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One Star.

Practical advice... How to get the best... What things to buy...

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BOYDSTUN'S Grand Spring Opening. TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 AND 4.

\$200.00 Worth of Glassware, Water Sets and Jardines given away on these days or as long as the articles last. First come has better choice.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD AND 4TH

We promise you a treat to the swellest line of Hardware and the best assorted stock of Dry Goods ever shown in Baird. Don't miss it! It is worth coming. We want you to make our store your trading house.



Dress Goods And Silks, Etc.

EASTER—but a few weeks away. It is time to begin planning for your new costume.

Men's Shirts.

No better or prettier shirts made than the Wilson Brod and Monarch. We have them in plain white, plaid, bosom and a fine line of fancy colors, silk fronts and golf fronts in large varieties.

Men's Neckwear.

We are displaying an elegant assortment of Men's Neckwear.

Who takes The Lead?

When the boys' clothes are to be selected? The father, of course; boy next, and then the father, and all he has to do is to pay the bill. That's easy.

OUR KNEE PANTS AND SUITS

Of the best known STANDARD MAKES, ranging from \$2.00 to \$8.00, will please the mother, fit the boy and satisfy the father.

We are also showing a large and handsome line of "Young Men's Suits, ages 14 to 18 years, in a great variety of patterns.

VESTES AND SAILOR SUITS—We have the prettiest Vestee and Sailor Suits you ever laid your eyes on, made from fine Serge, Cheviots and Fancy Mixtures.



House Furnishings.

When you are ready to arrange your house and beautify your home, we are ready to show you Lace Curtains, Curtain Net, Dotted Swiss Curtains, Window Shades, Carpets and Mattings.

CORSETS.

Corset Covers and Ladies' Ready Made Under Garments not to be slighted, but well worth your looking over.

Ladies Shoes.

The swellest line of ladies' shoes to be seen anywhere. We have the strap sandals with most bows from \$1.00 to \$2.00.



Shirt we

We have a line of shirt and want you to see them.

PULLY BELTS, DOG COLLAR BELTS, WOVEN WIRE BELTS, CHAIN BAGS HEARTS BRACELETS AND MANY OTHER NOVELTIES THAT'S ALL THE GO.

No Greater Values to be found anywhere. No better treatment given. Yours for Business. B. L. BOYDSTUN.

POWELL & POWELL, DRUGGISTS.

Solicit your patronage for any and everything in the Drug line. We will endeavor to keep a first-class Drug Store, giving you prompt attention.

Drugs and Druggist Sundries, ALWAYS ON HAND. CALL AND SEE US.

NICE BOX PAPER, TABLETS, COLOGNE, TOILET SOAPS. POWELL & POWELL, Druggists.

WEDDING BELLS

to Colored Society at Baird. Married at the residence of the bride's parents Jas. and Mary Beasley in Baird, Thursday evening, March 22nd.

NOTICE

All teachers desiring to teach in the pay term of the Baird Public School will please hand in their application of appointment to the Board of Trustees by Saturday, 24th day of March 1900.

Children often inherit feeble digestive power and colic of a more or less severe character results, when food is taken which is at all different to digest.

Attend my spring opening, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3rd and 4th, and I will promise you a showing of beautiful spring goods unequalled in the west.

Paletine Drops the only guaranteed cure on earth for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Chronic Constipation, Cramp Colic, Lagrigne Caricak, Sick and Nervous Headache.

FOR SALE. Good building shares for sale in Oregon, Colorado and California in monthly payments.

PALACE DRUG STORE.

We carry a full line of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc. We also carry a nice line of WALL PAPER.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases, over a large part of the civilized world.

Five lines of dolls at all seasons of the year at R. A. Speer's.

T. E. MILLS, Jack Jones, E. C. FULTON HOTEL SEAY BARBER SHOP.

Skilled Artists, and Equipments Second to none in the West. HOT AND COLD BATHS.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church.—Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

M. E. Church, South.—Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League every Sunday at 3 p. m. Mrs. Annie M. Miller, Supr.

