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The Star

"THE NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE GET-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

Do You Carry Insurance?
J. H. PETERS,
General Insurance Agent
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Over \$125,000,000 Capital Represented.
Mutual Marine and Fire Association of the West \$45,000,000
Liverpool and London and Globe \$5,000,000
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Continental of New York \$2,000,000
Western Industrial Association of St. Louis

VOL. 14. BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1900. NO. 3.

T. E. Powell wants Your Trade.

Honest Goods, Honest Prices, and

ONE PRICE TO ALL.

Thanksgiving!

To the People of Callahan County.

Never in the history of Baird has goods been sold at prices now prevailing in my house, almost a sacrifice to say the least. I am compelled to help myself to money, and in order to explain my motive must give you a little history as to why I am pursuing this course.

In 1892 I failed in business (through no fault of mine—and the reason thereof, there is no use to explain here) ever since that time I have been paying my old debts, with one view in mind, and that is to get my honest name back, I am about to succeed, (thanks to my Maker and the people of this county,) but need a few hundred dollars more to accomplish this long cherished hope. While the winter has hardly begun yet, we nevertheless give and offer extraordinary inducements to one and all at this early season of purchasing your winter supplies at unheard of prices, from a well selected stock, which after examination must convince you of the truth of our statement.

Another appeal.—Those whom we stood by and accommodated in years gone by, let me beg of you to help me in this my first appeal for help, cherishing the hope that it will not be in vain, help me to get my name back for which I shall everlastingly be grateful.

In conclusion I beg to extend to all those who have stood by me in the past and present, and those new customers I made this fall, a hearty thank you, assuring you all a fair threatment in the future as in the past, I remain with the highest hope of success for my name.

Respectfully,
H. SCHWARTZ.

EL PASO MID-WINTER CARNIVAL.

Those interested are not exaggerating in the least when they assert that the Mid-Winter Carnival at El Paso will be one of the grandest jollifications ever held in the southwest.

In addition to numerous attractions which have originated in the minds of the promoters and detracted from the suggestions of friends, the enthusiastic management has given a beautiful car and an observant eye to the success of the Mardi Gras of New Orleans, the Kaliph's pageant at Dallas, La Fiesta de Los Angeles, and various other carnivals, with the hope that no features productive of merit, instruction or interest will be omitted.

The Sons of Montezuma parade will be gorgeous, glittering and grand, eclipsing all former efforts in the history of historical pageants.

The volcanic eruption of Mt. Franklin will add a thrilling novelty in spectacular illumination.

The ball fights, introducing native Spanish Toreros, will continue each day during the carnival.

Bands of Indians give their native dances daily.

Cattle roping, rough riding, prize roping contests between cowboys of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico and the vaqueros of old Mexico, and various other "wild west" features.

Reproduction of Mexican life. International tournament between golf and tennis clubs of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

Street fair and midway entertainments.

Splendid Mexican music.

In fact, nothing has been neglected. Across the Rio Grande from El Paso is the city Juarez with its Mexican customs and customs still unchanged, and the city in itself is productive of unflagging interest.

A few days could not be spent to better advantage than in El Paso during this carnival. It opens Jan. 17, 1901, and continues three days. The hotel accommodations will be of the best and prices reasonable. The Texas & Pacific Railway will sell round trip tickets at unusually low rates. This is a trip for every one. See any ticket agent, or write for particulars to H. P. Hughes, traveling passenger agent, Fort Worth, Texas.

C. S. Boyles has the best stock of sundry goods and vehicles in the West. You don't have to take just any old thing, he has a nice assortment of every thing. Prices right.

WE ARE YET LIVING IN THE

19th Century,

ACCORDING TO THE BEST AUTHORITIES.

Yet if you wish to be up with the times and sure enough progress, join the popular procession and become our customer. If you are not already a patron of our house. We make no extraordinary claims as to our business; but our large increase, in business year by year proves the fact—"We Please the People," and give them value received every time.

OUR PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT.

Conducted under the direction of Dr. H. G. Powell, well and favorably known throughout the country for fifteen years or more, is a guarantee of satisfaction in this department.

We have a splendid display of Holiday Goods, anything from a beautiful Medallion to a Jew's Harp, a Railroad Train to a 2 for 50 cent.

We respectfully solicit your trade in this line, and thank you all most cordially for past favors.

Don't forget your account when you sell your grain, produce, etc.

POWELL & POWELL, Druggist.

T. E. POWELL, Pres't. HARRY MEYER, V. P. FRED LANE Cashier.

The Home Nat. Bank OF BAIRD.

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

PROMPT and COURTEOUS TREATMENT TO ALL!

We appreciate all business entrusted to us, whether large or small. We extend all accommodations consistent with sound banking and have money to lend on good security. Modern Fire Proof Vault. Fine Fire and Burglar Proof Safe. CALL AND SEE US.

PALACE DRUG STORE.

We carry a full line of

Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc.

We also carry a nice line of

WALL PAPER

In all the Latest Designs. Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Books, PERIODICALS, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.

R. A. SPEER, Proprietor.

WHITE'S CREAM WORMS! VERMIFUGE!
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.
For Sale by POWELL & POWELL, BAIRD, TEX.

FOR SALE.
The Va. Ranch, Land & Cattle Co., has subdivided its small tracts, with perpetual water on each one, four west sections on the ranch and adjoining the city of Baird, are all now on the market. Apply to F. S. BELL, Baird, Tex. 39-4

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

If You Want More Goods, and Better Goods, than you ever bought before in the Hardware and Implement Line.

I WILL SELL

Hardware, Implements, Vehicles, Wire, Stoves

CHEAPER FOR CASH THAN ANYONE.

From Now Until January 1st, 1901!

This is an Opportunity Worth taking Advantage of.

GET MY PRICES BEFORE BUYING.

Yours for Trade

R. E. CUB-HADLEY

LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY OFFICERS.
 County Judge..... H. B. Russell.
 County and District Clerk..... W. F. Cochran.
 Deputy..... J. W. G. Cochran.
 Sheriff..... J. S. Searcy.
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 County Treasurer..... J. M. Jones.
 County Attorney..... J. M. Jones.
 County Engineer..... J. M. Jones.
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YEAST—Fresh yeast for sale at Mrs. E. K. KANG'S.

