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All should read "Captain Jeff," because it gives facts as they occurred and a truthful statement found in no other history or writings, and all the tediousness has been eliminated and the story told in a brief, simple and convincing manner, which makes it a book valuable to all.

If you want a copy now is your opportunity, as there is but a limited number in the first edition. Send in your orders at once for "Captain Jeff." This book will be of inestimable value to every citizen of Texas, or anywhere else that wants to know anything of Texas and her long struggles with the Redman for supremacy. The price in paper binding will be 50 cents in cloth \$1.00, 15 cents extra on each copy when sent by mail. This book can be ob-

tained (after May 15th) of N. C. Bawcom, Sweetwater, Texas, or Capt. W. J. Maltby, Admiral, Callahan County, Texas, or Whipkey Printing Co., Colorado, Texas.

Respectfully,  
N. C. BAWCOM,  
Agt. and Mgr. Sweetwater, Texas.

#### PROGRAM U. D. C.

Answer roll call with facts about the heroes of Louisiana.

Song, "Coming Through The Rye" Discussion.—Mrs. Hadley.

The advance on Richmond.

Paper, "The Choir Invisible and the Author"—Mrs. Blackburn.

Reading from the same.—Mrs. Fraser.

Song, "Dixie"—Daughters.

Will meet at the residence of Mrs. Harmon. Will be glad of an attendance of all members.

MRS. M. ALICE FLOYD,  
Historian.

Before buying your spring suit, look at McGowen Bros. & Wristen's immense new stock. 16tf

Hawk's special Optician will be at Powell & Powell's drug store June 4th and 5th. Come have your eyes tested and glasses fitted. 24-3t

Lige Cutbirth and family of Stiles, Reagan county, are visiting C. S. Boyles and family and other relatives in Baird and the county.

Little Miss Eve Reed is visiting relatives in the country this week.

Fresh Jersey milch cow for sale. 19-tf R. Phillips.

#### DIED.

John McMurray, eldest son of Rev J. W. McMurray, died of consumption May 4, 1905, his remains were laid to rest in the Cisco cemetery at noon May 5th, by the side of his brother Fredrick, who died with the dread disease four years ago.

John McMurray was born in Texas in the year of 1869, having lived in Texas all his life. He spent several years in Dallas. He came to Cisco nine months ago, hoping to be benefited by the change, but the disease had too firm a grip upon his youthful frame and could not be overpowered. He was a young man of exemplary habits, of a true character, and fully prepared to meet the sudden change that came so unexpectedly to his aged father. The family that are left to mourn are Mrs. John Ellison, of Georgetown; Vivian McMurray, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charley McMurray of Georgetown, and an aged father. Rev. McMurray has lived in Cisco for nearly 20 years, and was once pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city. He has many warm friends who extend to him their deepest sympathy in the dark hours of his declining years.

One precious to our heart has gone,  
The voice we love is stilled;  
The place made vacant in our home  
Can never more be filled.

Our Father in His wisdom called  
The boon His love had given;  
And though on earth his body lies,  
The soul is safe in Heaven.

—Cisco, Round-Up.

Go to McGowen Bros. & Wristen for art squares and line gams. 16

#### SOLD OUT.

I have sold out my Meat Market to Jim W. Jones, and all knowing themselves indebted to me will please call at W. T. Hensleys and settle at once. L. A. WATERS, 20tf.

When you see Powell think of drugs. 16-tf

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#### Stallions and Jacks For Sale.

Will be in Abilene Tex. at Mitchell & Bidell's Barn with some good Stallions and Jacks for sale or trade from May 1st to May 25th. 22-3 W. R. HENSLEY.

#### For Sale.

Household goods, including book-case and desk, typewriter, sewing machine, etc. W. A. SMITH, at T. E. Powell's old place. 23-tf

#### NOTICE.

One of our fine Tennessee Jacks will stand the season at our barn in Baird. HOLDEN & HUFFMAN. 23tf

#### FOR SALE.

Sorgum seed and Kaffir corn seed. Clean and nice. For sale fifteen miles South of Baird, on the Coleman road. WEMANIS & SONS. 21

#### A Mountain of Gold.

could not bring as much happiness to Mrs. Lucia Wilke, of Caroline, Wis., as did one 25c box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; when it completely cured a running sore on her leg, which had tortured her 23 long years. Greatest antiseptic healer of Piles, Wounds, and sores. 25c at Powell & Powell drug store.

#### Was Wasting Away.

"I had been troubled with kidney disease for the last five years," writes Robert R. Watts, of Salem, Mo. "I lost flesh and never felt well and doctored with leading physicians and tried all remedies suggested without relief. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure and less than two bottles completely cured me and now I am sound and well." During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. Powell & Powell.

#### Money For Loans.

We have plenty of money for loans 1 year or less at 10 per cent. Sums of \$400 or more. Horses and mules for sale on time. A good pasture lease. WEBB & WEBB. 23tf

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# PLAIN FACTS

Cleanliness is accepted as a rule of self-preservation in every reputable brewery.

**A**N experienced brewer would no more boast of the purity of his beer than a gentleman would brag of having washed his face.

Purity signifies nothing more than the absence of foreign matter.

For that reason brewers who do not dare to test the substantial merits of beer always harp on purity.

A really first-class beer must, however not alone be free from self-evident defects, but it must combine all the positive excellencies known to the science of brewing.

THE TRUE TEST IS ALL-ROUND QUALITY which cannot be had without SUPERIOR MATERIALS, PERFECT TREATMENT and AMPLE STORING CAPACITY.

Upon this issue of positive superiority we challenge all competitors.

Of materials we use only the most excellent, regardless of cost. Corn, the one important substitute, which, on account of its cheapness, has been extensively adopted, never enters our brewery.

Our facilities for brewing beer are unequalled.

Our storing capacity of 600,000 barrels doubles any other brewery in the United States, and enables us to store our beer from four to five months.

Facts speak louder than words.

Publicity is the demand of the day.

The consumer is entitled to the truth.



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## MORAN ITEMS.

The many actual homeseekers that are seeking homes in the Moran Country postively say that the coyote and jack-rabbit must abandon their once domain or else their fate must soon be sealed. As steadily as ever the tide of immigration continues to flow in, and of late the ranches are being put on the market. The number of stockmen will decrease for they will not refuse prices for their land that they are now being offered by the farming class of people, hence our farms and farmers must increase. When this has been done the area of cultivated land will exceed three times what it is at present, and notice will be made that the wealth and population will increase accordingly. Upon inquiring of farmers whether or not their homes are for sale, you will receive this reply, "No, I am content with my home and surroundings; never before have I enjoyed better health or prospered anymore, and I am determined to make this my future home. It will be cheaper for you to seek unimproved land." Such conversations as related are general and it aids in establishing the fact that if this were not a desirable portion of country everyone would be eager to dispose of land held by them. Who is it that contends that the Moran country consists of poor land, rocky hills and numerous gulleys? Poo! such farfe,

the black rich color that our broad grain fields show at a glance are evident proofs that it is prolonged by fertile land and favorable seasons.

The town of Moran is making many improvements, and things show up in a much better condition. Mr. J. F. S. Wilson has up the frame for his sixteen room hotel.

Mr. J. O. Wild is having three pretty cottages built for the purpose of renting. They are all out on the west side.

The enterprising editor of the Moran Tribune, Mr. J. S. Hair, has had such an increase in job work, etc that he has gotten him a two horse power engine.

The machinery for sinking oil wells has arrived and have been hauled out to the fields and drilling begun in earnest. The experts, who made the careful investigations as to the indications for oil report that the prospects surpass those afforded at Spindle Top and other famous wells. The prophecy of many is that in a comparatively short period of time hundreds of people will be gathering here and Moran will be a city made up of tents.

NICHOLAS SPRING.

PAY UP.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me are earnestly requested to come in and settle at once. I want to close my books for 1905. 7-tf R. PHILLIPS, Druggist.

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## SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR MINERAL WELLS.

Visitors to the Great Health and Pleasure Resort from West Texas reaching Weatherford on train No. 6 at 5:40 a. m. may now make connection with Mineral Wells trains leaving Weatherford at 9:55 a. m. and 11:10 a. m. returning leaving Mineral Wells at 8 p. m. connecting with T. & P. No. 5 leaving Weatherford for the West at 9:45 p. m. Write for Mineral Wells booklet. E. P. TURNER, G. P. A. Dallas, Texas. 31-tf

## ADVERTISED LIST.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the P. O. at Baird Tex. for week ending May 13. Parties calling for same please say advertised

Frank Cate  
Miss Gertie Eager  
Mr. E. A. Herndon  
J. S. Hawk  
Miss Minnie Harris  
E. Irion  
Mrs. W. A. Johnson  
J. H. Lane  
C. O. Nessmith  
Mr. G. Stark  
Walter Stephens  
Miss Ora Stephens  
Mrs. C. F. Thompson

WM. McMANIS, P. M.

