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# The Star.

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

What Did You Pay For it?

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**Has it for Less!**

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**Dry Goods, Clothing, Ec.**

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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC 19, 1901.

NO. 3.

WE WANT YOUR TRADE.

WE TRY TO PLEASE YOU.

## B. L. BOYDSTUN,

Good Quality Goods. Immense Stock. Very Low Prices.

**TRADE MADE BY BUSINESS PRINCIPLES!**

New Customers Made Most Every Day.

Childs Suit 75c to \$5  
Boys Suits \$2 to \$10.

The largest and most select stock of Boy's Clothing that can be found in the West, bring your boys here and turn them over to me. I will see they are well clothed at lowest prices.



Mrs. JANE HOPKINS Double Breasted Suit

### UNION MADE GOODS.

The best Union Made Goods, Hamilton Corhort, we are exclusive agents. Men's Work Shirts, Pants, Jumpers and Overalls, come let us show you our large assortment of Fall Goods.



Ladies Tailor Made Suits. \$10 to \$20.

Ladies Capes, Furs and Collarettes, from \$1 to \$10.

Handsome Flannel and Silk Waist. Children's Reefers. INFANTS LONG CLOAKS.



Extra Ordinary Millinery Offer.---

\$15.00 PATTERN HATS \$12.50  
10.00 " " 7.50  
8.50 " " 6.00  
7.50 " " 6.00

Large Assortment of Childrens ready trimmed hats.

Prices to Please.

We are prepared to show you the most pleasing and comfortable line of Men's Ladies and Misses Shoes, it has ever been our pleasure to show. Visit our shoe department and have my clerks show you the best line of shoes ever carried in the west. B. L. BOYDSTUN, Baird, Texas.

### PALACE DRUG STORE.

We carry a full line of

Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Books, PERIODICALS, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.

R. A. SPEER, Proprietor.

Baird, Texas.

#### NOTICE.

The time for paying the past year's account is now at hand, and all who know themselves indebted to me will please come forward and settle at once. I have many heavy accounts to meet and must have the money to pay them. T. E. POWELL. 1-1t

#### Land For Sale.

W. T. Claiborn place 5 miles south-west of Baird adjoining my land. 160 acres, 40 acres in cultivation. Will sell at private sale with in the next few weeks. J. M. BRYANT. Administrator. 1-4t

#### Cord Wood Wanted.

Five or six cords of wood green or dry at THE STAR office. If anyone would like to pay their subscription to THE STAR in either cord wood or stove wood, remember we will always take it at the market price. Those who are owing us on subscription are requested to bring in wood or pay the money so we can buy wood. 46-1f

#### Guaranteed.

Plantation Chill Cure, tasteless and plain is guaranteed to be a permanent cure for chills and fever, dumb and third day chills, bilious and remittent fever, liver, liver complaint and jaundice, and to dispel malaria. Pleasant, any child can take it. Harmless, but sure. No cure no pay. Price 50 cent. Manufactured by Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co. For sale by Powell & Powell. No. 1

We will sell you a suit of clothes for \$8.50 that others get \$12.50. T. E. POWELL. 1-1f

#### \$10 REWARD.

Lost pair mules, one black horse mule, 16 hands high, 7 years old branded I.M. on left shoulder, shod in front. The other a bay horse mule, 15 hands high, shod all round, about eight years old, no brand. I will pay ten dollars reward for delivery of said mules at my place near Tecumseh Tex. 1-2p J. C. ROGERS.

#### ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan. Taken up by J. H. Cunningham and estrayed before T. A. Jackson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 8, Callahan county, on the 23 day of November 1901, the following described animal: One bay horse 12 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, star in forehead, branded U on left shoulder, appraised at Ten dollars. If not legally proven away will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office this 12th day of November A. D., 1901. W. P. COCHRAN, County Clerk.

### SANTA CLAUS

Has Come to Town.

HE IS MAKING OUR STORE HEADQUARTERS.

Such another Collection of beautiful presents we never had before. Ladies and Gents Gold Watches, Ladies and Gents Plain and Set Rings, Watch Chains and Charms, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Sterling Silver Novelties, Toys Galore, Beautiful Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Shaving Sets, Photo Cases, Medallions, Work Box, Dressing Sets, Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, Banjos, The Best Eight Day Clock for the money in Baird. Dolls, yes lots of them, Doll Buggies and Go-carts, Vases, Statuary Etc. Etc. Come in and see our stock we can please both young and old.



If You Owe Us Please Settle—We Need It.

POWELL & POWELL DRUGGISTS.

## A CHEERFUL CALL TO XMAS BUYERS!

BEAUTIFUL GIFTS. \* NEVER SO GOOD. \* NEVER SO CHEAP.

OUR FINE DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS IS OPENED AND READY.

The Newest Novelties. The Best Selections. The Most Appropriate Presents for one and all at Fairiest Prices. Do not fail to come in and see our Christmas attractions in

**FANCY GOODS AND NOVELTIES.**

We Claim for our Holiday Display, General Excellence in Quality, Great Variety and Very Reasonable Prices, making it beyond a Question or doubt the Right Place to get the Right Gifts at the Right Prices.

Whatever Your Wants May be, we can meet them with beautiful and appropriate Selections.

We Have just received a fine line of first-class, highgrade Musical Instruments: Guitars, Violins, Banjos, Mandolins.

We solicit a Comparison of Goods and Prices, Knowing that our Holiday Stock will make friends, outshine rivals, please everybody, and sell itself on its merits. Your to Please,

R. PHILLIPS,

BAIRD, TEXAS.

### HOTEL SEAY BAR.

J. B. SEAY Proprietor.

The Finest Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars. ALWAYS ON HAND.

Sacramental Wine Always kept in Stock. Ice Cold Beer 5cts. a Glass.

Baird, Texas.

Jno. W. Woods represents the old reliable Hartford Fire Insurance Co. If you want a policy that will make you feel safe like the Hartford, whose cash assets is over \$11,000,000 and losses paid since organization is over \$88,000,000. 52-1f

I have fresh yeast for sale. Mrs. E. K. Kane.

Get a good gun from Hadley & Summers they carry a large line of ammunition and sporting goods.

Go to Wilson & Oliver for fresh soft hams, pure leaf lard, soap greens and head cheese. We also buy hides and furs. 52-4f

Meals at Hotel Seay 25 cents. 18-4f

# The Baird Weekly Star

Entered at the postoffice at Baird, Tex., as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,  
Editor and Proprietor.

### Subscription Rates.

One year ..... \$1.00  
Six months ..... .50 cts  
Terms: Cash in advance.

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1 inch, 1 month ..... \$ 1.00  
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1/4 Page, 3 months ..... 45.00  
Four weeks counted as one month, except when ads run three months or longer.

Local reading notices (in Brevier body type only) 5 cents per line each insertion.  
No reading notices to run among reading matter in black type or larger or smaller type than regular body type will be received at any price.

Our rates are reasonable and will be strictly adhered to.

We make a specialty of handsome display ads, and press work on THE STAR is acknowledged by experts to be equal to the very best weekly papers in Texas. People can read ads in THE STAR because the print is clean and clear. New material is being added constantly. Try an ad this month and watch results time.

George Sealy, of Galveston, is dead.

King Edward will be crowned King of Great Britain and Emperor of India June 26, 1902.

Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Schley are the only two living men who commanded squadrons in a sea battle and won a victory. In view of this Admiral Dewey's complete vindication of Rear Admiral Schley in his minority report will be accepted by the American people rather than the partisan and biased report of a majority of the Court.

A breezy exchange says the women of a prominent church advertised to give an ice cream supper and that all the women would wear bloomers. The men turned out, including a hundred old sinners who had not been inside a church since they were christened. The women kept their word, but the "bloomers" were red roses pinned to their belts.

A Kansas editor who has contracted the habit of occasionally attending church has this to say: "Ladies should take off their hats in church. No preacher can inspire a man who is looking into a top-sided aggregation of dead birds, stuffed weasels, chameleon skins, ribbons, beads, jets, sticks, straw, flowers, corn tassels and thistle down. It makes a sinner feel lost in the wilderness."

In condemning Schley the Naval Court has virtually charged Capt. Cook and Clark with perjury. The Brooklyn and Oregon were in the thickest of the fight and these two officers had better opportunity to know what was going on than any others. In saying that the Brooklyn in that famous loop forced the Texas to stop makes out the engineer in charge of the port engines of the Texas a liar, because he swore positively that the engines in his charge never stopped during the battle and he never received any orders to stop. If the verdict of the Court is just all the officers on the Brooklyn and Oregon, save one officer, Hodgson, are liars, also many officers in the fleet must have sworn falsely. The Court condemns Schley for not destroying the Colon on May 31st, yet the testimony showed that the Colon was in plain view for two days after Sampson took command. The Navy condemns Schley and rewards Sampson. Schley was in command during the battle and Sampson was not, yet he is condemned and Sampson is rewarded or will be paid, twenty-five thousand dollars prize money to three thousand dollars for Schley. Call justice, it is rank, rotten favoritism. The Court grudgingly admitted Schley's personal bravery, but condemned him for making that loop. What farce, what a fraud! The decision of the Court is an outrage and a perversion of justice. Ramsey and Benham are the tools of the naval clique that has brought discredit upon the American Navy in lending their aid to a traitor and a gallant officer. They should be burned in effigy in every town in the land to show them the contempt the American people feel for them and the clique they represent.

Admiral Dewey shows his manhood in disproving the findings of Benham and Ramsey. Admiral Dewey's report will be accepted by the public, but it is an infernal outrage that the Court should condemn Schley on the testimony submitted to them. We hope President Roosevelt will disprove the findings of the Court. He owes it to the American people to balk the Naval clique of which Crowninshield, Sampson and Chadwick seem to be the chief offenders. If they had their just deserts, they would every one be cashiered and drummed out of the service.

### SOME FAMILY HISTORY.

We reproduce the following from the Abilene Reporter. "Drew" Middleton has many relatives and lots of friends in Callanan County who will be interested in the sketch given below.—[ED. STAR.]

The following concerning the forefathers of our fellow citizen D. L. Middleton will interest many of our readers:

Among the "autochthonous" families of South Carolina the Middletons have always occupied a most distinguished position. Arthur Middleton, a prominent and successful merchant of Barbados, originally of Twickenham, Yorkshire, Eng., came to Charleston with his brother, Edward, in 1679.

Both these gentlemen at once assumed the most distinguished positions in the province. They were both Deputy Proprietors, and members of the grand council. The former owned the lot now occupied by the Charleston Library. The latter was the founder of the South Carolina family. He was Associate Justice, and besides his activity in public affairs was an extensive planter on the large bodies of land granted to him. One of his seats was The Oak, the remains of which are still attractive, near the Old Goose Creek Church. His only son was Arthur Middleton who like his father and uncle was a Deputy Proprietor and member of the Grand Council. He was President of the Convention in 1719 when the Proprietary Government was rejected by the people, and became Governor of the Province by virtue of his office as President of H. M. Council. His eldest son William after being a member of Council returned to England in 1754 where he died. His son Sir Wm. Powle Middleton, married a granddaughter of Governor Gibbs from whom descended the late James S. Gibbs, of Charleston. Still another son, John Middleton, served in the Revolution as a cornet in Lee's Legion. He married Frances, a daughter of Jacob Motte, who after his death became the wife of Gen. Thomas Pinckney.

One of the most distinguished of this noted family was the Hon. Arthur Middleton, second son of the Governor. He was successively Speaker of the Commons and President of his Majesty's Council. He was a very large landholder and planter, and his seat was the beautiful "Middleton Place" near "Drayton Hall" on the Ashley. Latter he warmly espoused the Revolutionary cause and was President of the First Continental Congress, and held many offices of minor importance and utility.

His eldest son, Hon. Arthur Middleton, was like his father a member of the Provincial and Continental Congresses, and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His eldest son, Hon. Henry Middleton, was a member of Congress and Minister to Russia.

Col. Thomas Middleton, third son of Gov. Arthur Middleton, was a distinguished officer in the Indian wars in 1760, serving against the Cherokees with Francis Marion, Huger and others who later on were prominent in the Revolutionary struggle.

Besides these more brilliantly prominent members of the family, there have been many others who in every generation have illustrated the history of their state and city in politics, in literature or in arms, maintaining without a break the high social position which their ancestors held more than two centuries ago.—Abilene Reporter.

Congressman Crumpacker is determined to reduce the representation of the South to congress and the electoral college because some states have eliminated the negro vote by making property and educational qualifications of course Congressman Crumpacker is actuated by the highest and most patriotic motives. He would not steal money or property perhaps but he would not hesitate to rob the democratic party of 18 or 20 votes. The Crumpacker bill is intended to make it impossible for the democrats to elect a president, but we predict that his bill will never become a law, but if the fates so will it, the result will be more disastrous to the republican party. A majority of the American people believe in fair play as a rule, and they will not endorse Crumpacker's method of downing a political foe.

### Health and Beauty.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood, pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels, but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills Powell & Powell. dec.

### DEATHS.

Mrs. T. S. Motley, of Eagle Cove, died very suddenly Tuesday morning. Heart failure is supposed to have caused her death, as she said to have had heart disease.

