

The Baird Star.

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

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CALLAHAN IS COMING FIELD

For West Texas Oil Development and Profitable Exploitation by Drillers

Baird finds itself in the heart of what promises to be a most intense campaign of development of both the shallow and deep oil sands of Callahan County. On the north, the south, the east and the west drills are dropping and soon will be in operation. Some of the country's leading oil operators are turning their attention to Callahan County, lured here by the almost certain prospects of success.

Callahan County does not bid for notice on the strength of prospects. On the contrary, she invites the men of oil to come in and open up what she knows for a fact actually exists within the boundaries of the county in the way of petroleum and gas.

Had the sensational fields of Ranger, Eastland, Breckenridge, Burk Burnett, Duncan, El Dorado, Mexia and others not been found within the last four years, Callahan County would have been the entire attraction during that period, because, as is well known, the county was just receiving the attention of the men who later were won over to the fields that promised greater returns on account of the huge size of the wells being found.

Now the cycle has passed and the end of it finds the winners of fortune again knocking at the gates of this favored county, not only willing, but anxious, to resume where they left off four years ago.

With the passing of the Mexia boom to the point where sensationalism gives place to cold facts and that field, or a large portion of it, resting in the hands of the large oil interests, the oil men began a search for more worlds to conquer. A few of them drifted back to Callahan County, intent on opening up the shallow sands known to exist. Their efforts met with such huge success that others were attracted and not in years has there been such a searching of the history of previous operations, to reveal the location of former discoveries, at the time ignored in favor of the gusher wells of other fields.

The Dudley Oil, Gas and Development Company, headed by J. E. Fambrough, president and Henry Willard, geologist, have just completed their derrick on Section 9, Block 6, S. P. R. R. This location is about 15 miles S. W. of Baird. Mr. Fambrough is a prominent oil producer of Breckenridge and Mr. Willard ranks high in his profession as a geologist. He is known as the father of the Kern Pool in California and the record he made when he drilled 16 wells without a failure, has never been equalled in California.

The well will be drilled as a deep test and sent as deep as 4,000 feet if necessary to open what Mr. Willard predicts will be one of the largest pools ever found in Texas.

Another deep test and one that will be only five miles west of Baird will be in operation in just a few days. This well is already 1123 feet deep, having been sunk by the

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BAIRD-ABILENE BOOSTERS AUTO TO THE OIL FIELDS

A half hundred loaded automobiles, two bands of music, banners and advertising literature galore, yesterday announced to the citizens of Cross Plains and Pioneer that this was the age of boost, and that Baird and Abilene are two ace high boosting municipalities.

It was a trade visit of members of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Baird Progressive Club, the former led by Simmons College Band, 24 strong and the latter by the Baird Brass Band, 14 strong, and the allied boosters left here at 9:30 yesterday morning for our sister city to the southward and the oil fields tributary to it, to introduce themselves, boost for Baird and Abilene and preach the doctrine of cooperation and brotherly love.

Before the allied boosters left for Cross Plains, the Abilene bunch parked their autos along Market Street, and the two bands, on opposite corners of Eugene Bell Avenue, each played several selections, which were generously applauded.

Abilene and Baird are both out for business, and it is to be hoped that yesterday's trip will result in commercial benefit to both cities and bind them more firmly together in their determination to make West Texas the most important section of the Lone Star State.

THE FIFTH GREAT-GRAND-CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland received a card about March 10, from Mr. and Mrs. James Van Deren, of Balmorhea, announcing the birth of a second daughter, March 5, 1922, who was christened Florence Dicie, Mrs. Van Deren is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Walker, formerly of Baird, now of Balmorhea.

This makes the fifth great-grand child for Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland and the fourth grand-child for Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker. We hope the young lady will grow up to be a useful, honorable woman.

ELECTION OF S. S. OFFICERS

Next Sunday morning, at the Sunday School hour, we plan to elect the officers for the ensuing year. We also plan to have reports of the year's work by the Supt. and Secretary Treasurer.

At the eleven o'clock hour we plan to have reports of the year's work by the Church Secretary, the President and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid, the President and Secretary Treasurer of the Missionary Society and from the Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies.

Sunday morning our theme will be: "The Usurper in the Life." There is a ruler in the life often times who has no right to control.

Evening theme: "The Precious and Exceeding Great Promises." Many and marvellous indeed are His promises. We will speak of a few.

Come. We hope to see you out. You are always welcome at either or both services.

Cordially,
Gerald Fitzgerald, Pastor.

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BAIRD SCHOOL WAS A VICTOR

In Track and Field and Literary Events in Late County Interscholastic Contests

The superintendent, teachers and pupils of the Baird Public School are highly elated over the signal victory won by the Baird scholastic entrants in the Callahan County Interscholastic League Meet. As announced in last week's Star the school was awarded 132 23 points in the field and track events. Professor Boren announces that in the literary contests the school was awarded 142 points, and two girl debaters from the High School, Bernice Haley and Annie Myrl Scott, won the beautiful silver loving cup donated by the Baird Progressive Club. The total number of points credited to the school for athletic and literary superiority was 274 23. These are the points made by the Baird School in the four literary contests:

Spelling—Sub-Juniors: Bonnie Bell James, 20 points; Juniors: Ruth Strain, 20 points; Seniors: Geneva Greenrock, 20 points.

