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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEB., 7, 1913.

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## START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

### By Trading at B. L. Boydston's. Make our Store Your Headquarters.

We have the largest and best assorted stock of Dry Goods in Baird and will give you the lowest prices. We will continue our "Special Cut Price Sale" on Men's and Boys Suits and Overcoats, thereby giving another chance to those who did not take advantage of our previous sale to make their purchases in the Clothing line at a great saving. These goods must go. We need room for our new Spring Stock.

#### Winter Underwear

Men's, Women and Children's Musing and other grades of Winter Underwear at 15 per cent off regular price. Don't miss this exceptional bargain in Underwear.

#### Coats and Coat Suits.

We have left a few Ladies and Children's Coats that we are going to offer at actual wholesale cost. Also a few Ladie's Coat Suits which will close out at cost.

#### Our Shoe Department

Our Shoe Department is crowded with many and various bargains for Men, Women and Children. We sell the best School Shoe on earth, The Blue Ribbon Buster Brown Shoe.

#### Spring Embroideries, Etc.

We have just received and have now on display our new Spring Embroideries, Undermuslin, Household Linens, Dress Linens, White Waistings, Lace, etc, and invite you to visit our store before making your purchases of these goods.

#### Standard Trade Mark Goods.

Royal Society Embroidery Goods, American Beauty Corsets, Wunder Hose, Great Western Gloves, Brotherhood Overalls, Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits, Musing Underwear, John B. Stetson line of hats.

#### We Want Your Trade.

We want your trade and earnestly solicit the same for 1913 and hope to merit it by being courteous, honest and fair dealing to all.

### B. L. BOYDSTUN

#### COTTONWOOD DOTS.

Jan. 5th.—Overcoats and fires prevail this morning. Last Saturday night sometime a norther blew up accompanied by a fine mist, and all day Sunday the ground, weeds, fences and everything was covered with ice and a cold wind blew all day which made it very disagreeable. However early Monday morning the clouds disappeared and the sun shone out and it was a beautiful day as also was Tuesday, and the farmers got busy in the preparation of the land for another crop. Scarcely a quorum for a domino game could be found in Cottonwood Tuesday.

Quite a lot of oats is being planted in our country.

Some little talk about the bond election as the time approaches, but not the interest manifested that we supposed would be this near the election. We fear the result at this box, a large percent of the voters in this precinct oppose all bond issues.

A little girl of Mr. Shelton's, who has only been in this community a short time, died with diptheria last Wednesday and was buried in the Cottonwood cemetery last Thursday. Another of his children and two of Fred Rivers' contracted the disease, but all are practically over it now and no new cases.

Mr. Wylie Smith, living one mile east of Cottonwood, who has been quite sick with typhoid fever for some time, is very much improved and we hope to be able to report him convalescent in a short time.

The Corsicana Petroleum Company, who several months ago secured oil leases on a large territory of land in our county, are this week canvassing the country surrendering their leases and paying a forfeit of perhaps five dollars in each instance

John T. Griffin, living two and a half miles south of Cottonwood, has a right sick child today with strong indications of pneumonia.

M. T. Ray of the firm of Ray & Wilkey, has a little boy quite sick with Tonsillitis.

The young people of Cottonwood have organized themselves into a Literary Society and will render a program twice each month. We anticipate some pleasant entertainments.

What has become of Uncle Juan? Would enjoy reading an occasional communication from him.

Getting The Star again is like meeting an old time friend.

Beautifully yours,  
"Uncle Jimmie."

#### Washington Tea.

The Star is requested to announce that the Ladies of the Methodist Church will give a Washington Tea, Saturday, Feb. 22, at the home of Mrs. E. M. Wristen from 3 to 6 in the afternoon and a free will offering will be taken. At night, beginning at 8 o'clock a program will be rendered, and refreshments then will be 25c for 2 and 15c for 1. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

#### \$100.00 REWARD.

I will pay \$100.00 Reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who burned my pasture on Jan. 30th 1913.  
W. J. Barris. 9tf

#### Strayed.

Anyone knowing the where abouts of one Jersey yearling hieffer branded T L (connected) on left hip please phone 75.

#### BELLE PLAINE LOCALS.

(Received too late for last week.)

This is a beautiful day after having a good rain yesterday. It rained all day Sunday and I suppose there was no Sunday school or preaching.

I went to Baird last Saturday week and attended the Masonic lodge that night. I witnessed the raising of Brother Wren to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. It was my first visit to the lodge since I have been in the county. I met Brother John Collier in the lodge room. It has been about 30 years since we met in the lodge together. I was glad to see him looking so well and so young, however neither of us are school boys. On Sunday I attended the Baptist Church of which I am a member. There were 91 members present, Brother Parker of Blossom, preached a sermon that all present approved of. I like to attend Sunday School and Church, but I do not get to go often as there is only one appointment at Belle Plaine and some time the preacher fails to come and at other times it rains, so I cannot attend regular. We have a nice little Sunday School at Belle Plaine with Brother A. T. Young as Supt. and he makes a good one and I wish him success and will do my best to help all that I can.

The Baird Star advocates good roads which meets with my approval Belle Plaine is behind with her roads. Our roads are in the deep sand and need working very much and I think our present overseer is going to do some good work. He has put clay on the road where it is needed from Mr. Smalley's north about two miles and I learn that he is at work today with some hands north of Mr. Young. No set-of-farmers can prosper in a

country without good roads. A farmer must have good roads to haul his products to town. When I first went to Oklahoma that country had bad roads, no road laws and every fellow had to cut his own road, consequently the roads were bad, when it rained there were mud holes, hill sides to climb, small creeks to cross and when a big rain came they were impassable, but after Statehood came and road laws were passed, the roads were cut out, bridges and culverts put in, roads graded up and Clay put on the sand and gravel put on the mud. A farmer who had been going to town with two bales of cotton with a good span of horses or mules, could after the roads had been put in good condition haul 5 bales with the same wagon and team. My letter is getting too long, I could write all day of good roads. I say do away with tin culverts and steel bridges and put in stone bridges and culverts. Virginia has one bridge that has been a bridge ever since the state has been a state. Callahan County has an abundance of good stone to use in bridges across every creek in the county and when you put a good stone bridge up the work is done for ever.

I cannot close this letter with out saying something about Morris Sheppard. I am not prejudiced against him for being a pro. It is because he lacks the ability. He introduced a bill a few days ago to appropriate \$23,000 to pay the expense for the Inaugural Ball, for President Wilson. The President objects to the Ball, but Sheppard wants to have a good time at the expense of the National Treasury.

Well Jackie, Mike got out of the lot since I got home and you ought to have seen him run, one quarter of a mile north then turned west and

you bet he made the sand fly, he sure is a runner.

Note.—In justice to Morris Sheppard, he says he did not introduce the bill mentioned.—Editor.

#### ATWELL DEFEATS B. T. S.

In a hotly contested game of Basketball last Saturday, Feb. 1st, Atwell High School team defeated a team of girls from Britton's Training School, of Cisco, by a score of 22 to 11. The game was interesting throughout and was appreciated by the large crowd which witnessed the contest. The game was free from quarrels and squabbling and each team deserves credit for the courtesy shown the other team.

Although the Cisco girls were larger than the home girls, they were not able to meet the speed, team work, and accurate playing of Prof. Leo Britton's team. Among the six stars of the Atwell team, the two most prominent players were Willie Robertson and Lydia Brashear, while Roxie Moon and Gladys Fussell starred for B. T. S. Referee: Prof. Floyd Johnson of Haskell. Umpire: Prof. Clay Chrisman, of Atwell.

#### A Spectator.

#### VALENTINE TEA.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a Valentine Tea at the home of Mrs. J. S. Hart, Friday Feb. 14th, from 3 to 6. Free will offering. Everybody invited to come.

#### Eastern Star.

Callahan Chapter No. 242. Order of the Eastern Star will meet in regular session Tuesday night, February 11th. All members take notice.

#### ADMIRAL DOTS.

As "The Tomato Catsup" has been frozen for sometime thought I would write.

Mrs. Monroe of Oplin, has been visiting her daughter Miss Pearl of Admiral.

Sam Wristen and Dad Chatham made a flying trip to Putnam Friday Mr. Buck Gary's baby has a severe case of pneumonia.

Uncle Joe McClendon who has been very sick is reported better.

W. H. Dawkins has been on the sick list but I think it is because he sold his mules to Mr. Finley.

We are glad to report that Grandma Anderson is much better, but of course we all get well when we call in such a good physician as Dr. R. L. Griggs.

Our Literary of Cedar Grove will meet Friday night and we would be glad to have a good crowd.

Our school at Admiral is progressing nicely with Prof. John Russell as teacher.

Fannie Anderson of Cottonwood, is at Mrs. R. C. Dawkins to help nurse her grandmother.

Mrs. Walter Linscomb, of Oplin, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Smartt.

Doc. Anderson has returned to Alpine.

Mrs. Pool has returned to Eula. Mrs. A. Ledbetter has been called to Fort Worth to be with her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Higgins, who is very sick.

We are afraid Mrs. John Walker and Miss Stone will get hurt as they drive a very unruly pony.

Our Ladies Aid of Admiral will meet with Mrs. H. C. Martin Wednesday afternoon.

"A. W."





# SUNNY BROOK

Ask any good doctor what he thinks of the judicious use of pure, old whiskey, and he will tell you that it is the best sort of a tonic and invigorator. But you must choose the right kind with care—a poor whiskey will do more harm than a good whiskey can do good. When you buy



that it is the very best and purest that money and skill can produce—a whiskey scientifically distilled and carefully aged for the express purpose of being used as a healthful stimulant in the home.

