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All Your After-Easter Needs at Attractive Prices.

Now, that the rush of Easter is over, business conditions will be on a different basis. Realizing this, we will make a special effort to supply all of your spring needs at prices that are remarkably attractive. Our Easter business this year was phenomenal, and we appreciate the patronage extended us.

Most beautiful are the new garments for Spring and Summer---chic, dainty, graceful in design, they merit the approval of the most critical. We have the newest and most exclusive models in Ladies' Skirts, Waists, etc. Every taste in dress was carefully considered in choosing our stock---the taste of the "quiet" dresser or the ultra-fashionable, a garment for the work-a-day woman or for the "butterfly of fashion."

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MARRIED IN EL PASO.

The marriage on Thursday evening April 21st, at St. Cleopas church, of Miss Kathleen Myles and Walter E. Arnold was a beautiful event, in which the social interest of a large assemblage of guests gathered to witness the ceremony. The reception afterwards at the home of the bride's parents.

The decorations of the church were most artistic and beautiful. Innumerable candles burned on the altar, and ferns of varying sizes were banked about the chancel rail.

The central aisle leading from the entrance to the altar was decorated with many tall white candles, which were gracefully twined with ropes of smilax.

Mrs. W. D. Greet, who presided at the organ, softly played the "Angel Serenade," as an overture, and was followed with an excellent solo, "It Is Not My Heart Is Mine" by Miss Helen Cooper. Upon the arrival of the bride, the ushers stretched a ribbon through which the party passed. First entered the full choir of the church, singing "Faithful and True," from Lohengrin. The ushers, Dr. Vance, Charles R. Lott, Marchison and J. D. White, followed, walking two abreast. Then came the bridesmaids, Ethel Lee

Gains and Henrietta Buckler. After ascending the chancel steps the groomsmen and bridesmaids parted to either side, leaving an aisle through which the bride and groom passed. Immediately preceding the bride came the maid of honor, Miss Alice Myles.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. The groom and his best man, Garnett King, met the bride at the chancel steps, and together they followed the Rev. Henry Easter, who performed the beautiful ceremony of the Episcopal church, to the altar. The responses were clearly spoken and the marriage service was most impressive.

The bride's gown was of white satin, décolleté and en train, with overdress of D'Alencon lace. The sleeves were ornamented with pearl knots, and the plastron on the bodice was also of pearls. The veil of duchess point lace, which was an heirloom in the family, was worn in hood effect, and was held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. A pearl pendant was the only ornament worn, and the bridal bouquet was composed of bride's roses and ferns. The maid of honor, Miss Alice Myles, wore a dainty gown of pink marquisette, with pink accessories and made empire style. She carried an arm bouquet of white sweet peas.

The bridesmaids were all gowned alike in white marquisette, with trimmings of pink. The bridesmaid's veils, bordered in princess lace, were held in place with wreaths of pink

rose buds. Pink sweet peas, with long streamers of pink ribbon, were carried. Mrs. Myles, mother of the bride, was handsomely attired in white satin, veiled with white chiffon. The overdress was bordered with Dresden and edged with pearl drop trimming.

After the ceremony a large reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on Magoffin avenue.

The Myles home was artistically decorated with white sweet peas, while potted plants and palms added their beauty to the apartments. In the dining room, where refreshments were served, the table was spread with a handsome white centerpiece, upon which rested an immense mound of white sweet peas. Silver candlesticks, supporting white candles with green flower shades, were placed at intervals over the table.

In line receiving the many guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Homan C. Myles and the bride and groom.

One entire room of the Myles home was given over to the magnificent collection of wedding gifts, including cut glass, silver, pictures and linens in great number. Notable among the array was the chest of silver presented by Mr. Arnold's associates of the Rio Grande Valley bank and a check for \$1,000 to the bride from her father. The bridesmaid's gifts from the bride were beautiful gold belt buckles.

The bride is the attractive and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homan C. Myles. She has been reared in El Paso and is a social favorite, her pleasing personality

and lovable nature having won for her a wide circle of friends.