See the newest thing for the neck, a dog collar at McGowan Bros. & Wristen. 10-tf

Go Wilson's for all kinds of meats and sausage. 52

## WALL PAPER.

First shipment of wall paper, at R. Phillips. Call and see the beautiful designs. 8-tf.

When you think of drugs see Powell. 30-tf

See those new nobby belts just received at Schwartz' if you want something new. 22-tf

I have a few extra good milk cows with young calves to sell. 22-tf L. A. Waters.

They are certainly selling men's suits and low quarter shoes at Schwartz'. 21-tf

**KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS**  
WITH **Dr. King's New Discovery**  
FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS. Prices 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.  
Beware and ask for Dr. King's New Discovery and Lungs, Throat, and Lungs, or MONEY BACK.

## PRESIDENT IS SCORED

Senators Bailey and Tillman Make Sensational Remarks.

## BAD FAITH CHARGED

South Carolinian Stated Hon. W. E. Chandler Came to See Him as the Representative of the Chief Executive.

Washington, May 14.—After defending president from recent attacks in the senate, Mr. Carter of Montana charged Messrs. Bailey and Rayner with doing nothing to secure railroad rate legislation.

In reply, Senator Bailey said the only time the Democratic party was in power was during his first two terms in the house. He declared the president had not, in his letter accepting presidential nomination, said anything on the subject of regulating railroads.

Mr. Tillman read a typewritten document in which he stated the chief executive had sent ex-Senator Chandler to him. The latter said the president had stated senatorial lawyers were trying to defeat or injure the bill, and that Mr. Roosevelt wanted a court review incorporated, but limited to two points: First, an inquiry whether the interstate commission had acted beyond its authority; second, whether it had violated the constitutional rights of the carriers. He stated Senator Bailey and Attorney General Moody were consulted. Mr. Tillman stated further that Mr. Chandler informed him the president was heartily in favor of restricting injunctions.

Senator Tillman said that himself and Senator Bailey had informed Messrs. Moody and Chandler that after a canvass of the Democratic senators they were satisfied that enough could be secured to put the measure through.

The South Carolina senator stated that on being informed the president favored the Allison amendments himself, Senator Bailey and ex-Senator Chandler called on Attorney General Moody. The latter, he asserted, told the others he was ignorant of the president's intention.

Mr. Tillman said he had been assured sufficient votes had been secured to incorporate an amendment limiting the court review favored by the president. He concluded by saying that had the president stood by his oft-repeated assertion that he would not yield one jot or tittle the senate would have passed the bill.

Senator Lodge stated that portion of Mr. Chandler's statement that the president had come to a complete disagreement with the senatorial lawyers who were trying to defeat or injure the bill, naming Messrs. Knox, Spooner and Foraker, was pronounced by Mr. Roosevelt as an unqualified falsehood.

Senator Tillman said Sunday last on May 5 he insisted on having from ex-Senator Chandler a written statement of various conferences by the latter in connection with the plan of the president to control the railroad rate legislation by alliance with the Democrats of the senate, and Mr. Chandler gave him such a statement made prior to Saturday, May 12, and signed by Mr. Chandler. Mr. Tillman said that he would give out a portion of that statement relating to the interview of Mr. Chandler with the president on March 31, which had become a subject matter of dispute, but would retain the remainder for use in case any other parts of his statement in the senate on Saturday last should be denied.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH.

Methodist Quadrennial Conference Votes in Favor of New One.

Birmingham, Ala., May 15.—By a vote of 151 to 107 the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, Monday declared itself in favor of the creation of a commission to prepare a new statement of faith. A majority of the clerical and lay delegates was necessary to make the report of the special committee recommending to the commission a law, and separate votes were taken. The final result showed: Ayes, clerical, 83; lay, 62. Nays, clerical, 56; lay, 51. There was no demonstration when the result was announced.

The adoption of the report of the special committee, composed of W. F. Tillet, dean of Vanderbilt university; W. R. Lambuth and C. W. Carter, means that a special committee of five members, one of whom shall be a bishop, shall invite other branches of Methodism to unite with the southern church in the preparation of such a statement of faith and such a statement of doctrinal system as is called for in the Twentieth century.

### MANY BALES LESS.

Analysis For Eight Months by Hester of Cotton Movement.

New Orleans, May 15.—Secretary Hester's analysis of the cotton movement for the eight months of the season from Sept. 1 to the close of April, inclusive, shows that compared with the crop movement last year Texas, including Indian Territory, has brought to sight this season, in round fig-

ures, 206,931 bales less. Other guilt of Mexico states, which include Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma, have marketed 1,104,000 less, and the group of Atlantic states, which includes North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Virginia, are 264,000 less, making the net decrease in the total crop marketed 1,634,000.

### Fatal Hemorrhage.

Dallas, May 10.—Anthony Knight, a negro, had a hemorrhage while sitting on the curbing at Elm and Worth streets Wednesday night. Before medical assistance arrived he was dead.

## BAPTISTS OF SOUTH.

Assemble in Regular Annual Convention at Chattanooga.

## FIVE THOUSAND ARE

Participating in the Deliberations of the Largest Gathering the Denomination Has Ever Yet Convoked.

Chattanooga, May 11.—In fifty-fourth annual session the Southern Baptist convention met with an unusually large attendance today.

Nearly 5,000 messengers faced President Stephens of Columbia, Mo., when he called the body to order.

After devotional exercises Rev. Luther Freeman, pastor of the First Methodist church, on behalf of the local religious denominations, welcomed the messengers and visitors. President Stephens responded.

The Southern Baptist convention is not a synod, conference or presbytery, nor does it have charge of any of the affairs of the various organizations of the church. It is a purely missionary organization, and has only to do with the home and foreign missionary work of the church. The various churches have been organized into state organizations which have associations and missionary boards, and these in turn form the Southern Baptist association. There are also a large number of visitors in the city.

The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. W. L. Smith of Richmond, Va.

## WAS LOST BY BAILEY

Washington, May 12.—Consideration of the rate bill was continued in the senate Friday. Senator Allison presented the first of his compromise amendments. It strikes out the words "fairly remunerative" from the fourth section of the bill as descriptive of the rates which the interstate commerce commission prescribes. The amendment was adopted without debate or division.

The second amendment, limiting to two years, the continuance of the commission's orders, was also adopted.

After two of the Allison amendments to the rate bill had been adopted, Senator Bailey presented his amendment prohibiting inferior United States courts from issuing temporary injunctions against the orders of the commission. Speaking in support of his amendment, Mr. Bailey quoted the message of the president of 1904, and his Raleigh, N. C., speech in support of the idea contained in his (Bailey's) amendment.

"With these two recommendations before me," continued Mr. Bailey, "I had every reason to believe that the president would support this proposition, which would make them effective, and yet recent events show that such hope was without foundation."

He then said then said that the so-called Allison amendment was the work of the president, and declared that he had failed to justify the hope he had raised.

On roll call the Bailey amendment was lost.

Senator Culberson then presented an amendment requiring that injunctions should not be granted without hearings, and also imposing other conditions.

The provision was opposed by Senator Carter, not because of its requirement for hearings, but because it covers so many other subjects which had not received consideration.

"The closer we remain to the original text of the bill the more certain we are to secure logical legislation," he said.

The amendment was voted down by a strict party vote, except that Senator La Follette voted in the affirmative with the Democrats.

### THOMPSON SURETY.

On His Pledge For Their Appearance Fishermen Are Released.

Washington, May 11.—Edward N. Thompson, American consul at Progreso, Mexico, has advised the state department that all American fishermen arrested for alleged poaching off the Mexican coast and placed in jail at Progreso have been released under Mr. Thompson's pledge for their appearance. Some of the most capable lawyers in the state of Yucatan have been retained to defend the fishermen. They still maintain they were fishing without the waters controlled by the Mexican government. Until the Mexican courts have disposed of the cases there will be no diplomatic representations between the two countries.

Go to "Butch" Wilson's for dry salt bacon. 52

Old papers for sale at THE STAR office, 25c per hundred.

### NOTICE.

I will pay \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of stealing any horses, mules or cattle belonging to any citizen of Callahan County. 2-1f T. A. IRVIN, Sheriff.

H. Schwartz has just received another large shipment of ladies' linen suits. They are beauts. 21tf

### REVOLVER DROPPED.

Weapon Was Discharged, Bullet Hit Lady and Death Ensued.