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is distilled, aged and bottled in bond under the direct supervision of U. S. Government Inspectors, and the Green Government Stamp that seals each bottle guarantees that the contents are genuine, straight, natural whiskey, properly matured, and full U. S. Standard 100% proof.

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**L. B. DAVIDSON**  
STRAWN, TEXAS

### Money For Loan.

I will buy Vendor's Lien Notes, make Deed of Trust loans on land or take personal security if first class Will loan for one or more years. See or write me.  
8-3t. A. G. Webb, Abilene.

### WANTED.

To exchange good plug work horse for horse more suitable for buggy animal. Will pay cash difference.  
8-tf. P. O. Box 152. Phone 32.

## FACTS

- ☛ The news items of the home community.
- ☛ The things in which you are most interested.
- ☛ The births, weddings, deaths of the people you know.
- ☛ The social affairs of our own and surrounding towns.

These are the kind of facts this paper gives you in every issue. They are certainly worth the subscription price.

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It is a very serious matter to ask for one medicine and have the wrong one given you. For this reason we urge you in buying to be careful to get the genuine—

## THE FORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT Liver Medicine

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN 73

### TRIO OF RAILROAD BUILDERS DISCUSS STOCK AND BOND LAW.

Law Prevents Independent Construction—Texas Only State Requiring Roads to be Built Before Bonds are Issued.

Houston, Texas.—The practical effect of the Texas Stock and Bond law upon railroad construction in Texas is of course best understood by those engaged in railroad construction than perhaps any other class of people. The Texas Welfare Commission invited the opinion of the leading railroad men of the country and three of the most prominent men are quoted below.

Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harrimon lines, said in part: "I do not know of any independent line of considerable importance that has been constructed in Texas since this stock and bond law went into effect. The stock of the Trinity & Brazos Valley, as I understand it, is owned jointly by the Rock Island Company and by the Colorado & Southern and they have backed that enterprise. The Brownsville line and the Yoakum line, from Houston towards New Orleans, as I understand, have been backed and financed by the Frisco system. I do not recall any other line. There may have been many lines started but if you can show me a single line one hundred miles in length that has been constructed in Texas in the last twenty years—without the backing of a large system from outside the state—I should be very much obliged, because I do not remember any. Of course, one effect of this has been to retard the construction of other lines. Some may consider that that has been beneficial to the existing lines."

Mr. Frank Trumbull, executive head of the Katy system, said in part: "Under the present law you have got to furnish your railroad first and get your securities afterwards, that is, if you are selling bonds. That is not done anywhere else in the world, so far as I know, and it is not good financing, and if it is not good financing, it is not good for the State of Texas."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, said in part: "We have been able by means of our credit acquired outside the state to borrow money on that credit and spend it in Texas in spite of the stock and bond law. To say, as your Texas law practically does, that no bonds will be authorized until the money is spent, is equivalent, as to any new promotion of small lines, to forbidding their construction."

### SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

I am soliciting subscriptions, both new and renewals, for the following magazines and would appreciate your orders. If I do not see you phone either No. 6 or No. 8, and I will call for your orders:

- The Ladies' Home Journal
- The Saturday Evening Post
- The Country Gentleman
- The Woman's Magazine,
- Pictorial Review
- Woman's Home Companion,
- And several Club offers.

Miss John Gilliland, Baird,

Old Papers for Sale.—At THE STAR office. Can be used for putting under carpets, in shelves, etc. 25cts per hundred.

## DOULTRY

### HOW TO FUMIGATE HEN HOUSE

Building Should Be Closed Tightly and All Fowls Excluded—Be Careful of Poison Used.

Fumigation is a means of reaching germs and insect life in the air of the room and in the cracks and crannies of the wood work, says the Cultivator. The house or room should be tightly closed and all fowls excluded during fumigation. A simple method is to burn the sulphur candles now sold at stores dealing in poultry supplies. The fumes of brimstone may also be produced by burning in a metallic basin (such as an old iron kettle) a number of rags previously soaked in melted sulphur. Sulphur may be mixed with a little alcohol or kerosene oil and burned, or it may be sprinkled upon live coals placed in a chafing dish. The house or room should be kept closed for several hours and then opened as thoroughly as possible to allow the wind to drive out any remaining trace of poisonous gas. In fumigating by burning substances be careful not to set fire to the building. Remember also that in most cases the substances which are used are poisonous to human life and to fowls. Carelessness in their use or in leaving them about where chick or child can get at them may have dire results.

### USING A FIRELESS BROODER

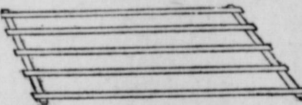
Box Protected by Wool Carpet and Heated by Small Jug of Warm Water is Excellent.

A there are many poultrymen who prefer to raise chicks in a fireless brooder, we give here a plan suggested by W. D. Neale, which has been used successfully for two years, says the Iowa Homestead. He secured a box three feet long, sixteen inches wide and eight inches deep from his grocer for fifteen cents. An opening was made in one side of the box four inches in width and height to admit the chicks. To fit in this box, make a frame of laths two inches less in width and length than the box. The laths were placed



Fireless Brooder.

about three inches apart and nailed securely to cross pieces at either end. This frame fitted inside the box and rested on nails, two at each end, driven through the box at the desired height. These nails were withdrawn and driven higher in the ends of the box as the chicks grew so that they would have more room beneath the frame. A piece of wool carpet was thrown over the top of the frame and pressed down beneath the lath so that



Covering of Brooder.

the folds would just touch the downy backs of the chicks. On cold nights an extra piece of carpet was thrown over the box or a small jug of warm water placed inside. The bottom of the box was kept covered with straw.

## DOULTRY NOTES

Never harbor mongrel stock. Don't forget to whitewash the interior of your houses.

Expect disease and low vitality when fowls are inbred year in and year out.

Send to market all the stock that you can spare, for the prices of feed are still high.

Plump chickens are wanted in market; remember that lousy chickens will not fatten.

From October 15th to about November 20th the best prices for poultry are generally obtained.

New blood may be added to the flock, by buying some choice pullets of a reliable poultry keeper.

Lining nest boxes with newspapers makes it easy to lift out litter, paper and all. Then set a match to it.

Authorities claim that the eggs from a hen will be fertile for ten days after the removal of the male from the flock.

Do not let your young birds roost with the old hens, as they are liable to catch diseases which old hens are more subject to.

All hens which have completed their second laying season should be disposed of at once, to make room for the young stock.

Save the small potatoes and imperfect heads of cabbage and other waste vegetables. They will all be relished by the hens in the winter.

Don't delay any longer making repairs to the houses or fences, winter may be here before you are ready. At the same time, clean up the runs and walks.

# Groceries

## WE WANT A SHARE OF YOUR TRADE

We carry a full stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries and guarantee them to be fresh. We have a competent corps of clerks, who are always glad to meet you and promptly fill your orders. We make a special effort to keep just what our customers want. We always have fresh vegetables and fruit in season. To our friends in the city: Phone us your orders, it will be our pleasure to fill same and make prompt delivery. To our friends from the county: Come to see us and make our store headquarters when in town. We pay the highest market price for eggs, chickens and country produce. We appreciate your patronage and endeavor to prove it by always giving you full value for your money.

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First-class laundry work of all kind. Cleaning, dyeing and pressing a specialty. Basket leaves Mondays and Wednesday, returns Thursday, and Saturday. All work called for and delivered. I will appreciate your patronage. Phone 152.  
Mrs. Emma Ashton, Agent.

### Laundry Notice.

Basket leaves Mondays and Wednesdays. Returns Wednesdays and Saturdays. We are prepared to give you the very lowest prices and best service.  
E. C. Fulton.  
Phone 239.

### PAY-UP

I have a number of outstanding accounts that must be paid by the first of November and I positively will not carry any accounts longer than thirty days and I must insist on the payment of all accounts on the 24th of the month.  
46.3 E. C. Fulton

### Pasture Posted.

All my pastures are posted and I positively forbid hunting or trespassing in any way by anyone. Keep out.  
Mrs. J. E. Rushing, 1-6t.

### DISC SHARPENERS.

Save time, money and feed by having your discs ground by Dickey & Bounds. We can grind your discs, plows or harrow. When you want your horse shod see us. We have just put in a lot of new machinery. Dickey & Bounds, opposite The Star office.  
46-tf.

## FATHER, WHY IS THIS?



While Texas has the largest permanent fund for education, yet she actually spends less per student than practically all the other states of the Union.—Texas Welfare Commission.



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A 20 Year Gold Filled Hunting 18 Size, 17 Jeweled Waltham  
Watch Only \$17.50.

This is an extraordinary offer and if you are in need of a good  
watch do not pass it up. We have but a limited number on  
hand and they will not last long. : : : :

## DO NOT NEGLECT YOUR EYES

We fit the eyes properly and know how to adjust your frames so you will obtain  
the desired results. Do not let traveling fakes ruin your eyes with seeming proper-  
ly fitted glasses. All they care for is the money for they are here today, away  
tomorrow. We carry a full stock of lenses at all times. : : : :

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work. We know how and always  
give you the purest drugs money  
can buy. We never substitute.

### LOWNEY CANDIES.

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line of box Candies. So when you  
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Four weeks constitute a month, for display ads. When display ads run three months or longer the calendar month is used. Locals 5c per line each insertion.

If Texans swipes all the cabinet positions President Wilson has at his disposal what will democrats of other states say, and what will William J. do?