### The Best Time.

The best time to cure a cough or cold is when you are first affected. A pleasant and sure remedy for sore throat, weak lungs, bronchial soreness, coughing spells, etc., is Mexican Syrup for coughs and consumption. Be wise in time and keep a bottle in your medicine chest, always handy for immediate use, remembering the old adage, "a stitch in time, saves nine." It is a true lung tonic and sells for only 25 cents. dec.

### Many Wonder.

Many wonder how it is that pin worms and stomach worms get into little children, or how a tape worm 300 feet long, can get in and exist and grow inside a man, as it sometimes happens. They may well wonder, for it is a great mystery. However, many know from experience that Mother's Worm Syrup will rid one of intestinal worms and greatly improve the health after the worms have been destroyed and expelled. It is absolutely a harmless remedy to take, and as it only costs 25 cents all should try it who suspect worms to be the cause of their ill health. dec.

### Mexican Root Pills.

These pills, costing only 25 cents a box, are the latest vegetable discovery for cleansing, renovating, strengthening and regulating the liver and bowels. Better health invariably follows their use. dec.

### The Best Time.

The best time to cure pain is when you first feel it. Always have a bottle of Gooch's Quick Relief in the house. Cures external or internal pain, and costs only 25 cents. Cures cramps and colic. dec.

### The Whole Body.

The whole body depends on good, healthy blood for its sustenance and strength. Nothing makes the blood so healthy and the nerves so strong as Gooch's Sarsaparilla. Read testimonials on wrapper. dec.

### Pile-line Cures Pile!

Money refunded if it ever fails. ANTI-AGUE cures Chills and Fever. dec.

Remember I have a few bargains left in boots and shoes and gent's furnishing goods. It will pay you to investigate if you need anything in that line. J. H. Terrell. 1-tf

### An Evangelist's Story.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies, but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Powell & Powell. dec.

While they last, all the finest callicoes at 4 cents per yard. Come quick. T. E. Powell. 1-tf

### NOTICE.

All knowing themselves indebted to the firm of R. E. (Cub) Hadley are requested to call and settle the same at once. We have assumed control of the entire business and outstanding accounts of the above firm and wish to have them all paid up at once as we need the money. 48-tf HADLEY & STIMMERS.

### B. Y. P. U.

Program for Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 o'clock p. m. at Baptist Church. Song. Prayer. Bible reading, Subject, "The Birth of Christ," Led by Miss Inez Franklin. Select Reading, "Little Lord Jesus is Born King today." Miss Jessie Coffman. Select Reading, "The Infant Jesus" Miss Commora Moon. Song. Select Reading, "Christmas Peace" Miss Bertha Gunn. A cordial invitation is extended to all. COMMITTEE.

### ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN. Reported by H. D. Williams, County Commissioner. Precinct No. 10, on Nov. 24, 1901, the following estray one bay horse, about 14 hands high, branded THE (connected with bar above), on left thigh, harness on left shoulder, hanging in neighborhood of Adm. Hall. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office in Baird, this 9th day of Dec. 1901. W. P. COCHRAN, Clerk County Court. By J. H. Cochran, Deputy. 3-4t

Lee Webb, boss on the J. O. Hall ranch, returned Wednesday morning from a two weeks visit to relatives at Vinita, I. T.

Dr. R. G. Powell returned last Friday from Houston, where he attended the annual meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Clint Brotherton did not show up at the Spencer lumber yard Tuesday, but was on hand yesterday looking pleasant, and on being questioned, remarked "Oh it's a boy."



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Her Christmas is not like the rest, Which last a single day Or possibly a week at best And then she's put away To be forgotten for a year, Until good will toward men Comes round, as fashions reappear, And is in style again.



All time is grandma's Christmas time, All seasons hers to hear The echo of a Yuletide rhyme Of voices ever dear, Of voices hushed to all but her As through a mist of tears She sees child faces as they were In long departed years.



Now, dreaming o'er her needle's flight, She croons a song of joy And weaves a thread of heaven's light Into some Christmas toy Now softly up the attic stair Alone she creeps away And o'er the Christmas treasures there Lives in another day.



Yet, though mid shadows of the past Fond memories may grieve, She stands in the effulgent cast By never dimming love, And, peering through the gathering night, She views the narrow way That bridges over to the bright Eternal Christmas day.



All time is grandma's Christmas time, All seasons hers to hear The thrilling of a chord sublime Of voices coming near, As in her simple faith she waits The coming of the morn When past the open parly gates She'll greet the Lowly Born.



No Longer a Bottle Baby. Santa Claus (thrusting his head through the door) —Sorry for you, kid, but it's the only present I have left.

### HORSES WANTED.

We want horses or mares from 14 hands 34 inches to 15 hands 1 inch high 5 to 9 years old, broad chest, short back, good flesh, good action, clear of blemishes, broke to ride. No greys or light duns wanted. Will pay as high as seventy dollars according to quality. Will be in Baird on Saturday, Dec. 14th 21st and 28th. Alvord Bros.

Foy has the best school and ladies shoes in Baird. 1-tf

Make Weak Women Strong. I have taken your REMICK'S PEP-SIN BLOOD TONIC. I know it is the best TONIC ever made. It will make even weak women strong. I cannot praise it enough.—Mrs. O. D. Pickering, Onley, Ill. For Sale by Powell & Powell. 1-tf

Nothing would be more appropriate for a Christmas present than a good Kodak. J. H. Terrell has the only stock in town. 1-tf

H. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach, says, "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than anything I have ever taken. For sale by R. Phillips Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec.

J. H. Terrell has the finest and best selected and cheapest candles in town. He bought them especially for the holiday trade. 1-tf

A Woman's Awful Peril. "There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. L. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. Its a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50cts. Guaranteed. For sale by Powell & Powell. dec.

POSTED. My pastures are posted and any one found hunting or fishing therein, will be prosecuted according to law. R. MACDONALD.

## BEECH'S SALOON.

—DEALS IN—  
Fine Whiskies, Wines, Cigars.  
AND ICE COLD BEER AT 5CTS. A GLASS.  
Only the best brands of everything in stock. 2nd door north of Sigal Hotel.  
Billiard and Pool Room First Door South

## R. B. Spencer & Co.,

LUMBER DEALERS.  
We carry a first-class stock of Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash Cement, Posts, Etc. and can fill all orders promptly.  
Successors to S. M. MOON & CO. Baird, Texas.

## Staple and Fancy GROCERIES.

A. W. McFarlane, GROCERS.  
Queen of Panty Flour.

## SIX OF THE BEST IN AMERICA.

Others as Good, but None BETTER.  
Scottish Union and National, Organized ..... 1824.  
Orient of Hartford, " ..... 1867.  
Pennsylvania Fire, " ..... 1865.  
Fire Association of Phila. " ..... 1817.  
New Hampshire Fire, " ..... 1870.  
Philadelphia Underwriters, composed of Insurance Co. of North America and Fire Association of Philadelphia, organized ..... 1792 & 1817.  
All of the above Companies settle on demand. I ask for a share of your insurance, offering you choice from Six of the best Co's. in the WORLD. Let me quote you rates, I know I can please you.  
JOHN TRENT, Agent.

## LANDS, LOANS, ABSTRACTS AND INSURANCE.

I have for sale some of the best and cheapest IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED FARMS in Callahan and adjoining counties.  
I can LEND YOU MONEY on land on long time with easy payments and at low rate of interest.  
ABSTRACTS prepared on short notice and at reasonable charges.  
I represent some of the Strongest and Best FIRE AND TORNADO INSURANCE Companies in existence.  
If you want to buy or sell land, borrow money, have your titles abstracted or insure your property against loss by fire and storms come and see me. I can please you.  
L. BLACKBURN, Baird, Tex. 52

# A KLONDIKE CHRISTMAS

BY RODNEY LINHOLM

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"Pay dirt, and five hundred to the pan, or I'm a liar!"  
 "Oh, Bob, do you mean it? Seems too good to be true!"  
 "Sure, Tom. Guess I know 'color' when I see it. There's fifty thousand to the box length when we come to wash out in the spring. Reckon that up, and see if you can make us out worth less than half a million apiece."  
 "Bob Burley, you're off your base. I can't believe it."  
 "Believe it or not, Tom Herrick; but even you can tell what a nugget looks like after it's washed out, eh?"

Burley scooped out a handful of clean, yellow nuggets varying in size from a cucumber seed to a hazelnut from the pan in which he was testing the dirt and held them out for his chum to examine. These two had been two months on the El Dorado branch of the Klondike, having come up here from Circle City on receipt of first news of a "strike" in this region. They had built themselves a hut, staked out a claim of 500 feet each along the creek and then set to work "burning out" the earth.

Herrick and Burley had burned and drifted, drifted and burned, until at last they had an open shaft sunk quite fifteen feet, and, as Bob had declared, they had at last struck "pay dirt," and had struck it rich.

Tom took the handful of glistening nuggets from his partner, but said not a word. There was no doubt of the fact—at last gold had been found.

"Well, old man," said Bob, "what's the matter with you? Don't you know what those nuggets mean to us?"

"Don't I just! Bob, if the claim turns out half as good's you think we can both go home, can't we, at the end of the summer?"

"Right you are, Tommy, every time. If you hear me say it, it's so! But there's one thing I feel compelled to say and which you won't be so happy to



"GOODBY, TOM, AND GOOD LUCK"

hear, and that is we haven't got five pounds of flour nor an ounce of meat in the shack. And the deuce of it is this is the day before Christmas, and tomorrow we ought to celebrate."

"To be sure. Christmas doesn't seem like Christmas without turkey."

"It doesn't, hey? Well, what did we have last Christmas a year ago?"

"Bear meat and blubber, and mighty glad to get it too. But, all the same, it didn't seem like Christmas, and I'll stick to it!"

"No, Tommy, it didn't. A Christmas dinner always should have a bird in it of some sort."

"Well, Bob, you're a better miner than I am, but you can't beat me at hunting. The thermometer is down to twenty-six below, and the wind is howling great guns, but I don't see any other way than to take my gun and try for a rabbit or a partridge."

"That's the talk, Tommy. One of us has got to attend to the fire, and you are the better hunter of the two. I don't envy you the contract, though. It may be down to fifty below before night, so get back before the sun goes down, won't you?"

"I'll try," said Tom as he slid out into the cold, clad from throat to toe in furs. He carried a double barrel shotgun in the hollow of his arm and a revolver in the belt, the latter in case he should encounter anything larger than the shotgun could bring down. "I'm going up to the mountain for ptarmigan," were his last words to Bob, "so have a good pastry ready for ptarmigan pie some time early in the evening. 'Goodby.'"

"Goodby, Tom, and good luck," chattered Bob as he closed the door. Tom swung sturdily along through the fine, dry snow, which came about up to his knees, and derived exhilaration from the keen air and the prospect of sport. He crossed the creek, climbed the farther bank and came upon the level plateau, where the wind had wider sweep and the cold was more intense than in the sheltered ravine.

It was a long stretch, and no object intervened to break the monotony, so he plodded ahead for over an hour and arrived at the summer snow line, where the ptarmigans dwell. The graceful ptarmigan, though brown of plumage in the summer when the snow is melted and the scant vegetation can protect it, was now pure white and hard to distinguish from the snow itself, into which it dove and from which it darted out like flying fish on the surface of the sea.

He was a good hunter, having carried a gun ever since he had been able to lift one, first practicing at the woodchucks and squirrels on the old farm, then extending his range to the moose and deer down in the woods of Maine. So when, all of a sudden, a white, spiritlike thing broke out of the snow and made off straight to windward he threw up his gun and toppled it over in a trice.

Several got away from Tom's shots, their movements were so erratic, and there was little to distinguish between snow white bird and bird white snow. At last, however, marking down where a flock entered a snowdrift, he made for it and stirred them up with his feet, and when they sailed out dropped three of them on the wing. In this manner, by pursuing the birds closely and keeping them on the move, he secured fourteen and then thought it about time to start for camp. But in all his windings and doublings while in pursuit of the ptarmigans he had so confused himself that he couldn't find the trail back to the creek. The sun had long since set, and but a faint twilight remained, while the cold air was getting colder, though the cutting wind had died away.

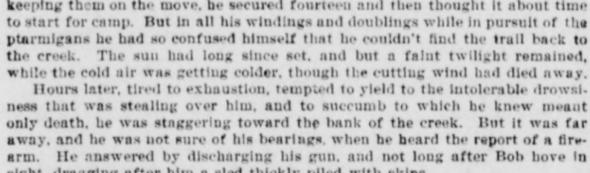
Hours later, tired to exhaustion, tempted to yield to the intolerable drowsiness that was stealing over him, and to succumb to which he knew meant only death, he was staggering toward the bank of the creek. But it was far away, and he was not sure of his bearings, when he heard the report of a firearm. He answered by discharging his gun, and not long after Bob hove in sight, dragging after him a sled thickly piled with skins.

"Zounds, old man, but I got scared for you! Here, tumble on to this sled. Bundle up in the furs and let me drag you back home. Not a word. Do as I tell you. I'm boss of this expedition, my boy. Another hour and you'd have lain down to sleep, now, wouldn't you?"

"I'm afraid I should," drowsily muttered Tom. "I'm just about done up, Bob. But, say, I got the birds, didn't I?"

"Yes, you did; but if you'd have gone to sleep they'd have come rather high."