Declamation—Junior Girl: Helen Ogilvy, third place, 2 points; Junior Boy: Ralph Short, first place, 10 points; Senior Girl: Elouise Haley, first place, 10 points; Senior Boy: Hugh Ross, first place, 10 points.

Debate—Girls: Annie Myrl Scott and Bernice Haley, tied for first place, 20 points; Boys: Joe McFarlane and Roy Cutbirth, tied for first place, 20 points.

Essay Writing—Nell Ball, first place, 10 points.

TRACK EVENTS

120 yards Hurdle—Senior Boys: Hollingshead, Clyde, 18 seconds, 5 1 2 points; Ray and West, Baird, 19 seconds, 5 1 2 points; Harp and Pool, Baird and Clyde, 20 seconds.

50-yard Dash—Junior Boys: Wagner, Oplin, 9 seconds, 5 points, Poe, Pee, Tabor, Clyde, 6 points.

50-yards Dash—Senior Boys; Asbury, Baird 6 1 2 seconds, 6 points; Johnson, Oplin, 3 points; Bouchette, Clyde, 2 points; Andrews, Baird.

100-yards Dash—Junior Boys: Cowan, Baird, 14 seconds, 10 points; Argomanes, Baird; Higdon, Baird; Wagner, Oplin, 1 point.

100-yards Dash—Senior Boys: Bouchette, Clyde, 12 seconds, 7 points; Asbury and W. L. Johnson, Baird, 4 points; Hollingshead, Clyde; Farmer, Baird.

440-yards Dash—Junior Boys: Browning, Baird, 58 seconds, 5 points; Carl Pee, Clyde, 3 points; Wagner, Oplin, (doesn't count).

8-pound Shot Put—Senior Boys: Asbury, Baird, 40 feet, 4 inches, Harp, Baird, 39 feet 11 inches, Cutbirth, Baird, 38 feet 10 inches, 10 points; Johnson and Williams, Oplin, 1 point.

High Jump—Junior Boys: Bear-den, Baird, 4 feet, 6 inches, 8 3 4 points; Cowden, Baird, 1 1 2 points; Wayne, Oplin, Curley, Clyde, Anderson, Clyde, Argomanes, Baird, 3 4 points each.

High Jump—Senior Boys: Loveless, Baird, Outbirth, Baird, 5 feet 16 ft Bowls, Lumber Dealer

BAIRD VISITORS TO AUSTIN HEARD RADIO CONCERT

A letter from Commissioner Chas. E. Bauchman, of the State Markets and Warehouse Department, dated Tuesday, contains the following paragraph:

"We had a pleasant call today from Judge J. R. Black and Judge B. L. Russell, of your city, and also Mr. B. F. Bennett, of Abilene. We appreciate these visits very much, and they are now at the University with Mr. Hunter, while he transmits the radio Market News for the day."

These gentlemen were at the capital to confer with the Highway Commission in Callahan County's interest. They returned home yesterday morning and Judge Black reported that they listened over the radiophone to an instrumental concert being given in Detroit, Michigan, and also to a violin solo, the plaintive notes of which were heard as distinctly as though the performer was close at hand.

"The Railroad Commission," concluded Judge Black, "promised to send an engineer out here to Callahan County to go over our highways and note what has been done on them. The commission will decide from this engineer's report what they will do for us."

SHERIFF CORN'S SOLE BOARDER

Ben Gunn, of Cross Plains, is Sheriff Corn's sole boarder. Ben was captured at Dennison. More than a year ago he was indicted on the charge of burglarizing Higginbotham Brothers & Company's mercantile establishment at Cross Plains.

He was tried twice for this alleged offense, both the juries failing to agree. His third trial was set for the last term of the Callahan County District Court—hence his apprehension.

The City Election is right on hand and the people seem utterly indifferent as to who shall compose the city council and handle the money to prove the city waterworks. If the plan proposed and decided upon by the voters is to be carried out, the people must effect a city council friendly to that plan. An unfriendly city council could try some other unknown plan or refuse to do anything if they choose. The city has spent considerable money on cocksure plans in the past. The present city council has employed an experienced engineer, as we understand, who recommends the plan voted on by the people. If the people want that plan carried out, then elect a city council that will be composed of tax paying aldermen who are friendly to the plan submitted to the people. We do not know nor do we have any idea that men will seek a place on the city council that would attempt to defeat the will of the people, or divert the money to some chimerical scheme, as was once attempted, right at the beginning of the first water works, but if the voters do not wake up, they may not get what they voted for at the bond election and may not get anything. The improvement voted for by the people at the late election rests wholly with the new city council. We do not care who holds the offices, only that they go ahead with the work already begun.

I am building two houses, five rooms and bath, hardwood floors. See me if you want an ideal home. 16 ft Bowls, Lumber Merchant

COUNTY AGENT FOR CALLAHAN

Would Increase the Wealth of the County Out of all Proportion to the Cost

To the man that lives in the country and is engaged in the daily toil of making a living, I feel that there is no one that is taking your part more than those that are striving to get a Farm Agent for Callahan County. Those that are circulating among you a petition requesting the next Commissioner's Court to grant us a County Agent, those that are working to provide this county with an Agent, or farmer's representative, are vitally interested in the building up of every neck and corner of Callahan County.

