

The Baird Weekly Star.

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

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DRY GOODS.

CLOTHING.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

COME AND SEE THE

NEW - DRY - GOODS - FIRM.

J. D. BOYDSTUN,

(Successor to S. L. Robertson, Baird, Tex.)

Having bought out the stock of dry goods and store house owned by S. L. Robertson, I desire to say to the people of Baird and Callahan county that I have **COME TO STAY** and desire to form the acquaintance of the people of the town and country, and shall endeavor to make it to your interest to give me a share of your trade. We are determined to keep up with the times, and furnish our customers with the latest styles of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES.

We want your trade now, will want it this fall, and will in the future want it, and shall endeavor to treat our customers fair and square.

We can't be excelled either in **PRICE, STYLE** or **QUALITY.**

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W. E. GILLILAND, Proprietor Star,

E. E. SOLOMON, County Judge.

J. E. GILLILAND, Stockman.

THE STAR LAND COMPANY,

Baird, Callahan County, Tex.

We will do a general land and livestock business, buy and sell land and stock, pay taxes on land, etc. All property placed in our hands will be

Advertised Free of Charge.

If you have lands or stock for sale remember we will advertise your property free of charge and charge no more commission than other agents. Send description of property and terms.

If no trade is made you will be out nothing.

A BIG OFFER!

From November 15th to January 1st we offer our entire stock of

JEWELRY.

Consisting of

Diamond Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Musical Instruments, Fine Mother of Pearl, Vienna, Bohemian, and French Glassware at

20 - PER CENT REDUCTION - 20

Having purchased the goods direct from the manufacturer, saving 20 per cent that most Jewelers pay the jobber, and wishing to reduce our stock, are the reasons we make this extraordinary offer.

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Christmas Presents, - New - Year - Presents - and - Wedding - Presents

All at a Big Reduction.

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20 PER CENT DISCOUNT STRICTLY FOR CASH,

So as to close out of our stock. Come now before the assortment is broken, and when you get our prices, we know we will sell you your Xmas goods. We do all kinds of Watch, Clock and Jewelry repairing.

AMIR & CLARK, Jewelers,

PINE STREET,

ABILENE, TEX.

NEW VOLCANO IN SONORA.

One of the Most Destructive in Extent of Territory in History.

(Dallas News.)

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 25.—The exploring commission sent soon after the earthquake of May 2 to Hermosillo, Sonora, by the governor of that state, has returned and presented the following report:

"Fourteen miles south of Bavispa a volcano has burst forth in the Sierra Madre mountains. Its crater is enveloped by dense columns of fire and smoke and lava flows from it in such abundance as to prevent approach at a closer distance than four miles. Boiling water streams from the crater in immense quantities, destroying the vegetation of the valley, while the lava is rapidly filling the canyon and even forming little hills. The noise from this volcano resembles that made by a fleet of steamboats. The land owners in the neighborhood of it are completely ruined. Grass, vegetables, and everything that lives have disappeared. The devastation is complete and there is no hope for an improvement in the situation.

The South's Progress.

(Georgetown Sun.)

A late issue of the Manufacturers' Record shows that great enterprises are rapidly crowding one upon another in the South. It says:

"One of the most striking features is the heavy investments of Eastern and New England capital which is pouring into the South, as it formerly did into the West.

A number of Philadelphia capitalists have just returned from Florence, Ala., where they have invested heavily, including, it is reported, \$800,000 towards a \$500,000 carpet mill.

The New England excursionists to Fort Payne, Ala., and Denison, Tex., left, it is said, over five hundred thousand dollars in these two towns last week.

A \$5,000,000 company has been organized, with all the stock subscribed, by leading New England bankers and others, who have purchased 2,000 acres of land adjoining Chattanooga, where extensive enterprises will be established, and a purchase by a \$3,000,000 Northern company of 800,000 acres of land in east Tennessee, the enterprise being in the hands of the wealthiest members of the prohibition movement.

In Chattanooga a \$1,000,000 bank will open for business shortly.

Two companies with \$300,000, and another with \$600,000 capital stock, have been organized in England for gold mining operations in Georgia.

Birmingham has organized a \$1,000,000 coal mining company; Center, Ala., a \$100,000 iron company to repair and operate an old furnace; Dadeville, Ala., a \$50,000 cotton mill; Mobile a \$50,000 paving company; Kentucky a \$500,000 constructing company.

In Louisiana a sulphur mining property has been sold for \$200,000.

Laredo, Tex., has secured a \$500,000 foundry and machine shop.

In Virginia there have been about a dozen big enterprises, including a \$200,000 iron company and a \$50,000 lumber company.

At Graham a sale of iron property on Cripple Creek for \$100,000 for developments, a \$100,000 iron company and a \$100,000 town company at Max Meadows, a \$100,000 manufacturing company at Richmond, a \$1,000,000 land investment company at Roanoke, with many other enterprises being actively worked up.

Winter Improvement Classes.

The winter classes throughout the country have already begun their work. Some are made up of both sexes, and these are the pleasantest and most profitable. Many are composed entirely of ladies, and of these it is a good sign that such numbers of married women and even aged women belong to them. These have round that there is no age in intellect.

No neighborhood is too small or too poor to have a club of this kind. The pleasure and profit they give cannot be measured. Carefully followed up, they will in time transform an ignorant person into a thoroughly intelligent one. The most generally profitable

course of study for a club is one that follows closely current events. When anything important happens in any quarter of the globe, immediately the current news club takes it up and learns all that is to be known concerning it. For instance, take the Brazilian revolution. One division of the club would have as its assignment the geography, physical and otherwise, of Brazil. This division would find out the situation, size, climate and products of Brazil, also what products come from that country to us, and what would be the effect of stopping the shipments.

