

The Baird Weekly Star.

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

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COURTS.

District court convenes on the 9th Monday after the first Monday in February, and on the 11th Monday after the first Monday in August, and may remain in session three weeks.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

L. O. O. F.—Meets every Saturday night. T. W. King, N. G.; H. Schwartz, Sec.

K. of P.—Meets every Thursday night. Harry Meyers, C.; W. C. Powell, K. of H. and S.; H. Schwartz, M. of F.

MASONRY—Meets on or before each full moon. S. T. Fraser, W. M.; E. E. Solomon, Sec.

Young Men's Prayer Meeting.

Young Men's Prayer Meeting every Monday night at the Methodist church, and the Young Ladies' Prayer Meeting at the Presbyterian church every Friday evening at 4 o'clock.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church wish to announce that they will take patching, darning and fancy work of all kinds. Anything left with Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. R. F. Dunn or Miss Sattie Gould, will be promptly attended to.

Mrs. Brown, President.

TEXAS PRESS AND CO-OPERATION

(Texas Farmer)

Texas Farmer has been favored with the following letter from Mr. D. J. Kelley, resident manager of the Texas branch of the Western Newspaper Union, the principal business of which is to furnish county newspapers with ready-printed sets:

WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION, DALLAS, TEX., MAY 16, 1889.

Dear Sir:—From time to time we receive circulars from our patrons which originally come to them from individuals in different cities, making proposals and suggesting new schemes for publishing their papers, whereby they may be enabled to conduct their papers and receive certain benefits from foreign advertising. It invariably happens that the schemes require that the publisher shall take certain stock in the scheme.

We feel that for the protection of our patrons we extend a word of warning to them at this time with regard to this matter.

The plan so often presented by these people is one that was tried some years ago in Chicago by a Mr. Burgess, who honestly tried to fulfill his contracts with the publishers, and who, after the most courageous efforts, discontinued the business, after sinking in it some \$40,000.

More recently the late Lorborn Publishing company, of Baltimore, Md., instituted a similar plan. They had abundant capital of their own, which they invested in the business, and they made no drafts upon the publisher for money in advance. They, after trying the plan for a year, discontinued the business, after losing in it \$100,000.

The "Doby Boy" Publishing company, of Atlanta, Ga., and another concern at Philadelphia, made efforts to do business on a similar plan, and they failed, and the publishers were thrown back, without any notice, upon the old and reliable houses.

The plan of these different co-operative concerns is eminently impractical under the most favorable circumstances; and, where abundant capital was at hand, it has failed of success. Yours very truly,

WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION, [D. J. K.]

Texas Farmer knows of no wild schemes afloat to dupe unsuspecting newspaper men, but if there be such we should each and all sincerely thank Mr. Kelley for his timely warning.

As the Western newspaper Union is itself a most conspicuous example of the wealth that can be accumulated by a few men associated together as a joint-stock printing company, it is fair to presume this warning is not directed against what is known as legitimate joint-stock organizations. It follows, therefore, that the root of this warning is grounded in opposition to what are termed co-operative companies. It being part of Texas Farmer's business to defend co-operation, it takes the liberty of saying here that the principle never fails—and that to designate the concerns named as "co-operative" is a gross slander upon the principle, proving conclusively that the Western Newspaper Union people do not know the true meaning of co-operation.

Texas Farmer thus takes issue with the circular above because it fully believes in co-operation as the friend of the many, and condemns joint stockism as an enemy to the people and the chief weapon of monopoly. Therefore, whenever joint stockism sticks its head, Texas Farmer will whack it—while on the other hand co-operation will always receive its help.

These remarks are especially opportune, because the late meeting of the Texas Press association set afoot a movement to establish one or more co-operative printing houses in Texas. The movement had its origin in several propositions submitted, several publishers felt that the rates paid by foreign advertisers are miserably low and yet that the aggregate of this business, (an immense sum), goes to one or two concerns like our friends of the Western Newspaper Union. They feel that this demoralizes the advertising business generally—often ruling publishers out of home business. They can but note, too, that the ready prints are gradually impinging upon local territory, and keeping the home prints out of legitimate local business.

Instances are now of record where concerns like the Western Newspaper Union have employed men to publish papers in certain localities to run down home printers—and who know when they may attempt a complete solution in this direction? As year by year increases the dangers to be apprehended from this impingement upon the local rights of newspapers by wealthy joint stock or semi-trust combinations, the newspaper men are naturally seeking a remedy.

The late Press association appointed a committee to consider this important matter, which was most thoroughly and intelligently discussed in all its bearings. That committee was kind enough to ask a representative of this paper to explain Grange co-operation, with a view to determine whether its principles could be applied to the newspaper business in this emergency. The plans set forth seemed to strike all parties to the discussion with great force, and the Press association subsequently pledged its endorsement and co-operation with any plan inaugurated to meet the emergency—appointing a committee to further investigate, and, if feasible, to immediately organ-

ize a strong co-operative company upon a basis to include both home and ready prints. It is proper to say that while discussion in the committee was confined to joint stock organization, opinions were numerous and diversified—far, as a matter of fact, such arrangement would only transfer an evil from one party to another. As little complaint of bad service exists against the present joint stock sources of supply, it was very reasonably asked—wherein can it be profitable to change? When, however, the discussion turned upon the feasibility of a co-operative printing house, the opinion seemed unanimous that this was the way out of the difficulty.