Just twenty-six days from to-day, barring accidents, the democrats will take charge of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government.

Democrats who expect a wholesale removal of republican federal office holders by President Wilson by 6 p. m. March 4th next, are liable to be mistaken.

A four year term for all state officers except such as already hold six years, and four years for all county and district officers is the proper thing. We have too many elections.

It begins to look like every prominent democrat in Texas, except Gov. Colquitt, Joe Bailey and Col. R. M. Johnson, have a fighting chance to become members of President Wilson's cabinet.

No republican office holder should be removed without cause, but the fact that they are republicans is sufficient cause—don't you think? If conditions were reversed that is the way the republicans would see it, at least that is the way they always acted.

Mr. Dooley says the first thing William J. Bryan will do after taking charge of President Wilson's cabinet will be to offer a resolution pledging the President to stand by the one term plank W. J. slipped into the Baltimore platform. Of course President Wilson and all the other members of his official family will enthusiastically agree with W. J.

If Bryan is not in Wilson's cabinet his friends as well as his enemies will be seriously disappointed. If W. J. is in the cabinet he will be the cabinet, and President Wilson and others will be mere figureheads, is the way many view it. President Wilson may fool the whole push by either not appointing Bryan or acting as boss if he does appoint him.

We have been expecting some one to hear that the T. & P. railroad officials were opposed to the road bond issue and that we would perhaps lose the round house if they carried and so we hear that such is the case. The report is in circulation that if the bonds are voted the round house may be moved to Cisco. We remember that when we incorporated the town it was reported that the round house would be moved to Abilene, but we incorporated and the round house was not moved. We were told every time we voted on a school tax or school house bonds that we were liable to lose the round house, but we did not lose it. For years Baird had the poorest depot of any town of its size on the T. & P. because everytime we asked for one the whisper went around that we might lose the round house. Then when we asked for free express delivery, that every other town the size of Baird had had for a quarter of a century or more, some said, "Don't do this we might lose the round house." Now we are fully aware of the importance of the round house to Baird; its removal would mean practically ruin to the town and that is why this boggy removal man is used every time we try to do

anything. If we believe all these reports we must conclude that the T. & P. officers oppose good roads, paved streets, water works and everything, but they don't. Such a policy would ruin any road in the whole country and we have always found the higher officials of railroad corporations progressive, not stand-pat reactionaries. We want to remind those who are afraid to sneeze too loud for fear of offending the T. & P. Ry. Co. that the places they fear will capture our round house have all the taxes we have and more, so it is foolish to use such an argument. It places the officials in a position that we fancy they would not relish if they knew it. That old boogaboo don't scare Tex Stars worth a cent and ought not to have any weight with any one. If the T. & P. wants to move the round house somewhere else they will do it whether the bonds carry or are defeated. If they don't want to move the bonds wont cut any figure. Do you believe that the T. & P. officers want the towns on their line to die with dry rot while towns on other lines are building up? No town can build up without public improvements and public improvements cost money that must be raised by taxation. Sure!

TRINITY RIVER NAVIGATION.

The Cherokee County Banner produces some items taken from the Jacksonville Banner—some twenty years ago, among which is the following: "Dallas has begun a campaign to make the Trinity river navigable, and had built a snag boat which was to be used in clearing the stream." What became of the snag boat?—Houston Post.

This calls to our mind some amusing incidents of the 24th Legislature 18 years ago. John Kennedy of Houston, a member of the House, never let an opportunity pass to joke the Dallas delegation about Trinity navigation. The Dallas delegates would retort by calling attention to the fearful odor that arose from Buffalo Bayou. They said it was so crooked that boats had to be built with hinges in the middle to get around the short bends in the stream. John would answer these animadversions upon his beloved bayou by saying it was not a bayou but a river. That its placid waters might not always smell like a bouquet of roses yet it was not in the least offensive to any except the nostrils of the jealous citizens of Dallas, and that it was not half as crooked as the Trinity river and always had water enough to run boats in something the Trinity did not always have at Dallas.

One day John in as serious a manner as he could assume informed the speaker that he had a resolution to offer. The speaker, the late Tom Smith, told him to fire away. The resolution turned out to be another of his jokes on Trinity navigation. He wanted a committee appointed by the speaker to go to Dallas and examine the snag boat, Dallas, and report as to the feasibility of running it on wheels; also as to the cost of a sprinkler to lay the dust in the bottom of the Trinity at Dallas. He said if it was decided to run the snag boat on wheels the dust in the bed of the river would probably make travel uncomfortable. Of course the Dallas delegation headed by R. B. Allen objected and to save his motion from being tabled Mr. Kennedy withdrew it. That was eighteen years ago and navigation of the Trinity at Dallas seems as far off as ever. Most people, outside of Dallas, always regarded navigation of the Trinity river at that point as a huge joke, but they are still working on it and THE STAR really hopes they will succeed in securing water enough to make navigation practicable. Boats ran up the Trinity almost to Dallas long before the Civil War, but when the railroads were built river navigation was neglected and river traffic practically ceased.

FARM LIFE COMMISSION FACTS.

No farmer is successful who thinks more of his barn than he does of his home. It's usually a dead beat in any

Will Consider Stock and Bond Amendments.



Austin, Texas, Jan. 31.—Hon. J. K. Kauffman, chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements in the Senate, and Hon. J. T. Goodner, chairman of the Committee on Common Carriers in the House, have before them the consideration of the amendments to the Stock and Bond law, railroad consolidation bills, and other important measures.

These committees have in their power, subject to the approval of the Legislature, the influencing of millions of dollars of capital to Texas.

One reason why so many lawyers have farms is because their previous owners went to law.

The best farmer does not bother about getting ahead of his neighbors. His great business is to get ahead of himself.

When a man decides to be his own physician he should study better books than patent medicine almanacs.

According to a report issued by Col. Yoakum, it cost seven billion dollars to market six billion dollars of the 1911 farm production.

The agricultural territory about the city offers bigger returns for attention of the right kind than do investments in any other direction.

The country clergy is an agent of much potentiality because the country life movement is religious as well as industrial and social.

For a farmer to be self-sustaining he must produce about twice as much as he consumes, and to be a good farmer he must produce three times as much as he consumes.

There should be a social and an industrial survey of every community. The pastor, the school teacher, and the church and school officials are they who should make such survey.

In the State of Maryland there is an industrial high school in every county. These have their corps of teachers who organize boys' corn clubs, girls' canning, cooking and sewing club. They hold farmers' short terms twice a year, which are attended by large numbers of farmers to hear the lectures.

The State, County and City Health Officers, as an agency, can, if they will persist, enlighten people upon the question of home and school sanitation, the value of it, and make plain the enormous waste resulting from unsanitary conditions.

In a recent survey of a community in New Hampshire, the average annual income of 154 farmers who had a common school education was \$229, while the average net income of the 112 farmers of the same locality who had a high school education was \$482 annually. This was worth to each farmer who possessed it \$253 a year.

Texas needs 3,000,000 more farmers, which should mean an increase in population of 15,000,000 people. Should these farmers bring with them \$1,000 each in property, it would make an increase in property values of \$3,000,000,000, which is more than the present assessed value of all the property in Texas.

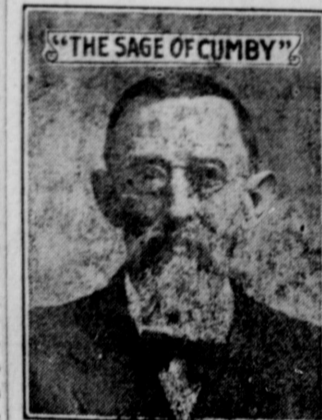
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY.

(Special Correspondence.)

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 31.—The Federal Census Department at Washington has just completed its report showing detailed agricultural statistics of Texas by counties and the final report is now in the hands

of the Government Printer. The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has been furnished with a proof of the report and from it has compiled some interesting data regarding the Agricultural Industry of Callahan County. The figures comprising the data following were compiled in the spring of 1910 and cover the calendar year of 1909. Callahan County makes an excellent showing as an agricultural center as shown by the following facts:

Total number of farms	1,837
Total number operated by owners	1,039
Total number operated by tenants	798
Number white farm operators	1,836
Number colored farm operators	1
Land area (acres)	546,560
Land in farms (acres)	466,482
Improved land in farms	120,290
Per cent of land area in farms	85.3
Per cent of farm land improved	25.8
Average acres per farm	253.9
Average improved acres per farm	65.5
Total value of all farm property	\$9,897,500
Value of land	8,241,213



Austin, Texas, Jan. 30.—Hon. R. R. Williams, representing the 34th district in the Thirty-third Legislature, will introduce a bill in the House in favor of four-year term of office for State and County officials. "Democratic Bob" as he is familiarly known, has grown gray in the service of his party, and half a century's experience in public life has convinced him that a higher degree of efficiency can be maintained in public service and less business disturbance to the country by a four year term of office. The expenses of an election, including those of all candidates, are estimated at \$11,000,000, and 36,750 candidates spend from three to six months campaigning, and a four year term would save this expense biennially. The "Cumby blacksmith" is one of the most unique characters in the Legislature and is the center of interest at the capitol.

Value of buildings	973,220
Value of implements	266,266
Value of domestic animals, poultry and bees	1,416,801
Average value per farm	5,388
Number of farms operated by owners and free from debt	474
Value of poultry and eggs produced	\$63,494
Value of all farm crops	\$1,416,002
Number of farms reporting domestic animals	1772
Horses number	6794
Value of horses	\$456,384
Mules number	2105
Value of mules	\$317,815
Cattle number	27,526
Value of cattle	\$564,159
Swine number	5382
Value of Swine	\$35,116
Sheep number	56
Value of Sheep	\$156

EULA LOCALS.