In the past you have doubtless watched the progress of many towns that passed from a little village to a thriving, populous city, and to this endeavor we apply our efforts. As you know, to build a city you must first develop the natural resources surrounding the village, then you will see it grow as grows the mushroom over night.

Callahan County is located in the heart of West Texas, with all the natural resources that go to make a great agricultural community, in which to live and make money. Nature has supplied us with all the advantageous resources, but in the rough and unfinished, and to be worked out by man and developed to the highest point of efficiency. To this aim we contribute our efforts.

Callahan County has an eight million dollar tax rendition, and I might mention, as before, that to get the State and Federal aid for a County Farm Agent of \$1,500 a year, this county must put up \$1,000. Should this be done by increased taxation, it would mean that there would be extra tax to the amount of less than one-and-a-half cents on the \$1,000. However, I do not think that the employment of a County Agent will raise taxes, rather increasing the tax budget than diminishing it.

Those who are familiar with the work of a County Farm Agent and Demonstrator, know the good to be derived therefrom. The stockmen and farmers are due to receive direct benefits.

The work, when properly carried out, embraces the following essential benefits: Promoting interest in the raising of high grade, pure bred livestock, instructing the citizens of the county in the eradication and prevention of the diseases peculiar to such animals, establishing an adequate market for these products, organizing boys' and girls' baby beef and pig clubs, promoting and directing egg, poultry and canning clubs among farm women and girls, assisting farmers in selecting good seeds and fertilizers, instructing them in farm terracing, organizing them into associations for profitable selling and economical buying, and any other form of endeavor to promote their peace, prosperity and happiness.

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EPITOMIZED NEWS OF ESPECIAL INTERETS

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE ENTIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS

WASHINGTON—

Announcement of a movement in Congress to reduce the army to 100,000 enlisted men or possibly lower was given the House by Representative Sisson of Mississippi, ranking Democrat on the committee which recommended a total of 115,000.

Appropriation of funds sufficient to continue without interruption the federal aid highway construction program was urged upon congress by William C. Markham, representing the American Association of State Highway Officials and the American Farm Bureau Federation. In making an appropriation, congress should provide enough money for at least three years, he said.

Treasury officials expected the government's receipts of income and profits taxes due to show a decrease of more than \$300,000,000 from the collections made during March of last year.

The resolution of Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachusetts, extending for twenty-five years the loan of \$50,000,000 made to Austria for famine relief, was adopted unanimously by the Senate and sent to the House.

Reorganization of the general prohibition agents—"the flying squadron"—by dividing the country into eighteen divisions for their operations in clamping down the dry law, is announced by Federal Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Clayton. The plan is expected to take effect by April.

The French Government considers itself unable to reply to America's

claim for payment of expenses of the American army on the Rhine out of German reparation funds because officials believe an interallied agreement must first be reached.

Repeal of the postal sections of the war revenue act of 1917, on the ground the provision imposed an excessive burden on the reading public has been asked by congress in an appeal by the American Publishers Conference, a combination of daily and weekly newspapers, farm, religious, business and technical papers. More than 20,000 newspaper publishers and owners are affiliated in the conference, which is a non-partisan organization.

Wheat in mills and country elevators on March 1 was estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 72,564,000 bushels. With the exception of March 1, 1918, this is the smallest quantity recorded during the last ten years. Unusually heavy exports of the grain reduced the supply, the department stated. Only 9 per cent of the 1921 crop of wheat remains in the country mills and elevators.

The Internal Revenue Bureau has the task of counting the first installment of 1921 income taxes, which is estimated at \$460,000,000. No direct information as to the exact amount can be obtained for several days. Treasury officials declared.

Texas postmasters nominated: Roy K. Duphone, Aransas Pass; William H. Tallant, Chico; McKinley H. Frank, Grapevine; Almyra L. Williams, Taft; Wilce V. Garton, Booker; Loren G. Wilder, Georgetown; Lottie H. Rector, McCaulley; Ada H. Worley, Malope; Arthur C. Polk, Manning; Walter W. Layman, Bangs; Louis J. Scholl, Malakoff; Thomas J. Bailey, Roysse City; John F. Warrington, Valley Mills, and Daniel B. Bynum, Eustace.

FOREIGN—

The tentative personnel of the

British delegation to the international economic conference at Geneva was outlined as follows: Premier Lloyd George, Lord Curzon, Chancellor of the Exchequer Robert Horne and Secretary of War Sir Laming Worthington-Evans.

Grand Duchess Anastasia-Michalovna of Mecklenburg, mother of the Queen of Denmark, died last week at her villa at Eze, near Nice. She was born in 1860, a Grand Duchess of Russia.

Fresh Italian Government troops were sent to Fiume to prevent threatened disorders. The whole of the free city is being surrounded. There has been a lull in the violence at Fiume since the new administration came into power.

The Indian Congress of Natal, in protest against the arrest in India of Mahandas Gandhi, the civil disobedience leader, has attempted to paralyze a general strike in Natal industries. The attempt, however, has proved only partially successful.

Official announcement was made from the Vatican that Pope Pius had extended to fifteen days the interval to elapse between the death of a Pope and the session of the sacred college to elect his successor.