The difference between joint stockism and co-operation is simply this: in joint stockism all profit goes to capital; in co-operation, capital draws only its legitimate interest, and net profits go to custom. Such a company formed among the newspapers of Texas—where ready prints could be furnished those using them, and white paper furnished home printers—needs no argument to show its benefit. Such a company would solve the much discussed uniform system of minimum advertising rates on a basis of a stipulated charge per line per each thousand of circulation. It would result in establishing advertising offices at given points, in addition to making every member of the company a solicitor for all the others. It would enable the proprietors of ready prints to make their home rates for advertising uniform with those paid for ready prints—and would bring all the home prints into harmony with ready prints. It would secure the speedy erection of a paper mill in Texas—which is obviously to the interest of the joint stock concerns that now furnish ready prints to discourage. It would obviously secure the very lowest rates on all matters entering into the expenses of newspaper publishing, and yet secure an increased per cent on what they sell.

At stated periods, if any profit had secured to the company for foreign advertising, the sale of white paper, or for other business they might engage in, instead of being as now divided among a few owners of joint stock in lumps of 50, 100 or 200 per cent, it would be distributed as a trade profit among two or three hundred, or more, customers.

So it follows that if our good friend of the Western Newspaper Union for one moment imagines that he is doing Texas newspaper men a service by warning them against a truly co-operative movement, Texas Farmer thinks he makes a most egregious blunder. The Western Newspaper Union folks do not know it—but it is a fact, nevertheless, that Rochdale co-operation never did fail, but, on the contrary, has been the only effective weapon ever yet invented against joint stock monopoly. It there be any legitimate reason why the newspaper people of Texas should not go into a co-operative effort under which they cannot only cheapen what they buy, but likewise get a fair price and all the net profit on what they sell, Texas Farmer would like to know what that reason is—for Texas Farmer is of opinion that the Press association did a wise thing to inaugurate the movement, and will emphasize to that wisdom by carrying it to a successful termination, which we believe will be done.

Aphorisms.

The love of money is the root of all evil.—St. Paul.

Plattery is a sort of bad money which our vanity gives currency.—Locke.

Fools with bookish knowledge are children with edged weapons; they hurt themselves, and put others in pain. The half-learned is more dangerous than the simpleton.—Zimmerman.

In all evils which admit a remedy, impatience should be avoided, because it wastes that time and attention in complaints, which, if properly applied, might remove the cause.—Johnson.

The richest genius, like the most fertile soil, when uncultivated, shoot up into the rankest of weeds, and instead of vines and olives for pleasure and use of man, produces to his slothful owner the most abundant crop of persons.—Hume.

I have lived to know that the great secret of human happiness is this: Never suffer your energies to stagnate. The old adage of "too many irons in the fire" conveys an untruth. You cannot have too many—poker, tongs, and all—keep them all going.—Adam Clarke.

It is hard for a haughty man ever to forgive one that has caught him in a fault, and whom he knows has reason to complain of him; his resentment never subsides till he has regained the advantage he has lost and found means to make the other do him equal wrong.—Brydner.

Thou mayst be sure that he that will in private tell thee of thy faults, thy friend, and both hazard thy hatred; for there are few men that can endure it, every man for the most part delighting in self-praise, which is one of the most universal vices that bewitcheth mankind.—St. W. Raleigh.

When the spring time comes, gentle Annie, and the chills and fever bloom upon me more? You had better buy a bottle of Cheatham's Chill Tonic. From the man who runs the nearest drug store."—BaIRD Drug Co. 24-t

To the farmers of Callahan: If you need anything in the way of Farm machinery, such as Wagons, Plows, Reapers, Mowers, Wheat Drills, Thrashers, etc. Don't buy until you get our terms and prices. We will not be undersold by any house in Texas.

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THE SPECIAL TAX.

To The Star:

In a late issue of your paper you called for a discussion of the school question relating to a special tax levied for the purpose of lengthening the scholastic term.

It is a known fact that we are either for or against any measure advocated by our fellows. We may remain silent, but actions speak louder than words, and the influence we exert is pro and con. The advocates of any cause should never be afraid to express their opinions, and win over their opponents, if possible, by earnest, honest argument. No man has a right to oppose a useful measure, unless he can clearly define his reasons.

As a usual thing those who oppose a special tax for school purposes are men who either have no families or contemplate sending their children off to finish their education. Few, if any, can be found who are opposed to educating their own children, yet there are some who seem to think they have no right to help educate another man's family, and this class also is usually opposed to a special tax. Yet, if they would take into consideration that children learn much by imitation, and that manners and habits are contagious, they will soon find that it is to their advantage that their neighbors' children are not left to grow up in ignorance. Not only must they give their earnest thought, but let them take into consideration the fact that every man is expected to help build up his own town, his county and his country. When Texas freed herself from the tyrannical yoke of Mexico, among other things she forth in her Declaration of Independence was this: "It is an axiom in political science that unless a people are educated and enlightened it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self-government." From this it will be seen that no man is a patriot who refuses to lend his aid in educating the masses at large.

Let us discuss this question under the following heads: Will a special tax improve the school? Will it help the town? Will it benefit the children?

In the first place the tax is not heavy and each man bears his pro rata share as shown by article 3785, Revised Statutes, school laws of Texas. - If, at an election held for that purpose, at which none but property taxpayers, as shown by the last assessment roll, who are qualified voters of such city or town shall vote; two-thirds of those voting shall vote in favor thereof such an amount shall be raised by taxation, not to exceed one-half of one per cent in addition to the pro rata of the available school fund received from the state, as may be necessary to conduct the school for ten months in the year.

Is the fund be large enough to employ a first-class superintendent and a competent corps of teachers, and what will be the result? Your school will be equal to any in the state, and one of which you will have reason to be proud.

Will it help the town?

Look around and see if many of your best citizens are now among you because they wish their children to receive the benefit of school. The country offers them advantages a town can never afford. Some towns further west might suit them better because they could make more money there, but they are among you now, hoping for a radical change, which will give them the advantages for which they came. Build up your school and you build up your town. First-class citizens from other towns will come to you to enjoy the benefit of your school. First-class men from the country will come to you because of this change. You cannot doubt it when you look around and see that towns and cities of any note invariably have first-class schools. They are requisites to first-class towns.