But Tom heard nothing. He slept until the cabin was reached and long after he had been bundled into his bunk. When he awoke next morning, refreshed and recuperated, the first thing he saw through the curling smoke



PACKING THE FOURTEEN PTARMIGANS INTO A PIE.

of the pit fire was his industrious partner packing the fourteen ptarmigans into a pie. He had a dish as big as a milk pan and twice as deep well lined with dough and garnished with all the ingredients. As he dexterously trimmed the top crust and set the dish down for one last admiring look he saw that the sleeper had awakened.

"Hello, Tom, how'd you feel? Look at that! How's that for a pie, eh? Big enough to last a week, ain't it? Where'd I get the dish? Oh, Sam Reynolds and his brother Dave were here after you left, and they're coming over to the feed. By the way, Tom, wish you merry Christmas! Same to me? Oh, that's all right! I'm a millionaire, you know, and, as for that matter, so are you! Pretty business for a millionaire, hey—picking ptarmigans and making a scullion of himself generally? But never mind. There's a good time a-coming by and by. Next year this time we'll have our horses and servants, sure's you're born, Tommy, my son."

Thus Bob rambled on, the while setting the great pie carefully in a corner of the pit, which had been heated red-hot with stones taken from the creek bed. And there it simmered and sizzled and in the end turned a delicious brown just as Sam and Dave came over from their cabin, farther up the creek.

The pie was served from a stump which stuck up in the center of the hut. It was a pronounced success, and Dave declared that it "beat turkey all hollow," in which opinion he was supported by his brother Sam. Bob was heard to declare—in fact, Tom said the same thing—that even if he went out with twice a hundred thousand ounces next season he would contrive to locate in a section where he could have ptarmigan pie for his Christmas dinner.

## UNPRECEDENTED COLD

Coldest Wave Ever Experienced in the South in December.

The Only Fatalities Reported Come from Atlanta—Freeze Reached as Far South as Jacksonville, Orange Crop Is Safe.

Atlanta, Dec. 16.—It is believed the cold wave which has held the south tight in its grasp the last 30 hours has been broken. In many cases the temperature recorded Sunday night broke all records for December. In Atlanta two deaths are attributed to cold, both of the victims being negroes.

The temperature at 4 o'clock this morning was 9 above zero, the coldest recorded for December since 1882.

Freezing temperatures are reported in northern Florida and as far south as Jacksonville, and from 6 to 16 degrees below freezing in southern Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. The Florida orange belt is believed to have escaped as temperature of 40 was reported from mid-Florida and 64 at Keywest.

The following minimum temperatures were reported to the Atlanta weather bureau:

Charlotte, N. C., 14; Savannah, Ga., 28; Norfolk, Va., 20; Montgomery, Ala., 14; Meridian, Miss., 10; Memphis, Tenn., 4; Nashville, 2; Augusta, Ga., 22; Wilmington, 22; Charleston, 26; Macon, 16; Knoxville, 8; Tampa, Fla., 40.

Another Blizzard in Nebraska.

Omaha, Dec. 18.—Another severe storm struck northern and west Nebraska Monday evening, and in some parts of the state it is the worst experienced since the blizzard of 1888.

The cold wave is general over South Dakota, western Iowa, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Lives Lost in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 18.—The severe snow and wind storm which set in last Tuesday night, and which has been accompanied by the coldest weather known in this state for many years, is still raging in some sections.

Five persons are known to have lost their lives. Of these three were herdsmen, one a railroad man and the other a woman.

Five herdsmen were reported lost near Point of Rocks.

Oklahoma Cattle Will Suffer.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18.—Another cold wave struck Oklahoma Monday night, and following so closely on the first, it will do greater damage to the extensive cattle interests of the territory. Reports from the range state that stock is perishing. A prominent cattleman said that the loss as a result of the blizzard will be greater among Oklahoma stockmen than ever known before in the history of the territory.

Still Cold in Texas.

Dallas, Dec. 16.—The cold wave shows no sign of moderating. Reports from 24 points over Texas at 7 o'clock Sunday night show thermometer readings from 11 above at Texarkana to 29 above at Houston. Zero weather is over northwest Texas. All railroad trains from the north and east are badly delayed. Severe conditions are reported in the cattle district to the northwest of Dallas.

Cold at Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 16.—Galveston is now experiencing the coldest weather that has visited here in two years. At 7 o'clock Sunday morning the thermometer registered 24 and ice was everywhere.

In the coast country the thermometer registered from 3 to 8 degrees lower than Galveston. The greatest sufferers are truck growers.

Twenty-Eight and Thirty-Three Below.

Buena Vista, Colo., Dec. 17.—Since the first fall of snow last Wednesday the upper valley has experienced the coldest weather known here, the thermometer showing between 28 and 33 degrees below zero. The Arkansas valley in this vicinity is in the throes of a severe blizzard, the snow drifting badly before the wind.

Record Broken at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Louisiana had cold weather, but no storm. The temperature fell to 26 degrees here, which has only been equaled three times in 30 years. The weather bureau says it will fall to 20 degrees, breaking all records.

Zero in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—At nine o'clock Sunday night the thermometer was six above zero and the chances are that it will drop to zero.

The Tennessee river is on a rampage as the result of the recent heavy rains.

Below Zero in Ohio.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—Shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday night the thermometer reached zero here, and it is still falling. The Ohio river rose 15 to 20 feet during the day.

Cold All Over Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—Severe cold weather is reported from numerous points in Kansas. Temperatures range from 2 to 3 degrees above to 5 below zero. It is feared that cattle on the great western ranges will suffer. Winter wheat will be damaged.

Coldest December Weather.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Sunday was the coldest day Chicago has witnessed in December since the weather bureau was established here 30 years ago. For three hours the mercury stood 12 below.

## G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Washington Selected by the Executive Committee, but Date Not Fixed. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Members of the executive committee of the National Council of the Grand Army of the Republic, at a meeting here, decided to hold the next annual encampment of the organization at Washington, D. C. It has been decided that the encampment will be held in the fall, although the exact date is not yet announced. Atlantic City and Denver wanted the meeting, but after the claims of the three delegations had been heard, the national capital was selected unanimously.

## Sealy's Remains Reach Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Santa Fe train bearing the remains of the late George Sealy arrived at the Union depot at 2:10 o'clock Monday afternoon. There were 500 people there to pay their respects to the dead. A large majority of those who were at the depot belonged to the laboring class, who left their labor to honor their dead friend. The remains were conveyed from the car to the hearse between a line of people with bared heads. The funeral will take place tomorrow after the arrival of the son and daughter, George and Carolina Sealy, now en route from New York.

## Identified as Harry Logan.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Lowell Spence, a Pinkerton detective, has arrived here from Chicago. He positively identified the man under arrest here as Harvey Logan, one of the alleged Great Northern express robbers. Spence had in his possession a photograph of Harvey Logan, which is the exact likeness of the man held here. He says this man was seen in Nashville with the woman who was arrested there with a quantity of Montana bank money. The man still refuses to talk.

## Ensley Steel Mill Completed.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18.—The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company has announced the completion of its steel mill at Ensley and General Manager Charles McCreery states the plant will be in operation within a few weeks. This new industry will make steel rails for trunk lines and will be the first industry plant of the kind in the south.

## Mrs. McKinley's Condition.

Canton, Dec. 18.—Mrs. McKinley's condition remains much the same as it has been since the funeral. She does not require medical attention, although Drs. Phillips and Portmann see her once or twice a week, as it was arranged they should when Dr. Rixey returned to Washington.

## Fire at Wynnewood.

Wynnewood, I. T., Dec. 18.—Four brick store buildings were burned Monday morning. One of them was occupied by A. J. Hampton, groceries, another by M. J. Morgeson, drugs, and a man named Knox occupies another. The loss on the four buildings is about \$4000.

## Danley She'll Marry Hobson.

Springfield, O., Dec. 18.—Miss Eleanor Ludlow, niece of ex-Governor Bushnell, says: "There is positively no truth in the report of the engagement of Capt. Richmond P. Hobson and myself. You will do me a favor to deny it, and you cannot make the statement too emphatic."

## Will Not Visit Ireland.

London, Dec. 18.—The proposed visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Ireland, which was to have taken place in the spring, or after his majesty's coronation, has been abandoned on account of the disturbed state of that country.

## Five Years for Morgan.

LaGrange, Tex., Dec. 14.—The jury in the L. T. Morgan case brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and assessing his punishment at five years in the penitentiary.

## Enfauila Hotel Burned.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 18.—The Morgan hotel was consumed by fire at Enfauila Sunday evening. Loss about \$2000. Cause of fire unknown.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Peter J. Berry, a Confederate veteran, died at Dallas, Texas.

The First Unitarian church was dedicated at Dallas, Tex., on Sunday.

Argentine and Chili are actively preparing for war, despite peace reports.

United States Senator W. J. Sewell of New Jersey is reported seriously ill.

Ben Phillips, an old citizen of Corrigan, Tex., was run over and killed by a train.

A loan company has been formed in Waxahachie, Tex., to operate in Oklahoma.

J. J. Brewer of Dallas, Tex., was robbed of \$45 and a diamond at Terrell, Tex.

Curtis Esmond of Hillsboro, Tex., killed a hog 2 years old that weighed 580 pounds.

T. S. Heflin of Silver City, N. M., was shot by John Childers and fatally wounded.

Bret Harte, the novelist, who was reported ill in London, Eng., is in good health.

Sixty-six farmers from Missouri, Alabama and Mississippi have located in Hood county.

George Sealy of Galveston, Tex., died on the train near St. Louis, Mo., of heart disease.

Norman A. Gillos, a farmer, was accidentally shot and killed while hunting near Cumbly, Texas.

Jim Saussier of Dallas, Tex., was given 40 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Policeman Padick.

Marconi Claims to have sent a wireless message across the Atlantic ocean from St. Johns, N. B. to England.

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He had better go through life laughing than crying.

President Roosevelt favors irrigation in the arid west.

Mark Hanna talks like a man who is outside of the breast works.

Callahan county needs better, straighter and more wagon roads.

If Teddy will not dine with the coon any more we will forgive him this once.

That New Orleans mule trust found old John Bull's leg pretty tough when they attempted to pull it.

The Supreme Court says the Philippines is United States territory. That means that we have already expanded.

Any attempt to vindicate Admiral Schley by Congress would likely end in a party fight and do more harm than good.

Baird received more cotton last year than was raised in the county and Putnam received five thousand bales, so say our buyers.

The dairymen are making a heroic stand against oleo. Cottonseed butter is purer and healthier than half the oleo the dairymen sell us.

The Navy is large enough unless the owners, Chadwicks, Sampsons, and their ilk can be retired to the shades of private life.

Waco will have to look to its laurels or Houston will win its title of the "Dark and bloody ground." Three men were killed in a street duel inouston last week.

Pat Collins, democrat, was elected mayor of Boston last week by 15,000 majority. He was defeated by his republican opponent by 2000 majority years ago.

Take off our hat to Admiral Schley because of his report in the inquiry. He is a gallant soldier and a gentleman. Sorry we cannot say as much for some of the rest of the crew around Washington.

Chessman Richardson suggests a party for the Democrats at Washington which may be comprehended in the proposition to embarrass, hinder and trip the republicans at every possible point. This is not statesmanship it is politics. The only way for the Democratic party to rise again is to line up for something positive and constructive.—Galveston Tribune.

Mr. Richardson shows that he is no statesman and his suggestion is the very worst kind of politics. He does not seem to understand that the people are growing more independent and less subservient to party and party bosses. As suggested by the Tribune the only way for the Democratic party to rise again is to line up for something positive and constructive. The counts will not soon forget that the Democrats in congress forced the Spanish-American war on the country, and when they discovered their mistake even after voting for the bill to place \$50,000,000 in the hands of President McKinley they went to work to embarrass the republicans in the prosecution of the war. Such are the facts, to the shame of the Democratic party.—Cleburne Chronicle.

AN EXPENSIVE JAG.

It cost the government one hundred thousand dollars to find out that Gov. Tilley, of Samoa, had not taken on a jag as charged. Somebody has lied again, it seems.

Sampson, Maclay, Chadwick and Crowninshield as well as Secretary Long should be happy.

The Navy Department evidently needs some Rough Riding. Cannot the President prove himself equal to the occasion? From Long down need a shaking up and out.

The findings of the majority in the Schley Court of Inquiry is denounced as an insult to the American people in an editorial by the Dallas News. It is worse than an insult, it is a downright fraud and a disgrace to the country.

Admiral Schley's friends are not all democrats by any means. Such prominent republicans as Foraker, Hoar and Crumpacker are outspoken in denouncing the condemnation of Admiral Schley by a majority of the Naval Court of Inquiry.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.—Ecclesiastes XI: 9.

It is reported that Willie Waldorf Astor has consented to play the Court fool at King Edward's coronation. In spite of his wealth Willie has managed to play the fool to such an extent that he scarcely has a friend among the English aristocracy.

Admiral Dewey says Schley was in command of the fleet at Santiago. Dewey heard all the evidence and no doubt his opinion is correct. This being true, what will the Navy Department do about the prize money paid Sampson as commander when in fact he was not in the fight?