Yet another section would look into the history of the country, another would investigate the people themselves, their physical characteristics, manners and customs, while yet a fourth section would report the causes that led to the present revolution. At the club, after each committee had reported, there would be a general discussion of the subject. The method here outlined is one very commonly followed in the winter improvement clubs.

It may be remarked in passing that most of the information sought may be had from a careful reading of newspapers.

The year of jubilee for the horse is surely approaching. The western cities have long used the cable traction system for street cars. Now eastern towns are taking it up. Baltimore will have her street cars pulled by a cable by next July. A few months more will also see them in operation on Broadway, New York. Now, if somebody will invent a motor to haul the huge wagons and trucks that convey freight through city streets, a long step towards the perfect civilization will be accomplished. There is not room enough in city streets for mankind and horses too.

A Swedish Idea.

It is astonishing how many valuable ideas and people have come to us from Sweden. From one of the methods employed in the education of children there, those who are endeavoring to promote manual training in American schools might obtain useful hints.

The system is called "Sloyd." It familiarizes children with wood working and the use of carpenter's tools. A child is brought to a carpenter's bench. Tools are shown to him, and he is instructed how to use them. Then a piece of wood is given to him, and he is told to make a wedge. It must be exactly of such a length and width. The cutting must all be done with a knife. The child's mistakes are corrected. He tries over and over again, and at last succeeds in making a wedge. Then come more difficult pieces of carpentry work is given to him, and he tries till he can make that properly. The finished pieces of work belong to the pupil.

The object of the training is not to make a carpenter of the child, but to educate his hand and eye. The method has worked like a charm in Sweden. So it has in America, in the few places where it has been tried. A new zest is given to the school among pupils who detect it usually. All enjoy the work as if it were play. The exercise with plane and saw enlarge the chest and strengthen the muscles.

It is becoming clear that manual training must occupy a larger and larger place in our educational system as time goes on.

Black Magic.

Medieval writers had much to say about black magic, and those who practiced it. In our time we have grown so wise that we have proved no such thing exists, or ever did exist. Very good. What we are not afraid of is not apt to hurt us. But if there is no such thing as black magic, what malign influence is it that enables a person like the woman Diss Debar, the so-called "spook priestess" to entangle victim after victim in her net. She bamboozled Luther Marsh, one of the ablest lawyers of New York, out of thousands of dollars, by alleged spirit pictures. She deceived many others by pretending to produce the same kind of pictures upon the stage, though the fraud was so palpable that it made one feel bad for human nature to think anybody could be taken in by it.

The woman was sent to Blackwell's Island prison for obtaining money under false pretenses. Her career was fully exposed by newspapers throughout the country. It would have been a reasonable conclusion that Diss Debar was irretrievably ruined.

Was she? Not she. No sooner had she been released than she went to Washington and laid her net for a rich widow there. The spook dodge was played successfully. By state writing the rich widow was commanded to give Diss Debar a shelter. Next, the two went to Europe together. D. D. claiming to be the persecuted and cast off wife of the rich Mr. Luther Marsh. In London the widow was rescued from the spook priestess while she yet had some money left, and came home.

Thus the priestess makes her living. She is not handsome. She is fat. She is not eloquent or learned. Nevertheless, with her record fully exposed, wherever she goes she finds rich people who become as babies in her hands. Her case is not singular. Most of our readings will recall instances in which, in some inexplicable way, unworthy and designing persons have wound themselves around the best and noblest of people, and made them do their will utterly. If this is not mesmerism, or black magic, or something of that nature, what is it?

THE CATTLE FUTURE.

Reasons Why Some People Believe a Better Time is Coming.

(Fort Worth Gazette.)

One of the reasons why some people believe the dawn of a brighter day for beef producers is at hand, is the rapid change in the methods of handling cattle on the farms of the great western corn belt. A few years ago every farmer was holding his, cows and heifers for the express purpose of increasing his herd and making beef. To-day hundreds of thousands of these same farmers are working the herd for the milk and butter, and in consequence the calves go for veal.

Iowa has been increasing creameries at a rapid rate, and the output is showing an annual increase of over 20 per cent. In the cattle census stands only second to Texas, and the diversion from beef to butter means something.

Many of the other states are beginning to follow Iowa's lead, and this change of front will materially reduce the beef output. The low price of beef on the hoof for three years has caused the farmers to realize that there was more profit in vealing the calf and utilizing the milk of the cow than in attempting to raise a fat steer for the market.

Music in Chicago.

The new opera house which Chicago calls the Auditorium is one of the handsomest in the world. Its stage is spacious and magnificently appointed, equal to the production of even Wagner's masterpieces. The Auditorium is so stately a structure that it deserves mention as a landmark in the history of American culture.

Chicago will make, this winter, the experiment of having an Italian opera season of her own. A company of singers will come direct from Europe. They will not so much as stop over night in New York, but will go at once to Chicago to begin their engagement. New York has no part or parcel in them, and this is matter for special self gratulation to Chicago.

If Chicago can resuscitate Italian opera in this country, she will be doing what New York could not or would not do, and is indeed to be congratulated. But if the great western city is doing so much for music, why is there not a Chicago orchestra? Music, like charity, begins at home.

If you want to make your city, town, village or neighborhood moral, clean it up. Drain the ground, make solid, slightly streets, keep them clean and plant them with shade trees. Provide abundance of water, and see that it is used accordingly. If tramps and beggars could be induced to take a bath once a week they would cease to be tramps and beggars. When new houses are built take interest enough in your neighbors to lay before them the best plans for sanitation, also for handsome architecture. A pretty house costs not a cent more than an ugly one. Start a reading club for rich and poor, a place where newspapers, magazines and current books can be had free. It will not cost much if you are in earnest in the matter. Would men who are not yet confirmed drunkards spend their evenings in saloons if they had a clean, respectable place to go where they could find the newspapers and a welcome?

Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell, has been abroad this season and seen some things worth noting. Constantinople he found to occupy the most noble site of any city on the globe, yet so filthy and tumbledown was it, so wretchedly paved and sewer, so rotten and antiquated were its quays, that he knew of only one city that could equal it in these respects. That city was New York, in his own country. Yet it is a fact that New York is by no means the dirtiest or worst paved city in America. In fact, there are not in the whole country more than three cities that are any better. When we are inclined to glorify ourselves over our great country, it will be worth while to remember that our streets and sewers are worse than those of Constantinople, the meanest, dirtiest city in Europe.

Boxing matches among gentlemen will probably go out of fashion in England now, because the London authorities have decided to prohibit them. To be in fashion Americans will have to stop prize fights, too.

Professor Garrick Mallory, of Washington, has been looking into the grounds for the belief that the American Indians are the descendants of the lost tribes of Israel. He finds there are no reasonable grounds for such belief, although there is a certain similarity of customs between the Indians and the most ancient Israelites. But the principal reason why, in the judgment of Professor Mallory, the Indians cannot be descended from the lost tribes is that these tribes were never lost at all, but were scattered and absorbed in other peoples.

W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1889.

BAIRD needs a mill. ORGANIZE a fair company. BAIRD has cheap lumber. ORGANIZE a progressive committee. BAIRD should work for the county fair. PUMP new life into the mill company. RESURRECT the band and buy the boys a uniform.

THE Fort Worth and Denver railroad has been absorbed by the Union Pacific.

THE Fifty-first congress convened in regular session last Monday. The Republicans elect all the officers. Hon. Tom Reed, of Maine, is speaker.

BAIRD needs a little more energy. We will do our level best to stir up the latent energy of the sleepers. We'll furnish the gas and printers' ink. Who will furnish the money?

Boston and Lynn, Massachusetts, both suffered severely by fire last week. The entire business portion of Lynn was wiped out. Loss, \$5,000,000.

ONE of old Ben Butler's clients has sued him for \$250,000 for slander. Old Cockeye always said he had rather be called a knave than a fool, and he can be relied on to prove that he told the truth about his client.

THERE is talk that the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railroad will not run to Brownwood after all. The Brownwood papers think this a scheme to bleed Brownwood, and they are probably correct.

THE Republicans in Ohio elected all the state officers except governor at the late election. The lieutenant-governor beat his Democratic opponent only forty-one votes. It is said the election for lieutenant-governor will be contested.

BAIRD should organize a progressive committee to look after our railroad interest, our county fair interest and every other interest. Come, let us get a move on ourselves. The columns of THE STAR are open to everyone who has any scheme to benefit the town or county.

WEST Texas Democrats will vote for any man the Democrats may nominate if he is worthy of support, and there is no occasion for believing any other kind of a man will be nominated. All talk of this or that man being scratched should be the nominee is all moonshine, as the future will show.

THERE is talk again of extending the Santa Fe from Coleman to Anson via Abilene. All the road asks is that the citizens of these towns grade the road and the company will be so generous as to iron and equip it. Any town in the state can get a railroad on the same terms.

BUSINESS failures in north Texas are of daily occurrence. Two years of short crops are bankrupting the merchants and driving many people to western Texas, which is by long odds the most prosperous portion of the state. Come west ye men of capital and grow up with the country.

THE Granbury News nominates Dr. Tolar, of Abilene, for land commissioner. THE STAR would be glad to see such a man as Dr. Tolar in the land office, and we would support him with a vim if we thought he had any showing. Dr. Tolar is a poor man and has no money to spend running around after an office, but if he enters the race THE STAR will support him with all the vim it can command.

NOTHING seems easier to us than to question a man's Democracy who is opposed to a railroad commission. Mesquiter.

AND nothing seems easier to us than to question a man's sanity who talks as you do.—Kaufman Sun.

WE would like to know when the Democratic party pledged itself to the commission theory. We were born and raised in Texas and have always

been an active worker for the Democratic party since we were old enough to vote, and we did not know the party had made the commission bill a test of a man's Democracy. All the same we are opposed to a commission unless voters.

Large line of jerseys, and cheapest ever seen in Baird. Powell.

THE Australian ballot system seems to be gaining favor all over the country, irrespective of party, and it is more than likely we will have the system in vogue in this state in a few years. The only objection we have seen urged against the system is that the names of all the candidates being on one ticket it will practically disfranchise the illiterate. If that be true it would knock the Republican party into pie in the South.

Misses' and children's cloaks at reduced prices call early and get a bargain. Moon & Crowder.

THE Vernon Guard intimates that the Democrats of western Texas, especially the Panhandle, would not support James S. Hogg for governor should he be the Democratic nominee. This is a mistake. The Democrats of western Texas are just as true to the party as those in other portions of the state, and if Mr. Hogg is the nominee of the Democratic party he will receive our support.

Hartman steel wire picket fence at Harry Meyer's.

A LARGE majority of the papers of the state seem to favor Hogg or Throckmorton for governor, and it does not occur to many of them that any other than one of these will receive the nomination. THE STAR does not pose as a prophet, but we have made the prediction heretofore that neither of these two, good men though both doubtless are, will receive the nomination, and nothing has caused us to change our opinion.

Big fat turkeys. S. L. Ogile.

THE Haskell Free Press says Texas journalists do not exercise enough care in preparing their editorials. They write too much to fill up space, says the Free Press. An editor who has the brains and get-up to write his own articles, as a rule, does not write to fill up space, but his object is to make his articles short and crisp. It is the fellows who use the scissors most who write (?) to fill up space.

A new line of newmarkets and cloaks arrived this week; will sell cheap. Powell.

Low prices always gets there. T. E. Powell.

IF the Texas journalists would expend more thought in their writings they would command more respect. They write too much to "fill up space." It is amusing to see the contradictory articles in different issues of some of our contemporaries.—Haskell Free Press.