Ardmore, May 15.—At Baum, near here, while Mrs. J. O. Love was removing a quilt in which was a revolver, the weapon dropped to the floor and was discharged. The bullet entered Mrs. Love's body, causing instant death.

### LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Hon. Joseph W. Hyamans Elected Speaker of the House.

Baton Rouge, May 15.—The second session of the Louisiana general assembly convened Monday. In the house Mon. Joseph W. Hyamans, the oldest member in point of service, was elected speaker to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Speaker Snyder. Many important matters will come before the assembly, including plans to reduce taxation and protective insurance legislation.

### Patrick Again Respited.

Albany, May 15.—Governor Higgins has granted an additional respite of thirty days, until June 17, to Albert T. Patrick, under sentence of death for the murder of William Marsh Rice.

# NEW GOODS

Just received a nice assortment of goods in all lines such as Shoes, Hosiery, Gloves, Collars, Ties, Suspenders, Men's Nice Pants, Handkerchiefs, Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons, Glassware, Tinware, Granite-ware, Candies, Gums, Soaps, many kinds of Dry Goods, Notions, Stationery, Books and in fact most anything in the house goods line and in order to make room for our new goods we will offer bargains in all all lines. See us before you buy, we can save you money and when in town call in and see us. No trouble to show goods. Yours to Please,

**HAMMANS BROS**

# Dress Goods Talk.

The white goods season is surely here, never in the history of the Dry Goods business has there been such a demand for white goods. We are prepared better to supply your wants than any house in Baird, because we have re-ordered on all white goods and have just received our second large shipment of same, such as linens, linter linen finish goods, we have just what you need and want at 15c 20c 25c 30c 35c 45c 50c and 60c also the linen sheeting at 1.25 per yard. We have made our dress goods department for this season the town talk of the people, we have the best and most selected stock that can be seen in Baird and will underseil all competitors.

A FEW ARTICLES WE ARE HAVING GREAT SUCCESS SELLING

<p><b>SLIPPERS</b></p> <p>We have most any kind you may want from \$1 down to... \$1 The Star Brand Shoes are better. See our white canvas slippers.</p>		<p><b>SHIRT WAISTS.</b></p> <p>White lawn 50c and more elaborately trimmed ones for 75c Silk Waists from \$4.50 to \$5</p>
<p><b>HOSE.</b></p> <p>The celebrated Iron Clad. Some imported lace hose in ladies and misses sizes.</p>		<p><b>SKIRTS.</b></p> <p>White Linen Skirts Well tailored for \$1.75 White Wool Serge \$5 and \$7.50 Anything in blacks, etc.</p>
<p><b>MUSLIN UNDERWARE.</b></p> <p>Our stock of muslin underware is complete—Chemise, Gowns, Long Kimonas, Skirts, Corset Covers.</p>		<p><b>TIES.</b></p> <p>We have the largest assortment of Ladies Collars in Baird. To look means to buy.</p>

## READY MADE COSTUMES.

If you are too busy and haven't the time to have your dress made we can fit you in a ready made costume as well as your dress maker can. Our ready made dresses are celebrated for their style, quality and workmanship. They fit.

Don't fail to see our Carpets before buying. We will save you money.

**H. SCHWARTZ**

The prophet who predicted that Abilene and all surrounding territory would be swept by a destructive cyclone Tuesday will have to back off and come again. The prophecy failed.

Of course Judge Brooks is able to buy his own hardware, yet his opening gun makes a sound suspiciously like that of the old muzzle-loader "Cyclone" Davis has carried for the past thirty years.—Fort Worth Star.

Some of President Roosevelt's friends in the Senate claim that he laid down on them, without notice, in the railroad rate bill matter. Enough republicans with the assistance of the democrats had promised to vote for a real rate bill, but suddenly the President changed his mind and left a lot of democrats and republicans high up in the air. No wonder some of them are mad.

The Grand Jury after being in session five days returned sixteen indictments and adjourned. All the cases, we are informed, are misdemeanors and had they been tried in County or Justice Court as they should have been, the Grand Jury would not have had anything to do. This is hard on those who are trying by every art, trick and device possible to show that Callahan county has more crime than adjoining counties. The reverse is true. Callahan county has less crime according to population than any adjoining pro county.

Carl Schurz, the well-known publicist, soldier and statesman died at New York Monday. He was born near Cologne, Germany, March 2, 1829, consequently had passed his 77th year at the time of his death. Carl Schurz was a born revolutionist and a kind of a free lance. He took part in the revolution in 1849 and fled to America. J. H. Huffman, the well known painter, who died in Baird last year took part in the same revolution as Carl Schurz and came over on the same vessel with him. For many years Carl Schurz was a fugitive from his native land, but sometime after the Civil war through the influence of friends in this country he obtained a pardon and was permitted to visit his native land. He was an able man and while counted somewhat erratic none ever doubted his integrity.

Following close upon the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and its hundreds of slain came the San Francisco earthquake, and before the dead of this mighty seismic disturbance were buried, the cyclone swooped down upon the little town of Bellevue, slaying many and sweeping away all the possessions of the dead and the living. Man has a very slight grip upon life itself or the things of the world. We prize the right to live beyond all things else, but it passes from us in the twinkling of an eye when the elements go on a tare or the earth totters. Worldly possessions, for which we give toil and thought, are as fleeting, and a slip of nature's cog turns the millionaire into a pauper. The things for which we give our bodies, and sometimes our souls, are not worth the price. Today we look upon them in their beauty, tomorrow they wither as the grass that we tread.—Honey Grove Signal.

A special representative from A. K. Hawks & Co., Atlanta, Ga., will be at Powell & Powell's drug store June 4th and 5th. Come and have your eyes tested and glasses fitted.

W. R. SMITH'S RECORD IN CONGRESS.

1. During the first session of the last Congress he secured an increase in the regular annual appropriations for investigations and experiments in drainage and irrigation which enabled him to secure for Texas two government experts who were immediately put into the state to carry on investigations and experiments in drainage and irrigation as a means of developing the agricultural interests of the state. There are three such experts in the state now. No work of this character had been done before in Texas.
2. He has been instrumental in securing a diversification farm for Eastland county and two demonstration farms—one for Callahan county and the other in Ward county.
3. He has given special attention to improving the postal service of the district; has aided in the establishment of a large number of Rural Free Delivery Routes, which are serving thousands of farmers and their families. When he was elected to Congress there was not a single Rural Free Delivery Route in the district.
4. During his first session he introduced and secured the passage of a resolution which required the Attorney General of the United States to disclose all that had been done by him towards enforcing the Sherman Anti-Trust law after Congress put into his hands one half million dollars to be used by him in the enforce-

tion of thousands of acres of arid and semi-arid lands in Western Texas. The leading papers of Texas have frequently declared this to be the most important piece of legislation for Texas that has been before Congress for years.

8. He has introduced and is laboring for the passage of the following measures:

1. To complete the Federal building at Abilene.
2. To erect a Federal building at San Angelo for the purposes of a court house and postoffice.
3. To enlarge the Federal building at El Paso so as to accommodate the postal and custom business which has outgrown the present building at that place.
4. To provide for the construction and equipment of a government Sanitarium at Mineral Wells for the care and treatment of the disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States, and to be used in connection with the Marine Hospital Service.
5. To extend the time livestock may be kept on the cars while in transit so as to prevent loss to the owner and to avoid the injury and cruelty which unavoidably results to animals by frequent unloading and reloading.
6. For appropriation to exterminate the Texas fever tick from the South which it is estimated causes a loss to the South of at least \$150,000,000 annually. This appropriation he has been instrumental in having inserted in the Agricultural Ap-



ment of that law. The disclosure revealed the fact that he had done practically nothing and this greatly strengthened public sentiment which has since done much towards moving the President and the Attorney General to prosecution for violations of that law.

5. He has redeemed the plank in the platform upon which he was nominated favoring the construction of a dam and reservoir near El Paso for the irrigation of the Rio Grande valley. He secured the passage of this bill during his first term. His predecessors, all able, faithful, and industrious men, had labored for this measure for nearly twenty years without success.

6. He has been instrumental in securing the improvement of the Fort Bliss Military Post at El Paso to the extent of \$40,000 so as to make the post Regimental headquarters.

7. He has recently secured the passage of a bill by the House of Representatives extending the provisions of the National Irrigation Act to Texas, which, if passed by the Senate as now seems probable, will ultimately result in the reclama-

tion of thousands of acres of arid and semi-arid lands in Western Texas. The leading papers of Texas have frequently declared this to be the most important piece of legislation for Texas that has been before Congress for years.

proprietion bill, which will undoubtedly will pass. This is not merely a proposition to cleanse cattle of ticks so as to relieve them of quarantine restrictions, but to absolutely eradicate the ticks from the country so as to make quarantine regulations unnecessary. After many years of experiments the government and state veterinarians all concur in the opinion that this undertaking is entirely feasible. The appropriation for this year to make a beginning of the work will be \$65,000.00.