The New Orleans mule trust is the latest. The attempt to pull John Bull's leg is likely to drive the old gentleman to South America for his mules. John Bull is something of a "mule" himself when it comes to driving a bargain and these New Orleans mule traders will find this out before they get through with him.

Senator Foraker says he has read every word of the evidence in the Schley investigation case and that the findings of the majority of the Court is not justified by the evidence. He accepts Admiral Dewey's report as true. The country agrees with Senator Foraker. He says he is "disgusted", so are the people. The Navy Department is fast becoming the most unpopular branch of our government.

Hon. W. B. Plimmons, of Amarillo, died a few days ago. The editor of this paper served with Judge Plimmons in the 24th Legislature in 1895, where we formed a friendship for him that never wavered. He was honest and sincere and stood up for the right as he understood it regardless of consequences. He was one of three democrats who made the minority report in favor of seating a negro in place of a white man who held the office. The majority reported in favor of the sitting member who was a white man. The evidence disclosed the fact that the negro was fairly elected. A majority of the committee took the view that the negro had not had notice of contest within the time prescribed by law. Both reports went before the house and Judge Plimmons was selected by the minority to present their side of the case to the house. This he did in a forcible speech that carried conviction because he had justice and right upon his side. The legislature, though overwhelmingly democratic, seated the negro. The result was due more to Judge Plimmons' efforts than any other member. In this case, he, as other democrats who signed the minority report, and the democratic members who voted to seat the negro, did not consult their feelings in the matter, because had they done so they would have voted to seat the white man, but their sense of justice would not permit them to do so, though every one who signed the minority report were Southern born and either their parents or themselves were slave owners before the war. Judge Plimmons was an honest man, an able lawyer, a true and tried democrat and last, but best of all he was a gentleman. It is with sincere sorrow that we learned of his death. Peace to his ashes.

Only a few short years have elapsed since the 24th Legislature convened, yet a number have answered the last roll call on earth and passed to the great beyond. First Hon. R. D. Harrell, of Bowie county, died during the session though a young man in the prime of life. Dr. Edwards, of Delta county, and McNeil, of Live Oak county, both died in 1896 if we mistake not. Next our old and esteemed friend, J. K. Bumpass, of Coffman county, and then Col. S. P. Burns, of Brown county, died, now W. B. Plimmons is gone.

QUAINT COLLEGE LAWS.

Rules Prescribing the Dress of Harvard Students in Bygone Days.

The curious laws regarding students' dress which prevailed at Harvard up to the middle of the last century are illustrated by two eighteenth century waistcoats which are among the collections of the Boston Art museum. One was worn by a member of the class of 1749 and the other by his son in 1784.

The latter waistcoat is olive green in color, conforming to the college regulations, which required either blue gray, plain black, "nankeen"—a kind of buff—or olive. The coat and breeches which originally went with it, as one may read in the old time Harvard "Laws," were blue gray. Freshmen of that date were allowed only plain buttonholes, sophomores leaped to the dignity of having buttons on their cuffs, juniors might have inexpensive frogs to their buttonholes except that they might not have them on their cuff buttonholes, and the senior enjoyed frogs, buttonholes and buttons complete. Seniors and juniors were permitted also to wear black Oxford gowns, such as are worn at graduation today, and a "night gown," or dressing gown, was permissible on certain unimportant occasions. It cost "not more than 10 shillings" for every appearance of gold or silver adornment.

The rules of costume were changed, of course, from time to time. In 1828, for example, the prescribed dress consisted of a black mixed coat, single breasted, "with a rolling cape square at the end and with pocket flaps, the waist reaching to the natural waist, with lapels of the same length." It is explained that "black mixed," called also Oxford mixed, was black with not more than one-twentieth nor less than one-twenty-fifth part of white. The senior was allowed to support his dignity with three "crow's feet" of black silk cord on the lower part of his coat sleeve. Two crow's feet were permitted to the junior, one to the sophomore and none at all to the freshman. The waistcoat was of black mixed or of black or, when of cotton or linen fabric, of white; single breasted, with a standing collar. The pantaloons were of black mixed.

APHORISMS.

Good counsels observed are chains of grace.—Fuller.

The beauty seen is partly in him who sees it.—Bovee.

Admiration is the daughter of ignorance.—Franklin.

In great attempts it is glorious even to fail.—Longinus.

The one prudence of life is concentration.—Emerson.

The golden age is before us, not behind us.—St. Simon.

Levity in behavior is the bane of all that is good and virtuous.—Seneca.

Better be driven out from among men than to be disliked by children.—Dana.

Loving kindness is greater than laws, and the charities of life are more than all ceremonies.—Talmud.

Have you so much leisure for your own business that you can take care of that of other people that does not belong to you?—Terence.

A rattlesnake's fangs.

You often hear of rendering a rattlesnake harmless by pulling out its fangs. Then, again, you read of cases where a serpent so treated has bitten persons fatally. The reason for this is that a poisonous snake is deprived only temporarily of its venomous powers by the extraction of the two incisors in the upper jaw, at the bases of which are the poison glands. Of course you know that the fangs are hollow, so that when the animal strikes the venom gushes through them into the flesh of the person struck. Now, by drawing the two teeth the snake may be rendered harmless for a few weeks, but after a short time the two teeth just behind the original fangs move up and take their places, making connection with the poison glands and thus becoming poison fangs as good and effective as the old ones.

Horses and Cold.

Colonel Sir T. H. Holdich, writing in "The Indian Borderland" of the terrible storms and wind and snow which overtake the traveler on the high passes of the Herat mountains, remarks on the superior power of the horse to withstand cold. In one such storm "over twenty men perished and many mules. All the dogs with the caravan were dead, but so far as I can remember, no horses. Yet some of the chargers of the Eleventh Bengal lancers got slowly on their legs the day after the blizzard literally sheeted with ice as an ironclad sheeted with steel." It is a fact worth noting that the horse will stand cold where a mule or a camel will not and where a dog will die.

Gates in Norway.

A curious feature to travelers in the highroads of Norway is the great number of gates—upward of 10,000 in the whole country—which have to be opened. These gates, which either mark the boundaries of the farms or separate the home fields from the waste lands, constitute a considerable inconvenience and delay to the traveler, who has to stop his vehicle and get down to open them.

Cruel and Unusual Punishment.

Mrs. Boerum hopelessly—Mortimer, I cannot make Willie mind. Mr. Boerum sternly—William, do as your mother wishes, or I will make you go and sit in the cozy corner.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Harry's Declaration.

She—Oh, Harry, it is awful! Papa has forbidden you the house! He—That's all right. It isn't the house I am after; it's you, darling.—Boston Transcript.

THE MAJOR'S VENGEANCE.

McKinley and the Reporter Who Persistently Assailed Him.

During one of his congressional campaigns Major McKinley was followed from place to place by a reporter of a paper of opposite political faith, who is described as being one of those "shrewd, persistent fellows who are always at work, quick to see an opportunity and skilled in making the most of it." While Mr. McKinley was annoyed by the misrepresentation to which he was almost daily subjected he could not help admiring the skill and persistency with which he was assailed. His admiration, too, was not unmingled with compassion, for the reporter was ill, poorly clad and had an annoying cough. One night Mr. McKinley took a closed carriage for a near-by town at which he was announced to speak. The weather was wretchedly raw and cold, and what followed is thus described:

He had not gone far when he heard that cough and knew that the reporter was riding with the driver on the exposed seat. The major called to the driver to stop and alighted. "Get down off that seat, young man," he said. The reporter obeyed, thinking the time for the major's vengeance had come. "Here," said Mr. McKinley, taking off his overcoat, "you put on this overcoat and get into that carriage."

"But, Major McKinley," said the reporter, "I guess you don't know who I am. I have been with you the whole campaign, giving it to you every time you spoke, and I am going over tonight to rip you to pieces if I can." "I know," said Mr. McKinley, "but you put on this coat and get inside and get warm so that you can do a good job."—Chautauquan.

THE MAGIC NUMBER.

A Suggestion by the Civic That Set the Others Thinking.

"I often hear of the magic number," said some one. "What number is it?" "Why, nine, of course," replied some one else. "There are nine muses, you know, and you talk of a nine days' wonder. Then you bow at nineplus, and a cat has nine lives."

"Nonsense!" broke in another. "Seven is the magic number. Seventh heaven, don't you know, and all that, seven colors in the rainbow, seven days in the week, seventh son of a seventh son—great fellow—and—"

"Tush, tush!" remarked a third. "Five's the number you mean. A man has five fingers on his hand and five toes on his foot, and he has five senses, and—"

"Three is undoubtedly the magic number," interrupted another, "because bread give three cheers, and Jonah was inside a whale three days and three nights, and if at first you don't succeed, try, try again—three times, you see!"

This was received with some content by the company, and a soulful youth gushed out: "Two, oh, two is the magic number—oneself and one other, the adored one—just two!"

A hard featured individual, who had been listening to the conversation hitherto unmoved, here remarked in a harsh voice:

"The magic number is number one in this world, and if you want to succeed never forget it."

An interval of deep thought on the part of all followed, after which they went in silently to supper.—Pearson's.

No Word For Love.

In comparison with the English tongue foreign tongues seem parsimonious in some ways of expression and wasteful in others.

For instance, it is impossible to "kick" a man in French. You must give him a "blow with the foot." The Portuguese do not "wink" at one; they "close and open the eyes."

In the languages of the American Indians there is no word with which to convey the idea of "stealing," perhaps because the idea of property is so vague. It is related of one of the early missionaries that in attempting to translate the Bible into Algonquin he could find no word to express "love" and was compelled to invent it.

A Spelling Bee.

Some of you who think you are well up in spelling just try to spell the words in this little sentence:

"It is agreeable to witness the unparalleled ecstasy of two harassed peddlers endeavoring to gauge the symmetry of two peeled pears."

Read it over to your friends and see how many of them can spell every word correctly. The sentence contains many of the real puzzlers of the spelling book.—London Tit-Bits.

His Everyday Suit.

Dixon—I don't believe young Shortleigh is half as extravagant as people say he is.

Hixon—Perhaps not, but I've noticed that he has a suit of clothes for every day of the week.

Dixon—Is that so? Why, he has always had the same suit on every time I met him.

Hixon—Well, that's the one.

No Climbing.

"Ah, my friend," sighed old Skinflynt, who was dying. "I'm going a long, long journey."

"Never mind," replied the friend, who knew him. "It's all down hill."—Philadelphia Record.

A Wicked Insinuation.

Miss Serelen—Fashion seems to tend toward costumes of the last century. Miss May Budd—How nice! Some people will be able to make over their old dresses.—Town and Country.

A hypocrite is like the letter p—the first in pity and the last in help.—Chicago News.

Advertisement for 'The Good of China-ware' featuring an illustration of a woman with a teapot and a man with a cup. Text includes: 'The appearance of your table has much to do with the success of your meal. Chinaware makes the table more attractive, and really whets the appetite.' 'We have here those pretty special pieces which please a hostess and her guests alike. Some cost a great deal others only a little. See our nice toilet sets.' 'We Recommend The Implements and Vehicles we sell and we place our name back of them: Yellow Kid and Hancock Disc Plows—Weber Wagons HARRY MEYER.'

Advertisement for 'SEAL BRAND COFFEE' featuring an illustration of a woman with a coffee pot. Text includes: 'We buy our goods direct from Eastern manufacturers in car-load lots and not from Texas jobbers. We give our customers the benefit of the savings. Come and see. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f' 'A car load of Jno. Deer plows just received at Hadley & Summers.' 'FRESH BREAD.—Will have Rye, Graham, Vienna, Cream and Plain bread every day. GEO. S. HARDIN. 38' 'A nice line of parlor lamps very cheap at Hadley & Summers.' 'If you want full weight and full measure get Mastic Mixed Paints. R. Phillips. 49-1f' 'We have a car load of the finest cook and heating stoves ever brought to Baird. Hadley & Summers.' 'Fire and Tornado Insurance. Insure with such companies as the Hartford Continental of New York, and Citizens. The best and strongest companies in existence. Jno. W. Woods, Agent. 52-1f' 'Regular meals three times a day. Lutch counter open day and night. Hotel Seay. 33' 'Boys wagons at cost Hadley & Summers. 52' 'Beever and Hinde's is the best pear burner made. See Wise & Hadley, Baird, Texas. 46-8f' 'Bring the babies to the gallery before 4 o'clock in the evening. Swafford' 'Big line of Harness and Collars very cheap at Hadley & Summers.'

Advertisement for 'To The Trade?' featuring a large illustration of a man in a suit. Text includes: 'We do not claim that we are "the only pebble on the beach," As some do; meaning, that we are the only people in town who handle - FURNITURE - but we do claim to have A First-Class, Up-to-Date Stock, Equal, if not Superior to any stock of Furniture ever displayed in Baird. A Careful Look through our stock is all that is needed to convince you that our goods are of a worthy, dependable character and Our Prices Unquestionably the Lowest in Baird for goods of equal merit. Come and see for yourself. Yours for Bargains, J. T. SANDS, Opposite T. E. Powell's, Baird, Texas.'



**T. & P.'s SCHEDULE.**  
**EAST BOUND.**  
 No. 6. departs ..... 1:20 a. m.  
 No. 4. departs ..... 10:13 a. m.  
**WEST BOUND.**  
 No. 5. departs ..... 2:50 a. m.  
 No. 3. ..... 3:25 p. m.  
 J. B. HAMMON, Agent.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**E. R. SARTOR**  
 Physician and Surgeon.  
 Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store.  
 BAIRD, TEXAS.