Editors who edit their papers with a pair of scissors and a paste pot do not write contradictory articles, but they frequently get things badly mixed. Something like the Free Press for instance, when it credited that article asking Hogg to father a land suit in Callahan county to THE STAR, and afterwards criticised THE STAR for inconsistency.

Second-hand sewing machines for sale cheap at Moon & Crowder's.

OBITUARY.

LANE—Harriet F. Lane (ne Harriet Fleeman) was born October 1, 1854, in Franklin county, Virginia, and died in Baird, Texas, at 1 o'clock a. m., December 2, 1889. She joined the Presbyterian church when 14 years old, but in 1876 united with the M. E. Church (South) with her husband. She married J. E. W. Lane July 30, 1858, whom she leaves with her weeping children to mourn her absence from the place she occupied so long in their earthly home. She was a great sufferer, and for some time before her last illness was an invalid, but even in her sickness, before being confined to her bed, she would sometimes be seen in her place at church when scarcely able to get to and from the house of God. She seemed always glad when her pastor would read the Scriptures and pray with her; and when so low that she would hardly notice anyone in the room sometimes was easily aroused by this service and, in spirit, would enter into the worship.

R. F. DUNN.

Fifteen yards good domestic \$1. worth 10 cents a yard. Powell.

Finest and largest line of gents' underwear ever seen in Baird. Powell.

The best shirting in Baird, 15 yards \$1, worth 10 cents a yard. Powell.

Among well-bred people a mutual deference is affected, contempt of others disguised, authority concealed, attention given to each in his turn, and an easy stream of conversation maintained, without vehemence, without interruption, without eagerness for victory, and without any air of superiority.—Hume.

Largest and best line of hats at Powell's.

THE COUNTY.

Nov. 30.—Perry Barton has moved from the Methodist parsonage down to Mrs. Dr. Shaphard's farm, which he will cultivate the ensuing year. The building vacated by him is now occupied by a new comer, C. Farmer, from Tarrant county, who intends to rent uncle George Martin's land.

The Methodist work of this circuit was turned over partly to Cottonwood and partly to Buffalo Gap circuit.

What do you think, gentle reader, about a pig eleven months and two weeks old weighing 334 pounds. It was killed the other day by Perry Barton. Good for Callahan county, I say, and good for the intelligent farmers, too, who raises his pork in the national and paying way.

John Blake got his appointment as postmaster, filled his bond and took the oath of office, Squire Barton, officiating, and will soon be a full-fledged postmaster. The honors are crowding thick and fast upon Johnnie's juvenile head, and also to a certain degree upon mine, as I was created *nolens volens* assistant postmaster. The honor overwhelmed me so entirely that I did not recuperate enough to ask the postmaster how much will be my salary.

Decon Blake, seeing the other day quite a number of bachelors, remarked in his dignified manner, "there is a very good and fair crop of bachelors now in this locality." As for my part, I most respectfully decline with inborn modesty the flattering compliment, if it was meant in that way, and as for the others, well—better ask the girls.

By the way, the matrimonial market seems extremely dull this year. What is the matter with you, boys? This is no leap year and its your turn. I would like to enumerate your names, to describe with glowing colors all your shining qualities, acquirements, advantages, etc., but I am afraid, the rush for you from all corners of the globe would be too wild. It is not yet entirely too late for the big census next year, so don't wait for the next leap year. Besides, cotton for quilts was raised in more than sufficient quantity, Squire Barton's charges are very moderate, "just to suit the times," and he ties the ominous knot in a short but very impressive manner, and last, but not least, this reporter is willing and ready to give you a decent and hearty send-off free of charge, provided you forget not the cake. So you see the circumstances are very favorable. (A parenthesis for the girls: Do I not deserve the blue ribbon for waking up the boys?)

Joe Brown has been laid up for more than a week with a complication of gastric and bilious fever. I am glad to state on the authority of the attending physician that the sickness, although serious, is not considered dangerous.

Thanksgiving day came and went. There were no cards out for dinner parties in this neighborhood, and the long-dreamed-of turkey with his delicious brown color and delicate stuffing was becoming more and more visionary. After July meditating and deeply pondering over this sad and sorry case a happy idea struck me. I read all the recipes protusely given by most of the papers and periodicals for the preparing of the turkey, the stuffing, etc. Three times and three times back again, and I can tell you, Mr. Editor, I felt full of turkey and earned with a will to my oatmeal mush, which I called, in honor of the day, oatmeal porridge. That was my Thanksgiving dinner. What was your bill of fare, Billy? Seemed to be a little anxious, too, about the majestic gobbler. If your menu was not up to your expectations try my remedy next year; it is offered free of charge.

Sheriff J. W. Jones and wife came in late Thursday night, the former for a friendly interview with the dear taxpayers in behalf of the county and state treasury. Collections good and prompt—a marked testimonial for the sound financial standing of our farmers—and Mr. Jones is always the same courteous and obliging officer, no matter if election year or off year.

As for the kind sketch you gave me in the last number I felt like reading my—obituary. Nevertheless it is appreciated. H. BECHER.

A nice suit for \$6.50 at Powell's.

Thanksgiving Entertainment. The Thanksgiving entertainment at the Rock church last Thursday night given by the teachers and pupils of Baird public schools, was a success in every respect. A collection was taken up for the purpose of paying for benches, wood and water furnished the school. About \$50 was raised, and more promised. The following is the program of the entertainment:

- Invocation . . . By Rev. B. F. Stone
Thanksgiving Anthem . . . By Students
Recitation . . . Miss Mamie Burrel
Concert . . . Miss O'Hara's pupils
Instrumental Duet . . . Misses Kittie Pace and Alice Johnson
Concert recitation . . . Elocution class
Recitation . . . Jack Huffman
Song . . . Miss Katie Richardson
Recitation . . . Miss Alice Johnson
Speech . . . Thomas Dean
Instrumental Duet . . . Misses Pearl Richardson and Annie Hinds
Recitation . . . Miss Earle Foy
Vocal Duet . . . "Drifting with the Tide."
Songs of Seven . . . Miss Rushing's pupils
Seven times one—Childhood.
Seven times two—Romance.
Seven times three—Love.
Seven times four—Maternity.
Seven times five—Widowhood.
Seven times six—Giving in Marriage.
Seven times seven—Longing for Home.