Clayton West, representing the Scarff & O'Connor Co., of Dallas, dealers in printers supplies, spent part of the day, Wednesday, in town.
 I carry a full line of picture frames for regular portrait sizes, also fine oil paintings, painted and colored prints at reasonable prices. Call at my parlor 1st door South of old Lea building, and see my stock. T. A. PRIDE. 3-4

T. A. PRIDE,
 Has Opened up a New Line of
Picture Frames,
 Wall Paper, Pictures,
 Nice Moulding, Etc.
 Frames made to order, and new extra charge for fitting pictures in frames. Factory in building first door south of Lea building.
 HAIRY, TEXAS.

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Has it for Less.

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COLLEGE ENTERTAINMENT.
 The entertainment at the College last Friday night was well attended. The concert was first-class in every particular and highly appreciated by the audience.
TO ARRIVE TODAY
 Eight of the famous Rex Buggies, Hackes, Surreys, etc. These goods were shipped direct from the factory. I got car load prices and carload freight rates on them and can sell you a buggy as cheap as any one. Come see them and get prices.
 C. S. BOYLES.

Go to Boyles for side saddles. 1-4
 Winter robes, boys saddles and side saddles, any style at Boyles'. 1-4
 For nice visiting cards go THE STAR office.
 Christmas candies and confectionaries at Will Vaughn's. 52-4
 Get your best girl a box of fine candy at Will Vaughn's. 52-4
 Every bride in Callahan county has bought their wedding hats from Mrs. Miller at T. E. Powell's. 1-4
 The handsome line of outings ever seen in Blair, just arrived. Call and see. T. E. Powell. 1-4
 Nearly every young lady that is getting wedding dresses, get them at T. E. Powell's. 1-4
 If you want to get your goods where every body else is finding bargains go to T. E. Powell. 1-4
 We will carry a nice line of fire works of every description. Call and see. Will Vaughn. 52-4

NOTICE, SETTLE UP.
 As cotton is bringing 9 to 10 cents per pound, and all the farmers have money and should have all their debts paid. To those who have not paid me I ask them to come forward at once as I must have this is due me to get out of debt this year. I have been lenient as you all know, but must now demand every dollar that is now out on my books. If you have not settled you know it, so please come forward without being singled out. In all due kindness come forward and settle. Respectfully,
 T. E. POWELL.

A DOUBLE WEDDING.
HICKEY—SCOTT.
 Addressed by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Scott, at Cottonwood, was the scene of a double wedding Thursday evening, December 3, 1906. With their daughter, Miss Annie and Cora Scott, were married to Messrs R. L. Hickey and J. A. Johnson. The brides were attended by their mother, Miss Lizzie Scott and Miss Martha Kennedy. The groomes were attended by Messrs Lou Hickey and Ross Norton. Rev. A. T. Ford performed the marriage ceremony.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hickey have gone to Tennessee to spend the holidays with Mr. Hickey's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will reside at Cottonwood.
 THE STAR joins the many friends of these young lovers in wishing them bon voyage through life.
MARRIED.
SCOTT—JONES.—Married at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones, in Blair, Sunday evening, Dec. 9, 1906. Mr. H. W. Scott and Miss Della Jones, Rev. J. A. Hartman officiating. THE STAR extends congratulations and good wishes to the happy young people.
BRASLEY—DUNLAP.—Mr. Arthur Brasley and Miss Nora Dunlap, from near Adair, were united in marriage in this city, Monday, December 17, 1906. Rev. J. M. Brooks officiating. THE STAR extends congratulations.

J. L. Ashabranner of Cottonwood was in the city Wednesday.
 We forgot last week to mention the change in Geo. S. Hardin's ad. Read it, he has some choice groceries.
 Dr. Sartor's brother, Mr. A. J. Sartor, from Hood County, Texas, came in Tuesday, and will spend a while with the Doctor. This is the first time they have met in nearly twenty years.

Mr. C. C. Jackson informs us that Newt Emison made 33 bales of cotton from Hood County, Texas, on Mr. Jackson, on the Pittman road east of Blair. Mr. Jackson says if they had given the cotton a little more space in rows that they would have made a bale to the acre easily. Callahan county is beyond doubt the best cotton county in the west.

Car Load of WEBER WAGONS
 Just Received by Harry Meyer.

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Of Its "Batavia,"
It's The Best.
HARDIN HAS "BATAVIA"
 Corn, packed in the "Batavia" cans with key.
 "Batavia" Extra Fine Beans—better than Florida.
 "Batavia" Strawberry Sugar Beans.
 "Batavia" Stringless Beans—all whole, not separated.
 "Batavia" White Asparagus Tips.
 "Batavia" Salmon Steak—Bacon with key.
 "Batavia" Extra Sliced Pineapple lib. cans.
 "Batavia" Extra Grated Pineapple lib. cans.
 "Batavia" Bolly Four Hot Pickles—Cherries.
 "Batavia" Red Antwerp Raspberries.
 "Batavia" Extra Sliced Lemon Chiffon Packets, heavy 7/10.
DESIDES
 The above, which are the finest products of the packers and preservers art and skill, I offer the "Batavia" brand, because the goods, lower in price and lower grade but NOT poor in quality.
Don't Overlook
 The fact that I have a well assorted stock for the Christmas Feast. Turkey, Cranberries, Seeded Raisins in Packages, also Raisins in Cans, Pine, Apricot, Fruit, Cakes and Pure Candies.
"Swan's Nest" Cake Flour.
 IN PACKAGES
HAVE YOU THIED JERSEY CREAM FLOUR,
 CHEAPEST AND BEST.
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George S. Hardin,
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 Blair, W. Texas.

FARM FOR SALE
 My place in west part of town, one-half block, 4 rooms, eastern. A bargain. MISS ANNE MARTIN, 52-4.
 Cure stomach troubles, cold feet and hands. Excessive menstrual flow, with Simmons Sque Vine Wine or Tablets. Sold by Powell & Powell.
 Xmas, Xmas, Toys, Toys! Boy's 2-3
 Miss Tois Mathison, of Abilene, who has been visiting Miss Zada Blasingame for some time left for her home yesterday.
 Miss Zada Blasingame, of Abilene, who has been visiting relatives here for some time will leave for her home at Cooper, Texas, to-morrow.
 M. M. Terry moved his family to town Tuesday, from Adair. Maxine came laden charge of the boat purchased from H. S. Morgan sometime ago.
 See our new line of Kellam & Moore Crystal Lenses. Powell & Powell. 45
 Let us fit your eyes with Kellam & Moore's crystals. Powell & Powell. 45
FARM FOR SALE.
 Louis Old place, 193 acres, six miles south of Belle Plaine, Call on or write J. H. Hilde, 51-4
FOR SALE.
 160 acres fine land, 4 miles north-west from Blair, 75 acres under fence 35 acres in cultivation, 2 houses, fine well of water. Terms to suit purchaser.
 JULES NORTON, 381 Box 116, Ocho, Texas.
HORSES, MULES LAND.
 I want to buy fat, young calves, horses and mares, broke or unbroken 141 to 151 hands, 2 to 7 years old and want to sell farms, and other lands.
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 Merry Harris, who is at work with the engineer course of the Brazos Valley Ry. Co., came in on a visit to his family last week.
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 Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. McWhorter, Mrs. Martha Gilliland and mother, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McWhorter, Misses Lafa and Maggie Lambert were up from the Bayou Country, trading Wednesday.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Publisher.
BAIRD, TEXAS.
FIELD, RANCH, GARDEN.