Bring that wood you promised on subscription.

Boy's suits; handomest Christmas gift of all. Powell has the best and cheapest, suit worth \$7.50 sell at \$5.

John Windham of Tecumseh, was in town Monday.

Hamilton & Brown American Lady, the handomest dress shoe in town. Get you a pair at T. E. Powell's 24

Holiday trade has picked up considerably the last few days.

"Say Mr. A., where did you get that suit? Perfect fit, good goods and worth \$16.7?" "At T. E. Powell's, of course. He sells them for \$11. 24

J. A. Cheek, living near Admiral, was in town Tuesday.

T. E. Powell has a few more handsome \$8. suits, worth \$12. Call and see. 24

J. I. McWhorter and Will Rice went down to Cisco last Thursday night.

Latest, newest and noblest line of neckwear to arrive at Powell's this week. Get one for a Christmas gift.

Land men in Baird seem to be doing a good business, judging from the number of abstracts they are making.

The neatest present for a lady is a pair of kid gloves. Go to Powell's and get your choice out of one thousand pairs. 24

Friday night it turned cold and Saturday and Sunday were about the coldest days we have ever seen in this country in December. The thermometer registered 12 degrees above zero Sunday morning.

The largest line of men's hats ever shown in Baird. At any price you want. T. E. Powell. 24

Wilson & Chiver have purchased a gasoline engine from Harry Meyer, agent, and placed in their shop to grind sausage at all times of the year and to run a set of fans in warm weather. The engine is a Weber, 2 1/2 H. P. and runs like a top. Wilson & Oliver are always up with the times, in fact just a little ahead.

We handle the John Deer plow, the best in the world. Hadley & Summers. 34

R. Ingram, of Cottonwood, came up with cotton Monday.

If you want a handsome overcoat call early at T. E. Powell's. 24

County Commissioners, J. W. Merrick and Phil Yost, were in town Tuesday.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party.' Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by R. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec

Mrs. J. B. Seay is at Mineral Wells for the benefit of her health.

In sluggish liver, HERBINE, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arises from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips.

T. W. Koblinger, of Eagle Cove, was in town Monday.

The firm of Hadley & Summers is bran new and so is their stock. We have an immense line and think the people know what they want, and we think we have it. Come and see. Hadley & Summers. 34

Mrs. Kane has Fresh Yeast for sale.

**THE ONLY FOUR CORNERS.**  
 Where Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona Meet.

It may seem a broad statement to one who hears it for the first time that the only place where four states, territories or provinces join, is that part where Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona meet. Not only is this the only "four corners" in the United States, but it is the only "corner" of its kind in the world.

Although the locality is unique in this respect, it is not often visited, as it is not of easy access. Few tourists care to endure the hardships of a pilgrimage to see the monument which marks the spot. The stone was erected by the United States government surveyors, and is similar to those used to mark other boundary lines. On a simple shaft in the center of the rocks are inscribed the names of the states and territories which touch the spot.

The monument is reached by a trail which leads from the road between Navajo Springs and Aneth, Utah. The trail leaves the road near Scott's trading post, close to the Utah line, and crosses the San Juan river. Then its course is along a spur of the Cariz mountains until it comes to the top of the spur, where the shaft is situated. It is in the midst of a country once densely populated by the cliff dwellers. The ruins of their homes are all about this section. The point is nearly a hundred miles from Mancos, Col., the nearest railroad town. Were it not for the rocks, a wagon could be placed so that the four wheels would be in as many different states.

This monument was destroyed a few years ago by the Navajos, but was rebuilt last summer. —St. Louis Republic

The finest shoe on earth, made by Edwin Clapp. Sold by T. E. Powell only. 24

**PLEASE ANNOUNCE**

The Presbyterian Church (Old School) will have a Christmas tree and other features of entertainment on Tuesday night, Dec. 24th at 7:30 p. m. We extend a cordial invitation to all who are not members of the Presbyterian church to bring their presents and their families and enjoy the evening with us. J. M. BROOKN, Pastor. J. C. GRAY, S. S. Supt.

We carry a full stock of California blankets. T. E. Powell. 24

A splendid performance was that of "Romeo and Juliet," given last night by Miss Stewart and her excellent company. Miss Stewart is truly a Shakespearean Juliet and instead of cutting out the strong scenes (as all of our latter day Juliets for lack of strength) she features them. Her acting is simply superb, and her gown was wonders of artistic elegance. Mr. Pietro Sasso plays "Romeo" is a bright young actor, effective and full of grace and fervor. Mr. Lemuel B. C. Josephs, who has entire charge of the production, plays Mercutio and clever to a degree. Balance of Miss Stewart's support was all that could be asked for, in fact, the production was a magnificent one. —St. Joseph, Mo., Gazette

I want your trade and will treat you right. T. E. Powell. 24

**COMING DEC. 31,**

On Tuesday evening Dec. 31st at the Athletic Hall Miss May Stewart and her excellent company from the East will appear in a fine production of Romeo and Juliet. Miss Stewart has been before the public as an artistic interpreter of classic roles since her debut at the Coates Opera House, Kansas City, in '92. Among her greatest successes is Juliet. Physical beauty added to emotional power, and an intellectual grasp of the character of this ill-fated heroine makes Miss Stewart's delineation a work of art. Few actresses carry so rich and elegant a wardrobe, in fact, the play is artistically costumed throughout. Miss Stewart is assisted by Mr. Pietro Sasso, as Romeo, and Mr. L. B. C. Josephs, of New York City, as Mercutio. The stage is under the personal supervision of Mr. Josephs. The verdict passed along the line is that this company presents a beautiful and worthy interpretation of Shakespeare's great love tragedy.

John Trent represents the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co.

Have you a cold? A dose of BAL-LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips.

We haven't many gent's furnishing goods left, but what we have go at cost—Come and see. J. H. Terrell. 48

Hotel Seay Barber Shop.  
 YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

**The Bottom Has Fell Out OF PRICES ON**  
**Hardware, Tinware, Saddles, Harness, Stoves, Wagons, Buggies, Etc.**

We would be pleased to have you call and inspect our stock and get our prices. We have received a car Buggies, Load Wagons and New Moline Wagons, and can give you good goods at close figures. All kind of Farming Implements always in stock.

**Hadley & Summers.**

**A Good Cough Medicine.**  
 From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.  
 "I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for two months, and it has affected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it."—W. C. Wockner. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by R. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec

Hamilton-Brown shoes are the best. T. E. Powell is the only agent for the new goods. Come to headquarters. 41

A large line of the very best buggies at Hadley & Summers. Call see them.

A car load of Moline Wagons just received at Hadley & Summers.

If you want a first class meal served at all hours for only 25 cents. Go to Siegal's. Come and be convinced. 26

Is your subscription to THE STAR out? If so send us the money or if not wanted any longer notify us, but don't forget to pay up when you do so. 34-tf

Meals 25 cts. at Hotel Seay Restaurant. 33-tf

T. E. Powell is the only one in Baird who has all the latest styles in Hamilton-Brown shoes. No old stock. Don't buy old stock when you can get the latest styles from T. E. Powell only. 41-tf

**T. E. Powell Has it for less!**

**Rev. Irl R. Hicks Not Dead.**  
 Notwithstanding a widely current rumor that the Rev. Irl R. Hicks was dead, he never was in better health, and never did a harder and more successful year's work than that just closing. He has just completed his large and splendid Almanac for 1902 and, with his staff of able helpers, has brought his journal, Word and Works, justly forward into international reputation. For a quarter of a century Mr. Hicks has grown in reputation and usefulness as the people's astronomer, and forecaster of storms and the character of coming seasons. Never were his weather forecasts so sought after as now, his timely warning of a serious drought this year having saved the people from loss and suffering. Millions of bushels of wheat were harvested through his advice to plant crops that would mature early. The American people will certainly stand by Prof. Hicks, when it costs them so little and the benefits are so great. His fine Almanac of 200 pages is only 25c, and his splendid family journal is only one dollar a year including this ill-fated heroine makes Miss Stewart's delineation a work of art. Few actresses carry so rich and elegant a wardrobe, in fact, the play is artistically costumed throughout. Miss Stewart is assisted by Mr. Pietro Sasso, as Romeo, and Mr. L. B. C. Josephs, of New York City, as Mercutio. The stage is under the personal supervision of Mr. Josephs. The verdict passed along the line is that this company presents a beautiful and worthy interpretation of Shakespeare's great love tragedy.

While in the Eastern markets I bought over \$25,000.00 worth of goods which with the \$25,000.00 worth already on hand will give you a \$50,000.00 stock to select from. Surely you can find what you want out of such an immense stock. Call and see. T. E. Powell. 41-tf

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**"SHE BURNS GREEN."**  
**The Discovery of Borax in Death Valley by Aaron Winters.**  
 The greatest discovery of borax in the United States was made in the terribly hot region known as Death valley and in a most romantic way. The Chicago Record tells the story.  
 In 1880 Aaron Winters lived with his wife, Rosie, in a gulch known as Ash Meadows, not far from the mouth of Death valley. He was so fond of his wife that he would not allow her to be long absent from him, although their little hut on the side of the mountain was a hundred miles from the nearest neighbor, in a wild, rugged forsaken country.  
 One day a desert tramp came along and spent the night at the Winters home. He told the hunter about the borax deposits of Nevada. When he went away, Winters thought that he had seen deposits of the same kind on his explorations into Death valley.  
 Accordingly he and his wife went together to make the search, having previously provided themselves with certain test chemicals, which when combined with borax and ignited would produce a green flame.  
 Having procured a piece of the substance which he believed to be borax, Winters and his wife waited for night-fall to make the test. How would it burn?  
 For years they had lived like Plutons on the desert, entirely without luxuries and often wanting for the very necessities of life. Would the match change all that?  
 Winters held the blaze to the substance with a trembling hand, then shouted at the top of his voice: "She burns green, Rosie! We're rich! We're rich!"  
 They had found borax. The mine was sold for \$20,000, and Winters took his Rosie to a ranch in Nevada.

**KITCHEN HELPS.**  
 Use a pancake lifter to place cookies on the baking tin and to remove them. To clarify fat after frying throw in a few slices of raw potato and simmer all for a few minutes.  
 Grease spots that have become hard and burned in on ranges may be removed by rubbing with a few drops of kerosene on a cloth.  
 Sometimes the fishy smell will cling to knives and forks after oily fish like salmon or mackerel has been served. Cut a lemon, rub them with it, and the disagreeable odor will vanish.  
 Sometimes a large roasting pan, being infrequently used, gets rusty. To prevent wash it well after using, dry it in the oven, then while warm rub it over with a greased cloth and hang it away.  
 Old newspapers save work in the kitchen. When you have any "messy" task on hand, like dressing a chicken, pickling over fruit, etc., lay a paper on the table, gather the litter up with it and burn all together. This saves scouring the table.

**Why He Renewed His Youth.**  
 "Why, Brother Dickey, I hardly knew you, you're looking so young and spry! What's up now?"  
 "Well, suh, 'Ize studyin' 'bout gittin' married erfin, dat's all."  
 "Getting married?"  
 "Yes, suh. I made de 'quaintance er a young gal terday, en she 'lowed dat ef I'd shave off my gray whiskers, en chop off de half what on my head, en stop limpin' wid de rheumatism, en wear cloze what come out de sto', en smoke se-gars stidder pipe, en stop 'preachin' 'gin dancin', en secure my life in her favor for a hundred dollars she'd marry me. Dat how come I look so young?"—Atlanta Constitution.

**Burns and Scalds.**  
 In cases of burns or scalds, when the skin is unbroken, cover the burn with white lead paint, glycerin, fresh lard, linseed, olive, sweet or lard oil or soapuds. If the skin is broken, pour a mixture of oil and limewater (either linseed, olive, sweet or lard oil in equal parts) over the injury. Then place a soft piece of white linen or muslin wet with the oil mixture on the wound. Then loosely wind a bandage over this, removing it from time to time to wet the linen with the oil mixture. Never attempt to uncover the injury.

**The Finishing Touches.**  
 A girl who had been very clever at college came home the other day and said to her mother:  
 "Mother, I've graduated, but now I must inform myself in psychology, philology, biblic!"  
 "Just wait a minute," said the mother. "I have arranged for you a thorough course in roasting, boiling, stitcheology, darnology, patchology and general domesticology. Now, put on your apron and pluck that chicken."

**Unfortunately.**  
 They were driving together when Miss Rocks, unsolicited, gurgled forth her views upon matrimony. "Love is a dreary desert," she said, "and marriage an oasis," whereupon Mr. Shyly remarked that "certainly it did require a deal of sand."—Boston Travler.

**A Good Name.**  
 Tess—Oh, yes, she married a man with a highly honored name.  
 Jess—What! I never considered Seadds a highly honored name.  
 Tess—Well, you should see the way it's honored at the bank.—Philadelphia Press.

A man should not lose his temper oftener than once in ten years, and a politician never.—Acheson Globe.

The first Sunday paper in this country was The Sunday Courier, begun at New York in 1825.