You will find at the Office Saloon Kentucky Comfort and McBrayer whiskeys straight from Kentucky. If you need any for Christmas call and see for yourself. J. B. Maxwell, proprietor. 52-3

A fine assortment of Christmas goods now on exhibition at our establishment. Call and see; you will be surprised at our prices, because we sell so cheap. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

LUMBER \$18 PER THOUSAND.

To all who wish to buy lumber: We will after this date sell rough lumber at the above price. Will do all we can to treat you right. We expect to have our stock full in a few days. All other goods in the same ratio.

WM. CAMERON & Co. N. T. Tucker, Agent.

A half-Jersey cow and calf. Apply to J. C. Greathouse, Baird, Tex. 501f

Nicest bacon in the market. Ogile.

Money to loan. We are now prepared to loan money in sums to suit on country property. We take up and extend vendors-lien notes. We have unequal facilities for doing business promptly. Lowest rates. It will pay you to call on or write us.

HARBELL & WILLIAMS, Abilene, Tex.

SPECIAL MENTION.

- All kinds of Salt at Lea's.
The "736" cigar at Coppins'.
Full line of coffins. L. Gould.
Bagging & ties, cheap at Lea's.
Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's.
Cheap cow and horse feed, at Lea's.
Best maple syrup you ever saw, at Lea's.
Get your hams and bacon at Coppins'.

Braid sets for dresses at Moon & Crowder's.

Coffins put up at short notice. L. Gould.

Plain Hams and breakfast bacon at Coppins'.

Go to Coppins' for pure leaf lard. Warranted.

Hides and furs of all kinds wanted J. L. Lea & Co.

Get your full patent flour at Coppins'.

Ed Coppins is receiving new goods every day.

Finest line of pipes ever in Baird at Coppins'.

FOR SALE OR RENT—The store house and lot formerly occupied by Foy & Richardson, second door south of postoffice, price, \$650 or \$10 per month. Webb & Webb.

MONEY TO LOAN—We have \$100,000 to loan on Callahan county lands. Webb & Webb.

Our prices are the lowest. Foy & Richardson. Cheapest gloves in Baird at Moon & Crowder's.

New crop sugar house molasses at Coppins'.

New furniture to arrive at L. Gould's this week.

Cloaks! Cloaks! Cheap at J. D. Boydston's.

You will get the best of groceries at Coppins'.

We have some of the nicest clothing that was ever in Baird. Cheap. J. D. Boydston's.

Machlue, engine and wagon oils at J. L. Lea & Co's. Cheap and good.

We guarantee our prices to be as low as the lowest. Moon & Crowder.

Just received an elegant assortment of hanging and stand lamps. H. Meyer.

One-half car of Kansas barrel and sack salt just received at Coppins'.

Just received an elegant line of Rogers & Tufts silverware. H. Meyer.

Just received a large lot of apples, cabbage, Irish potatoes and kraut at Coppins'.

Buy a White sewing machine from Moon & Crowder. The best in the world.

Car of flour just received from Fort Worth. Cheaper than ever. J. L. Lea & Co.

The best boots in town for the money, \$1.50 per pair at Moon & Crowder's.

Just received fresh lot of mince meat, apple butter and hot relish in bulk at Coppins'.

We are informed that J. L. Lea & Co. are ready to buy oats and wheat at liberal prices for cash.

J. L. Lea & Co. are selling stone-ware cheap; 12 1-2 cents per gallon for jars and 15 cents for jugs.

Cost racket or any other racket, we will sell you goods just a little cheaper than any of them. Moon & Crowder.

Just received 30 barrels of apples, 40 sacks of Irish potatoes, cabbage and onions at Coppins'.

J. L. Lea & Co. have just received the largest and best assortment of Christmas candies ever in Baird.

Just received fresh invoice of granulated sugar, and don't let any retail store sell cheaper than Coppins'.

We have a new line and style of gents' overcoats, which we are selling very cheap. J. D. Boydston.

Comforts, blankets, quilts just received direct from New York; beauties and cheap. Schwartz & Bro.

Cheapest shoes in Baird at Moon & Crowder's.

You will always find the best wines and liquors at the Office Saloon. 49.4

Just received a car of fruits and vegetables from St. Louis. J. L. Lea.

Finest jerseys in Baird at Moon & Crowder's.

Our clothing arrived this week and we are selling it fast and cheap. J. D. Boydston.

We have the best ladies \$2.50 shoe in Baird. Every pair warranted Moon & Crowder.

O, there! Go to J. D. Boydston's for everything cheap in dry goods.

Don't you never forget that we will sell you a good lamp cheaper than anyone in Texas. Baird Drug Co.

Just received one car of salt. S. L. Ogile.

New lot of furniture at L. Gould's. Call and see his beautiful bedroom sets.

Kelley, Goodfellow & Co's shop-made shoes at Moon & Crowder's.

A magnificent line of glassware just received at Harry Meyer's.

Coppins has just received over 700 pounds of Christmas candies.

Sack salt, rock salt, barrel salt, table salt, stock salt, fine salt and coarse salt. S. L. Ogile.

Just received a large invoice of new crop molasses; cheaper than any other house in town; call and examine them. S. L. Ogile.

To sell cheap we buy cheap. The lady buying the largest bill between this and November 1 will receive a present of a dress to cost 10 per cent of the bill, at J. D. Boydston's.

