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DEEP CREEK DOTS.

Sept. 7.—Thds. Mitchell, one of the pushing young farmers of the rising generation is stocking his Jim Ned Ranch. Last week he received at Baird 150 head of stock cattle shipped rom Waxahachie Ellis county and drove them to the ranch.

It always affords me pleasure and satisfaction to give due notice to progress in any form that tends to show the development of Callahan County resources. If you want to see a matchless and peerless colt, call on John Boen and he will show you a Cleveland Bay colt 2 months old, for which he was offered and refused $100. And the man who made the offer is one of the most experienced and one of the sharpest stock raisers of Callahan County.

The postoffice at Tomato, C. C. French postmaster was locked up for two days, Thursday and Friday last week. Ask the P. M. why, and on what authority?

N. B. It would expediate matters to ask the P. M. General at Washington.

As other communities are reporting their melons or rather the size of their melons, let me chip in something from Deep Creek Valley. John Shelton who cultivates the A. A. Callahan place treated his guests to a watermelon that weighed 70 lbs last Sunday. It was a crowd of visitors but they had a job to do full justice to that seventy pounder.

By the way way Lon Martin had three specimens that tipped the scales at nearly 200 lbs.

Cal Hoffman & Co started last Saturday for Goldwaithe, Mills County to bring up a bunch of cattle that they held down there in pasture.

J. A. Stewart says he subscribed for THE STAR 14 days ago and promised to pay for it in wood. So far he has never received a copy and he is one of these up to date farmers who can't do without their county paper especially if it is ably edited like THE BAIRD STAR. I hope you will correct the mailing gallies. His postoffice is Cottonwood.—[THE STAR has been mailed regularly to Mr. Stewart.—ED STAR.]

James Mathis sold the Windeborne place to Dan Jones, who owns a section of grazing land adjoining it and will now have a very nice homestead.

Messrs S. C. T. F. McCarty bought the J. L. Hood place in the Sike's settlement and J. L. Hood is hunting home for himself. He has been out West but as usually has returned to Callahan.

The Cutbirth gin turned out last week 8 bales and with improved facilities the manager, Mr. D. C. Campbell is ready to handily all the cotton of this and adjoining neighborhoods. The regular grinding day is Saturday evening.

John Blakely, of Belle Plaine, goes on record as the happy and worthy father of sixteen children, twelve of whom are living. The latest addition was a girl. Hurrah for Callahan Co. and John Blakely!

Now comes something it pains me to chronicle. F. T. (Tabe) Scott, of Cottonwood, informs me that the Cisco Telephone Co. completed arangements to connect Cottonwood and Cross Plains with Cisco in side of four weeks I wrote several months ago in THE STAR that Baird ought to some steps or to say it more plainly go to work to have telephone connection in that direction. Nothing was done and I ask Baird and its business men what they expect now from a part of the county that has been always doubtful as to trade relations and is now encircled by a very effective tie to that town that has been and will be a competitor and an energetic competitor. I raised the warning cry in time. If somebody don't want to hear—alright—I can stand it, but Baird will feel it.

Rev. Carter entered his pastoral duties for the ensuing church year with the Spring Gap Baptist community last Saturday. I esteem him as a gentleman and therefore I abhor to give him any flattery or compliment. But in the interest of the cause—which is true religion equally sacred to believer or non-believer—I beg to state that with the new shepherd has come new life to the flock. The preaching on Saturday was very farely attended considering the busy times and on Sabbath day the assembirge was more than good. Sixteen persons joined the church and were baptized in the afternoon, six young men and ten young ladies. Well I am not a church member and would never join any of the denominations. The holy scriptures say that there shall be one flock and one shepherd, now the more you spread out in sectionalism and swell up the various denominations, the more you go away from the sayings of the holy word. That is my opinion. Christ the divine founder of the church established only one church. Who dares to say that his particular belief is right alone and exclusively?

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Sept. 14.—Mr. Barnard sold his place, the old Vaughn homestead, to J. L. Hood for $800, and 48 head of cattle, including 11 calves. The same property was bought 5 or 6 years ago for more than $2000 cash and has been improved since. The only cause for selling it below its actual value is the desire of Mr. B. to go out West for his health. Real estate commands in Deep Creek valley still a very firm and good price.

Again a number of our neighbors went to Cisco to have their wheat ground at the Cisco mills, and they cannot tell enough about that splendid oil mill, the big feeding pens, etc. Our other neighbor city, Abilene will have an oil mill also running by Dec. 1, and the citizens send out a number of agents to drum for the Abilene country. Sweetwater has secured the railroad from San Angelo and Cisco is working hard for the railroad from Coleman. I feel really sorry that I can't report anything in this line from our county seat, Baird. No mill, no oil mill, no water-works, no telephone lines in fact as to public enterprises the city and its inhabitants seem to enjoy a chronic winter sleep. The premium for the first bale of cotton was this year only $8.50 while Abilene offered and paid $25 for the first bale and $75 more in other premiums. I tell you the people in the country talk about these little incidents and what they talk is not very flattering for Baird, which is resting entirely too easy on its laurels.

Several fruit tree drummers try to unload on the farmers a new variety of peaches from Eastern Texas. I hope that no farmer will be fool enough to bite on that bait. We have here in our own county nurserymen like Capt. Maltby and Surveyor Hailey who after much experimenting established the varieties that suit our climate and repay for planting. You can get all you want from these gentlemen and can be sure that you get standard varieties under personal guarantee. Then why buy specimens that may do well in the humid East and may be a decided failure in the dry West, why buy them from agents who are not generally practical nurserymen at all, who rely only on brass and some highly colored catalogues? Besides these alleged new varieties are very often nothing else than an old specimen under a new name and home enterprise and industry should be patronized under all circumstances or you cripple the spirit of enterprise.

This neighborhood was well represented at the meeting of the Callahan County Baptist Association at Scranton, which was held from last Thursday until Sunday.

Sheriff J. W. Jones was out on official business last Friday and we had the pleasure to make the acquaintance of several junior members of the editors family among them Master Haynie Gilliland, a bright and promising boy.

The so-called holiness meeting was going on last week at the Inola school house south-west of Belle Plaine, Rev. Ayers officiating. They held special services at John Matthews' residence last Friday and the meeting was well attended.

The Cutbirth gin has turned out up to date over 70 bales and was crowded to the full limit during the last three days of last week. Cotton is opening rapidly and pickers are more in demand than ever before.

We regret that we have to report the burning down of the arbor at the Inola school house last Thursday night The general opinion is that the fire was started by one or more rascals and unfortunately the school benches and a quantity of borrowed lumber was consumed by the flames. Public opinion in the whole community condemn in the most emphatic terms such a rascally act no matter what the religious standing of the inviduals may be and everybody hopes that the officers of the law will ferret out the scoundrels.

Another wedding on Deep Creek not quite in the full regulated style, but in that way that is getting not so very uncommon and extraordinary nowadays. Miss Pearl Smartt eloped last Sunday evening from the parental home and was married at 9 o'clock at the residence of Rev. Carr to Mr Leander Sikes. It was really a surprise to the whole community, but love which I always consider as a kind of peculiar disease, has its own ways difficulties and obstacles act very often more as an incitement than as an impediment. Let us hope that the pres-

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Miss Luverne Elizabeth Hall just opened a bootblacking shop in Denver. With the money earned the plucky girl intends to take a course at Vassar College.

Hannah Lund, a Swedish girl, 22 years old, was recently naturalized in the United States district court of New Jersey. She had been in this country for seven years, and was going to China as a missionary. She preferred Uncle Sam's protection to King Oscar's, and so changed her country.

That two wives should elope was more than he could bear, and Geo. Ruddick, a watchman in a soap factory at Kansas City, took morphine and died. On a piece of paper in his pocket was a message saying that both his first and second wife had eloped with handsomer men and taken the sweetness out of his life.

Mrs. Black Hawk, wife of the noted Indian chief, Black Hawk, committed suicide by cutting her throat. This is said to be the first squaw's suicide in the history of her tribe. It is said Black Hawk, who has more than one wife, had said he was going to discard his squaw, and that is the reason for the suicide.

The county officials at Warrensburg, Mo., are silver democrats to the core. The ball on the staff held by the Goddess of Liberty on the new court house dome was a rich golden color, and republicans had made frequent comments about it. This was too much for the county court, whose members are all Democrats, and secret orders were given to supplant the golden ball with one of silver, and a lightning change was made.

Because two young ladies, daughters of a prominent citizen of Fort Scott, Kansas, are said to have voted at the last election before they were of age, the election of school directors for whom they voted, and who were elected by a majority of two, is attacked. The directors so elected employed Miss Jane Lane to teach. An opposing faction employed another teacher and enjoined Miss Lane, bringing out the alleged illegal voting in an injunction suit.

George W. Clark dived from top of the lift bridge at Halsted street a few days ago into the murky waters of the Chicago River, a distance of 165 feet. When he released his head from the bed of slime and rose to the top of the scum he found a policeman looking tenderly into his bleared eyes. The high diver, in spite of his feat and the unhealthy condition of his clothes, was taken to the police station and booked for disorderly conduct. Clark's sweet heart witnessed the perilous feat.

A frog, that in the estimate of scientists has been sleeping twenty to thirty thousand years, was rudely awakened from its slumbers by some workmen in a tunnel in Chicago the other day. Down in the depth of the earth, ninety feet, a blast of powder was shot. The concussion broke a large piece of rock and clay into several parts, and in one of these lay a frog. It was brown in color and torpid. Prof. Guthrie, a scientist, thinks that the frog must have been buried before the first glacial period.

Prof. Drouot of the National Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Paris, reports the case of a man who has not spoken for 25 years, who suddenly has recovered his voice. The other day he savored a whiff of tobacco, and was vainly trying to make his sister understand what was wanted, when he mechanically uttered the word "tabac." Since then he has continued to speak fluently. Prof. Drouot explained that the young man was not deaf, only dumb.

In a Philadelphia open trolly car the other night a cigarette between the pretty lips of a handsome young woman aroused the ire of her sex and caused a scene: From a dainty silver case the woman drew a cigarette and, with the fire of her escort's cigar, lighted it. "Terrible," said one. "An outrage," declared an elderly woman with spectacles. "Shameful," ejaculated a woman with a black bonnet. Then a woman across the aisle leaned forward and grabbed for the cigarette. "You mean thing!" cried the fair smoker as she struck the other in the face. The shocked women then made an attack on the new woman. At this juncture a police boarded the car, and the smoker fainted.

IN FORT WARREN PRISON.

Judge Reagan Relates His Experience in the Western Prison.

Judge John H. Reagan was in Sherman a few days ago and in the course of a talk with friends related the following interesting incident of the last days of the Confederacy:

"We went into camp in the afternoon about one mile from a little town called Irwinville, in Georgia. The pursuing party passed by when we had gone into camp and went into the town. Later on a battalion was drawn up before us. Another battalion was stationed in our rear. It was the intention to come out in the morning and effect an arrest. Early in the morning another column moved down the road. The battalion in our rear mistook the advancing party for an attacking force of Confederates and the advancing column mistook the battalion in our rear for a Confederate guard and sharp firing took place between them, resulting in the death of two or three men and the wounding of some others. The battalion which had been drawn up in front of us to prevent our further flight came back hurriedly and took up to us. I told the officer in command that he ought to go down to where the firing was in progress and stop it. He asked me if it were not an engagement between Confederates and Federals, and I told him it there was a Confederate soldier in 100 miles of us I did not know it. He did go down then and succeed in stopping the firing. A detachment came up and notified our party that we were under arrest. Frank Lubbock had his horse hitched at some distance from the rest of us and was just in the act of saddling it when a soldier stepped up and caught hold of the bridle, commanding Lubbock to turn it loose. Lubbock refused to do it. Another soldier came up and caught hold of the saddle pockets. Both men threatened to shoot unless Lubbock turned the horse loose. A third soldier came up and the two who held the horse commanded him to shoot Lubbock, but for some reason he walked away from them. The remaining soldiers were still struggling for the horse and threatening to shoot Lubbock. He replied: "You can shoot and be — — but I don't propose to be robbed in broad daylight right in front of my eyes."