Feb. 3, 1913.—We don't know much news, but will try to write a few lines.

The health of our part of the country is good.

Most all the farmers are busy plowing. Some are sowing oats. Wheat looks awful short. We could use a good rain, although we are not as dry as we have been.

Most of the road overseers have been busy working the roads and we hope the road bonds will carry at Baird, for we sure need good roads.

W. J. Riley made a business trip to Abilene, Friday. Mr. Riley said he witnessed the big fire, the burning of Walker-Smith wholesale grocery house. We are always sorry to hear of fires.

P. S. Adams made a business trip to Abilene, Tuesday.

A large crowd from Eula went to Clyde Saturday. There was quite a crowd present to see the sights.

G. H. Miller, of Floydada, is visiting his brother, W. P. Miller and family.

Mrs. R. P. Stephenson and sons, Nunnally and Neville, spent last Saturday with Mrs. J. P. Hampton at Clyde.

Cattle buyers are plentiful in these parts, but fat stuff is scarce.

We were glad to see a letter from Putnam. We think we know the writer. Come again old friend.

Tea Baulch, of Clyde, visited in Eula Sunday.

Josh Walls is spending this week with A. R. Kelton.

F. M. Davis and son, Mack made a business trip to Clyde, Saturday.

J. B. Williams, manager of the Harris Ranch, was in Eula this week.

P. C. Steen made a business trip to Eagle Cove.

Well Uncle Bill, at this writing everything is covered with ice and I



hope by the time you get it everything will be covered with snow. Patsie.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Callahan,

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Callahan County, on the 10th day of Jan. 1913, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of L. J. Good versus Gordon Wetzel, No. 1121 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in March 1913, it being the 4th day of said month, being the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: South 1-2 of a 140 acre tract in Callahan County, Texas, out of the 160 acre tract, patented to W. J. Bryson, assignee of A. J. Burke, and described as follows: Beginning at the N. E. Corner of this survey, the same being the N. W. Corner of the R. C. Atwood 160 acre tract; Thence South 1091 varas to a stake in the West Beg. line of said R. C. Atwood tract; Thence West 639 varas to a stake in the East boundary line of the J. Lavine survey; Thence North 1091 varas to a stake for corner; Thence East 636 varas to place of beginning.

This foreclosure being for the South of the tract above described, and having its East and West lines 545 2.10 varas in length and its North and South lines 639 varas in length, and this particular 70 acres being described in a deed from Hopson to Forst of date Jany. 15th 1908, and recorded in Callahan County, Deed Records, levied on as the property of Gordon Wetzell to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1520.75 in favor of L. J. Good and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of Feb. 1913.

F. F. Rains, Sheriff.

More trouble at the A and M., 466 students were expelled Monday.

CIVIL SERVICE—RAILWAY.

If you are interested in any branch of the Civil Service write Britton's Training School, Cisco, Texas. They offer thorough preparation for any and all of the Civil Service examinations.

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THIS BANK  
Wants Your Business

We confess it. On the other hand, we know we are justified in thus asking your patronage. We not only offer our depositors every facility to be found in a modern institution, together with courteous consideration and the best of service, but we also assure you of Security for your money, Strength and Stability in management and methods. We will appreciate your business.

The First National Bank of Baird

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

J. F. Dyer, President. Henry James, VicePresident.  
W. S. Hinds, Cashier. J. W. Turner, Asst. Cashier.  
W. A. Hinds Tom Windham





# DRICE INDUCEMENTS

## FOR CAREFUL PURSES

This is the season for careful buying. A great deal of what you buy now will have to be worn late in the Spring or put away for next Winter. You cannot afford to buy light weight Spring goods now for the weather is too cold. Yet if you buy heavy winter goods you will not wear them out; therefore it behooves you to do

the rest of your Winter Buying where you can obtain the "Best Bargains" and here let me state that the "Lowest Prices in everything to wear" can be secured at my store. I will continue my "Cut Prices" on Men's and Boys Suits and Overcoats.

### SPECIAL BARGAINS.

The rest of our Ladies Long Coats will go at Slashed Prices.

\$20.00 Coats will go at	-	-	\$15.00
15.00 Coats will go at	-	-	12.00
12.50 Coats will go at	-	-	9.00
8.50 Coats will go at	-	-	6.00
4.00 Coats will go at	-	-	3.00
All Ladies Hats go at	-	-	1-2 price
One lot of Men's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Hats to go at	-	-	\$2.00
All Bootees and Heavy Winter Shoes will be sold at a Sacrifice. Be sure to price them.	-	-	

We quote the Warmest Prices on Warm Blankets you ever heard.

\$6.50 Wool Blankets go at	-	-	\$4.75
5.00 Wool Blankets go at	-	-	4.00
2.50 and 3.00 Blankets go at	-	-	2.00

Special Prices on all Men's Heavy Underwear. They range from 25c to 50c.

Big Reductions now placed on all of our Sweaters. They will be closed out at Prices ranging from 35c to \$1.25

### ALWAYS REMEMBER

That we have the nicest selection of new Gingham and Calicoes in Baird. Have recently received a shipment of 150 pieces of New Gingham which are just the thing for new School and House Dresses. We have also received an advance shipment of new Low Shoes for Ladies. Ask to see them. We will be pleased to show them.

The Store With A Conscience.

**WILL D. BOYDSTUN**

Dry Goods

Millinery

#### WOODMEN CIRCLE OFFICERS AND DEGREE TEAM VISIT PUTNAM

On Tuesday of last week in response to an invitation from Putnam Grove, Woodmen Circle, the officers and degree team of Baird Grove went to Putnam to initiate candidates and install the officers of that Grove. The visitors were met at the train by Mesdames Surles and Whitlock and Miss Coulter and escorted to the hotel. Later they visited Dr. Millen's Sanitarium where they were entertained with delightful music by the orchestra. At 4 o'clock they assembled with Putnam Grove at the auditorium of the beautiful new school building and initiated Mr. Oder, Superintendent of the Putnam Public School, into the order. We then returned to the hotel where we were served a nice supper. At 7 o'clock all assembled at the school building where the joint installation of the officers of the Circle and W. O. W. camp took place. The officers of the Circle were installed by Mrs. J. F. Browning, Past Guardian of Baird Grove, Mrs. Harry Ebert, Attendant and the Shipperley Guards as an escort. The officers of the W. O. W. Camp were installed by Robert Black of Baird Camp, Mr. Oder, of Putnam, as Escort.

The installation was public and a quite a large crowd was present to witness the ceremonies. After the installation of the officers Putnam Camp and Grove served fruit and cake to all present.

After the large crowd had partaken of the refreshments all were again seated in the auditorium to witness a four act comedy, "Uncle Rube" by the pupils of the High School Department. The play was good and we congratulate each member of the cast for the splendid manner in which they played their part.

The program for the entire entertainment was well arranged and carried out in perfect order and the Baird visitors were delighted with the royal manner in which they were entertained.

The visitors from Baird were: Madames J. F. Browning, J. F. Greenrock, M. M. Terry, H. N. Ebert Lunsford Hill, W. G. Bowlus, J. S. Davidson, H. Schwartz, Williamson, Leonard Loony, F. F. Rains, Mary Morgan, F. L. Walker, O. Eastham, J. J. Price, Wm. Handley, W. J. Ray, W. J. Cook, J. I. Estes, Misses Jeffie Lambert, Eliza Gilliland, Messers C. H. Mahan, W. J. Cook, H. N. Ebert, F. F. Rains, Robert Black, C. W. Conner, Little Misses Clair Cook, Stell Rains, Geraldine and Genevieve Greenrock.

If you want to subscribe for two or more magazines I can give you clubing rates on them.—Miss John Gilliland.

#### WARREN BOWMAN DEAD.

Warren Bowman died at Clyde Saturday night after a long illness. The remains were brought to Baird Monday by H. Schwartz, undertaker. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. McAfee, of Ft. Worth, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this place, and a personal friend of the deceased. The remains were interred in Ross cemetery.

Warren Bowman was 44 years old; he has lived in Callahan county since boyhood. He was a good man and a good citizen, quiet and unassuming, he made many friends who are saddened by his death. He is survived by his wife, mother, one brother, C. A. Bowman of Clyde, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Durr, who lives in Ohio.

#### PHILEATHAS ENTERTAIN BARRACAS.

On last Friday night the young ladies of the Phileatha class of the Baptist Church entertained the young men of the Barraca class, at the hospitable home of Mrs. M. O. Mills, teacher of the Phileatha class. Several hours were spent in contests, games, etc., interspersed with corn popping in the old fashioned way, a corn popper and an open fire place. At a late hour the hostess assisted by the young ladies served sandwiches, cake and chocolate.

The evening was a most delightful one and all present will welcome a return invitation.

#### ENTERTAIN SHIPPERLEY GUARDS.

On last Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock Mrs. Ed Lambert entertained the Shipperley Guards of Holly Grove, No. 570, Woodman Circle at her home in a most delightful manner. The hours were spent in pleasant conversation, games and contests, the last being a "Soap Contest" in which Mrs. W. J. Cook was awarded the prize, a beautiful hand painted cake plate. After the contest the guests were invited into the dining room, which was made very pretty in the Circle colors, green and lavender and rosy cheeked apples were arranged on the table so as to form the letters "W. O." Fruit jello, cake, chocolate and coffee was served.