Keep it in your mind when you want to buy that we now have displayed an elegant, varied and very cheap line of fancy stationery. Baird Drug Co.

HOLIDAY GOODS—Fancy, Ornamental, Useful and Substantial. R. PHILLIPS. PRICES AND QUALITIES GUARANTEED. With thanks for past liberal patronage and a Merry Christmas to all. Respectfully,

CITY MEAT MARKET.

E. SIGAL, PROPRIETOR. Fresh and Pickled Beef and Pork Sausage.

MARKET STREET, BAIRD, TEX.

Advertisement for SHIRTS and UNDERWEAR at Powell's.

Facts and figures that cannot be disputed.

Advertisement for Baker Perfect Barb. The lightest and best wire, and winner in all contests. HARRY MEYER.

REMEMBER J. D. BOYDSTUN AT COST.

J. L. Lea & Co's Elevator is now done and at work, and it handles your grain as easy as falling off a log.

D. J. WILSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. (Local surgeon for Texas & Pacific Railway company. Office with Baird Drug Co. Office days Tuesdays and Saturdays.

R. G. POWELL, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office third door south of the post office, Baird, Texas.

WHITLEY HOUSE, FRONT STREET, BAIRD. The table always supplied with the best market affords. Board and lodging. Rates reasonable. W. C. WHITLEY, PROPRIETOR.

GO TO THE OFFICE SALOON For nine-year-old KENTUCKY COMFORT WHISKY. B. Maxwell, Proprietor.

LAND FOR SALE BY STAR-LAND-CO. Farms for sale, farms for rent, town lots for sale, city residences for sale, to rent, country residences for sale and to rent.

FOR SALE—2-room house, lot 1, block 11, part of town, price \$300.

FOR SALE—Have a large tract of land purchasers for sale in quantities to suit.

FOR SALE—Use and lot No. 19, block 11, and a good lot, the house has four rooms, price \$400.

FOR SALE—160 acres of land 15 miles southeast of Spring Branch, good grazing land. One two equal and one-third cash, balance in payments. Star Land Co.

FOR SALE—Two dwellings in block 29, lots together if desired. Will sell separately or all for \$1,000. Also 55 head of stock. Title guaranteed. Apply to Star Land Co.

FOR SALE—A fine farm, 75 acres in cultivation, fine water, fine soil, fine stock, etc., etc. Also a fine house, etc. Title guaranteed. Apply to Star Land Co.

FOR SALE—40 acres situated 10 miles N.E. of Spring Branch, good grazing land. One two equal and one-third cash, balance in payments. Star Land Co.

FOR SALE—10 acres of land at Belle Plaine, good water, fine grass, good soil, etc. Also 55 head of stock. Title guaranteed. Apply to Star Land Co.

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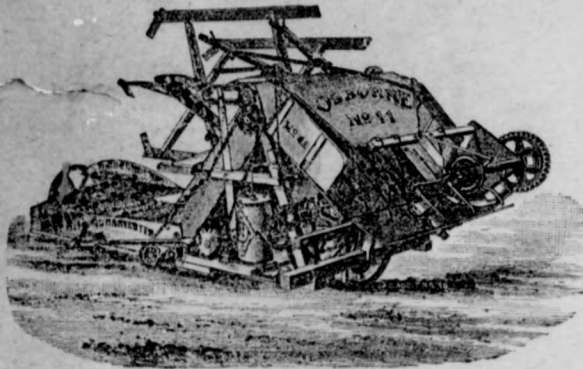
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BIG STONE GROCERY STORE

J. L. LEA & CO.

Keep on Hand

The Largest stock of Groceries in town; Therefore they buy and sell cheaper than anyone.



PLOWS, WAGONS, DRILLS



AND ALL FARM IMPLEMENTS, CHEAPER THAN EVER FOR CASH OR ON REASONABLE TIME.

D. M. OSBORNE'S HARVESTING MACHINERY

Cheap and on Liberal Terms.

We will Buy or Help You to Sell Your
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TRY - PRODUCE - FOR - CASH.

Cash paid for

: Cotton, : Wool : and : Hides :

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DRY GOODS.

CLOTHING.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

DON'T - FORGET - THE - CHEAPEST - PLACE

IN TOWN TO BUY

Dry Goods, Clothing and Furnishings, etc. Boots and Shoes.



T. E. POWELL'S

THE LEADER OF CORRECT STYLES AND LOW PRICES.

A look through our various departments will delight the best dresser in the country and satisfy the most timid buyers that there is excellent value within their reach.

Cotton Checks, - 5 to 7 1/2 c. a yd.
Domestics, - - 7 1/2 c. and up.
All Wool Jeans - 25c. and up.

DRY - GOODS.

Dress gingham, from 7 1/2 to 10c. per yard.
Calicos, - - 3 1/2 to 7c. a yd.

We also carry a full line of

Silks, Satins, Henriettas, Worsteds, Felts, Laces, Ribbons, Hose, buttons, and in fact everything kept in a first-class dry goods store.

Ladies' Newmarkets, Cloaks and Shawls.

Boys' suits from \$2.50 to \$10
Mens' suits from \$5 to \$25

CLOTHING.

Overcoats from \$3 to \$18
Wedding Suits a Specialty.

We can sell you a suit of clothing cheaper than any house west of St. Louis. We can fit a boy 3 years or man as big as a giant.

Ladies—Zigler French kid, \$4
Hamilton & Brown, \$1 to \$3.25
Brown Des Noyer, \$1 to \$2.75

BOOTS & SHOES.

Mens—Brown Des Noyer's best calf shoe, \$2.50. The best shoe in town for the money.

We carry a complete line of HAND-MADE Boots and Shoes. All warranted.

HATS AND CAPS.

We carry a complete line of hats made by the leading manufacturers, including the J. B. Stetson, "The Lion." Call and examine goods and prices.

