$10,000 to \$12,000; an additional 1 per cent for each \$2,000 of net income up to \$36,000; then 1 per cent additional for the next \$4,000 of net income up to \$40,000, and then 1 per cent additional for each \$6,000 of net income, up to a total of 25 per cent at \$100,000 and over.

Capital assets are defined as property held by the taxpayer for profit or investment, for more than two years. Upon the sale of capital assets, the tax on the gain from the sale is limited to 12½ per cent of the loss.

The taxpayer is permitted to take as a reduction from his gross income, in determining his taxable income, interest on indebtedness and losses of a non-business character, only to the extent that the sum of these two items exceeds his wholly tax exempt interest.

In community property estates, where the husband and wife have a joint interest in certain property of either acquired after marriage, the income from the property is taxed to the spouse having control of the property.

The principal contained in the 1918 revenue act, that liquidating dividends constitutes a sale of the stock, instead of a distribution of earnings, has been restored. This puts liquidating dividends within the capital gain section of the act and recognizes the real effect of such dividends.

The tax on telegrams, telephones, leased wires and radio is repealed.

The tax on admissions is repealed.

SINKING OF SHIP RUNA COSTS 22 LIVES

Only Four Men Believed to Have Survived Heavy Sea Which Enveloped Boats.

Norfolk.—The loss of life in the foundering Saturday of the Norwegian steamer Runa, which went down off Frying Pan shoals, was placed by coast guard officials at 22 men, after receipt of word from the cutter Modoc that a lifeboat had been found with all of its occupants dead.

Only two lifeboats, officials said, were launched. One of these was picked up with its four survivors by the American tanker W. W. Mills, which also rescued a fifth man from the water. These men now are believed to have been the only ones saved out of a crew of 27.

Six bodies are believed to have been in the boat picked up by the Modoc, which was rushed to the scene upon advices that the ship had gone down in the gale, was still searching the vicinity. Floating bodies were sighted by the W. W. Mills and the Merchant & Miners Transportation Company steamer Berkshire but it was not disclosed whether either steamer, stopped to pick them up.

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**A COLLISION THAT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN A FATAL ONE**

What might have been a fatal auto accident occurred last Tuesday evening, when a Cadillac car, driven by Everett Everett, collided with a Chevrolet car, driven by Rufus Brown, another boy, with his mother, Mrs. E. B. Brown, as a passenger, on East Wendell Russell Avenue.

The impact of the Cadillac, which was being driven at a high rate of speed, was so terrific that the Chevrolet was turned completely over, striking a tree. By a miracle Mrs. Brown was the only one injured, receiving a cut on the head.

PROGRAM AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

The following program will be rendered at the Church of Christ, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock:

Subject: The Unshakable Kingdom.

Leader: Hollis Hancock.

Song: Class.

Scripture Reading, Heb. 12:18-29: Opal Corn.

Prayer: W. Pitt Ramsey.

Talk: Spreading the Gospel the Purpose of the Kingdom: Mr. McKenzie.

Duet: Pauline Dallas and India Mae Ramsey.

The Difference in the Purpose of the Kingdom of God and Worldly Kingdoms: Maggie Lou Price.

Male Quartette.

The Wise Men and the Star: Little Folks.

JUDGE T. H. CONNER A BENEDICT

The editor of The Star, with other friends of Judge T. H. Conner, in Baird, received cards last week announcing his marriage this week to Miss Mozella Ellanor Dry, of 218 W Broadway, Fort Worth, at Dallas, Thursday, December 6.

The bride formerly lived at Colorado, and was prominent in West Texas club circles before going to Fort Worth, and has been active in the United Daughters of the Confederacy there.

Judge Conner was born in Peru, Indiana, coming to Texas as a youth, was educated at Marvin College, Waxahachie, 1873-74. Later he attended Trinity University, Tehuacans, graduating from the law department in the class of 1876.

He began practice at Eastland, and in 1887 was appointed by Governor Ross as Judge of the Forty-second Judicial District. In 1898 he was elected to the position he now holds.

Judge and Mrs. Conner are now at home at 218 West Broadway, Fort Worth.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—Only a few days until Christmas. Have you placed an order for your Christmas Cards? We have a nice line for you to make your selection from. See them. The Star Print Shop.

**WORLD WAR VETERANS HAVE
RECEIVED OVER \$2,000,000.000**

Poorly informed individuals, further misled by selfish politicians, unpatriotic propagandists and sensation-mongering newspapers have so stressed the ill-treatment by the Federal Government of the World War Veterans, that a great majority of the general public has been erroneously educated to believe that our Uncle Samuel is a mean and stingy old cuss.

The President, having taken a firm stand against the bonus, Senators and Representatives will be worried into convulsions by the proponents of the bonus, and the raiders on the treasury will have their forces out in battle array until the belief becomes general that the boys who came to their country's aid and gallantly fought the great war to a finish, are a very shabbily treated body of men.

The facts, however, are quite to the contrary. Half of the Federal appropriations for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923, for all purposes went to the World War Veterans, and estimated expenditures for the present fiscal year, 1924, represent 12.78 per cent of the total expenses of the government, for all purposes.

The amount of money that has actually been spent on World War Veterans and their families, both disabled and able-bodied has recently been made public. Contrary to the general impression that very little has been done for these men and women so far, the authoritative figures show that \$2,113,293,644.19 has been expended.

This sum includes all moneys actually paid out by the government for the benefit of World War Veterans and their families. It does not include in any item any money paid by veterans themselves for such purposes. Neither does that sum include compensation paid soldiers during service, the cost of their upkeep, or the \$60 bonus paid them in February, 1920.

**CALLAHAN COUNTY SHRINE
CLUB ORGANIZED IN BAIRD**

The "Nobles of the Red Fez" in Callahan County have recently organized a "Shrine Club" in Baird, with twenty-seven charter members and elected the following officers:

President: A. W. Sargent.

First Vice President: Herman Schwartz.

Second Vice President: C. E. Walker.

Secretary: Ernest D. Driskill.

Treasurer: Royce D. Gilliland.

Members: B. L. Boydston, Carl Browning, R. E. Bounds, Martin Barnhill, S. E. Carson, W. R. Ely, K. K. Francis, H. C. Fisher, W. E. Gilliland, W. S. Hinds, G. W. Hall, J. T. Keifer, W. P. Kershner, J. J. Lemon, T. E. Powell, J. H. Pay-

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A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO
Concluded from first page

ton and C. S. Boyles are mentioned as having la grippe. Charley Shelton died later, but am not sure it was this time.

Of all the county officers given in this issue of the Prodigal, J. W. Jones Sheriff, J. E. Thomas County Judge, T. J. Norrell Assessor, W. R. Hailey, Surveyor, W. C. Asbury, Inspector, all are dead. The only then county officers now living are B. L. Russell, Sr., County Attorney and W. M. Coffman, Public Weigher.

The marriage of Fritz Gartner and Miss Hadie Wiecks is also mentioned.

Posted

All property lying south and west of Putnam, belonging to R. F. Scott is posted. No trespassing, hunting or fishing allowed. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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