Mrs. Lambert was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Barclay and Miss Jeffie Lambert.

The evening was most pleasantly spent and will be remembered as a most pleasant affair.

If your subscription to The Ladies' Home Journal has expired or will expire soon, phone No. 6 or No. 8 and I will call for your renewal.—Miss John Gilliland.

#### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

Following changes in Time Card to take effect, Sunday, Feb. 2, 1913.

East Bound.

No. 2, arrives	-	-	10:50 p. m.
" 4 "	-	-	12:01 p. m.
" 6 "	-	-	1:25 a. m.

West Bound.

No. 1 arrives	-	-	2:35 a. m.
" 3, "	-	-	4:50 p. m.
" 5, "	-	-	3:50 a. m.

Trains No. 1, and 2, stop at Roscoe.

Trains No. 3, 4, 5, and 6, are through trains to El Paso.

J. H. Rowley, Agent.

Jno. Shelton and J. K. P. Wright of Admiral, were in Baird, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson of Oplin, were in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joiner left last Saturday for Fort Worth, where they will make their home.

Arthur and Will Young from the Bayou, and Tom Cross, of Oplin, were in Baird Saturday.

Little Charley Laura Wright, of Fort Worth, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mills.

Mrs. Sid McGee and Mrs. W. C. Asbury, who live east of Baird, visited Mrs. John Asbury, Tuesday.

If you want to subscribe for The Pictorial Review or renew your subscription, phone No. 6 or No. 8.—Miss John Gilliland.

V. L. Periman has purchased a house and lot from I. N. Jackson, consideration \$800.00, and expects to make his home in Baird.

John Estes and little son, "J. C." visited Mr. Estes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Estes at Anson the latter part of last week.

Dr. R. R. May, of Whitewright, is visiting Dr. Allen Shackelford, an old College mate.

Dan Bean, of Oplin, came in this week and went out to Merkel, where he spent a day or two visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz will leave Saturday night for St. Louis, where they go to buy their Spring goods.

Rev. H. M. Peebles from West Lafayette, Ohio, the new pastor of the Presbyterian Church, preached his first sermon here last Sunday.

Joe Fraser left the latter part of last week for Reagan county to visit his sisters, Mrs. Sam Cutbirth, Jr. and Mrs. Sue Moseley.

Mrs. Maggie Sheffield and Mrs. Hannah Livingston and little son, Eugene, of Bangs, mother and sister of Mrs. C. H. Mahan, are visiting Mrs. Mahan and family.

Mrs. S. T. Fraser, Misses Elizabeth Fraser, Myrtle Boydston, Cookie Works, Corinne Barringer and Mr. Everette Driskill went to Abilene last night to see the play, the "Third Degree."

#### Weather.

Sunday last was a bitter cold day with a coat of ice on everything. The weather moderated Monday and Tuesday, but Tuesday night the wind shifted to the north and it has been getting colder ever since. This morning at daylight the thermometer registered 18 above zero and at this writing, 11 a. m., snow is falling.

Dr. Allen Shackelford went to Dallas this week and bought him a new auto and in company with Dr. R. R. May, an old college mate, he started home in the car and somewhere north of Strawn he had a break down and pulled into Strawn and came on home on the train.

B. L. Boydston, while coming home from Cross Plains in his auto last Friday night collided with a buggy occupied by Webb Bruton who was on his way to his home near Belle Plaine. Mr. Bruton was thrown out of the buggy but was not thought to be much hurt at the time, but reports from his home this week say he was right seriously hurt. The accident occurred on Second Street about two blocks east of The Star office. Louis Boydston very much regrets the accident but says he could not help it.

## Our Responsibility.

We feel that our bank is worthy of your trust and confidence. Will you listen a moment while we tell you why? This bank takes pride in its reputation of carefully safeguarding the interests of its depositors. Every dollar of our capital and surplus stands ready to protect the depositors, to insure them that we are sound. Every stockholder stands liable for double the amount of his stock as a further guarantee that all is well. Every officer, director and stockholder is proud of the record this bank is making, and feels personally responsible for the confidence reposed in this bank by its patrons. We invite your confidence. We hope to continue to merit your friendship and esteem.

YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

## The Home National Bank of Baird

S. L. Driskill, Pres. Harry Meyer, V. P. H. Ross, V. P.  
T. E. Powell Cashier

F. L. Driskill, Asst. C. Will C. Franklin, Asst. C.



## Don't Suffer!

"I had been troubled, a little, for nearly 7 years," writes Mrs. L. Fincher, in a letter from Peavy, Ala., "but I was not taken down, until March, when I went to bed and had to have a doctor. He did all he could for me, but I got no better. I hurt all over, and I could not rest. At last, I tried Cardui, and soon I began to improve. Now I am in very good health, and able to do all my housework."

## TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

You may wonder why Cardui is so successful, after other remedies have failed. The answer is that Cardui is successful, because it is composed of scientific ingredients, that act curatively on the womanly system. It is a medicine for women, and for women only. It builds, strengthens, and restores weak and ailing women, to health and happiness.

If you suffer like Mrs. Fincher did, take Cardui. It will surely do for you, what it did for her. At all druggists.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 60

### LITERATURE FOR ALL MOODS

That is What Librarians Are Expected to Select for Their Exactng Patrons.

Infinite are the requirements and profound the judgment of librarians. The other day a little girl who does the family marketing rushed into a branch library with the announcement that the sewing society was going to meet at her mother's house that afternoon and wouldn't the librarian please send around a book suitable for the elocutionists of the circle to read aloud while the others worked. The young woman appealed to sent the sequel to a particularly charming story that had beguiled the tedium of that same circle on a previous afternoon. In a short while the little girl returned the book.

"Ma says this ain't the kind of a story they need today," she said. "They ain't workin' on baby clothes and shirtwaists today. They're darnin' men's socks and mendin' shirts, and they want something suitable." There was a consultation of librarians. Just what kind of literature would fit the mental attitude of women engaged in darning socks and mending shirts was a question hitherto unconsidered. They decided on a woman's rights pamphlet called "The Eternal Warfare." Apparently it suited, for the child did not bring it back.

### TWENTY WORDS IN THE LEAD

Cleveland Lawyer's New Stenographer Kept Well Ahead of Him When He Dictated.

A Cleveland corporation lawyer has a new stenographer—the second new one in a week. Strange to say, he didn't discharge the first one because she was incompetent, but because she was too good. Let him tell it.

"This girl came to me well recommended, and when I dictated a test letter, I found her extremely rapid and accurate. So I employed her on the spot. She fell right in with the work, and I decided that I had found a treasure. But on the third day she gave me a shock.

"I was dictating an opinion in a complicated infringement suit, and it was very important that it should be accurate in every word and phrase. This was the third draft I had written, in fact. At one place I interrupted myself and said to the stenographer:

"Am I speaking too fast for you, Miss Jackson? Are you getting my words down correctly?"

"Oh, I'm getting them all right," she answered, smiling. "And you don't speak nearly as fast as I can take. I'm about twenty words ahead of you now!"

"There's such a thing as being too good."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Ivory Smuggling.

Ivory smuggling is looked upon as a very serious crime in British East Africa, and this is only as it should be, for, in order to secure the ivory, the traders have to kill great numbers of elephants. The game preservation laws, particularly as regards elephants, are most severe, and woe betide the man who is caught breaking the game regulations or in possession of illicit spoils of the chase.

The smuggling of ivory, therefore, says the World Wide Magazine, is treated in the same manner as smuggling gems and clothing into the United States, illicit diamond buying in South Africa, or other forms of smuggling in England. The rigid laws, however, do not prevent the Arabs and Indians from indulging in an illegal trade in ivory on a large scale.

### Charms of Walking.

"In Europe whole families go, off for tramps together; in England, ever Saturday half-holiday sees loaded trams of walking parties starting out of London, making for Epping Forest, Burnham beeches, for the hills of Surrey or the river banks. Not to talk on a holiday is the exceptional thing. A club of people meeting

for regular walks finds it possible to have a delightful interchange of conversation amid the pure joyousness of the open air and beautiful woodlands. This community of thought and interest is, after all, the finest thing society has to give us."—Suburban Life Magazine.

**Few Forest Fires in Saxony.**  
Although one-fourth of the area of Saxony is wooded the kingdom seldom has a serious forest fire because of the vigilance of the foresters and rigid laws for the prevention of such fires.

**A Woman's Reason.**  
One reason a woman wants her husband to go to heaven is because he will then see how beautiful she can be when she doesn't have any household to do.—Galveston News.

**Automatically Stops Train.**  
To prevent an accident to a railroad train should the engineer be injured and unable to stop it, an inventor has mounted an electric button on the throttle lever, which automatically shuts off steam and applies brakes should the engineer's thumb be removed from it.

### TAX INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS STARTLING INEQUALITIES.

Welfare Commission Recommends Remedial Legislation.

Tyler, Texas.—The report of S. A. Lindsey, of the Texas Welfare Commission, is now off the press and ready for distribution. The investigation developed startling inequalities in assessment of property. Real estate was found to be under-assessed from 10 to 80 per cent and not more than 2 1-2 per cent of the intangible personal property goes on the payroll. The intangible property of railroads amounting to \$174,645,044 is of course assessed by the state tax board at full value.