"I had a pistol under my coat cocked and intended to use it if an attempt was made to murder Lubbock. However, other parties came up and Lubbock was left in the temporary possession of his horse. The party was carried to Macon, Ga., and from thence to Augusta and up to Savannah. We were then carried to Hampton Roads, Va. At Fortress Monroe Vice President Stephens and myself were taken on board the warship Tuscaloosa and carried to Ft. Warren, in the Boston harbor. We were separated. That night an officer came to my cell and told me that he was under instructions to take all weapons of offense and defense from the prisoners. I told him I had nothing but a small pocket knife, and that as I was brought in I had noticed that I passed through several heavy iron grated gates and that there was a heavy garrison outside and I would hardly take the pocket knife and attempt to get out. I supplemented this argument by the statement that I was an inveterate whittler and as I would not have much company I would like to keep the knife for company. The only light I got was from a grated window away up in the wall. He left the knife with me.

"The officer told me that he had been instructed to tell me that my fare would be so many ounces of meat and bread per day. I never complained, but the first day's allowance was served up untouched when the second day's allowance came in, and both sat there untouched when the third day's allowance came in. I did not intend to starve myself, but I did intend to see how long I could go without starving myself. The officer asked me why I had not eaten, and I told him I did not care to eat, but was doing quite well. I didn't want to get down on the list as a grumbler. I then asked him if the money they had taken away from me could not be used in purchasing my meals. After some little parleying he went away and told me I could use it in buying necessities, but not luxuries. He recommended me to get vegetables, meat, coffee, tea, etc., I would be allowed to buy from the prison quartermaster, and I told him if that privilege were granted me he need not mind about the luxuries. After that I fared pretty well. I had asked where Stephens was confined, but they told me they were not allowed to tell me. Some way when I had been taken up and down the corridor Stephens had learned my walk and finally got so he would pull himself up to the grating and speak to me, and the sergeant God bless him, never saw or heard anything. This was kept up for several days.

"One day Col. Blasingame, with whom I had served four years in congress before the war, saw me and recognized me and was just saying that it was a shame for me to be locked in that way when an officer stepped up and told him he was not allowed to talk to me. He turned and said: 'I may not be allowed to talk to him, but I can talk to the president, and I am going to do it.' A short while after that orders came that Mr. Stephens and I could have the benefit of the parade at certain hours when there were no visitors about. Col. Blassingame, I have referred to, was at that time at Washington representing the Chinese government in some capacity. Gen. McClellan made two or three visits to Washington in behalf of Mr. Stephens and myself. I remained at Fort Warren about five months altogether. I was never ironed and can't say that I was ever offered any unusual discourtesy."

It was during his incarceration at Fort Warren that the celebrated Reagan letter to his people was written.

Careless Handling of Cotton.

The Galveston Maritime association has issued the following circular, addressed to cotton farmers, ginners and all parties handling cotton in Texas:

The marine insurance companies have issued a new tariff on cotton; the rates are one-fonrth per cent higher on cotton raised in Texas than on cotton raised in any other state.

Placing the value of a bale at $40, the increased cost is 100 a bale, or $300,000 on a crop of 3,000,000 bales.

Who in the end pays this enormous sum of $300,000?

The only answer is, the Texas farmer.

Just think of it—an actual loss equal to the value of 750 bales of cotton caused by negligence, and who is at fault?

Up to last year the insurance companies accused the port of Galveston of allowing cotton to remain on the wharfs without protection long enough for the bales to absorb sufficient moisture to deteriorate the cotton all around the bale, and especially the end resting on the ground.

To place the responsibility where it belongs the wharf company at Galveston two years ago covered all its wharfs with water-proof warehouses having planked floors, but still country damage claims came from abroad, and as the damage can not occur here, the careless handling in the country is responsible for that enormous loss of $300,000 in insurance.

The cotton is transferred here direct from the cars to the warehouse and from the warehouse to the steamers; there is no possibility of damage occurring.

The loss of $300,000 can be prevented by the farmers, cotton dealers and compress managers taking better care of the cotton and never letting the bales rest on the ground nor be exposed to the weather. Heavy bagging, 2 1-2 pounds, and certainly not less than 2 1-4 pounds, should be used, and skids should be placed under the bales when it is not possible to keep them in warehouses.

If the interior of the state will protect cotton as it is done in Galveston, the question of "country damage" will be settled and the farmers will receive $3000,000 more for their cotton.

George B. Kittenger, manager or Millionaire Addick's Klondike expedition, has returned to Seattle from the Skaguay trail. In an interview he confirms the dark accounts sent out about the condition of affairs at camp Skaguay. Miners are breaking down under the terrible strain caused by the hardships they are compelled to endure. Failures are numerous. Thieving and crime has increased to such a degree that on Friday, Aug. 26, the executive committee had promulgated an order to the effect that the first man caught stealing would be executed without the formality of a trial or leave to say his prayers.

It is reported from Charleston, N. C., that Lieutenant J. G. Soral, a naval attache of the Spanish legation in Washington, has made a secret investigation of the United States coast defenses.

The will of Cashier King was admitted to probate at Greenville.

THE DELTA CONTROVERSY.

Her Two Sheriffs are Still Doing Business at the Old Stand.

Cooper, Tex., Sept. 11.—The tax rools of Delta county have at last been turned over to Buckler, the populist sheriff. There has been a fight for more than a month as to whether Tuberville, the democratic sheriff, or Buckler, the populist sheriff, should get the tax rolls and collect the taxes this fall; and many schemes and plans have been worked on both sides to get possession of them.

Prior to the August term of the commissioners' court, Comptroller Finley sent Tuberville the tax receipts, and also wrote Assessor Anderson to turn the tax rolls over to Tuberville when approved. Anderson is a populist and was not inclined to obey the comptroller's orders, and a few days before the meeting of the commissioners' court to approve the rolls, the attorney for Tuberville went to one of Anderson's bondsmen, who is a democrat, and told him that if Anderson did not turn the tax rolls over to Tuberville that he would sue Anderson on his bond.

This bondsman went immediately to see Anderson, and as he would not agree to turn the rolls over to Tuberville, when court came on, he withdrew from the bond. The rolls at that time had not been approved and Anderson took the rolls back and went out and made a new bond, and while the commissioners' court had not adjourned, yet Anderson thought he had been wrongfully treated, and he put the bond down in his pocket and took the full twenty days allowed him by the statute for making a new bond. The court met again at the end of twenty days and approved the bond and forwarded it to the comptroller for his approval; and after the comptroller approved it, the court met again last Monday, the 6th, to approve the tax rolls.

Anderson did not meet with the court in the forenoon, but they managed to get him before the court in the afternoon with his rolls. The court then approved the rolls, and the county judge demanded of Anderson as to whom he was going to turn the rolls over to to collect the taxes, and Anderson replied that "he was going to turn them over to the tax collector."

As the sheriff of this county is tax collector, and Tuberville and Buckler both claiming to be sheriff, the answer was indefinite and unsatisfactory to the judge, and the judge demanded of Anderson that he turn the tax rolls over to Tuberville, further stating that Tuberville was the sheriff recognized by the court and Comptroller general had ruled he was the sheriff and the comptroller had ordered the rolls turned over to him, and that the county's finances were not in a condition to be crippled by turning the rolls over to a man that was neither the rightful sheriff and to whom a great many said they would not pay their taxes, but Anderson persisted in giving no other answer.

A majority of the commissioners are populists, and they passed an order by a vote of 3 to 1, allowing Anderson the amount due him by the county for assessing taxes, but the judge said he would not write up the order on the docket, and that any of the court that wanted to could write it up, but no one wrote it and the court adjourned without writing it. Some of Anderson's friends induced him to prevail on the county clerk to write up the order on the minutes, as it had been passed by the court, and issue the proper warrants, but the clerk could not be induced to take the responsibility. Anderson was very much incensed at the action of the court and took all the rolls and fastened them up and said he would turn them over to no one, nor send a copy to Austin as required by law till his pay was allowed him, but yesterday he relented and fixed up one set of the rolls to be sent to Comptroller Finley and will turn one set over to Buckler to-day as soon as he returns to town, and the other set to the county clerk.

When Anderson made his new bond he got all populists on it, and now he says they demand of him that he turn the rolls over to Buckler.

Tuberville has the tax receipts for this year sent him some time ago by the comptroller, and says that he has a communication from the comptroller saying that if Anderson did not turn the rolls over to him (Tuberville) the comptroller would not issue the warrant for what the state was due him for assessing taxes and that he would have to present a receipt from him (Tuberville) for the rolls before the warrant would be issued.

Neither getting his pay from the county nor from the state works a hardship on Anderson, for he has but one leg and is quite a pour man.

It has been reported on the street this week that some of the leaders of the populist party in the court house last Saturday evening behind closed doors pledged themselves to stand by Anderson should he have any trouble for turning the rolls over to the sheriff. Nothing definite could be learned of this meeting.

Buckler has a large number of the tax receipts left over from last year and will use them as long as they last.

Tuberville has the receipts for this year and it is thought that Comptroller Finley will make a copy of the rolls sent him for Tuberville's use.

It's feared by a great many that the county has reached a period with its record of two sheriffs that is going to greatly cripple its finances, in two men claiming to be sheriffs and the title of each disputed, for but few like to pay taxes, and when there is a dispute as to the rightful collector and a chance and an excuse to get out of paying them, a great many will avail themselves of that excuse.

What will be the final outcome of this dual sheriff situation no one can tell. There is not another case on record like this one.

Lynched by Mistake.

The St. Louis Chronicle's Richmond correspondent says: Commonwealth's Attorney Hooker of Patrick county expressed deep regret at the recent lynching of Henry Walls by a mob, who thought he had assaulted Miss Sadie Cook. The evidence of his innocence is now conclusive.

The only evidence against Walls was that while Miss Cook was lying unconscious, a lady took her by the hand a told her to squeeze her hand when she named the guilty party. After naming several persons she named Walls, when she imagined she felt the pressure of the girls's hand. This was twice repeated, with the same result.

The doctor says that Miss Cook must have been unconscious at the time. Walls had made a clear statement which was corroborated in several particlars. Further investigation proves that Miss Cook was not outraged, as was thought. She has since died from her injuries.

Her brother was the principal witness against Charles McBride, who has been tried three times for the murder of A. B. Crawford of Patrick county. Some of the McBride people are desperate characters and several murders have been committed by them. It is thought some of their followers committed the crime.

FAMINE IN IRELAND.

The British Responsible for the Impoverishment of the People.

Charles J. O'Malley, who was sent to Ireland in 1890 by several journals to investigate the famamine there, says of the impending famine in that unhappy island.

"When you crush out industries by legislative enactment," Mr. O'Malley said, "and drive people into agricultural pursuits, what map you expect but a famine on the occasion of a crop failure? It you investigate, you will discover that Ireland suffers a periodical famine every five or six years. In a way, this is providential, for then the starving peasantry are driven to seek food and homes in other lands.

"Mark my words, there will be an exodus of Irish to America this fall and next spring.

"I notice by dispatches that the potato crop has failed in such fertile districts as County Wexford, West Meath, Carlow and North Cork. These counties are probably the best cultivated and richest producers on the whole island. I recollect the famine years in '90, and found abundant crops, excepting on the seaboard district of Cork. There the crops were destroyed, and, in fact, the whole of the southern counties of Ireland had been depleted, as though it were the work of a wrathful God.

"The potato is the staple food of the Irish peasantry, and when the "blight" comes, then all is gloom. The blight is to the potato crop in Ireland what hot winds or the grasshopper is to the Kansas farmer It Simply destroys the crop. The blight first appeared in 1840, and was the cause of that dreadful famine which converted a beautiful island into a graveyard. Inside of three years about 5,000,000 Irish people died of absolute starvation or were forced to seek homes in America. It usually appear in July and August. It comes at night, in the form of a thick, heavy, murky fog. This gaseous vapor, only attacks the potato stalk, and it burns it up as though a veritable fire of brimstone had swept over the land. You can't detect the odor of the blight. It is somewhat like sulphur."

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THE STRIKE CLIMAX.

Marching Miners Mowed Down Like so Many Buffalo.

Hazelton, Pa., Sept. 11.—The strike situation reached a terrible crisis on the outskirts of Latimer last afternoon when a band of deputies, under Sheriff Martin, fired into an infuriated mob of miners. The men fell like so many sheep and the excitement since has been so intense that no accurate figures of the dead and wounded can be obtained.

Nineteen dead and over forty wounded, most of them fatally, is the record of yesterday's conflict between the striking miners and the mounted deputies.

The strikers left Hazelton at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, announcing their intentions to go to Latimer. When this became known a band of deputies was loaded on a trolley car and went whirling across the mountain to the scene where the bloody conflict followed. On reaching Latimer they drew up in line at the edge of the village just as the strikers approached. Sheriff Martin went out to meet them.

