

There's No Use

Sending out of town for Job Printing, you can get it done just as nice and just as cheap here.

The Star Job Office.

The



Star.

Money to Lend on Land

Long time—Low rate of interest. Vendor's liens notes bought, taken up and extended.

B. L. RUSSELL
at First National Bank

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

VOL. 21.

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1908. NO. 15

Our Spring Goods



Are beginning to arrive now. Just a few days more and we will be ready to show you the snappiest line of Spring and Summer Goods that will be shown in Baird this season. This isn't idle talk. Many years continuous buying has taught us how to buy goods that sell and give satisfaction, and this season we are better prepared than ever to serve you. It will pay you to buy your goods in Baird this year and it pays to buy from us.

B. L. BOYDSTUN
DRY GOODS AND GROCERY DEALER
BAIRD, TEXAS.

EULA LOCALS.

Good morning Mr. Editor. We find time to come again and will tell you a few happenings in and around Eula.

We are having a wet norther and are glad to see it.

We are glad to see other correspondents to your valuable paper.

Our neighborhood is in good shape. Nearly all the farmers are through plowing. Some have planted corn. Mr. Bolten's family, who live on the Jeannett ranch, have been very sick but the last report were improving.

Grandma Hampton spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Phelps.

M. W. Uzzell was in Eula Saturday shaking hands and getting acquainted with the boys.

W. K. Kuykendall was in Eula Saturday. Candidates are coming early this season. We hope they all will have good luck.

There was quite a large crowd at the Singing Sunday evening at the Baptist Church. Prof. Price of Clyde and the Potosi class came over and joined the Eula class and everyone spent a pleasant evening.

Willie Chandler, of Abilene, spent Saturday in Eula.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Steen, of Baird spent several days in Eula visiting friends and relative.

There are several cases of measles in Eula.

Mrs. Kelton has returned from

Buffalo Gap where she has been with her sister who is ill.

Jeff Thorp, of Eagle Cove, was in Eula one day last week.

Dan Clark, of Dudley, was in Eula Tuesday delivering some cattle he had sold to J. T. Hampton.

Walter Miller, Herbert Hampton and others went to Abilene Monday. Fritz Gardner went to Clyde Saturday.

Houston Ellis and Bascom Smith went to the dance Friday night at Eagle Cove and report a good time.

Perry Klepper, of Clyde was in Eula this week.

John Bowyer Jr. of Abilene was in Eula Sunday the guest of Mr. Favors.

PATSIÉ.

Cottonwood Items.

As I haven't seen anything in THE STAR from our little city will give you a few dots.

There has been some sickness in our community lately mostly lagrippe. Rev. Dillard filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Several of our I. O. O. F. boys attended the Grand Lodge at Fort Worth last week.

Uncle Seth Ramsey, of Baird, was in our town on business last week. Several young people from Scranton attended the Literary here Friday night.

Tabé Scott, of San Angelo, visited relatives here last week.

Will McGowen passed through on

the mail hack enroute to Baird.

Sheriff Irvin was in town Saturday shaking hands with the voters of this precinct.

Frank Bennett, candidate for Tax Assessor, was stirring among the boys Saturday.

Cottonwood is still making improvements. The Independent phone people have got their new switchboard in and are at work on their lines. A move was made to consolidate with the Martin system but they failed to get together.

W. P. Ramsey and family came over from Burnt Branch Friday night to visit Paul Ramsey and to attend the literary society.

Ollie Eudaley's mule made a business trip through the streets Saturday night without a driver, but no damage done.

Dick Cordwent attended the literary Friday night. Dick seems to have something drawing over this way.

J. L. Cooper made a business trip to Cisco last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coats Mar. 7, a girl.

W. A. Everett has bought and moved to the S. S. Ramsey place. Wyane Tartt has bought the Evertt property. R. P. Flatt occupies the house vacated by Mr. Tartt.

W. N. Grant's little boy has been right sick the past week but we are glad to know he is some better now.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Varner, who is a good teacher and is always ready to do anything for

WHEN IN DOUBT BUY OF BOYLES

We have the most complete line of Hardware, Buggies and Sporting Goods in Baird.

All kinds of Carpenters Tools, such as Diston Saws, Maydale Hammers, Bailey Planes, Squares, Rules, Pencils, Hatchets, Chisels, Auger Bits, Braces, Etc.

BUILDERS HARDWARE

Locks, Hinges, Nails, Screens, Spring Hinges, Door Catches, Screen Wire, Poultry Netting, Staples, Cupboard Catches, Carpenters Chalk, Etc.

SEASONABLE GOODS

Such as Gasoline Stoves and Ovens, Refrigerators, Ice Cream, Freezers, Rubber Hose, and a full line of Garden Tools, consisting of Hoes, Rakes, Spades, Spading Forks, Grub Hoes, Garden Plows, Etc.

"BOYLES MAKES THE PRICE"

Our line fishing tackle is immense. See our line of Buggies.

C. S. BOYLES

the upbuilding of the school.

Well if this escapes the waste basket I will come again in the near future. CICERO.

Tom Windham and son John, of Oplin are among the visitors at the fat stock show at Fort Worth.

Notice, Rebekahs.

The Rebekah will have their regular meeting on the third Friday night, March 20th. Candidates will be initiated and refreshments will be served. All members are urged to be present.

Entered at the postoffice at Baird, Tex., as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,
Editor and Proprietor.

Subscription Rates.

One year.....\$1 00
Six months.....50 cts
Terms: Cash in advance.

12 Pages To Day.

Hamilton county went wet last Saturday.

Every one of the delegates named by the Waco convention are true blue Bryan democrats, so on with the dance.

Thad Holt is one of the candidates for delegate-at-large, on the democratic ticket, that Bailey and his friends will find difficult to drive into the sea. He is not the driving kind.

The Oklahoma legislature really surprised everybody by defeating two bills; the "nine foot sheet bill" and the "cracked-cup bill." The Star was banking on both bills being coming laws.

Now they have raised over five-thousand dollars to stir up all Texas, when Pierce a few years ago expected Bailey to "quiet all Texas parties" with a check for fifteen hundred dollars.

One of our exchanges says if the Dallas News takes sides on the prohibition issue next year it is certain to take the side of the liquorites. Seeing that liquor is on both sides, our contemporary is doubtless correct.

The Houston Post, Fort Worth Record, Dallas-Galveston News, Dallas Times-Herald, Ft. Worth Star, Houston Chronicle and Waco Times-Herald are doing their best to keep the record on the Bailey issue straight, but they get their lines badly crossed occasionally.

If none but original Bryan delegates are to go to Denver, won't this leave out Bailey and part of his campaign committee? At any rate Bailey was not an enthusiastic Bryanite in 1896. The grand stand play he made after returning home from Chicago after Bryan's nomination is history.

Why do the Bailey organs slur Col. Crawford and Cyclone Davis so viciously, and then regard it as a reflection on their pet when a resolution is adopted by some club demanding that none but those who have always been friendly to Bryan be elected as delegates to the Denver convention?

Mr. Ivy, the pro, has settled state prohibition by a mathematical calculation. He gives the pros 145,000 majority. What's the use of having a red hot fight and a lot of expense, seeing that the question is already settled? Why not call an election, submit the question to the jury without an argument.

The great holocaust in that Cleveland suburban school last Thursday, in which 170 school children were burned alive, has horrified the whole country. We simply could not read the details of the awful calamity and merely read the main facts. The same thing is liable to happen in any large school in the country. It causes ones blood to run cold to think of children burning alive in a few feet of their distracted parents, who were powerless to aid them. It is awful.

The Fort Worth Record and Star and the Houston Post sent a man to Waco the day before the anti-Bailey convention last Saturday to write it up as a "frost." As one man said it was a frost that would kill Baileyism in Texas. Considering the money stringency and the fact that few people have passed the Waco convention was a hummer. Twenty-five hundred delegates attended the convention so says the Dallas News, anti Bailey, and Fort Worth Star, Bailey. The Record and Post would not admit that many were there. An organ has to play the game and the people understand.

History repeating itself; says the Houston Chronicle, Bailey got Dick Wynne into the race for governor in 1898 to defeat Crane, who as attorney general had secured a judgment of ouster proceedings against the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. Ten years later Dick Wynne enters the race for attorney general against Davidson who has given the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. the blackest eye it ever got, and Bailey has issued orders for the annihilation of Davidson. Whether true or not, that Bailey has brought out Wynne, it looks suspicious. It seems to be that one who is for Bailey must hands off, "My Dear Pierce's" oil company. That is if you cannot comply with the old adage, "Love me, love my dog", one must at least keep hands off the dog.

The Clyde Sun and THE STAR may agree on one thing at least. The Sun says it sees no reason why Davidson should be defeated. Correct. There is no good reason except the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the Standard Oil and a few more trusts want him out for his too suspicious activity in enforcing the anti-trust laws of Texas. If the people of Texas want the anti-trust laws enforced, and we believe they do, Davidson will go in by at least one hundred thousand majority. There is no dodging the question, it is which shall rule the people or the oil trust? THE STAR believes the people will settle the question so emphatically that some of the organs will think an earthquake has hit them and disturbed all Texas parties.

Maine, a prohibition state, shows more criminals than Minnesota anti-prohibition, with equal population. Prisoners in Maine county jails for 1907, 5,769. Minnesota county jails, 1,489. Drunks in Maine jails, 2,934; drunks in Minnesota jail, 605. Maine paid board \$50,000; Minnesota paid board \$18,000. Minnesota collected for liquor license \$730,000; Maine none. Maine, an old state, has had state prohibition for over fifty years and has nearly five times as many drunks as Minnesota, a new western state. Maine has a population of 730,000. In order to make a fair comparison 49 counties of Minnesota are taken which have an equal population with the mother of the pro states, says the St. Paul Record. The statistics are not as rosy as some pro speeches we have heard. The idea of more drunks in a godly pro state than an ungodly anti state is horrible to contemplate. But we are not responsible for the conditions in other states.

Robert Vance Davidson is "no lawyer," in fact he is a "fool" in the judgment of senatorial authority. But the fact remains that the Courts of Texas, from the lowest to the highest, have sustained Davidson's contentions in the greatest legal battle known to Texas jurisprudence. Had Davidson been a "lawyer" there is no telling what might have happened to our ancient and honored friend, the Waters-Pierce Oil Co.—Dallas Times-Herald.

'OMEGA'

Is the name of the best brand of Flour on earth, it has more real nutritive power than in any one of more than 20 other foods in daily use. We are the sole distributors.