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the Attorney General.

8. To regulate interstate shipments of livestock by requiring railroad companies to promptly furnish cars when requested to do so, to relieve shippers from the necessity of unloading and reloading in transferring livestock to connecting lines, but requiring instead thereof an exchange of empty cars for the loaded cars, to give the shipper the right to designate the route, and to authorize the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix a reasonable and just through rate when the railroads fail to do so.

The foregoing are only the measures initiated by Mr. Smith. He has labored for many other measures for the benefit of the people introduced by others. He has been one of the most regular and constant attendants upon the sessions of the House never being absent except on account of the sickness of himself or of members of his family which has been infrequent. As the Congressional Record will show he has taken a decided stand and has voted upon every question that has been voted upon in the House during the three years he has been a member of that body. No criticism has yet been offered upon any vote cast by him.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 7, 1906.  
MR. P. W. ROANE, EDITOR,  
SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

DEAR SIR:—I am advised that some of my political enemies, for campaign purposes of course, are endeavoring to create a very erroneous impression upon the public mind in regard to my bill extending the National Irrigation Act to Texas; that they are charging that under that law water users will be required to pay \$40.00 per acre for water rights and that those already owning water rights under the existing irrigation systems will, in order to secure the benefits of the Act, be compelled to lose their present water rights.

The truth is the Act passed by me last winter providing for the irrigation of the Rio Grande valley was merely an extension of the provisions of the general Act into Texas in that valley. The bill passed by me recently in the House is only a further extension of the general Act so as to include the whole of the state, and if it becomes a law Texas will be entitled to receive the benefits of the Reclamation Act precisely upon the same terms and conditions as the other states, there being absolutely no difference between them.

Under the terms of this law the government will construct an irrigation plant where the owners of the land to be irrigated desire it, provided the land owners will pledge their land for the re-payment of the actual cost of construction in ten equal annual installments without interest—no more and no less. What the cost per acre to the land owners will be depends entirely upon the cost of the plant and the total number of acres

which can be irrigated from it, to be arrived at by dividing the total cost by the total number of acres. So it is apparent that the cost per acre varies with each project.

Under the Rio Grande project it happens to be \$40.00 per acre, as it is estimated that project which includes an immense dam and canals running more than one hundred miles down the valley will cost \$7,200,000, and will irrigate 180,000 acres. This land in its present state is practically worthless but under irrigation it is estimated it will be worth from two hundred to five hundred dollars per acre. The owners of these lands have all cheerfully accepted the terms of the government.

Some of the irrigation plants being constructed by the government in other states will cost the land owners more than \$50 per acre while others will not cost them more than \$10 per acre if that much. Just so it will be in Texas if my bill becomes a law.

Equally untrue is the statement that those already enjoying water rights under existing plants will be required to lose those rights and again purchase from the government. A water right is a vested property right which under the constitution cannot be even by the government taken away without just compensation. The government cannot and does not attempt to force its irrigation work upon any person or community. It only constructs a plant where all interested consent. And where water rights already exist they are recognized by the government and permitted to continue unimpaired or else the government pays for them and substitutes new rights in the stead thereof according to the mutual agreement of the officers of the government and the owners. The latter as a rule is preferable as those who take water rights from the government become fully re-embursed, whereas, under private irrigation plants, they not only have to pay for the water right but in addition thereto they have to pay an annual water rental for all time.

I make the foregoing explanation only in the interest of truth and fair play and to prevent anyone from being misled. I would not undertake to convince those of my political enemies who for campaign purposes are endeavoring by misrepresentation to minimize my work in Congress because if convinced they will still persist in these misrepresentations as long as they can make them plausible, and when they can no longer do so they will invent others.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) W. R. SMITH.

**Episcopal Church.**  
The Rt. Rev. A. C. Garrett, D. D. will preach and confirm in the Church of the Holy Cross at Baird Sunday, May 20th. at 11 o'clock.

**How Maj. Rankin Missed The "Moonshine."**

J. M. Bailey, of Eagle Cove, was in town this week and while at the Court House this scribe and Mr. Bailey were talking of old times when Mr. Bailey was charged with making Moonshine whiskey in the Holloway Mountains in Brown county in 1876 just thirty years ago. At that time we had never met Mr. Bailey but had formed the acquaintance with some of his "Moonshine." At that time Major John Y. Rankin was U. S. Commissioner before whom Mr. Bailey was tried, who, after hearing all the evidence discharged him. Learning that Maj. Rankin was in town Mr. Bailey said he would like to meet him as he had never seen him since the day of his trial. The editor went with him up to the District Court room where we found the Major. They had a long talk and Mr. Bailey said, "Major I just wanted to meet you and tell you what you missed the day after the trial. I called at your house but your wife said you were asleep and would not permit you to be disturbed. "I went" said Mr. Bailey, "to make you a present of a ten gallon keg of fine old pure corn juice but did not get to see you." So this is how Major Rankin lost ten gallons of "Moonshine." That was a long time ago Brownwood was then a frontier village. Where Baird now stands was a misquite flat and undisturbed by civilization, had never heard the sound of a steam whistle on a railroad or otherwise. Few settlers were in the county then and the county was attached to Eastland for judicial purposes. The county now has over ten thousand people with numerous towns and villages scattered over the county. Thirty years has seen wonderful changes in West Texas. Then from Brown county to the Pecos in New Mexico the country was only inhabited by Indians and buffalos, and a few daring ranchmen, but the latter were few in number, though they blazed the way for the the man with the hoe and the short horns who have captured almost the entire west.

**UNKNOWN MAN DIES.**

An unknown man died at the Maxwell hotel Sunday night. The man came there about Friday and secured a room but did not register. He was ill, and died Sunday night. Dr. Bomar was called in a while before he died, but he was so far gone that nothing could be done for him. Efforts were made to learn the man's name, but there was nothing about him that gave the least clue as to who he was or where he came from.

The best description we could get from Squire Alexander and Herman Schwartz, undertaker, is as follows: About 60 years old, light gray hair, mustache and short beard, about 5 feet 10 inches high, weigh about 160 lbs. He had a small telescope, (valise) with a few articles of clothing and \$6.40 in money. He was not a tramp, and while his clothing might indicate that he was a laborer. Mr. Schwartz says he did not think he was. There were several persons present when he died. The cause of his death was said to be locked bowels and possibly other complications.

The county buried the body Monday evening.

J. B. Harmon, who is in Los Angeles, sent Harry Meyer a copy of the Japanese American. Harry says the paper undoubtedly contains treasures of untold value to him but it is printed in Japanese characters and he cannot understand what the spider-legged characters may be. As soon as he can find an interpreter he will give THE STAR all the news of importance from the Pacific Coast contained in this sheet.

**KEEP A-GOIN'**

If you strike a thorn or rose,  
Keep a-goïn'!  
If it hails or if it snows,  
Keep a-goïn'!  
'Tain't no use to sit and whine,  
When the fish ain't on your line;  
Bait your hook an keep a-tryin—  
Keep a-goïn'!  
When the weather kills yer crop,  
Keep a-goïn'!  
When you tumble from the top,  
Keep a-goïn'!  
S'pose you're out of every dime,  
Bein' so ain't no crime;  
Tell the world you're feeling prime  
Keep a-goïn'!  
When it looks like all is up,  
Keep a-goïn'!  
See the wild birds on the wing,  
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,  
When you feel like singing, sing—  
Keep a-goïn'!

FRANK L. STANTON.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS.**

We call attention to the meeting Tuesday May, 22, of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, at the Methodist Church.

There will be about twenty-five of the ablest preachers in the North West Texas Conference. See program in this issue. The meetings are public and all will be welcome.

That grand jury report must have put a bad taste in Editor Webb's mouth. In order to make things appear as bad as he could he dug up all the cases he could in County, Justice and Mayor's Court. He admits the county is improving morally but attributes this to the agitation of the prohibition question. Oh rats! likewise rodents. Before the prohibition question was raised in this county nearly five years ago the decrease of crime in this county was so noticeable that lawyers all over the district frequently spoke of it. So far as drinking goes, which is the unpardonable sin with the New Era, the saloons had decreased in the county from 9 in 1883 to 2 in 1898 while the population of Baird and other towns, and the county had trebled in population. Callahan County is all right morally, religiously, financially and otherwise. We have the best county, and the best people, in the best state, under the best government on earth.