The men drew up sullenly and listened in silence until he had once more read the riot act. This finished, a low muttering arose among the foreigners and there was a slight forward movement. Perceiving this, the sheriff stepped toward them in a determined tone and forbade advance. Some struck the sheriff and the next moment there was a command to the deputies to fire. The guns of the deputies instantly belched forth a terrible volley. The report seemed to shake the very mountains and a cry of dismay went up from the people. The strikers were taken entirely by surprise and as the smoke toppled over each other, those who remained unhurt stampeded. The men went down before the storm of bullets like tenpins and the groans of the dying and wounded filled the air. The excitement that followed was simply indescribable. The deputies seemed to be terror-stricken at the deadly execution of their guns and seeing the living strikers fleeing like wild and others dropping to the earth, they went to the aid of the unfortunates whom they had brought down.

When the smoke of the firing had cleared away a frightful scene presented itself, for on the little clearing on each side of the pike and on the pike lay the dead while the survivors were groaning in agony with their wounds.

The women and children who were attracted to the spot by the gathering of the deputies, were almost paralyzed with horror. The deputies, as soon as the fight was over, shouldered their arms and marched into one of the yards of one of the adjoining houses, where they remained for some time.

THE SHERIFF'S EXCUSE.

The Sheriff himself says that he intended no such killing as took place. One story has it that one of the deputies and not the Sheriff gave the order to fire. He says he told his men to fire in the air, but to shoot low if necessary. He says it was necessary.

In response to queries he said the men were on the public road, and not on company property. He added that up to that time they had committed no overt act or acted otherwise than peaceably.

At a meeting of citizens here last night this resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we demand the prosecution of the sheriff and his deputies for the crimes committed this 10th day of September.

WARRANTS OUT.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 12 — Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Sheriff Martin and all the deputies concerned in the shooting. Few of them are to be found, and the Sheriff's whereabouts are unknown.

Father Aust of the Polish Church of Hazleton will prosecute the cases against the sheriff and deputies, and Rev. Mr. Hauser of the Lutheran Church of Freeland will also be identified with the prosecution. Both are soliciting funds for this purpose.

AS VIEWED IN LONDON.

London, Sept. 13.—The Times in a special article on the Hazelton catastrophe, asks whether history is going to repeat itself in a duplication of the Pittsburg riots of 1877. It recounts the horrible "Molly Maguire" scenes witnessed in that year and gives a general history of the strike that have taken place in that region, testifying to the besotted brutality and ignorance of the miners.

The Times says: "Had the sheriff shown a moment of weakness the miners would probably have hammered him and his posse to death in ten minutes and would have begun murdering and pillaging right and left.

The Daily News says editorially:

There is no necessity for America to fight Spain after all. An outlet for her fighting energy is provided by the indirect vigor of a Pennsylvania sheriff. The European governments whose subjects are among the victims of the massacre of Hazelton will unquestionably demand reparation.

TRADES COUNCILS ACT.

Dallas Trades' Council:

Resolved, That the sympathies of the Trades' Council at Dallas, in special session assembled, be extended to the families of the victims of the murderous and unwarranted attack of the sheriff and his deputies upon an unarmed and defenseless body of peaceable workingmen at Lattimer, Pa.

Resolved, further, That we sympathize with our brother workingmen in their strike and congratulate them upon the success in gaining the concessions they have, and commend them in the highest terms for their dignified and peaceable behavior under most trying circumstances.

St. Louis Council:

Resolved, That we commend to the Chicago convention of labor and reform organizations, to be held September 27, to take such action in this matter as to them may seem wise; further be it

Resolved, That we pledge our support to any movement tending to do away with a system that makes such slaughter of human beings possible.

Chicago Council: The blood of an idle and useless aristocracy is the most convenient medium for nourishing the tree of liberty. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." For every miner killed and wounded a millionaire should be treated in the same manner. The millionaire class is responsible for the slaughter of September 10, and we regard the torch as the most successful weapon to wield against them.

Fitzgerald Murphy, president of branch No. 1, made a speech in which he said: "The miners should carry arms and use them, too. The time has come to meet force by force. I should have told them to shoot back. I would kill 20 millionaires to-day."

Strong condemnation resolutions were also passed by branch No. 1 and some fiery speeches made. T. P. Quinn said: "I will not carry a musket; I will carry a torch and a knife, and I will carry both as far as I can."

Leroy M. Goodwin, E. V. Deb's right hand man, and director of the national board of the "Social Democracy," in the course of a speech, said: "I would attack their property with a torch. I would destroy their fine palaces. Let us rebel when men are shot down as they were in Pennsylvania."

UNSETTLED YET.

The Miners Will Not Accept the 65c Rate.

Columbus, O., Sept. 12.—The vote on the settlement resolution in the Miners' convention, as finally recorded yesterday, was 407 for the resolution 415 against, two votes not being cast.

Other propositions for strike settlement will be taken up.

POLITICS ENTER.

Politics has cropped out as the principal feature in the National Miners' Convention, and threatens to prevent an early settlement of the strike.

It is very plain that both the Republicans and Democrats State Executive Committees have a hand in the proceedings.

It has been charged on the floor of the convention that President Tatchford arranged the proposed settlement with agents of Senator Hanna, and that if it is a success he will publicly give the credit for it to the Senator.

McConville's stand in the matter is said to be due to the fact that while the financial interest of H. L. Chapman, Democratic candidate for Governor, would be served by an early settlement of the strike, his political interests would suffer if it should be officially declared that the strike has been agreeably settled through the office of Senator Hanna.

A Boston woman who has just been admitted to the bar says: "I could not defend a client when I knew that the other side was right and I was wrong."

England's missionary societies expended last year 1,387,665 pounds on foreign missions. That sum has not made very many converts, but it might have saved the lives of a million starving Hindus

AMERICANS IN HONDURS.

Government to be Controlled by a Syndicate.

Says a New York telegram: The control of the government of Houndurs by Americans" are the words of the American consul at Honduras, used in his report to the state department concerning the effect of the concessions recently made by the government of Honduras to an organization of wealthy New Yorkers.

The consideration was the cause of the advancing of several millions of dollars—whether five millions, or fifteen, cannot be ascertained—to the Honduras government, whereby it may be kept above bankruptcy. On the board of directors of the concern appear the names of John Jacob Astor, Dr. Seward Webb, Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, J. J. McCullough, Frederick B. Jennings, Charles L. Gay and Melville E. Ingalls, Jr.

The organizer is Henry L. Sprague, a lawyer of this city.

When Mr. Sprague made his visit to Honduras, he succeeded beyond his fondest hope. The government was willing to grant him every thing he wanted if the men of millions whom he represented would only assume certain financial obligations that would save the republic from ruin.

Nature of the deal has been kept very much of a secret so far, but it is known that the plan includes not only the completion and control of the Honduras railway, the management of its telegraph system, and the dictation of tariff duties at the custom house, but also the establishment of a national agreement to carry out a fiscal policy for paying off the Honduras debt.

The government promises not to interfere for five years at least. It is also on the cards to establish a steamship line from Truxillo, on the Atlantic coast of Honduras, to Beliz, in Bolivia. A plan is on foot, also, it is said, to instigate emigration from here to Honduras for men who can stand the climate which is very trying to those who are unaccustomed.

EVEN TO WAR

Spain Will Go, Says Gen. Azcarraga, Prime Minister.

It is announced by telegram from Havana that a letter has been received by a leading Spaniard in that city, written by Gen. Azcarraga, Spain's new prime minister, in which Uncle Sam is given a pointer or two. Part of the letter is quoted as follows:

"The Spanish patriots in Cuba ought not to entertain the least apprehension about the mission of Mr. Woodford. Our position is so clear and our determination to repel any unjust pretension so emphatic that we are resolved before yielding to go to all extremes even to war, if necessary, to defend our sacred rights in Cuba.

"The day in which, by the power of arms, or yielding before a warlike pressure from the United States, we shall give up, that day would be the eve of England's loss of Canada and Jamaica and France's departure from her American colonies. Europe will not consent to our failure.

"Spain will say that she does not admit in the least the right of the United States to interfere with Cuba, that the war waged by the Caban rebels and Spain is but a civil war, a contest of family, and that foreigners ought to keep their hands off. And Spain will stand by her answer, whatever the consequences may be."

Fatal Train Wrecks.

A headend collision between two passenger trains on the Santa Fe near Emporia, Kan., at the speed of 40 miles an hour each, caused the death of a dozen people. One was an excursion train, bearing several hundred passengers who had been to hear W. J. Bryan speak. Mr. Bryan was also on board, but was uninjured. A misinterpretation or disobeyance of the train dispatcher's order is responsible for the catastrophe.

Near New Castle, Col., another headend collision occurred. It was a freight on the Colorado Midland and a passenger on the Denver and Rio Grande that crashed into each other on a sharp curve. The wreck was complete, several cars burning up. Reports say that 25 to 40 persons were killed in the crash or burned to death in the wreckage, from which they were unable to extricate themselves.

Near Van Buren, Ark., a freight wreck caused the death of seven persons instantly, and the fatal injury of six others. Breaking of trucks of one of the front cars caused the wreck.

The telegraphic system that connects moving trains is now in order.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

"The Butcher" Preparing for Another Assault on Cubans.

A Havana special dispatch says: These are busy days for the secret service men of the Spanish government. They have stirred up the city until it borders on riot. About 3 a. m. yesterday the police entered the home of Senor Lalio y Durlie and dragged from their rooms the half-clothed inmates. They are charged with secreting arms and dynamite and aiding the insurgents. The raid came as a surprise to every one, as the family is considered among the most loyal among the Spaniards. Lalio, with three sons, was carried to Cabana Fortress. The young daughter, aged 20, was carried to the famous Casa de Lecojidas.

This was the first arrest of the day, but before the sun went down in the evening there had been in neighborhood of thirty arrests. It is impossible to find upon what charges these people were arrested. The prominent families will leave Cuba within the next month. These arrests have caused a feeling of uneasiness, even among those who have openly expressed their sympathy for Weyler and his mode of warfare.

As evidence that Weyler expects a heavy campaign soon to commence, he has issued orders to the head surgeons of all hospitals throughout the island that wounded and sick soldiers must be discharged as soon as they think they are able to be treated by citizens in their homes. He directs that families receive, nurse and care for two or more soldiers, to be determined by the means and size of the family. No compensation will be allowed. More troops are expected from Spain.

Confirmed.

A special dated Havana, Sept. 12, says: There is no question now about the fact that the whole province of Santiago de Cuba is controlled by the insurgents, the Spanish troops being hemmed in the capital and Manzanillo.

At the town of Victoria de Lunas, the Spanish battalion has been routed by the Cubans. The victory of the Cubans was so complete that they captured the flag of the battalion, a large train convoyed by the Spaniards and nearly all the arms and ammunition of the battalion. The Spanish soldiers fled in disorder.

At Madrid official dispatches from Havana confirm the report that Calixto Garcia and Jesus Rabi, two of the insurgent generals have captured the town of Victoria de las Tunas, and great excitement prevails there. All of the newspapers condemn Captain-Gen. Weyler and demand his removal. The Imparcial, in an editorial on the subject, recalls the fate resulting to the predecessor of Capt.-Gen. Joveliar from the command of the Spanish army in Cuba in 1876, because of a similar disaster.

Financial Situation Critical.

Cape Town, Sept 12.—The financial situation at Johannesburg, Transvaal Republic, is critical and the local authorities are urging the government to adopt prompt measures of relief.

One of the leading German firms has resolved to suspend all developments outside of its mining properties.

The government of the Transvaal has consented to receive a commercial deputation, which will set forth the situation in detail.

Mexican Matters.

Mexico City, Sept. 12 —It is not believed that the president will in his message announce any radical change in the currency policy. The manufacturing and agricultural interests are unanimous for the retention of the silver standard.

It is believed that at the present price of wheat here, wheat flour can be shipped to the United States at a profit, as the grain is grown and flour is made on the silver basis. Wheat in some parts of the country is selling at prices equal to 50 to 60 cents gold per American standard bushel. Various lines of manufactures can be exported to the United States, among them some grades of hats and leather work. It is believed that a method of tanning leather has been discovered equal to the best American method and if this proves correct, Mexican leather can be manufactured in modern shoe factories and the product exported at a good profit. Manufacturers are looking into this matter of exportation to gold-using countries.

Guatemala's Woes.

Advices via San Francisco say: Guatemala is in a bad way, according to the news just received from that country. During the last month a great number of firms have failed for a total of $8,000,000. President Barrios, who declared himself dictator a couple of months ago is excessively unpopular because of his recent highhanded action and his cruelties.