We have the finest line of white and colored shirts, underwear, neckties, collars and cuffs, scarf pins, cuff buttons etc. To price our goods is to buy them.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

Trunks and Valises.

Daily Hack Line

BAIRD and COLEMAN.

Hacks leave each point at 7 a. m. and arrive at 3 p. m. FARE \$4 00.

Hacks make connection with Union, Colorado & Santa Fe trains at Coleman and westbound Texas & Pacific trains at Baird.

Collins, Thompson & Co., Proprietors.

THE TOWN.

Christmas will soon be here.

R. M. Hudson was in town Tuesday.

B. A. Odell, of Caddo Peak, was in town yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Lee, of sweetwater, has been in town several days.

Baird needs more dwellings. Cheap lumber will solve the problem.

There is a regular daily mail line from Baird to Coleman. Fair, \$4. See ad. in this issue.

A great many of our subscriptions expire with this issue. Send in your dollar and renew your subscription.

The pay-in-advance subscriber never need any reminding, they always know when their subscriptions expires.

Mr. E. K. Kane is clerking for R. Phillips, and they will be pleased to have you call and examine their holiday stock.

George Clifford, of Putnam, was in town Monday and called at THE STAR office and put himself ahead on our books.

J. A. Coates was in town Monday. John says he has plenty of hog and hony at his house and has no room to grumble at the times.

Mr. W. H. Perry, of McLennan county, has bought the J. T. Walker place in the Hubbard Timbers and has become a citizen of our county.

John Martin, of Tecumseh, was in town with cotton last Thursday. John had cotton all over his clothes and looked like a full-fledged granger.

We have some subscribers that appreciate the paper and they always pay in advance. It is the careless and neglectful that are wanted to come up.

W. H. Perry got mixed up in a runaway team out at his place last Friday and got considerably bruised, but nothing serious, as he was able to come to town last Saturday.

THE STAR was kindly remembered last Thursday by one of our lady readers, who sent us a nice fat turkey; but we were not to tell who sent it. Well it was appreciated all the same.

E. Sigal has an ad. in this issue, and it will be seen that he has resumed business at his old stand, the City Meat Market, where he will be pleased to meet his old customers. Give him a call.

Capt. A. J. Berry made us a present of a nine-pound yam potato last week. They do not grow as large as some other varieties in this county, but they are superior to any other potatoes raised.

Prof. Wm. M. Lee, living near Putnam, made us a pleasant call last Friday and left a dollar for THE STAR, as he said the paper was now so cheap that no one in the county could afford to do without it. Thanks.

Dr. D. J. Wilson and Judge E. E. Solomon left for Houston last Sunday, where they go on to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and the Grand Chapter R. A. M. They will be absent about two weeks.

In looking over THE BAIRD STAR we found the following notice in non-pariel, which we nearly overlooked: Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland, a girl. Billy, set the next in small pica caps.—Cottonwood Prodigal.

About 250 subscriptions in the county expire with this issue. About 100 others owe us from one to two years subscription. If you know you are behind with subscription please send us in the money on what is due and an extra dollar for a year in advance.

A great many subscribers think because they only owe a dollar or two that it does not amount to anything. The trouble about this is that a great many others think just the same way and the publisher is out a considerable amount and has a hard time to meet his liabilities.

The following persons called at THE STAR office this week and paid a year subscription in advance: S. F. Rudmose, J. M. Morriset, S. Barnhill, Chas. Crowley, Newt Olds, George Clifford, six months; Maj. Wm. McManis, one year, also for G. G. McManis, Princeton, Ill., Dick Cordwint, one year. Next!

L. O. Oliver has moved up Market street first door south of Schwartz & Bro., where he will be pleased to serve all his old customers. Look out for his new ad. next week. Owing to an oversight no change was made in his ad. this week. The outside was printed before the mistake was discovered. Remember the place, first door south of Schwartz & Bro., where you will find everything in first-class style in the meat line.

I have the largest stock of all kinds of dry goods, clothing, boots & shoes in Baird, and I will sell cheaper than any one. T. E. Powell.

J. H. Hoffman has sworn off and says he will not take another drink of whisky for one year. We hope "Huff" will stick to his resolution, for he can do well if he would only let whisky alone. As a house and sign painter he has no superior in the state.

The subscription price of THE STAR is reduced to one dollar a year payable in advance. If you can not pay in advance pay up to date and we will wait on you to the end of next year. All new subscriptions at one dollar rates must be paid in advance, as the price is so low we can not start in on a credit.

Mrs. Harret F. Lane wife of our town Marshall J. E. W. Lane after a long and painful illness died, last Monday morning at 1 o'clock, and was buried at the Baird Cemetery Monday evening at 4 o'clock. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband, children and relatives of the deceased in their hour of deep sorrow. The obituary will be found in another column.

Ladies' hats from 75 cents up; come and see them before you buy. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

THE STAR will be two years old next Saturday, but according to number it is two years old with this issue, which makes 104 issues in all. In looking over our books we find a great deal due us on subscription, which is badly needed. We hope all will try and square their accounts up to date at least, which they can easily do if they will only try, because crops have been extra good this year and last. Don't forget the printer.

For the best assortment of groceries call on S. L. Ogle.

Dangerous combustibles and structures in town should be provided against, as one man's negligence or carelessness may cause the destruction of the property of others, as well as his own. Hay, dry grass and the like are very combustible and may be ignited by a match from the little boy at any time. An ounce of precaution is worth a pound of cure.

If you will call on us when you want jeans pants we will give you a genuine bargain. Foy & Richardson.

Mr. Ashebranner came to town last week and sold some cotton and on his way home he was robbed of one hundred and thirty-five dollars by two men, the robbery took place near the Widow McDonels a few miles this side of Cottonwood. Mr. Ashebranner is a poor hardworking man, and the loss is a severe one to him. This is the first robbery that has occurred in our county for a number of years, and naturally created considerable discussion. We hope the robbers will be apprehended and get their just deserts.