Winter vegetables are in demand. Cattle are killing cattle in McAllen county. Peas in large quantities are being shipped north and west. Winter vegetables are in fair supply at the larger Texas cities. Volunteer potatoes are reported in portions of Lamar county. James Sutherland of Martin is feeding 200 steers at that place. A shortage of cotton seed was reported at Sherman last week. The recent steady rain in Hood county has greatly benefited wheat. It is asserted that in some localities of cotton fields have hardly been touched. C. H. Brown & Son of Denton shipped six tons of meal-feed cattle to Chicago. Sig Sigmond & Bro. of Armon, Tex., report 1000 bales of cotton on one day, the price being \$12.75.

Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma cattlemen were highly pleased at the stock exhibit at Chicago. El Paso is planning a live stock exhibition in connection with the mid-winter carnival to be held Jan. 15-16, 1910. About 2000 ponies were sold to the British government in Grayson county during this year and the stock is much depleted in consequence. S. S. Kennedy of the Brown boys home and J. H. Mike of Bryan have in all shipped over 100 game cocks to the City of Mexico. Weller & Goodland of Hillsboro shipped three carloads of fat hogs a few days ago to Los Angeles, Cal. This firm has shipped this year 150 carloads of swine to California. Indiana farmers are having the most of their stock corn shred and baled, thus aiding the work of feeding their stock during the winter. J. W. Frank of Grayson exhibited at Denton last week some second crop June apples and raspberries. They were small, but palatable.

Mr. Croker of Ellis has a pear tree from which he has gathered a heavy crop this season and there is now a considerable crop of half-grown fruit on it as a second crop. The Fort Worth poultry and Pet Stock association had an exhibit about 750 chickens, 400 Belgian hares, 50 turkeys and a number of ducks, geese, peafowls and pigeons. Since H. H. Holmer of Luling purchased G. W. Cavender's ranch and cattle he has 40,000 acres of land and 800 head of cattle in Grayson county. He also has six miles of river front.

Seventy-three out of 102 interviewed farmers in Fannin, Collins and Grayson counties voted that next year's cotton season will be reduced from 5 to 10 per cent and the remainder thought it would be increased. The bank of cattle admitted into Chihuahua while infected with Texas fever have been ordered isolated by the authorities and many have died in pens near the city of Chihuahua, where they cannot come in contact with any other cattle. From the purchases of full-blood cattle made by visiting Texans at the sales in Chicago it will be evident that improvement of herds is in order. Among short horns bought are following: Lord Wingle, calved Feb. 12, 1909; J. F. Hovankamp of Fort Worth, 2000.

Food for cattle is extremely scarce in western New York. It is so high that one farmer, Bradford Palmer, residing in Stueben county near Bath, rounded up his entire herd of cattle and shot them all. Jeff D. Huger and Thomas Madden lack of Vernon have bought the Scott & Hamilton pasture in Wheeler county and will stock it with 7000 alings. The pasture contains 25,000 acres and is well supplied with grass and running water. A number of large pastures have been recently thrown on the market in Taylor county in small tracts, and the land agents say that the surveyors can hardly locate such tracts with any accuracy as they are so small and so irregular before the date of the decision of the supreme court placed it with the jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

Major Arrested. Altona, Ga., Dec. 13.—Major James G. Woodward of this city has been arrested and locked in the police barracks on a charge of being drunk. The mayor of Altona has called the city council and board of aldermen threatened imprisonment proceedings against Mayor Woodward, but upon receiving that he would appear in court before the date of the decision of the supreme court placed it with the jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

Several years ago Jackson Brown of Wewoka, I. T., imported from California a few acres of wheat. It grew very well and was thoroughly acclimated, he turned out, and now they are said to be numerous in that locality and a fine excellent sport.

FOR HAS NOT YET

Settled the indemnity for Damage to Property.

TO TEST THE GATHAM GUN.

This New Addition to the Army Ordnance is to be given a Thorough Trial by a Board of Examiners. Washington, Dec. 13.—Payment of the military claims pending against Turkey is no longer expected by the administration. Although the sultan has left signing the contract with the American missionaries asserting that they of personal and mission property destroyed six years ago. The Kentucky has left signing the contract with the representatives of Cramps at Constantinople for a cruiser, the cost of which was to have included the cost of the engine.

Secretary Root has added congress to appropriate \$115,250 in addition to the sum already provided for the test of the Gatham gun. The contract will consequently spend more \$200,000 in trying a system better understood than that of the Gatham, chief of ordnance and other well-known ordnance experts. Thanks to influential friends, an amendment was made to the bill so that the test of the Gatham gun to cover \$50,000 and \$10,000 additional was appropriated for its use. The estimate for \$115,250 was based upon the report of the board of officers, consisting of Maj. John G. D. Knight, corps of engineers; Capt. John W. Wisner, seventh artillery, and Lieut. Joseph Strauss and Cleveland Davis of the navy, appointed to examine at maximum velocity the projectiles being fully discharged and fused. Should the experiments show that the system is successful, the other three will be ordered to make large simulating the side of a battleship built, costing \$15,000, and that two rounds be fired at it as a test.