There is a demand that Brosper Morales, a lawyer and a former Minister of War, succeed Barrios. To prevent this, Barrios intends calling a session of the assembly very soon in order to have himself confirmed as dictator. If he is successful, war is almost certain. If he is defeated, war is just as sure.

Barrios is alleged to have killed a number of the more prominent citizens of his country because he thought they were not in sympathy with him.

Hawaiian Affairs.

Summary from San Francisco: The departure of ex Queen Lil for Honolulu soon is in connection with a fight against annexation about mapped out. Senators Morgan and Quay are to be influenced while on their trip to Honolulu, and it is said that Senators White of California and Thurston of Nebraska, who will lead fight against annexation in Congress this winter, will also visit Hawaii and attend the mass meeting of natives which, it is alleged by the annexationists, has been called for the purpose of convincing the senators that the natives bitterly oppose annexation.

It is stated that Senators White and Thurston will superintend the drafting of a monster petition to Congress, in which the Hawaiians will assert that the government was torn from them through the action of American Minister Stevens. It is also alleged that the mass meeting will be conducted by Hawaiians, and will be as dramatic as possible. The idea is to work up on the sympathies of Senator Morgan and to persuade him, if possible, that the natives have been deprived of lands and power by a handful of rich and powerful whites backed by a treacherous American minister. It is believed that the ex-Queen may arrive on the same steamer as the senators and that she will address the people at the mass meeting.

The second card of the annexationists will be played on the arrival here in September of Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, Lee Mantonna and Frank Cannon of Utah. They are now in Japan and China, studying the silver question. Before they sailed by one of the Emperor's liners from Victoria they secured return passage by the Pacific Mail steamer Doric, due here from Yokohama on September 24, and announced their intention of remaining over a week in San Francisco, to study the annexation question.

YELLOW FEVER.

Slowly Spreading—Seven New Cases at New Orleans.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The officials of the marine hospital service in the yellow fever-stricken district have kept in telegraphic communication with Surgeon General Wyman to-day and informed him of the work they are doing and of their movements. The news from New Orleans announcing the fact that seven of the heretofore suspicious cases were yellow fever, was a disappointment and a surprise, as it was hoped that the disease had been arrested in its progress. Surgeon Wyman received word of the development of seven cases there late to night from the Louisiana board of health officials.

Several new cases are reported at Ocean Spring as adviciatly. The town is in charge of the marine service, the state health office having decided to leave the checking of the disease to the federal authorities.

Dr. Rhett, president of the Alabama board of health, in a dispatch to Dr. Wyman, says there are no cases in Biloxi that are at all suspicious. The Mobile board of health reports twenty deaths from all causes—two from fever, the character of which is not stated.

Vicksburg, Memphis and other fever points are rigidly enforcing quarantine regulations.

A New York report says: A man in Jamaica, N. Y. has evolved a new scheme of insurance. His scheme is to give insurance against the domestic invasion of twins or the visitation of triplets. R. M. Winslow, an insurance broker, is the man who has brought forth this unique scheme. He refuses to talk about the idea until he hears definitely how Supt. Payne interprets the law on the subject.

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STORM SWEPT.

Coast Towns Swept by a Terrific Gale. Port Arthur in Ruins—Sabine Flooded

Port Arthur, Tex., Sept. 13.—From early morning the sky was threatening and a stiff gale blew. No rain of consequence fell until 4 p. m., accompanied by a heavy wind that increased in intensity until it reached a velocity of at least 80 miles per hour. Every building in the town is of frame construction except one brick, the Port Arthur Banking company building, the far end roof of which was blown away. Five people are known to have been killed.

The rain fell in torrents and the wind blew strong from the start, increasing in velocity from about 5 p. m. till 7 p. m., when it reached its height and did not abate for two hours.

To give a small idea of the intensity of the wind, the writer in going from the Herald office to the Sabine hotel was completely crawl on his hands and knees, the resistance when standing erect carrying him backward, while the rain drops stung like hail.

SABINE PASS FLOODED.

New Orleans, La., Sept 13.—A dispatch from Beaumont says that the Southern Pacific at that place received a dispatch from the agent at Sabine Pass, who walked from Sabine Pass to Port Arthur, stating that the track for eight miles is washed away and that about 30 people are missing. He reports the sinking of two tugs and the drowning of Green Moore and Lewis Bettes, prominent steamboat men of Orange. A later message says that the loss of life at the Pass will not be so great as reported, probably not more than six or seven. A later dispatch from Sabine Pass says the loss of property in sheds is slight. The tug Guillot went down in the storm.

Telegraphic communication is somewhat impaired and it is impossible to give further details at this hour.

At Galveston the gale blew 37 miles an hour but little damage was done there.

AT WEBB STATION AND WINNIE.

Galveston, Sept., 13.—News received here about noon to-day that Port Arthur and Sabine Pass had been struck by a storm and suffered greatly but no accurate information could be obtained from those towns.

Conductor Seibert of the Gulf & Interstate train arrived at Bolivar this forenoon and stated that he had stopped at Winnie thirty minutes, and found that every house in the town, save three, had been struck by the storm. Most of them are badly wrecked, others are off their blocks or twisted about.

Near Webb station the three large barns recently constructed by Col. Hiram C. Wheeler were demolished, and the fine new creamery just completed is badly damaged and will have to be repaired. Col. Wheeler came here from Iowa a few months ago and purchased 7000 acres of land near Winnie, and proceeded to make arrangements for running the largest dairy in the world. The barns were 50 by 160 feet, and the loss is heavy.

Mr. Siebert said the residence of Mr. Gregory, one mile east of Winnie, was completely destroyed, and that he noticed frame houses and stables all along the line between the stations mentioned that were more or less damaged. Winnie, he said, had about twenty houses, and only three came out of the storm unidjured.

The Texas University.

The State University is better equipped this year than ever before for the accommodation and thorough instruction to a largely increased number of pupils, President Winston is running the university upon broad lines. He is working as hard as any educator ever worked for a private institution his individual property. He advertises the advantages of the institution by means of printers' ink and his own indefatigable personal efforts; and in his greater effort to have the work of the University come up to his promises and the expectations of its patrons, who of course are among the best judges of real merit in this line that may be found in the country, the president will have the earnest co-operation of an able faculty, as well as the business department headed by Col. Jas. B. Clark, the proctor. Students intending to enter should be on hand for the opening day, October 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible.

It is now estimated that the Australian wheat surplus will be 2,500,000 bushels for exportation.

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One stiff necked railroad corporation has run afoul of the railroad commission and got the worst of the bargain. That's right make corporations, like individuals, obey the law.

It is not likely that the present state administration will ever do anything to please to Pop-Rep-gold bug press of the state. The best evidence that the officials are doing their whole duty is the continued snarling and barking at them by the opposition press composed of pops, gold bug democrats and republicans who seem to have made common cause.

Some populist sheet, the West Texas Sentinel we believe, stated last week that taxation in Texas under democratic rule had increased 400 per cent within the last twenty years. The tax twenty years ago was 50 cents on the one hundred dollars, one sixth of which went to the public schools. The state tax today is 38 cents on the hundred 18 cents, or nearly half goes to the public schools. For general revenue purposes, in place of increasing the state tax has actually been reduced more than 50 per cent. The Sentinel can put this in its pipe and smoke it.

Opposition papers are raising a great hue and cry about the railroad compromise cases in which the Southern Pacific railroad company was let off by paying a fine of $25,000 for violating the commission law in giving rebates to shippers. These same papers would doubtless have raised the dickens had the Attorney General pushed the suits and bankrupted the road as said papers admit would have been the case had it been convicted in all cases pending against it. From what we can learn of the compromise there can be no reasonable objection to it. It is not at all certain that the state would have gained more by prosecuting the cases further in the courts than by the compromise effected Even had the state won the road could have stood off payment for years and a bird in the hand is worth several in the bush. Should the road again violate the commission laws it is understood that all the cases now pending will be pushed at once. It is likely the road will not be willing to take this risk again, so the state gets a fine of $25,000 and a promise by the railroad company to observe the law in the future.

Joe F. Wright, editor of the Meridian Sun, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office, Wednesday.

Tom Smith, ex-speaker of the House, 24 legislature, is a candidate for attorney general. No Texan ever made a more popular or efficient speaker than Tom Smith. We do not mean to say that he was absolutely perfect, because we have never met that kind of a man if he exists, but what we mean is that he came as near giving entire satisfaction as any speaker can ever hope to do. True, we did not always agree with his rulings, and in one or two instances we thought him a little arbitrary, but when we consider that a speaker has to sit in front of 128 hard headed Texans for months at a time it would be a miracle if he did not occasionaly run a muck with some member of the House. Tom Smith had very little experience along that line, however, and he come out the ordeal unscathed that has wrecked many a man's political career. He is young, efficient, and worthy of the position to which he aspires, and THE STAR would be pleased to see him him nominated. The democratic party of Texas has no more loyal son than Tom Smith, nor one who would dis charge the duties of that important position with more fidelity and ability. The writer speaks from his own knowledge and without prejudice for or against him.

LANDS FOR SALE.

600 acres near Tecumsch at $5. per acre three good wells, good tank, fine timber. Will cut to suit purchaser.

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I have 15 dozen very fine lisle thread high colored ladies vest, worth $1.00 reduced to 25 cents each. Come quick. T. E. Powell 26tf.

OBITUARY.

Died at Putnam, Callahan County Texas, on the morning of July 22 1897 Old Grandma E. J. Flores aged 73 years. She was a constant sufferer for about 6 months before her death and bore her afflictions patiently, at all times expressing a willingness to go when the summons come. She was born in middle Tennessee in the year 1824 and came to Texas when a small child, was married to Mr. P. Flores in Nacogdoches county Tex on April 28, 1842 at the age of 18 years.

She protessed faith in Christ and joined the Missionary Baptist church in Denton County Texas in the year 1860 and lived a member of the church until the day of her death.

Grandma left six children and about twenty grand children to mourn her loss. Her youngest son being about 31 years old. All of her children live in Texas except one who is living in Idaho.

A large concourse of relatives and friends gathered at the Zion Hill cemetary on the evening of her death, at the hour of 5 o'clock and there we paid to Grandma the last tribute of respect by gently depositing her remains in the silent tomb by the side of her departed son, Jeff. The writer wishes to say to the children and grandchildren of the deceased, that their loss is her eternal gain, and would point them to Jesus, who said, "Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" and then when the angel of death calls you from this life you will be ready to go.

Written by request of her children and grand children.

A Friend,
A. L. JONE.

NOTICE.

THE STAR is requested to by Sam Cutbirth, Jr. to notify the public that the Matthews gin will remain where it is for this season.

COAL! COAL! COAL!!

I will handle coal this winter and will greatly appreciate your orders.
41tf. GRIFF PERVY.

NOTICE.

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Call and see our line of Queensware plaine and decorated, nice patterns and bought before the advance. Harry Meyer. 37 tf

OWNER'S HANDICAP.

One of the enteresting features of the racing next week will be the harness race. The purse is $200 for best two in three, one heat to be made each day during the three days racing Entrees: W. D. Boydstun, Ed Dunlap and Clint Pace.

This will be one of the most enteresting features during the races Each owner is going to drive his own horse and the public will surely be interested in this race, as all the young men are popular and good drivers and no telling who will be the lucky one. See program for other races.

BICYCLE NOTES.

Ed Arnold sports a new wheel.

Some eight or eight or ten bicyclers visited Belle Plaine Sunday evening. A broken pedal and several punctures were the incidents of the trip.

A bicycle shop has been opened up in Baird.

Several ladies of Baird have ordered new wheels that are expected to arrive in a few days.

The bicycle spin planned for Monday evening was rained out.

"Hop" Powell is a graceful rider.

NEW JEWELER SHOP.

I have opened up a Jeweler Shop at the Palace Pharmacy and ask a share of your patronage. I will carry a nice line of clocks, watches, jewelry, etc., and will do all kinds of repairing on short notice. All work guaranteed. The very best of references at your demand.

Yours Truly
41tf L. D. BRANNON.

Ride Bicycles!

Why, your education is incomplete if you can't ride a wheel.

START RIGHT.

while you have an opportunity. Thomfom, the great cycle expert of Cal., and profesional instructor in Cycling, is now here with Wilson & Co., and will give lessons including wheels at 25cts., just half his regular rate.

Brand new bicycles to rent at 25cts per hour. WILSON & CO. 41

DOCTOR BILLS.