DOMESTIC—

Portrayal of the history of Missouri in a frieze across the front of the Capitol building recently was decided upon by the Capitol Decoration Commission. The commission appropriated \$50,000 for the work. It will require about three years to complete the frieze.

The Knickerbocker Ice Company, New York, is advertising fifty used wagons for sale, as the company is substituting automobiles for horse-drawn vehicles.

Mayetteville, Ark., was named as the place for the Southern Methodist assembly camp following a two-day conference of Methodist commissioners representing Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Missouri. The executive committee will meet in Fayetteville April 6 to complete the transaction.

An anti Ku Klux Klan organization, known as the Knights of the Visible Empire, has been formed at Healdton, Okla. John O. Hyde, one of the organizers, announced in a statement that the purpose of the society, "is to protest against mob rule, as exemplified in the teachings of the Ku Klux Klan." Hyde is a local attorney.

Women will sit as members for the first time at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Hot Springs May 3 with 201 ministerial delegates and 179 lay delegates in attendance.

George Gibson, vice president, and Daniel Longnecker, treasurer and secretary of the Burk Homer Oil & Gas company of Houston, Texas, charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud, were arraigned before Federal Commissioner Hitchcock in New York as fugitives from justice. They were held in bonds of \$5000 each for a hearing on March 29.

Mary Seattle, niece of Chief Seattle, for whom the city of Seattle, Wash., was named, died at her cabin on the banks of Green river this week.

Before the new "peace dollar" had reached banks of the Southwest for general circulation crafty counterfeiters had covered Texas with the new coin smeared with a gold fringe and passed as \$20 gold pieces. Secret service agents working under direction of Captain Forsyth were soon on the trail of the alleged counterfeiters and some arrests have been made.

The United States Government has quit prosecution of liquor law violation cases and turned them over to local authorities in Chicago for action. Robert M. Crowe, State's Attorney, asked by representatives of Attorney General Daugherty to accept responsibility for enforcing the prohibition laws has accepted and announced that all cases in the future would be tried in municipal courts.

John Dural Dodge, son of the millionaire automobile family, was vaccinated and set to work with other inmates of the Detroit House of Correction. Dodge was sentenced to five days in the workhouse by Judge Bartlett after conviction of violating the speed laws. His license was revoked and \$100 fine assessed.

OF PERCALE AND DIMITY

Polka dotted percale and white checked dimity make this pretty dress for little missy. It is in two pieces. The blouse of the dimity has a Peter Pan collar and turn-back cuffs adorned with feather stitching of silk floss. A white silk cord ending in small tassels is laced across the front of the bodice and a patch pocket at one side maintains that practical things can be pretty.

Thirty-four indictments were reported by a federal grand jury at Buffalo, N. Y. in connection with the thefts from the New York Central railroad, said to have aggregated more than \$2,000,000 in the last year. The persons indicted are said to include several men connected with the New York Central's police force.

Kansas City, in the center of future air planes east and west and north and south, will become a prominent airport this summer. The first step has been taken, the leasing of a landing field ninety acres in extent, a great level plain ample to meet all requirements for the biggest and fastest cruisers of the air.

A night marriage license bureau is being planned for Chicago by Robert M. Switzer, County Clerk. "Such a bureau," he declared "would aid many persons who actually can not spare the time to obtain a license during the working hours."

Rhode Island cotton mill owners have issued a joint protest against the bill introduced in the Rhode Island State Legislature limiting cotton mill working hours to forty eight hours a week. The competition of manufacturers in other States, notably the South, would be ruinous, they declared.

Pains Were Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Blufford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During . . . I was awfully weak . . . My pains were terrific. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach . . . I simply lay as if I was for but a short time. My husband was worried . . . One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

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BONUS BILL IS CAUSING MUCH WORRY AMONG ADMINISTRATION LEADERS.

MAY KURT CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributors in Open Revolt Against Adoption of Additional Tax Measures.

Washington—Republicans are plainly disturbed in their campaign program of this summer, by the prospects created by the \$4,000,000,000 bonus bill reported to the House by the Ways and Means Committee. It is the purpose of Chairman Fordney to bring the bill before the House under a suspension of the rules, and if not then to secure a rule for consideration of the legislation on Tuesday. Plans of the leaders in charge of the bill call for quick adoption, which would send it to the Senate, and thus transfer the burden of harmonizing the bill with the White House and the public.

The Republican leaders backing the bill after the final attempt to remedy the measure so it would pass muster with at least a majority of Republicans, expressed the hope that a further conference with the President upon his return from Florida would tend to clarify the situation. The Republican party is committed to the passage of a bonus bill, but nothing was said about when or in what shape. That situation, Republicans say, led the President to suggest adoption of a sales tax to get the money or delay action.

While Republicans are plainly disturbed, there is no unanimity of spirit on the Democratic side, where an impression prevails that the bonus agitation has gone to such an extent that in some sections a vote against it almost spells defeat.

A minority unfavorable report against the bill will be filed by Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democratic member of the Ways and Means committee.

**I. C. PLANNING BIG
RAIL CONSOLIDATION**

Purpose is to Cut Down Overhead Expense and Eliminate Wasteful Competition.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission, having concluded its hearing on the question of reducing railroad rates, now will turn its attention to the proposed consolidation of the railroads of the country into nineteen huge competing systems.