Great Britain and Germany have succeeded in causing further delay on the Chinese question. Minister Conger has stated that the British minister had proposed a change in the phrasing of the first declaration of the agreement to an "indefinite condition of negotiation," and at another that the agreement represents the "irrevocable will of the powers. Great Britain wants three years armistice and still leave the declaration open of an ultimatum. Instructions were called for Mr. Conger to explain the change. Mr. Conger presumably all the representatives in Pekin called the suggestion to their home governments for action. Delay will necessarily result.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Under suspension of the rules the House passed bills to divide Kentucky and West Virginia into two judicial districts, to create an additional judge in the northern district of Ohio, and to refer to the secretary of the interior for investigation of the claims of the state of Texas for money expended in Gray county before the date of the decision of the supreme court placed it with the jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

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He Was Taken in Another City, but a Moh West After Him.

Bloomville, Ind., Dec. 13.—John Rolla, one of the colored men implicated in the murder of Hollis Simpson, was hanged to a tree in the courthouse yard by a mob of about 100 men from Rockport at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening. Not a shot was fired, everything was conducted so quietly as though the execution had been one under the sanction of law. Rolla was taken to his place of confinement upon his arrival he was placed in a cell on the second floor of the jail, and his presence was thought to be known to only a few citizens. A few minutes after 6 o'clock, however, a body of 100 men marched through the principal street of the town to the jail and demanded that the prisoner be turned over to them. Sheriff Hudson was out of town and his deputy, Ramond Cherry, was in charge of the jail. He had heard that a mob was on its way here and at once made an effort to get the prisoner out of town to take him to Evansville, but before this could be accomplished the mob arrived, and the facility of the attempt became apparent. He declined to give up the keys to the jail and the members of the mob began battering in the wall of the jail with a telegraph pole, which was headed by a dozen or more men. As soon as a large hole enough to admit the body of a man was made through the wall six members of the mob entered and the others followed. The holla's cell, inside the jail the negro could hear the sound of the pole as it bored its way through the wall, and he lay upon the floor of his cell in an agony of fear.

When the men reached his cell he begged for his innocence in loud tones, begging pitifully now and then to be spared. The men working at the door of the cell might have been responsible for all the attention they paid to the wailing of the negro. Little time was spent in breaking open the door, and the door was broken through by an eye of the terrified negro in the hands of the men, who proceeded to place a rope around his neck. All the men left, again cursing through the hole through which they had entered. Dragging the negro after them. A few minutes were consumed in the work of the jail yard. The rope was thrown over the limb of a tree, and a hundred hands pulled at the rope and his body flying into the air, he fell and the rope was tied to a tree and as soon as the members of the mob were sure that their work had been completed they left in an orderly state as they had entered the town. Rolla confessed his crime.

New Hawk. Washington, Dec. 13.—Controller Davies approved the application of S. A. Lillard and others to organize the City National Bank of Decatur, Tex., with \$50,000 capital. Also the application of C. B. Rorer and others to organize the First National Bank of Granite, Ok. The controller has authorized the Lampasas National Bank of Lampasas, Tex., to issue a business with \$50,000 capital.

Cleveland News. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13.—The Atlanta Journal Sunday afternoon printed an interview with ex-President Cleveland obtained by staff correspondent of Mr. Cleveland's home. "In my opinion," said Mr. Cleveland, "the great need of the Democratic party is a return to first principles. The Democratic party has not been factually disorganized, but it sadly needs rehabilitation on purely Democratic lines."

More rioting is reported in Jamaica. The Colombian government has not yet given the British vessel. In Clay Armstrong, secretary of the Alabama Grand Masonic lodge, is dead.

Wonderful trial. Boston, Dec. 13.—Helen Keller, the deaf, blind and helpless dumb freeman child, of which she is vice president by making a short address. It was at a class luncheon in Fay hall and Helen, who has recently become able to make sounds, which can be understood by those familiar with her response when called upon by the chairman. She spoke only a few words in a low, unadvised voice.

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WAS BAD DEFEAT.

the British Sustained Severe Loss in Recent Engagement

AND GREAT SORROW PREVAILS

in London Over the Depressing Cablegrams Transmitted by Gen. Kitchener to the War Office. London, Dec. 17.—The following dispatch has been received by the war office from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, Dec. 15.—Five officers and 216 men, Magaliesberg prisoners, have been released. The Boers surrounded and captured 120 of Britain's horse in a battle in the Beitar district. Col. Bloomfield, at Vreghed, defeated the Boers with heavy loss, driving them from Scheepers' Nek and capturing a quantity of arms. The Scheepers' Nek movement occurred Dec. 13. The Boers who attacked Vreghed Dec. 19 lost 300 killed and wounded before they retired. The fighting lasted all day, the enemy drawing off at 7:30 p. m. The British loss was six killed, nineteen wounded and thirty missing. Our casualties include two officers, who died of their wounds. The Boer force divided into three parties, one moving south and the other west. The Magaliesberg affair is described as a British defeat in dispatch to the Standard from Pretoria: "The scene of the engagement was a horse-shoe-shaped depression. The North-westerns occupied the center. Gen. Clement was pitched 1000 yards lower down at the eastern point of the horse-shoe and Col. Leggie's camp was about 500 yards distant. "Delany's 1000 men, amongst whom Gen. Clement had fought repeated actions, were suddenly unknown to Gen. Clement's forces and his staff. Warm Days, Under Commanded Boers. At daylight Col. Leggie's pickets straggled what seemed a fresh force of British troops thirty yards distant. The Boers were challenged. They replied with a volley, revealing 400 Boers in khaki. The firing became heavier as the Boers advanced. Col. Leggie's troops, who arrived just in time to save the outposts from capture. "A furious engagement ensued. Artillery was brought up and it compelled the Boers to retire. Col. Leggie following up the withdrawal, was shot dead by a bullet through the head. Gen. Clement and his staff were driven back. The staff suffered severely, but Gen. Clement appeared to have a charmed life. "The Boers was dismissed Saturday night in the middle of February with the reading of the shortest of the Queen's speeches. It was as follows: "My Lord and gentlemen, I thank you for your liberal provision you have made for the expenses incurred by the operations of my army in South Africa and in Zululand."

The proceedings in the house of commons were a repetition in miniature of the debates of the brief session. The ministers were severely attacked by Mr. Chamberlain was further attacked. The war funds were finally voted after the secretary of state for war, Mr. Brodrick, had given assurance that the government during recess would cordially co-operate with Gen. Kitchener in an endeavor to end the war. Earthquake shocks were felt in Cuba Saturday night.

Mrs. Valvin Brice, widow of the late Ohio senator, died at New York. Four carloads of immigrants arrived at Abilene, Tex. Single Remarks. London, Dec. 17.—The following striking were the remarks of John Bryn Roberts, Liberal member of the south Africa division of Carverhouse in house of commons. He declares that the British treatment of women of South Africa was an outrage on civilization and it was blasphemy to hold Christian services in St. Paul's in connection with the return of Lord Roberts, while there were such proceedings in South Africa.