Please settle your old account or quit calling for me. I am in debt and must have money.

41tf R. G. POWELL.

FREE EXHIBITION of fancy and trick riding in front of Wilson & Co's. place on Market St., Saturday at 2 p.m.

RACES.

SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 1897.

1st. Race, Hotel and Restaurant Stakes; ¾ mile for 2 olds. year Purse $300. $200 to 1st horse, $70 to 2nd horse $30 to 3rd horse.

2nd Race, ½ mile dash, free for all. Purse $125. $100 to 1st, $15 to 2nd and $10 to 3rd.

3rd Race, ½ mile dash, for saddle horses. Purse $50. $25 to 1st, $15 to 2nd and $10 to 3rd.

4th Race, ¾ mile dash, free for all. Purse $125. $100 to 1st, $15 to 2nd, and $10 to 3rd.

5th Race, ½ mile dash, free for all. Purse $125. $100 to 1st, $15 to 2nd and $10 to 3rd.

6th Race, Callahan County cow ponies, ¼ mile dash. Purse $25. $25 to winner.

7th Race, Palace Saloon Stakes, ¼ mile, Foals 1896. Purse $250 $175 to 1st, $50 to 2nd and $25 to 3rd.

8th Race, half mile, 2 year olds, free for all. Purse $100. $75 to 1st, $15 to 2nd and $10 to 3rd.

9th Race, ¼ mile dash, free for all. Purse $125. $100 to 1st, $15 to 2nd and $10 to 3rd.

10th Race, Fast Mule Race. Purse $10.

All races will be governed by the rules of the American Racing Association, unless otherwise provided.

Races commence each day at 2 p. m.

Rule 1, Enterance to all races 10 per cent of purse except stakes

Rule 2, Entries close at 7 p.m on day previous to the race for which entry is made.

Rule 3, Five to enter and three to start in all races.

Rule 4, The Association may declare off, or postpone all races on account of weather, or any other cause as they may direct.

Rule 5, Weights in all races 100 lbs., except in the ¾ and half mile, free for all; which will carry catch weights.

Winners in all races to carry 5lbs. extra.

S. L. DRISKILL.
C. C. SEALE.
FRANK STERRETT. } Committee.

J. B. SEAY, Pres.
JNO. H. LAIRD, Sec'y

J. W. Baggett, of Oak Grove, Fla., had an attack of the measles, nearly three years ago, and the disease left him with a very severe pain in the chest "I thought I would die," he writes, but to my great joy, I was saved by Chamberlain's Pain Balm." Pains in the chest nearly always indicate the approach of pneumonia, and by promptly applying this liniment on a flannell cloth, which should be bound on the chest, an attack of pneumonia may be prevented. It is always prompt and effectual. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by all druggist. Sept.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS.

Will be at the following places to collect state and county taxes for 1897.

Putnam, ... Oct. 1 and 2
Cross Plains, ... Oct. 4 and 5
Cottonwood, ... Oct. 6 and 7
Tecumseh, ... Oct. 11 and 12
Buchen's Store .... Oct. 12 and 14
Clyde, ... Oct. 14 and 15

J. W. JONES, Collector
Callahan County.

This 7th day of Sept. 1897.

BOYDSTUN'S.

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BOYDSTUN'S STORE.

-The Callahan County Peoples Store.-

THE PLACE TO BUY AND WHY THEY SHOULD BUY THERE.

1st. You get clean fresh goods. No old goods left to show you. Our summer stock went like chaff when a whirl wind strikes it. The appearance of our store now and days ago is phenomial. So much the better for you.

2nd. We are the originators of prices and of new goods. We carry the same grade of goods carried from our neighboring towns. We feel good and we can't help but boast of it.

3rd. Where we stand as solid as a rock is in shoes. If you don't buy your shoes of us you loose. That is a fact and you should consider it. Why not profit by experience. Buy your goods where you get something good for your money.

Stetson Hats

Have Brains in Them

Yes, there are brains in Stetson Hats—brains in making them and brains in wearing them.

New Fall Styles in Stiff and Soft Hats on sale. It's a wise head that wears a Stetson Hat.

BUTTERICK PATTERNS

Are here, arrived Tuesday. Come look at them.

Millinery.

Misses Phillips and Kane are at present very busy preparing for your wants in the hat line. They are trimming up some beauties and will be glad to show them to you. They will also have something entirely new this fall in the way of sashes. You can't afford to come to town and not visit our store.

We have the goods, the prices, and now ask for your trade. Can we have it?

We will look for it.

BOYDSTUN'S.

BOYDSTUN'S.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND.

No. 4. ..... 9 30 a. m.

WEST BOUND.

No. 3. ..... 3 5 p. m.

J. B. HARRIS, Agent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cotton pickers knee pads at Boyles.

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Tom Keblinger, of Eagle Cove, was in town Saturday.

Luke Cathey the Putnam stockman, was in town Saturday.

W. B. Ellis, of the Cove, came down from Abilene Sunday.

B. L. Boydstun made a business trip to Putnam last Saturday.

J. H. Peters went to Dallas Friday to attend the spiritualist camp meeting

Miss Sarah Turriff, of Big Springs, visited friends in Baird the first of the week.

County Treasurer Holland has recently built an addition to his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker and Miss Fannie Gilliland visited in Putnam last Sunday.

A. L. Biggerstaff, of Putnam, old Texan as he is, got caught without his slicker in Baird Monday.

Baird has two jewelers. Mr. Brannon, the late arrival, is located at the Palace Pharmacy.

Mrs. Mattie Hall, nee Summers, of Cleburne, passed through on the west bound passenger Sunday.

Harvey Kendrick, of Eagle Cove, was in town Saturday. We regret to learn that one of his children has the slow fever.

A fine rain fell at Baird Monday, a regular fall rain without any thunder or lightning. The rain appeared to be general.

H. C. McGowen, formerly of Baird but now of Pecos, was in the city the first of the week. Mac is now a full fledged photographer.

If you need a lawyer, call on J. H. Wood. 39 2t

John Laird went to Cisco Wednesday.

Ladies summer vest 5 cents and up at Powell's. Worth double. 26tf

Hon. J. N. Rushing went to Terrell, Wednesday.

Miss Alice Kane left Thursday for Baird, Texas, where she has employment in a milliinary store.—Moran News.

Mr. Rushing is having the Baird Drug Co building renoviated, and we learn that Jeff Dean, grocer and the Racket Store will occupy it as soon as repairs are completed.

Hugh Moore, of Tecumseh, who has purchased the Tisdale-Mayes thresher came in with Phillip Yost, Jr. Otto Betcher and others, Monday, to carry the machinery home.

W. T. Berry, of Abilene, was in town Monday. Will has become a regular cow puncher, he and John Bowyer having established a ranch in the west part of the county.

There was a lively runaway of a wagon team Saturday. The little ponies ran themselves down and stopped without breaking anything or doing any damage that we heard of.

J. F. Patterson, of Roswell, N. M., formerly a citizen of Baird, passed through town Sunday going east on a visit to relatives. Mr. Patterson was accompanied by some of his children.

The building in the Price wagon yard about which the city and Mr. Price had a law suit some years ago because part of the building was in an alley, has been torn down by the pres-proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunter desire to return their sincere thanks to all those who so kindly assisted them with Miss Clara Rahrup during her unfortunate accident. Miss Clara is recovering rapidly.

Master Mel Holland, son of County Treasurer T. B. Holland, left for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Austin last week. A card from the Superintendent informed Mr. Holland that Mel had reached his destination all right.

We will thank all who are in arrears on subscription to THE STAR to pay up by Oct. 1st Times are getting better and all can pay if they want to. We are going to make a vigorous effort to collect these old accounts this fall. We can not carry them over another year. 41y1

Henry Sullivan of Callahan City was in town Tuesday.

Moore, Yost & Co are thrashing Capt. Powell's grain this week.

Mrs. T. E. Powell and children left Wednesday for Kentucky on a visit to relatives.

Phillip Yost informs us that he thrashed near 60,000 bushels of grain this season.

We hear it rumored that the Odd Fellows will erect a two story stone building on the lot north of the bank, work to commence soon.

Anderson Carter has attached a circular saw to his windmill and is sawing wood. He is going to furnish wood to the public we presume from the way he is stocking up his wood pile.

It has been rumored for sometime that S. L. Ogle would soon move back to Baird. A card was received from him this week requesting that THE STAR be mailed to him at Roswell and stated that he would be at that place for two or three weeks. He did not say any thing about coming back to Baird.

Remember T. E. Powell is selling more goods than he ever did in Baird Why? Because he sells cheaper, has the goods to sell, has nice clerks and all sell at one price. I can swear to this and so can every customer in this county, and so can you if you will call at his store and price his goods and see all you neighbors trading at T. E. Powell's.

A. D. DeArman was arrested last week charged with aggravated assault on his little son, and his trial was set for the 16th. His son, ran away from home and he found him at this place. The boy refused to return home with him and it is claimed that DeArman assaulted him as charged. When his father was arrested the little fellow took leg bail and made his escape before the old man could fix up his bond and release himself.

See R. Hhillips new ad in this issue

When you need millinery call at Mrs. Cunningham's store.

Paints, oils and wall paper a specialty at R. Philips. Call and see. 26tf

J. A. McWaters and wife returned this week from a visit to Greer Co.

Mrs. Cunningham has a nice line of fall and winter millinery. 41

The best binder twine in town. Get my prices before buying. J. Norton. 24 tf

Go to R. A. Speer for your prescriptions, pure drugs, and skill combined. 15tf.

RACE NOTES.

The races for next week promise to be the best ever had in Baird.

The following parties have their stables here.

C. C. Seale has Jim Seay and Bob White, the winners of the yearling race last year.

W. B. Ellis has a fine thoroughbred horse that has never been on the track before.

J. P. Trammell has Walter and Josephine that the boys say will be hard to catch when they when they start.

Breedlove & Seay have a good string of horses, among them Judge Thomas a promising yearling.

Griff Peevy has a good yearling.

John Gardner will be here this week with his stable of runners.

J. J. Jackson, of Coleman, will be in this week with a string of racers.

Mr. Kline, from Hico, came in Sunday with four runners, we did not get the names of his horses, but they look like good ones.

Tom Coggin, of Merkel, will have his stable here this week.

J. F. Newman, of Sweetwater, will be in this week with a string of good ones

Charley Haley will be here this with his stable, among them Miss Joe, who will make some of the boys whip to come in ahead of her.

Everybody will want to see the pacing race. They all know the drivers and every horse has his favorites. This promises to be a splendid race.

Night Operator Fry has a cracker jack yearling that will make the bookey look a little out how they lay odds against her. She is a dolly, Cleveland and a daisy.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Nice shirt waist 50 cents at Powell's

For a first-class sewing machine go to R. Phillips. 26tf

Headquarters at Vaughn & Co. the best house in town. 15tf

I carry a full line of Keilam & Moore glasses. R. A. Speer. 26 tf

No shoes in town wear like Powell' get a pair and see for yourself. 20tf

The finest assortment of matting in town at Vaughn & Co. 15tf

Finest line of tablets, box paper, papeterie. Nelson & St John. 14 tf

Just received a new and complete line of 97 wall paper. Prices to suit all. Nelson & St John 14tf

The Baird base ball nine beats all other nines. Why? Because they buy their clothing from T. E. Powell and get a $15. suit for $10. Call and see them. 26tf.

Collier's white lead, Sewall & Hughes mixed paint and pure linseed oil. Nelson & StJohn. 14 tf

Carbon: You can get it in lots of 5 gallons at one dollar per gallon. Nelson & St John. 30tf

THE STAR Job Office is prepared to do all kinds of school catalogue and pamphlet work on short notice.

My $7.50, $8.00 and $10.00 mens all wool summer suits are very very cheap. Please call and see them. T. E. Powell. 26.tf

You can't do better than bring your printing to THE STAR Job Office Everything turned out in the neatest and most artistic styles.

Moments are useless it trifled away; and they are dangerously wasted if consumed by delay in cases where One Minute Cough Cure would bring immediate relief. Nelson & SJohn

Running sores, indolent ulcers and similar troubles, even though of many years' standing, may be cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It soothes, strengthens and heals. It is the great pile cure. Nelson & St John

If you have ever seen a little child in a paroxysm of whooping cough, or if you have been annoyed by a constant tickling in the throat you can appreciate the value of One Minute Cough Cure, which gives quick relief. Nelson & St John.

HOGS FOR SALE.