The consolidation, if made, would revolutionize the transportation practices of the country. It is urged to remedy the fundamental defects of the existing arrangements, which are said to be inadequate to the needs of the country and hampering industry and commerce.

First hearings on the consolidation project will be held April 24, under a call sent out by the commission to the Southwestern railroads. Other roads will be heard thereafter.

The consolidation, its sponsors claim, would eliminate much duplication of overhead expenses and wasteful competition, would bolster up the weak roads, and make more efficient management. At the same time, it is held, efficiency would be maintained by the competition among the great systems.

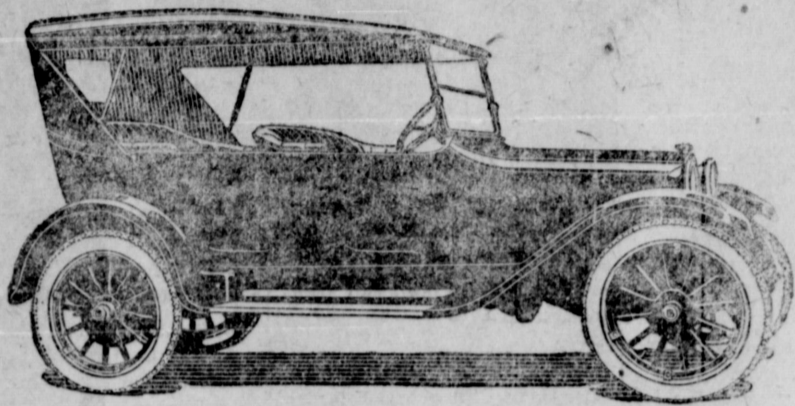
Coal Strike Is Only Cloud on Business

Washington.—The threatened bituminous coal strike was regarded at the treasury as the only "cloud" on the business horizon. Steady improvement has been reported in general business conditions, high treasury officials declared, which probably will continue uninterrupted although the prospect of a coal strike may have some depressing effect upon business expansion. The strike should not seriously affect business generally unless it should be drawn out to unprecedented length, it was said at the treasury. Treasury officials expressed the opinion that the government would take no action in the event of a coal strike unless a hardship were worked upon the public. It was indicated at the treasury that the government was not considering any step to anticipate a coal strike nor believed there were any measures of an anticipatory nature possible.

Leader Assassinated.

Murcia, Spain.—Julian Perez Lazone leader of the Spanish provincial reformist party, was assassinated while surrounded by a group of his political adherents. One of his assailants, Francisco Cascales, was arrested, but the other escaped.

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RESULT EXPECTED TO MAKE OR BREAK ORGANIZATION IN THE COAL FIELDS.

500,000 WILL WALK OUT

No Hope For Quick Settlement, and Miners are Preparing For Long Struggle.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Officials of the United Mine Workers of America are preparing for the greatest industrial struggle America has ever known.

When at least 500,000 miners walk out of bituminous and anthracite coal mines on April 1, as is now believed to be inevitable, it will be the start of what will prove to be the longest and most bitterly fought strike in the history of the industry, experienced observers declare.

Leaders of the mine union are taking the position that the coming controversy is going to mean "make or break" for their entire organization. They are on the defensive, they say, with the operators fully determined to make no concessions. They charge that the same forces that broke the steel strike in 1919 and, they say, are now trying to bring about open shop conditions in railroad shops, are behind the coal operators in the present fight.

It is pointed out by union leaders that the miners can not hope to be successful in a short strike. There is coal enough above ground now to last for three months, with the non-union districts producing. It would only be a continuation of the strike until late summer that the first real effects of the walkout would be felt.

Complete plans for a long struggle have been made. No formal strike order is expected to be issued. The leaders of the union are expected to announce that they can not continue work unless the men have an agreement on wages and as their present contract expires March 31, there would be no such agreement.

The real issue of the strike, outside of wages, it is expected, will prove to be the check-off. The miners have had the check-off, which pro-

vides that the operators must deduct union dues from wages and send the money to the international union headquarters here, since the strike in 1896. It was the big issue in that bitterly fought strike and it will be a big factor, it is expected, in this one. It is the "backbone" of the union, in the opinion of many union leaders. Operators are expected to fight for the discontinuance of this agreement as stubbornly as they will for material reduction in wages.

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NATIONAL TREASURY**

Negotiable Liberty's Worth Over \$170,000 Are Missing.

Washington.—Between \$170,000 and \$200,000 in negotiable Liberty bonds are missing from the Liberty bonds branch of the Treasury, W. H. Moran, chief of the Secret Service, states. Secret Service operatives have been sent to Richmond, Va., and Charlottesville, Va., where two employees of the branch wanted in connection with the investigation of the loss were reported to be, he added.

The loss of bonds became known Sunday. It was said, but the total amount missing had not been ascertained. Charles A. Clevenger, also an employee in the branch, was held for questioning, Secret Service officials announced, but no charges had been placed against him.

Highway Contract Let.

Tyler, Texas.—The Smith County Highway Commission has let the contract for building the Jim Hogg Highway from the wook County line near Mineola to this city, a distance of about twenty-five miles. The road is to cost \$10,000 per mile, one-half of which amount is being furnished by the Federal Government.

Return Indictments in Bank Failures.