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INDIGNANT INDIANIAN

Take Two Negroes From Jail at Rockport and Swing Them.

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PAY OF MILITIA

The Attorney General's Impassioned Plea Made Ruling.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.—The attorney general has rendered the following important opinion to the adjutant general: "This department is in receipt of yours of Nov. 20, in which you proposed that the militia be paid for their services. "Are officers and enlisted men of the Texas Volunteer Guard entitled to pay when they have been regularly called into the field for service prior to the date of their service, when such orders of service are in the hands of the commanding officers of the company, battery or troop and not on file in this office, but after such service is performed and oaths are forwarded to the adjutant general's office before payrolls are submitted?" In the present case, you have the oaths of members of the company showing that they were regularly sworn in, in accordance with your regulations previous to the performance of the service for which pay is claimed, the only departure from the strict letter of your regulations being that the oaths were not forwarded to your department at once after being taken. You are advised that it is your opinion that the militia are entitled to pay as regular members of the military organization to which they claim to belong, and would be entitled to pay for service properly rendered after having been sworn in as shown by the date of the oaths filed with you.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.—Several fraternal organizations have applied to the state insurance department for authority to do business in Texas. There are at present eighty-four of these organizations doing business in the state. The insurance department will urge the passage of an act by the next legislature amending the existing law governing fraternal organizations. The bill proposed by the department is that the financial condition of every company making application to do business in Texas shall be examined by an accredited representative of the state insurance department before the application is granted.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.—In response to an inquiry, Acting Attorney General John DeWitt issued an important decision to the land commissioner. Where the purchaser of a home section buying three additional sections and selling the latter to other parties, the failure to pay interest thereon, it is held that such failure carries with it the forfeiture of the additional sections. Where the purchaser pays half paid interest on their sections. This is far-reaching and will affect a number of sections of school lands that have passed into the hands of innocent purchasers.

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A Christmas Courtesip.

I had my stocking to a string
I lowered it down outside,
Was I expecting anything?
Well, something I thought a golden ring
Should come by to my world being
This much I will concede.

I dreamed all night that a neighbor
I saw on the trackless snow;
His face ablaze with love-lit joy,
And he held in his hand a pretty toy,
Which he softly dropped into my de-
coy.

Then back through the night did go
Next morning when the rooster crows,
I awoke with a sudden start;
I sensed the string and my stocking
drew

Up from below, and the window
threw
And there beamed my presents—twot
A ring and a candy bear.

And the message said, "If you wear
her string ring,
And accept this heart of mine,
When you go to church this evening,
And the year ends at the opening,
Hold your hymn book under your arm
So that the ring will shine."

I looked out over the broken snow,
How tremble, I must concede,
I recognize each hob-nail shoe,
Over the fields where the footstep
One day I saw the little girl's doll.

Shall I wear this ring? My lips said
"No."
But my heart was whispering "Yes!"
As we sat in the church I let him
see the ring that I hid in my sleeve.

Over and the starlight he walked with me,
And in the snow, and so close walked we
That none the wiser will ever be
How often he squeezed—my hand.

Rosie Wilcox's Turkey.
Rosie Wilcox was a little girl of 13
years of age who lives with her parents
on a thirty farm in the Mississippi val-
ley. She had one turkey which she
loved very much. Her father had been
very busy and was a great pet with
all the children who lived on the
farm. Rosie named all of her pets,
according to their most striking fea-
ture. Her father had a collection of beautiful
birds. Rosie's turkeys were young.
Rosie never spoke for her.

One day near Christ-
mas, Rosie never spoke for her, little one,
but I'm a
gayer set
prayer turkey
saw weeks.

Rosie was dumfounded, and her
father, seeing the painful expression on
her face turned away.

When Rosie had gained recovered
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DEU TO DELAVERY.

The Deer General Gives the Brit-
ish a Trouncing,
INFlicting Many Casualties.

And Slaying Four of Their Opponent's
Officers—the Information is Sent by
Gen. Kitchener.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener
reports that after severe fighting at
Noutledge Camp, Clements' forces
were compelled to retire by Command-
ant Delary with a force of 2500 men.
Four British officers were killed.
The other casualties were not reported.

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to
the effect is as follows:
Retoria, Dec. 13.—Clements' force
at Noutledge, on the Magaliesberg,
was attacked at dawn by Delary, re-
inforced by Beira's command from
Warmath, making a force estimated
at 2500. The first attack was
repulsed, the Boers managed to get
hold of the Magaliesberg, which was
held by four companies of the North-
umberland Fusiliers and were thus
able to command Clements' camp.
He retired on Heepoort and took up a
position on a hill in the center of the
valley.

The casualties have not been com-
pletely reported, but the fighting was
very severe, and I deeply regret that
Col. Legge of the Twentieth Hussars
and Capt. Kitchener, Merdoun and
Atkins were killed. Reinforcements
have left here.

Lord Kitchener also reports that the
Boers made an attack and were re-
pulsed at Lichtenburg and that Gen.
Lettemer was killed. Attacks upon
the Boers were made at the village of
Vryheid, the Boers losing ten killed and
fourteen wounded. Vryheid was at-
tacked Dec. 11. Shipping continued
when the message was broken. As all
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LABOR TROUBLES.

Bring About a Meeting of Fort Worth
Business Men.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 15.—The
business men of Fort Worth held a
meeting at the city club on Friday
largely attended, to consider the mat-
ter of union labor trouble now ex-
isting in this city and the possibility
of organization for mutual benefit.

It was the first of the kind held since
the union labor trouble has arisen in
the city. Several addresses were
made. Chas. E. Nash was elected
chairman and Sam Beck secretary. A
committee of organization was ap-
pointed, consisting of

Robert Anderson, A. S. Dingo, E. C.
Manning, J. T. Brown, Newton H.
Laster and Tom. I. Waggoners.

After the committee retired, Alder-
man Henderson, manager of the Tele-
phone company, was called on to
speak. He said among other things
that he favored such an organization.
It meant self-preservation. He said
his company, notwithstanding that
it was not being held out as a
getting along just as well as ever. He
said that a member of the grievance
committee of the labor union had
ordered his phone out, but on account
of his peculiar business, was given
permission by the Trades Assembly
to have his line in, which had been
done. He thought that the phones
were just as necessary for the mar-
chant as the backman, and declared
that action to be discrimination.

