

# 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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## HERMAN SCHWARTZ

### Retires From All Business After Forty-five Years Of Active Mercantile Life

When Herman Schwartz sold his undertaking business to W. O. Wylie two weeks ago, it marked the retirement of one of the best known business men of this section, one who had been in business in Baird continuously for forty-five years. In 1880 Phil and Herman Schwartz opened a dry goods store under the firm name of Ph Schwartz & Bro. in Gould City, one mile east of Baird. When the T. & P. Ry. Co. moved the townsite to the present location in 1881 and changed the name to Baird, all business houses and residences were moved to the present site and Gould City was marked off the map. In 1892 furniture and undertaking supplies were added to the business. The firm of Ph. Schwartz and Herman Schwartz, himself after he bought out his brother, had financial difficulties, but we are glad to say that by pluck, stickability and ability Herman pulled out of it all successfully and had one of the most successful businesses ever run in Baird. Much of this success he owes to his wife, because Mrs. Schwartz has proved herself a helpmeet in all that the word implies. She worked side by side with him all the years they were in business, and while Herman deserves great credit for so successfully weathering the storms that come to all business concerns that stay on the job as long as Herman did and he knows and fully appreciates the valuable services of Mrs. Schwartz, and we feel sure that he will not feel jealous of this praise by one who has known this worthy couple for near forty-three years. Several years ago Mr. Schwartz sold his dry goods business to Mayfield & Hall, who later moved the stock to Amarillo, where they later sold out.

Mr. Schwartz still owns his business property and his home here and he says he has no intention of moving away from Baird as he would never be satisfied to live anywhere else but here among his friends of an ordinary lifetime, and then there is a stronger tie than this for in beautiful Ross Cemetery is buried their eldest daughter, Mrs. Ruby Hall, who died some years ago.

Mr. Schwartz was born in Bohemia Austria, July 25, 1861 and came to America in 1875. He has always been active in anything to help his town, having served as fire chief, alderman and mayor. He is prominent in fraternal orders, being Past Grand Master of the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz expect to leave about the 15th of this month for Burbank, California, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Cale Hall, for a few weeks and will go from there to Cincinnati, O., to visit their youngest daughter, Mrs. Max Levy, and their two interesting little grandsons. They will return to Baird about the last of September. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Baseball game Sunday.

## DEEP TEST WELL BEGUN ON J. Y. GILLILAND RANCH

Wise ones in the oil game predict confidently that there is a surprise in store for those pessimists who scoffed at even the suggestion that Baird was in the center of a paying oil field. They are backing their confidence with their money, and a deep test on the J. Y. Gilliland Ranch, less than five miles south-east of here is underway.

The rig, which passed through Baird a few days ago has been set up, all machinery has been placed and drilling will begin next week.

Practically all of the land west of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company's right-of-way has been leased during the past three weeks, and locations of importance to Baird will be announced in next week's Star.

A new well was drilled in last Monday by L. A. Warren, on the Diller Ranch, about 12 miles north-east of Baird. The Diller Ranch Pool has gained much notoriety in the oil world the past few weeks. The latest completion on the 560 foot sand is making 12 barrels per hour, running 288 barrels per day natural, is two locations south of the well brought in by Spoons et al of Fort Worth, about two weeks ago, with flush of 249 barrels per day.

### A MENACING DEATH TRAP

The Star calls the attention of the City Council to the well located in the valley just below the old ice plant. This well was formerly owned by the City, but has not been used for several years.

It is in a dangerous condition unless the fence around it has been repaired lately, and it should be filled up, otherwise, if some person should fall into it and be injured or drowned, the City would likely be liable in a damage suit.

The land belongs to the T. & P. Railroad Company. Part of the fence has fallen into the well, that has a considerable amount of water in it. Fix it or make the owners fix it. Better fill it up before some child falls in and is drowned.

### BAIRD CHAPTER R. A. M. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Baird Chapter No. 182, Royal Arch Masons, elected the following officers at the last regular meeting, Friday, June 19th:

L. L. Blackburn, High Priest; C. S. Gee, King; F. L. Wristen, Scribe; T. E. Powell, Treasurer; Martin Barnhill, Secretary.

Appointive officers will be selected and installation of all officers at the next regular meeting.

Every one of the 16 Memorial Pecan Trees planted around the Court House lawn last Arbor Day are alive and flourishing, thanks to the tender care with which they have been nursed along by Court House Custodian Joe Gossett. The lushest, most vigorous of the trees is dedicated to the memory of Roberta Lee Estes, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Estes and granddaughter of the editor of The Star. She died May 15, 1922, aged one year and eleven months. The tree was planted by her lifetime friend and admirer, George Wolsey Symonds.

Coyotes vs Albany.

## SAFE'ND SANE 4TH OF JULY

### Will Baird Have Tomorrow, And Everybody Will Be Keen For Business Monday

Baird's newly organized Chamber of Commerce has persuaded the business men of the city to take a general rest tomorrow and, without any feverish oratorical hullabaloo or dangerous pyrotechnical slam-bang, the usual accompaniments of the National Holiday, enjoy a rational, dangerless rest and be so refreshed Monday morning that they'll wonder why they did not think of the simple scheme years ago.

Every business house in the city will be closed except the garages, grocery stores and meat markets, which will remain open until 9:30 a. m. Of course the cafes, hotels and boarding houses will function as usual. The balance of the business houses will be closed all day, except the garages, which will open their doors again at 7:30 p. m.

That'll give everybody and everybody a good long rest and prepare them peppily for the fuller enjoyment of family gettings-together and for the holy devotions of the Sabbath.

### FORTY YEAR OLD REPORT OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Will S. Hinds, Cashier of the First National Bank of Baird, showed the editor of The Star, Wednesday a manuscript copy of a report of that bank, made in 1885. F. W. James, President; A. G. Wills, Cashier.

The deposits were, in round numbers, \$43,000.00; the last report of this bank showed, in round numbers, \$583,000 deposits. The first report of this bank published in The Baird Star, was in January, 1888, something over two years after the above mentioned report was made and, as we recall, without referring to the files of The Star, was around \$20,000.00.

The cattle business was booming in 1885 and busted in 1886.7.

In 1884 the First National Bank was the first bank of any kind ever established in the county, and the only one in 1885; now Callahan County has seven banks. Some change in the banking and other lines of business.

### DEDICATION OF CISCO'S BIG CONSERVATION DAM

The program for the Fourth of July celebration tomorrow at Lake Cisco, in connection with the dedication of the big conservation dam has been announced, and includes every feature printed in last week's Star, and several new ones.

It will be a sure enough gala occasion with pretty bathing girls, fire works, swimming and diving stunts, moonlight boating and a big basket picnic.

Among the speakers, as advertised, appears the name of our own eloquent orator, Hon Ben L. Russell, who will speak on "Cisco as a Future Resort and Playground of the Southwest."

## MORE FALLS THAN GLIDES FOR SKATERS

Old-timers who used to gracefully glide around the roller skating rink north of the courthouse, of which Will D. Boydston was proprietor, had pleasant or painful reminiscences the past week, as they watched their children, grand-children, or those of their compeers, as they skidded and bumped, collided and clumped around the floor of the tent-enclosed rink floor, set up south of the City Bakery, and in operation the past week under the direction of Messrs. Parmer & Garner.

The crowd outside the roped off skating floor, laughed themselves hoarse over the haps and mishaps of the novices, and "a good time was had by all" although many of the learners must have had a sore time of it the day after their first try at the game.

### ABILENE'S FREE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FOR WEST TEXANS

Chief Deputy Labor Commissioner J. Lee Tarpley of Austin, was in Abilene recently for the purpose of opening a Free Employment Agency for West Texas, with headquarters in that city.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce unanimously tendered the State Labor Department office space in their building, which was accepted by Mr. Tarpley, who will be personally in charge of the department, for the present.

The service rendered by this department is entirely free to both employer and employe. The department will undertake to assist the farmer, ranchman, industrial employer, merchant and others to secure just the sort of employes they desire.

Employment will be secured for farm hands, day laborers and salesmen whenever and wherever possible, anywhere in Texas, and especially West Texas, west of Fort Worth to the border.

If you want to work, or want some one to work for you, write or phone J. Lee Tarpley, Chief Deputy Labor Commissioner, care Chamber of Commerce, Abilene, Texas.

### METHODIST AND BAPTISTS LEAD IN TEXAS CHURCHES

The Methodist and Baptist denominations are the leading Churches in Texas, with the Southern Baptists in the lead, with 427,633 members and 3,062 churches. The Southern Methodist Church is second, with 359,715 members and 2707 church organizations.

There are 1,784,620 members of all churches in Texas, divided as follows: Baptist, all bodies, 758,328; Methodist, all bodies, 465,294; Roman Catholic, 402,874. The above statistics are taken from the 1925 Texas Almanac, census of 1924, which is admittedly incomplete. The Northern Methodist Church has 42,003 members in the State.