Will it benefit the children?

"Any city or town having voted a tax in addition to the pro rata of the available school fund from the state may extend the scholastic age of children in its schools and prescribe such other studies as the council or board of aldermen may deem proper." Article 3789, Revised Statutes, school laws of Texas.

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Then, too, the school can be carefully graded, a course of study arranged and a certificate or diploma granted when the course has been satisfactorily completed. A child needs a stimulus, and nothing is a greater inducement to urge him forward than the thought of honorable distinction at the close of his labors. Such a thing could not be accomplished without a special tax; and now will not the end justify the means employed to accomplish it. -B.

How people live in New York is a subject of general interest, and it is fully treated of, from the lowest hovels to the palaces on Fifth Avenue, in a beautifully illustrated article in Denore's Monthly Magazine for June. It takes you, by way of illustrations and descriptions, from

the 5-cent lodging-houses, through the various phases of life to the gorgeous modern flats and the palatial homes of the Astors and Vanderbilts. In this number is found also "Amusements in Japan," which, differing so radically from our amusements, are amusing to read about especially as the article is so finely illustrated.

"How to form a Club," by "Jenny June," is necessarily well written, in a chatty way gives much good advice. There are numerous other interesting articles and amusing stories, and a full-page water-color of "Water-Lilies" is well worth framing. It is a beautiful number and will no doubt have an immense sale.

Published by W. Jennings Denore, 5 East 14th Street, New York.

THE PRESS.

One of the queer things about the civil service commission is that while it kept a great many Republicans in it does not seem to prevent any Democrats from having to walk out.—Gordon Courier.

Andrew Carnegie, who was Blaine's chief henchman during the campaign, has issued notice for a reduction of wages to take effect after July 1. One at a time the protected barons are exemplifying the benefits of the protective system.—Gazette.

THE BAIRD STAR, Comanche Experiment and Houston Tribune come to us this week with a request to exchange, and the Mountaineer complicates Our exchange list continues to increase as well as the subscription.—Goldwaite Mountaineer.

A prospector came in the other day with his wagon bearing the inscription "To the west or bust." We believe that he has decided that Jones county is far enough west for him and to avoid bursting he will locate with us.—Western.

Eastland Chronicle: Candidates for governor are already scented from afar. Why should Ross not succeed himself. Texas never had a better governor. We are for Ross, no providential hindrance intervening.

It is evidently that A. B. C. Norton has become so disgusted with Washington for lightning to strike him, that he contemplates cutting off his hair and joining the democracy.—Waco Plaindealer.

Two Fisher county cowboys undertook to paint the town Thursday evening of last week. But as usual they found that the old game was no good. After paying the damage for broken glass, etc. they concluded that best thing they could do was to leave town. They narrowly escaped more serious prosecution.—Sweetwater Record.

A scientific warfare will be carried on in Minnesota this year against the agile grasshopper that has proved a greater pest there than the jack-rabbit in California. Last year a reward of \$1 a bushel was paid for catching the pests, but this cut down the number only a trifle, although 17,000 bushels were caught. This year the ground where the eggs were laid will be plowed up and a systematic effort will be made to kill the pest in the germ.—Goldwaite Mountaineer.

"What an odd echo this room has!" observed the Chicago girl, as she sipped her chocolate and looked about the large dining-hall. "Don't you think it's acoustics is bad, Mr. Cahokia?"

"Toughest I ever struck," replied the young man from St. Louis, sawing away on his steak with great energy.—Chicago Tribune.

Jesse Johnson, at Camp Colorado, has the best vegetable garden in the country. Everything is good, most are excellent and the only scarcity is weeds. There is not a weed in the patch. Jesse will send up some samples of El Paso onions for the karpoupolis. They are not half grown yet, but many are as large as a tea cup. In fifteen days he will have superb samples.—Coleman Voice.

Corn is a tropical plant, being most probably indigenous to Central America, from which part of the world it may have been carried by ocean currents to the coasts of Asia, where it was cultivated in the sixteenth century. But there was ample time for the seed to have been carried from this hemisphere to the eastern part of the world after its discovery by Columbus, and the fact that maize was grown in Asia in the latter part of the sixteenth century can not prove that it was indigenous there.—Selected.

They are not bounding the employees in the Brooklyn navy yard because they are Democrats—never, not by no means. They are simply dismissing the "neglectful," the "disorderly," the "incompetent" and "lazy," that's all.

But it is one of the most remarkably coincidences that at just this time all the republicans should be competent and all the democrats should be incompetent.

Very queer, isn't it? New York Herald.

Found in a Bale of Cotton.
(Fall River Cor. Providence Journal.)

At the Wampanoag the other day the workmen in the picker-room stopped a package of matches just as the bundle was disappearing into the picker. It had come out of a cotton bale the men had just opened. Had they gone into the machine there would have been a lively blaze. Speaking of this incident a man who had tended a picker for several years said that the things which come out of a cotton bale and evidently grow on bushes, would astonish one. One day he heard something grind inside the picker, and stopping the machine found a silver spoon. Lizards and small snakes were common. A set of false teeth, small coins, knives, tobacco and occasionally articles of more value have been found. These things undoubtedly got inside the bales accidentally but there are other things which evidently get inside in accordance with a fixed purpose, and by strange coincidences they are found to weigh more than cotton, and not to be worth as much per pound on the market. Sand, scrap iron and dirt are often found wrapped inside a cotton bale for ballast.

"Hick-mattick," a heating and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by R. Phillips.

Cheatham's Chill Tonic and several other medicines, health and medicinal articles, are sold by R. Phillips.