Mr. Nash was the next speaker. His
favored arbitration when differences
arise between the labor union and
the merchant and thought the
committee of business men should be
formed twelve and seventeen, and
each to have a representative from
each line of business. He suggested
that a sub-committee of three could
be selected from the general com-
mittee to investigate the grievance
from the union. He favored protect-
ing in a substantial manner the mer-
chant who was right and who was
discriminated against by the union.

J. F. Luther indicated the position
taken by Mr. Nash. He said he was
in favor of the labor union and
business had, free from sentiment.
Every case should stand on its merits,
he said, and with the support
secured, he maintained that no union
should be afraid of strikes or boycotts.
He thought every case should be
passed on according to its merits and
that action to be taken.

J. W. Spencer addressed the meet-
ing, saying that there must be a gen-
eral strike on the question of
from the attendance. He said that the
questions to be considered were very
serious and should be dealt with in
a spirit of fairness. He indicated
proposed idea of organized labor, but
did not favor it when it was carried
to the point of a general strike.
He proposed unreasonable and extreme
action, he maintained they should be
restrained and that the questions
should be considered in a fair and
reasonable manner. He suggested
that labor should organize and the
business men also organize. He said
he was not informed that the
were uncharitable toward the
in the union, but that these ideas were
advanced only by a few and that
these ideas should be checked.

Other speakers made indicating
the movement.

It was decided to hold the next
meeting at the city hall. A. S. Dingo,
including Harry Adams, Ben L.
Waggoner, Henry Williams and J. D.
Kane, was selected to secure members
of the present committee. Other
signed the membership roll.

Full of Home Seekers.
Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 15.—This
country is full of home seekers from
the north and northwest. About 200
down on the Kansas City section
railroad last Wednesday night, and
are scattered through the county now,
in company with local real estate
brokers, are offering agencies and
estate men say that these are a part
of the large number of immigrants
and home seekers who will visit the
country this winter.

Some of them came here prepared to
purchase, having been convinced of the
meeting at the city hall. A. S. Dingo,
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Large Census Sale.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 15.—The
city of Dallas will have over 100,000
people was enumerated a few days
ago. R. N. Norton, merchant of this
city, sold A. Taylor, a clerk of Shreve-
port, La., a book for something over
\$75,000.

Boys Registered.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—Harry Landis
has notified Texas that the
Division was from New Braunfels
in consultation with the railroad com-
mission with reference to the con-
struction of certain mill-iron transit
rails.

Mr. Landis obtained the interpreta-
tion of certain rules, especially the
one governing the character of the
root back. The millers will not be
charged for indirect taxes where mil-
age does not exceed direct route.

SHERMAN SENSATION.

A Man Claimed to be Nelson's Grah Child
Borne on Streets.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 17.—Sunday,
shortly after the noon hour, a man
perfectly nude ran amuck in East
Sherman. At the pumping station in
the east end of town and Pacific rail-
road yards Engineer Tuton induced
him to put on an old coat and pair
of overalls. The man was taken to a
charge by citizens and carried to the
city street jail, where he is in
mild detention preparatory to a
transfer to the hospital. He is about
22 years of age. He says his last per-
manent place of residence is Denison,
where he has been for about a month.
He speaks of having lived in Mon-
roville, Buffalo, Chicago and several
Michigan cities. His story is discon-
firmed, full of romance and numberless
experiences. His hallucination is a
that he is the victim of a concerted
plot of some sort that he never fully
explained. He said he had thrown
his clothing away he said he did it
to make time. He had only a bit about
the body when he was taken into the
jail. He had a watch on his wrist and
a handkerchief, in which was tied

Coupons Clipped.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—The repre-
sentatives of the "plain people of
Texas" captured at the battle of San
Juanito of vituperation to "bleated
bondholders" and coupon-clippers."
would receive a severe shock
they happened in the state treas-
ury department two days of last
week. On account of heavy office
work the duty of the bond clerk
was captured at the battle of San
Juanito the school fund had been
delayed and a lot of work accumulated.
As a result the labor union had
received a receipt for the bonds, had
been removed from the big vault. At
this desk the bond clerk, seniors in
charge of the permanent school fund
coupons representing \$75,000 were
clipped from bonds aggregating \$2-
500,000, \$2,000,000, of which was the
property of the permanent school fund
and the rest belonged to the
university, college and asylum funds.

Not Back.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—The state is
now in possession of both the battle
of San Juanito and the battle of San
Juanito. The first was recovered
several days ago after having been
lost for eight years, and the other was re-
covered yesterday.

The first bears a Mexican inscrip-
tion, the translation of which is
"Barrack of Tolosa." The last
bears the inscription "The permanent
of the "Permanent Battalion of Mat-
moras." Both are in a very good
state of preservation, especially the
last one.

State Historian Haines will shortly
issue an interesting historical sketch
in connection with the capture of the
two flags.

Cap and Gown.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—For some
time the students of the University
of Texas over the question of the
adoption of caps and gowns as a
commemorative of the permanent
classes. Recently the matter was
brought to a final issue and the senior
class of the year has been graduat-
ed in accordance with the provisions
of the act, as well as the post-graduate
students decided by a formal vote
to fall in line with other universities.
The honorarium was instituted with
the 1901 commencement and visitors
to Austin next June may expect to see
more than 100 students clad in the
grand academic robes that distinguish
the scholar the world over.

Christmas Holidays.
Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Jan. Lee, a
Chinaman who came here from San
Antonio some two or three months ago
and who has been employed as cook
at the city hall, escaped his employer
by shooting himself in the
mouth with a Colt's 4-caliber
shooter.

Wants New Charter.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—A new charter
for the city of Austin will be asked
of the state legislature.

"Among the important changes de-
sired is a provision for fourteen alder-
men instead of seven, also an abatement
of the police commission, the
police to be nominated by the city
marshal and confirmed by the council.
The mayor's salary may be reduced
and provision made for a city recorder."

Commissioners Proposed.
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—The ex-
ecutive committee of the Texas Short-
horn Breeders' association will be held
in this city at an early date, at which
the annual salary may be reduced
the stock show to be held here in Febru-
ary will be discussed. Mr. J. F.
Elliott, president of the association,
is the committee for the show, and
the catalogue would be ready within
a few days and it is his opinion that
the exhibition will be grand.