All badness kept out.
All goodness kept in.
CHASE
&
SANBORN'S
PACKAGE TEAS
In sealed packages

PLANTING TIME IS
HERE

We have a large supply of Cane Seed, Milo Maize, Kaffir Corn, Seed Corn, and Garden Seed. Get our prices before you buy and save money.

Phone No. 4

McGOWEN BROS.,

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTE:—Announcement fees for all District and County offices \$10.00 payable in advance.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the Democratic primary:

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.
42d District composed of the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Taylor:

THOMAS L. BLANTON,
of Albany.
J. T. HAMMONS,
of Eastland.
D. G. HILL,
Of Abilene.
J. H. CALHOUN,
of Cisco.

For State Senator 28th Dist.

W. J. BRYAN.
COUNTY OFFICERS.

For County Judge.

C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL.
W. R. ELY

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

T. A. (Al) IRVIN.
W. A. McGOWEN.

For Tax Assessor.

T. J. NORRELL.
R. F. (Frank) BENNETT.
M. W. UZZELL.

For County & District Clerk.

GEO. B. SCOTT.
J. H. (Joe) SHACKELFORD.

For County Treasurer.

W. E. (Eugene) MELTON.
C. W. (Charley) CONNOR.

For County Attorney

R. L. ALEXANDER

For Public Weigher Baird District

J. R. PRICE

For County Superintendent.

R. D. GREEN.

For Commissioner Pre No. 1.

W. A. HINDS.
W. K. KUYKENDALL.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2.

PHILLIP YOST.
WORTH WILLIAMS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3.

GEO. ANTHONY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4.

J. G. (Jack) AIKEN.
J. A. COATS.

J. B. STOKES President HENRY JAMES V. P. B. L. RUSSELL Cashier
W. S. HINDS Assistant Cashier

The First National Bank of Baird

Capital Stock \$50,000.00

A BANK'S FIRST DUTY is to its depositors. The business of this bank is conducted on this basis, which is, in truth, SECURITY AND CONSERVATISM. Safety is considered before profits.

NO OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR STOCKHOLDER OWES THIS BANK A CENT.

We feel justified in asking for your banking business, assuring you always, courteous treatment and satisfactory service.

CITY OFFICERS.

For City Marshal

J. H. HARRIS
C. W. MILLER.
J. M. AYCOCK.
G. A. (George) CLEMENTS.
W. P. (Dick) COCHRAN.

It would be a good time after the soaking rains for some of our county road overseers to try a split-log drag on the roads.

Louisiana is the banner illiterate state in the Union, something, however, no one in that state will care to boast of.

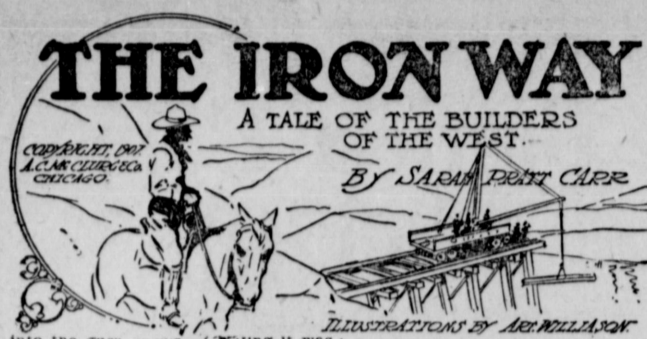
Col. Watterson asks if President Roosevelt is crazy. If he should meet the President soon he may get an answer to his question.

Bailey made a great speech on the currency bill. No one, even if he does not approve of all Bailey's acts can justly deny his ability as an orator and debater.

To come right down to brass tacks it will not make a particle of difference to a single democrat in Callahan county whether Joe Bailey or Buster Brown goes to Denver as an accredited delegate from the Democrats of Texas, but Bailey seems to think it will.

Does any Democrat in Callahan county believe Bailey would recommend them to President Bryan for postmaster at Baird or any other good office? He certainly would not unless he has changed his opinion about Bryan, whom he is said to have called a d—d populist in 1896.

Maine has not had a legal saloon in over fifty years and naturally one would expect a very high state of sobriety among its people, but it is mortifying to learn that a western licensed state inhabited mostly by the "dutch" as many pro speakers contemptuously allude to all foreigners, has a better record for sobriety than prohibition Maine. Let us get at the facts and keep the record straight.



into the dark parlor. Leaving it was Viola's task, but she had forgotten tonight, to Stella's satisfaction.

She drew a chair to the window that faced the dim mountain across the gorge, closed her senses to the little world about her and was quickly off with the sprites of the night to keep her heart's tryst with Alfred. Not quite alone did they two meet this night in fancy's fair halls. Viola, Alvin, even Sally B.'s uncompromising black eyes interrupted Stella's dreams.

Minutes ticked by unheeded. Hurrying feet came and went; calls, cries, hasty commands, odors of unusual cooking floated past inadequate doors; but Stella was oblivious till a draught of air struck her cheek sharply and Gideon's voice called her.

She started to her feet. "Gideon! Where—you said 'To-morrow' in your message! Who told you I was here?"

"No one. I can always find you, Stella. Something tells me. The instant I opened the door I knew you were here. A kind of fragrance—I could tell it—"

"Don't, Gideon," she interrupted. She was looking for matches, but his alert sense caught the aversion in tone and movement.

"Your father once told me that a Prima princess was my great-grandmother. I cannot escape my heritage from her." He took the match she had struck and lighted the hanging lamp. The flame shone full on his upturned face, and Stella gazed at him fascinated, while he adjusted wick and shade. He seemed to her excited gaze the concentrated beat and pulse of a hundred lives controlled by the master will that spoke through his burning eyes. Often she wondered about his power over her, wondered why Gideon away, was so small a part of her life; yet near, so masterful, monopolizing. In the pause while he attended to the lamp this question rose again; and was still unanswered.

He turned to meet her mute scrutiny. His eyes were deep and tender, his voice wooing. "You're glad to see me, aren't you, sweet Star?" He threw his arm about her waist with a motion both swift and gentle, as might be a panther mother's, and kissed her on the forehead.

"Don't, Gideon!" Stella cried, breathless, struggling unavailingly, yet not quite sorry that his arm did not yield. Always with Gideon present came the memory of their comradeship, a comforting sense of his strength, a desire to lean upon him. If he would only be content with brotherliness!

"Moppett, why do you push me away? It's so long since I saw you. If I were your brother by blood as I am by rearing, you'd take my kiss, and kiss me back. Isn't the tie almost as close? We've been so much more to each other than ordinary brother and sister." He dropped his arm and stepped back; and the consideration, the gentleness and regret in his tone subdued Stella with quick contrition.

"Oh, Gideon, I don't mean to be cold, unkind; but I'm afraid of—of what I see in your eyes."

He looked long into her face. "Dear little girl!" he said at length; and the adjective did not seem unfitting when he stood near her. "Don't be afraid of me, Stella. I love you, and I want your love in return, not your fear."

"But I can't help it, Gideon. You would compel me, hurt me. Does true love ever hurt?"

"Does a mother love her child when she gives it into the surgeon's hands?" Stella would not see his meaning. "That doesn't apply to us."

"It does, Stella." He went to her again, standing close, and looking down upon her tenderly. "I've come for you, dear." He kissed her suddenly. "I remember what you said, flower-eyes. I'll not kiss you on the lips till—till I've the right—"

"Gideon, you can never have that!" she interrupted, springing back.

Still he controlled himself to gentleness. "Stella, dear, listen. Love like mine compels love. You think your heart forever lost to that—to the man who has deserted you. Yet you surely will soon wake to the shame of it. Your womanhood will help me, if not your love; that will follow. I've a house and garden for you in Sacramento; your own home, trim and neat, where the roses on the trellis wait for your care. There you shall live in peace, and show the gossips that Alfred Vincent did not break your heart—did not win you to cast you off. To-morrow we shall be married—"

"Gideon! Gideon! Stop, for heaven's sake! How many times must I tell you I cannot—I will not marry you? I love Alfred Vincent. Some



"Moppett, Why Do You Push Me Away?"

day he intends to marry me—

"Intends to marry you! Some day!" Tenderness fled. The words flashed forth like the hiss of a snake. He faced her fiercely, the veins in his forehead swelling quickly, undulatingly. The primordial male was master now, holding in leash every grace of refinement, every saint's virtue he had won. "Listen, Stella Anthony! If that woman-dandy cared for you, if he had been man enough to marry you, to put you beyond the insult of railroad-camp gossip and curiosity, I'd hide away in the mountains and live on memories. But he's spoiling your life! And he shall not live to spoil it longer! I'll—"

"No, no, Gideon!" she broke in excitedly. "Don't say those words! You shall not harm him!" She stood erect, her eye blazing back flame for flame. For herself weak, for him she loved she was a lioness at bay. "Do you call that love?" she asked scornfully, "to strike a woman through the man she loves? I could hate you, Gideon Ingram! Leave me! I hope never to see your face again!"

Gideon did not speak. Stella roused and angry was a new being to him. He had not realized that her spirit was as intrepid as his own. Stripped of compassion for his love of her, wrenched free from the claim of their past, she flung out her stinging words like whip-strokes.

"Love! What do you know of that sacred thing? Hide in your mountains? Yes! And stay, till you learn that first of all love is not for self, but to serve the loved one. I could never love you. If Alfred were ten times dead, I'd not marry you!"

Red lights were burning in Gideon's passionate eyes, and he turned to her with savage counter threat.

"Whether Vincent lives or not, you shall be my wife, Stella Anthony! There's no other woman in the world but you, and I shall be worthy of you. You shall see my face again—you shall pray to see it!" He towered over her, his stormy eyes fixed on hers unflinchingly, yet he did not touch her. "Good-bye," he said in a lower voice. "I shall find him; and I shall come again!" He stepped backward as he finished.

She sprang after him, but he had closed the door and slid into the night. When she looked out he was neither to be seen nor heard. She stood a moment in the open doorway, striving to quiet the tumult of soul and body. The weakness of reaction came quickly. The scene rehearsed grew in portent. No fiery courage rose to meet the memory of his threats; yet the gripping power of his presence remained. A dozen uncertain plans chased one another through her whirling brain. She would telegraph Alfred. But where? What could she say? She could not send heart tragedies over the wires, accuse Gideon beforehand of murder!

She would write—get Uncle Billy to deliver her letter in person. She wrote a feverish letter, destroyed it, and wrote again; then hastened out to find Uncle Billy. In the kitchen she came upon Sally B. superintending the extra baking.