Bairst Church.—Preaching 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Baptist Young People's Union Sunday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Geo. Barbo, Mendota, Va., says: "Nothing did me so much good as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. One dose relieved me, a few notices cured me."

Other People Do Why Not You?

SAVE MONEY BY BUYING YOUR Groceries From J. F. VAUGHN.

I have opened a Fine Stock of Nice Fresh and would like for you to get my prices before it is too late.

CLEAN UP, CLEAN UP.

Small pox is several of our Texas towns, and our people should use every precaution to keep it out of our town.

Prescriptions filled accurately at R. A. Speer's drug store.

Prevention Cough and Consumption Cure checks a cough in one minute, breaks a cold in one day, none so good.

Remember R. PHILLIPS

Is Doing Business At the same old Stand.

I keep everything usually found in a first-class drug store and a good deal more. Call and See Us.

When Joe Bailey was first elected to congress his boast was that he never neglected his official duties, and once had his pay doctored for one half day's absence at a horse race. That was years ago, but times have changed and so has Bailey. He is no longer to go to the senate that he has abandoned his duties at Washington to spend two or three months canvassing in Texas, who, no doubt, he will draw his pay regularly while he is working actively for himself. Whichever Bailey's friends may say against Chilton, they are bound to admit that he is attending to his duties at Washington, whereas the people sent him, while Bailey is neglecting his official duties to further his inordinate ambition. Bailey should be elected to stay at home for a few years in order to take some of the conceit out of him.

Om Paul is a patriot, but displayed bad judgment in underestimating the size of his enemy. In these days it isn't enough to be right; you must be wise also. — Easttown.

Om Paul is not the first politician who has let his ambition obscure their better judgment. Om Paul dreamed of a South African Confederation with himself as absolute ruler, and for twenty years has been preparing for the present struggle. He considered the opportune time had arrived to realize his dream: he sent a forty-eight hour ultimatum to Great Britain to move her troops away from the Transvaal frontier, and when the ultimatum was unheeded Kruger's army marched into British territory and began to expel the Boers.

Om Paul may be a patriot, but in the light of cold, historical facts, he is more like an unscrupulous politician whose vaunting ambition has blinded his eyes.

The Austin correspondent sent by the Houston Post to write up and boom Bailey at Cameron, says the man is absolutely swam through the mud of the "barbarous young comrade" whom the Post man denominated the intellectual successor of "Johnson." It is a fair guess to call Bailey a "barbarous young comrade" as the term is understood on these days. Bailey's associations are all of this kind.

Some unbusiness is felt by some of the parents of our town since diphtheria has made its appearance only a few miles away in the country, and we are guarding the health of their children seriously. It is wise at all times to use precaution against diseases, and especially contagious diseases, and when there is a case of diphtheria or scarlet fever it is well to be on guard. Disease germs lurk in many places, and it would be wise for every resident to take the opportunity to clean up and disinfect their premises. — Putnam Gazette.

The pro-floer press of the country refer to Kruger as the "gallant old comrade." The Lion of Africa, the Threepointed old Dutchman on whom all this taffy is lavished tranquilly smokes his pipe and sips his black coffee hundreds of miles from the battle fields. It does not require an extraordinary amount of courage for a man to talk big two hundred miles from the battle line. Kruger is, perhaps, as brave as the average Boer, perhaps more so, but then there is no particular necessity for slouching over a man like Kruger, even if he did say he preferred to see all of his two hundred relatives die in battle rather than submit to England. Old Krug has never said that he had rather die himself than see his country conquered.

THE STAR is indebted to Senator Culberson for late copies of the congressional records issued by the national government.

The roads leading to town are said to be almost as bad as the streets and sidewalks in town. Both were nearly impassable last week.

J. H. Stephens, the present incumbent, W. B. Plemmons, of Amarillo, and Dr. J. C. Culberson, of Colleton City, are candidates for congress from this district.

The Constitution and Declaration of Independence must go unprotected for a season while their authors and guarantors, in making speeches in Texas in a vain effort to supplant Chilton in the senate.