**THE EYELIDS OF A
TWO FRIENDS OF SANTA CLAUS**



There were two of us and we had
between us a surplus of three or four
dollars. We cast about for something to
do with our money, gradually an
idea occurred to the Three-Spot. It
isn't very often that this happens, but
the surplus probably did it on this
occasion.

"I have it," he said. He didn't need
the money, for the Two-Spot was care-
ful to keep it in his pocket. "I have
it," he repeated. "Let's go about the
street until we find some poor ragged
children looking eagerly in the crowd
windows. Then we'll find out exactly
what they want and go in and buy it."

"Good," replied the Two-Spot, "but
what shall we do with the rest of the
money?"

"We'll go till we've ret'd, and I
guess they'll be no 'ret' for the
money."

And so we started out. And let it be
recorded here that we had visions of
surveys of ragged children peering into
every window along the business
streets. But in this we were doomed
to disappointment. Early in the after-
noon there was not one poor look-
ing child who was not trading alone
beside its mother. The latter gener-
ally had an armful of parcels and was
evidently intent on purchasing
wares. Up and down the entire length
of Woodville avenue we went with-
out spying one child who was a likely
looking candidate for our munificence.

Then we tried Gratiot avenue.
Surely there would be lots of them,
we thought, on Gratiot avenue, Little
Poles and German children. But we walked
nearly out to the railroad tracks, on
one side and down the other, and set
eyes on never a one.

The Three-Spot was beginning to
cast eyes on some new pipes in the
store windows and made several re-
marks about the desirability of having
a set on one's mantle.

"Do you know," said he to the Two-
Spot, "I don't believe there are any
poor, ragged children looking into
store windows."

"The Two-Spot replied that it wasn't
time, yet; that their hours for look-
ing into windows did not begin until
three-thirty or four. Then we came
to the front of a very big store, with
a Santa Claus scene up over the
entrance and a sign in the window
advertising plenty. Here we stood for
some minutes.

"Where they are?" ejaculated the
Two-Spot.

"Right there in the corner of the
window."

"OH, LOOK AT THAT FIRE
ENGINE!"

And sure enough, there were four
poorly clad, cold-looking little urchins,
three little boys and a girl somewhat
larger, peering at earnestly at the gay
things within as if they were priceless
jewels. We crossed the street and
came near to them from behind.

"What are they all talking at once?
For Christmas?" asked the Three-Spot
of the Little one. The lad glanced up
and, looking at the Three-Spot, said
again without speaking. The question
was repeated.

"I don't know," came the answer
slowly and softly.

"Well, what would you like to look
for?"

The little one smiled and looked
hard into the window again without
saying a word.

"Finally he whispered softly, 'A
horse.'"

"And what would you like, my little
man?" asked the Two-Spot of the
next largest boy. This boy had a
big big brown eyes and a clean face,
though evidently pined by hunger.

"A lock and ladder," was the an-
swer.

And the third wanted a fire engine
and the little girl who had just got a
doll. So the Three-Spot took the cover in
and led them to the entrance of

the big building, where the crowd
were surging to and fro, and the
elevator took the whole party to the
floor where toys were dispensed to
purchasers. Then the march up the
long aisle between the tables covered
with bright and tempting things was
made, until the "horse" department
was reached. The Little one was
hanging on to the Two-Spot's thumb
with a grip that made sure he was
not going to lose the chance, unless the
thumb gave way.

"Yes, please that!" exclaimed the
biggest boy, pointing to a fire engine
with real nose. But it cost as many
dollars as the Spots had with them,
and it was out of the question.

"Wouldn't this do?" asked the
Three-Spot, with a considerable tender-
ness in his tone that was unusual,
as he took up a toy horse and sulk-
y. "Yes, son," said the boy, and one
purchase was made.

The next boy was satisfied with a
harvesting machine and a fire engine
wanted a drum, not being able to get
the fire engine. Then he set eyes on
a policeman's uniform which he
thought would be fine. But his brother
scorned a policeman's uniform
with his tense that was unusual, as
he dropped the idea and took the
drum. There was very little diffi-
culty in picking out the little girl's doll.

"Does it go to sleep?"

She was shown several samples, some
with golden hair, some with dark
hair.

"Does it go to sleep?" she asked, as
one was handed to her. She was as-
sured it did go to sleep when it lay
on its back, for then the eyes were
closed. Then she took it in her arms
and fairly hugged it and the eyes were
dancing with joy. By this time all
four were standing in open mouthed
astonishment to see themselves, the
possessors of so many things. Each
was holding his selection tightly in his
arms.

"Don't we get them right now?"
they asked, and they laughed out-
right. The Three-Spot handed the
money to the clerk, who handed them
up. Two of the little ones were look-
ing up at the Two-Spot, two at the
Three-Spot. Almost simultaneously
from four little mouths

T. E. Powell
Has it For Less.

T. & P. RY SCHEDULE.

No. 6. departs.....	1:30 p. m.
No. 4. departs.....	10:15 a. m.
WEEK ROUTE.	
No. 1. departs.....	3:30 a. m.
No. 2. departs.....	3:30 p. m.

J. B. HAMMON, Agent.

PASTURE POSTED.
All my pastures are posted, and any one caught hunting or fishing therein will be prosecuted according to law.
S. H. MACDONALD.

SCHOOL NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the Keyser Public School will open Monday, Dec. 23, 1906.
A. W. HOWELL, For Trustees.

RING LOST.—Gold ring set with four diamonds and one pearl. Lost between Norton home and College. Return to MISS EDITH COLLIER.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.
A five room house, half block, near College and Public School. Good address house and out buildings. Will sell for cash or trade for cattle. Inquire at Wilson & Oliver, Main Street.

WOOD CHOPPERS WANTED.
Two or three hundred cords of wood cut to this winter. Call at THE STAR office, or on J. L. LAMORELLO, 3-4 Belli Blaine.

EXPLAINS ITSELF.
The following card explains itself: **TOLAR, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.**
KIDNAP.—I saw your advertisement of a game in THE STAR. You said: "Thirteen years ago there was a firm in Baileid that had only one clerk and one had nineteen. My guess is Mr. Powell's store."