Use Cheatham's health and medicinal articles. Cheatham's Chill Tonic, 25 cents per bottle. Sold by R. Phillips.

Very queer, isn't it? New York Herald.

E. Gilliland, Editor and Sole Proprietor.

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THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1889.

One false friend is more dangerous than a hundred enemies.

No. This Star is not afraid of boycotts unless they are secretly enacted.

The Star may not be as brilliant as some papers, but we shall strive to avoid downright stupidity.

If all the cotton crop of 1889 should be wrapped in cotton bagging the just-bagging trust would pan out a first-class "bust."

A town without a newspaper these days is not much of a town. Do all in Baird appreciate this fact? A good paper cannot thrive without a liberal subscription.

No man or set of men will ever succeed when they attempt to pull others down that they may prosper.

Last Saturday week Collinsville voted "no tax" for the support of a public school. Comment is unnecessary.—Cook County Signal.

First-class immigrants and capital always pass by any town that does not believe in education, which is bad for Collinsville.

Blessed is the man that sitteth not in the seat of the kicker nor mingeth himself in the congregation of the mossback; for their delight is in scheming against and criticising others.

The convention at Birmingham, Ala., decided to use cotton bagging, although a representative of the bagging trust offered to sell the farmers jute bagging at one-half cent per yard less than the cost of cotton bagging.

Thomas Gains is making the Exponent a real good paper. Some of the labor and Alliance organs would do well to pattern after the Exponent and thereby command more respect than they do.

We publish a well-written article on the "special tax" in this issue. The writer is not a citizen of the county, even, and, of course, views the matter from an impartial standpoint.

Some people think one dollar and a half for such a paper as THE STAR is high. A subscriber writing from New Mexico says: "The people here think THE STAR is a wonder to get up so much original matter each week, and at only one dollar and fifty cents a year."

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manifested by a majority of our business men in supporting the paper. Outside of five of our best advertisers the town would not support a four-column paper with a patent outside and plate matter inside.

WILL HARRISON COME TO TEXAS? The committee to invite the president to visit the Spring Palace were cordially received at Washington by Mr. Harrison.

The first speaker talked himself out of breath and while the speaker was recovering his wind Editor Malone of the Gazette, clipped in as follows:

Mr. President, I think it would be a blessed thing for yourself and the country if you would come and see us. We will give you a welcome that any king on earth, or even the president of the free people on earth, as you are, might be proud of.

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THREE-CENT COLUMN.

All advertising in this column three cents per line each insertion. This is the lowest rate ever offered in this county. Try it.

BEAUTIFUL photo and autograph album very cheap. An elegant line of stationery just in; some very unique designs.

THE MACHINE MEN—We can save money for you on lubricating oils. Baird Drug Co.

MASSON'S fruit jars with disk protectors at H. Meyers.

WE HAVE just received new goods, such as prints, lawns and other dress goods. Call on us before buying. Moon & Crowder.

DO YOU know that vichy and seltzer are very healthy drinks? Remember that we are always pleased to have you call.

WANTED—300 lines in this column at the extra low rate of one cent per line per month.

ESTRAY NOTICE. REWARD—Iron gray horse, 2 years old, branded E K on left shoulder.

REWARD—One bay mare, about 14 hands high, branded O J on left thigh and 9 on left side of neck.

REWARD—Six head of horses described as follows: One sorrel mare branded O K (bay); one sorrel mare over open A; one 3-year-old gray, half Norm.

REWARD—Carpenters and Contractors. All work promptly and neatly done. Leave orders at the Star office.

COLLEGE NOTES. Mrs. Drew Middleton, Miss Minnie Kershaw, Mrs. Parramore and Dr. Alf. H. H. Tolar, all of Abilene, came in yesterday from Belle Plaine, where they have been attending the commencement exercises of Belle Plaine college.

Rev. W. D. Robinson, of Albany, preached a grand sermon at the college last Sunday. All who heard him speak in terms of the highest praise of the sermon, and many seemed astonished that he could preach such a sermon.

From the way the Baird people turn out they must have a warm feeling for Belle Plaine college. Well, they ought to, for the college is a Callahan institution and brings a great deal of trade to the town also.

Miss Sadie O'Hara has a magnificent voice, which has captured the heart of more than one of Baird's boys.

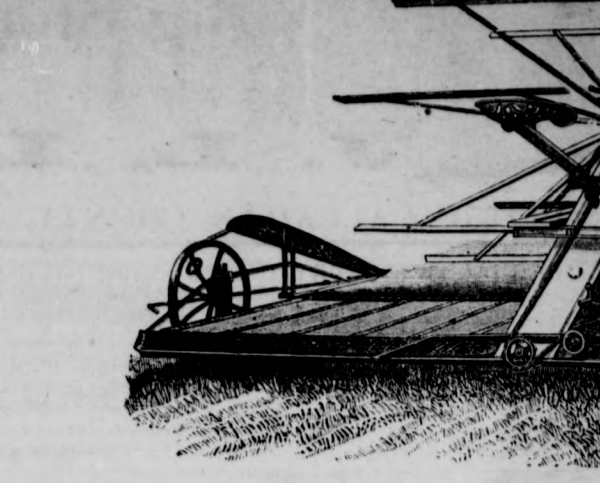
Judge Onnis, teachers and students, all deserve the highest praise for the splendid entertainment given during commencement week.

Edwin Rowlands, one of the old college boys attended during the entire week.

Rev. Taylor, of Fort Worth, preached a good sermon Sunday night.