Hon. Sam Webb, of Albany, and G. W. Waters, of Moran, were in town yesterday.

J. M. Cunningham, of Putnam, was in town yesterday.

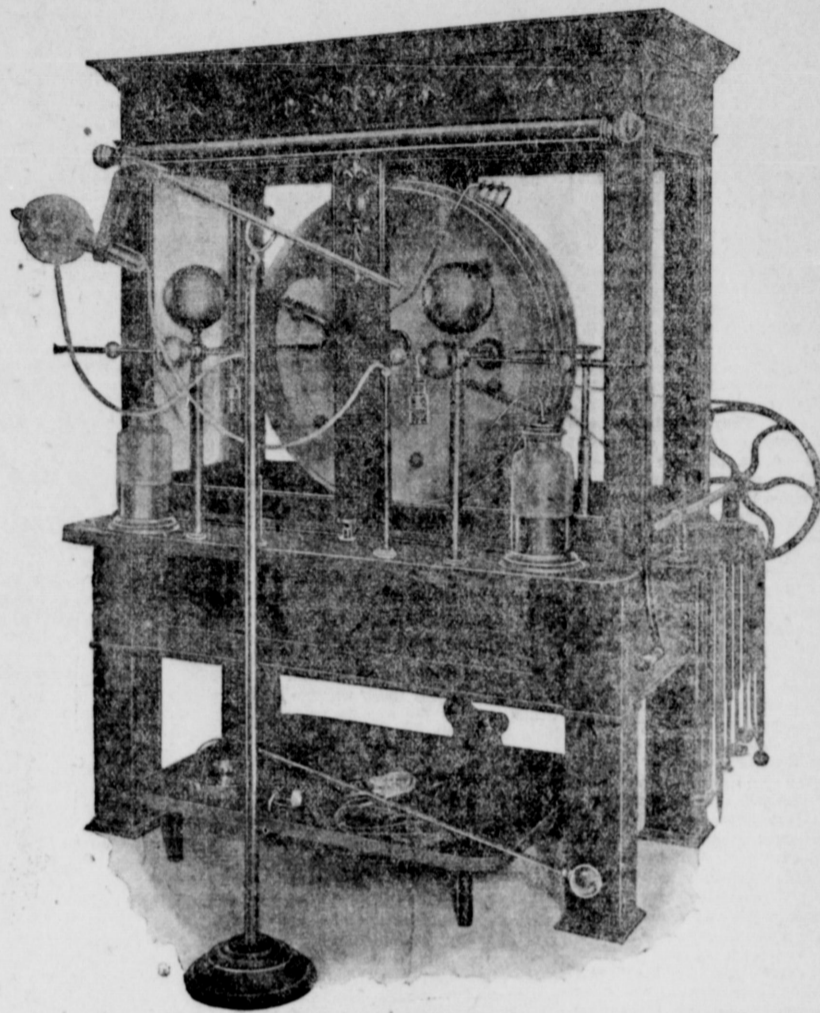
**PREACHING.**

THE STAR is requested to announce that Rev. C. W. Irvin will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday, May, 20 at 11 a. m. Bro. Irvin is well known as Pastor of the Methodist Church here for three years, several years ago.

The announcement of J. W. Meyers as a candidate for Commissioner Precinct No. 2 will be found in this issue. Personally we are not acquainted with Mr. Meyers, but his friends who brought him out, speak highly of him as an honest, intelligent man and a good citizen, worthy of the support of the voters of his precinct.

Rev. C. W. Irvin formerly pastor of the Methodist Church, now a resident of Fort Worth, is visiting friends in the city. No minister who ever had charge of a church in Baird was more universally liked than Brother Irvin. There is not much of him physically but he is a man every inch of him. He will preach at the Methodist Church next Sunday.

Miss Frankie Oliver, of Dallas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. O. Powell.



Mammoth X-Ray Machine owned and operated by Dr. Chas. V. Bomar, Baird, Texas. The advantage of correct diagnosis by means of the X-Ray should appeal to every intelligent person. Your disease once properly located can be cured. Special attention given chronic and deep seated diseases. All calls answered promptly day or night. Consultation and examination free. Offices, Cook Building, up-stairs. Office 9 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m.

This editor never did take kindly to the theory that the state should educate the children, believing that it is no more the business of the state to educate the children free than to cloth or feed them; but long ago it was ordained otherwise by statesmen who doubtless understood such problems much better than this scribe. But we now have the Public Free School system as a fixed policy of the state and the best thing to do now is to strengthen the system in every way possible. It is useless to discuss the question of whether or not we shall have public free schools, we have them; and they have almost completely destroyed private schools, hence our only hope is to build up the Public Free School system. To do this requires money which must be raised by a special tax to supplement the state and county funds. The proposition now before the people of Baird is, "shall we vote a tax sufficient to maintain the Public Schools in our town adequate to the demands of the time?"

In voting for the city to assume control of the Public Schools we repealed the 20 cent tax we had, and now a 50 cent maximum tax is asked to make sure of a sufficient fund to run the schools. Some say, "Oh, if we vote 50 cents the City Council will never levy less than that." THE STAR does not believe anything of the kind, but believes the Council will do just what the law requires, levy a sufficient tax each year not to exceed 50 cents to run the schools. Only such tax can be levied as the Board of Trustees recommend and the people, the taxpayers, elect the School Trustees each year, the term

of three to four trustees expire and if the voters don't like the way they run the schools they can elect others who will comply with the wishes of the voters and tax payers. As one of the trustees, and knowing the other six as we do, some of whom are among the largest taxpayers in the city, we do not hesitate to say that they will not recommend the levy of any more taxes than is required to run the schools. There is no reason why the trustees should ask for any more taxes than necessary, because they would not wish to tax themselves or others unnecessarily. What we need and what Baird must have if we keep up with other towns is to have schools equal if not superior to other towns. That is the way we feel about it, and the way two-thirds of the voters of the district must see it if we have good schools and a good school house.

**BROOKS SPEECH.**

In this issue will be found Judge Brooks opening speech. We expect to publish the speeches of all the candidates for governor. THE STAR has its choice for governor, Judge Bell, but THE STAR is a newspaper not an organ grinder for anybody. The public is entitled to know what the men seeking the office of governor propose to do if elected and THE STAR is going to give every voter in the county a square deal by publishing all the speeches if we can get them furnished in supplement form. Judge Brooks friends got in first but the others are coming.

Don't fail to see the new wall paper at Powell & Powell's, 16-17

**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.**

The following is the official vote of the County for County Superintendent:

	For	Against
Baird	24	78
Belle Plaire	4	26
Cottonwood	17	58
Tecumseh	—	12
Clyde	7	61
Cross Plains	9	35
Admiral	5	18
Putnam	9	62
Harts	1	3
Eula	11	8
Caddo Peak	—	13
Eagle Cove	2	36
Atwell	6	24
Gilliland	—	—
Wristen	—	7
Dressy	9	20
Oplin	—	46
Total vote	104	507
Majority against	—	403

Chas. Allen, of Oplin, Secretary of the County Farmers Union was in town a day or two this week.

Mrs. J. C. Walker and daughter, Bessie, of Putnam, and Nellie and Beatrice Wilcox, of Pecos, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker the latter part of last week.

R. J. Harris and his brother of Admiral returned yesterday from a two weeks visit to relatives in Mississippi. Mr. Harris says they had a very pleasant trip and found everybody prosperous back in the old States.



# \$60,000.00

## WORTH OF GOODS TO SELECT FROM.

**CLOTHING.** We are headquarters for Men's, Youths, and Boys Clothing. We have the biggest and most up-to-date line of Mens full dress suits and two piece suits that ever come to Baird, in the new and popular patterns and shades in Greys, Worsteds, Suitings, Black Granite and Blue Serges, from \$5 to \$15. Youths suits from \$2.00 to \$10. Boys knee pant suits from \$1.50 to \$7.00.

**MEN'S SHOES.** We have added to our extensive line of famous Hamilton-Brown Shoes a few catchy lasts of James Means and Crawford's Oxfords. We also carry a complete line of the famous Edwin Clapp, the best shoe made.

**HATS, SHIRTS.** Just received a full and complete line of Spring and Summer Hats in straw and felt. We carry the Jno. B. Stetsons, Lion Specials and cheaper ones. We have the largest and most up-to-date line of shirts in the County: We have the Furgerson-McKinney Shirt in all the late Manhattan patterns.

**HOSE, TIES, &c** We have a full line of Men's Embroidered half hose in black and all the popular shades. Our line of Ties and Leather Belts are the nicest in the city.