The groom, who is one of El Paso's best known young men, is connected with the Rio Grande Valley bank of this city. He has lived in El Paso a number of years, and is prominently identified with the business and social life of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold left Friday for New York, from which place they sail on April 26th for Europe, and will make a tour of England, and also visit Paris before returning home, June 1st.—El Paso Herald.

The entertainment at the Public School last Friday was interesting and instructive. We regret the attendance by the citizens was so small. The program was carried out as published in THE STAR last week. In the debate, Resolved that Santa Anna should have been executed, was decided in favor of the negative represented by King Wristen and M. T. Ramsey. The affirmative was well represented by Henry Spragins and Jim Asbury. All did well and the judges complimented both sides.

After the exercises closed the High School Ball Team and the Round House team crossed bats on the school house diamond. Miss Jennie Graham was chosen umpire, and when she said a player was out, out he went. The School boys won by a score of 10 to 4. The Round House boys looked splendid in their new uniforms, and while they lost heavily in the game a little practice will make things different. The Round House boys were handicapped too by two of their main men being absent.

Miss Leah Thompson, of Morehead City, N. C., is a guest of Miss Lide Spragins.

MARRIED.

Letters were received here this week announcing the marriage of Mr. Andy Marcy and Miss Bessie Walker at Rochester, Haskell county April 21, 1911. Miss Bessie Walker is the daughter of J. C. Walker, formerly of this county, and a sister of J. H. Walker, of Baird. The entire STAR force extends congratulations and good wishes to Miss Bessie for her future happiness.

To introduce the Pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Savage, the ladies of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church are to keep open house at the Parsonage Home this Friday evening, April 28th. Hours, 8 to 11 o'clock. An interesting program of music and reading is arranged, also several numbers are promised by the Band Boys. Delicious refreshments will be served.

Because of some improvements that have recently been made in the Parsonage House each person is kindly requested to bring a silver quarter. We extend a cordial invitation to all. Come and spend a pleasant evening with us.

Rev. A. B. C. Dinwiddie, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at this place, and E. L. Finley have returned from Fluvanna, where they attended the meeting of the Abilene Presbytery. Rev. Dinwiddie was elected commissioner to the General Assembly, which meets in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on May 18th.

Lost.—Dr. Griggs lost a pocket case with drugs. Please return to Dr. R. G. Powell. 20

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

By Virtue of an Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Callahan County, on the 20th day of April A. D. 1911, in the case of W. S. Hinds vs G. M. Pruitt, No. 353, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 21st day of April A. D. 1911, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on the first Tuesday, in June A. D. 1911, it being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the state of Texas, proceed to sell at auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which G. M. Pruitt had on the 7th day of March A. D. 1911, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property to-wit: Part of Lot 4 in Blk. 71 in the town of Baird in Callahan County, Texas, and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S. E. Cor. of Block No. 71, Thence W. 75 ft. to cor. Thence N. 140 ft. Thence East 75 ft. to cor. Thence S. 140 ft. to place of beginning. This part being shown on the tax rolls as Lot No. 5 for convenience and identity in tax matters, said property being levied on as the property of G. M. Pruitt to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$461.17, in favor of W. S. Hinds and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand This 21st day of April A. D. 1911.