"Uncle Billy? He's snatchin' 40 winks. He didn't go up till a bit ago; he ain't to be disturbed." She was emphatic. "Say! The race begins O. K.! Train'll be here at 2:50 instid' of four o'clock! Uncle Billy lows he'll git off in four minutes after."

"On, I must speak to him alone," Stella pleaded; "just a minute, when he comes down. Tell him when you call him, won't you?"

Another time Sally B. would have heeded the distress in Stella's tone, and questioned her; but she was intent on her work, caught in the hour's excitement. She gave absent-minded assent; and Stella crept back to the parlor, where she lowered the lamp and again sat down with her fears. Had Gideon been able to get a seat in Uncle Billy's coach? She would go and see. She opened the door and peered out. The street was deserted. Yet bright, unshaded windows gleaming in all directions; extra lights in the saloon across the way; knots of men at the doors; the rattle of chips, the clink of ice and glass, and an occasional voice raised above the subdued murmur that came from Sally B.'s barroom—all told Stella that the town waited awake for the night's event.

She stole out, passed the hotel and peeped guiltily into the stage office. Only the clerk on duty was within, and he was nodding. Cautiously she approached and looked over the passenger list that lay open on the counter. Gideon had not booked.

Though half stunned by dread and fear, she yet could not face Sally B. again and the busy kitchen. She paced restlessly, stopped to reread her letter and add a penciled word, and went into the hall to listen for Uncle Billy. Silence. No one was stirring in the house outside of the cook's domain.

Back she turned to her nervous tread, counting her steps mechanically. Her mind was painfully alert, supersensitive. The half-hour struck. "The clock is surely wrong!" Stella whispered. But the dining-room clock quickly rang a confirming chime; and the doomful tick, tick, went slowly on.

She crept out again to the stage office, where the clerk no longer coquetted with duty in his chair, but lay full length on the counter, frankly seduced by Morpheus. The passenger list still lay open, and Stella looked. Gideon's name was not there!

She wondered why, since his looks even more than his words told her that he would seek Alfred at once. As she walked back new fears beset her. Why was Gideon not going on the stage? Could Alfred be already on his way to Colfax? Near? Coming now, and Gideon had learned it? A terrifying vision of their meeting shook her; yet quick comfort came with the recollection of Alfred's promised telegram. He would surely keep his word.

Ten minutes of two! Ten minutes past—fifteen!

A light step came down the stair, and Stella flew into the hall.

"Uncle Billy!" she called softly, and drew him into the parlor. She put her letter in his hand, told him of Gideon, breathlessly describing Alfred's danger, though concealing its cause. She did not dream that Uncle Billy guessed it well.

He promised to mount guard over Alfred, though he scoffed at her fear, and declared that Gideon, son of the night, was doubtless alone somewhere fighting out his anger.

"Oh, Uncle Billy, you're such a dear, good father to me," she cried impetuously; and, heedless, did not see the light die in his eyes, recked not of a missed heart-beat.

His back was toward the lamp, his face downcast; yet when he lifted it again, he was calm, his voice steady, though Stella caught a vibrant sadness in it she could not understand.

"Honey, there's something I've been wishing to speak to you about for a month o' Sundays, but I couldn't raise the pluck." He stopped, and Stella, so overwrought, grew suddenly apprehensive, though she did not speak.

"Yo' Uncle Billy's stake in Mammon's mighty small; but such as it is, it is deeded to you, child. I haven't any kin of my own, that is, none that's as neah to me as you are, honey. I fixed the papers in Auburn yestehday."

For an instant Stella did not comprehend. She looked questioningly into his face and he smiled back at her, waiting for her to speak. Then it broke suddenly—a will! All a young heart's dread of death came into her eyes. Uncle Billy dead! And she profiting by it? It could not be. He surely would live long years still. She could not spare him!

The precipient sorrow, the generous deed, broke down Stella's defenses, and tears flowed uncontrolled while she haltingly told her gratitude. Uncle Billy had barely dried her eyes when Sally B.'s step sounded in the hall.

"I'm in heah, Sally B.," he called, "and all ready." Before she could turn back from the stairs and enter he drew Stella to him and kissed her. "Don't forget my luck pogy, honey," he whispered, as Sally B. opened the door. And in that instant Stella's eyes were opened.

Ten minutes later the coaches, Uncle Billy's leading, lined up beside the thronged sidewalk. Some passengers stood near the second coach. Only a privileged few coming on the train would go with Uncle Billy.

Stella, a rose in her hand, stood with others near the stage office door. "Is Mr. Ingram going with

Uncle Billy or in the other coach?" she asked the clerk, as he returned to his post from some errand.

"Ingram? He left town hours ago. Took Ball's best horse, Nig. Told Ball if he broke the nag's wind he'd pay any figure Ball—"

Stella did not wait to hear him through. "Book me for Virginia City!" she cried. "In Uncle Billy's coach—"

"You can't—" he began.

A whistle shripped through the darkness.

"Yes! yes! I'll make him let me!" she panted, and was gone.

A deep rumble shook the town. The "Governor Stanford" raced into the station. Flying figures caught up mail and treasure and ran with them to the waiting coach. Passengers, their linen dusters floating back on the night breeze, hurried after, gulping Sally B.'s scalding coffee on the run and snatching her neatly packed hot lunches.

Stella, fastening her cloak and carrying a small valise in the other hand, came flying out of the hotel door. She pressed her scant golden hoard into the booking clerk's hand as she passed. "Give the change to Mrs. Sally," she said through set teeth, and ran around in the street to the opposite side of the stage. "Please help me up, sir," she called softly to the passenger on the box. "I've booked, and I'm to have the seat next you."

The man moved, intending to step down and help her up; but the hostlers cried: "All ready!"

"No, no! There isn't time," Stella called frantically, as she heard Uncle Billy answer the hostlers. "Reach my own hand!" she implored, her foot on the forward hub.

The passenger obeyed, and she was seated, the "luck rose" safe between her teeth, when Uncle Billy sprang up, crying "Let 'em go!" His face was full of disappointment in spite of the jovial replies he flung back to the torrent of good wishes from the bystanders. As he swiftly gathered the lines he caught sight of Stella.

"Good Lord! You can't go, honey!" "I must! You'll—"

The hostlers loosed their hold with a yell and the horses sprang out. With wild cheers behind them they plunged into the black night. The race was again on.

CHAPTER XXI
The Race.

Eastward through thick darkness they flew. Stella, untimid, knowing horses as the smart girl of to-day knows her pedigreed dog, yet marveled at Uncle Billy's timely discernment of every rut and hole; at the skill that slowed or gave rein to the galloping team with such nice calculation.

The sharp rushing air made Stella shiver. Uncle Billy felt it through the same sense that guided him over the unseen road. Shifting the lines to his right hand, with the other he pulled a buffalo robe from under the seat and adjusted it about her with quick skill.

"Thank you," she said gratefully, and was silent on account of the stranger at her left. Yet a little later, under cover of the dark, the robe went into Uncle Billy's button-hole, and in answer to his low question Stella repeated the booking clerk's news of Gideon.

An inhospitable gray crept at last into the sky, and showed the road dully red. The lash went singing through the air in long, unwinding coils. Though no horse was struck, the six leaped to added speed.

"Come on, boys! It's the day of yo' life!" Uncle Billy called cheerily. "You, Socks an' Boots, set 'em a pace there!"

It was a trumpet call to the leaders. Indeed, all the horses caught the race spirit and stretched to their task with almost human ardor.

"Misteh Montague, will you time us from that pine tree yonder?" the driver asked of the passenger on the other side of Stella.

"Three forty-four," he said when a mile had sped behind.

"It would have been three twenty-four if old Snorteh and Posey had been leading. But I reckon we'll make this beat in pretty good shape with Socks and Boots."

"That's great speed. You can't make it much of the time, can you?"

"No, sah; not as much of the time as I'd like to." Uncle Billy barely touched the "nigh swing" horse with the lash, and the double tree pulled true again. "This is the best team I'll have; and two hours lateh there'll be a heap of wagons on the grade. No otheh chance fo' speed this side of Donneh Lake. Hey, there, Socks an' Boots! Stretch yo'selves!"

"What queer names," ventured Stella, her eyes on the straining leaders.

"Yes, it fits, though. See? That nigh leadeh's white clean up to his sorrel knees; the otheh's sorrel plumb down to his white fetlocks."

Foam-flecked, panting, dripping, the wheel horses dun with dust, they swung into the first changing station. Uncle Billy was on the ground before the wheels had stopped, and forward among the horses. He gave the one nearest him an affectionate slap, and

Entered at the postoffice at Baird, Tex., as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.

Subscription Rates.

One year.....\$1 00
Six months......50 cts
Terms: Cash in advance.

12 Pages To Day.

Getting The Record Straight.

The Dallas News, the Dallas Times-Herald, the Waco Times-Herald and Houston Chronicle are opposed to Bryan and Bryanism. They openly oppose any reduction in railroad passenger fares or in railroad freight charges, and all of them approve of railroad consolidations. They are the leading papers for a third term for Attorney General Davidson. While a member of the legislature two terms Davidson voted for all railroad consolidation bills that came up; he opposes any reduction in freight rates or passenger fare, therefore it is very natural and to be expected that the papers above named should be for him as against Wynne, who is opposed to consolidations and in favor of a reduction in passenger fare, express charges and freight charges.—Tyler Courier.

Did you notice also, that one of those visiting Republican attorneys general, who advised the Democrats of Texas to vote for Davidson, advised them also not to read newspapers which preach that anti-trust and corporation laws hurt the State? The deluded fellow did not know that the papers he was knocking are the identical Davidson organs.—Ft. Worth Record.

The Waco Times-Herald is opposed to Bryanism insofar as that term means government ownership of the railroads and such like doctrines.

The Waco Times-Herald is opposed to a reduction in railroad passenger fares, but favors a reduction in freight charges where same can be had without serious injury to the carriers.

The Waco Times-Herald objects to the consolidation of parallel lines. But it sees no injury to the public in the absorption, for instance, of the Texas Midland by the Aransas Pass. Common sense should obtain here as in all other departments of human activity.

The Times-Herald is for Davidson because—and only because—he has "made good" and is being persecuted therefor.

As to those visiting Republican attorneys general, the whole country knows that they, too, have "made good"—have made effective laws which Democratic platforms for years have favored. That man Hadley has been as a stone wall for the people's interests as those interests are expressed in Missouri statutes, and no one knows this better than Clarence Ousley, the editor of the Fort Worth Record.