Just received car flour, meal and bran; cheaper than ever, at Coppins'.

There has been considerable talk of organizing a joint stock company to either buy out the lumber yard at this place or start a new one, and it is more than likely that the project will take definite shape at an early day. Mr. N. T. Tucker, manager of the yard at this place, came in and informed us that lumber has been reduced from \$20 \$18 per thousand. As the object of the new company was to reduce the price of lumber as low as at other towns probably no other company will be organized as long as the prices remain as they are.

Overshoes cheap at Powell's.

Subscribers frequently neglect the subscription to their paper without intending to do so. We hope all such will do so no longer, because we need the money, and need it badly and we have waited on some of our subscribers for two years without sending a statement or asking you for money and we think it but fair and right that you pay up and a year in advance. If all would do this we would receive at least \$1000.00 during December. We will probably receive about \$50 if it comes in as it usually does. We hope our subscribers will help us out, because we have waited long and patiently for what is due.

In order to keep my present force of workmen at work during the winter months at my factory I am still making big reductions in all saddlery and harness goods. Parties wishing to buy largely would do well to call on me before buying. N. Porter, 25 Pine street, Abilene, Texas. 52

U. F. of T. Baird Council U. F. of T. will meet next Friday night week. All members are earnestly requested to attend, as business of importance will be transacted.

If you want cheap goods go to Powell's.

Quarterly Conference. The first quarterly conference of the M. E. Church (South) for the Baird circuit will convene at Baird next Saturday, December 7. There will be preaching to-morrow (Friday) at the Methodist church at 7 p. m. Also preaching Saturday and Sunday.

Blankets and comforts from 75 cents upwards; a nice white blanket at \$1.25. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!! Next Saturday at 2 o'clock Baird Drug Co. will publicly burn all Landreth & Son's garden seed remaining on hand at this date. The public cordially invited.

Geo. Palmer, formerly of this county, but residing for the last six years in Arizona, come in from Missouri Tuesday, where he went from Arizona on a visit to relatives. He went out to Tecumseh yesterday.

A nice newmarket worth \$10 for \$5 at Powell's.

Clothing, clothing at Powell's.

Cheap Lumber.

Wm. Cameron & Co. say they will sell lumber as cheap as it can be sold in Cisco or Abilene. This is a good thing for both town and country, because thousands of dollars have gone to other towns simply because lumber was cheaper than at Baird. This is no longer the case. See Cameron & Co.'s announcement of reduction in this issue.

Don't forget that Ogle carries the largest stock of mince meat, apple butter, jellies and preserves in bulk.

The Star Free.

We offer to send THE STAR to the widows and orphans in the county free; also to ministers actively engaged in ministerial work. We don't know whether you want it unless we are notified. If you want THE STAR send us your address on a postal card.

The largest line of clothing and cheapest ever seen in Baird. Powell.

A Wise Maxium.

The maxium here contained is great, and from the heart doth come:

A foolish man is one who tries

To drown a grief in rum.

Finest line of window curtains ever shown in Baird to be seen at Ph. Schwartz & Bro.'s. A personal inspection is respectfully asked.

It Came Hard.

Epoch.

Mrs. Brown—Your husband looks completely tired out.
Mrs. Cobwigger—So he is my dear. He has never done any work in his life before. You know, he has always had a government job.

Newmarkets and wraps of all kinds very cheap at Powell's.

The finest assortment of sugar and molasses ever brought to Baird; cheaper than ever. S. L. Ogle.

A big line of flannels cheap at T. E. Powell's.

But it Was Probably Firewater.

Washington Capital.

Where are you going? inquired Mrs. Squeebob, as Mr. S. started out of the theater when the curtain went down.

I think I heard an alarm of fire, he responded, solicitously, and I will go and see about it.

Ten minutes later he returned.

It wasn't fire he said briefly.

And it wasn't water, she replied, with a significant sniff.

Car of bran to arrive. S. L. Ogle.

That Satisfied Him.

[Detroit Free Press.]

Last Monday morning, he began, in a solemn voice, last Monday morning I stopped here and ordered a large list of groceries. To-day is Thursday, and they have not come up yet.

They haven't! Oh, I remember now, replied the grocer.

What's the excuse?

You are owing us \$40 and we can fill no further order until that is paid.

Is that it!

It is.

Then it is all right. I didn't know but one of your horses was sick—a wagon smashed up—forgetful clerk, or something of that sort. That makes it all right.

Best wines, liquors and imported cigars at the Office Saloon. 52-3

The habit of looking at the bright side of things is worth more than a thousand a year.—Samuel Johnson.

Fresh sugar-cured hams cheaper than any house in town. S. L. Ogle.

A man never sees all that his mother has been to him till it's too late to let her know that he sees it.—[W. D. Howells.]

All wool cashmere 46 inch wide, 65 cents, worth \$1. Powell.

Whatever our place, allotted to us by providence, that for us is the post of honor and duty. God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it.—Emerson.

A full line of undertaker's goods always kept on hand. We also have ladies' and gents' burial robes, metallic caskets, etc. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

It is an undoubted truth that the less one has to do the less time one finds to do it in. One yawns, one procrastinates, one can do it when one will, and, therefore, one seldom does it at all; whereas, those who have a great deal of business must buckle to it; and then they always find time enough to do it in.—Chestersfield.

Target rifles and shot guns at Harry Meyer's.

We should give as we would receive cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.—Seneca.

Such is the encouragement given to flattery in the present times that is made to sit in the parlor, while honesty is turned out of doors. Flattery is never so agreeable as to our blind side. Commend a fool for his wit, or a knave for his honesty, and they will receive you into their bosom.—Fielding.

Hamilton & Brown shoes. Powell.