Riggs Yarbro, of Los Angeles, California, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Ed Yarbro, the past several days. He left for his sunny home Wednesday, accompanied by his mother, who will be his guest for several months.

## SPUDDERS SPUDED

### In Sunday's Game At Putnam With Raleigh Ray On The Mound Fighting Gamely

Last Sunday, June 28th, the Baird Coyotes journeyed to Putnam, seeking a scalp of the Spudders. When they arrived the Spudders notified them that their scalp would be hard to take, but the Coyotes were not to be denied and by taking the game from Putnam they forged ahead on the seasons' play. Baird has now won three games from Putnam and lost two. Score last Sunday, Baird 5, Putnam 4.

Both teams took the field with a different complexion to the usual lineup. For Baird: E. Hall rf; Brundage 2nd B; Bouchette lf; G. Hall 1st B; Bennett, ss; L. Ray Catcher; O. C. Hawk 3rd B; Errol Haley, cf; and Raleigh Ray, Pitcher.

For Putnam: Jobe rf; Bouchette ss; Marr 2nd B; Butler 3rd B; Jefferies 1st B; Willbanks cf; Cunningham, lf; Pritchard Catching and Wadsworth Pitching.

Baird did all her scoring in the sixth inning, when Bouchette walked, G. Hall doubled, scoring Bouchette, Bennett singled; then Lonnie Ray smashed out a tripple, scoring Hall and Bennett, he scoring a moment later on a passed ball. Hawk walked, whereupon Mr. Wadsworth very gallantly led himself off the field toward the showers and motioned one John Purvis to accept the pitching burden for the Spudders. Haley walked and Raleigh Ray drove a long fly to center which Willbanks captured, but Hawk scored. For Putnam, Jobe, the first man up in the first inning, lifted a long fly to left field, which Bouchette misjudged, going to third; Bouchette then overthrew third base and Jobe scored; a homerun on two errors. Going some. In the fourth, Butler received free transportation, advanced to second on Jefferies out at first and scored when Willbanks' long fly got lost in center field; in the seventh Jobe got a lift at first on an error and scored on Bouchette's triple; in the eighth Jefferies safe on Hawk's error, stole second and scored on Pritchard's single.

All the errors made by Baird were very costly and came near losing the game. Ray pitched an excellent game, considering the support that he had. It was disheartening to see such faulty playing but Ray stuck to his post and fought with all his might to down the Spudders, and the revenge was sweet to him in more ways than one.

The Coyotes are home for a long stay. Next Sunday, July 5th Albany will be here to play the game postponed from May 31st. Sunday, July 12th the Sunshine Specials of Fort Worth, will be here, (this is the team that has been beating all comers, including Marshall, Dallas and Big Spring teams). July 19th the Breckenridge team of the Gulf Production Company will be our guests, while on July 26th we will again entertain and attempt to annihilate the Putnam Spudders.

The Coyotes have played twelve games this year, winning eight, for a per centage of .667. Not so bad when you come to think of it, so let's all go out to the T. P. Park next Sunday and root for them to make it two straight over Albany.

T. P. Park at 3:30 p. m. Sunday July 5th.

## LATIN PUZZLE IS FOUND IN ARIZONA

Discovery Arouses Curiosity of Philologists.

Chicago.—Arizona has given American scholars the year's best crossword puzzle in Latin, dating back as far as the eighth century and inscribed on mysterious lead sword spearheads and crosses. The puzzle has been referred by the University of Arizona to Prof. Charles H. Beeson, scholar of the classics at the University of Chicago, who is versed equally in secret codes and the broken lore of Roman Carthage.

These facts were announced at a meeting of the Midway Graduate Classical club, which Professor Beeson addressed, telling Chicago students for the first time the inside story of a recent discovery in the Southwest of ancient Latin writings which are attracting attention among philologists and excavators.

Professor Beeson has verified the conclusions of Prof. Frank Fowler at the University of Arizona and made new observations of the Latin inscriptions. Imprints of the writings and blue print outlines of the crosses, unearthed by chance near Tucson, are being studied by Professor Beeson.

The oldest inscription bears the date of 790, laboriously marked on the lead surface of the cross in Latin. The next oldest dates back to 900. One cross, on which has been inscribed incoherent phrases of a religious nature, begins with two Latin words, "Ab Ovd," which Professor Beeson explains, means "Out of the egg," and has no logical bearing on the rest of the translation. Continuing with this particular piece, he found frequent reference to Jacob, Israel and Theodorus, the latter being obviously irrelevant.

A typical inscription reads in translation: "With the help of the Lord, Jacob reigns with strong hand according to the custom of his ancestors. Say unto the Lord, May his fame live forever."

Professor Fowler informed Professor Beeson that the crosses, swords and spearheads were buried not less than a century ago. The writings revealed nothing of the identity of the author, Professor Beeson said. They may have been written by some Spanish priest who wanted to write his own epitaph, or the instruments may have been lost by wandering Spanish adventurers who picked them up in Europe.

## Braving Sharks, Swims 5 Miles to Get Rescuers

Lahaina, Island of Maui, T. H.—A sampan overturned in the swift current off Molokai Island. Fifteen of the 16 occupants of the craft clung to the capsized shell while their extremities dangled in the shark-infested waters.

The sixteenth member of the party, Eugene Dauvauchelle, forty, made a daring swim of five miles to a lonely spot on Molokai Island, ran overland for several miles, organized a relief party, cruised to the rescue and saved ten of his companions. The shark-torn bodies of two members of the party, one a woman, were recovered. Five persons were drowned in the accident.

Survivors of the accident arrived here on an inter-island vessel and told how Dauvauchelle returned with his rescue party and picked them out of the water. The survivors were in the water for ten hours, they said. The party was composed of Hawaiians.

## Mexican Links Radio and Telephonic Services

Mexico City.—Gen. Gustavo Salinas, chief of the army aviation department, with the aid of the departmental experts, is putting the finishing touches to an invention which he believes will revolutionize radio communication.

Starting with the idea of developing a method to place airplanes in radio communication with their landing fields, he has developed his system enough to warrant the belief that telephone users in any city possessing a broadcasting station by simply calling up that station can communicate with any person in any city of the republic enjoying equal telephone and broadcasting facilities.

## Girl Bitten by Snake Is Over It in Just One Hour

New York.—Miss Nellie Louis Condon, secretary of the Reptile Study Society of America, was bitten on the right index finger by a large copperhead snake during a hunt by thirty-five members of the society in Rattlesnake den in the Ramapo mountains near Suffren, N. Y. She was treated by the first aid methods and later an antivenom serum was injected into her side repeatedly. Within an hour she apparently had fully recovered.

## S. MAY BOAST LONGEST TUNNEL

Thirty-Mile Bore Through the Cascades Planned.

Seattle.—Citizens of Washington, led by Judge Austin E. Griffiths of this city, have formed the Cascade Tunnel association to effect, with national state and railroad financing, the boring of a tunnel thirty miles long, linking the eastern and western halves of their commonwealth.

This would be the longest tunnel in the world. In Colorado, the Moffat tunnel, six miles long, under the Continental Divide, to carry trains and automobiles, is more than half built. In the Alps, the Simplon tunnel, twelve and a quarter miles long, for trains only, has one portal in Switzerland and the other in Italy. These two countries built it.

The tunnel under the Cascade mountains, for transcontinental railroads, three of which have Puget sound termini here, was the great dream of Gen. H. M. Chittenden, who came to Seattle as army district engineer and lived here until his death in 1917. The work of agitation, which his death stayed, Judge Griffiths has taken up.

Based on expenditures for the Connaught tunnel of the Canadian Pacific railway, through the Selkirk range in the Canadian Rockies, completed about the time of his death, the cost of the Cascade tunnel was put by General Chittenden at \$52,000,000.

The Cascade tunnel, as advocated by Chittenden and Griffiths, would be thirty feet wide and twenty-five and a half feet high.

## Building Guilds in Denmark Grow Rich

Copenhagen.—Born of the bitter industrial conflicts that raged through 1899 and well into 1900, three Danish building guilds have just celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversaries and are looking forward to increased activities in construction undertakings, capitalized by themselves.

While the industrial conflict was at its height and half the organized workers of Denmark were locked out, the Copenhagen unions of carpenters, masons and construction workers hit upon the idea of providing some of their members with work by going into the building business.

Each of the three organizations set up a guild of its own on capital raised by issuing stock at as low as 10 kronen (a krona was then worth 26 cents, against about 18 cents at present) a share to the building trade workers and by drawing upon the unions' treasuries. Within the last few years all the stock in private hands has been bought back by the unions.

The guilds have taken many jobs away from private contractors. Starting with a capital stock of 2,500 kronen and six employees, the Construction Workers' guild now employs 150 men, has a capital of 250,000 kronen and a yearly turnover of about 2,000,000 kronen.