In discussing the effect of our tax system upon railroad securities, Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, said:

"It is almost universally true that no property is assessed for taxation at its full value and of course railroad owners know that fact. Railroad investors know of excessive and unreasonable assessments against railroads wherever they occur. It is their business to keep posted about such things. The financial world knows that the railroads of Texas are assessed for the purpose of taxation at about twice what they are valued by the Railroad Commission of Texas. It does not stop to see whether they are under-valued for the purpose of taxation. But the idea that the state of Texas will assess for the purposes of taxation railroad property for twice what it values it at for rate-making and stock and bond purposes is so utterly unreasonable that nothing more is needed to foreclose almost any discussion of Texas railroad securities in an eastern financial center."

Mr. Frank Trumbull, head of the Katy system, said:

"My general attitude on the matter of taxation has always been that we are not only willing, but we want to pay our just share of supporting the government. We are, however, very reluctant to pay other peoples' taxes, and if the basis of assessing us is higher than it is to a man who owns real estate, we are paying a part of his taxes and so far as we are concerned we are too proud to ask anybody to pay a part of our taxes."

The commission recommends remedial legislation and urges the Thirty-third Legislature, to appoint a capable and non-partisan Special Tax Commission.

### HAD REMNANT OF HONESTY

Admitted Thief Returned Borrowed Money, Though He Couldn't Tell Why He Did So.

"Here is the dollar I borrowed from you today," said a shabby individual, tendering the money to a fellow lodger in a Bowery hotel. "I flimmed a bookmaker three times this afternoon."

"Flimmed?"  
"In one pocket I carried a number of one dollar bills each crumpled up by itself. When a circus visitor bought candy he sometimes tendered a ten dollar bill in payment. Quickly crumpling the bill I would thrust it into my pocket where I kept the ones. Then I would hastily thrust a bill back into his hand and exclaim: 'I can't change it now, old man, see me after the show!'"

"To distract the victim's attention I would always thrust an extra supply of candy into his pocket. Invariably he would disappear, thinking he had the best of the bargain, whereas he had paid just \$9 for a few cents worth of candy, as the bill thrust into his hand was one which I had substituted for his ten."

"But my long career as a flimflammer spoiled me for all honest endeavor. I have lately earned a precarious livelihood by placing bets with bookmakers who pay commission of ten per cent on all business brought to them."

"When I have a five dollar bet to place I never hand it over in one bill, but always convert it into ones. Two of these I keep. The other three by a simple trick I fold in the middle and by a sleight of hand movement cause the bookmaker to believe he is receiving \$5, because six ends are displayed to him."

"In this manner I realized \$6 this afternoon in addition to the ten per cent commission of the bookmaker on \$15 which I caused him to think he received. In other words, my total earnings for the day are \$7.50, and you must admit this is pretty good for a has been."

"But, my good man," gasped the lender, "if you make your living dishonestly in this manner, why have you chosen to keep faith with me by returning the dollar you borrowed?"

"I don't quite understand it myself," admitted the flimflammer. "I only know that I feel disgraced if I work for money honestly."—New York Herald.

### What Quieted Him.

It was the first time that John Willie, aged four, had ever faced the camera—at least, since he had begun to take a live interest in things.

"Now, my little dear," said the photographer, "if you'll just keep still a moment we shall soon have a pleasant picture."

But nothing on earth would induce John Willie to keep still.

"If you'll just go outside, madam," the artist said, after he had tried for half an hour, "I think I can manage it all right."

John Willie's mother went out, for she, too, was tired of the strain. And, behold! Five minutes later the photographer smilingly assured her that all was well. As for John Willie, he was as meek as a lamb. Only when they reached home did his mother attempt to discover the reason.

"Muvver," John Willie explained, "he looked ter'ble at me, and said: 'Now, then, you ugly little beast, if you don't keep your twisting carcass still, I'll skin you alive!' That's why I kept quiet."—Exchange.

### Asiatic Creeds.

Few people realize the growth of Asiatic cults and religions in America. It is stated on apparently good authority that this country now holds 15,000 sun worshippers, and an equal number of Buddhists.

Probably ten times as many persons have covered the Oriental basis of their new creed with a veneer of western Christianity. The number of dabblers in the "mystic" cults of India now among us cannot be guessed.

There is no cause for alarm at this growth of Orientalism. Neither is it a thing to be proud of. Mysticism, sensualism, lethargy—these in varying proportions are woven in the texture of every Asiatic creed that is seeking converts here. These creeds do not and cannot fit the busy life of our land today, and for that very reason they will make no dangerous progress in this land.

The growth of pagan Orientalism in America is remarkable, but, after all, it touches only the fringe of our population.

### Thought He Had Them.

In the days of the continuous at the Olympic an occasional professional visitor was a clown with an educated pig. He used to take the pig out with him when he had finished his act and had him harnessed up like a trick pooch with a collar, shoulder straps and a leading string. In this way the grunter trotted along the street at just his master's gait.

Out of the hotel across the way came a man who had been hitting 'er up for a week. During which time he had remained up all night and had slept all day. It was his first venture out in a strong light, and it made him blink. Along came the clown and his mate. Joe Morgan rubbed his eyes and halted the vaudeville actor.

"Tell me," he asked earnestly, "is that a dog or a pig?"

"Why, it's a pig, you rummy," was the answer. "What's the matter with you?"

"Thank heaven!" exclaimed Joe Morgan fervently; "it's a pig! It's a pig!"—Chicago Post.

### BANDIED JOKES WITH KINGS

Witty Sallies Which Royalty Has Invoked, Sometimes Very Much at Their Own Expense.

Thomas Carlyle observed that "kings are ill to joke wi," but there have nevertheless been plenty of jokers so audacious as to "josh" royalty with impunity. Indeed, there have been rulers with a well developed sense of humor, such as Charles II., capable of enjoying a sally at their expense.

It is related that one day when Charles was inspecting a warship at Batham he asked Killigrew: "Don't you think that I should have made a good shipwright?" Charles was proud of his reputed skill in naval architecture, and, no doubt, by this query sought a compliment. But Killigrew, who was nothing of a courtier, replied instead:

"I have always thought that your majesty would do better at any trade than your own."

A lively example of French retort to royalty is afforded by the story of Marshal Bassompierre and Louis XIII. The marshal had given his majesty an account of his embassy to Spain, setting forth the manner in which he had entered the Spanish capital mounted on a mule. "An ass seated on a mule!" exclaimed Louis, with a laugh. "Yes, sir," replied the marshal, "and the joke of it was I represented you!"

Good old Queen Bess, it appears, had a pretty wit, which she was by no means loath to exercise upon her subjects. In one verbal duel, at least, Elizabeth got the worst of it. Observing in the gardens a courtier to whom she had promised promotion that had not materialized, her majesty thrust her head out of the window and called to him:

"What does a man think of, Sir Edward, when he thinks of nothing?"

"Of a woman's promise, your majesty!" was the response.

Among the neatest retorts to royalty whereof we have record was that alleged to have been made to the Prince of Wales, afterward King William IV., by the secretary of the admiralty.

William had been bantering the secretary for some time at table. "When I am king," said he, "you shall not be secretary to the admiralty. What do you say to that?"

"God save the king!" rejoined the witty secretary.

### Brittany Bridal Superstitions.

It is interesting to note the number of shrines in Brittany dedicated to marriage. "At Ploumanach, a village on the northern coast," says a writer in Country Life, "there is a shrine picturesquely situated amid the rocks which the sea washes round every day. Only at low tide can one clamber over the rocks to the canopied figure of St. Guerin. When a Breton girl desires to marry she sticks a pin in the nose of this saint; should it drop out within the year she believes her desire will be fulfilled. On another occasion, near Douarrenez, in the Finistere district, I came across a small shrine decorated with orange blossoms in a hedgerow, where a young girl whom I had previously seen tending her flocks was kneeling in prayer, after which she rose and dropped a pin down the well. By questioning her I found that it was the custom there to drop a pin down the well before the saint, and eventually, after the wedding ceremony, the bridal blossoms were brought and hung round the shrine."—Tit Bits.

### Mysterious Number 9.

Has it ever occurred to you that strange feats may be performed with figures? Multiply the figure 9, for instance. Multiply it by 2 and you get 18, and 8 and 1 make 9. Five 9's are 45, and 5 and 4 make 9 again. Three 9's are 27, and 7 and 2 make 9. Four 9's are 36, and 6 and 3 make 9.

Nine is indeed a mysterious number. Take any row of figures you fancy, say 8642, and if you reverse them and subtract, 8642-2468, you have left 6174, which added together, makes 18, or twice 9. Take the 18, and 8 and 1 make 9 again. If you take five figures, say 76543, reverse them, 34567, and subtract, you get 11976, which, added together, makes 27—that is, 7 and 2 make 9, or three 9's are 27.

Thirty-seven is another number specially adapted for figure juggling. Multiplied by 3, 37 becomes 111, and no matter what multiple of 3 you use, the figures in the result will be all alike. Twelve times 37 is 444, 37 times 21 becomes 777 and so on.—Answers.

### \$1,700,000 Muskrats.

It is not generally known that the muskrat is the most important fur-bearing animal of North America. In one year alone (1910) 5,500,000 muskrat skins were put upon the market, realizing to the trappers a sum approximately \$1,700,000. A large percentage of the muskrat catch is furnished by the tidewater region of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. In Dorchester county, Maryland, the marshes are usually leased to the trapper for half the value of the catch. In that county some 250,000 skins are taken annually, says Harper's Weekly. Not only fur of the muskrat is used, but the meat also, which finds a local consumption and is shipped to Baltimore, Wilmington and other cities. It is surprising to learn that the financial return exceeds that of the large fur industry of the same region. The fur of the black muskrat commands the highest price, and in Dorchester county some of the marshes yield fully one-half of this variety.