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.
To quickly introduce B. B. B. [Botanic Blood Balm], the famous blood purifier, into new homes, we will send absolutely free 10000 treatments. B. B. B. quickly cures old sores, scrofula, painful swellings, aches and pains in bones or joints, rheumatism, catarrh, festering eruptions, boils, eczema, itching skin or blood surges, eating, itching, festering sores and even deeply cancer. B. B. B. at drug stores. If, for free treatment address: Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Medicine sent cured. Describe trouble and free medicine. The stock sent cured. B. B. B. cures the most obstinate cases. After all else fails B. B. B. heals every sore and makes the blood pure rich. Try it.

MAJOR CONVERSE DEAD.
A report came in last week that a gentleman stopping at W. B. Ellis' ranch, had died suddenly, but we could not learn his name. We have since learned that the dead man was Maj. C. C. Converse, who was a prominent and well known civil engineer. He was subdividing the Hancock land for the owners with a view to putting it on the market. It is reported that Maj. Converse died of a congestive chill.

BE SURE TO CALL.
And see those iron bedsteads and nice rockers. They are beauties. At Sand's furniture store, first block North of the Signal Hotel.
J. T. SANDS.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Dec. 17, 1906. Parties calling for same please say advertised.
Mr. R. L. Dearmon, Charley Lambert, Mr. Brad Thomson, Mr. A. L. Williams, Wm. McMANIS, P. M.

DON'T FORGET
To keep your eyes on Sand's store for bargains in new and hand made furniture. First door North of Signal Hotel. 3-4

We unintentionally failed to call attention to change in Powell & Powell at last week.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.
REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
The following deeds have been filed for record since our last report.
W. F. Watts and wife to W. W. Glover S 1/4 section 23 B B & C R R Co. \$1000.
F. B. Hearn to Ch. P. Lane W 1/2 section 15 B B & C R R Co. \$700.
J. R. Winters and wife to W. McCool S W 1/4 survey 3 B O H lands, \$300.
T. P. Statton et al to R. B. Whitcomb S 1/4 section 16 B O H lands, \$1000.
J. H. Searles and C. W. Conner to Ch. Lot No 18 block 21 town of Putnam, \$200.

Ed. Wriston to N. P. Sprague S W 1/4 section 12 B B & C R R Co. \$645.
C. R. McCollum to Dr. B. F. Brittain, N 1/4 of survey 273 T E & L Co. \$600.
R. E. Kilpatrick et al to F. M. Mahan 11 1/2 acres out of the Baker Larkin survey \$268.75.
H. C. Dillard and wife to J. M. Gilson N W 1/4 of Sec. 46 B B & C R R Co. \$1000.
J. W. Merrick and wife to F. S. Houston S E 1/4 of section 35 B B & C R R Co. \$403.84 and other considerations.
M. Kennedy and wife to W. H. Jobe 40 acres out of survey 11 B O H lands \$200.
J. J. Slinger and wife to W. H. Jobe 21 acres out of survey No 11 B O H lands \$1800.
W. M. Morrison and wife to D. F. Harp S W 1/4 survey 11 D & D asylum, \$650.
Henson Wagley to J. H. Wagley, N 1/4 section 57 Lomatic Asylum, \$1000.
J. H. Wagley to Henson Wagley 100 acres out of section 3 D & D Asylum, \$1000.

R. P. Odom and wife to J. T. Riggs, 67 1/2 acres out of survey No 217 Victoria Co. School, \$250.
H. F. Stanger and wife to R. A. Dillard S E 1/4 of section 34 B B & C R R Co. \$1700.
H. C. Clugston and wife to Ed. Yarrow 40 acres out of N E 1/4 section 10 B B & C R R Co. \$400.
G. N. Dilworth and Margaret Johnson to J. C. McDermott, Wilson Helms survey of 640 acres, \$2000.
R. T. Short and wife to F. M. Short 120 acres out of survey No 5160 T E & L Co. \$1500.

W. Short and wife to R. T. Short 86 acres out of survey 215, T. E. & L Co. \$1000.
J. M. Wriston and J. U. Johnson to Geo. W. Miller 160 acres (original grantee) all rights \$1010.
D. J. Robinson and wife to W. L. Hopkins 10 acres of block 15 lots of Cottonwood, \$40.
G. T. Mitchell and wife to J. O. Hall the Hans Carter survey of 640 acres, \$3025.
W. F. Simpson to R. J. Estes N E 1/4 of survey 59 T & P Ry Co. \$1000.
R. J. Estes to S. B. Estes 90 acres out of survey, \$500.
J. M. Bonnell to J. M. Bonnell 187 1/2 acres out of the Albert T. Barnley survey \$2250.
J. M. Bonnell to O. L. Sparks same land, \$1800.
I. N. Jackson to Willie Fred Bilgier S E 1/4 of section 42 B B & C R R Co. \$302

E. S. Hughes and Henry James to H. Grady and J. B. Brown block 14 and gin property, town of Clyde, \$200.
A. M. Sprague to H. M. Brummett 150 acres out of the J. Van Winkle survey, \$300.
F. M. Danlap and wife to J. R. Whitely 160 acres out of survey No 25 S P R R Co. \$40.
Mrs. E. Beasley to A. W. Beasley, S 1/4 of section 41 D & D lands (150 acres), \$1000.
J. B. Walker to Eugene Irwin S E 1/4 section 152 B B & C R R Co. \$75.
J. R. Orwings to J. A. Barnhill N E 1/4 of section 152 B B & C R R Co. \$175.
J. A. Barnhill and wife to J. D. Irwin N E 1/4 of section 152 B B & C R R Co. \$350.

A. E. Reynolds to F. G. Spencer S W 1/4 section 21 B B & C R R Co. \$125.
E. S. Graham to Y. A. Orr survey 228 T & L Co. \$750.
T. & P. Ry Co to B. F. Brittain lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 13 town of Putnam \$1000.
Bayland Orphan's Home to J. R. Whitelids S W 1/4 survey No 3 B O H lands, \$500.
T. & P. Ry Co to J. W. Merrick S E 1/4 of section 35 B B & C R R Co. \$640.
A. C. Gaudin et al to T. T. Freeman an undivided one half interest in the A. Montgomery survey, \$670.
L. B. Davis et al to T. T. Freeman an undivided one-half interest in the A. Montgomery survey, \$670.
H. M. Melton and wife to J. C. Evans 50 acres out of Irwin Leflingwell survey, S 1/4 of acre out of A. L. Evans survey, \$1000.
E. P. Swenson et al to G. T. Mitchell 2 1/2 acres out of the Juan Delgado survey \$1250.
W. P. Swenson et al to J. B. Cutbirth the W. A. Smith survey, (920 acres) \$1000.

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