These statutes may be wrong; they may be wholly ineffective as to desired results. But they are the will of the people, and when men like Davidson and Hadley "make good" along the lines marked out by the people, the Waco Times-Herald, were it to berate those men, could not look its constituency in the face. —Dallas Times-Herald

Mugguy Maine and Kantankerous Kansas are bright and shining examples of what state prohibition really is. Texas can paddle its own canoe without the aid of prohibition whoopers from either state.

Witness of Brainy Unbelievers

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D., Pastor of the Chicago Ave. (Moody's) Church, Chicago.



Men of brains, though they be not Christians, cannot fail to give to the Bible a very high place as a literary, ethical and religious force in the world.

Such a man was Benjamin Franklin, who said: "Young man, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures, for this is your certain interest."

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the "Declaration of Independence," said: "I have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers and better husbands."

Daniel Webster, than whom a brainier man has not lived under our flag, said: "The Bible is the book of all others for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rule of conduct." "It is a belief in the Bible," wrote Goethe, "which has served me as a guide of my moral and literary life. No criticism will be able to perplex the confidence we have in a writing whose contents have stirred up and given vital life and energy by its own. The further the ages advance in civilization the more the Bible will be used."

Matthew Arnold has not been accused of sympathy with Christianity, but he had brains and he wrote: "To the Bible men will return because they cannot do without it."

The Bible Essential. Diderot, the French unbeliever, when he looked from the ecclesiastical machine which he had cause to criticize, to the Bible itself, wrote: "No better lessons can I teach my child than those of the Bible."

Even Prof. Huxley, though he had a narrow, scientific spirit, was compelled to write: "I have always been in favor of secular education without theology, but I must confess that I have been no less seriously perplexed to know by what practical methods the religious feeling, which is the essential basis of moral conduct, is to be kept up in the present chaotic state of opinion on these matters without the use of the Bible."

Rousseau, strong and independent, though skeptical, wrote: "Peruse the books of philosophers, with all their pomp of diction. How meager, how contemptible are they when compared with the Scriptures. The majesty of the Scriptures strikes me with admiration."

We could fill volumes with quotations from famous Christian scholars, but these are from skeptical men of brains and culture who view the Bible simply as an intelligent, moral and educational force.

Webster's Strong Tribute. Great men, though not Christians, give the same high estimate of Jesus Christ. Daniel Webster wrote: "I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. The miracles which he wrought establish in my mind his personal authority and render it proper for me to believe what he asserts."

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Jesus is the most perfect of all men that have yet appeared."

Napoleon Bonaparte, with a mind as discriminating and logical as Webster's, held the same view. "I know men," said Napoleon, "and I tell you Jesus Christ was not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and other religions the distance of infinity. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon sheer force. Jesus Christ alone founded his empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men will die for him."

On one occasion Gen. Bertrand expressed to Napoleon his doubt as to the deity of Christ. "If you do not believe that Jesus Christ was divine," returned Napoleon. "I did wrong to appoint you general."

What Renan Wrote. Ernest Renan, who lost his professorship in the University of Paris on account of his infidelity, wrote of Christ: "All history is incomprehensible without him. He created the object and fixed the starting point of the future faith of humanity. He is the incomparable man to whom the universal conscience has decreed the title of Son of God, and that with justice. In the first rank of this grand family of true sons of God, we

must place Jesus. The highest consciousness of God that ever existed in the breast of humanity was that of Jesus. Repose now in thy glory, noble founder. Thy work is finished. Thy divinity is established. Thou shalt become the corner stone of humanity so entirely that to tear thy name from this world would rend it to its foundations. Between thee and God there will no longer be any distinction. Complete conqueror of death, take possession of thy kingdom, whither shall follow thee, by the royal road which thou hast traced, ages of adoring worshippers."

His Limit.

Little Forest had just started to school. His father was accosted on his way home one evening by a neighbor, who said: "So your little boy is a great fighter at school?" On arriving home the father summoned the boy at once. "Forest, is it so that you fight with the boys at school?" "O, well, I fight everything to the Fourth grade!"

Feminine Judgment.

Woman must learn not to pronounce judgment on men without having given reasonable consideration to the two sides of each case; for almost every woman conceives it to be her especial province to decide off-hand—according to her temporary and personal condition of mind—any matter that presents itself.—London Truth.

Wanted Particulars.

As an example of what men in the railroad business have to endure, a conductor relates that while he was passing through a coach a few days ago a woman stopped him and asked how far they were from Weldon. He replied that they were about 55 miles from Weldon. She then asked: "This side or the other side?"

Real Vocation in Life.

Every individual will be the happier the more clearly he understands that his vocation consists, not in exacting service from others, but in ministering to others, in giving his life the ransom of many. A man who does this will be worthy of his food and will not fail to have it.—Tolstol.

No Money in Natural Beauty.

The picturesque and the utilitarian do not go hand-in-hand. Natural beauties, no matter how much they gratify the visual sense, do not satisfy the pocket, and those portions of the estate which present the greatest charms to the visitor are of least worth to the owner.—Estate Magazine.

Intensive Cultivation.

A little bit of land, not too far from the city, if intelligently cultivated, declares Bolton Hall, author of "Three Acres and Liberty," will support a family, and give them a life far more wholesome than they could ever have in the crowded city. Intensive cultivation is the password now.

Should Have Been Merry.

A bride was sued in London the other day for refreshments supplied for her wedding feast. The list was as follows: "Four and a half gallons of beer, one quart Scotch, one pint Irish, one bottle of gin, one quart of port, one pint of sherry, one bottle of claret, sodas, lemons."

Milk and Tuberculosis.

Dr. Eastwood, an eminent English authority, connected with the royal commission on tuberculosis, says that clearly one of the most important steps in fighting the scourge of consumption is to keep a watchful eye on the milk supply.

Cause of Death in Mines.

The air pressure produced by explosions often renders a miner unconscious so that the afterdamp catches and kills even when the victim was neither burned nor near the initial explosion.

Scotland Outstrips England.

Scotland during the last ten years has grown wealthy in business more rapidly than has England, the rates of increase being 50 per cent. in Scotland and only 41 per cent. in England

Certainly Not.

"The actress who is too poor to purchase diamonds," remarked the observer of events and things, "need not let that interfere with her having them stolen."—Yonkers Statesman.

For Fishes' Ablutions.

Little Johnnie, on his first trip to the seashore, watched the foam of the waves, and asked his mother. "Is that the soapuds the little fishes wash with?"

Got His Deserts.

For calling a telephone girl a "forward minx" over the wire, a Viennese subscriber has been sentenced to 48 hours' imprisonment and one day's fast.

Shows Growth of New York. Public receipts and expenses of

Panics Come and Go

But we are still here selling goods at the same old stand with a full and complete stock of most everything from the cheapest to the best and at prices in the reach of everybody. Come in and see for yourself and compare goods and prices yourself. Below mentioned is but a few of the many lines which we handle: In the Dry Goods lines, Clothing, Towels, Counterpanes, Lace Curtains, Table Linen, Handkerchiefs, Underware, Hosiery, Collars, Ties, Gloves, Suspenders, Mens and Boys laundry and work Shirts, Overalls, Stationery, Books, Cutlery, Tin and Graniteware, Light Hardware, Pictures, Frames and all kinds of notions. We can save you money if you buy from us. No trouble to show you goods. Yours to Please,

Hamman Bros.

BAIRD, TEXAS.

New York city have increased in the last four years in an amount equal to \$102,000 each day.

Logic and Impulse.

Man reasoneth with his brain and woman with her heart. It is a question whether his logic is as wise as her impulses.

Statesman Silent Three Years.

During three years of his early life in parliament Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman never once addressed the house.

First English Insane Asylum.

In 1796 William Tuke, a Quaker, opened the first national asylum for the insane in York, England.

Reassuring.

Even lawyers are sometimes human, and their offices are not necessarily the dens of vampires.—Madame.

Everything Lovely.

The world's all right; only the chaps who want the world are grumbling.

C. D. RUSSELL, Att'y - at - Law and Abstractor

Real Estate and Insurance Agent Office at Court House Baird Tex.

Coming Soon—to B. L. Boydston's the American Beauty woman. Watch for date. 11tf

Order your Easter suit early. See those beautiful samples at B. L. Boydston's. 11tf

To Whom it May Concern.

If this concerns you, read carefully: Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is positively guaranteed to cure indigestion, constipation, sick headache, offensive breath, malaria and diseases arising from the stomach, liver or bowel troubles in old or young, and you can make no mistake in keeping a bottle in your house. You may need it any moment. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and of you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell, Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by Powell & Powell at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.

How about that new buggy? When in doubt buy at Boyles'. 14-2

When in doubt buy at Boyles' 14-2

S. T. FRASER, Physician and Surgeon. Diseases of Females and Infants Specialty. Office at Residence. Phone 80. BAIRD, TEXAS.

R. G. POWELL, Physician and Surgeon. Office at Powell & Powell's Drug Store Local Surgeon T. & P. Ry. Co. BAIRD, TEXAS.

DR. E. W. TISDALE, Will answer calls in any part of the county either night or day Resident Phone 29 Office Phone 11 Baird, Texas.

H. H. Ramsey, DENTIST. We have the 20th Century Apparatus, the latest and best for PAINLESS EXTRACTION. All other work pertaining to dentistry Office up stairs in Telephone Bldg. BAIRD, TEXAS.

MARTIN BARNHILL, Boot and Shoemaker, Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed. Prices to suit the times. Market Street. Baird, Texas.

B. L. RUSSELL, Attorney - at - Law, Real Estate Agent and Abstractor. OFFICE AT CITY HALL. BAIRD, TEXAS.

F. S. Bell Attorney-at-Law Will Practice in all State Courts. Second Door South of City Hall. Baird, Texas

WRISTEN & JOHNSON Complete Stock of Watches and Jewellery in Hardware Department JOHN A. CASTLES Watchmaker

When you see Powell think of drugs, 10-1f

When you think of drugs see Powell. 10-1f

GRAND Millinery Opening March 17th and 18th

The Spring Millinery Goods of 1908 are far more beautiful than any previous season.

Don't forget the dates, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th.

There will be bargains on the above dates that will not be offered again this season. WHY? Because I have an immense stock and haven't room to show goods to an advantage, space is at a premium. Come first and get your choice.

Yours to Please,

MRS. A. M. MILLER



A Good Beginning.