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**WIFE IN NAME ONLY**

**Marriage for Money and Title  
Turns Out to Be a Real  
Love Affair.**

By **GEORGE MUNSON.**

All London society was whispering and questioning, for Lord Rensley was on his way home to England after an absence of a year. He had shot tigers in India, had speared salmon in Alaska, and hunted grizzlies in the wilds of western Canada. And all the while Lady Rensley had kept open house at the Abbey. Now he was expected home; he would arrive in two weeks. Actually he arrived a week earlier and unexpectedly. They had been married nearly three years before. Lady Rensley had been Miss Edith Kane, of Cleveland, and her father was one of the twelve richest men in America. The marriage had been considered singularly fortunate, for the Rensley family dated back five hundred years—though not the title, and his lands were extensive, although unprofitable. Miss Kane's dowry would restore the old abbey and enable her husband and herself to assume their rightful place in the social hierarchy. And so Rensley had won the beauty of Cleve-

land. This is what happened three hours after the marriage: He and his bride were face to face in their apartments at the Eversley hotel. The bride drew off her engagement ring meditatively and handed it to him and said, without a trace of passion:

"I shall wear my marriage ring, but not this. The bargain is an equal one and I am satisfied. You will never have cause to be ashamed of me in the eyes of the world. Goodnight, Lord Rensley."

"You mean," he asked, "that our marriage is to be one in name only?"

"Why, what else did you expect?" she answered mockingly, though her lip was quivering. "You never loved me. You sought me for my fortune, as I you for your title." And so she turned away and they said no more.

That he had sincerely loved her she did not know, nor he that she could



Drew Back With a Frightened Catch of the Breath.

have cared for him had not the marriage been made by her ambitious mother. In due course they sailed for England. Rensley Abbey was redecorated and thrown open. Gay parties assembled there. If the relationship between the two was strained, that was known only by their discreet servants and guessed at by their intimates.

Then Rensley sailed for India to shoot tigers, and the parties continued. They were as gay as ever, but different people came. There was Rizzi, for instance, that Italian nobleman who had acquired a sinister reputation in several capitals of Europe and was not diminishing it in London. He brought his attendant crowd: flashy women came and sporting men and tawdry actors and actresses. And of the character of these people Lady Rensley knew nothing, for she never stopped to gossip, and she only knew that she liked Rizzi and that he alone of all of them seemed to understand her situation and to have sympathy for her.

So she moved among them, innocently, the lonely mistress of the Abbey, while people shrugged their shoulders and smiled. And then they heard that Rensley was coming home.

Rizzi, too, heard it, and he put his fate to the touch. In his way he liked this unapproachable American lady as much as he was capable of liking, and as constantly. They were alone for a few minutes in the conservatory. From the ballroom came the sound of music and the chatter of the guests.

"I hear Lord Rensley is coming back next week," he said.

"Yes," she answered. "He expects to sail from New York tomorrow."

"It will be different when he returns," Rizzi said.

"Oh, no," she answered, with a shrug of her beautiful shoulders. "That will not make any difference. We shall still have our own friends, each of us."

"It will be terrible for you," he said, studying her with his cat-like eyes.

"Why?" asked Lady Rensley, facing him squarely.

"Because you do not love him," he answered boldly.

For an instant the balance trembled. Then she flashed out an angry retort, asking him how he dared criticize her husband or their relationship. That outburst might have quelled one less experienced than Rizzi. He fell upon his knees and seized her hand and pressed it to his lips.

"Forgive me, Lady Rensley," he implored. "It was unpardonable in me—yet they say nothing is unpardonable in one who loves. No, do not start away. Hear me and then dismiss me for ever. I have ever loved you, you beauty with your secret sorrow, and I have always known that he did not love you. Why, is he to make your life wretched all your days because he has you in his power? Leave him and come with me to Italy. You shall have my love all your days, and my fortune shall be at your disposal. You shall—"

That was the moment when Rensley returned a week earlier than had been expected. He had sent word, but he had arrived before his own letter. So he had strolled quietly in.

He saw the rooms brilliantly lighted, but, when he entered the hall, none of the guests knew him. He knew some of them for the flashy, shabby characters that they were; but this quiet man, with the hair slightly gray over the temples—who was he? Nobody cared. They were dancing no longer, but whispering and gossiping in the drawing rooms, and loitering near the conservatory. Somebody had told them that Rizzi and Lady Rensley were there.

Then Rensley entered the conservatory alone. And Lady Rensley, seeing him, drew back with a frightened catch of the breath, and Rizzi, knowing him, rose to his feet and stood looking at him defiantly, with folded arms.

"Pardon me for interrupting," said Lord Rensley. "Baron Rizzi? Yes? Pray what is it you so urgently desire of Lady Rensley that you go down upon your knees to her?"

Since he did not answer Rensley turned to his wife.

"My dear, is it in our power, or is it your desire to grant this gentleman what he is asking?" he demanded.

"No," she flashed out in her bewilderment. "No!"

Rensley took Rizzi by the arm.

"My dear fellow, you shall have your five hundred pounds," he said in a loud voice which carried to those waiting outside. "But I wish you had asked me instead of my wife." He turned to the guests. "Gentlemen, my carriages are at your disposal," he said. Then he led Lady Rensley through the ballroom to her private apartment. Under the windows the cowed guests were streaming out into the grounds.

Lady Rensley tapped her fingers up on the table.

"I want to tell you one thing before we part," she said. "I have never given you reason to be ashamed of me. I have kept my vow."

Lord Rensley took her hands in his.

"But I have not kept mine," he said.

"Edith, let my faith in you be the proof of my love. Will you give me a chance to show its reality?"

That broke her pride; she cried then, in his arms.

"I've been a fool," he said; but she laughed through her tears when he put back the engagement ring upon her finger.

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**BALKED AT THE WOMAN JURY**

Ship's Captain Derided Federal Regulations, but Dire Threat Brought Him to Time.

The prospect of facing a woman jury in municipal court was more effectual in making Capt. Brown of the American steamer Leelenaw, comply with port regulations than was the threat of Federal prosecution when Harbor Patrolman Bakesy went to the ship to ask him to display port lights and rig a proper gangway. From his berth, whither he had retired early, Capt. Brown commended the patrolman to a "warm climate."

Bakesy replied that there was a federal fine of \$200 for the offenses; the captain grunted from his berth. Bakesy threatened arrest; the captain snored.

"They have a woman jury in municipal court," suggested Bakesy, "and you will have to face that." Instantly the captain raised his hand to his whiskers and the watchman came running.

"All hands on deck," commanded Capt. Brown, "and order the gangway changed and proper lights hung. I won't face a woman jury in any court, and me 60 years old."—Portland Oregonian.

**Monuments to Mark Twain.**

Mark Twain is to have two monuments in Missouri, one at his birthplace in Florida, the other in River-view Park, in Hannibal, both erected by the state. He deserves them both, but is not the inscription proposed for the Florida memorial a little too despondent? "He cheered and comforted a tired world." But is it a tired world? The fashion nowadays is to praise literature in the terms of Sancho Panza's blessing on him who invented sleep, but is as dubious a compliment as Pope's tribute to an industrious contemporary writer, "Sleepless himself, to give his reader sleep." It is not only the exhausted who get good from Mark Twain; he is one of the favorite authors of young people.

**Hardly Likely.**

"The train struck a man and injured him severely."

"Was the man on the track?"

"He was. No engineer, I trust, would run the train into the woods after a man."

**HAT REALLY AN ORNAMENT**

English Men and Women of Times Past Wore Wonderful and Imposing Headgear.

Ladies probably did not begin to wear hats until about the tenth century, if so early, and then it was the lofty headdress draped with some material, which it must have been most trying to keep on indoors, and quite impossible to wear in a wind.

According to the "Anatomy of Abuse," written in Queen Elizabeth's time, ladies' hats were very nearly as perplexing then as they are today.

"These fashions be rare and strange, so is the stuff whereof the hats be made divers also; for some are of silke, some of velvet, some of taffeta and some of wool, and which is more curious, some of a certain kind of fine haire, these they call beaver hats."

In the reign of Henry VIII, hats assumed a "great richness and beauty," but in the time of the first James they became even more ornate, jewels of price and occasionally small mirrors being used in their adornment. At times of revelry the gallants wore feathers in their hats, which were said to be one of the "fairest ensigns of their bravery."

But for adornment men's hats were in their zenith in the days of Charles. The big felt hats with the long feather saucily curled around them, fastened with a buckle often of great value, gave a dashing air to the cavaliers, which absolutely cast the tall solemn hats of the Paritans and "Psalm singers" into the shade.

The monster hats of the time of the empire were almost as big as "the Merry Widow" of modern fame, and in shape today they were positively unique. Men's hats have suffered great changes since, the time of Charles, and it is more than doubtful if they will ever again become ornate.

Indeed, save in very remote parts of Wales where the old women still—some of them—wear the high-crowned steple hat, there is nothing especially peculiar about the headgear of the English peasantry.

**French Cinema and Actors.**

Rough seas were sweeping over the beach at a Normandy resort, as they did all last summer. Into the breakers plunged two men and a woman, and lookers-on were aghast at their temerity. They swam in the huge waves safely until the lady suddenly sank. The beach cried with horror. The two men dived for the drowning woman. The beach watched the rescue breathlessly. At last the lady was brought ashore by her two saviors, and, first aid having been applied, she revived and went to her box to dress. The names of the heroes were ascertained. They were two Paris actors, one of whom, M. Pierre Magnier, has often appeared by the side of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt. The lady they had saved was an actress, also. Throughout the thrilling rescue a cinematographer had been operating. The scene had been arranged beforehand, and the three rash bathers had received a fee for their services. It is to be hoped it was a handsome one. Performing for the up-to-date cinematographer is no safe job.—Paris Correspondence London Telegraph.