Several nice brood sows and pigs also a few pork hogs. Can be seen at the Baird City Dairy.

38tf MILLER & PARKER.

GIN.

Foster Bros. request THE STAR to announce that they are putting in another stand, the fourth in all, and are prepared to gin all cotton as fast as it may come in.

WHEAT WHEAT.

I have completed my arrangements whereby I can handle all the grain in this county at the highest cash prices or on the exchange. J. Norton 24tf

The largest shipment of Mason's Fruit Jars ever brought to Baird. Can save you money by leaving your orders now at J. Norton's. 24tf

Ladies call at my store and examine my stock of all wool dress goods and silks and all other kind of goods you may want cheaper than they can be bought anywhere. If you find things not as I represent them I will give you a nice fan. Please call.

20tf T. E. POWELL.

No man or woman can enjoy life or accomplish much in this world while suffering from a torpid liver. DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the pills that cleanse that organ, quickly. Nelson & St John.

Small precautions often prevent great mischiefs. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are very small pills in size, but are most affective in preventing the most serious forms of liver and stomach troubles. They cure constipation and headache and regulate the bowels. Nelson & St John.

The "Bicyclist's Best Friend," is a familiar name for DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve, always ready for emergencies. While a specific for piles, it also instantly relieves and cures cuts, bruises, salt rheum, eczma and all affections of the skin. It never fails. Nelson & St John.

Certainly you don't want to suffer with dyspepsia, constipation, sick headache, sallow skin and loss of appetite. You have never tried DeWitts Little Early Risers for these complaints or you would have been cured. They are small pills but great regulators Nelson & St John.

LATE TEXAS NEWS.

Coryell county has 4000 delinquent tax payers.

Scarlet fever is reported from Axle, Tarrant county.

Near Denton the hay press of C. Hoffman caught fire and burned.

The realty dealers of Fort Worth will organize a real estate exchange.

Near Powell, Navarro county, hard-working, law-abiding negroes received warning to leave.

Susie Wiswell and her husband filed suit at Hillsboro against J. D. Patterson for slander, $2500 being asked for.

Rumor has it that Fort Worth is to have a new morning paper, backed by $40,000, with Mayor B. B. Paddock at the helm.

A bevy of pretty young ladies of Corsicana have organized a military company and gone into active training. Miss Annie Falley was elected captain.

A heavy batch of damage suits were filed in the district court at Sherman against the Katy and the Texas Central railroads. The suits aggregate $130,000.

Young Adolphus Andrews of Oak Cliff, in an examination for a naval cadetship at Anapoolis, stood first in a class of 200 both in mental and physical requirements.

The last spike has been driven in the construction of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf line from Kansas City to Port Arthur. The event was celebrated in the terminal cities and at intermediate points.

A young couple drove from Denison to Sherman, expecting to procure a license to marry. The license was issued to them but a brother of the girl arrived and persuaded the young people to delay the ceremony a few hours. While the prospective groom was out arranging some preliminaries, the brother took the girl home.

State Health Officer Swearengen issued a circular to county judges and commissioners on the Louisiana border urging the immediate establishing of local quarantine against yellow fever. He advises the placing of guards on every wagon road leading from Louisiana. The state has provided guards on the railway lines.

Eastland is enjoying a building boom.

The collegiate institute has opened at Glen Rose.

Bedford Davis was killed by lightning near Celeste.

El Paso and Fort Bliss are to be connected by a street car line.

Charles Novell was instantly killed by lightning in Delta county.

Houston is preparing to put her streets in a better sanitary condition.

The prohibitionists have organized for the coming campaign in Hunt county.

Near Corpus Christi, Euceva Rodriguez, a Mexican boy, was drowned in a tank.

Two Morman elders have established themselves in Fort Worth and propose to prosecute the work of reclaiming the gentiles.

The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway is having floating elevators and barges built to assist in handling grain at Port Arthur.

The demand for better wagon roads leading into Cleburne has become so great that a move is being made to raise money by private subscription to grade and gravel some of them.

Suit for damages for $20,000 has been instituted at San Antonio by Mrs. Harry Heyne against the G. H. & S. A. on account of the killing of a son of the plaintiff in a collision between San Antonio and El Paso in April.

The Rio Grande is out of its banks again and threatening great damage to some of the valley towns. Hidalgo is entirely surrounded by water and all trains are laid by tracks and rafts. It is feared that the worst damage will occur when the water subsides on account of erosion from the river, as the tendency of the current is to cut northward, under mining the town.

W. L. Huddleson has filed suit against the city of Hillsboro for $5000. The city's sewer pipe empties into Hackberry creek on edge of plaintiff's farm and he alleges that the gases from the same caused sickness in his family and renderes his place untenable. An injunction restraining the city from using the sewer until damages are assessed and paid is also asked for.

A clever counterfeit dollar has been put in general circulation at Galveston. Nobody seems to know where the coins came from but dozens are being thrown out of the banks every day. They bear the mark of the New Orleans mint and are supposed to be of the mintage of '96. They are perfect in size and the die is excellent. They pass around pretty freely until they get into the hands of a bank expert, when they are thrown out.

The M. K. & T railway sent over the I. & G. N. a special coach destined for Bissell and Sarnon near Trinity. The coach contained twenty five mechanics from Illinois. They will immediately begin the erection of 500 dwelling houses on a 25,000 acre tract recently sold to an immigration company. Within a few weeks 500 families will arrive to engage in the culture of Havana tobacco, fruit and vegetables. In time there will be erected a cigar factory and factories and other necessary arrangements will be made to take care of the products of the people.

During the last session of the legislature an act was passed taking Jones county out of the thirty-ninth judicial district and placing in another district. As it happened, J. H. Steele, the duly elected district attorney of the thirty-ninth district, resided in Jones county, and as he refused to move into another county of the district he was, under the constitution, rendered ineligible to act as district attorney of the new district. At the request of prominent citizens Governor Culberson then appointed R. C. Crane district attorney of the thirty-ninth district to succeed Mr. Steele, but the latter declined to turn over the office to his successor on the ground that he could not be legislated out of an office to which he had been duly elected. The matter was carried into the courts and created quite a controversy, the friends of Mr. Crane claiming that he was appointed under constitutional authority, and those of Mr. Steele maintaining that a man could not be legislated out of office. Thus the matter stood for some time, but at last in has been settled by Mr. Steele tendering his resignation and Mr. Crane qualifying in his stead.

St. James Hotel, Dallas.

Llano's Klondike.

Full details were divulged here today says a San Antonio telegram, of the mysterious Llano gold mine concerning which so many vague rumors have been floating around for the last two weeks. The information was given out by Col. A. C. Schriver, a prominent capitalist of this city, who has exclusive control of the mine. The mine has so far proved a new Bonanza and its development has not been well begun yet. Ore that has been expertly assayed nearly 100 times and proved rich with gold, is being mined in immense quantities daily by a force of twenty men. Some of this ore yields several hundred dollars to the ton and Col. Schriver estimates on a conservative basis that the average yield will not be less than $100 to the ton. The mine is exactly five miles northwest of Llano on a hill in the pasture of an eccentric old preacher known as Parson Heath. He has long maintained that there was gold on his land, but no one has ever paid much attention to him until the first part of July, when he sent some ore to Col. Schriver. The latter was at first inclined to throw it away, but, simply out of curiosity, sent it to El Paso to be assayed. The result of the assay caused him to make a trip to Llano and he secured a six-months option on Parson Heath's land for $350 with the purchase price set at $15,000. He at once began making arrangements for opening it up and by the latter part of July he had men digging. The first car load of ore was shipped to the Colorado smelting works a few days ago. It contains thirty tons. Another car load will be shipped soon.

Sorghumising Johnson Grass.

A Sherman correspondent writes "Sorghumize it!" That is likely to be the panacea recommended for the extermination of Johnson grass if it turns out that experiments elsewhere result as they have on the Randolph farm, about a mile southwest of the city.

Some years ago near this city a bunch of Johnson grass was pulled up, and instead of the long sectional roots expected the root was found to be very similar to that of sorghum. The sample was sent the New York Sun with the request that a name be given it. The reply came that it was wild sorghum.

Moreover, it has since developed that it was Johnson grass growing in close proximity to sorghum cane, and since then it has been proven that sorghum sown in Johnson grass will have effect of metamorphosing the root of the grass Of course sorghum root is easily managed, and thus is the passing of Johnson grass made a certainty at last, provided the same results follow as in the vicinity of Sherman. There are at the Merchants and Planters' National bank in this city samples of the Johnson grass which have assumed the root of sorghum.

University of Texas.

Fifty-seven instructors, 751 students. Women admitted to all departments. Tuition free Total expenses, $150 to $250.

Academic Department—Session begins September 29; entrance examinations, September 22; matriculation fee, $10; 116 courses of study; University system of instruction and discipline; well-equipped scientific laboratories; library of 35,000 volumes; Y. M. C. A.; Y. W. C. A.; gymnasium; athletic field.

Teachers' courses lead to permanent state teachers' certificates.

Engineering Department—Confers degree of civil engineer.

Law Department—Session begins September 27; entrance examinations, September 22; matriculation fee, payable only once, $30. A two-years course leads to degree of bachelor of laws and entitles holder to practice in any court in Texas Law students may pursue academic courses without further charge.

Medical Department (located at Galveston)—Four years course; faculty of twenty trained specialists; school of pharmacy; school of nursing (for women); matriculation fee, payable once, $30. Complete equipment in all schools. Session begins October 1; entrance examinations the preceding week.

For catalogue of any department, or for information address

PRESIDENT WINSTON,
Austin, Texas.

A GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY of the University of Texas desires a place as prescription clerk in some live, progressive town. Satisfactory credentials will be furnished. Address Recipe, 2601 University Ave., Austin, Tex.

LATE GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Bryan will open the Iowa campaign on October 4.

Senator Morgan of Alabama has sailed from San Francisco for Honolula.

John L. Sullivan was arrested in Lewiston, Me., charged with assaulting a hack driver. He refused to pay his fare and a fight was the result.

It is reported that Belgium and Holland are about to conclude a defensive treaty. Fear is expressed that Belgium will be the seat of the next war between France and Germany.

Joseph Spivey entered the Swain hotel at Camden, Ark., in a drunken codition and insulted the proprietor's wife. She fired two shots at him, both of which took effect—in his wooden leg.

A dispatch from Lima to the New York Herald says: It is likely that Peruvian government will adopt a financial scheme similar to that of Holland. That is, silver coin will be legal tender with unlimited circulation, but its value will be fixed on a gold standard basis.

The governor of Illinois has issued a quarantine proclamation including the states of Arkansas and Tennessee in the Texas fever district, so far as shipping cattle into Illinois is concerned. This action was made necessary, it is claimed, by the fact that recently large shipments of cattle billed north of the fever line were found to be infected with the fever-producing ticks and several outbreaks of Texas fever have occurred in the state due to exposure to such shipments.

Manager Davis of the Carralitos, Mining company at Carralitos, Mex., says parties are working many gulches in the Escondido Mountains and taking out considerable gold. New discoveries have also been made in the Parajito mountains, west of Casas Grandes; also in Janos hills. Prospectors are working quietly and not telling just how much gold they are getting, but that they are getting out enough to say is evident from the fact that they continue work. The work is all done by the placer process.

St. Louis commission merchants have cornered the cantaloupe market. The deal required the expenditure of $200,000, and the corner will last at least three years, it is claimed. The largest consignment of cantaloupes received at St. Louis was ten car loads of Kecks, Ford melons. But they were not all for the St. Louis market. Every big city in the east, including New York, Boston and Chicago, must in the future buy their cantaloupes from the St. Louis commission men. This is what the corner in cantaloupes means.

Cornelius N. Bliss, secretary of the interior, has handed down an important decision The decision heretofore rendered by the commissioner of the general land office that lands containing minor minerals, located within the limits of a grant to a railroad, are not subject to mineral laws, is reversed. The action taken by the secretary will establish a precedent applicable to all the land grant roads, and many millions of acres of the most valuable lands in the great northwest and on the Pacific slope will be retained by the people. This decision is founded on the case of the Pacific Coast Marble Co. vs. the Northern Pacific railroad company and the state of Washington.

The United States secret service is struggling with an epidemic of counterfeits. Hardly a day passes without the arrest of from one to half dozen persons detected in passing spurious silver coin. The result is that there is a large amount of very finely executed counterfeit silver certificate of last year's issue afloat, and that the circulation is being continually diluted with that sort of material. Government detectives have been instructed to be on the watch for an avalanche of bogus silver dollars. The coins have the same amount of silver as the genuine and in exact similtude of the coin bearing the stamp of the United States mints. Thus far the department has not been able to locate any of the counterfeit product. The country may at any time be flooded with them. At the present price of silver bullion there is a margin of 60 cents on every dollar privately minted.