## Music of Troubadours Solved by Professor

Philadelphia.—Forced out of his chosen profession by an accident to his right hand, Dr. Jean Baptiste Beck, of the Romance languages department of the University of Pennsylvania, former organist at St. Gervais, Paris, and founder of Schola Cantorum and revival of Gregorian chant, discovered how to decipher and transcribe the melodies of the Troubadours.

Doctor Beck went over to philology after a nail wound had impaired the use of his hand, and combining his musical training with the philological he undertook the study of the origin of medieval music in the vernacular.

His thesis, the melodies of the Troubadours, lays down principles according to which the oldest musical notations of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries are to be deciphered and transcribed into modern musical notation.

## Anti-Marriage League in Italy Attracts Men

Rome.—A bachelor association has just been started at Rutino, near Salerno, which numbers several hundred young men, and provides considerable scope for comment among Italians.

"The Bachelors' league" is not dissimilar from "the League of the Possessed" (La Lega degli Spiritati), founded in Venice during the Eighteenth century.

The new league was inaugurated with a banquet when the statute was read and an official hymn sung. The numerous neophytes were harangued from a balcony by the president, who laid great stress upon their vow not to marry, and gave the welcome news that money had been received enabling them to found a review called "The Bachelor."

## ASSAILS MEMORY OF ROBIN HOOD

Railroad Threatens to Descrate Sherwood Forest.

Washington.—Nottingham is reported indignant at the proposal to run a coal-carrying railroad line through Sherwood forest, home of Robin Hood, Little John and Maid Marian.

"The local protests arise not only from respect for a famous legend but because of the abiding beauty of the considerable portions of the forest which remain," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"The early Sherwood forest was bounded, roughly, by the towns of Nottingham, Chesterfield, Worksop and Newark. It never was an unbroken woodland; it included pastures, heaths, and even barren tracts with here and there a densely wooded grove. Its original area—some 25 miles long by 10 miles wide—already is cut through by railroads, and inside these older limits today are towns and one cluster of beautiful estates known as the 'Dukeries.'"

"Nottingham, on the southern border of the old forest limits, is a thriving city of nearly 300,000 people. It is famous for the strength of its ale and the beauty of its women; for the size of its extensive market place, the mystery of its caves, the annals of its rock-planted castle, and the festivities of its goose fair.

"While the castle rock stands, the inhabitants will tell you, their city will endure.

"At Papplewick is the very cave where Robin Hood and his merry band took shelter!

Built by the First William.

"The original Nottingham castle was built by William the Conqueror. Its grimest memory is the hanging of 28 Welsh boys, whose bodies were suspended over the walls so the town might see, by order of King John. The boys had been placed there as hostages for the good behavior of their fathers. When the parents rebelled there was no recourse, in those times of direct action, but to execute their sons.

"To this day visitors are shown 'Mortimer's Hole,' a passage through which young King Edward III gained entrance and surprised his mother, Queen Isabella, in company with her lover, Roger Mortimer. The queen-mother's plea, 'Fair son, have pity on the gentle Mortimer,' you will recall, had no effect, and after a sojourn in the London tower the 'Gentle Mortimer' was tied to a horse's tail and dragged to the Tyburn gallows.

"Nottingham's history spans the centuries from the period when the Danes fought the Saxons for a foothold on the Trent, down through the meeting of parliaments there in the Fourteenth century, the raising of the standard of Charles I in 1642, and the dismantling of the castle by Cromwell's troops two years later.

"Then the strife shifted from feudal to industrial struggles. For its prosperity today Nottingham thanks not kings, or generals, or armies, but Richard Arkwright for setting up there, in 1769, the first spinning frame, and John Heathcoat who, 40 years later, opened a new era in lace manufacture by his machines for making bobbin net. Today Nottingham is famous for its hosiery and lace.

"Thoresby was the home of Lady Mary Montagu, witty correspondent and travel writer, who is credited with bringing back from Turkey a method of inoculation against smallpox.

"But Thoresby's most famous story is that of the duchess of Kingston. After a secret marriage, at which the parson read the service by the light of a taper in the 'best man's' hat, and the birth of a child, Elizabeth Chudleigh and her first husband separated. She sought a reconciliation when it looked as if Lord Bristol was about to die and leave her long-neglected husband that title.

"After she had arranged a forged registry of her marriage Lord Bristol set her plans awry by recovering. In the meantime she had scandalized the county by various escapades—including her appearance in an extremely décollete gown at a masked ball. Gossip associated her name with the duke of Kingston and she confirmed the rumors when she was installed as hostess of the merry entertainments.

## Nation Gains 8,000,000

Washington.—Unofficial figures completed here by arithmetical calculation indicate that the population of the United States will be 113,500,000 by July.

This represents an 8,000,000 increase since the 1920 census, when 105,710,020 persons were living in this country.

Of this growth in population, nearly 2,000,000 are credited as immigrants, the remaining 6,000,000 being native born.

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**SHEEP THRIVE IN RED RIVER VALLEY**

**Farmers Learn Flocks Are Paying Propositions.**

Washington.—Farming in North Dakota and western Minnesota is in a transition stage between grain growing and diversified production, and the farmers are making sheep a paying proposition in the transition process. Sheep have been added on hundreds of North Dakota and western Minnesota farms in the last few years. They have added materially to net farm incomes, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Information gathered by the department indicates that sheep can be profitably included in farm enterprises on most of the farms in the Red River valley of North Dakota and Minnesota, and indeed throughout North Dakota, with the exception of the southwestern one-third of the state.

Sheep raising in this area in 1925 was profitable, according to an investigation made by the department in co-operation with the North Dakota Agricultural college. Returns from 190 flocks and as many farms were analyzed. Even though it is usually unwise to start in the sheep business when it is at the peak of prosperity this should not deter the farmers in this area from starting with sheep in a small way because sheep are especially well adapted to this area and can make a profit at much lower prices for wool and lambs than now prevail, it is declared.

**Industry on the Increase.**

Market conditions have favored sheep raisers in the last few years. Since 1922, wool and lambs have commanded prices well above the pre-war level. As a result, the sheep industry is on the increase in most parts of the United States. Sheep are displacing cattle to some extent on the range. There is a strong tendency to increase sheep in many farm sections, and the demand for feeding and breeding stock has been such as to put the price of feeder lambs much closer than usual to the price of fat lambs. There is a slight tendency throughout the world to expand sheep production in response to higher prices for sheep products. Few countries, however, have much room for expansion in sheep raising except at the expense of other farm enterprises. Accordingly the outlook for the industry in the United States is not unfavorable.

Some important conclusions are drawn by the department from its study of the 190 flocks previously mentioned. The investigation showed, for example, that size is an important factor in determining the income from sheep raising. On these Minnesota and North Dakota farms the income from flocks of sheep increased very nearly in the same ratio as the size of the flocks increased. Thus, from flocks containing 50 sheep each the profit in 1924 was \$204, while from flocks of 150 sheep each a profit of \$724 was realized.

These profits were figured after making allowances for all costs, including interest on the investment in the flocks. Not only did profit per head increase with the size of the flocks, but production costs, both for lambs and wool, decreased.

An important point noted by the investigators is that 55 per cent of the small flocks received attention at lambing time. In the case of large flocks only 6 per cent received inadequate attention at this critical period. The result is shown in percentages of lambs lost. In the case of the smallest flocks the percentage was 12.7, compared with only 3.9 per cent in the largest flocks. Apparently the reason for this condition is that farmers with small flocks do not like to take the necessary time to care for their sheep in the lambing season, whereas farmers with large flocks know it will pay them.

**Effects of Good Care.**

Accurate records of losses at lambing time were not available in all cases. It is therefore believed the beneficial effects of good care were really greater than these figures indicated. The production costs and net profits from these investigations show that every lamb saved at lambing time meant \$8 or \$10 more income in the flock, with very little additional costs.

Though labor made up only 18 per cent of the production costs in these sheep enterprises, it was one of the most important factors affecting the profitability of the business. In winter less than one hour a day sufficed to care for a large flock. Little attention was likewise necessary during the summer. In the critical lambing period, however, the labor requirements were relatively large and were adequately met on farms the operators of which were in a position to hire their field labor and devote their own attention to their sheep. For flocks of from 50 to 150 head, one man's full time was necessary in the lambing season. For larger flocks extra help was required for a period of from two to four weeks.

Sweet clover was the principal pasture crop provided. This plant makes

excellent pasture, but has a tendency to cause "bloat." Study of the causes and preventives of bloat from sweet clover is necessary, says the department, because even men who handle their flocks in the most approved manner have losses from bloat. Nevertheless, the total losses from bloat were only 1 per cent of the total number of sheep in the breeding flocks. In a few localities the loss from dogs and coyotes was serious.

A valuable by-product of the sheep industry in Minnesota and North Dakota was found to be in its value in controlling weeds.