Judge J. R. Lynch, of Albany, attended the commencement.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Corn-fed Texas steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$3.00-3.40. Fat Wethers, 85 to 100 lbs., \$4.00-4.25 per lb. Medium Wethers, 70 to 80 lbs., \$3.50-3.75. Fat Wethers, 85 to 100 lbs., \$4.00-4.25 per lb. Medium Wethers, 70 to 80 lbs., \$3.50-3.75. Fat Wethers, 85 to 100 lbs., \$4.00-4.25 per lb. Medium Wethers, 70 to 80 lbs., \$3.50-3.75.



D. M. OSBORNE & CO'S. BINDERS. For Sale by J. L. LEA & CO, Baird, Texas.

TOWN ORDINANCES.

CHAPTER XVIII. An ordinance prescribing a punishment for releasing certain animals, failing to pay poll tax and additional duties of mar-shal, and punishment for the violation of the same.

ART. 130.—Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Baird: That, hereafter, if any person shall release or take from, or caused to be released or taken from any pen or pound in the town of Baird, any animal therein placed by the marshal or by his authority, or shall disturb said pen or pound so any animals can pass out, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

ART. 131.—If any person liable to pay a poll tax in the town of Baird shall fail to pay the same to the marshal, on or before the first day of August of each year, he shall, on conviction, be fined not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars.

ART. 132.—It is hereby made the duty of the marshal, in addition to his other duties to report to the mayor and make complaint against all persons failing to pay their poll tax on or before the first day of August of each year, within ten days from said first day of August; and on his failure to do so, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

THOSE THAT suffer from that dangerous and loathsome disease, catarrh, have at last a remedy that will never fail to permanently cure, and it is in the reach of all; for bronchitis, ozans, asthma and catarrhal consumption it has no equal, and therefore can't be excelled. For sale by R. Phillips.

FOR ALL FORMS of female trouble, feeble health, sick stomach and constipation, Thurnmond's blood purifier, woman's dearest friend. For sale by R. Phillips.

IF YOU WILL get a bottle of Thurnmond's Lung Star catarrh cure, you can cure that bad case of catarrh you are suffering with so long. Will cure in thirty days. For sale by R. Phillips.

WE are informed that disc harrows, saw plows and seed drills, are now sold much cheaper than formerly by J. L. Lea & Co., and we advise our friends to look at them.

Go to Moon & Crowder's for your spring goods. They have a nice line and will sell cheap.

Do you want to save money on your purchases? If so, come to see us. Our goods must go. Moon & Crowder.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Callahan county will convene June 10th, 1889, at a Board of Equalization, by order of the court.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Sealed proposals will be received by the commissioners' court of Callahan county on June 10, 1889, to build a road on county jail; to be covered with tin or shingles. Plans on file in clerk's office. Right reserved to reject all proposals. By order of the court.

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FOY & RICHARDSON, DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, SHOES, HATS, MILLINERY, FANCY GOODS, ETC. ETC. FOY & RICHARDSON, BAIRD, TEXAS.

Advertisement for BROWN DESNOYERS SHOES CO'S 'E-ZY MARK' SHOES. Features a large illustration of a shoe and text: 'WE CARRY THE FOLLOWING LEADERS IN TRADE MARK LINES. LADIES 200 250 300 & 350 SHOES. MENS 200 250 & 300. BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL SHOES FOR SALE HERE.'

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

PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND COPYRIGHTS. Obtained, and all business in the U. S. Patent Office attended to at MODERATE FEES.

MICROBE KILLER, MANUFACTURED BY Wm. Radam, of Austin, Texas. For sale at factory prices by MRS. NORVELL, ACT., Baird, Texas.

Advertisement for 'THAT FIGHT' medicine. 'The Original Wins. C. F. Simmons, St. Louis, Propy M. A. Simmons, Liver Medicine, Esd' etc. Includes a small illustration of a person and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

W. D. sulf. druggist, nippus, ind. estifies: "I can recommend electric nippers as the best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case, one man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years standing." Abraham Pare, druggist, Melbourne, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I ever handled in my 20 years, experience, is Electric Nippers. Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that electric nippers do cure all diseases of the liver, kidney or blood, only a half dollar a bottle at Baird Drug Co's store."

Mr. Moore, the Post Master at Bradshaw, Va., after reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, concluded to try a small bottle of it. He says: "I used it in two cases for colic and three for diarrhoea with perfect satisfaction one dose gave relief in every case but one, that was a bad case of colic and required the second dose. I have handled a great deal of patent medicine as agent and for my own use, but never tried any that gave as good result as 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.' For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by BAIRD DRUG CO.

A Woman's Discovery. "Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its claws upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle she miraculously cured. Mr. Luther Lutz, of Callahan county, Tex., is a case in point. He is a fine specimen of manhood and is now enjoying his health. For a full trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, free of charge, apply to the store."

COTTON FACTORS

Commission Merchants

CASH PAID FOR COTTON, WOOL, AND HIDES.



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

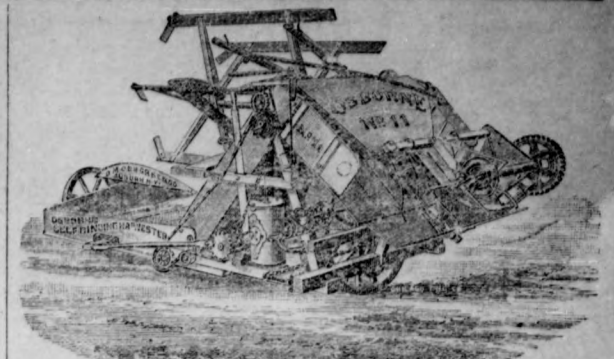
Big Stone Grocery Store.

J. L. LEA & CO.

KEEP ON HAND A

LARGER STOCK OF GROCERIES, THEREFORE BUY AND SELL CHEAPER THAN ANYONE.

We will Buy or Help You to Sell Your COUNTRY PRODUCE FOR CASH. J. L. LEA & CO.