Quite a stir has been created in Wagoner, I. T., fifteen miles north by the recent ruling of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, confirming the decision of Agent Wisdom of Muscogee, in the case of Robinson vs. Watts, which involved the right of occupancy of a large tract of land in Wagoner, known as the Watts Addition. The Commissioner held that, inasmuch as Watts was not a citizen of the Creek Nation, he could not hold land in the Nation, and that Robinson, being a citizen and having jumped the property, was entitled to hold it. The Commissioner directed Agent Wisdom to remove Watts as an intruder, and to request District Attorney Soper to proceed against Watts for attempting to survey lands belonging to an Indian tribe, without their consent, for which a penalty of $1000 is provided. Watts is known as the "King of Intruders," and is one of Wagoner's most prominent citizens.

A dispatch to the New York Tribune from Washington says:

The report of Perry H Heath, the first assistant postmaster general, acting as referee in the controversy between the Western Union Telegraph company and the Federal government, has been filed in the court of claims, though it has not yet been officialy made public. It sustains the telegraph company's claim to a just compensation for services performed from 1889 so 1893, which Postmasters General Wanamaker and Bissell, as may be remembered, repeatedly refused to allow. The court is expected to approve the report, in which case the fact will promptly be certified to the treasury department. The latter will then submit the matter to congress. Before the amount can be paid an appropriation will, of course, have to be passed. The amount involved is over a quarter of a million dollars.

THE SAME OLD GAME.

A Hillsboro Man Pays Seventy-nine Dollars for a Little Experience.

Strange as it may seem, says the Houston Post, in this enlightened age, when the newspapers of the country are full of accounts of how flim flam games are made successful and green goods gentry ply their vocation, another Texan has fallen a victim to the rankest kind of a bunco scheme.

At the Katy depot W. C. Benson of Hillsboro gave up $79 in hard cash for a sight draft calling for $500, but it is only not worth the paper it was written on.

As the story goes, Benson was in the waiting room when a man purporting to be James Connelly made his acquaintance in the good old fashioned way. He was going up the road himself, he said, and they would travel together.

While the Hill county man was being jollied at a livley rate another person—a confederate of the man Connelly -rushed up, informing the latter that "those goods had come and were at the express office," whereupon the said Connelly complained of being broke; that all the money he had was a draft, and producing a sight draft for $500, drawn on the first national bank of Houston, payable to James Connelly and signed by Frank During.

The alleged express agent could not cash the draft, but suggested that as soon as the ticket office opened the agent would accept it, and dropped a remark that probably his friend—that was Benson—could let him have enough money on it.

Benson bit and dug up 79 American dollars, which the bunkoist profusely accepted and then went out to see a man, leaving his friend Benson to guard the draft. Neither the "express agent" nor the man receiving the money has been heard of since.

Benson wanted to ticket agent Courtney to cash the draft, but the latter only referred him the police.

Three men held up the town of Sulphur Case county. Officers were sent out from Texarkana to arrest the rioters, as the town officers were unable to take them. One of the three, a Mexican, was arrested, the other two escaping after firing on the sheriff.

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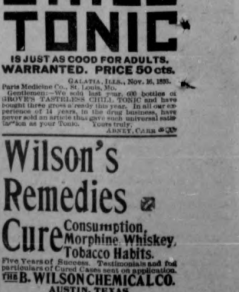

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CULBERSON ANNOUNCES.

He Will Be a Candidate for the United States Senate.

On his return from Michigan, where he has been spending several weeks with his invalid wife, Gov. Culberson stopped over in Dallas, and to a Houston Post correspodent there said:

"I have been in Battle Creek, Mich., for several weeks with my wife, whose health has not been good for several years. She has recovered from the dangerous illness which over took her last winter, but her general health has not been improved nor her strength increased. She will return in October, and I hope that with the comforts of home she will improve."

Asked about his candidacy for the Senate, the governor said:

"Yes, I am a candidate for the United States senate, believing that, being in thorough accord with my party on all questions, and with the experience in public affairs, I can be of service to the state in that capacity. I notice that the method of determining the choice of the Democracy for senator is being discussed. Since I began the study of governmental questions I have favored the election of senators by a direct vote of the people and have been a candidate for state offices on platforms which demanded an amendment to the Federal Constitution so this could be done. As this is impossible under the constitution as it is now, such amendment never having been adopted, the method nearest this should prevail, and consequently, in my judgment, democratic primary elections or some such method of fairly reaching the choice of democrats and instructing the legislators should be ordered and adopted by the proper party authority. Next spring and summer I shall canvass the state thoroughly, presenting my views of public questions to the people, and I presume the same will be done by the other candidates, because this will afford the best opportunity for the people to judge of the policies of candidates and their capacity to discharge public duties. Besides, it is likely there will be plenty of issues for discussion, though they can not be anticipated or noted now.

"If the News follows the logic of its editorial of yesterday on trusts, it will be gratified to know that one of the issues will be the money trust, the most colossal trust of all, by which the money kings hope to destroy one-half of the redemption money of the world and enhance the value of the other half and double the burden of all debtors."

The Post correspondent asked the governor what attitude the party would assume, in his opinion, toward the gold men who bolted the state and national tickets last year, to which he replied:

"If you mean to ask whether the bolting gold men will be invited or permitted to participate in the primaries for state offices and United States senator, it seems to me the question will not be presented at all and there will be no necessity to act upon it for they will voluntarily remain out. This is clear from an interview with Judge George Clark, the acknowledged leader of these forces in Texas, in which he declared that the general sentiment of these men was a determination never to countenance the doctrines of the Chicago platform nor to affiliate with those who do. This purpose of the bolting gold men to take no part in democratic primaries will relieve our committee of a delicate and unpleasant task and insure harmony in the party."

Texas News.

A good general rain fell over many sections of the state Monday and Monday night.

The department of education sent copies of its circular soliciting bids on uniform text books to every text book publisher in the United States.

The case of W. N. Coe, ex-treasurer of Dallas county, charged with embezzling $6,000 of county funds, which was set for Monday in the Denton court, has been postponed until the February term.

Hon. W. A. Squires of Mineral Wells received a letter from "Dink" Rickard, ex-city marshal of Henrietta, stating that he had struck it rich in Klondike, and that he will return to Texas next spring and divide with Col. Squires, who "grub-staked" him. Rickard has $30,000 in gold dust and is offered $150,000 for his claim.

Yellow fever has appeared at Leon in Western Nicaragua. Several natives have died of the disease recently. It is spreading.

MEXICO'S PROSPERITY.

Decline in Silver Has Not Disturbed Business Conditions.

Mr. P. O. Saunders, writing from the City of Mexico to Mr. Owen D. Burnett of Dallas, in response to some inquiries, says:

"My dear sir—I am in receipt of yours of 24th ult., written at Austin. You ask me if there has been any material change in the price of farm and factory products, house rent and labor, since the decline in silver.

Replying, I beg to say that I have been in Mexico about two and one half years, and the merchants here are now selling all kinds of goods at the same prices they did when I first came. The hotels charge the same price now for lodging they did then. The restaurants charge now the same price for meals they did then. Factories are also selling at the same price they sold at then. Labor is receiving the same compensation now it did then; while house rent is no higher now than it was then. Hence you see there is no change in conditions here on account of the decline in silver. This is a silver country and people here are not bothering themselves much about what other nations are doing or saying on the silver question.

It is evident that a gold standard in other nations is a safe guarantee of Mexico's individual prosperity.

If our people are ready to purchase the machinery needed for factory use as originally proposed and will authorize the purchase at once, I can close the contract with the people on the same proposition they made some few months ago, and which I sent you at the time. This shows whether there is a panic here or not on account of the decline in silver.

All the sensational reports you see in newspapers about a panic in Mexico are false. Mexico, and her industries are all right. She can shut her doors to the world and not only still exist, but prosper. The man who takes advantage of the oportunities Mexico presents will find it a golden opportunity.

Politics in the United States have ruined the industries of that country, and the manipulators appear to be jealous of Mexico's prosperity, and as they can have no direct influence on either the politics or commerce of Mexico, they hope to paralyze and impede her prosperity by false and slanderous reports of her condition. No doubt you are aware of the fact that there is no legitimate cause for the decline in silver. It has been forced by financial manipulation in the money centers of the world originating first in London. This artificial and unnatural depression can not permanently exist.

I have often said, and now repeat it, that President Diaz is the greatest statesman of modern times and that his cabinet has no equal in the world, hence you may rest assured that all the falsehoods and bombast published in the states concerning Mexico will neither influence the president or his cabinet, nor change the prosperity of this country. Mexico is destined in the near future to be one of the greatest and richest nations in the world.

She has more natural resources than any known country. She is controlled by patriotic spirits, and this alone is enough to make her great. Show me a country with unbounded resources, and controlled by patriotism, and I will show you a truly great country."

The grand jury at Springfield, Ill., is said to be after the legislators of that state regarding alleged boodling in the last session.

Senator Foraker says Ohio will go republican this fall, but talks about Hanna's "margin"—he is not betting very high on his majorty.

Senator Hanna is reported to have told State Chairman Nash that the senatorial battle in Ohio will be fought out in Cincinnati. Hanna thought the Cuyhagna county ticket would be elected by a plurality of from 3000 to 4000. He feared, however, for the legislative ticket, though no stones would be left unturned to pull the ticket through. The best speakers will be sent to Cleveland.

Capt. Burleigh of the Ward line steamer Washington refused to receive as a passenger Jose Ventre, the young Frenchman banished from Mexico as an anarchist, the captain saying that it he was an unfit person to be allowed to remain in that country he was unfit to be taken to any other country. It is probable that Ventre will have to reach the United States by rail.

WASTED AFFECTION.

A Woman's Pursuit for a Preengaged Heart.

Ocala Florida is the scene; a peculiar case of fond affection seemingly wasted on a pre-engaged heart is the theme—and a sensational denoumeht is promised. The telegram reads thus:

Some time ago a fair young English girl came here, remaining for some time.

She was a great favorite on account of her beauty and vivacious ways before she left for Massachusetts. While here she met a young Mr. Gray, just from school. The moment she left, the infatuation for him began with her. She began writing letters innumerable. For a time he took them out of the post office, and then, becoming tired, refused to receive any more of her ardent epistles. Then the lady sent them to an elderly friend here, inclosing back the letter, and asking that he deliver them to the young man. Finally this did not work, as the man refused to be "coaxed" in this way. Now the sensational announcement comes, that the young lady is coming back here to force her suit in person, and she threatens to take it into court, too. Her mother has written Governor Bloxham, it is reported, asking him to interfere for "her dear daugnter's happiness."

Letters were also written to Dr. Clute, of the Florida State college, where the young man went to school, in the same tenor. The girl is very handsome and is reported to be wealthy in her own right. She is now in Staughton, Mass., with her mother, but is expected here at any moment.

What the outcome will be no one can say, but the gossips say that the case will be a sensational one. The father of the young man is greatly annoyed over his son's persecutions and does not know what to do to stop them.

Young Gray takes things philosophically, but says he cannot wed the girl, as he is not fancy free.

The forcible love making of the youg lady has created a ripple in social life here and her next move is anxiously awaited.

BANK OF ENGLAND

Will Hold a One-Fifth Silver Reserve. A Ripple of Excitement.

London, Sept. 1.—An important announcement was made by the Times in an article from a special correspondent to the effect that the directors of the Bank of England have consented to hold one-fifth of the bank reserve in silver, which has caused much excitement on the continent. The governor of the Bank of England, Albert George Sandeman, when questioned on the subject by a representative of the Associated Press, refused to confirm or deny the report, but thiough other bank officials it was learned that the article was probably a balloon sent up at the instance of the government in order to ascertain the temper of the people on the subject before giving an final answer to the United States monetary committee headed by Senator Ed O. Walcott.

The Pall Mall Gazette commenting upon the report referred to says: "This startling rumor is such a bolt from the blue that we would fain believe it. There must be some mistake. Should the suggested action of the bank have a substantial foundation in fact, the whole commercial world will immediately rise up in arms and protest against so dangerous an innovation. Our contemporary darkly hints at the pressure from high quarters and with equal mystery suggests weighty affairs of the state as a possible explanation for this sudden and unexpected departure from the straight and narrow path. But the business community will not be satisfied with any vague and unarthorized statements of this kind, and demands official pronouncement."