**STRYCHNINE TO CURE CRIMINALS**

**Doctor Says Prison Error Led to Discovery.**

Washington.—To prove his contention that criminals and even degenerates may be reformed, rehabilitated and transformed into useful and upright citizens by administration of doses of strychnine, Dr. Earl R. Dudding, president of the Prisoners' Relief society, offered to sell his body to Johns Hopkins university for experimental purposes.

Doctor Dudding, who says he has been told he may expect just about one year more of life because of a heart ailment, revealed for the first time that he, himself, served time in the penitentiary for a criminal offense.

In fact, he declares he was a criminal at heart and in mind and that it was through a mistake made by an attendant in a prison hospital, who gave him a large dose of strychnine instead of calomel, that his physical and mental being lost all traces of criminality.

The incident occurred while Doctor Dudding was an inmate of the West Virginia state penitentiary in 1910. Although a graduate in medicine, Doctor Dudding never has practiced his profession.

"I thought I never would tell the story," he said, "but I realize it may do humanity some good and I have not long to live. While I was in the penitentiary I became suddenly ill.

"I was removed to the hospital and the doctor ordered a large dose of calomel. Instead, the attendant gave me a large dose of strychnine. Instantly I was convulsed. For three days I hovered between life and death and finally was restored to consciousness.

"When I recovered I was cured of all my criminal tendencies and thoughts. Strychnine is well known as a drug which best controls the human body. I believe that in my case it changed the nerve structures in the brain so as to remove all criminal potentialities.

"I think my brain would prove an interesting study to scientists."

**Filibuster Developed to Nth Degree in Austria**

Vienna.—A committee of the Austrian national assembly has been giving a striking exhibition of obstruction of the public business by a process of talking a measure to death. There is no regulation to prevent the committeemen from speaking forever, and some of them have declared their intention to talk until they gain their point, irrespective of the merits of the case.

There came before the committee the question of nominating a chairman to look into the question of city rents. The Social Democrats were opposed to Doctor Klenbock, former minister of finance, who was desired by a majority of the committee. They began a series of endless speeches on the duties of the chairman, and have kept this up for eight weeks.

One member, Herr Witternigg, has spoken for forty-eight hours, spread over a period of seven days. He recently announced he would "mumble" for seven days more. His method is to utter a word every thirty seconds, or two words a minute, and thus to prolong indefinitely his discourse.

**Say Yankee Travelers Too Free With Tips**

Southampton.—Reports circulated here that the American State department has put its foot down on extravagant tipping by its representatives have brought out tales of the largesse of some American millionaires when they leave the vessels that have carried them across the Atlantic.

It is related among steamship stewards that on one trip recently an American millionaire gave \$10 to every member of the crew of the ship on which he was traveling and \$25 to each of the officers. His tips, it was estimated by the stewards, cost this individual \$10,000.

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If those who are so savagely criticizing Mrs. Ferguson for abuse of the pardoning power would investigate and get the real facts, they would find that the whole blasted propaganda of abuse of Mrs. Ferguson is based on a modicum of truth and about ninety per cent of falsehood.

One of the charges is that Mrs. Ferguson is pardoning convicts faster than the courts can send them to the penitentiary. This is denounced as a falsehood from Austin in the Tuesday morning's daily press. There are more convicts in the penitentiary now than there were when Mrs. Ferguson went into office.

Governor Neff, whether rightfully or wrongfully, abolished the Pardon Board, and very few convicts were pardoned during his four years in office.

Mrs. Ferguson restored the Pardon Board on entering office, and appointed capable men on the Board. W. P. Sebastian, of Breckenridge, one time our State Senator, is Chairman of the Board. He is an honest and capable man, a strict church member and a man of many years experience in political life at Austin. Possibly Governor Ferguson may have made some mistakes. It would be remarkable if she did not, but there is neither reason nor sense in this wholesale abuse of Mrs. Ferguson.

The bottom of the whole business is politics, and if it had not been one thing it would have been something else.

One thing we do not understand and that is that so many ministers condemn Mrs. Ferguson for showing clemency to unfortunates. We believe in law, but we also believe in any Governor showing clemency when the applicant is deserving.

If our Lord was as strict with violators of His laws as some of these good preachers and church members expect Mrs. Ferguson, as Governor of this great State to be with violators of our State laws, few of us could ever obtain forgiveness for our sins. Only those who have frequent business with the Governor's office at Austin, can have the remotest idea of what a tremendous pressure is brought to bear upon the Governor to obtain pardons for relatives and friends.

If we accept the theory that juries are infallible and that courts can do no wrong and, that no matter how earnestly a convict may repent of his wrongs, that no pardon nor mitigation of the sentence shall be given him, we establish a creed that is unchristian and an absurdity. Christ confounded the accusers of

the woman taken in adultery by saying to them: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." Let those who are entirely free from sin in their own life cast the first stone at Mrs. Ferguson for showing clemency to those she believes, from evidence presented, deserve it.

If this rule could be enforced, some of the most virulent abusers of Mrs. Ferguson would cease their tirades and retire from the mud-slinging bout in shame and confusion.

**CONSOLIDATION VS EXPANSION**

The Comanche Chief and the Comanche Enterprise have consolidated and the last issue of the Enterprise appeared last week and the beginning of this week the old Comanche Chief will have the field to itself as in the beginning near half a century ago. Thus ends a contest extending back thirty five years. Trying to publish two papers in a town that could only support one.

It may be of interest to those Baird who imagine that Baird needs another paper to know that Comanche has twice the population of Baird and Comanche county had a population of 25,748 against 11,844 for Callahan county in 1920. No town in Texas that we know of with the population of Baird, has supported two papers in the past twenty years. Consolidation of country papers is going on all over Texas and other states. The high cost of printing material and labor is the main reason and publishers have learned some sense too, and the time has passed when two or three men can induce some migrating publisher to locate in town and try conclusions with an old established paper.

The first competition The Star ever had was of this class. The owner had sold a small plant down east and had to take it back, and as he was passing through Baird a man remarked to the owner, "Why don't you stop in Baird and start a paper? Baird needs another paper." The invitation was accepted and in a few days the Baird Register was born. That was in December 1894. The object we well knew was to force us to buy his old worn out plant, but we refused the bait, and in about six weeks he unloaded it on our populist competitor, the late Charley Willson, of Cottonwood Prodigal fame, who had moved to Baird in January. The result was that our old friend went broke after the election in 1896. Sometime we will write the story of Callahan county newspapers as perhaps we are the only person living that even knows the names of half of the papers published in the county.

Consolidation, not multiplicity of newspapers is the order of the day all over the country. It costs three times as much to put in any kind of a newspaper plant now as it did when we began publishing The Star thirty-eight years ago. Printing material has advanced in price 300 per cent on type and 100 per cent on presses. When we went into business we could hire two printers and run The Star for about the same price it would cost us now to run it without hiring any printer. For the best part of thirty years we ran The Star without hired help, and that is the way we managed to pull through the lean years without going broke.

It looks like business is picking up in oil drilling from the way drilling machinery is moving through Baird. Well we hope oil is found in paying quantities this time. Some people must have faith in the new movement as many strangers are in town. Well here is hoping that this spurt will be the real thing. There is no question but that there is oil near Baird, but whether it is here in paying quantities or not can only be solved by real honest to goodness test wells

**THE KING OF THE FIDDLERS  
FINALLY LAYS BOW ASIDE**

According to the Sweetwater Reporter the South's most popular old fiddler, who was also a veteran of the War Between the States and one of Nolan County's wealthiest men, has stood before the footlights and plied his bow across the violin strings, thrilling hundreds with his rollicking, old fashioned melodies, for the last time. The violin that won the J. K. Polk Harriss Championship Medals from five States has been laid aside forever.

The gray-bearded old fiddler who made Nolan County his home for over a quarter of a century, died Wednesday at Longview at the age of 78 years.

J. K. Polk Harriss was the owner of the S. O. S. Ranch, one of the largest ranches in that section, 16 miles south of Sweetwater, on Oak Creek; including some nine or ten sections of one of the largest undivided ranch holdings in the county.

For many years Harriss managed his ranch in Nolan County, and only a few years ago did he move to the town of Maryneal, where he built another home where he lived until his death, at the residence of relatives, at Longview, the past week.

The passing of Polk Harriss is the passing of a figure who was seen on the stage at every "old fiddler's" contest of any consequence in the entire South. He has won the championship of Texas over and over again.

In addition, he has, at various times, won medals as the "champion old fiddler" of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama. He has won medals, prizes and premiums of every description. One of these, prized highest, however, is a beautiful medal awarded Harriss by a number of his many Sweetwater friends, several years ago, when he won championship honors here.

Harriss was a Confederate soldier in the War Between the States, serving in Company C, 15th Texas Cavalry. His death again cuts the ranks of the gradually dwindling wearers of gray in Nolan County.

Polk Harriss was well known to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lambert of Baird and perhaps others in this county. Many years ago the editor and family were invited to the Lambert home to meet Polk Harriss and hear him play on his violin (old Texans always said fiddle, not violin).