F. F. AINS, Sheriff Callahan County.

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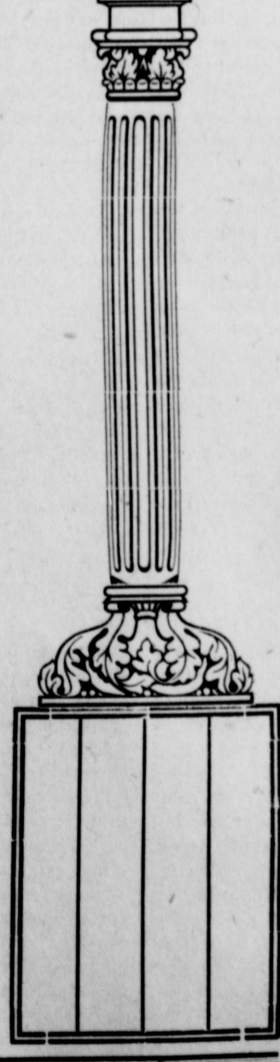
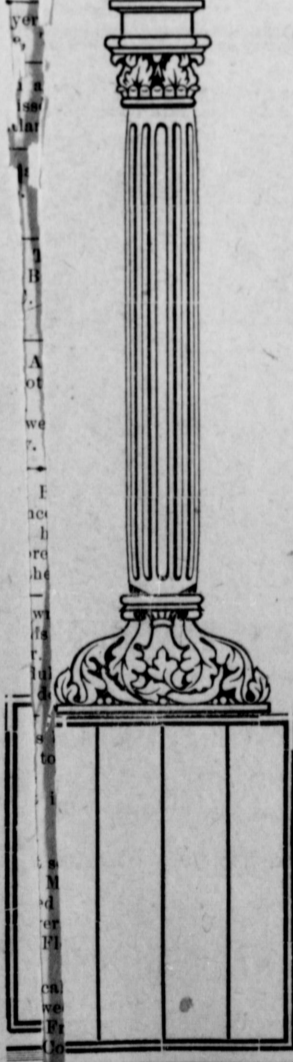
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WILL D. BOYDSTUN.

PERSONAL MENTION

Master Jim Asbury has been quite sick the past week.

Mayor Otis Bowyer made a business trip to Abilene, Tuesday.

Mr. M. E. Moon and little son, Rushing, visited Misses Comora and Lillie Moon at Eastland last week.

Mrs. Bird, of Oklahoma, is visiting her brother, L. L. Blackburn and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Brooks, of Strawn, visited Mrs. Brooks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Abbott, this week.

Harry Meyer and A. W. Sargent are attending the Scottish Rite Reunion at Dallas. W. D. Boydston and Martin Barnhill were talking of going down yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Boyles are in Chicago, where Clarence has gone to buy a large stock of hardware for his Cross Plains store. They are expected back about the 1st.

J. B. Hash, of Strawn, was circulating around among his old acquaintances this week. Mr. Hash says everything is mighty dull at Strawn since the mines closed down.

J. R. Price, who has been ill for three weeks, was able to get down town Wednesday. He has had a pretty tough spell, but is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Rudemose spent several days this week the guest of Mrs. Moon. Mrs. Rudemose returned to Cisco, where she has spent several months with her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Jones.

Dr. S. T. Fraser was called to Ft. Worth the first of the week by the illness of his son, Sam Fraser, who is attending Polytechnic College. Dr. Fraser was expected home yesterday evening with his son.

Mrs. Elmer Walker, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnson, for several weeks, was called to her home at Jewett, the first of the week on account of the illness of Mr. Walker. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Ford Driskill.

H. C. Conway made a trip to San Angelo, Saturday.

Mr. Will Estes, of Clyde, was in Baird last Friday.

Frank Russell was in from the Bayou the first of the week.

Miss Ima Archer, returned home Monday after attending school at Stanton for some time.

Mrs. W. A. Coope, Mrs. J. L. White and daughter, Miss Mary, attended the school entertainment at Clyde, Friday night.

J. A. Emmons formerly of Baird, now of Snyder, sends a dollar for THE STAR. Jake says prospects for good crops are splendid around Snyder.

Mrs. J. Foster Boren entertained Monday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. C. A. Coats, of Carthage, Texas.

J. I. McWhorter sold the last of his cattle to Wylie James last week, and they were placed in Mr. James' pasture near Belle Plaine.

Dr. E. W. Tisdale, formerly of Baird, but now living at Stamford, spent a few days in town on business this week. Dr. Tisdale has many friends in Baird, who are always glad to see him.