BREVITIES.

A crocodile takes 80 seconds to turn completely round.

Last year the United States exported $12,000,000 worth of hams—130,000,000 pounds—of which England bought 103,000,000.

At Niles, Mich., Foo Lee, an up-to-date Chinese laundryman, is the first of his countrymen to win a bicycle race in the United States.

Kansas papers say that ex-Senator John J. Ingalls will enter politics again this fall by becoming a candidate for the State Senate in the district which he first represented in 1862. The ex-Senator is now 65 years old.

STORY OF TWO VALISES.

A Young Man Left as Immense Fortune in the Laredo Custom House.

A newspaper correspondent sends out the following story from Laredo, which is at the southern terminus of the International & Great Norhern railway on the Rio Grande.

On the 9th of last August, Mr. Walter Taylor of the custom house inspectors at Laredo, while going through the Aztec limited train, noticed a young man with two valises on the seat in front of him and enquired if they belonged to him. The smaller he claimed, but the larger one, of a peculiar make, he disowned. Mr. Taylor passed on through the train, and when he returned he to the seat the young man had occupied, he found that it was empty and the valises had disappeared. At the same moment he saw the stranger entering a hack with both valises and at once stopped the hack, whereupon the stranger made his exit, leaving the larger valise.

Mr. Taylor took the valise to the custom house and turned it over to the collector, who placed it in the warehouse with other baggage. On the 7th instant the collector directed that the valise be opened in order to advertise its contents for sale. Great was the surprise of the officials when its contents inventoried Mexican government bods to the amount of $100,000; United States currency, $1000; diamonds, $1000; and commercial drafts to the amount of $100,000.

On this discovery the sale was abandoned and telegrams sent to the City of Mexico and other points in the line of the Mexican National, making enquiries. The strangest part of the whole affair is that, notwithstanding a month had passed since the valise was seized, there never was a word of enquiry from any direction received at the Laredo office regarding it.

It was ascertained that in the month of last July, Pedro Trueba & Bro., millionaire Spanish mine owners in Parral, Mexico, dissolved copartnership, the younger brother selling out and leaving for his old home in Spain. He invested $100,000 in Mexican bonds and carried $100,000 in certified checks. The diamonds and green backs were personal property. Young Trueba arrived in Monterey August 1st to take the Mexican Gulf railroad for Tampico, thence to Europe via New York. Until his valise with its valuables was discovered by the custom house officials at Laredo, his friends thought he was enroute home. The young man from whom the valise was taken was well dressed. He was spotted by Mr. Taylor and his description will be wired to all the detective agencies in the country. It is thought that young Trueba was foully dealt with in Montrey.

Owner Claimed the Valise.

A later report states that the owner of the valise has been found and the valuble property turned over to him. He is Pedro Trueba, an uncle of the young man who was thought to have been foully dealt with at Monterey. He arrived in Laredo the day after the valise was discovered and established his ownership without difficulty.

Don Trueba is a wealthy Spaniard. He owns the Hacienda de Vanegas, near Vanegas on the Mexican National railroad. He had been to San Louis Potosi and on August 9 he arrived on the train with his family to return to his ranch. Arriving at Vanegas, where he was to take a carriage, he called a strange Mexican whom he took for one of his servants, and handed him the valise to take to the carriage. Arriving at the hacienda he missed the valise, and though he advertised for it he heard nothing of it until he was apprised of its recovery by the Laredo custom house officials.

Last Friday was the hottest day this year in New York, the thermometer registering 105. Twenty prostrations were reported.

At Shawneetown, Ill., Joe Wade assaulted a 16-year-old girl on August 25. He has already had his trial and received a sentence of 21 years—which meets public approval in that section

Fred Hartop, a young American in Mexico, has just been notified that he has fallen heir to a legacy consisting of Mexican lands and mines to the value of $2,000,000. It came from his father, from whom he had not heard in ten years.

Mrs. J. A. Hayes, the daughter of Jeff Davis, lives at Colorado Springs. She has two sons, the eldest of whom, by an act of the legislature, is to bear the name of Jefferson Hayes Davis.

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Owing to the many depredations committed on the Va. Ranch, Land & Cattle Co. I am forced to forbid all persons from hunting on the lands or fishing in waters of said company, and any person so hunting or fishing will be prosecuted.—The lands of this company are posted.
24 tf F. S. BELL.

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For the City of Baird for delinquent taxes of 1890 to '97.

NAME	Year	Original Grantee or Addition	Lot	Block	General Fund	Poll	Interest	Total tax	Total tax Interest and cost
Brannon J. A. '97	1890	Baird	12 7 30	$1 50	1	80			
" "	1892	"	12 7 25			07	32		
" "	1893	"	12 7 40	$1 29	1	69			6 33
" "	1894	"	12 7 40			06	46		
" "	1895	"	12 7 15			01	16		
" "	1896	"	12 7 15				15		
Barker Geo	1891	"	3 42 50			16	66		
" "	1893	"	3 42 25			06	31		2 19
" "	1895	"	3 42 20			02	22		
Brown J. C	1890	"	3, 4 44 25			10	35		85
Beckwith E M	1890	"	12, 13 45 40			15	55		1 05
Durst John	1890	"	9 25 25			10	35		
" "	1892	"	9 25 50			14	64		3 06
" "	1893	"	9 25 25			05	30		
" "	1894	"	9 25 45			07	52		
Derkert M	1890	"	11, 21 45 55			21	76		1 84
" "	1891	"	11 45 25			08	33		
Daniels W M	1895	N. A. to B	4 13 10			01	11		61
Hill S W	1890	Baird	3 43 20			08	28		1 35
" "	1892	"	3 43 25			07	32		
Huffman J H	1890	N. A. to B	6 9 25			10	35		
" "	1894	"	6 9 10			02	12		1 57
" "	1896	"	6 9 10				10		
McWilliams H B	1890	Baird	1 33 15			06	21		1 26
" "	1893	"	1 33 25			05	30		
Newton W A	189[illegible]	"	4 46 25			10	35		1 40
" "	1894	"	4 46 25			05	30		
Ogle S L	1892	"	17 48 50			14	64		1 14
" "	1892	"	10 35 50			14	64		1 14
" "	1892	"	8 33 25			07	32		82
Speer M F	92-3	"	4 25 50			11	61		
" "	1894	"	4 25 50			08	58		2 76
" "	1895	"	4 25 20			02	22		
" "	1896	"	4 25 10				10		
Thayer M C B	1890	"	7 39 50			20	70		1 20
Wood S E	1891	"	7 34 25			08	33		83
" "	1891	"	13 36 25			08	33		83
" "	1891	"	19 45 25			08	33		
" "	1892	"	19 45 25			07	32		1 40
Ass, N H Est	1893	"	4, 5 48 50			10	60		1 10
Parvin Mrs C F	1893	"	16, 17, 18 36	$3		63	63		4 13
Stroube Mrs W C	1892	"	1-2 2, 34 25			08	33		83
Unknown	1890	"	11, 12 23 25			10	35		85
"	1890	"	6 25 25			10	35		85
"	1890	N. A. to B.	6 2 05			02	07		
"	1894	"	6 2 05			01	06		
"	1895	"	6 2 05			01	06		1 49
"	1896	"	6 2 05				05		
"	1891	"	1, 2, 3 13 05			2	07		57
"	1895	"	5 18 10			1	11		61
"	1895	"	6 13 10			1	11		61
"	1895	"	6 14 05				05		90
"	1896	"	6 14 10				10		
"	1894	"	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 8 a 10			02	12		62

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Callahan. } I, Ed Coppins, tax collector in and for the city of Baird, Texas, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original list of delinquent taxes furnished the City Council of Baird this 30th day of Aug. 1897. ED COPPINS, Tax Collector of the City of Baird.

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Callahan. } I, J. H. Laird, secretary of the City Council of Baird do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original list of lots and blocks delinquent on the 31st day of March 1897, for the taxes of 1890 to 1896 inclusive as the same now appears of record in the delinquent tax record for the city of Baird.
Given under my hand this 30th day of Aug., 1897.
JNO. H. LAIRD, City Secretary.

TOWN LOTS AND BLOCKS DELINQUENT FOR TAXES OF 1896.

James W. M.	1896	Baird	5 45 60	$1 05	1	65	2	15
Ryan Dennis	1896	"	52 3 4, 3 40 60			02	62	1 12
Unknown	1896	"	4 67 10				10	60
"	1896	N. A. to B	4, 5, 6 10 10				10	60

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County of Callahan. } I, Ed Coppins, tax collector for the city of Baird, Texas, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original list of delinquent taxes for 1896 furnished the city council of Baird this 30th day of Aug. 1897. ED COPPINS, Tax Collector for the city of Baird, Tx.

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County of Callahan. } I, Jno. H. Laird, secretary of the city council of Baird do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original lists of lots and blocks delinquent on the 31 day of March 1897 for the taxes of 1896 as the same now appears of record in the delinquent tax list of the city of Baird.
Give under my hand this 30th day of August 1897.
JNO. H. LAIRD, City Secretary.

DEEP CREEK DOTS.

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ent clouds may disappear soon and the momentary anger of indignant parents may give way to the benignant smile of the condoning father and mother.

A good slow rain on Monday. It helped the cotton and fodder crops and filled the cisterns, but failed to bring water to the tanks and stock-water is still scarce.

Two gentlemen from the Surles neigoborhood who returned the other week with new wagons from Baird told me that Harry Meyers sold them them the same brand $10 cheaper than they were asked for in Cisco. Messrs Harris and Rowden who were at Cisco last week reported that cotton brought there only 6.37 1-2 when Baird paid not less than 6.50. I think that in view of the energetic competition these facts should be made known and I hope THE STAR who has always been true to the interests of Baird, will do it. H. B.

GILLILAND PASTURE POSTED.

Owing to the many depredations committed by hunters in my pasture on Pecan Bayou, I am compelled to forbid all hunting on the land or fishing in the waters in said pasture. Any person so trespassing will be prosecuted. This pasture is posted.
38tf J. Y. GILLILAND.

MASONIC NOTICES.

Baird Chapter No. 182, R. A. M. will hold its regular meeting next Friday night Sept. 17th. Work in council degrees. All members of Baird Chapter are requested to be present. Visiting companions cordially invited. W. E. GILLILAND, H.P.

There will be a called meeting of Baird Lodge No. 522 F. & A. M. on Saturday night Sept. 18th for work. District Deputy Grand Master King, of Albany, will visit the lodge on this occasion. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

HERMAN SCHWARTZ, W. M.

STOCK NOTES.

W. A. Hinds sold one hundred head of 1 and 2 year old steers to D. F. White at $20 per head.

Pat Hollis, from Toyah went east last Wednesday.

J. M. Daugherty went west Wednesday from his ranch in the Territory.

T. B. Hadley was in town this week wanting to buy cattle.

W. J Corn, of Weatherford is out in this country looking for feeders.

The Cisco oil mill will start up the first of next week.

J. W. Cloud, of Albany, will feed five hundred steers at Cisco.

H. A. Pierce, of Waxahachie, will feed three hundred steers at Cisco.

Big Stock

New Goods

AT

LEO. STERN'S.

My Fall and Winter Goods are now coming in and I am prepared to meet all competition in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Etc. I selected my stock in the eastern markets in person and am sure I can please you in style, quality and prices. Am to buisy to write an ad this week, but never to buisy to wait on customers. Call and see me.

The Bargains at My Store Are Many.

H. Schwartz, Mgr.

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$300 REWARD.

By a resolution unanimously passed at a regular meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties a standing reward of $300 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft, or illegal branding of any cattle or horses bnlonging to any member of said association.

Attest.

J. B. CUTBIRTH, Pres.
F. S. BELL, Secy.

$100 REWARD.

The Stock Raisers Association of Coleman and Adjoining counties hereby offer a reward of $100 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who are guilty of stealing or killing any stock belonging to any member or members of this association. To be paid when satisfactory proof is made to the executive committee of this association.

R. H. OVERALL, Pres.
A. T. BROWN, Sec. 12tf

Mr. James E Ferrell, of Burnt House W. Va., has discarded all other diarrhoea medicines and now handles only Chamberlaind's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He has used it in his family and sold it to his customers for years, and has no hesitation in saying that it is the best remedy for colic and diarrhoe, he has ever known. It not only gives relief, but effects a permanent cure. It is also pleasant and safe to take, making it an ideal remedy for bowel complaints. For sale by all druggist Sept.

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