D. M OSBORNE'S HARVESTING MACHINERY Cheap and on Liberal Terms. J. L. LEA & CO.

The Attention of the town trade is called to the fact that we have a Big Stock of Canned Goods of all kinds at New Prices, Bought Since the fall.

1889. SPRING AND SUMMER.

T. E. Powell

Clothing, Hats, Caps and Notions.

Comes to the Front Again with a Magnificent Stock OF DRY - GOODS, And a thousand and one things, too numerous to Mention.

COME ALL AND SEE MY

BRAN NEW STOCK.

T. E. POWELL, BAIRD, TEXAS.

1889.

Boots,

Shoes and Dress

Goods.

MOON & CROWDER,

Dealers In

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Such as Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, Valises, Jewelry and Groceries.

We pay no rent, no clerk-hire, and we call the attention of the public to this fact. We will not be undersold by any house in Baird, or surrounding towns. Give us a trial and be convinced.

LOCAL NEWS.

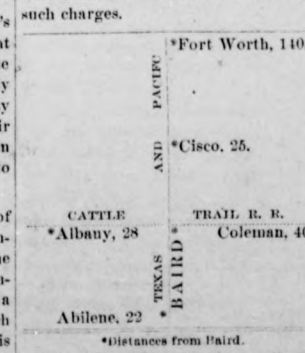
See new town ordinances. What about the waterworks? No. 1 hard oil at R. Phillips. Snide show in town to-day. The county jail is empty again. Another good rain Tuesday night. See new list of estrays advertised. What has become of the Baird brass band? J. W. Jones is having his house painted. John Bowyer, of Abilene, was in town Tuesday. Yesterday was more like winter than spring. What has become of the Cattle Trail railroad? R. M. Adams, of Tecumseh, is in town this week. New lot of dry goods at Ph. Schwartz & Bro. Several emigrant wagons passed through town this week. New crop Irish potatoes and snap beans are coming in. Than Warren has gone back to join the boomers in Oklahoma. The weather was right cool this morning and fires felt pleasant. Harry Meyers has been making some improvements on his dwelling. S. L. Ogle spent several days out on his ranch this week, returning yesterday. Prof. F. E. Haynes came down yesterday and will return to Abilene today. Capt. Moore, the Texas and Pacific stock solicitor, was here on Monday last. John Burton is back again from Brady, after an absence of several weeks. H. B. Smallwood and G. W. Slaughter, of Tecumseh, were in town last Monday. Dr. Alf. H. H. Tolar, of Abilene, town yesterday and gave us a call. McMan... postmaster, then trip on Ham are to putting in ing Board of in Cisco June yesterday from ent with cattle g agent for the h company, was tting in stone or some time il. weather cook would not be H. Meyers.

A new clerk arrived at T. E. Powell's last Sunday night. Tom says it is a boy, and no mistake. John Couch reports a good rain and considerable wind Tuesday at his place west of Baird. W. T. Wheeler was in town Tuesday and deposited the kelter for a year's subscription. A good shower of rain fell Sunday night, which will be of great benefit to the growing crops. The livery stables are doing a rushing business this week carrying passengers to Belle Plaine. Sam Henry says he would like to have one dollar and a quarter's worth of THE STAR in advance. R. Schwartzbaugh paid up all back dues and a year in advance, which is duly appreciated. J. E. Frazier paid for two years' subscription this week. This is the way we like to see 'em come. Mr. N. H. Ans was in town Tuesday. He says he has some wheat that will knock that subscription. Jim Hart was in town yesterday. He says they had a good rain in his neighborhood Tuesday night. W. D. Dean went to Weatherford with a witness Tuesday. W. C. Asbury also went down Monday. J. E. Thomas returned several days ago from Austin, where he had business before the appellate court. The dispensation for the new chapter has been received and the chapter will be organized in a few days. We will send THE STAR free for the best half pint sample of wheat raised in Callahan county this year. G. W. Weeks, of Belle Plaine, was in town Tuesday and paid up his subscription to January 1, 1890. Thanks. The Portugee settlers and others about Clyde are now preparing to build a Catholic church at that village. The storm Tuesday night caught lots of the Baird folks at Belle Plaine, and most of them staid all night. Ed Coppins is on the sick list this week. Hope he will soon be out again because he looks so awful sour when ill. Jim Hart, living near Putnam, says they never before had such fine wheat crops as they have this year in his neighborhood. Mrs. Dudley has had a neat yard fence built around her residence. Grant Bowlius and Fred Lane were the contractors. The rainfall of 1889 has been ample to keep the grass in fine condition. The stock are doing well. The crops are generally good and the greatest need in our county now is more people. We need more capital to add the little now here to open up the country.

J. D. Mitchell has lost some horses and W. P. May has lost a mule. See ads. Remember we advertise your stock free of charge. Elder Caperton returned to his home in Albany, via Cisco, on last Tuesday, having been a member of the Baptist convention in Memphis, Tenn. Prof. R. D. Williams and his brother, Rev. W. L. Williams, made THE STAR a call as they passed through town yesterday on their way to Jones county. We call the attention of the farmers to an article in this issue on cotton planting, by Capt. J. L. Lea, who has had considerable experience in raising cotton. Miss Josie Middlebrooke, a recent graduate of Sam Houston Normal school at Huntsville, writes one of our citizens for information as to schools here. W. H. Moore secured the contract to grade Market street at 12 1-2 cents per cubic yard. Work is to begin by June 1, and to be completed not later than July 1. The photograph gallery (or tent rather) near THE STAR office was blown down Sunday night, and smashed up things generally. The damages were about \$60. The Texas and Pacific people are making better time with stock trains between Big Springs and points east than ever before. "Competition is the life of trade," Selah. B. Deasel paid up his subscription to next December and ordered his paper sent to Terrell, where he locates for the present, he having sent in his resignation to take effect June 1. The case of the State against James Leeper, tried at the last term of district court, was reversed by the court of appeals at Austin last week and Leeper was released on bond. Ellis Richardson, of the firm of Foy & Richardson, left for Albany Tuesday last to attend the wedding of Miss Caperton and a son of Judge Lynch, which was to take place Wednesday morning in Albany. J. D. Mitchell walked into the office Tuesday and threw a great big American dollar down on the table and said: "Give me credit for that or hand it back here." Well, we didn't hand it back. John Laird wants to know if Joe Mulhatton wrote "Meg's Luck," the story that appeared in last week's STAR. Joe may have written the story, but he was not the one who brought the manuscript to this office. F. S. Gage and Jas. Terrell and family were caught out in Tuesday night's storm on their return from Belle Plaine. To make matters worse they got lost and did not get to town until 4:15 o'clock yesterday morning.