Rev. J. B. McCarley, who is attending the K. of P. Grand Lodge at Abilene, dropped off in Baird Wednesday. J. B. once lived in Baird before he entered the ministry, in fact, he preached his first sermon in Baird.

The Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge is in session at Abilene this week. A party of several hundred passed through Baird Sunday night on a special train enroute to Abilene from Weatherford, where early in the day they dedicated the K. of P. home. A large number of the members of the Pythian Sisters and a number of Sir Knights went up to Abilene Wednesday. The officers and degree staff of the Baird Lodge of Pythian Sisters exemplified the work for the Grand Lodge Wednesday night.

Cattle Shipment.

C. B. Snyder sold six hundred steers last week to Oklahoma parties. We did not learn the price.

J. F. Dyer sold four hundred and Jess Hart one hundred twos to a West Texas ranchman and the cattle were shipped to Sweetwater Sunday.

A Pick Up.

8 sections land in El Paso county, 50 per cent tillable land, no mountains or deep canyons. Must sell at once, price \$1. per acre bonus, \$2, 800 cash, bal 1 and 2 years, or good trade worth the money. \$1.50 per acre due the State, 38 years at 3 per cent int. Address Lock Box 501, Baird, Texas.

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Mrs. Conway, mother of Tax Assessor T. L. Conway, has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker and little Catherine, and Miss Manche Gilliland, who spent several days with Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones at the ranch on Clear Creek, returned home Sunday. Jim says he caught a twelve pound catfish while down there.

Mrs. Levy, living in the east part of town, was bitten by a rattlesnake Saturday evening, near the railroad reservoir. A little child, living on the Rushing farm, north of town, was also bitten by a rattlesnake the same day. Both are reported doing well.

R. L. Darby, section foreman of the T. & P. at Baird, came in from Mineral Wells this week to meet the pay car. Bob had a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism about three weeks ago and Dr. Powell advised him to go to Mineral Wells for a few weeks. He said he would return to Mineral Wells for a time; he is considerably improved, but not well by any means.

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DEATHS.

Mrs. W. G. Crowder, of Quanah, died of cancer in New York, last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder lived in Baird for many years, and are well known to most of the older citizens here, who will regret to learn of Mrs. Crowder's death.

Prof. Hall, father of Mrs. Larkin Hearn, died at Del Rio. The remains were to arrive on the first train yesterday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Hall and Miss Judith Hall and carried out to Belle Plaine, the family burying ground, for interment. Mrs. McNamara, of Coleman, another daughter of the deceased, came in via Abilene to meet the remains here. Prof. Hall lived in this county many years ago, and has many friends here who regret to hear of his death.

Mrs. Julia Maxwell, step-mother of Mrs. John T. Asbury, died at her home at Granbury, last Saturday, after a long illness. Mrs. Maxwell often visited Mrs. Asbury, and her friends here regret to learn of her death.

Binder Twine.

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BAIRD WINS.

The Baird High School Ball Team played Scranton at the latter place Saturday and won by a score of 6 to 2. They will play Simmons College this afternoon on the Public School diamond. This team is doing some rattling good work this season, but the Round House boys say they are going to take the starch out of these kids yet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Webb returned Sunday night from Waco, where they attended the state pro rally. A. G. says the pros did a heap more to the ants on San Jacinto day than Houston did to Santa Anna, but just wait until July 22d, when the ants are going to do to the pros just what Wellington did to Napoleon on the famed field of Waterloo.

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See J. Rupert Jackson for Health and Accident Insurance. 21-2

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DINNE

The ladies of the Episco... will serve dinner at the... K. of P. Hall on... Dinner 3oc and... ladies cordially... come and eat a... all a good meal. Polly Bandera

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from Surrattsville only shortly before this time and opened a boarding house to support herself, son and daughter. John had been a student at St. Thomas's Institute. Mrs. Surratt's husband had left her a farm heavily mortgaged; but a neighbor owed her a large sum of money sufficient to redeem the mortgage, which was due the day Lincoln was assassinated. It was on the early afternoon of that day that Mrs. Surratt set out in her coach to collect her debt and pay the mortgage.