Cleburne, Texas.—The grand jury report turned in to Judge I. T. Ward shows a total of twenty indictments in connection with the failure of the National Bank of Cleburne and eight in the Farmers' and Traders' Bank of Rio Vista, owned by S. B. Norwood, president of the defunct National Bank of Cleburne.

PLAIDS AND FRINGES



Fashion still puts striped materials in the lead for sport skirts, but they have some competition in plaid and checked patterns in all skirt materials. Checks with fringed edges, are reminiscent of shawls and they make many of the smart new models in which the fringe is substituted for a hem at the bottom of the skirt and also finishes the patch pockets. A skirt of this kind appears in the picture above, cut on simple lines and having a separate belt of the material. These fringed materials are particularly smart in the new wrapped skirts with the fringed edge arranged to run from belt to hem.

Sport skirts and street skirts are a little longer than they were, the regulation length being from six to eight inches from the floor. Flannel in plain colors, in stripes and plaids, is a rival for prunella and other cloths.

Asst. Postmaster General Sworn In. Washington.—Former Governor John H. Bartlett of New Hampshire was sworn in as First Assistant Postmaster General Monday.

Groesbeck Votes \$60,000. Groesbeck, Texas.—In an election here \$60,000 bonds were voted for the erection and equipping of new school buildings, and power was given the School Board to increase the tax levy from 50c to \$1 upon the \$100 valuation.

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The liquor question continues in a "stew," in place of the calm we were told would follow.

The old adage: "Free as air," no longer prevails in some things. Radiotelephony, for instance, is not free, though it comes from the air.

As we understand it, Congressman Parrish's auto ran off the track on the bridge, but the Congressman is still on the Senatorial track and running with fairly good speed.

Mohandas K. Gandhi, who has stirred up all the trouble in India against the British, has been convicted and sentenced to prison without hard labor, for a term of six years.

The threatened coal strike, April 1st, is not likely to affect this part of the country, much, as we could get but very little coal during the winter, and by April 1st we will not need it.

Some one asked Editor Wilson, of the Mineral Wells Index, how to tell the difference between grain and wood alcohol. Said the editor: "Take a drink of the stuff at bedtime and if you wake up in the morning it is grain alcohol." No sensible man will make the test; but the fact that frequent deaths occur from drinking moonshine liquor, proves that some whiskey drinkers are not sensible men.

The Republicans are up against it in Congress, and many measures—the Soldier's Bonus, for one—is causing them no end of worry. They want to pass the bill, but do not know how to raise the money to pay it. They are in a position that means "damned if they do, and damned if they don't." They are bound to displease either the soldiers or the over-burdened taxpayers. As a Democrat, we rather like the position the G. O. P. finds itself in.

Senator Jones lamented the fact, as he stated in a speech in the Senate, that the Democrats have used every effort to thwart Republican legislation. He has no room for complaint, because for the last two years of the Wilson Administration, the Republicans used every effort to prevent the Democrats from passing laws needed, and then charged the failure up to the Democrats in the last National election. The Democrats, maybe, are feeding the Republicans on their own dope.

England has a plan to shift the debts due the United States by England, France and Italy to Germany. Fine scheme, but not likely to be accepted by Uncle Sam. He did not loan money to Germany, but did

loan money to the allies to help lick Germany. Now, to shift the debt from the conquerors to the conquered might—and very likely would—involve our nation in a war with Germany, if we ever tried forcibly to collect the debt. Let England and France collect their indemnity from Germany. Uncle Sam is a blamed old fool if he agrees to any such scheme.

Oh! that we had built reservoirs and stored up the flood waters in the streams of Callahan County, that could be used to irrigate the thirsty land. For thirty four years The Star has advocated this plan of impounding the storm waters of our creeks, but only a few small irrigation systems have been inaugurated—with rather indifferent success—and the building of quite a lot of water tanks. These have helped, of course, but had a widespread intelligent effort been made years ago in this dry section to impound all the storm water, the drought last year and continuing into this year would have caused but little damage. Will the people of this section ever wake up to the fact that they have power to avert serious losses from ordinary droughts?

Congressman Lucian W. Parrish, candidate for the United States Senate, met with a serious accident near Roby, last week, when the auto in which he is making his campaign tour, ran off a bridge into a creek. Mr. Parrish was severely hurt, but he is recovering, though it will be some time before he can take an active part in the campaign. The incident has given Mr. Parrish a world of newspaper publicity and will no doubt make him votes. However, we would not advise other candidates to try this plan for publicity. It is dangerous. Congressman Parrish barely escaped alive. Another might not be so lucky.

Since the above was put in type Mr. Parrish made a turn for the worse, latest report up to yesterday, was in a serious condition.

POLITICS AND BUSINESS

Some folks, Democrats even, here in Callahan County, have asked us the question: "Why is it that we have good times when the Republicans are in power and bad times when the Democrats are in power?"

This question was propounded years ago, referring particularly to the Cleveland two administrations. The answer was: "That Cleveland was not responsible for the hard times in this particular section of the country, during two years of the drought—1886-'87—that extended north through the Middle West to the Canadian border. No government can prevent drought."

Neither was Cleveland responsible for the panic of 1893, that extended through most of his last term—'93 to '97, but the Republicans insisted that the Democrats were responsible and actually made some Democrats believe it.