Everything in later life depends on how we began it. You cannot be successful in life if you haven't good health. To insure good health in later life it is necessary to start right. Many of life's serious ills are caused by constipation, indigestion and liver trouble. The best way to cure them in old or young is to use Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg. Monticello, Ill. It is sold by Powell & Powell at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle

EGGS.—American Single Comb White Leghorn chickens eggs \$1.50 for 15. E. W. TISDALE. 14-4

When in doubt buy of Boyles.

Miss Myrtle Cutbirth left Thursday for Baird where she will visit friends and relatives for a month or more. She will be greatly missed by her many friends here, who wish for her a very pleasant trip and who will await her return with impatience. She was accompanied by Dr. S. T. Fraser, of Baird, who has been visiting here for some time.—Stiles Journal.

Charles Malloy Dawkins, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dawkins, of New Orleans La., arrived Sunday morning to visit his uncle Monroe Dawkins. Master Malloy is only about six years old yet he came all the way from New Orleans to Baird by himself.

Mrs. Max Miller, of Abilene is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bauman.

Mr. Jack Wier passed through Baird Monday on his way home from Lampassas, where he went to attend the funeral of his Mother, Mrs. Cinthy Weir.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall in the City of Baird in Callahan County, Texas, on Tuesday, April 7th 1908 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, five Alderman and Marshal of said City of Baird. Ed Coppins is hereby appointed Presiding Officer of said election.

Done by order of City Council of the City of Baird, this Feby 28th 1908.

Attest: J. B. CUTBIRTH,
Mayor Pro. Tem.
H. O. POWELL, Sec. 14-4

A Guaranteed Article.

Many things are advertised and many promises are made, but it is not always that these promises are made in good faith nor can they always be kept. With a laxative remedy like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, it is different. This remedy will cure constipation, indigestion, liver trouble, flatulency, heartburn, sour stomach in old or young. A rich company is behind every statement made. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg. Monticello, Ill. It is sold by Powell & Powell at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.

Wanted—to trade for good Jersey milk cow. C. S. Boyles. 14-2

J. J. Barkman, of Texarkana, after spending several days with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Luceil Bailey, has returned home, accompanied by Mrs. Barkman and children, who have been spending sometime with Mrs. Bailey.

For Rent.—A small cottage. 15tf Mrs. Luceil Bailey.

Our spring slippers have arrived B. L. Boydston. 11tf

President Harrington, Peoria.

The word of a prominent and respected business man should be listened to. Mr. F. M. Harrington, president of the Harrington Manufacturing Co., Peoria, Ill., writes that he was for years a constant sufferer from indigestion and constipation, which nothing seemed to relieve, and he had almost given up hope when he began to take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and it made a new man of him. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg. Monticello, Ill. It is sold by Powell & Powell at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.

You can save money by buying your garden tools at Boyles. He makes the price. 14-2

Fishing tackle, fishing tackle at Boyles. 14-2



GOV. CHARLES S. DENEEN.

Think Before You Buy

And come to our store for Drugs Medicines, Jewelry, Paints, Oils, Wall Paper and Toilet Articles. See our fine line of Musical Instruments.

Baird Drug Co.

BOYDSTUN & DAVIS, Proprietors
BAIRD, TEXAS

The Best and Nicest

Place in city to have your barber work done in first-class order is at

FULTON'S.

The only three chair shop in the city.

HOT AND COLD BATHS

Laundry Basket leave Tuesdays and returns on Saturday.

WALTER WHITLEY

General Contractor and Builder of all classes of Buildings

Estimates and Designs Furnished
BAIRD, TEXAS

Still On The Fencing Question.

We have an overstock of clear 6 inch lumber. Will sell at common lumber prices, for nice fencing. Better investigate. It is worth while. Good reduction all around.

R. B. SPENCER & Co.
Lumber Dealers,
Baird, Texas.

CITY BAKERY.

Furnishes pure and healthy bread and rolls, made of the best material in the market and absolutely free of alum or any other substitutes, fresh every day, also a great variety of cakes. Phone 115.
OSCAR NITSCHKE

"Look before you leap."

Is an old saying that holds good in starting a bank account

Before You Place Your Money in a Bank Look for the Following Safeguards:

Notice the character and ability of the men who have charge of the bank; see that the officers are experienced bankers and the directors are responsible men. The bank should have ample capital, the larger the capital, the greater protection for the depositor. A large surplus and profit fund is also an additional protection. Read the bank's statements; notice whether or not they carry a good reserve in cash and demand loans; also notice if the bank is prospering—if a bank don't make money, it is not a safe bank.

All the above mentioned security is afforded our customers; if safety for their funds, with liberality and courtesy is what they want

The Home National Bank of Baird

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND	
No. 4. Through train, Mail.	Arrives. 11:15 a. m.
No. 6. Mail	12:50 a. m.
No. 8. Ft. Worth local, no mail	9:45 a. m.
WEST BOUND	
No. 5. Toyah local, mail.	Arrives. 4:10 a. m.
No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail.	4:00 p. m.
No. 3. Through train, no mail	6:30 p. m.

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

PERSONAL

W. T. Austin, of Clyde, was down Monday.

M. W. Uzzell spent Saturday with his brother at Eula.

All new spring goods have arrived at B. L. Boydston's. 15

Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner have moved to Fort Worth.

Call at B. L. Boydston's for your spring foot wear. 15

Boyles has a full line of garden tools. See him before you buy. 14-2

See those beautiful art squares and rugs at B. L. Boydston's. 15

New spring suits for men and boys at B. L. Boydston's. 15

Miss Lucy McCoy spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cochran.

Walkover low cut shoes for men B. L. Boydston's. Spring line now here. 15

Don't say you didn't know we sold hardware. We have a full line and the price is right. C. S. Boyles.

Everything new for spring wear at Boydston's. 15

Iley McWhorter, Bud Lambert and Master Morgan Stokes came in from the Bayou yesterday. Mr. McWhorter and Master Morgan went down to Ft. Worth to attend the Fat Stock show.

The Baird Public School will close on March 24th. The school fund is, or will be exhausted by that date. This is a tough proposition but it cannot be helped. It takes money to run schools and the trustees have but a mere pittance of the special tax, which in all probability will have to be refunded to those who paid it in. We all hope the situation will be cleared up before next session, at any rate.

See the new embroideries at Boydston's. 15

Miss Mattie Lovvorn spent Sunday with her parents at Pilgrim.

Mrs. Fannie V. Ward, of Big Springs, Associate Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, and Mrs. Smith, Conductress of the Merkel Chapter O. E. S., visited Callahan Chapter at their regular meeting last Tuesday night.

W. A. (Will) McGowen of Cross Plains announces this week as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Will McGowen has lived in this County from boyhood, about twenty-five years we believe, and is well and favorably known to a great many people throughout the County. He is worthy, he is honest and he is competent, three things Thomas Jefferson contended should be required of every candidate who requests the suffrage of the people. We have known Will McGowen since he was a small boy and feel confident he will serve the people honestly, faithfully and efficiently as sheriff, should they honor him with the office.

CITY COUNCIL.

The following names have been handed to THE STAR as good men and true who will serve as a city officer if the people want them. Lest some may accuse THE STAR of making the list we will say that no one connected with THE STAR had anything to do with selecting or even suggesting a single one of the persons named on the two tickets but unhesitatingly say that any six of the men mentioned will be satisfactory to most people.

First Ticket mentioned.

For Mayor.
S. L. DRISKILL.
For Aldermen.
H. O. POWELL.
W. D. BOYDSTON.
FRANK ALVORD.

Second Ticket mentioned.

For Mayor.
H. H. RAMSEY.
For Aldermen.
W. F. WILSON.
B. L. RUSSELL.
GRANT BOWLUS.
C. H. MAHAN.
DR. E. W. TISDALE.

Tickets are published in the order handed in.

NOTE: Two of the parties named in one of the proposed tickets requested us to withdraw their names. [Ed.]

ROUND ABOUT.

As mentioned last week, all the business houses closed up at 7 p. m. for the protracted meeting, but one concern was not expected to do so and that is the Light Plant. Sunday Mr. Crook went to Church and just before services began some one went to Mr. Crook and asked him if there would be any lights that night. "No" said he. "What's the matter?" "Closed up to come to church" Mr. Crook replied. Later he explained that they were out of gasoline. So they had to go back to the oil lamps and light up the church and the services went on as usual.

A well known citizen of the town was explaining to some friends how a postscript to one of his wife's letters got him into hot water. His wife had written a letter to her mother and gave it to hubby to mail. After carrying it around in his pocket for sometime, just how long he does not know, but finding it in his pocket one day thought best to mail it and say nothing about it. Finding the letter unsealed he wrote in pencil on the margin, "Have two hens with fine broods. Old Bossy, or whatever the milch cows name is, has a calf and we are getting plenty of milk" and signed his wife's name. When her mother got the letter she was puzzled to find a flat contradiction of the letter by the pencil postscript. For instance, among other things the daughter wrote that she had set two hens that day, and that old Bossy had gone dry and they were not getting any milk. As it takes three weeks for chickens to hatch it will give some idea of what a bust hubby made by adding that postscript. When confronted with his negligence he acknowledged the corn, but we'll bet he does not add postscripts to any letters hereafter, without knowing what's in the letter.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson died at her home in Guthrie, King Co., Texas, Wednesday February 26th about 9 o'clock a. m., aged 76 years. Deceased was the mother of two of our leading citizens, Messrs. George and John Martin.

She came to Texas, in 1842 and was married to Mr. Martin at the age of 20 years. To them were born six children. In later years she was married to Mr. Johnson, and to them was born one child.

She was a Christian from early life. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord, for verily they do rest from their labors."

Her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at Mr. Geo. Gilkerson's near Gatling, on February 28th.—W. J. Billberry in Aspermont Star.

Aunt Nancy Johnson was well known around Tecumseh, where she lived for many years. She has one daughter living there, Mrs. H. B. Smallwood. Aunt Nancy was one of the best women we ever knew and we have no doubt she has found rest on the other side of the river.

DELEGATES AT LARGE.

The following named persons were nominated by the Anti-Bailey Convention at Waco last Saturday for delegates-at-large to the National Democratic Convention:
O. T. (Thad) Holt, Houston.
Cone Johnson, Tyler.
Culler F. Thomas, Waco.
Lee Young, Stephenville.
Everyone of them are staunch, loyal democrats and are well known to the democrats of Texas.

Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. S. Campbell and Misses Inez and Bessie Franklin went to Abilene Thursday evening. Mrs. Jones and Misses Inez and Bess returned on the night train. Mrs. Campbell will visit relatives a few days before returning home.

DIED.

Mrs. Cinthy Wier, aged 88 years died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Mattie Lloyd in Lampassas Co. on March the 2nd 1908.

Mrs. Wier was the mother of Mrs. Mary Youngblood and Mrs. J. A. Scott of Baird and Mr. Jack Wier of Big Springs and another son lives at Enid, Okla. and a daughter lives at Sherwood. She was born in Georgia and moved to Texas many years ago and settled in Lampass County where she was loved and respected by all who knew her. Mrs. Wier was a noble Christian woman and was ready to go at the call of Him who said "Come unto me and I will give you rest" Thus another one of the good old mothers of the South, whose like the world will never know again, has gone to her reward. May the time tossed spirit rest sweetly in the heavenly home

Sleep on, sleep on thou pulseless heart

Where the Jasmine stars drop golden rain.

From every troubled thought apart,

Forgotten every earthly pain.

Sleep on, thy long repose is sweet,

Tender and cool the grassy sod.

O traveler stay thy hurrying feet

Step softly here she rests in God.

A Friend.

The Clyde Sun had a long article last week on the Prohibition question in reply to a squib in THE STAR. As THE Sun is misplaced we will not attempt to reply in detail, in fact would not do so any way, as we see no use rushing into a controversy about state prohibition until we know really what the issue is to be and how it is to be presented to the people. There is plenty of time yet. Editor Burkett is lately in the business while THE STAR man has been in the prohibition fight for six years. The Sun asks several questions, only remember a few of them. One we believe was, "Is the saloon a moral institution uplifting" and so on, "if so, why not have one in every school building in the county." Editor Burkett no doubt considers this question a settler, but such questions have been asked and answered time and again in this county during the past six years: We do not believe a saloon within itself immoral, we do not believe it a sin to buy, sell or use liquor; we do believe it a sin to drink to excess. As to having a saloon in places named by the Sun that is no argument against the saloon because it can be used against lots of things that are unquestionably good. For instance, churches, schools and saw mills are all good things, but no one would want either in his front yard. Those, like the Sun, who oppose the saloon say they are fighting the liquor traffic. They voted the saloons out of Baird, but not the liquor, that is the liquor traffic is not stopped and from appearances here lately does not even seem to be checked. THE STAR believes in letting every town control its own affairs on the liquor question, but what is the use of wasting time over this. Every phase of the liquor question has been cussed and discussed in this county by the press and the public, but shucks we don't feel like discussing prohibition. Then there is no use of it that we can see just now.

NOTE:—The above article was written last week, but was left out for lack of space.

Lon McIntosh and Tom Marshal, of Clyde, spent Sunday here.

Spring and summer shirt waists and suits at Boydston's 15

Jack Rowden came in from McLean, Gray county, Wednesday. Jack says he is well pleased with his new location.

To the Voters of Callahan.

I have recently sold my merchantile business at Cross Plains and have decided to make the race for Sheriff and Tax Collector of this county. I have made this decision after mature deliberation and at the solicitation of a number of voters.

I recognize that Mr. Irvin, the present incumbent and my opponent, has made an efficient officer, but I believe in the democratic principle of rotation in office.

Referring to myself personally, I came to this county twenty-five years ago with my father, W. J. McGowen, and have most of the time since resided at Cross Plains. I am therefore not a stranger to you and am thoroughly identified with the people and their interests. I am familiar with the laws, and promise, if elected to the office to which I aspire, impartial treatment of each and every citizen. I shall endeavor to present my claims personally to each voter before the primary election. It shall be my zealous purpose to treat my opponent with perfect respect, and if elected, I desire that it shall be on my own merits and standing as a citizen of your county. I earnestly solicit your support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MCGOWEN.

MARRIED.

Mr. M. E. Mosely and Miss Sue Fraser were married at the residence of Sam Cutbirth Jr., Wednesday March 4th 1908, Hon. Sam Cutbirth Sr. officiating.

Mat Mosely is one of Reagan County's most popular young men and Miss Fraser is one of Baird's charming belles and the daughter of Dr. S. T. Fraser of Baird.

Mrs. Sam Cutbirth Jr. is her sister and she has often been a welcome visitor in the home of Judge Sam Cutbirth.

The Journal joins their many friends in wishing for them a life of happiness and prosperity.—Stiles Journal.

THE STAR force joins the many friends of Miss Sue Fraser in Baird in extending congratulation and good wishes for happiness and prosperity in all her future life.

PRIVATE SCHOOL.

Under the existing conditions which the public generally understands, Baird Public will be compelled to close the 24th of this month, thus making the session two and a half months shorter than was expected. As only about two thirds of the work required in each of the grades has been accomplished, no promotions can be made at the end of the public term. But a private school of two months will follow, and will be taught by as many of the present teachers as the attendance will justify. At the close of the private term, as many as have completed the work of their respective grades, will be promoted.

Tuition will be at the following rates payable at the end of each school month.

1st, 2nd and 3rd. Grades, -	\$1.50
4th and 5th Grades, - - - -	2.00
6th and 7th Grades, - - - -	2.50
8th and 9th Grades, - - - -	3.00
10th Grade, - - - - -	3.50

All the teachers have done their best to make the school a success thus far, and we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation and patronage of everyone interested in the education of their children.

Respectfully,

J. E. SMITH, Supt.

Miss Alice Kelley, who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. George Chollar, for sometime has returned to her home at Fort Worth. She was accompanied home by Master Clifford Chollar, who will visit relatives there.

BAILEY UPON CURRENCY

Senator Addresses Upper House on That Subject.

ISSUE NOT BANK FUNCTION

Greenbacks Have Done Great Service For the Government, but Notes He Proposes Does Not Suggest Money Similar to That Kind.

Washington, March 10.—Senator Bailey addressed the senate Monday on the Aldrich currency bill. He said he did not believe his substitute for the bill would result in inflation, although it provided for \$500,000,000 as a permanent part of our money supply.

"The truth is," he said, "the national banks of this country are seeking to establish a system of asset currency; and they will strive to defeat any measure which compels them to secure their circulation. They want the privilege of issuing their notes without interest and without security and lending them to the people for interest and upon security. For my part, I will never support a bill which legalizes such an arrangement and I shall always insist that the safety of our currency is of infinitely more importance to the country than the size of bank dividends."

He wanted to compel banks of the south to invest part of their capital and surplus in state, county and district and municipal bonds. He quotes court decisions to show that there is no question as to the right of congress to authorize the issuance of money by the government and make it legal tender for all debts.

"I cannot account," he said, "for the general but unfounded notion that issue of currency is the function of a bank except upon the theory that so many governments have abdicated that sovereign power and have permitted banks to exercise it so long that men have come to believe that it is and has always been a banking privilege. Nothing could be further from the truth than this."

Mr. Bailey reviewed at great length the circumstances under which national bank circulation has been issued.

"If any evidence were needed to show us the danger of committing the control over our volume of currency to banks," declared Mr. Bailey, "recent events will furnish it. Last autumn, when the country was in the very throes of a money famine, the national banks did not come to the rescue with cheerful and patriotic alacrity, but on the contrary, sir, the secretary of the treasury was compelled to beg them, almost upon bended knees to take out additional notes. They preferred the clearing house certificates because it was easier to retire them and less expensive to obtain them."

He insisted that the issue of government notes proposed by him could not be charged as a "recrudescence of greenbackism."

The greenbacks, he added, had done great service for the government and he defended the record of that class of currency. But he explained his substitute bill did not propose money similar to the greenbacks. The fact that his substitute is not drawn in the interest of the banks, Mr. Bailey, is shown by the opposition of nearly every banker of the country to it. The interest required on the money so provided, he added, would prevent the banks from making anything out of it. He opposed the idea of making the great staple products security for these deposits of emergency currency. Its nature as emergency currency would be affected by such a practice, he said.

Mr. Bailey declared that he had his own opinion on the cause of the recent panic.

"I did not," said Mr. Bailey, "of course, overlook the fact that it has been charged in many quarters that the trouble was due to the persistent demand of the president for the United States for the enactment of new laws and the enforcement of the old laws to regulate and control our railroads; but that charge has been made by men whose minds are heated with resentment and it will not bear close analysis. The president has demanded only that the railroads of this country should be required to deal justly with the people and he has evinced no disposition to harass or to oppress them."

"I am no apologist for the president; and I have no patience with the adulation of him in which some Democrats indulge. It is true that upon this question of railroad legislation he has embraced the doctrine of our party and for that I applaud him; but he has done more to change the character and the structure of this government than all of his predecessors combined. He has frequently exhibited a supreme indifference to the constitution of his country and has pursued what has seemed to me a deliberate plan to impair the rights of the states and to concentrate all power in the Federal government. It was the boast of August Caesar that he found a Rome of brick and left it of marble. President Roosevelt can hereafter say that he found this a union of sovereign states and left it one vast nation. The good he has done in arousing public attention to certain evils of corporate management will give him an enviable place in the history of his time; but

the harm he has done in dwarfing the states and exalting the general government cannot be measured, and unless the tendency which he has set in motion is arrested and reversed, our splendid Federal system will ultimately be destroyed.

"We have never before witnessed such a mixture of good and evil in any public man. Before we have finished praising him for some wise recommendation, he makes another so foolish that our praise must turn to censure. They tell me that he is brave and I answer that he is just as rash as he is brave. They tell me that he is honest and I answer that he is just as arbitrary as he is honest. He is:

"Too bad for a blessing
Too good for a curse;
I wish in my heart,
He were better or worse."
"If he were much better, he would be a Democrat and if he were a little worse he would not obscure and confuse the great issues between the Democrats and their adversaries."

"But," he added, "conceding that the president's attitude toward the corporations has affected the value of their securities, that would only embarrass the holders of those securities who had borrowed on them beyond a safe margin and it would not disprove my assertion that the real cause of the trouble was the over-use of bank credits in the City of New York. I am not only confident that the trouble was attributed to the over-use of bank credits there was largely due to the bad habit of the country banks in keeping so much money on deposit with New York banks."

Gambling in stocks and bonds and in agricultural products were prominent causes of the panic, he said. High living and extravagance and the desire to get rich were other causes.

BAILEY CONGRATULATED.

Greeted by Storm of Applause and Many Shook Hands With Him.