We had heard much of Polk Harriss, but this was the first time we had met him, and he certainly sustained his reputation as a master magician with a violin on that occasion.

In younger days the writer learned to play the violin and if we could have played half as well as Polk Harriss we would never have done anything else.

There is no musical instrument on earth that can equal the violin in bringing forth music divine in the hands of a skilled performer like Polk Harriss.

Peace to the memory of the old Confederate soldier—a man in every respect.

**MY RELIGION**

I worship at the shrine of Freedom and Justice, kneel at the altar of Righteousness and Honor; humbly and reverently bow my head before Charity, Integrity and Truth; I never deny to another that which I demand for myself, the right to Think, to Act, Worship or Not to Worship, according to the dictates of my conscience.—Charles Reilly.

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Mrs. Sam McClendon, of Admiral, left Wednesday morning for Dallas to see her daughter, Mrs. Fred Hansen, who has been ill for some time.

Miss Willie Lee Brown and brother, Estes Brown, of Rochester, Texas, who are attending Abilene Christian College, spent Monday with their aunt, Mrs. O. B. Jarrett.

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**TRINITY UNIVERSITY MALE  
QUARTETTE IS COMING**

The Star is informed by Publicity Director Lester Jordan of Trinity University, that that institution's superb male quartette will be in Baird and give one of their inimitable concerts on or about July 23.

The Trinity University Male Quartette, which is composed of Fred Myers, first tenor; Russell Grant, second tenor and pianist; Charles Dickey, baritone and James Herring, basso, will give concerts in five States this summer, according to present plans. The States in which the quartette will appear are Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Probably Trinity's Quartette is the best known college musical organization in Texas as it has traveled over the Lone Star State for the past several summers. The quartette plans to make a six weeks' tour, beginning Monday, June 22.

Work on the program for the present tour is progressing rapidly and is expected to be the best yet given by the Trinity musicians.

All the members of the quartette are experienced musicians. The present tour will be the fourth made by Herring, the third by Myers, the second by Dickey and the first by Grant.

**PIANO CLASS**

I will return home from the Bush Conservatory of Music, Chicago, about August 15th to resume my class in piano. I respectfully solicit and will appreciate your patronage. Harold Wristen, 31.3

The sick man who is able to swear at his doctor isn't likely to give the undertaker a job right away.

That is, if the Doctor's prescription is filled right. City Pharmacy 31.1t

Mrs. W. E. Gilliland, Misses Ellen and Eliska Gilliland, Mrs. J. R. Price, Mrs. Robert Estes and little daughter, Patty, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blakley on the Bayou. Little Miss Grace Blakley accompanied them home for a visit.

**EVOLUTION THERORISTS  
EGOTISTICAL STRUTTERS**

Clay Nichols, M. D., of Luling Texas, in the Dallas News: We are in the midst of a barrage of written and spoken stink bombs at the minds and mouths of evolutin' evolutionists, doing grotesque stunts along slackened, wobbly wires of fanciful theory — these wires insecurely strung and anchored in an atmosphere of intensive educational egotism, sponsored and exemplified by a minority of university presidents and their particular coterie of professorial satellites whose stock in trade is the pompous strut of shriveled individualism across the teaching rostrum of circumscribed doodlebug autocracy, demanding attentive audience and slavish heed of student bodies — university degrees dangling as the price and prize.

In all the thousand and thousands years of recorded history, biology as well, neither man nor monkey has "evolved," despite the fantastic fulminations of evolution wizardry, pretending as it does to "evolute" from boll weevils to Hohenzollerns, bots to bellyache!

'De song er salvashun is a mighty sweet song. En de paradise win' blow fur and blow strong.'

tunefully rendered by the plantation darkies as they labor in the fields of cotton and corn, is akin to the melody of jubilee singers along the golden roadways of the New Jerusalem, in my humble, simple estimation, as compared with the raucousness of the greatest university president who ever presided, wrapped as he is in the mantle of his own selfish bigotry, stalking and strutting the narrow confines of stilted pedagogy, bawling a theory—and theory only, of evolution—tainted vomit of mental indigestion, spewed and spit on the snow-white protection of civilization, old-time religion.

Mrs. O. B. Jarrett, Mrs. Sam Black, Luther Glover and Mr. Hornsby were among the many singers who enjoyed the day last Sunday at the Eastland State Singing Convention.

**PERSONALS**

Dan Bean, of Burkett, visited in Baird Saturday and Sunday.

T. P. Park Sunday, July 5th

Miss Evelyn Crawford left Sunday for Blackwell, to visit friends.

Mrs. E. M. Thornton and children are visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Miss Alice Gilliland left a few days ago for Alpine, where she will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly and children visited relatives in Brownwood the past week.

3:30 P. M. T. P. Park.

Mrs. J. M. Cunningham returned a few days ago from Honey Grove, where she spent several weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black and children and Mrs. O. B. Jarrett visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Fento in Ranger, Saturday.

Miss Nina Bounds has returned home from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Carlos Taylor, at Albany.

July 5th Baseball game at T. P. Park, Coyotes vs Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stinson and children, of Big Springs, are visiting Mrs. Stenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mullican.

Mrs. Gus Hall and baby daughter, Gusolyn, returned Saturday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Riney Simpson at their ranch near Albany.

Miss Carrie Hays, who taught school at Washington, Texas, the past term, is spending her vacation in Baird with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hays.

Archie Price left yesterday evening for Cross Plains, where he has a position as electrician with the West Texas Utilities Co.

Mrs. Will Young and little daughter Margarite, of Burkett, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. I. McWhorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Larmer Henry and children, Billy Jones and Lorraine, and Mrs. J. W. Jones, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham at Oplin, Sunday.

Dr. G. A. Hamlett and wife left Tuesday morning by auto for Austin, San Antonio and other points in South Texas. They expect to return by July 8th.

Mrs. J. H. Burnett, of Kopperl, Texas, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. Holmes, for several days, left Wednesday morning for El Paso, where she will, before returning home, be the sometime guest of her son.

All persons who are in any way interested in the Belle Plaine Cemetery are requested to meet there next Thursday, July 9th to put in the entire day cleaning up the cemetery.

Mrs. Fred Estes and little sons, Fred, Jr. and Robert, Miss Senabelle Forrest and J. M. Cummings left the first of the week for a visit with relatives in the Plains country.

Miss Nora Davis, who has been visiting Miss Ruth Akers for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in Fort Worth, accompanied by Miss Akers, who will be her guest for a few days, before leaving for Galveston and other points in South Texas.

Mrs. G. M. Hall of Baird, and Mrs. Ed Witherspoon, of Ft. Worth who is her guest, will leave this week for California, where they will spend the summer. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Cale Hall at Burbank. They will also visit San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other points in California. They will visit Salt Lake City and other places of interest on their return trip.

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## TAPIR NUISANCE IN ZOO ON BOARD SHIP

### Takes Fancy to Carpenter Who Dislikes Species.

New York.—An unusually large and valuable collection of rare birds and beasts from the Upper Amazon arrived in New York from Para and Pernambuco.

The collection arrived in charge of Philip Schuman, who had spent five months, and had employed six hundred Indians in bringing it together.

The gems of the collection are a Morocaja jaguar, a beast about the size of a fox-terrier, with a curious mark on its forehead resembling a Chinese laundry ticket; three anklers large birds the size of pheasants, with a unicorn-like spike on their heads and sheathed spikes on their shoulders for offensive purposes; a rare and very valuable yellow parrot, a white marmoset four inches long, and a three-year-old tapir, the size of a Shetland pony, very affectionate.

The collection also includes 44 monkeys, 19 macaws, 22 marcos ducks, 9 maracas, 6 garsas, 9 kutios, 3 antas, 26 parrots, 3 jacamees, 5 nutuns, 5 alligators, 8 snakes, including a fifteen-foot boa-constrictor; 3 owls, 21 land turtles, 1 gwara, 1 three-toed web-footed giant Brazilian waterhog, which resembles a highly magnified guinea pig, and 9 anteaters.

The entire collection was housed on the forward hatch and covered by a canvas tarpaulin. This unusual disposition of such a perishable cargo was explained by Capt. Walter Denson as due to the light cargo and the attitude of the crew.

#### A Royal Feast of Nuts.

"Except for a little rubber and the animals the only cargo aboard was 500 tons of Brazil nuts. If we had struck any sort of a sea the cargo would have shifted, the animals would have broken loose and, left alone the job of recapturing them, would have feasted royally on Brazil nuts from Para to Sandy Hook.

"We tried to have the animals housed in the fore-castle, but the crew objected.

"So the only alternative was to put them on the forward hatch, which we did. There was room for all but the tapir. At first the chief officer tried to have the beast stowed separately in the carpenter's shop. But the latter came to me and requested to be put in irons.

"It ain't Christian," was all he would say. Alf Moore was his name, and he said he had lost a cousin in Australia from the kick of a tapir. "It's all right for 'im to see that the beast's gentle," Moore declared, "but all I know is that you'll 'ave to put me in the brig for yintin afore I ships with that bloodthirsty reptile."