Those who asked this question seem to have forgotten the panic of 1873, worst in the history of this country, following the Civil War, when the Republicans had been in undisputed control of all branches of the Federal Government for twelve years. They also overlooked the bank panic of 1907, under Roosevelt.

Well, how is it now? The country under Wilson's administration, especially the last term, never enjoyed greater prosperity, wages high, business booming and—seemingly the bottom dropped out and

hard times came in simultaneously with the success of the Republicans at the 1920 election. We say seemingly, because the bottom fell out of the business boom in the summer of 1920, but most of us did not realize it until the winter of that year. The Republicans won on the plea that the Democrats could not be depended upon to rehabilitate the country after the war.

They could not deny that under a Democratic administration the Nation had successfully waged a foreign war and that the business of the country was never in a more flourishing condition, even up to the summer of 1920, but the country peed the long headed business sense of Republican statesmen in power at Washington to bring the country back to normalcy.

Well, the Republicans have had control of the House of Representatives since March 4, 1919, and all branches of the Federal Government since March 4th, 1921, and normalcy finds over six millions of people out of employment, and if the Republicans have made one single law that has been of any real benefit to the country, the people do not realize it.

They have enacted a temporary tariff law that is not pleasing to any one, judging from the comments of the press. They are between a sweat and swoon on the soldier bonus bill. They want to pass it, but big business objects and they are worried, because they are afraid the soldier's vote will go against them if they do not pass the bill, and they are afraid that if they do pass the bill that they will antagonize the business interests, that have always furnished the money for Republican campaigns.

The Republicans went in with the greatest majority, in 1920, ever given any party in this country, and right in the mid-term campaign they seem to be at sea—rattled, so to speak. Where is the evidence of the boasted superiority of a Republican business administration?

Of course, the Republicans are not responsible for the collapse of the business boom in 1920, neither was Cleveland responsible for the drought in '86-'87, or the panic in 1893, that came within thirty days after his inauguration for his last term. The country, except the section affected by the drought referred to, was fairly prosperous. The country was not prosperous during his last term, because of the panic. Able writers attributed that panic largely to the McKinley tariff law. We do not know what brought on that panic and doubt if any one knows, but it was a bad one. The Republicans had been in power for four years and the business interests of the country did not fear Cleveland, because he had been tried out in his first term.

Wise legislators, in times of stress, may ameliorate conditions, but no known plan has ever been devised to prevent depression in business after a period of expansion, such as this country passed through during and after the later war.

The depression we honestly believe would have come had the Democrats won. The Republicans were anxious for the job of rehabilitation. They got it and the business panic fell on them in place of the Democrats, that is all. If politics run true to form, the Republicans are due to lose the House of Representatives this fall, if not the Senate too, and the Presidency in 1924, provided the Democrats have a man available big enough for the job, but—he is not in sight.

Cox, McAdoo and Bryan all want the job, but does the old-time Democrat want either of them? We do not think so. McAdoo is probably the best man of the three for the

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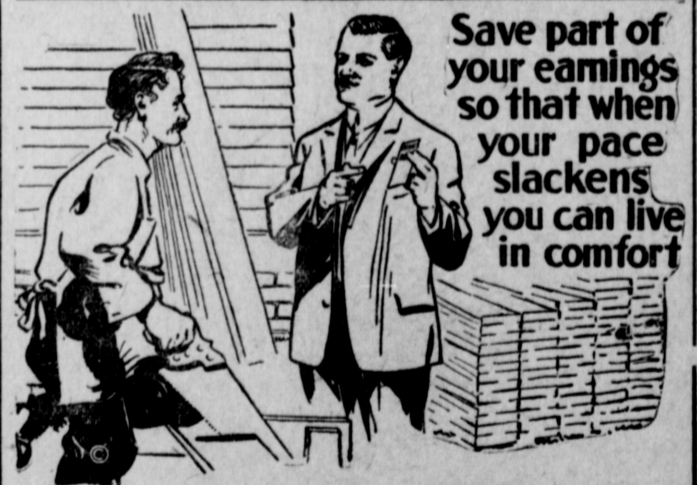
job, but it is doubtful if, with his record as Controller of the Railways during the war, that the business interests would support him. The Democrats, unfortunately, do not have many available candidates, but they are no worse off in that respect than the Republicans.

Harding was an accident; so was Wilson. It may be true that these two men may have served more successfully than the stronger men, politically, that they defeated. Wilson is an abler man than Harding, but he went into office with a head full of visionary schemes and wholly without experience in national politics. Wilson had to revise some of his theories, but failed to retain the goodwill and cooperation of the Congress. Harding, with less ability, but more experience in national politics, seems to be succeeding where Wilson failed. Politics is a queer game, anyway—don't you think?

Former Governor Colquitt has announced that he will not be a candidate for the United States Senate this year. As a friend, who has supported him for every office he ever ran for, we are glad he has decided to cut out politics for a season. In a personal conversation with Mr. Colquitt in The Star office some eighteen months ago, we urged him not to run, reminding him that he was slaughtered by his anti friends six years ago after winning a place in the second primary by thirty thousand votes over the next highest man, Senator Culberson.

The antis had it in their power to elect him, but many failed to vote, and a great many antis who voted for Henry, voted for Culberson, who, though an anti, never took any part in the prohibition fight in Texas. The pros did not love Culberson, but voted for him because they did not like Colquitt.