Washington, March 10.—Senator Jos. W. Bailey, a member of the finance committee which reported the Aldrich currency bill, Monday, held the attention of his colleagues and visitors who crowded the galleries of the senate for over two hours with a speech in opposition to that measure. When he concluded his address he was greeted by a storm of applause and senators from both sides of the chamber as well as many members of the house crowded about him to extend their congratulations.

Senator Bailey began speaking promptly at 2 o'clock. The speech, which will make twelve or fifteen pages in the record, had not only been written, but printed. Yet Senator Bailey had memorized it so marvelously well that not once did he find it necessary to consult the proofsheets, and, while here and there were some verbal deviations, the fidelity with which he repeated it was amazing as a mnemonic feat.

Always says the Washington correspondent of the Dallas News, when it is announced that Senator Bailey is to speak there is a big crowd in the senate. It was so Monday. There were no vacant seats, except in the diplomatic gallery, and, notwithstanding many who were present in the beginning left before the end, there was such a supply of men and women waiting for the vacancies that might be made in the galleries that when he concluded his audience was quite as great as when he began. Fully one-half of those who heard him were women. There was also an unusually large attendance on the floor. Few if any of the Democratic senators were absent, and most of the Republican senators were present. In addition, the walls of the chamber were lined with members of the house, who stood up throughout Senator Bailey's speech. If the size and character of the audience were evidence that a notable effort was expected the demonstration that followed its ending testified that expectation had been realized. Its peroration was a profession of abiding faith in divine guidance, and with that theme Senator Bailey, in his concluding words, so played on the emotions of his hearers that when the last word fell there was a spontaneous outburst of applause which swept the galleries, while on the floor perhaps fifty men from both sides of the chamber and many from the house surged about him to offer their congratulations.

BAILEY DID NOT BUY.

Washington Lot Is Purchased by His Private Secretary.

Washington, March 7.—In explanation of an item appearing in a local paper stating that Senator Bailey had purchased a building lot near Dupont Circle for \$17,000 and intended to erect a home thereon, the senator says he did not purchase the property, but that his secretary, Mr. Jayne, bought the lot on speculation. He says he merely assisted his secretary in the matter and that Mr. Jayne has the property as good as sold again.

HANGED TO POLE.

Negro Charged With Slashing White Man Is Swung Up.

Navasota, Tex., March 9.—John Campbell, a negro, charged with slashing County Commissioner Barry with a knife, was taken from the city calaboose by a crowd and hanged to a telephone pole. Several shots were fired into the body of the negro while he

New Spring Goods

Are arriving daily, and we are too busy to write an add. Watch this space for bargains.

H. Schwartz

Baird, Texas

was swinging.

Following the cutting Saturday, when much feeling was shown, the saloons were requested to close, and they complied with the request.

Mr. Barry is reported to be resting as well as could be expected.

ENDOWS CHAIR.

Bank President Gives Large Sum to Presbyterian Seminary.

Edna, Tex., March 9.—J. W. Allen, president of the Allen National bank, has given \$30,752 in interest-bearing securities to the Austin (Presbyterian) Theological seminary for a chair to be named in perpetuity for Allen Johnson, the chair of English Bible and practical theology, in memory of the late Rev. Joseph Johnson, D. D., and J. W. Allen. Only last week Mr. Allen gave to the Presbyterian church of Edna \$15,000 to be used in the erection and furnishing of a suitable church edifice here.

Cars to Be Turned Over.

Austin, March 10.—Vice President and General Manager Pettibone agreed to send the nineteen cars of the Union Tank Line Oil company to Beaumont to be turned over to Receiver Collett.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

The Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties will pay above reward for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this Association, in good standing.

J. B. CUTBIRTH, Pres.

A. G. WEBB, Secy.

NOTICE.

All parties not on meters are notified that they will be charged \$1.50 per light for all lights left burning all night, unless other arrangements have been made. FARMERS & MER., GIN AND LIGHT CO. 8

POWELL & POWELL

DRUGGISTS

Thank their many friends of Baird and Callahan County for their liberal patronage the past year and we hope for a continuance of the same during 1908. Wishing all a prosperous year. We are Your Friends

Powell & Powell, Druggists.

W. F. WILSON'S MEAT MARKET

PHONE NO. 26

We keep only the best Beef, Pork and Sausage to be had.

FURNITURE

Matting, Bed Room Suits, Mattresses and Everything in House Furnishing line. Picture Frames made to order. All kinds of repair work. LEADER COOK STOVE, Wood and Coal Heaters, New Royal Sewing Machines, Reasonable Prices. Cash or Installments. Will trade for horses, cattle or any old thing.

HALSTED BROS.

We Ask All to Call and See Our

Spring Embroideries,
Laces, Neckwear,
and Belts, Etc.

This Line is Perfect in Style, Quality and Price. Come and See Them.

Wristen & Johnson

OTTO STEFFENS DEAD.

Otto Steffens was found dead in his bed at Abilene Tuesday morning and it is said his death was due to heart disease.

The writer has known Otto Steffens for about thirty-five years, since he and Brooks Smith came to Brownwood away back in the '70's, when that place was nothing but a small frontier village. We know of his rise as a young man to wealth and influence, know of the adversity and sorrow that clouded his life in later years, yet we never doubted his honesty and integrity. He was a whole souled, big hearted man, and it is with sincere sorrow we heard of his untimely death. Years ago we had intimate business relations with Otto Steffens as a banker and in all the time, four years, that we did business with his bank, of which he was cashier, we never for one moment had any doubts as to his honesty and uprightness. We never changed that opinion of him when adversity overtook him a few years ago. May the soul of our old friend find peace and rest in the great beyond where he has gone.

Otto Steffens was born in Germany about 55 years ago. Came to Waco with his parents when a boy. Thence to Brownwood, where he and Brooks Smith engaged in the general mercantile business. Later the firm opened a store at Buffalo Gap, then the county site of Taylor county, with Otto Stephens in charge. When the county site was located at Abilene he moved to that place and later established the Taylor County Bank, which was afterwards changed to the First National Bank with Mr. Steffens as cashier and later as president.

The Denison Herald prints a pertinent paragraph from the Dallas Times Herald which goes straight to the mark:

Cardinal Gibbons was recently quoted as saying that local option and high license, with rigid enforcement, was more feasible than prohibition and more practical. Rev. J. B. Cranfill of Dallas, the correspondent of the Associated Prohibition Press, says, "But when a man announces such views as Gibbons enunciates, he ought to exchange his surplice for a white apron, his prayer book for an ice pick, and go to keeping bar." Cardinal Gibbons is a free born American citizen, he has lived a long life well, and if Dr. Cranfill will visit Baltimore he will discover that the cardinal enjoys the friendship and confidence of his fellow-citizens, regardless of creed or nationality. A man is not a scoundrel or an enemy of society merely because he declines to subscribe to all the teachings of Dr. Cranfill.—Fort Worth Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest McGee visited at Eagle Cove Sunday.

R. McDonald, L. M. Hadley and Fred Cutbirth are attending the fat stock show at Fort Worth.

Farm For Rent.

Good sandy land farm of 95 acres, 80 acres in cultivation.

15-2 L. L. Blackburn.

Protracted Meeting

The protracted meeting at the Methodist Church conducted by Rev McIntosh will close to night. One hundred and eleven conversions reported up to yesterday. A collection was taken up for Rev McIntosh Wednesday night and \$180 raised. Other contributions were made, but did not get total.

Notice, Assignment.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, | To the
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN. | Creditors of J. C. Jones: You are hereby notified that J. C. Jones, of the County of Callahan, on the Seventh day of March 1908, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of such of his creditors as will consent to accept their proportional share of his estate, and discharge him from their respective claims and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months after the publication of this notice, make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from the date of this notice file their claim, prescribed by law, with the undersigned, who resides at Baird, Texas, which is also his post-office address.

Witness my hand this 9th day of March, A. D. 1908.

15 3t J. B. STOKES.

J. C. Jones, one of the largest dealers in groceries in Baird, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors Saturday evening. J. B. Stokes was made assignee. No schedule of assets and liabilities has been made. The inability to collect outstanding debts is given as the cause of the failure. THE STAR in common with all of Mr. Jones' friends sympathise with him and hope he may be able to arrange affairs so that he may go on in business, but of course it is not known what will be done at present. Mr. Jones carried one of the largest, if not the largest, stock of groceries in town.

Baptizing.

Rev. Joiner, pastor of the Baptist Church, requests us to announce that there will be baptizing at the Baptist Church Sunday night.

PRICE & TRULOVE Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries

Give us a trial we will appreciate your order and will deliver your goods promptly to any part of city.

TELEPHONE No. 114 YOUR ORDERS.

Fine Rain.

It rained slowly all Monday night and a good season is in the ground. Little water was put in the creeks, as the water all soaked in the ground as it fell, but the rain is worth a great deal to Callahan county. It saves the wheat and oat crop and helps everything. So far the crop outlook, from all we can learn, is far better in this county than at this time last year.

White Frost.

There was a white frost Wednesday morning, but if it did any material damage we have not heard of it.

Dave Hill writes from Chickasha, Oklahoma, among other things that, he is shipping thirty thousand bushels of corn, all raised on his farm last year. Pretty good wad of corn, that.

J. C. Gray and Fred Lane returned from California last Saturday night. We have not had a chance to talk with them, but learn they were well pleased with the Southern part of the state. They visited Los Angeles and San Diego, but did not visit San Francisco as they intended.

LAMBERT BROS. ICE DEALERS

We have bought out the Phillips Ice business and now have ice ready to deliver. Let us have your order.

W. H. Perry returned Wednesday from Austin where he went to visit his daughter. We are glad to learn that Miss Mary is doing well and that she will soon be able to return home.

The following members of Abilene Commandery, Knights Templar, of Baird attended the regular meeting at Abilene last Monday night. J. B. Harmon, B. L. Russell, Harry Meyer, Dr. S. T. Fraser, W. E. Gilliland, J. B. Smartt, of Admiral, and Rev. J. P. Hardesty, of Clyde. B. L. Boydston accompanied the members and received the degree of the Order of Knight of the Red Cross. The party had a very pleasant trip, though some of them had to go home in the rain on their return on the night train.

Our spring slippers have arrived. B. L. Boydston. 11tf

"Look before you leap."