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 Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, constricted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and coughs and bronchial affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most professional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—Mrs. Mary R. Melendy, M. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by R. Phillips, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam

**FRESH BREAD.**—I will have Rye, Graham, Vienna, Cream and Plain bread every day. GEO. S. HARDIN. 38

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply BAL-LARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips. dec.

If you want any Fire or Cyclone insurance, see John Trent. 48-tf

**Saw Death Near.**  
 "It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persisted use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Powell & Powell's. Trial bottles free. dec.

See John Trent for insurance. He has the strongest agency in the West, representing such Companies as Phoenix Aetna, Fire Association, Scottish Union & Co. 48-tf

Dolls that walk, Dolls that talk. Call you Mama and Papa too at Foy's. 50-tf

# GOES AGAINST SCHLEY

### Destroyer of the Spanish Fleet Condemned and Convicted.

#### The Court Finds Him Guilty on Eleven Counts, but Says He Deserves Consideration for Long Service—Dewey Dissents.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Admiral Schley has been found guilty by the court of inquiry. There are two reports, Admiral Benham and Ramsey concur in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey also as a matter of form. Admiral Dewey makes a separate report, although he agrees with the finding of the facts subscribed by the other. The majority report condemns Admiral Schley on 11 points, while Admiral Dewey sustains him in most particulars.

The finding of the court is as follows:

Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos and should have maintained a close blockade at that port.

He should have endeavored on May 23 at Cienfuegos to obtain information regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the insurgents at the place designated in the memorandum delivered to him at 8:15 a. m. of that date.

He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos de Cuba with all dispatch and should have disposed of his vessels with a view of interrupting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle.

He should not have made the retrograde turn westward with his squadron.

He should have promptly obeyed the orders of the department, May 25. He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at anchor near the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29 and 30.

He did not do his utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 31.

By commencing the engagement on July 3 with the port battery and turning the Brooklyn around with port helm, Commodore Schley caused her to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels, especially with the Viscaya and Colon.

The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made to avoid getting her into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made toward the Texas and caused that vessel to stop and back her engines to avoid possible collision.

Admiral Schley did injustice to Lieut. Commander A. C. Hodgson in publishing only a part of the correspondence which passed between them.

Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

His official reports regarding the coal supply and the coaling facilities of the flying squadron were inaccurate and misleading.

His conduct during the battle of July 3 was self-possessed, and he encouraged in his own person his subordinate officers and men to fight courageously.

Following the above is Admiral Dewey's opinion, sustaining several points in Schley's favor. It reads:

In the opinion of the undersigned the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch. Commodore Schley in view of the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers.

The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.

Commodore Schley in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out.

The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.

The blockade of Santiago was effective.

Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3rd, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

The following is the recommendation of the court:

In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign the court recommends no further proceedings be had in the premises.

The Pub's Wish Schley.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Schley and Dewey are praised and Benham and Ramsey are condemned for the termination of the Schley court of inquiry. The verdict has aroused the greatest indignation and Benham and Ramsey have forever discredited themselves in the eyes of the people.

There is yet a possibility that the president himself may disprove the findings of the court. If the president should do this it would afford a satisfactory solution of the whole difficulty, and at the same time greatly elevate the president in the estimation of all classes of people.

# THREE MEN KILLED.

### Two Policemen Shot Down by a Gambler and the Gambler also Killed.

Houston, ex., Dec. 13.—There was a triple killing in Houston late Wednesday afternoon at the corner of Congress avenue and San Jacinto street. It resulted in the death of two officers, J. C. James and Herman Youngst, and of Sid Preacher, who shot them, and who by one of them was fatally shot.

The real cause of the shooting was the arrest of Preacher on Tuesday by another officer on the charge of gambling, and it is supposed the fatal ending was brought about by a discussion of his arrest, or an attempt to rearrest Preacher on other charges of gambling. The shooting attracted the attention of the people on the street.

Preacher used a shot gun and the officers their pistols. Preacher and Youngst had a hand-to-hand battle in the street.

James was shot down by Preacher and Youngst came to his rescue. In the fight Youngst was killed, and while Preacher was beating Youngst over the head James raised upon his elbows and killed Preacher.

# KILPATRICK CONVICTED.

### Given Fifteen Years' Imprisonment on One Count at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—In the United States district court Ben Kilpatrick, the Montana train robber suspect, was sentenced by Judge Adams to 15 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. The sentence followed a jury verdict finding the prisoner guilty of one of the 17 counts in the indictment against him.

Laura Bullion, indicted jointly with Kilpatrick, was also found guilty on one count, but was not sentenced.

Kilpatrick and the Bullion woman were arrested in this city more than a month ago on a suspicion that they had something to do with the hold-up of the Great Northern train near Wagner, Mont., last July, when \$82,000 of unsigned Montana national bank notes were stolen from the express cars.

In their possession when arrested were found about \$10,000 worth of these notes, some of which had the bank officials' names forged to them.

# Five Years for Laura Bullion.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Laura Bullion, the female companion of Ben Kilpatrick, the Montana train robber suspect, who was convicted of having in possession forged national bank notes, has been sentenced by United States District Judge Adams to five years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Kilpatrick received a sentence of 15 years imprisonment at Jefferson City, Mo.

# Postoffice Safe Blown Open.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 18.—A message has been received in this city to the effect that the postoffice at Port Arthur was entered Sunday night and the safe blown open. Postmaster D. H. Barnes states that \$1000 in cash and about \$800 in stamps were taken by the robbers. Sheriff Landry has been notified to be on the lookout for the robbers, and he went to Port Arthur to see what clues to the identity of the parties can be found.

# Dr. Abbott Elected.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 18.—Dr. W. A. Abbott, mayor of McAlester, I. T., has been elected from the Indian Territory for refusing to comply with the law requiring physicians to receive certificates from the Choctaw board of health authorizing them to practice medicine. Dr. Abbott was taken to Oklahoma City by Chief of Police J. W. Ellis, but will probably be allowed to return temporarily for the purpose of settling up his business.

# Almost Secured Danish Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 18.—As a result of the negotiations which have been in progress between Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, the last obstacles to the preparation of the treaty of cession whereby the United States will become possessed of the Danish West Indian islands treaty will be laid before the senate before the holiday recess.

# Frozen to Death.

Olive, Tex., Dec. 18.—Ira Willard, about 40 years of age, was found dead a mile and a half north of here. He was seen at Kountze late Sunday night, and it is supposed that on returning home he got down and froze to death, the night being very cold. The thermometer here registered 16 degrees below freezing Sunday morning.

# Bank Vault Blown.

Cresson, Tex., Dec. 18.—The vault of the Exchange bank was blown open by burglars here Monday night. Twenty-four dollars in money and jewelry to the amount of \$150 were stolen. The inside of the vault was not tampered with.

# Postmaster at Paris.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Patrick B. Gibbons has been nominated postmaster at Paris, Tex.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Charles J. Lewis as postmaster at Clarendon, Tex.

# Cherokee Treaty Passed.

Tahlequah, I. T., Dec. 18.—The treaty bill passed the lower house of the Cherokee national council without amendment Monday evening by a vote of 20 to 15. It will be forwarded to Washington at once.

# Breaks His Neck.

Belton, Tex., Dec. 18.—While returning home from here W. W. Cook, a farmer living near Salado, fell in his wagon and broke his neck.

# Drowned in the Bay.

Galveston, Dec. 18.—The body of an unknown man was found floating in the slip off pier No. 29 Monday. The remains were not identified.

# TREATY IS RATIFIED.

### Senate Sanctioned the Hay-Pauncefote Agreement.

#### Bacon, Blackburn, Culberson, Mallory, Teller and Tillman Cast the Six Negative Votes—Bailey and Rawlins Were Paired.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate has ratified the Hay-Pauncefote isthmian canal treaty by the decisive vote of 72 to 6. The vote was reached a few minutes before 5 o'clock Monday afternoon after almost five hours' discussion behind closed doors. The principal speech of the day was made by Senator Teller, in opposition to the treaty and he was followed in rapid succession by 12 or 14 other senators, who spoke briefly either for or against the motion to ratify.

The vote for the ratification of the treaty was as follows:

Yeas—Aldrich, Allison, Bard, Bate, Berry, Beveridge, Burnham, Burrows, Burton, Carmack, Clapp, Clark of Montana, Clark of Wyoming, Clay, Cockrell, Callom, Deboe, Dietrich, Dillingham, Dooliver, Dubois, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster of Louisiana, Foster of Washington, Frye, Gallinger, Gamble, Gibson, Hale, Hansbrough, Harris, Hawley, Helfield, Hoar, Jones of Arkansas, Keane, Kears, Kittredge, Lodge, McComas, McCumber, McEnery, McLaurin of Mississippi, McLaurin of South Carolina, Milan, Martin, Mason, Millard, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pettus, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Pritchard, Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simons, Simon, Spooner, Stewart, Tallaferro, Turner, Vest, Warren, Wellington, Wetmore—72.

Nays—Bacon, Blackburn, Culberson, Mallory, Teller, Tillman—6.

Bailey paired with Dewey and Elkins; Rawlins paired with Hanna and Sewell.

Postmaster General Smith Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Emory Smith has tendered to the president his resignation as postmaster general to take effect early next month and Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, vice-chairman of the Republican national committee, has accepted the office to which he will be nominated after the holiday recess. Mr. Smith has agreed to remain until January 15, if necessary, but will return immediately thereafter to Philadelphia to resume the editorship of the Philadelphia Press.

# Another Investigation Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Wheeler of Kentucky introduced a resolution to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley from the time he took command of the Flying Squadron up to and including the destruction of the Spanish fleet, July 3, 1898. It recites the action of the court of inquiry and declares the American people desire an investigation by citizens not connected with the navy department.

Representative Mudd of Maryland also introduced a resolution relative to Admiral Schley, as follows:

"Resolved, that the thanks of congress and of the American people are hereby tendered to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and officers and men under his command, for their victory over the Spanish forces and destruction of the Spanish fleet in naval battle off Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898."

# Presidential Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The cabinet meeting Tuesday was almost entirely devoted to the discussion of appointments, principally in the department of justice. The following have been selected and will be appointed within a day or two:

Wm. Vaughan, United States attorney, Northern district of Alabama. Daniel N. Cooper, United States marshal, Northern District of Alabama. Lander J. Bryan, United States marshal Middle district of Alabama. W. J. Robinson, third judge of the district court of Hawaii.

Robert J. Breckons of Wyoming, United States attorney for the district of Hawaii.

# Resolution Thanking Schley.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In the senate Mr. Jones (Dem. Ark.), introduced the following resolution:

"That the thanks of the American congress and the American people are hereby tendered to Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley and officers and men under his command for the highly distinguished conduct in the conflict with the enemy as displayed by them in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the harbor Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898.

"That the president of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Rear Admiral Schley and through him to officers and men under his command." Without comment the resolution was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

# Anarchists Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate has adopted the resolution of Senator Vest directing the committee on judiciary to investigate and report upon the method for restricting anarchy, restraining those who attempt to assassinate presidents.

# Cattle Suffer in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18.—Prominent cattlemen from the western part of the territory who are in Guthrie, report that many cattle have died on the open ranges for want of food and shelter. The pasturages are short and covered with ice. Another week of cold weather will cause a loss of 50 per cent.

# AGAINST THE DECISION.

### Maine Points in Schley Protest Will Be Decision Against Evidence.

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Attorney General Isidor Rayner, counsel for Admiral Schley, has finished the draft of the formal document to be delivered to Secretary Long, protesting against the finding of the court of inquiry. Mr. Rayner will carry the draft of the protest to Washington and after he and Admiral Schley have conferred over it a copy will be prepared for transmission to Secretary Long.

First of all the protest will claim that the findings of the court should be set aside on the broad ground that they are not in accordance with the evidence; and following this, each point in the report, such as charges of dilatoriness, disobedience of orders, the sending of misleading dispatches, the controversy with Lieut. Hodgson, the famous loop, etc., will be touched upon in turn and the salient features of the evidence disproving these charges pointed out.

Practically the protest will be a review of the evidence in the case submitted away that Secretary Long will have the opportunity to pass on the whole controversy.

# SAMPSON PUTS IN.

### He Wants the Decision of Dewey in the Schley Case Put Aside.

New York, Dec. 18.—Slayton and Campbell, attorneys for Rear Admiral Sampson, are engaged in drawing up a formal protest against the minority finding of Admiral Dewey in the Schley court of inquiry. Mr. Campbell said Tuesday:

"We are preparing a brief based upon the record of the court. Three times, in behalf of Admiral Sampson there was a tender of evidence to show who was in command at the battle of Santiago. The court ruled that such testimony was inadmissible, and the question was not gone into. As a matter of fact Rear Admiral Sampson's flag was never down at Santiago, and he was in command of the squadron. The question of command at Santiago already has been passed upon by the court of claims which awarded that honor to Rear Admiral Sampson."

# Schley Thanks the People.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Since the court of inquiry rendered its verdict Rear Admiral Schley has received a large number of letters and telegrams, all containing expressions of confidence and esteem and offers of assistance. To answer these personally would be the work of such magnitude that the admiral has addressed the following letter which he asks to be published:

"Washington, Dec. 16.—To Associated Press: I beg to express through the medium of the Associated Press my gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the kind words and evidences of interest in my welfare which I have received from all parts of the United States. The magnitude of correspondence renders it impossible for me to personally acknowledge my appreciation to one and all."