Booth had learned of her purposed trip a few minutes before and asked her to deliver a package to Lloyd, owner of Lloyds Hotel, on the way to Surrattsville. Without the slightest hesitancy she took the parcel and delivered it to Lloyd in passing. Subsequently, when she was apprehended and tried, the charge of complicity in the crime was made on the testimony of Lloyd, a drunken sot, who swore that when Mrs. Surratt handed him the field glasses from Booth she whispered to him to 'have the shooting irons ready.' On her dying oath in her prison cell and on the way to the scaffold Mrs. Surratt swore that she never breathed such a word to Lloyd nor had the faintest idea of any such matter.

Mrs. Surratt was convicted and executed on the testimony of Lloyd and Weichman. Weichman was a weakly craven; but weak and craven as he was, he told me the day he testified that he knew his testimony would hang Mrs. Surratt because President Johnson told him that was the only way he could save his own neck. He cried and begged me to do something. I said, 'Come with me to Secretary Stanton,' but Weichman feared Stanton would turn him away. Then I proposed that he write a full confession of his perjury, and he said he would be hanged if it were published. Then I prevailed on him to write his confession and I would take it to president Johnson. He agreed to do this, but no message ever came from him, and he disappeared.

Mrs. Surratt was convicted on July 6 to die at noon next day. Atzerodt, Payne and the boy Herold were condemned to die with her. I went to them in their arsenal cells, and with General Hartranft, a Union officer in charge, we begged the three men to tell everything. There was no hope of saving their lives, because they were directly concerned in the conspiracy and were part and parcel of it.

Booth, when he learned late in the afternoon that Lincoln was to be at Ford's Theater, had time only to apprise his trusty followers. He armed Atzerodt and Payne to kill Johnson and Seward, and the boy Herold was to be at the stage door with his horse at ten o'clock. Mrs. Surratt was then in Maryland and her son John in New York State. Soon and the others, except Atzerodt, Payne and Herold, dropped out of the kidnaping conspiracy after the third attempt failed. They knew nothing of the execution plot.

The three unhappy men swore to God that Mrs. Surratt knew nothing of the plot and that she was totally innocent. General Hartranft was convinced of Mrs. Surratt's innocence wrote a letter, and urged me to take it to president Johnson.

'This woman will not die until you return,' he shouted after I had jumped into an army ambulance and sped to the White House. Two rows of armed soldiers flanked the two flights of stairs leading to President Johnson's room. They were under the command of two United States Senators. I was prevented even from mounting the stairs. No one would take my message to the President, and I was in despair when Mrs. Stephen A. Douglass, wife of Lincoln's bitterest political foe, appeared. She seized my message, pushed aside the pointed bayonets, and threw herself at the President's feet. She begged him to spare Mrs. Surratt's life. She cried for a respite of a few days. President Johnson turned her away. When all hope was over, I grabbed Mrs. Surratt's little girl and the ambulance raced madly back to the navy yard, so the child could see her mother before her death.

It was a heartrending scene as



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In order that you may be prepared for summer's heat and not have it catch you napping with nothing but heavy clothes our large line of new and up-to-date summer goods have arrived, in order that you may be fully prepared, we have set a price that will compel you to have your summer outfit ready even before summer

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H. SCHWARTZ.

mother and daughter embraced through the prison bars, and it will live forever in my memory. I took the child to General Hartranft's room as the bells tolled the fateful moment and the four condemned prisoners were led to the scaffold. Father Walters, besides myself, was the only person to speak to Mrs. Surratt before her execution. As she ascended the scaffold she said to me in the calm spirit of one facing death nobly: 'Mr. Brophy, before God I am innocent. I go to my death quietly, I know not why, but something tells me it is best. I die for the sake of American womanhood and especially for the womanhood of the South, and I ask you to tell the world that I am innocent. Before God I swear it, and pray that he will keep his merciful hand over the innocent child whom I leave an orphan.'