Dr. Tolar went up to Belle Plaine Monday to attend the closing exercises of the college. He returned to Abilene yesterday with his daughter, who has been attending the college. Baird should offer a liberal reward for the first bale of cotton sold here this fall. Let the business men get a move on them and make Baird the best cotton market in western Texas. We call the attention of our readers to chapter 113, of the general laws of last legislature, published in this issue under the head of "Taxation." If you have had lands sold for taxes the article will interest you. Judge Lynch, a prominent stockman of Shackelford county, passed through our town on his way home from Belle Plaine college Tuesday morning. The judge is a patron of the school there, having two children in that institution. J. S. Foy, for years a worthy citizen of Baird, is moving to Anson, where, for some time, he has kept goods on sale. We regret to lose Mr. Foy and assure our Anson friends they will find in him a sober, steady and reliable citizen. It was suggested at the young men's prayer meeting last Monday night that each member invite at least one person who does not attend regularly to attend the meeting next Monday night. We will take them at their word and hereby invite every man and boy in the town and county to attend next Monday night. Baird is in a fair way to lose one of her best citizens. Since the commencement exercises at Belle Plaine he has been heard to mutter to himself, "She sings divinely. What a magnificent voice, eh?" All of which shows that the aforesaid citizen is deeply interested in music, both vocal and instrumental. The storm Tuesday night blew down the bell tower at the Presbyterian church. The tower and bell were blown over the fence, around the church, and the tower must have turned a complete summersault, from appearances. All the iron fixtures were broken and only the bell and main tower were uninjured. This is an unfortunate accident and will necessitate considerable expense in replating the bell. Baird has had all sorts of schemes lately to enable the people to spend their surplus cash; such as concerts, entertainments, book agents, shows, lectures, photog. saphers, in fact every kind of a device ever heard of; but two Italians came in last Saturday with something new. They had a cinnamon bear and proceeded to take in the town and the nickles without delay. The bear would perform a few tricks he had been taught by his masters, to the delight of the small boys of the town.

Our committee has sent down some very fine samples of grains, grapes, grasses and building stone, which will be placed in the Spring Palace to the credit of Callahan county. We are sorry our people have not made up a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of keeping a commissioner there at all times during the twenty-one Spring Palace days. Dallas is a sort of Texas metropolis, and as a city of churches, has been in the lead. The Baptists of Texas have their official paper there. A rivalry has long existed between Elder Hayden, the editor of the paper, and Elder Hanks, the pastor of the church. A council was called to settle the differences, which sat down on Hayden, who has never ceased to hound the pastor, and recently secured some alleged proof of infidelity of a female member of the church, for which the lady's husband has recently cow-hided Hayden. The case is now in the courts and is liable to make more wide the breach between the two preachers and their followers. It would seem to us even if the defamed sister was guilty as charged that no Christian would aid in circulating such charges.



The above diagram is not a railroad map, but to show the geographical position of Baird. In population Baird ranks fourth in the above list. All the towns named in the above plat are incorporated for school purposes except Baird. Comment is unnecessary. Sheriff Jones tackled a peddler this week for his occupation tax. The peddler claimed he had paid the tax to a justice of the peace of Callahan county, and produced a receipt with the name of a well known J. P.'s name signed by another man, who was acting as a deputy we suppose. The peddler was perfectly astonished when he learned that his receipt was n.g. The party collecting the tax only collected the county tax, and finally the sheriff gave the peddler a receipt in full upon payment of the state tax and took up the J. P.'s receipt. Evidently, some of Callahan's justices of the peace, or their deputies, will have to read up a little. Justices of the peace are not authorized to appoint deputies or collect taxes in

Texas. We don't want any of our exchanges to get hold of this so we put it in the local page. Callahan county has not yet given up the ghost as a wool producing country, 12,000 pounds of wool being only a part of the clip of Claggett, Pierce & Co., sold today to the Wesson, Miss. woolen mills for 21 cents. It is understood that this factory buys nothing but the best wool, and it would seem that this county produces that kind of an article. A RAILROAD ACCIDENT. Two of Baird's Popular Railroad Men were Caught in the Storm Tuesday Night. Tuesday night Mr. F. S. Gage, our popular depot agent, and James Terrell, the gentlemanly foreman of the roundhouse, accompanied by Mrs. Terrell and children, and Mrs. Parks and children, Mrs. Burrell, Gerlie and little Mamie Burrell started out on an excursion to Belle Plaine on the lightning express to attend the college exercises. James Terrell was at the throttle and F. S. Gage acted as conductor. Everything went as merry as a marriage bell on the outward trip, and after the exercises the party started on the return trip with a full head steam. When about two miles from Belle Plaine Conductor Gage learned that his way bills were missing (run off a branch maybe), and Engineer Terrell discovered that he had lost his orders. The lights went out, and the supply of coal being exhausted, the fire began to die out. The driver refusing to work, the engine died on the main line. About this time the storm burst upon the excursionists in all its fury. Miss Jessie Terrell called out twenty minutes for refreshments. Conductor Gage yelled out he was getting all the refreshments he needed. The party arrived in Baird at 4:15 Wednesday morning by using second section as a musher. SPECIAL MENTION. Wall paper. R. Phillips. All kinds of Salt at Lea's. The "736" cigar at Coppins'. Cheap cow and horse feed, at L. Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's. Pure White Rose Lard at Coppins'. Go to Powell's for your slippers, Barred mixed pickles at Coppins'. Ice cream freezers, H. Meyers. Bring in your oats. J. L. LEA & Co. Go to Powell's for your nice hats. 12 yds. ice, Domestic, \$1.00, at Powell's. Get your Trunks from Powell. Rock, barrel and sack salt at Coppins'. Best maple syrup you ever saw, at Lea's. Cultivators, best and cheapest, at Lea's. Bran, Cotton Seed & other feed cheap at Lea's. Fresh cabbage and potatoes at S. L. Ogle's.