MONEY TALKS



Save part of your earnings so that when your pace slackens you can live in comfort

The time will come when you must "slow up," for men and machines wear out, and human energy decreases with age.

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NOTICE PROBATE OF WILL

The State of Texas. To The Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in any newspaper that has been regularly published in Callahan County, Texas, for more than one year, for three consecutive issues before the return day hereof, the first publication of which must appear at least ten days before the return day hereof, a true copy of the following citation:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the estate of B. A. Odell, deceased:

W. A. Odell and W. E. Gillit have filed in the County Court of Callahan an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said B. A. Odell, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of B. A. Odell, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in April, A. D. 1922, the same being the third day of April, A. D. 1922, at the court house thereof, in Baird at which time all parties interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in Baird, Texas, this the 15th day of March, A. D. 1922.

Grady G. Respass, Clerk
County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original citation in my hands.

G. H. Corn, Sheriff,
15-3t Of Callahan County, Texas.

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The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the estate of William Oscar Miller, deceased:

Mrs Lulu Hall Miller has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said William Oscar Miller, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of Williams Oscar Miller, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in April, A. D. 1922, the same being the Third day of April, A. D. 1922, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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County Court, Callahan County, Texas

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CITATION, GUARDIANSHIP

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To all persons interested in the welfare of Eva Owens, Emma Owens and Charles Owens, Minors.

You are hereby notified that D. W.

Stanley has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the person and estate of said minors, Eva Owens, Emma Owens and Charles Owens, which will be heard at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in April, A. D. 1922, same being the 3d day of April, A. D. 1922 at the Court House thereof in Baird, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors, may and are hereby cited to appear and contest said application, should they desire so to do.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in Baird, Texas, this the 16th day of March, A. D. 1922.

Grady G. Respass, Clerk
Of The County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

I, Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original citation in my hands.

G. H. Corn, Sheriff,
15-3t Of Callahan County, Texas.

CITATION

The State Of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the welfare of Annie May Grantham, a minor to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Callahan County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the City of Baird, on the first Monday in April, A. D. 1922, the same being the Third day of April, A. D. 1922, and contest, if they see proper to do so, the application of H. C. Grantham, which has been filed in said court, for the guardianship of the person and estate of said Annie Mae Grantham, a minor.

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

Witness Grady G. Respass, Clerk of the County Court of Callahan County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the city of Baird, this the 16th day of March, A. D. 1922.

Grady G. Respass, Clerk
Of County Court Callahan County Texas.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original citation now in my hands.

G. H. Corn, Sheriff,
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HAS DISCOVERED NEW FORCE

Londoner Gives Interesting Description of Manner in Which He Made Important Find.

A simple carbon rod has been discovered by A. E. Baines, a leading galvanometrist of London, which if held in the hands five minutes will recharge the human system with nerve energy that lasts 12 hours. He says it is nothing new, but, on the contrary, was known to the ancient Egyptians. He said the secret of it was lost many centuries ago. Mr. Baines said that years ago while he was standing in the British museum before a painted limestone sculpture of Kharfra, an Egyptian king of the fourth dynasty, who built the second of the great pyramids of Gizeh, he noticed the figure was holding two small rods shaped something like the grip on a bicycle. Thereafter he began a series of long experiments to discover the substance which the king held, but he failed in his search until one day when he was trying to improve the microphone, for which he prepared several carbon pencils which had been hardened by a special process of his own. He said that quite accidentally he touched one of these carbon pencils and was surprised to find that his galvanic deflection swung from positive to negative. This led to further experiments, and he finally found that the ordinary arc carbon, when hardened by his process, gave out a force which could not be distinguished from nerve force. The bars are about six inches long and are capped at the ends with celluloid. Mr. Baines asserted the carbon rods have been of great aid in treating cases of nervous breakdown, deafness, anemia and many other complaints. He declared he did not know what the new force was.

Quaker Persuasion.

When Judge William Cooper, the founder of Cooperstown on Otsego lake, New York, decided to move into the wilderness from Burlington, N. J., his wife, says the author of "Legends of a Northern County," did not take kindly to the plan. Finally, when the moment came for them to depart, and the carriage and the wagons were loaded and at the door, Mrs. Cooper sat down in her father's library and refused to budge.

The judge was a Quaker, and not a man of contentious disposition; but he was both tall and strong. Without words he picked up his wife, chair and all, set her on one of the wagons and started on his way.

Cotton Consumption Increases.

Washington.—Cotton consumed during February amounted to 473,073 bales of lint and 38,509 bales of linters compared with 395,115 of lint and 37,565 of linters consumed in February last year.

Sheriff Killed in Raid.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Sheriff I. L. Smith of Bradley County was shot and killed Tuesday by moonshiners while making a raid on a still at Lauderback Springs.

The Electric Way

The modern housewife uses a Vacuum Cleaner, saves her nerves, her health and back, and makes the rugs and floor coverings last much longer by not beating them to pieces with a wire whip or broom handle.

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Save Your Clothes

An Electric Washing Machine does the same for your clothes as the Vacuum Cleaner does for your rugs—prolongs the life.

Any housewife who has the weekly family washing to do knows the unpleasantness of the wash tub, the washboard, the scrubbing with her knuckles and all the other horrors of Wash Day.

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