**PARASOLS, &c** All the latest styles and colors in Silk parasols. We also have a nice line of Ladies Gloves in Elbow lengths and muscetaires. All the latest styles in Hand Bags in white duck and leather goods.

**MILLINERY, &c** Our Millinery Department under the supervision of Mrs. Miller, is showing all the latest styles in headwear. To see our stock is to buy. You know how well Mrs. Miller can please you. We have a complete line of Ladies Waist in White Jap Silks, Lingeries and Lawns, of the newest creations at popular prices.

**DRESS GOODS.** This department is the most complete in the West, it is made up of the noblest styles in plain and large figures, tissues, jacquards, batistes and silks also pony suitings and fancy worsteds for early Spring wear. Toule de Nord and AFC Gingham. We also have a full line of ladies muslin underwear.



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### 12 Pages This Week

### LOCAL NEWS.

Money talks. A. L. Vaughn. 22

FOR SALE.—Nearly new typewriter, in perfect condition for sale at a bargain. L. L. Blackburn. 17

STRAYED:—One bay horse 15 1-2 hands high, star in forehead, right fore foot been cut on wire. Branded 74 on left shoulder. Notify T. A. IRVIN, Baird, Texas, and receive reward. 23-2

"Cap" Gilliland was thrown from a horse on his ranch near Belle Plaine, a week or ten days ago and right seriously bruised up, but is able to be about again.

Something new in ladies white linen skirts just received at H. Schwartz' 214f

Don't forget to come to headquarters when you want bargains in furniture. A. L. Vaughn. 22f

### Fresh Bread.

I am again making fresh bread for sale. Will be glad to furnish all my old customers as well as new ones with bread. I use the very best flour the market affords. Fresh yeast for sale. MRS. KANE.

S. H. Martin can fix your stoves and sewing machines and order new machines and bicycles. 11-12

Linoleum, matting, carpets, rugs, window shades, shoes, dress goods, embroideries, laces, children's drawers, best in town 12 1-2c and 15c no other house has them as cheap. 23f H. F. Foy.

FOUND:—A bundle of dry goods on Second street, west part of Baird. Owner can get same by calling at Lee Estes' residence describing goods and paying 25c for this notice.

Mrs. M. A. Brightwell visited relatives in Baird the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, of Oplin, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McFarlane.

LOST:—On Thursday morning between Baird and the six mile post on the north road from town a satchel without a handle, containing between \$6 and \$7 in silver, two ladies gold watch chains and children's clothes and other articles. Finder will be rewarded. Leave at this office.

Dick Price, candidate for Public Weigher, Baird District, is out interviewing the voters about Tecumseh, his old home.

### GRAND JURY REPORT.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN }  
To the Hon. J. H. Calhoun,  
Judge of the 42 Judicial District of  
Texas, May, 12th, 1906:

We, the Grand Jury of Callahan County, Texas, at the May Term, 1906, beg leave to submit to Your Honor the following report:

We, the Grand Jury, have been in session six days and have inquired diligently into the matter of crime committed in this county, and as a result have found sixteen bills of indictments for Misdemeanors.

We find that crime is on the decrease in this county, and this the more remarkable "taking into consideration" the increase in population of the County.

We have examined the Court House and Jail and would recommend that steps be taken as soon as possible preventing the further spread of cracks in both the Court House and Jail.

We found the Jail in an unsanitary condition and suggest that the authorities see to it that the Jail be kept clean and healthy at all times. We find the peace officers of the county are more diligent in the performance of their duty than in the past, but would recommend that some of the J. P. officers be more diligent in the future.

This the 12th day of May 1906.  
Signed R. D. WILLIAMS,  
Foreman.

Don't forget the date June 4th and 5th Powell & Powell's drug store. Have your glasses to suit your eyes.—Hawk's special Optician

Mrs. Luke Hearn and children, Hazel and Lawrence of Rock Springs are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Boyles.

Old papers for sale at THE STAR office, 25 cents per hundred.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following name persons subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, should one be held:

For Representative 103 District,  
T. J. BARRETT.

For County Judge,  
I. N. JACKSON.

For Sheriff,  
T. A. IRVIN.  
D. A. (Bose) IVY

For County Attorney,  
W. R. ELY.

For County Treasurer,  
J. E. W. LANE.  
J. D. BRYSON.  
W. E. (Eugene) MELTON.  
W. R. McDERMOTT.

For Tax Assessor,  
M. G. (Melvin) FARMER.

T. B. HOLLAND,  
R. J. (Bob) ESTES.  
T. J. NORRELL.

For County & Dist. Clerk,  
GEO. B. SCOTT,  
For Public Weigher, Baird District,  
D. J. (Dee) EASTHAM, of Admiral.

J. R. (Dick) PRICE.  
For Co. Commissioner Pre. No. 1.  
W. A. HINDS.

For Co., Commissioner Pre. No. 2.  
E. A. KENDRICK.  
PHILLIP YOST.  
J. W. MEYER.

For Co., Commissioner Pre. No. 4.  
JOHN W. AIKEN.  
C. S. KENADY.

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New line of wall paper at Powell & Powell's 16-1f.

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J. B. CUTBIRTH, Pres.  
A. G. WEBB, Secy.

When you think of drugs get Powell. 16-1f

### ROAD FUNDS.

John W. Aiken Commissioner Precinct No. 4., says the charge is made by some that the Cottonwood-Cross Plains district (his district) has never received its portion of the road and bridge fund. Mr. Aiken asks THE STAR to say that there is not a word of truth in this charge, but on the contrary, his precinct, during his term of office, has received every cent it is entitled to, all of which can be verified by the Court records. Mr. Aiken feels that he is being unjustly assailed and wants the people to know the facts. If Mr. Aiken's statement, if not true, it is easy to refute it by the Commissioner's Court records. This is published at Mr. Aiken's request, which we do in the interest of fair play but no desire or intention to mix up in this or any other county or precinct contest.

June 4th and 5th at Powell & Powell's drug store, Hawk's special optician. Have your eyes tested and fitted with glasses. 24-3

### LET YOUR STOMACH HAVE ITS WAY.

Buy your beef and pork and lard at "BUTCH" WILSON'S

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I. N. Jackson, County Judge.  
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 T. A. Irvin, Sheriff & Tax Collector  
 J. E. Gilliland, Office Deputy.  
 Jas. Johnson, Deputy.  
 J. H. Harris, Jailor.  
 J. E. W. Lane, County Treasurer.  
 T. J. Norrell, Tax Assessor.  
 T. H. Floyd, County Surveyor.  
 W. R. Ely, County Attorney.  
**PRECINCT OFFICERS.**  
 R. L. Alexander, J. P. Pre. No. 1.  
 Joe Alphin, Constable, Pre. No. 1.  
**CITY OFFICERS.**  
 B. L. Russell, Mayor.  
 H. O. Powell, City Secretary,  
 J. E. Tisdale, City Marshal.  
 Alderman: H. O. Powell, W. F.  
 Wilson, Fred Lane, J. B. Cutbirth,  
 W. D. Boydston.  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
 W. A. Hinds, Pre. No. 1.  
 E. A. Kendrick, Pre. No. 2.  
 J. B. Burnam, Pre. No. 3.  
 Jno. W. Aiken, Pre. No. 4.

**DIRECTORY.**

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**BAIRD LODGE No. 522 F. & A. M.**—  
 Meets on Saturday night on or  
 before full moon in each month. Vis-  
 iting brethren welcome.  
 C. S. BOYLES, W. M.  
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 Meets 3d Friday night in each month  
 Visiting Companions always wel-  
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 MRS. DORA HARMON, W. M.  
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**MANDERY K. T. 27.**—Meets at Abilene  
 on 2nd Monday in each month.  
 C. W. ROBERTS, Recorder.  
**ODD FELLOWS, BAIRD LODGE No. 271,**  
**I. O. O. F.**—Meets every Tuesday  
 night. C. H. MAHAN, N. G.  
 H. SCHWARTZ, Secy.  
**PARKER ENCAMPMENT No. 94:**  
 Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in each  
 month. C. H. MAHAN, C. P.  
 H. SCHWARTZ, Scribe.  
**WOODMAN OF THE WORLD, BAIRD**  
**CAMP No. 508, W. O. W.**—Meets 2d  
 and 4th Monday nights in each  
 month at Pythian Hall.  
 GEO. B. SCOTT, C. C.  
 JAS. H. WALKER, Clerk.  
**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, BAIRD LODGE**  
**No. 47**—Meets at Castle Hall south-  
 west corner Court House square,  
 every Thursday night.  
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**RATHBONE SISTERS**—Meets 1st,  
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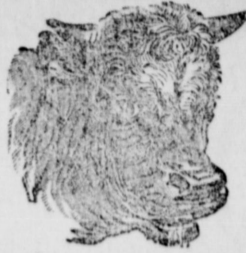
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**Program of Mid-Year Meeting  
 Board of Missions, North-West  
 Texas Conference.**

To be held at Baird, Texas, May 22  
 1906—Rev. C. B. Meador, Pastor.  
 Tuesday—8 p. m., address, "The  
 Progress of Our Methodism in Mis-  
 sionary Achievement," Rev. H.  
 Bishop, D. D., Ennis, Texas,  
 Wednesday—9 to 9:30 a. m., devo-  
 tional, led by W. C. Hilburne, of  
 Mexia; 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., digest  
 of reports of missionaries by the  
 board; 10:30 a. m., address, "Plans  
 and Purposes of the Conference  
 Board of Missions," J. H. Wiseman,  
 of Moody; 11 a. m., "How Shall  
 We Create Interest in Missionary  
 Literature?" C. N. N. Fergusson,  
 Amarillo, Texas.