All kinds of candles and nuts, cheap, at Lea's. Cash tells the tale at Moon & Crowder's. Try them. Ladies' slippers 65 cents; worth \$1 T. E. Powell. All kinds of white dress goods at T. E. Powell's. Shop made boots and shoes at T. E. Powell's. Hides and furs of all kinds wanted J. L. LEA & Co. California and other garden seed at Lea's, cheaper than anywhere. Choice hams at Lea's, 12 cents per pound. Lemons, oranges and bananas at S. L. Ogle's. Ed Coppins is receiving new goods every day. Skirt with embroidery very cheap T. E. Powell. Machine, engine and wagon oils at J. L. Lea & Co.'s. Cheap and good. Nice line of glass water, and berry sets, at H. Meyers'. Harness and saddlery at W. W. Ogle's, at Dallas prices. Pure honey from Davenport Bros. San Saba County, at Lea's. Just received a fine lot of fishing poles, hooks, lines, etc., at S. L. Ogle's. Something new and attractive. Chalcie dress goods cheap at P. Schwartz & Bro. Fishing tackle at S. L. Ogle's. Six spools J. & P. Coats' thread, 25 cents at T. E. Powell's. Cane seed, millet, spring wheat, seed peas, douro, peanuts, cotton seed—all for planting, at Lea's. We will save you 10 per cent or more on straw hats if you will give us a chance. Moon & Crowder. Ladies come and examine the pretty dress goods. Just received a beautiful assortment and very low. P. Schwartz & Bro. Special inducements in shoes and straw hats for next ten days. Foy & Richardson. Baker's Complete Hames Fastener does away with leather straps at bottom of hames. H. Meyer. Big line of dry goods, all kinds of chalcie, extra cheap. T. E. Powell. I have always sold cheaper than anyone and always will. Call and see. T. E. POWELL. Why is it that everybody buys their wedding and business suits at T. E. Powell's? Low prices and good goods is the answer to the question. Business is good. Why? Low prices will do it. T. E. Powell is doing a good business. Nice line of black lawn, cheap; also fine lot of sateen just arrived. T. E. Powell. S. L. Ogle has left town for a while and the boys have forgotten the east mark. Now is your opportunity to buy groceries cheap. Call on S. L. Robertson and buy your dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, etc.

We will open up about June 1 a good line of white dress goods and novelties of different kinds, cheaper than ever. Don't fail to see them. Foy & Richardson. S. L. Robertson is receiving a nice line of new goods this week and will sell them mighty cheap. I book no goods on over thirty days time, and will always give lowest cash prices. S. L. Robertson. You will find new goods arriving at Robertson's every week. Call and see them. T. E. Powell shipped a nice bill of goods to coal mines in Palo Pinto county. Sell goods cheap and everyone wants them. Call and get my prices. T. E. Powell. Ed Coppins says business is very satisfactory. He does not make much of a spread but gets there all the same. LADIES. Needing a tonic, or children that want building BROWN'S HONOR BITTERS. This is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, and Biliousness. All druggists keep it. PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. Confirm our statement when we say that Acker's English Remedy is in every way superior to any and all other preparations for the throat and lungs. In whooping cough and croup it is magic and relieves at once. We offer you a sample bottle free. Remember, this medicine is sold under a positive guarantee. For sale by Baird Drug Co. 25-1y. FOR DYSPEPSIA. Use Brown's Iron Bitters. Physicians recommend it. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper. GUARD AGAINST THE STRIKE. And always have a bottle of Acker's English Remedy in the house. You cannot tell how soon croup may strike your little one, or a cold or cough may fasten itself upon you. One dose is a preventive and a few doses a positive cure. All throat and lung troubles yield to its treatment. A sample bottle is given you free and the remedy guaranteed by Baird Drug Co. 25-1y. Our Clubbing List for 1889. STAR and Fort Worth Gazette, - \$1.80 " Dallas News, - - - - - \$2.10 " Galesburg News, - - - - - \$2.10 " Dallas News, - - - - - \$2.10 " Conies' Journal, - - - - - \$1.85 " Firms and Kewch, - - - - - \$1.50 " Homestead Monthly, - - - \$2.75 The Cash must accompany all orders. Address THE STAR, Baird, Texas. MUNN PATENTS. After Four years' experience in the Patent Office, I have secured the United States Patent for the improvement on the Munn Patent. The Munn Patent is a new and valuable invention for the purpose of securing the rights of inventors. It is a simple and effective means of securing the rights of inventors. It is a simple and effective means of securing the rights of inventors. It is a simple and effective means of securing the rights of inventors. It is a simple and effective means of securing the rights of inventors.