"The worst of it was that the tapir seemed to have taken a fancy to Alf. We made him fix the cage on top of the others, surrounded by the anteaters and the waterhog to steady it. But every time the ship rolled the cage swayed, and no amount of staying could make it fast. All the time Alf was working, the tapir kept wriggling his nose at him and uttering low whistles of affection. But Alf took no notice.

"All went well until two nights out from New York we struck a nasty little sea crossing the Gulf stream. Alf felt hungry along toward midnight and stole aft to the galley to brew a mug of hot tea on the sly. As he passed the tapir the beast gave a mournful cry of recognition, but Alf hurried on.

#### Frightened by the Tapir.

"A bit later the chief engineer, Mr. Brand, spied something moving against the crack of light by the galley door. Thinking to play a joke on Chips, who had got so he couldn't bear to have tapirs spoken of in his presence, he rung out, 'Look out, the tapir's broken loose.'

"Oh Gawd! the tapir!" Alf yelled, and dove into the lazareet and barricaded the door.

"Word passed that the tapir was loose, and eight men and the bosun began hunting it in the dark. It was dirty weather, the old ship rolling, she was so light, all the birds and animals squalling and jabbering, the jaguar meowing like a chorus of tomcats, and the anteaters giving shrill cries.

"The men carried no lantern, and there was one nasty moment when two of the crew tackled the bosun—he was a Bristol man, and they came from Cardiff. They handled him a bit roughly, and it didn't make matters any better when they explained that they had mistaken him for the tapir.

"Finally, the chief took a hand, and found the tapir in the galley. Only it wasn't the tapir after all. It was the four-inch white marmoset.

"One of the parrots was dying and its mate set up such a jabber that the marmoset could not stand it. He didn't like living with parrots anyway and was nearly crazy from the smell of the Brazil nuts in the hold.

"The marmoset had crept out of the basket and found its way forward to

the galley. When the chief found it it had just finished a piece of biscuit and jam the doctor had been eating and was swearing horribly because it had burned its nose in the doctor's tea.

"Come on out!" the chief called. "We've got it!"

"So Alf crawled out of the lazareet. "Here's your tapir!" said Mr. Brand, pointing to the little chap, who was trying to bite the edge off one of the chief's brass buttons.

"Alf looked at it. 'Strike me pink!' was all he would say then. But the men said later that the language he used forward was horrid."

## SAFETY RULES IN ELECTRIC STORMS

### Student of Lightning Says, "First Get Under Cover."

Milton, Mass.—About this season, as the old almanacs used to say, expect thunder storms. Inevitably they bring danger to human life, but the hazard can be diminished considerably if the advice of men who have made a thorough study of the electrical discharges of the atmosphere is followed.

One of these experts is Alexander G. MacAuley, director of the Blue Hill observatory and professor of meteorology at Harvard university. In the little building on the wind-swept summit of Blue hill, the highest point in eastern Massachusetts and in the midst of the Blue Hill forest reservation, he has spent many years in watching and analyzing the action of the elements.

#### Studies Thunder Storms.

He has made a special study of thunder storms and some time ago he formulated a set of suggestions to help people take care of themselves during such disturbances. Since that time, he says experience has borne out the value of these suggestions and science has not developed any new means of safeguarding a person against lightning discharges.

Get under cover, is his first rule. If you can't do that, lie down. About ten lightning flashes in a hundred come down to earth in a straight line, and the person who stands out in the open when such flashes are seen, invites trouble. But getting under cover doesn't mean seeking shelter beneath a tree because that will bring you in the direct line of discharge, and Professor MacAuley says more people are killed by lightning in this way than probably any other.

#### Cut Out Radio.

The doorway of a barn or a window near a chimney also are dangerous places to stand, because lightning follows to some extent any draft of air, especially warm air. When the flashes are heavy or numerous, keep away from chimneys, trees, flagpoles or metal clotheslines, and cut out your radio.

You are safer indoors than out. The probability of a person in an ordinary residence building being struck, says Professor MacAuley, is very slight, and dwelling houses in city blocks are virtually safe. He defends the lightning rod, once so popular, but now largely fallen into disuse, asserting that if a house is provided with good lightning rods there is little to fear.

## INSURES HER NOSE



Mrs. Blanche Cavitte of Oklahoma City, Okla., a big perfume importer, has had her nose insured by Lloyds for \$50,000 in case something might affect her sense of smell. She has now gone to Europe to buy choice perfumes and to attend the Decorative Arts exhibition in Paris.

## THE PASSING DAY

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### Editors Visit East Texas.



Over 200 editors from all parts of the state were guests of Tyler and East Texas from June 18 to 20. Many of them were from the various parts of the state otherwise designated than as "East Texas." Some of them saw East Texas for the first time and these changed their preconceived ideas of that part of the state. The West Texan who has never been in what he calls the "poor, piney woods, sandy-land" part of the state is inclined to have a feeling of derision for any one who would choose that section rather than the great open prairies of the West. The West Texan can't for his life understand why a sensible being would settle down on a few acres of sandy hillside with the great West inviting him there. The East Texan, on the other hand, can't see why one would risk drought and starvation "out West," when he can be sure of a comfortable living on a small East Texas farm.

### Visitors Learn the Facts.

It is good for people to know each other and for all Texans to know all of the state in which they live, for knowing it all well they come to like it all and to praise it all. The great objection the westerner has had to East Texas is being overcome rapidly. The man "out west," above almost everything else, wants a road he can travel over at any time. He likes to annihilate distance whenever he pleases, and thinks nothing of hitching up his fiver for a few hundred mile ride. Most of the editors went to Tyler in their cars, and they learned that good roads are being built all over East Texas. So that objection is being removed. In a few years every village and almost every farm in East Texas will be connected with the rest of the world by a fine road system.

### Intensive Farming Pays.

Another thing the westerner saw was that in farming it is not so much the number of acres tilled that counts but how well the crops are cultivated. The small farms over Tyler way that are thoroughly farmed, that have crop rotation, and that are properly fertilized, are making their owners fortune, and filling the banks with money. I was in Anderson County, near Palesfite, that a farmer demonstrated last year that a small cotton patch well tilled produces more lint and makes a greater profit than a larger field not so well cultivated. This is just as true of every other crop as of cotton. Texas will have to get down to a better system of farming than is generally practiced and will have to farm in a way to build up the soil while getting the greatest crop returns from it.

### Produces Great Variety.

The East Texas soil will produce many kinds of crops. Around Tyler, and especially at Jacksonville, the tomato yield this year was almost unbelievable, and the small farmers mostly were getting the money for it. The crop was paid for at the shipping station and not consigned to some far-away, uncertain market. The peach market is just opening, and the luscious melons are coming in. Blackberries of improved varieties are growing on the native heath of the wild berries. Potatoes thrive in the sandy soil. Turkeys and chickens are seen on most farms, and Jersey cows have taken the place of the scrubs. The razor-back hog has been crowded out by the Berkshire, the Poland China and other improved breeds. All these things seem not to have interfered greatly with the raising of cotton and corn. In short the East Texas farmer has been forced into diversification and has had prosperity thrust upon him. As yet the West Texas farmer is depending too much on his large acreage of cotton or wheat and cane.

### The Danger of Bountiful Crops.

There is a certain amount of danger in any kind of unusual crop prosperity like the tomato crop at Jacksonville this year, and that is in over-production to the neglect of every thing else. The tomato one-crop farmer is as likely to strike a snag as the cotton one-crop planter. His crop may be a total failure any year, and again the money made one year may tempt too many to plant tomatoes the next year and the market may drop below production cost. That is true of almost every thing the farmer grows and it is one of the hazards of farming. For that reason he should have more than one kind of crop. Poultry raising and dairying when close enough to a good market appear to be two fixed exceptions to the rule. The people seldom get too many chickens and eggs or too much milk and butter, and most farmers can depend on raising enough feed of a kind to feed chickens and cows.

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Homes Are Unattractive.  
One of the most striking things about East Texas country life is the unattractiveness and the inconveniences of the country homes. Most of them are unpainted box houses that show little care on the part of their owners. They indicate either poverty in the part of their occupants or an inexcusable indifference. Architects, builders and paint dealers have almost an unexplored field in the country districts of East Texas.



## Walks Across Country Searching for Parents

Newark, N. J.—Does anyone know the whereabouts of Billy Hunter's mother and father?

Anyone who has information of them will put joy into a real boy's sad heart and give him a chance to settle down instead of prowling the country hunting every nook and cranny for the parents he never knew.

Billy just stopped off at Newark with Teddy, his pal, a happy-go-lucky, brave little fox terrier.

He was placed in St. Michael's asylum in Jersey City when he was two. That was eighteen years ago. Until he was fourteen he was shifted about to fourteen other asylums and homes. All trace of his parents was lost.