# RELIGION IN SCHOOLS.

### Boy Expelled for Refusing to Take Part in the Exercises.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 18.—The ten-year-old son of J. B. Willard a prominent grain dealer of this city, was expelled from school here refusing to take part in the religious exercises at the opening of the school. Mr. Willard says the boy was acting and under his instructions and threatening to take the matter into court for settlement. "I object to religion in the public schools," said he, "and if necessary I will bring action in the courts to see if the board of education can force me to allow my son to submit to religious instruction in the public schools."

# Fell into the Fire.

Denton, Tex., Dec. 18.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon, living in the northern part of the city, died from the result of burns received Monday. The child's mother was sitting in front of an open fireplace with the child in her arms, when she fell forward, carrying both herself and child into the fire. She was badly burned about the shoulders and arms and the child was frightfully scarred.

# Caught in a Hair.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Capt. Clem Bennings, secretary and treasurer of the Planters' Distributing company of this city and a sugar man known from eastern Texas to the Mississippi river, was caught in the centrifugal belt of the refinery on St. John plantation, three miles below St. Martinsville, and met a horrible death between the wheels.

# Another Scrap Is On.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Semi-official advices received here indicate that active hostilities are about to begin again between Colombia and Venezuela. The delay in proceeding to extremes has been largely caused by the lack of a suitable stock of arms by the Colombian government.

# Old Monastery Burned.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 18.—The old monastery of the Benedictine order at Subloco, about thirty miles from this city, was destroyed by fire Tuesday, with all of its contents. The priests and brothers escaped without injury. The college near the monastery was not damaged.

# An Old Priest Dead.

New York, Dec. 18.—Rev. Sydney Albert Clarkson, connected with the church and convent of St. Vincent Ferrer, is dead. He was 81 years old. Father Clarkson was born in Washington county, Kentucky. His parents were from the old English Catholic colony of Maryland.

T. E. POWELL, Presdt HARRY MEYER V. P. FRED LANE, Cashier.

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or Sale by R. Phillips, Baird, Tex.

Ted Archer passed through town a few days ago on his way to Cottonwood. Ted has located in Crosby county.

## Food Changed to Poison.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c at Powell & Powell.

## EXCURSION RATES.

On Dec. 21st 22d and 23d, the Texas & Pacific will sell Holiday Excursion tickets to points in the Southeast, via: East of Mississippi River, including Memphis and New Orleans, on the south of a line drawn from Memphis via Illinois Central Ry to Centri City, Ky, thence to Somerset, Ky, thence to Corbin, Ky, Bristol, Tenn., and Pennington, Va., thence along the North state line of North Carolina to the Atlantic Ocean, also to points in the state of Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota Minnesota and Wisconsin. Rate, one and one-third fare for the round trip. Return limit, 30 days from date of sale. J. B. HARMON, Agent.

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## B. U. W. ELECTION.

Baird Lodge No. 806 Bankers Union of the World met in regular session last Monday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

L. L. Blackburn, President.  
Mrs. J. E. W. Lane, Vice President.  
J. E. W. Lane, Chaplain.  
W. W. Moss, Banker.  
J. H. Cochran, Secretary.  
E. R. Sartor, Lodge Physician.  
T. W. Fraser, Overseer.  
Mrs. J. H. Cochran, Guard.  
Mrs. Ollie Davis, Sentinel.  
Mrs. S. T. Fraser.  
G. W. Jones. Trustees.  
J. H. Fraser.



**COUNTY OFFICERS.**  
 County Judge..... B. L. Russell.  
 County and District Clerk..... W. P. Cochran.  
 Sheriff..... J. H. Cochran.  
 Deputy Sheriff..... J. H. Cochran.  
 Tax Assessor..... T. J. Norrell.  
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 Sheriff Office Deputy..... J. E. W. Lane.  
 County Attorney..... J. W. Woods.  
 County Treasurer..... T. B. Holland.  
 County Surveyor..... G. M. Thomson.  
 Public Weigher..... W. M. Coffman.  
 Hide and Animal Inspector..... W. C. Asbury.  
 County Commissioner Precinct No. 1..... J. W. Merrick.  
 Precinct No. 2..... Philip Yost.  
 Precinct No. 3..... H. D. Williams.  
 Precinct No. 4..... E. C. Austin.  
 Precinct No. 5..... J. P. L. O'Niver.  
 Constable..... Jim Johnson.

**CITY OFFICERS.**  
 Mayor..... J. B. Harmon.  
 Secretary..... H. Schwartz.  
 Marshal..... J. M. Aycock.  
 Aldermen: H. Schwartz, H. H. Ramsey,  
 W. E. Mayes, Martin Barnhill, C. H. Mahan.

**TO COUNTY SUBSCRIBERS.**  
 I am sending out statements on subscriptions past due, and we earnestly request all who are in arrears to pay up without delay. I have obligations to meet the first of January that compels me to call on all those owing me to pay up. After Feb. 1st every subscription over two years in arrears will be discontinued unless payments are made or satisfactory arrangements are made to pay them. The increased cost of printing material makes it impossible for me to continue an unlimited credit business. If arrears please pay up and start the New Year with a clear conscience, so far as the publishers debt is concerned. Long time accounts due a paper are due more to carelessness than anything else. The amount is small and people don't regard small accounts as of any importance, but they are the whole thing with the printer, because all his accounts are small, but when put together amount to considerable. I have over one thousand dollars past due on subscriptions in amounts from \$1 to \$12. Pay up so we can pay up, and give you a better paper than ever next year.

**W. E. GILLILAND.**  
 Mrs. J. B. Seay has returned from Mineral Wells.  
 Rev. J. M. Brooks, pastor of the Presbyterian Church is in town.  
 N. A. Smedley, of Admiral, made THE STAR a pleasant call last Thursday.  
 The Methodist will have a Christmas tree at the Church Tuesday night, Dec. 24th.  
 Corbett Gist and J. T. Stewart, living South of Belle Plaine, were in town yesterday.  
 Miss Maude Simmons accompanied by her brother, Frank Simmons, of Alamogordo New Mexico, leaves tonight for Lampasas Tex. to spend the holidays with her parents.

It is not the men that hoard up money that do the town good, it is the men that spend money. One man that keeps his money in circulation is worth half a dozen that hold fast to every dollar they get. Yet wastefulness is not urged, neither is dollar-squeezing.—Itally News-Herald.

Judge E. E. Solomon has been appointed General Agent for Texas for the Interstate Saving and Investment Co., of Denver, Colo. We are glad that Judge Solomon has been promoted to a good paying position, but regret to learn that he is going to leave us. He will move to Dallas or Fort Worth early in the new year in order to be more centrally located in his field of labor. Judge Solomon offers his place for sale. See notice.

We unintentionally omitted calling attention last week to the new and enlarged ads of R. Phillips and A. L. Vaughan. They are both making special offers in their respective lines for the holidays.  
 Dr. E. P. Poindexter is in Fort Worth.  
**MARRIED.**  
 Will Sampson (colored) and Miss Allie, daughter of Ike Wagner, (colored) were married last Thursday, Dec. 12, 1901. Rev. W. W. Moss officiating.

Will Vaughn returned a few days ago from a trip through New Mexico, Colorado and home by way of the Territory. Will says the West is a fine large country.  
 Wylie Lambert will take his son home today. Bud has been sick for several weeks at his sisters, Mrs. Chas. Likens. He is improving, but not entirely recovered.  
**Attention Ex-Confederates.**  
 All members who expect to be entertained at the Dallas re-union meet attend the regular meeting of Camp Albert Sidney Johnston U. C. V. on December 28th. Published by request of JOHN TRENT, Captain.

Mrs. A. L. Vaughan left last Friday night to join her husband who has located near Amorillo.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT**  
**WINTER CARNIVAL**

to be held January 14-18-1902? It is a great show. The large attendance and splendid success of the last season prove it. During the Festivities meetings of the American Association of Shorthorn Breeders and the National Association of Hereford Breeders will be held. These organizations will bring to the City an extensive exhibit of highest grade show stock. The Texas Live Stock Association will hold its annual convention in El Paso January 15-16-1902. There will probably be 3000 cattlemen in attendance. Efforts are being directed toward securing a Miners drilling Contest. \$1,000.00 in cash prizes will be offered if contest is arranged. Camps in almost every section of Arizona, New Mexico or the Mexican Republic will send Drillers to compete.

The Carnival Association will present the attractions characteristic of high class Carnivals. Among the amusements we find An European and Oriental Midway, Moving Picture Exhibit, The Flying Lady, German Village, Performing Snakes, Electric Theatre, Ferris Wheel, Contortionists, High Divers, Splendid Mexican and American Bands, Cattle Parade, Beautiful Flower and Queens Parades, etc., Exciting Bull Fights in the Mexican City of Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso a short street car ride. The City of El Paso will be beautifully decorated with thousands of Electric Lights festooning the street. In fact there are many other attractions and many entertaining features which belong to El Paso only, that we are not yet prepared to publish.

The enthusiasm is unparalleled and it is predicted that the greatest number of people ever drawn to one center in the Southwest will be attracted to El Paso in January. It is not cold in January. There is plenty of sunshine and the attitude insures pure air. In fact this offers an IDEAL WINTER TRIP. One day during the Carnival the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., will run a special train to accommodate the crowds. The rate will be very low and the limit reasonable. For further information address any ticket agent of the Texas & Pacific Ry., or H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Ft. Worth Tex. or E. P. Turner General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

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**DOG LOST.**  
 A black dog with some white and brown about head and feet, about half grown, had red string around neck when lost. Answers to the name of 'Pat' Lost in East Baird Friday evening, Dec. 6th. Finder will please return to STAR office or W. E. Gilliland's residence.

**Of Benefit to You.**  
 D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bad sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns, scalds, etc. Beware of counterfeits. Powell & Powell. dec.

See the large holiday display ad of J. T. Sands dealer in furniture.  
 Clark Smith, of Admiral, was in town yesterday.

**EXCURSION RATES.**  
 We call attention to excursion rates on the T. & P. Ry. for the Christmas holidays.

**LODGE NOTICES.**  
 K. of P. Lodge meets tonight, Thursday. Come out.  
 Baird Chapter No. 182 R. A. M. tomorrow night, Friday. Don't forget it.  
 Baird Lodge No. 522 F. & A. M. meets Saturday night. Remember the date.

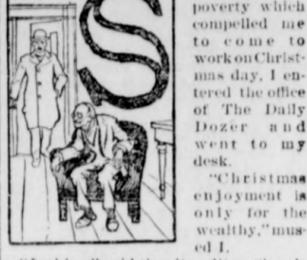
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By Seaton Lord.

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"I am exploring the poverty which compelled me to come to work on Christmas day, I entered the office of The Daily Dozer and went to my desk. 'Christmas enjoyment is only for the wealthy,' mused I. 'Jenkins,' said the city editor, 'here's five dollars a lady sent us to give a poor old chap up on Tenth street. You see, she wants to know if it reached him and doesn't want to register a letter, for he must not know who sends it. So run up with it and get a receipt for it that we may send her.' I was soon on Tenth street. The number sought was a tumble down old rookery, and the children snowballing each other in the street stopped long enough to tell me that old Mr. Jones lived on the top floor. 'Come in!' piped a cheery, shrill voice as I knocked on his door. I did. Seated by the window, nightcap on head and spectacles on nose, sat a bright eyed, gray haired, much wrinkled old fellow, clean shaven and very tall and stooped. 'Merry Christmas!' he piped as soon as he saw me and grinned affably, displaying a few large teeth that were still white. I stammered forth the conventional answer. I could do no more than stammer it, for such a salutation in such a place quite staggered me. The rickety bed, the unlighted stove, the broken loaf of bread on the bare little table, the absence of carpet, the two chairs, told the story of deepest poverty at a glance. I hastily gave him the money and took his receipt. 'Sit down on that other chair and glad your Christmas,' said he. 'This gift of money is nothing to your company. I deserve it,' he added a little pettishly. 'I have gladdened others' Christmas today.' 'You have?' I was impolite enough to say in my bewilderment. 'The birds,' said he, pointing out the window to where a few sparrows on the fire escape were pecking at a piece of his loaf. 'It is this that has made you happy today in spite of—' 'It is one of the things. That was my Christmas giving. It was all I could give until you came, but now I am under the necessity of seeking human objects for my bounty. The atom's share of this is too big for the birds.' 'Can you find any poorer than yourself?' I inquired. 'Yes, even in the palaces,' he said solemnly. Rising and leaning on the long stick which he had kept beside him, he thus went on: 'I began my celebration of Christmas yesterday afternoon by going to the free library and reading Dickens' 'Christmas Carol.' For years I have read it on Christmas eve—that is, to fill myself with the true Christmas spirit of charity, love, peace and good will. It always succeeds. Has any millionaire in this great city begun more wisely? 'Having finished my reading, I walked through the crisp, frosty air to the boulevard to enjoy the sleighing. It was very fine. Time was when I used to sit in one of those vehicles and go skimming over the snow. I lost half the sport. I could not see the cutters skim by, the rosy cheeks of the riders, and I ran risk of a spill. I could hear no bells but those on my own team, but, ah, standing on the roadside—how different! 'The skating on the lake next interested me, and I enjoyed it greatly. Home to tea next, with a keen appetite. Had I a full larder and that appetite I would eat enough to be sluggish, and then I should not go out again. But a slice of bread, an onion and a cup of black tea—no gluttony in that, yet enough. 'I went out to do my Christmas shopping. Oh, I saw everything—all the riches of the earth displayed in windows. Remember that the great delight in most of them is in looking at them, and that if they are personal ornaments you cannot very well see them after you put them on. I feasted my eyes fully from the outside of the windows. It was the best Christmas shopping I ever did, and I have done much shopping in my time, I can tell you. 'Midnight mass—grand, celestial! No, sir; not a Catholic, but I do not let that fact stand between me and epicurean enjoyment. 'I slept the sleep of the contented man, sir, dreaming of the beautiful, bright skies and green fields and pleasant waters of summer that are all mine, sir, as much as a king's. 'See my Yale log?' He pointed to a piece of canned coal beside the stove. 'I will light that by and by. I will roast a little joint of meat over it and make me a little wassail—bowl of cider with a roast apple in it—and when my pipe is lit and the street lamp shines on the ceiling I will recite for myself some of the old miracle plays of Christmas or sing an olden carol.' 'Pardon me,' said I, starting up. 'I must go. You tempt me to share your feast and lose my position. I must go. I wish I knew how to be as happy as you.' 'He content,' said the strange old man.