Afternoon Session—2:30 p. m.,  
 business meeting of the board; 3 p.  
 m., discussion, question, "Resolved,  
 That in cities where there are two or  
 more pastoral charges, the place of  
 membership shall be determined by  
 geographical boundaries." Affirma-  
 tive, J. H. Wiseman and D. M.  
 Alexander; negative, M. S. Hotchkiss  
 and W. E. Williams.  
 Night Session—8 p. m., "The Ob-  
 ligation and Benefit of Tithing," E.  
 A. Smith, Hillsboro.

Thursday—9 a. m., devotional  
 service, led by M. B. Webb, Abilene  
 Texas; 9:30 business meeting; 10 a.  
 m., "The Advantage to Result from  
 the Consolidation of the W. H. M.  
 and W. F. M. Societies," W. H.  
 Terry, Granbury; 10:30 a. m., "The  
 Proper Basis of Assessment," C. W.  
 Daniel, Fort Worth; 11 a. m., "The  
 Opportunity of the Hour in the Rail-  
 roads Making for Southern Outlets  
 on the Gulf and Pacific Ocean," Jno.  
 R. Morris, presiding elder Abilene  
 District.

Afternoon—2:30, devotional, led  
 by S. W. Scott, of Haskell; 2:45,  
 "The Relation of the American  
 Society to Our Missionary Operations  
 B. R. Bolton, presiding elder Brown-  
 wood District; 3, discussion, "Re-  
 solved, That special collections in-  
 crease missionary zeal and results."  
 Affirmative, Jno. R. Morris and M.  
 B. Webb; negative, W. H. Matthews  
 and J. W. Cartwright.

The purpose of the board is to

complete its work in time to take the  
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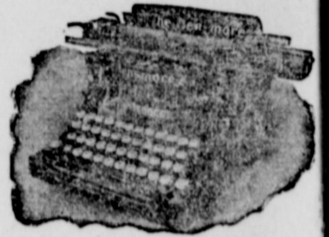
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business to attend to.

### A COLD WATER STORY.

Somewhere lives a small farmer of  
such social habits that his coming  
home intoxicated was once no unusual  
thing. His wife urged him, in vain  
to reform.

"Why, you see," he would say,  
"I don't like to break it off at once;  
it ain't wholesome. The best way is,  
always get used to a thing by degrees,  
you know."

"Very well, old man," his help-  
mate would rejoin, "see, now, if you  
don't fall into a hole one of these  
days while you can't take care of  
yourself, and nobody near to take  
you out."

Sure enough, as if to verify the  
prophecy, a couple of days after, re-  
turning from a glorious frolic, the  
old fellow reeled into his own well  
and after a deal of useless scrambling  
shouted for the "light of his eyes"  
to come and help him out.

"Didn't I tell you so?" said the  
good soul, showing her cap-frill over  
the edge of the parapet, "you've got  
into a hole at last, and it's only lucky  
I'm in hearing, or you might have  
drowned."

"Well," she continued, after a  
pause, letting down the bucket, "take  
hold."

And up he came, higher at every  
turn of the windlass, until, the old

lady's grasp slipping from the han-  
dle, down he went to the botton  
again. This occurring more than  
once, made the temporary occupant  
of the well suspicious.

"Look here!" he screamed in fury,  
at the last splash, "you're doing that  
on purpose, I know you are!"

"Well, now, I am," responded  
the old woman, tranquilly, while  
winding him up once more; "didn't  
you tell me it's best to get used to a  
thing by degrees? I am 'fraid if I  
was to bring you right up on a sud-  
den, you wouldn't find it wholesome"

The old fellow could not help  
chuckling at her application of his  
principle, and protested that he  
would sign the pledge on the instant,  
if she would lift him fairly out.  
This she did, and packed him off to  
"swear in" wet as he was.

### Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

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At the regular meeting of Camp Albert Sidney Johnston No 654 U. C. V. held Feb'y, 24, 1906, it was decided to hold a Reunion of all old Confederates, their kinfolks and their friends at Baird, Texas.

At the next regular meeting of the Camp, March 24th, the above committee met and appointed the following sub-committees:

FOR FINANCE.

W. F. Wilson, Chairman; T. E. Powell, W. D. Boydston and Ed Wristen.

FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

S. L. Driskill, chairman; C. S. Boyles, C. C. Seale, J. C. McGowen, R. E. Wathen, L. M. Hadley, and J. B. Harmon.

SOLICITING SUPPLIES.

J. B. Cutbirth, Chairman; Jasper McCoy, J. W. Jones, Bert Clemmer, S. E. Webb and Fred Lane.

FOR SPEAKERS & PROGRAM.

John Trent.

FOR GROUND PRIVILEGES.

John Wagner.

In selecting the members of the above committees in our humble opinion, we thought we had the right men in the right places and this is our appeal to you as committeemen and through you to the good people of Callahan to accept the trust committed to you, and make this the effort of your lives, that we may have a Reunion of which we may all feel proud.

powers were the real enemies of the Constitutional Union."

W. C. POWELL. JOHN COUCH. J. L. LEA. JOHN WAGNER. R. J. HARRIS. Committee.

A synopsis of Congressman Smiths record in Congress will be found in this issue. Read it. Judge Smith is an earnest faithful worker and deserves the good will of his district.

AIR IN HIGH ALTITUDES.

The Same as in Other Places, but it Contains No Microbes.

It is an error to think that the chemical composition of the air differs essentially wherever the sample may be taken. The relation of oxygen to nitrogen and other constituents is the same whether it is on the heights of the Alps or at the surface of the sea.

Several investigators have found traces of hydrogen and certain hydrocarbons in the air, especially in pine, oak and birch forests. It is to these bodies, doubtless consisting of traces of essential oils, that the curative effects of certain health resorts are traced.

Ancient Remedies For Hiccough.

The hiccough seems to be a modern and dangerous disease, but the ancients knew it and prescribed remedies that might now be tried advantageously.

Not Just What He Meant.

Lloyd George was addressing a meeting in Wales, and his chairman said: "I haff to introduce you to the member of the Carnarvon boroughs. He hass come here to reply to what bishop of St. Asaph said the other night about Welsh disestablishment.

Savored of the Truth.

"That's no lie," remarked the man with the newspaper. "What's no lie?" queried the other party to the dialogue.

Why Bodies Were Embalmed.

The Egyptians believed that the soul lived only as long as the body endured; hence their reason for embalming the body to make it last as long as possible.

Bad men live that they may eat and drink, whereas good men eat and drink that they may live.—Senecates.

It is some compensation for great evils that they enforce great lessons.—Bovee.

THE PALACE OF DOOM

STRANGE LEGEND OF A MYSTERIOUS STATUE IN ROME.

It Pointed the Way to a Scene of Silent and Dazzling Splendor—The Fate of the Man Who Solved the Enigma of the Finger Message.

There stood in Rome many ages ago a beautiful marble statue the mystery of which attracted the attention of all the wise men from far and near.

It was the figure of a woman, tall, strong and supple. She stood erect, with her right arm outstretched, her mantle falling in graceful folds about her figure, on her face a look, half smile, half frown, huring, yet appealing, but always holding the observer by a strange feeling that it roused of mystery, glory and horror.

But even all that, written so clearly in the mystic signs that art uses, might have been overlooked by the people had it not been for a more material puzzle presented by the statue.

Years came and went, and wise men puzzled their brains to find the secret. Seers from faroff lands came to Rome, attracted by the statue, and still it stood, mute, cold, inexplicable.

One day a young man stood before it. He had grown up with the idea of solving the mystery, and each day since he was a little child he had come for a few moments and stood silently gazing at the strange countenance.

He had learned to love the face, the wise lips that looked as if they might part and tell the secret that ages had yearned to know, but through these ages only he had been sincere in his search.