Four years ago he set out in search of them and has not stopped since. He remembers his mother's maiden name was Agnes McHugh and that his father's name was Andrew Hunter.

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3	3:30 p. m.	3:35 p. m.
5	3:45 a. m.	3:50 a. m.

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## House Furnishing Goods Output Greatly Increased

Washington.—The 1923 output of industries engaged primarily in the production of house furnishing goods was valued at \$69,333,182, an increase of 27.1 per cent, as compared with the last preceding census year of 1921. The figures, as announced by the census bureau, included \$11,982,707 for industries whose principal products were comforts, and quilts and \$7,861,000 for those engaged primarily in the manufacture of feather pillows and beds.

## Nine Million Russians Live on Hunting Profits

Washington.—Nine million persons in the territory of the Soviet union depend more or less for their livelihood on hunting, and 800,000 families subsist almost wholly by hunting, according to reports recently received by the Russian information bureau.

Throughout almost half the territory of the country the existence of the population is closely connected with hunting, and this occupation is virtually the only means of sustenance for the tribes inhabiting the northern and eastern regions.

Portions of the eastern part of Siberia are known as the Wild East in much the same sense as we used the term Wild West, and in these regions the rifle and the hunting knife are the common tools of the day's work.

Throughout the nonindustrial regions immense numbers of peasants obtain through hunting the funds necessary for maintaining their households as well as supplying their families with game virtually throughout the year.

The broad expanses of the Soviet territory abound with valuable fur-bearing animals. Furs and game worth upward of \$75,000,000 are procured each year.

## Twenty Different Uses for Intelligence Tests

Washington.—That the schools of the country are using intelligence and achievement tests with definite purposes in view is set forth in City School Leaflet No. 20, of the Department of the Interior, bureau of education. Of 215 cities reporting to the bureau, 64 per cent are using intelligence tests to classify pupils in the elementary schools and 62 per cent to supplement teachers' estimates of the pupils' ability. These cities report about 20 uses that are made of the intelligence tests, including, in addition to those named, diagnoses of causes of failures, guidance in the selection of high school courses, determining the number of courses to be carried at one time by high school pupils, extra promotions, etc.

## Meets Civil War Nurse

Joplin, Mo.—Farnell Walton of St. Louis, an old soldier attending the state encampment of the G. A. R., met and recognized here recently the woman who nursed him in St. James hospital in New Orleans in the Civil war.

## Yank Squirrels Thrive in English Forests

London.—Gray squirrels, imported from the United States some years ago, have made themselves perfectly at home in this climate, and, like the English sparrows sent to the United States from the British isles several generations back, have begun to scatter about the country.

The first squirrels of this variety were given their freedom in Regent's park, London, and already they have been found in forests as far as 25 miles north of the British capital. The squirrels have made friends in the parks here among the visitors, and take food from the hands of children. The saucy little fellows have become very popular indeed.

## The Verb "To Woo?"

"The business girl finds a husband by the simple expedient of prosecuting her search where men conjugate."—From a Canadian Paper.

## TELESCOPE REVEALS FOUR BILLION STARS

### Observatory to Bare Wonders of Firmament.

Seattle.—This city soon is to have the largest stellar telescope in the world and the greatest astronomical observatory, in the gift of Charles H. Frye, capitalist. The plant for the huge mirror, which will be open to the public during the summer, now is being erected.

The task of preparing the mammoth speculum, the largest ever cast in the world, is being completed by T. S. M. Sheridan, Canadian astronomer and telescope builder, in specially constructed shops in Vancouver, B. C. The great mirror, 120 inches in diameter, must be ground down by hand work until it possesses the correct focal curvature.

### Other Big Ones.

The largest existing telescope today is the instrument at the Mount Wilson observatory, mounting a 100-inch speculum. The next in size, 73 inches across, is at Little Sannich, B. C., Canada.

The Frye observatory is remarkable for several features. It is the first erected primarily for public education. The mirror is the first large optical lens ever cast on the North American continent. The observatory itself will contain a collection of astronomical photographs gathered from every part of the world.

There are about 5,000 stars visible on a clear night to the naked eye. A 30-inch reflector makes 219,000,000 stars visible. The Mount Wilson speculum brings into view 320,000,000, while the big Frye telescope will, according to conservative estimates, make visible at least 400,000,000 of the twentieth magnitude or outside the farthest boundaries of the universe, as the best imagination of man conceives the universe.

### Huge Dome.

A huge dome 100 feet in diameter and 150 feet in height will house the heavy machinery used to manipulate the ponderous reflector and refractors of the big telescope.

Scientists are awaiting anxiously the completion of the mirror in the hope of viewing Mars and several other planets which will be in favorable oppositions to the earth this summer and autumn.

## 40-Room Residence

### Moved Three Miles

Los Angeles, Cal.—Another feat in house moving was completed recently by moving a 40-room residence valued at \$150,000 a distance of three miles in three nights without interruption to traffic on one of the city's most-used boulevards.

The dwelling is the largest dwelling of its kind moved from one foundation to another in the United States.

To enable the dwelling to be transported quickly and without suspension to traffic, the house was sawed into three sections, one of which was moved from the old foundation each night between midnight and dawn. Sawing the house and jacking up the individual sections required about six weeks. After the three parts were on the new foundation the house was assembled into one building again.

Forty workmen were employed in moving the dwelling, which is of frame construction. A large truck, especially designed for transporting large structures, rolled the sections to the new foundation constructed for the dwelling.

## Mercy Aid in New York Totals \$80,000,000 Year

New York.—New York spends \$80,000,000 a year to alleviate poverty, sickness and other misfortune.

This was the estimate contained in a partial report issued by the co-ordination committee, of which Robert W. De Forest is chairman, which has been working nearly a year on a plan for better co-ordination among the city's 2,000 public and private welfare agencies.

Of \$31,078,984 appropriated by the city government, the department of public welfare spent \$7,910,080 during the typical year selected by the committee. The health department expended \$5,478,641, board of child welfare \$4,136,559; Bellevue and allied hospitals, \$2,848,905; parks and play

## 260 Rooms in Briton's Home; 5 Only Needed

London.—Sir Everard Hambro, a director of the Bank of England, who died recently at the age of eighty-three, was owner of one of the largest residences in the world, but he never called it a palace or a castle, preferring it to be known always merely as his home.

The Hambro London banking firm was known to the neighbors as Milton abbey, getting its name from the fact that originally it was a monastery. It was remodeled many years ago by Sir Everard and, taking in all the old nooks of the ancient buildings, was found to have about 260 rooms.

Sir Everard was extremely simple in his tastes, and one of his favorite remarks to his intimate friends was that his home contained about 255 rooms more than he required.

Outside of his library, the favorite haunt of Sir Everard was the basement. Here he had fixed up a workshop, and passed many hours each day pottering with hammers and saws and other tools used by workers in wood. The banker frequently remarked that he had always, in a way, regretted that he had not been a cabinet-maker by trade.

The Hambro London banking firm of which Sir Everard was the head, contained some of the finest financial traditions of the last century. The company assisted materially in the reconstruction of Italy after the financial disaster which overtook that country in the days of Napoleon.

## Sir Oliver Lodge Out in Defense of Angels

London.—Sir Oliver Lodge has publicly come out on the side of the angels, and the famous student of the occult declares he is convinced that not only do angels exist, but there are many grades of beings higher than man.

Speaking at Grayfriars, Sir Oliver said there was no reason to doubt the existence of many grades of celestial beings. In Revelation they are called cherubim, seraphim, angels and arch-angels, and science, so far as it has progressed, makes it impossible to hold that man is the last word in creation.

When one opens a door in answer to the meowing of a cat, that is a miracle from the cat's point of view, said Lodge, and in the same way the interference in our behalf of supernatural powers is a miracle to us.

## Mexico City Crimes

### Average 102 Per Day

Mexico City.—Barred from police headquarters because, they assert, their papers published the truth about crime in the capital in April and May, police reporters on the leading papers have devoted their efforts to outside investigation.

As a result, they claim to have proofs that, during the early days of May, the crime average reached 102 cases daily.

Investigation of records at the prosecuting attorney's office has disclosed, according to El Universal, that 30,000 cases are assigned annually to the penal courts. During the first trimester of 1924, it is stated, there were 2,267 cases of assault, resulting in injury, and 1,272 of robbery.

Statistics secured at the federal district penitentiary and the Belen and municipal jails, the same paper asserts, show that 70,914 persons were either detained or imprisoned in these institutions during 1924.

Ninety-five per cent of those held for infractions of the penal and civil codes, it is declared, go unpunished.

## A Snake in Erin!

Dublin.—Notwithstanding the legend that St. Patrick banished all the snakes from Ireland, one has been discovered in Dublin and is now on exhibition in the national museum. It is a very small specimen, less than two feet long and of the harmless variety. News of the find caused much comment in the press.

Snakes occasionally have been brought into Ireland from overseas, but they have never been known to breed here.