On the scaffold Father Walters held Mrs. Surratt's hand, steady in the shadow of death. She said her only message before her departure to the other world was that she died innocent. Father Walters broke down with grief. He was prostrated as the drop fell.

Years after, when President Johnson and General Bingham, head of the military court, fell out, many things came to light. Johnson accused General Bingham of suppressing many things and with falsifying others vital to the cause of Mrs. Surratt. Five of the nine members

of the commission had signed a petition to mercy that went with their verdict, which President Johnson said he never heard of until three years after the execution. He charged General Bingham with withholding it. The Congressional investigation that followed showed that the verdict of guilty with the recommendation to mercy for Mrs. Surratt was extorted from the commission after they had decided not to convict her for a capital offence, on the specious promise of General Bingham that the recommendation to mercy would have the same effect on the President.

In the House of Representatives a few years later, during the impeachment trial of President Johnson an investigating committee reported that General Baker, head of the Secret Service, who drew the net around Mrs. Surratt, could not tell the truth even by accident, and General Butler sneeringly of Gen. Bingham 'that the only victim of his prowness was the innocent woman hanged on the scaffold.' Senator Garrett Davis said: 'The commission which tried the alleged conspirators were murderers.' Senator Ben Davis, who was a friend of President Lincoln, said he would not hang the mangiest dog on the evidence of Weichman and Lloyd.

'Not once since that sad and fatal day have I spoken one word in defense of Mrs. Surratt. I speak it now, and speak it with all the con-

viction that my words can give it, and say unqualifiedly that she was an absolutely innocent woman and was put to death for a crime of which she had not the slightest inkling or knowledge. Her hanging was a judicial murder.'

Professor Brophy is nearly seventy years old and obtained a degree of LL. D. in St. John's College, Fordham, and a Ph. D. in Manhattan College. He is deputy clerk of the Court of General Sessions, and as such is on terms of close intimacy with the justices on the bench. Several of the justices of the Supreme Court induced him to finally say a word in defense of Mrs. Surratt, and he spoke for more than an hour from the platform.

Mrs. Work received a message a few days ago announcing the death of her father-in-law, Col. P. A. Work, at his home at Kountze, Tex. Col. Work was a descendent of the French Huguenotic Lamar family of South Carolina. M. B. Lamar, President of the Republic was a cousin to Col. Work His mother was Francis Alexander, a descendent maternally from — Harrison, brother of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His grandmother was Frances Harrison, who married Phillip Alexander. Col. Work's mother, paternally was descended from Wm. Alexander, Lord Sterling, to whom the British crown made extensive land grants in the Colony of Virginia. He sided with the Colonies and was a Major General in the Patriot army of the Revolutionary

war of 1776. Col. Work's mother's father was Philip Alexander, and was one of the twenty-two sons of Wm. Alexander, Lord Sterling. During the Confederate war, Lawrence Alexander, the youngest of these twenty-two sons, owned two plantations well stocked with negroes on the Brazos river in Texas, and his nephew, Wm. Alexander, became attorney general of Texas, and was the author of Alexander's Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of Texas. Col. Work always exhibited pride in his ancestry and only a few weeks before his death he wrote Mrs. Work a full history of his ancestry and requested that his grandchildren be made familiar with it and be influenced for the better thereby in their walk through life. ***

Gov. Colquitt has appointed W. E. Gilliland, editor of 'The Star' as one of the Commissioners to locate, purchase the site and contract for the building of an Institution for the lepers. The appointment came as a surprise to Mr. Gilliland, as the Governor, without a word to him or his friends, requested him to accept the position. Thus honor unsolicited came to him to whom honor is due. The many friends of our townsman and Editor, thank Gov. Colquitt, and assure him that he will have the right man in the place. AMICUS.

Mrs. H. C. Jones left the first of the week for Fort Worth to visit her mother, Mrs. Largent for a few weeks.