Is an old saying that holds good in starting a bank account

Before You Place Your Money in a Bank Look for the Following Safeguards:

Notice the character and ability of the men who have charge of the bank; see that the officers are experienced bankers and the directors are responsible men. The bank should have ample capital, the larger the capital, the greater protection for the depositor. A large surplus and profit fund is also an additional protection. Read the bank's statements; notice whether or not they carry a good reserve in cash and demand loans; also notice if the bank is prospering—if a bank don't make money, it is not a safe bank.

All the above mentioned security is afforded our customers; if safety for their funds, with liberality and courtesy is what they want

The Home National Bank of Baird

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND
 Arrives.
 No. 4. Through train, Mail. 11:15 a. m.
 No. 6. Mail 12:50 a. m.
 No. 8. Ft Worth local, no mail 9:45 a. m.

WEST BOUND
 Arrives.
 No. 5. Toyah local, mail.... 4:10 a. m.
 No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail. 4:00 p. m.
 No. 3. Through train, no mail 6:30 p. m.
 J. B. HARMON, Agent.

PERSONAL

All new spring goods have arrived at B. L. Boydston's. 15

Born—To Mr. and Mrs T. C. Pool, Monday, March 16th, a boy.

Call at B. L. Boydston's for your spring foot wear. 15

"Our Old Kentucky Home" enraptures the heart with its soul stirring melodies. It is a play you will enjoy. At the Opera House Friday, March 27th

That charming story of the Southland "Our Old Kentucky Home" is coming to the Opera House next Friday night, March 27th

Walkover low cut shoes for men B. L. Boydston's. Spring line now here. 15

Spring and summer shirt waists and suits at Boydston's 15

Dr. and Mrs. McCauley and little son came down from Merkel in their automobile Saturday evening and spent a day or two with Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey. They also visited W. P. Ramsey and family near Dressy.

J. W. Burkett, of the Clyde Sun, was in town last Saturday and we learn called at THE STAR office, but being an off day all the force, including the editor, were absent.

Mrs. Lee Estes has been dangerously ill for several days, but was reported some better yesterday. She was taken ill at church last Thursday night, but nothing serious it was thought until Monday, when she became dangerously ill and it was believed she could not live but a few hours. She was still in a critical condition yesterday, but the family had hopes of her recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Caylor, of Big Springs, were notified of Mrs. Estes' illness and arrived Wednesday night to attend her bedside.

See the new embroideries at Boydston's. 15

I. R. Keel, of Oplin, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Woodard and Miss Woodard, of Clyde, were in town Wednesday.

C. E. Boydston and Prof. S. E. Settle went to Seranton Sunday.

A crowd of Baird's young people went to Eula Sunday.

Bob Stephenson, of Eula, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. G. M. Hall has returned from a visit to Fort Worth.

New spring suits for men and boys at B. L. Boydston's. 15

Mrs. Scott Gilbert and Miss Sara Frank McGowen, of Cross Plains are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. J. M. Weight, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones, for sometime, has returned to her home at Ft. Worth.

T. W. Frost, foreman of the Western Union line gang, now at Big Springs, visited his sister, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, here Sunday.

S. F. Bond, Cashier of the Farmers National Bank, of Cross Plains, paid THE STAR office a pleasant call last Friday.

"Our Old Kentucky Home" with its appropriate scenery takes one back to the scenes of the Southland's early days. "At the Opera House, Friday night, March 27th.

Mrs. Tucker and children, of Big Springs, came down yesterday and left this morning on the mail hack for Dressy near where the go to visit relatives.

F. E. Aycock, of Oplin, S. H. Arrowood, of Cross Plains, W. G. Jeames, of Dressy, L. C. Thompson of Cottonwood and Jack Rowden, of McLean have had their names enrolled on our subscription book the past week. Plenty of room boys for a few more paid up subs.

Alex McWhorter and Oscar Lambert were in from the Bayou Thursday

Tom Brisco, the rollicking son of Old Erin, living near Putnam was in town a few days ago to have his photograph taken. We did not learn what happened to the machine

Wanted:—A young lady to teach children in the forenoon at home. Good pay. Apply to Mrs. LUCILE BAILEY. 16tf

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be an entertainment at the Opera House tonight, Friday, March 20th, by the 1st, 2nd and 3d, Grade pupils of the Public School, under the direction of Misses Birmingham and Bonham, teachers.

Program.

Part I.
 Song, "Jolly Cow Boys" Boys.
 Recitation, "Naughty Zeel"

Bertha Bowlus.
 Song, "Merry Gypsies" Girls.
 Pantomime, "The Dumb Twins"

Ollie Murphy, David Ramsey.
 Recitation, "Aunt Elzora's Hero"

Opal McFarlane.
 Song, "Bald Headed Billie. My One Legged Doll." Mary Emmons

Part II.

"The Lost Prince."

Cast of Characters.

King - - - - - Frank Estes.
 Queen - - - - - Una Johnson
 Lord High Chamberlain,

Charley Mills.
 Magician, Merzer - - J. T. Smith.
 Guards - - Sam Lills, Jim Leach.

Page - - - - - George Hall.
 Nurse - - - - - Stella Mitchell.
 Maid - - - - - Ellamore Seale.

May Spirit - - - Clara Boyles.
 Violetta - - - - Bessie Austin.
 Song, "The Man in the Moon"

Carl Mahan.
 Chorus, "The Spanish Guitar"
 Young Ladies.

Song, { "If I were a Boy."
 { "If I were a Girl."

Mary Emmons, Dudley Foy.
 Rose Drill.
 Friends Good Night.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to extend sincere thanks to the Baird Volunteer Fire Boys and others who assisted in fighting the fire last Sunday night and did such good service in saving adjoining property.

J. R. REED

MRS. BELL DEAD.

Mr. F. S. Bell and Mrs. Otis Bowyer received a telegram Saturday that their mother, Mrs. M. C. Bell, had died at her home at Culpeper, Va. Mrs. Bell was 85 years of age, and had lived a long, useful and honorable life. Her husband, Judge J. W. Bell, who died a few years ago, was a brother of Gov. P. H. Bell, of Texas, 1849-1853. Gov. Bell was in the battle of San Jacinto and rendered distinguished service on the frontier and later in the war with Mexico. He was said to have been one of the finest specimens of physical manhood in the state. John Henry Brown, historian of Texas, says, "He was a cultivated gentleman and the most popular man in Texas."

Mrs. Bell leaves five children: F. S. Bell and Mrs. Otis Bowyer, of Baird, Alden Bell, who formerly lived in Baird, but for several years has made his home with his mother, one other son and daughter living in Virginia. Mrs. Bell frequently visited her children in Baird and was well known to many of our people who heard with sincere sorrow of her death.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. E. Sigal requests THE STAR in his behalf to express his sincere thanks to the people of Baird and to the members of the Rebekah Lodge and Pythian Sisters, especially, for their kind assistance and sympathy in arranging and attending the funeral of his wife, Mrs. Kate Sigal, and to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias he also expresses his appreciation to them for their kindness. He says language cannot express his feelings and high appreciation of the kindness shown himself and family by all his friends and hopes they will all be rewarded.

Everything new for spring wear at Boydston's. 15



The opening was a success in every sense. Thanks to my patrons. We keep a full line throughout the season. Come and See.

Mrs. A. M. Miller

MRS. KATE SIGAL DEAD.

Mrs. Kate Sigal, wife of Mr. E. Sigal died at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Ft. Worth last Thursday night. Mrs. Sigal has been in failing health for sometime, and last Saturday a week ago she went to Fort Worth, accompanied by her son, Ben, for treatment. An operation was performed Tuesday. She rallied from the operation and seemed to be getting along nicely until about noon Thursday, when she grew worse and only lived a few hours. The body arrived Friday evening accompanied by the two sons of the deceased, Mike and Ben Sigal. The funeral took place at 3 p. m. Saturday, and was one of the largest ever seen in Baird. Mrs. Sigal was a member of the order of Rebekahs and Pythian Sisters, who had charge of the funeral. Services were held by the Pythian Sisters at the Sigal Hotel, and the Rebekahs had charge of the services at the grave, the Pythian Sisters assisting, and with the beautiful yet simple ceremony of the orders the body was consigned to the grave.

Mrs. Sigal was 62 years of age, and leaves a husband, two sons, Mike and Ben, one daughter, Mrs. Annie Stallings, and two little granddaughters, Evalyn and Kathryn Stallings, to mourn her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigal came to Baird in the early days of the town and engaged in the hotel business and continued for more than twenty-five years. They were well known to nearly everybody in this section. Mrs. Sigal was a kind hearted, motherly woman, and as the public passed the casket to take a last look at the features of her, who had been so active in the life of the town, many a railroad boy was heard to remark: "She was always so good to me."

THE STAR tenders sincere sympathy to Mr. Sigal and family in their hour of sorrow.

Notice, Pythian Sisters.

On account of the loss of all our paraphernalia by fire, all members of the Pythian Sisters are requested to pay their dues promptly. Please don't neglect this. Phone 77.

MRS. G. M. HALL,
 Mistress of Finance.

See those beautiful art squares and rugs at B. L. Boydston's. 15

OPERA NEWS.

"Our Old Kentucky Home", a story of the Kentucky Hills brimful of pleasing surprises and brings pleasure to the humorously inclined, to the lovers of the sweet songs of the Southland. At the Opera House Friday night, March 27th. Prices 25, 50, and 75 cents

FISH ITEMS.

March 18.—As I have not seen anything from this part of the community I thought I would write.

Health in our community is very good.

The farmers are all up with their work at this writing.

Our Sunday School which was organized a few months back, is progressing nicely.

We have singing at the school house every Sunday night. Literary ever second and fourth Saturday nights. Everybody invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Gober and Mrs. Quillin made a trip to Abilene last Friday.

Mr. Lockley, wife and daughter, of Abilene, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Gober.

Mr. T. H. Hampton is busy moving his slaughter pen from Clyde to his ranch 3 miles west of Clyde.

Wade Hampton is getting busy; he has quit school and gone to farming.

W. P. Miller and wife of Eula, visited T. H. Hampton and family last week.

The Alder Brothers of Eula, visited Charley Crowley Sunday.

Ollie Umphrey and wife spent Sunday with M. A. Young and family.

Mr. Johnson and family spent Sunday with J. M. Crow at Hamby. B. J. Quillin made a trip to Clyde Saturday. "DAISY."

Dr. Fraser reports a case of typhoid fever, Mr. Minton, in east part of town. This is unusually early for this disease and ought to impress upon all the great importance of a thorough cleaning up of the town.

FOUND—An Eastern Star pin, Inquire at STAR office 17

Tom Austin, of Clyde, was in town Monday.