**Chinese River Boats.**

The rivers of China are notable for the queer unrigged craft that throng their reaches in the neighborhood of towns. The handsomest of these is the Hwa Ting, or flower boat. Many of the pretty craft form the resort or dwelling place of China's sing-song girls, while others are held for hire, as are our houseboats and yachts, for pleasure excursions. These are propelled by long oars, or poles, in the hands of servants who tread a narrow gangway running along their length.

These river boats are the homes, offices and shops of those whose lives are spent aboard them. Moored along the bank with the bow fastened to a long hawser, extending for perhaps a thousand feet up or down the stream, they rise and fall with the tide or with the swell of some passing steamer, year in and out. They only leave for the time necessary to pursue some call of trade in another part of the harbor, then return again to fit into their accustomed place. In Canton, alone, the boat city of China, there are said to be 84,000 of these "chop-boats," as they are called.

**Warning Against Poisons.**

To prevent accidents with bottles containing poison, buy a dozen tiny bells, and every time a bottle of poison is brought to the house tie a bell to the neck of the bottle. Even in the dark the bell will tinkle its warning. Another good way is to paste a piece of standpaper securely to the top of the cork. One can easily detect the rough surface and thereby know the contents.

Plants can be left on the window sill at night in very cold weather if a newspaper is placed between the window and the plants. The plants will not freeze, is this a done.

A successful way to restore pearl buttons to their original brightness and beauty is first rub them with a little olive oil, to take away the blurred look; then sprinkle with nail powder and rub well with chamolis skin.

To preserve stories or articles from magazines, do not cut or tear out the pages. Take the entire magazine to pieces by removing the wire clasps and separating the pages. This will leave neat, wide margins on the stories you save and will facilitate re-binding them.

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PHONE 11.

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Witness my hand this the 15th day of January, A. D. 1913.  
W. R. ELY,  
County Judge, of Callahan Co. Tex.



**PUTNAM POINTERS.**

Feb. 3rd, 1913.—The excitement, incident to a fire in a country town, was greatly augmented Friday evening by a phone call for help, stating that a barn on the north side of town belonging to John Cunningham was on fire and that one of the children was in the burning building, unable to escape. Frantic efforts were made to reach the scene, but in the meantime Garland, John's 12 year old boy, had discovered the fire and with presence of mind worthy of an older head, rushed into the burning building, grabbed up some tow sacks and bravely fought his way to his younger brother and carried him safely out, but not until both were slightly burned. When parties from town reached the fire nothing could be done and the barn with considerable feed was a total loss. A match in the hands of the little fellow caused the fire.

Did you pay your poll tax?  
 Elbert May visited relatives at Clyde Tuesday.  
 Tarlton Steadman, of Fort Worth, visited his parents, Tuesday.  
 Jno. I. Davis and family are visiting his father.  
 J. Rupert Jackson, of Baird, and Mr. Smith were here, Thursday.  
 Y. A. Orr was a Baird visitor Thursday.  
 L. H. Gaskins and family have moved back to Putnam.  
 Claud Clifford and family are visiting relatives in Scurry county.  
 D. A. Ivy of Cottonwood, was in town Thursday.  
 C. V. Martin has recently purchased the Roy Jackson property in south Putnam.  
 J. E. Wild, of Moran, was in town Thursday, sporting a new smoke wagon.  
 W. H. Clements has returned from Stanton, where he went to install Wylie on a farm.  
 Ila Conlee is still quite sick with diphtheria. No other cases have been reported.  
 W. F. Brazell, a former citizen of our city, but now of Sweetwater, was in town, Monday.  
 J. R. Hailey, E. B. Whitehorse, R. W. Bennett and others of Cottonwood, were here, Saturday.  
 J. T. Anderson, manager for the J. M. Radford Grocery Company, at Cisco, and I. E. Cook were in our city, Wednesday evening.  
 Col. Max Elser came in from the east last week but has again mysteriously disappeared. The Colonel is manipulating the Buck Saw and saying Nit.  
 The little child of L. F. Bilbo died Thursday evening of scarlet fever. There is still two cases of the disease in the family, but both are doing nicely. No other cases in town.  
 Quite a number of people attended the meeting of the W. O. W. and W. C. at this place on last Tuesday night. The Baird Drill Team W. C. installed the officers for the Circle All are enthusiastic in their praise of the splendid work done by the Baird team.  
 John Fisher and H. L. Nettles in making a run to the fire Friday evening in John's One Cylinder Hay Burner, collided with a gate post and were promiscuously spilled. John was painfully cut and bruised, one gash on the forehead requiring six stitches to close. H. L. was not hurt.

**Cook's Weekly Memeographs.**

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the postoffice at Baird, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 27, 1913. When calling for same, please say "advertised."  
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 Mrs. Allie Williams.  
 Geo. R. McManis, P. M.

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 5-St. L. L. Blackburn.

**MASONS VISIT CEMETERY.**

The Masons met at the cemetery Saturday, Jan. 25th, according to resolutions adopted by the Blue Lodge and Chapter to fix up the graves of the departed brethren buried there. They did not confine themselves exclusively to the Masonic dead, but many graves of friends of the members were looked after. There are twenty-six Masons buried in the cemetery. They found the cemetery in good condition, due mainly to Mrs. M. E. Moon, President of the Cemetery Association. Mrs. Moon was present and assisted the members in locating the graves.

Some of the Masons advocate adopting a memorial day, when all members of the Masonic bodies in Baird should repair to the cemetery, fix up the graves of deceased Masons if necessary, and show a proper respect for our departed brethren. Among the Masons buried there are a number of active workers while living, and whether active or not, the graves of all Masons buried in Baird cemetery will no doubt be looked after better in the future. Among the Past Masters buried there we recall J. E. Gilliland and J. B. Harmon. Past High Priests of the Chapter: Dr. D. J. Wilson, the first High Priest of Baird Chapter Royal Arch Masons, E. M. Faust and J. B. Harmon. Among the faithful old time workers was W. C. Asbury, for many years tiler of the Lodge and who never missed a Masonic funeral, when able to go, during all the years he was a Mason.

We will publish a list and date of death of each Mason buried in Ross cemetery. There are a number of Masons buried there who were not members of Baird Lodge, some not members of any Lodge, but it is the duty of Masons to look after their graves and it will be done.

**BOY SCOUTS MEET.**

The Boy Scouts of Baird met at the Court House, Monday, Feb. 3, 1913. This was the Scouts first business meeting. Scout Master W. C. Tisdale, called the meeting to order and after a few short talks from some of the older Scouts, they proceeded to take in five new members. After these new members had taken the oath the Scouts elected officers. Three patrols were organized. The Scout Master appointed a committee to write up a set of by-laws which are to be voted on next meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8. The Scouts will go on a short hike Saturday if the weather permits. Those present at this meeting were:

- Patrol No. 1.
- Tom Hadley, Patrol Leader.
- Dudley Foy, Asst. Patrol Leader.
- George Hall, Sergeant-at-Arms.
- William Monday, Secy.
- J. C. Estes.
- Waldo Green.
- Patrol No. 2.
- James Ashbury, Patrol Leader.
- M. T. Ramsey, Sergeant-at-Arms.
- Bob Hunt, Secy.
- Otis Bowyer Jr.
- Benjie Russell.
- Patrol No. 3.
- Homer Lantz, Patrol Leader.
- Royce Gilliland.
- Loris Hailey, Sergeant-at-Arms.
- Charles Mills.
- Leonard O'Keefe.
- Mac Bell.
- Carl Mahan.
- M. T. Ramsey was appointed Bugler of the troop.

"Boy Scout Correspondent."

**WAR IN THE BALKANS.**

The Peace Conference between the Balkan states and Turkey having failed to agree on a treaty, the war was reopened Monday by the allied armies who opened fire on Adrianople. We hope the Turk will now get all that is coming to him, and then some.

**Farm For Sale.**

The Blackshear farm near Silver Valley, Coleman Co. See or write Mrs. Nannie Wallace, Baird.

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The Balkan States and Turkey failed to agree on terms of peace and promptly at 7 p. m. last Monday the artillery of the allied powers opened fire on Adrianople, and the outer forts, Chatatza, guarding Constantinople. We regret that peace was not made but we hope the guns of the allies Monday have sounded the death knell of the Ottoman empire both in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Connelly, an old acquaintance of S. L. Driskill, stopped over in Baird Wednesday. He is travelling in the interest of the State Agricultural Department.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION.**

The State of Texas County of Callahan On this the 14th day of Jan., 1913, the Commissioners Court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of W. D. Boydston and 87 other persons, praying that bonds be issued by Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, in the sum of \$75,000.00 bearing five per cent rate of interest, maturing forty years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas, on the 15th day of February 1913, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, bearing five per cent rate of interest and maturing forty years from the date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said Road District No. One for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in the County, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three weeks prior to said election.

Said election shall be held at Baird, Texas, at the Court House thereof and the following named person is hereby appointed manager of said election, F. S. Bell.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road Improvement District Act passed by the first called session of the Thirty-first Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of the Tax in payment therefor," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the issuance of Bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections.

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the county judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, for four successive weeks preceeding said election, and to cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door,

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**He Laughed 'Till He Died.**

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