## Rub With Oil

After you have washed the tiles on your grate or floor give them an extra rub with an old silk handkerchief moistened with linseed oil.

## "CUPID'S CHURCH" HAS CELEBRATION

### Many Famous Names Adorn Register of London Edifice.

London.—London's fashionable church, St. George's, Hanover Square, celebrated its bicentenary recently with a special series of services. Often called "St. Cupid's church" in the latter part of the last century, St. George's is still popular for fashionable weddings, and second only to St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Sixty years ago as much as 1,000 weddings occurred each year at St. George's, but during the last fifty years the average has been about 300. Included among the latter was that of Theodore Roosevelt, who described himself in the register as a "ranchman" when he walked over from Brown's hotel in a bowler hat to be married to Edith Kermit Carew.

The registers are rich in signatures of other prominent men, as well as royalties. The signatures of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, alongside those of the present king and queen, are recorded against the wedding of a member of the Gosford family.

The signatures of four prime ministers of England also are there inscribed at the wedding of Henry Asquith, now Lord Oxford, to his present wife. They are Lord Roseberry, William Ewart Gladstone, Henry Asquith and Arthur Balfour, now Lord Balfour.

Officials of the church assert that if all the couples who have been married at the famous old edifice during the last forty years had been present at the bicentenary services, the congregation would have numbered about twelve thousand.

## Report Big Increase in Cost of German Army

Berlin.—The German army is spending \$28,000,000 more this year than it did in the year preceding. It is spending only 25 per cent less than the imperial German army in 1913.

Allowing for increased cost of equipment, these official figures still throw strange light on a disarmed land. Certainly they do not harmonize with the government epic of a chained people armed with sticks, their military glory humbled in the dust. A people armed with sticks will not spend 562,000,000 gold marks, or \$140,000,000 a year for its army.

One significant fact in the German military problem is the superabundance of officers and near-officers; the training of men who, technically privates, can step into commissions and take over the drilling of recruits at a moment's notice. Of an army of 100,000 only 36,490 are privates, less than one-third. There are 19,000 sergeants and one top sergeant has been added to each company.

Analysis of the budget does not reveal any violations of the treaty of Versailles, but it does disclose an effort, easily understandable, in the direction of expansion wherever a restriction can be hurdled.

## Government to Sort

### Patent Office Models

Washington.—The task of sorting out, from the 155,000 models in the custody of the patent office, those of historical and scientific interest has been delegated to a commission whose membership includes Thomas E. Robertson, commissioner of patents, and Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

Congress recently appropriated \$10,000 to pay the commission's expenses. The work will consist largely of unpacking the models from some 2,500 wooden boxes in which they are stored, and choosing the scientifically and historically valuable.

These may be retained at the national museum or the patent office, but the mass of them will likely be distributed to museums throughout the country that desire them, or sent to the original depositors or their heirs.

## King's Passion for Dance

Louis XIV of France had a lifelong passion for the dance. For 20 years he took lessons as keenly as if his living depended on his legs, and he was in the seventh heaven of delight when he was taking part with professional dancers in ballets, many of them of his own composition.

**WORLD FAMED AUTO RACERS AT ABILENE JULY 4th**

Abilene, Texas, June 29.—Eddie Heard, Frank Lockhart and Steve Elmore are enroute to Abilene from California for the greatest conclave of world-famous racers ever held in Western Texas. And that's not all the story, for interest in the July Fourth races at Abilene has gone out to wide points of the land, and other noted drivers are getting in entry blanks. One of the latest spurts of interest came in the announcement that Fred Roberts fast driver of Danville, Illinois, will probably be another of the well-known speedsters to line up before the starter for the Independent Day contest.

Roberts drives an unusually speedy Chevrolet and is well known to racing fans throughout the East. This adds a new element to the already tense interest in the famous Miller specials to be piloted by the western monarchs of the track, at Abilene, July 4th. This interest bids fair to draw one of the greatest crowds on record here.

And that's what the officials are getting ready for, sparing neither time nor money to put everything in shape for the gala gathering of West Texans. When Lockhart, the "boy wizard" dare-devil, and Hearne, who makes a collection of racing championships, Elmore the steady thriller, and other famous racing friends take over the Abilene speedway they may not have the length that Culver City affords, but they will have all the smoothness and finish that the world famous track can furnish. An application of calcium chloride to render a "dustless track" will be one of the final touches on this, one of the speediest dirt tracks in the South-west. No pains are being spared to give the great speed kings a chance to open up all they have in stock on July 4th.

Work has just been completed on the new addition to the grandstand, and 100 feet of new bleachers, and limited parking arrangements have also been made to permit a view of the track. Officials are making every to accomodate the thousands of people who plan a jaunt to Abilene for this racing epic. Thickets went on sale last week, and the best holiday rates accorded here have been granted on all railroads leading into Abilene for the Fourth.

Mrs. Riney Simpson, was in Baird Saturday from the ranch near Albany Mrs. Simpson with her sisters-in-law, Miss Alma Simpson and Mrs. Corrie Benson, of Moran, were to leave last night on the Sunshine Special for El Paso, where they will spend sometime.

Mrs. E. H. Walker and little daughter and son, Elmer Ellen and Jerry, who have been visiting Mrs. Walker's mother and sister, Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs. L. Driskill, have returned to their home in Fort Worth. Little Miss Elmer Ellen also visited her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Harris, in Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes, were called to Dallas last Saturday by the death of Mr. Oliver Hoover, who died suddenly from an acute attack of indigestion. Mr. Hoover is a brother of M. D. Hoover and in company of his brother and family he and his wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Estes, a few weeks ago.

Attention is called to the law card of Judge Otis Bowyer in this issue. Judge Bowyer, in point of practice is the oldest lawyer in Callahan County. Judge Bowyer is so well known that he needs no introduction to the people of Callahan, where he has practiced law for 43 years, but all will say this: That he is justly regarded by the bar and public as one of the ablest lawyers in West Texas—a lawyer of ability and integrity and faithful to every interest of his clients.

**DON'T DIG IRISH POTATOES UNTIL THEY ARE DEAD RIPE**

Irish potatoes, according to The Progressive Farmer, should not be dug until they are mature or ripe. For the very early market, they are often dug before maturity, but only when it is necessary to get the potatoes to a very early market should this be done.

Usually, when ripe, the leaves of the plant will commence to turn yellow. The skin does not rub off easily if mature, and only a small amount of moisture appears on the surface of the potato when the skin is rubbed off. If the skin slips easily and much moisture shows, this is a clear indication that the potato is not ripe, and should not be dug.

Keep in mind that the more nearly mature the potato, the better it will carry and sell on the market. While it is desirable to put the potatoes on the market as early as possible, yet it is a fact that immature potatoes, rushed to the market, often cause a decline in price, because they cannot possibly be of good quality, and because the consumer is displeased with his first purchase he does not go back for a second purchase, which means a reduced demand and often an immediate decline in price.

Miss Annie Spencer returned to Dallas a few days ago after a two week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer, at their home on Burnt Branch. Miss Annie Spencer is nurse in Baylor Hospital

Riggs Yarbro, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Ed Yarbro and other relatives in Baird, for the past few weeks left Wednesday evening for his home in California, accompanied by his mother, who will spend the remainder of the summer there.

Mrs. J. R. Price and sons, Archie and Iley and Miss Eliska Gilliland visited in the Tecumseh county Sunday, visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. Windham, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham and Mrs. Alice Grantham.

We call the attention of our readers to the ad of W. O. Wylie, who purchased the undertaking business of H. Schwartz. Mr. Wylie is an experienced undertaker and a licensed embalmer. He will be assisted in this work by his wife. Mr. Wylie and family are not strangers in Baird, as they are members of the well known Wylie family who have lived for many years in the lower Deep Creek country. We welcome them to Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Boydston and children, who have been visiting Eldon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boydston, and other relatives here and at Mineral Wells for the past few weeks, have returned to their home in Brawley, California. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Couch Anderson, of Palo Pinto. They made the trip by auto.

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**APPLICATION FOR GUARDIANSHIP**

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the welfare of Vivian Smith Johnston, Melvin Johnston, George Harold Johnston and Lawrence G. Johnston, Minors, by causing to be published in The Baird Star, a newspaper regularly published in Callahan County, Texas, for three consecutive issues before the return day hereof, a true copy of the within Citation, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Callahan County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, on the first Monday in August, 1925, the same being the 3rd day of August 1925, and contest, if they see proper to do so, the application of J. E. Johnston, which has been filed in said Court for the Guardianship of the persons and estate of said Vivian Smith Johnston, Melvin Johnston, George Harold Johnston and Lawrence G. Johnston, Minors.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Baird, this 30th day of June, A. D. 1925.

[Seal] S. E. Settle, Clerk, County Court, Callahan County, Tex. By Jonnie Robinson, Deputy. A true copy I certify. G. H. Corn, Sheriff, 31-3f Callahan County, Texas.

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