A strange thrill passed through the man, and, looking in the direction indicated by the pointing finger, he saw, some yards away, the shadow of the outstretched hand on the ground. He gave a low cry, and, after noting the spot well, he departed.

That night at midnight he went to the place and began to dig in the ground where the shadow of the hand had fallen. A long time he worked, never ceasing his digging, when suddenly his spade struck something hard.

Then his zeal increased, and, clearing a space, he saw beneath him a trap-door, with a great stone ring. Grasping the ring he pulled open the door and started back, dazzled, for a flood of light burst upon him from out of the depths.

Quickly recovering, the young man looked again and beheld a wide marble staircase descending from the trap-door. Throwing down his spade he passed through the door, down the steps and found himself in a vast hall. The floor of this room was of marble, pure white, while the walls and ceiling were of the same material in many colors.

In the center of the room a fountain stood. The water in its basin was as pure as crystal, but not a ripple stirred its surface, and no pleasant lapping charmed the ear as it does when water falls from on high, for, though the fountain was apparently perfect, no water rose from it to fall again.

On seats running around this silent fountain were many men in rich brocades and costly fur robes. Lifelike they looked, but to the touch they were as marble. It was as if in the midst of life death had come and petrified these beings in mockery.

Around on tables and benches were scattered piles of gold and precious gems. Delicate enameled vases and swords inlaid with gems added their wealth to the place.

But rarest of all the gems was a great carbuncle, which stood in a corner of the room and from which came the sole light by which the place was relieved from darkness. In the corner opposite to this stone stood an archer, his bow bent, his arrow on the string, aimed at the carbuncle. On his bow, shining with reflected light, were the words:

"I am that I am. My shaft is inevitable. You glittering jewel cannot escape its stroke."

As he looked on all this in silent wonder the young Roman heard a voice utter one word—"Beware!"

Then he passed into the next room and found it fitted up as magnificently as the one he had just left. All manner of couches were about this room, and reclining on them were wonderfully beautiful women. But their lips were sealed in this place of silence.

From there he passed on, finding many more wonders—rooms filled with treasures of art, stables filled with fine horses, granaries filled with forage. Everything that could make a palace complete was there.

The young Roman returned to the hall. "I have here seen," he said, "what

no man will believe. I know that of this wealth I should take nothing, but to prove to them that I speak truth can be no harm."

Then he took in his arms a jeweled sword and some rare vases, but suddenly all was dark.

The charm was broken. The arrow had left the bow and shattered the carbuncle into a thousand pieces. Pitch darkness overspread the place.

Then the young man remembered the warning, but too late. And there he probably adds one more to the silent watchers in the magic chamber.

Has this story a moral? Let those answer who have eyes to see.

FILTH IN KOREA.

The Streets of the City Reek With Sewage and Odors.

The streets of Korea are used for every conceivable and inconceivable thing. Down the middle of them or on either side the city's sewage reeks along a sluggish course, carrying with it every possible thing but its own horrible odor. The houses on the main streets, or what might for want of a more descriptive name be called the business streets, are all built with one side open, as houses are built in Japan.

NEW YORK'S RECORDER.

The City's Most Ancient Official Next to the Mayor.

Next to the mayor the recorder is the most ancient public official in the city. His office dates back to the Dongou charter, given with the authority of King James II, to the city of New York, in April, 1686. The governing body of the city were the mayor, the recorder and the aldermen.

From the recorder sprang, in 1821, the old court of common pleas, which later became the supreme court. Originally the mayor and the recorder held all the court in New York, both civil and criminal, the aldermen sitting also to aid in disposing of petty cases.

The first recorder was James Graham, appointed by charter. His duties included those of the present recorder and many more. Gradually as the court business increased the recorder ceased to act as an alderman, and in the subdivision of court work the criminal cases, which, as affecting the life and liberty of citizens, were then regarded as of the graver importance, were retained by him, and the civil cases were transferred to newer courts.

Thus the office of the recorder is traditionally the primary safeguard over the principles of the old common law on which New York's modern criminal jurisprudence is founded.—New York World.

The Salamander.

In Andrews' "Anecdotes Ancient and Modern" (1789) one reads, "Should a glass house fire be kept up without extinction for a longer term than seven years there is no doubt but that a salamander would be generated in the cinders." This probably accounts for the popular idea that a salamander lives in the fire, a fallacy so far removed from the truth that the curious lizard-like beast so called cannot endure even the heat of the sun, but skulks away under stones to avoid it.

An Old Irish Tune.

"The Girl I Left Behind Me" is an Irish tune, known to have been in existence in 1770. The author of the words is unknown, though claims have been made for several Irish and English poets. For over 100 years it has been the parting tune of the British army and navy and is played whenever a regiment is leaving a town where it has been stationed or a man-of-war is weighing anchor to sail from a port.

Study Yourself.

In order to judge of the inside of others study your own, for men in gen-

eral are very much alike, and though one has one prevailing passion and another has another yet their operations are much the same, and whatever engages or disgusts, pleases or offends you in others will engage, disgust, please or offend others in you.—Ches-terfield.

A Disputed Question.

On one occasion a Scotch minister knocked at the door of a house where a husband and wife were quarrelling. When admitted he inquired, "Wha's the head of this house?" The man quietly replied: "Sit yersel' doon, mon; sit yersel' doon. We're just trying to settle that the noo."

Habit.

Boss—See here, every time you see a 6 you call it a 2. What's the matter with you—nearsighted? Stenographer—No, sir; it's a matter of habit. I used to clerk in a ladies' shoe store.—Cleveland Leader.

Two Views of It.

Parson—Do you take this woman for better or for worse? Bridegroom—Well, I can't exactly say. Her people think it's for better, but mine think it's for worse.—Life.

Gunpowder.

The explosive nature of gunpowder, which is made of charcoal, sulphur and saltpeter, is due to the fact that when fired the charcoal and sulphur are burned at the expense of the oxygen in the saltpeter, much heat is developed and large quantities of gas are produced. This gas exerts great pressure on the sides of the gun; hence its disruptive or propulsive effects. When gunpowder is fired in a gun the explosion is not instantaneous. The expansive force of the gases produced acts on the shot all the time it is moving along the barrel and gradually increases its velocity. If the explosion were so sudden as to be practically instantaneous the greater part of the forces would be exerted mainly on the sides of the chamber containing the powder and not, as is actually the case, on the shot.

The Oldest Prescription.

The oldest medical prescription in existence bears date of 4000 B. C. It was discovered in an Egyptian tomb, written on papyrus, and has been deciphered by an English professor. It bears evidence that it was intended for some baldheaded Egyptian and reads as follows:

Parts. Dog's paw (caloused part).....1 Dates .....1 Donkey hoofs .....1

Boil the whole in oil and rub the scalp actively with the mixture.

Egyptian history does not say whether or not the patient regained his lost hair.

A Swindle.

An old couple went to a Dublin theater to have a night's amusement. The great Mrs. Siddons was playing "Mrs. Haller," and the poor bodies were kept crying all the evening. At length, at one of the scenes where the great lady came in with her handkerchief again to her eyes, the old man could stand it no longer and, starting to his feet, cried out, "Ye long nosed thief, ye call this divarshun!"

NATURE IN THE OCEAN.

Creatures Devouring Each Other to Prevent Overproduction.

It is estimated that the cyclops will breed 442,000 young in the course of the year, and if these were all permitted to mature and reproduce themselves the seas would in a short time be a simple mass of living organisms. But the cetecephalus, or "whale food," constitutes almost the exclusive food of the vast shoals of herrings and the sea living salmon and salmon trout. Their existence is one of the greatest economic triumphs of nature, for these minute creatures scour the sea of its refuse and keep it sweet, while they form the food of fishes, which in turn furnish wholesome food for millions of human beings.

Feeding on dead vegetable and animal matter, these entomostraca are converted into the food fishes of the world by one remove, being first assimilated by the herrings, then absorbed by the tunny, cod, mackerel and other fishes which follow herring shoals and prey upon the latter. They mainly swim on the surface of the water, and it is the search of them in this position which brings the shoals of herrings to the surface. Their countless numbers are also augmented by the microscopic larvae of fixed shells, such as the barnacle, which begins life in this form first as a one eyed swimming crustacean, then growing a pair of eyes and finally affixing itself.

In rivers these larvae are the sole food of all young fish and often also of older fish. In early spring the creatures in every stage—eggs, larvae and perfect though microscopic entomostraca—swarm in the water, on the mud and on the water plants, and were it not for nature's provision for keeping them in check so rapid would be their rate of multiplication that the whole character of the water would speedily be entirely changed.