**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**  
**OF THE**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD.**

At Baird, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 10 1901.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts.....	\$276,681 01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	15,332 15
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	2,250 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	230 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	3,600 00
Other real estate owned.....	8,711 96
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents).....	1,995 00
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	296 02
Due from approved reserve agents.....	12,728 08
Internal Revenue stamps.....	252 98
Checks and other cash items.....	3,877 77
Notes of other National Banks.....	2,569 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and etc.....	34 25
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	5,209 75
Legal-tender notes.....	4,959 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	20
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund.....	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$361,545 15</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	20,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	18,079 14
National Bank notes outstanding.....	25,000 00
Due to other National Banks.....	2,092 78
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Due to approved reserve agents.....	53 32
Rent Account.....	23
Dividends unpaid.....	20
Individual deposits subject to check.....	97,289 94
Time certificates of deposit.....	57,541 38
Certified Checks.....	118 09
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	
Notes and bills re-discounted.....	42,587 59
Liabilities other than those above stated.....	
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STATE OF TEXAS, } ss.  
 County of Callahan, } ss.  
 I, W. C. Powell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 W. C. POWELL, Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec. 1901.  
 I. N. JACKSON,  
 Notary Public, Callahan county, Texas  
 CORRECT—Attest:  
 F. W. JAMES,  
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U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,300 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	207 20
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	1,276 54
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents).....	26,349 90
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Specie.....	\$4,830 00
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 I, Fred Lane, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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**Filling Up!**

That is exactly what I am doing, "fill-up" my immense store house with the choicest line of Goods at Bargain Prices, that I could procure in the Eastern Markets. The goods are arriving daily and we are arranging for a share of your trade this fall. Don't disappoint us, come and see our immense line of goods before you make your purchases. Respectfully.

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Best meal in West Texas for 25 cts. Hotel Seay. 33-1f

See the new line of wall paper just received at R. Phillips. 49-1f

**FOR SALE OR TRADE.**  
 Two Norman Stallions, fine animals for stock purposes. Also ten head of full blooded Durham bulls, one and two years old, in fine condition. Ranch 15 miles south of Baird, Texas. 48-1f Wm. McMANIS.

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 Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at R. Phillips's. Get Green's Special Almanac. 44-1f

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"Batavia" Corn,—packed in the State of Maine.	
"Batavia" Extra Fine Peas—better than French.	
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"Batavia" White Asparagus Tips.	
"Batavia" Salamons Steaks—flat cans with key.	
"Batavia" Extra Sliced Pineapple 1lb. cans.	
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"Batavia" Roly Poly Red Pitted Cherries.	
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 The above, which are the finest products of the packers and preservers art and skill, I offer the various "standard" brands of goods, lower in price and lower grade but NOT poor in quality.

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**COUNTY OFFICERS.**  
 County Judge ..... B. L. Russell.  
 County and District Clerk ..... J. H. Cochran.  
 Deputy ..... T. J. Norrell.  
 Tax Assessor ..... J. A. Irvin.  
 Sheriff and Tax Collector ..... J. M. Johnson.  
 Deputy Sheriff ..... J. M. Johnson.  
 Chief Office Deputy ..... J. M. Johnson.  
 County Attorney ..... J. W. Wood.  
 County Treasurer ..... T. B. Holland.  
 County Surveyor ..... G. M. Thomson.  
 Public Weigher ..... W. M. Coffman.  
 Game and Animal Inspector ..... W. C. Asbury.  
 County Commissioner ..... J. P. Yost.  
 Precinct No. 1 ..... J. P. L. O. Oliver.  
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 Precinct No. 10 ..... J. M. Johnson.

**CITY OFFICERS.**  
 Mayor ..... J. B. Harmon.  
 Secretary ..... J. M. Schwartz.  
 Aldermen: H. Schwartz, J. M. Schwartz, H. H. Ramsey, W. E. Mayes, Martin Barnhill, C. H. Mahan.

**SOCIETY DIRECTORY.**  
**CHURCHES.**  
 M. E. CHURCH, OUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. W. W. Moss, Pastor.  
 Sunday School at 11 a. m. J. H. Walker Superintendent.  
 BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. J. Frank Leake, Pastor.  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.  
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Services 2nd and 4th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor.  
 Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.  
 CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meetings at 2 p. m. every Sunday. W. A. Barnhill, Elder.  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. J. C. Gray, Supt. Services at Presbyterian Church and 4th J. M. Brooks.  
 CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 5th Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. J. A. Ward, Pastor.  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. N. Haining, Supt.

**LODGES.**  
 BAIRD LODGE, No. 322, A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m.  
 Geo. B. Powell, W. M.  
 Geo. B. Scott, Secretary.  
 BAIRD CHAPTER, R. A. M. No. 182. Meets 3rd Friday night in each month.  
 HARRY MEYER, H. P.  
 B. L. RUSSELL, Secretary.  
 BAIRD LODGE No. 47, K. of P. Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome.  
 J. E. Paue, C. C.  
 H. SCHWARTZ, K. of R. S.  
 BAIRD CAMP No. 308, W. O. W. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall. 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month.  
 JAS. H. WALKER, C. C.  
 Geo. W. Woods, Clerk.  
 BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night.  
 J. J. ALLEN, N. G.  
 H. SCHWARTZ, Sec.

**ADMIRAL DEWEY'S REPORT.**  
**SCHLEY INVESTIGATION.**  
 "In the opinion of the undersigned, the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the Flying Squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers.  
 "The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.  
 "Commodore Schley, in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos, expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out.  
 "The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.  
 "The blockade of Santiago was effective.  
 "Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3, 1898. He was in absolute command, and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.  
 "GEORGE DEWEY.  
 "Admiral U. S. N., President.  
 "SAMUEL C. LEMLEY,  
 "Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate."

**SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.**  
 Mails from the night trains, No's. 5 and 6, is received at the P. O. at 5:30 a. m. for distribution.  
 Mail for No. 4, the morning train, is made up at 9:23 a. m.  
 Mail for No. 3, west bound, is made up at 2:45 p. m.  
 Mail for the night trains, No's. 5 and 6, will close at 8 p. m.  
 The mail for Admiral, Caddo Peak and Cross Plains leaves at 6 a. m. and is due at 7:30 p. m.  
**OFFICE HOURS FOR SUNDAY.**  
 The office will be open one hour in morning after the distribution of the night mails, and one hour after the evening mail is distributed.

**Clothing! Clothing! Clothing!**  
 Cheapest and prettiest line ever seen in Baird. T. E. Powell. 1-4f

perment—the self-reliance needed in one who acts alone, without counsel, without possibility of rescue in the event of disaster, the splendid valor that daves all danger and scorns all timorous hesitations—in doing this George Dewey has made himself the overshadowing figure in our military equation. The people believe in him, and when he says Schley did his duty the people say so, too. When he says Schley was in command at Santiago and deserves all the glory or the blame that may be involved in the engagement, the people recognize in that utterance an authoritative confirmation of the convictions that have cherished during the past three years. The country has looked to Admiral Dewey for justice, for understanding and for courage in the cause of righteousness and honor. Nothing can make the country doubt that Admiral Dewey has kept faith with it.

"It will be perceived on close inspection that Admirals Benham and Ramsey have reached their verdict by the simple process of ignoring the testimony of such men as Cook and Clark and confining themselves to such men as Chadwick, Southerland and Bristol. Either Cook and Clark have lied, or Admirals Ramsey and Benham regard them as lacking in intelligence. The American people will have little trouble in choosing among the contradictory hypotheses. For our part, we pass them for the moment as unworthy of serious consideration. It is clear to us that Admiral Schley should take his case into a civil court, suing MacLay's publishers for libel. Through this expedient only can he bring to light the infamous conspiracy against his fame, and hold up to public execration the conspirators thus far screened by the department, whose favorites, tools and beneficiaries they notoriously are.

"It has not escaped the attention of the reading public that Schley was never permitted to raise the question of motive, the character or record of his accusers; that he was invariably checked in an attempt to navel the influences that has made his persecution possible; that, while Schley was subjected to every assault inspired by prejudice, ignorance, or passion, no challenge could ever be permitted in the case of his known detractors and would-be-assassins. The country is thoroughly aware of this; thoroughly convinced that the Navy Department is honeycombed with vicious and ignoble practices. Meanwhile, we have heard from the man who has established an indisputable claim to our confidence, and we are profoundly convinced that he has spoken for truth, justice, right.  
 "The verdict the people want is Dewey's verdict. That is enough for them."

**FOR SALE.**—My residence is for sale cheap. Terms, one-half cash and the balance can be arranged on long time and easy payments.  
 E. E. SOLOMON.  
**Saved His Life.**  
 "I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure" writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with desepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food, finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all. Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles." Powell & Powell, dec

**Christmas Presents.**  
 Don't fail to see those lovely parlor lamps, elegant toilet sets, nobby center tables and beautiful rogers at J. T. Sand's furniture store, Baird Tex.  
 The Southern Pacific Company has issued a beautiful colored engraving of the "Grizzly Giant," one of the Big Trees in Mariposa Grove, Yosemite Valley, California. This tree is nearly 400 feet high and measures 90 feet in girth six feet above the ground. A copy of this engraving can be secured by sending ten cents in stamps to Jas. Horsburgh, Jr., A. G. P. & T. A., Southern Pacific Company, San Francisco, Cal. This is a magnificent picture. Call at THE STAR office and see one of them.  
**They Are Going ast.**  
 Only a few more folding beds at the Sand's furniture house to be sold at bottom prices. Who will be the next to get one of these bargains. 2-4f

**PROGRAM.**  
 Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting of Callahan County to be held with the Baptist Church at Turkey Creek in Callahan county commencing on Thursday night before the Fifth Sunday in December 1901.  
 1. Thursday, 6:30 p. m. Devotional services conducted by Bro. F. S. Rountree.  
 2. 7 p. m. Introductory sermon by R. D. Carter.  
 3. Friday, 10 a. m. Devotional services opened by M. R. Crowover. Question for discussion, "What is the duty of Pastor to church." Opened by A. T. Ford, 30 minutes discussion.  
 4. 11 a. m. "What is the duty of Church to Pastor. Opened by Rev. Leake. 30 minutes for discussion.  
 5. Does the Christian's prayers have anything to do with bringing a sinner in favor with God. Opened by Rev. Parks.  
 6. Does God hear the prayers of a sinner? Opened by C. C. Hightower.  
 7. 2:30 p. m. Devotional services, led by F. M. Dunlap. Preaching Friday night by Rev. Richburg.  
 8. Saturday morning services to open at 10 o'clock with prayer by M. S. Whately. The body to select and discuss such questions as they think best.  
 9. 2 p. m. The Board to come together to attend to matters of that body.  
 10. 6:30 p. m. Devotional services. Led by D. J. Rowden, followed with a sermon by Rev. Parks.  
 11. Sunday morning 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. Leake.  
 J. W. WATSON,  
 Chm. of Com.  
**Picture Frames.**  
 Bring your pictures to me. I will frame them for you at about one-third less cost than any one in the city. J. T. Sands, leader in low prices. Opposite T. E. Powell, Baird Texas. 2-4f

**STOVES**  
 Sit down. Take a sober and sensible view of life and then tell us whether you think it best to be forever and eternally mouthing and grumbling, saying hard things about your fellow man and contending that you and only never make mistakes.—Ex.  
**Racket Store Not in It.**  
 Best of chinaware being sold at bottom prices. It will pay you to see our line before you buy elsewhere. We will save you money. Yours for trade. J. T. Sands, opposite T. E. Powell's dry goods store. 8-4f

**Chamberlain's Liver and Stomach Tablets.**  
 Try them  
 When you feel dull after eating.  
 When you have no appetite.  
 When you have a bad taste in the mouth.  
 When your liver is torpid.  
 When your bowels are constipated.  
 When you have headache.  
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