Dr. W. M. Yandell, an old time doctor at El Paso, mentioned suicide last Friday night at his home in El Paso. His health is assigned as the cause of the rash act. Dr. Yandell was a leprosy patient, and had a host of friends among the newspaper fraternity, as well as all other classes, who regret his death.

It is given out from Washington that W. J. Bryan will move to Texas in the event he is defeated for the presidency this fall. The people of Texas are well advised to watch Bryan whether he is elected or defeated, though a few of our leading politicians in the state might, perhaps, rather see him remain in Nebraska.

It is announced that ex-Governor Hogg will make some speeches for Chilton. If James Stephen takes a notion to help out his friend, who is absent in Washington attending to his official duties, the Hon. Joseph Weldon Bailey will find his campaign for the senate up hill work from the start. Jim Hogg is the biggest man in Texas.

If you really believe trusts reduce prices just ask some newspaper man what he thinks of the newspaper trust. Within the last thirty days a paper has advanced in price. The paper is not a wood pulp and print paper imposed by the Dingley bill. The tariff on the wood pulp and print paper and the trust would have to get out of business or reduce prices to a legitimate rate. Every newspaper in the United States knows the Dingley bill is responsible for the high price of paper, and they know too, that the trust alone is benefited. Wages are no higher, and, in fact, are lower, because fewer men are employed at the paper mills. Fewer mills are running than formerly.

M. M. Crane has concluded after a mature deliberation that he has not the time to spare to run for governor this year. The Hon. H. W. Hall who is feeling around to see how the political wind is blowing, will no doubt soon come to the same conclusion. This is a bad year for young and ambitious statesmen to tackle old Bayes.

Sheldon's effort to run a daily newspaper, as he believed Jesus would run it were on earth, has caused no end of comment. The paper proved a financial success for the present, but it does not appear to have done the cause of religion any good. It looks like a silver game to make money by the owners of the paper, though Mr. Sheldon himself is said to have retired, and offered that he was to receive no compensation for his work even by Rev. Sheldon in this matter, judged by his record, he would not run a daily paper of any kind, because he has no earthly use for it, and it takes money to work it. But had he run a paper we do not believe he would have tried to make a money-making machine out of the business in the name of religion, or the Sheldons plan did do for the owners of the Topeka Capital. Christ drove such persons from the temple while on earth, and he would hardly have formed a compact with such a layout now. Rev. Sheldon, we believe, meant well, but he made a mistake.

The newspaper business is a legitimate business, either secular or religious, but there is no call for making a fraud of the business. We have religious papers all over the country, and if they are not run as Jesus would have them run it is the owners' fault.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following rates will be charged for advertisements for office in THE STAR for the year, 1901:

For County Judge.....	\$10.00
For County and District Clerk.....	8.00
For Sheriff.....	8.00
For County Treasurer.....	8.00
For County Assessor.....	8.00
For County Attorney.....	8.00
For County Surveyor.....	8.00
For Public Weigher.....	8.00
For County Commissioner.....	8.00
For District Attorney.....	8.00
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**BUT DO CLAIM TO HAVE THE VERY NICEST ASSORTMENT TO BE FOUND,
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LEO. STERN,

Dolores would meet me with a glad smile of welcome, and the past few days of mental anguish would vanish like a horrid dream. But when I had with trembling hand lifted the latch and stepped inside the yard, faithful old Francisco and Nina, who had heard my approach, came forward to meet me, and the first glance at their anxious, tear-stained countenances confirmed all my worst fears. It was just able to utter her name—

"Dolores," said they both at once, "but she left a letter for your worship," said old Nana.

"And leading the way to an old desk that stood in the housekeeper's room, she hurriedly unlocked it and took out a sealed letter, which I tore open with nervous haste. It was addressed to 'Don Sancho Pedro, to be given him when he returned.' And this is what it said:

"Having been led to see you in your true colors, I bid you farewell forever, and seek the protection of one whose love I cannot doubt.

CHAPTER III.

"It is said that the criminal about to be tried for his life never sleeps on the night before trial, although many are known to sleep soundly the night after conviction. So long as there remained the faintest hope that Dolores had not deserted me, I had been unable to sleep, and had hardly waited to take the necessary refreshments to sustain life, but as soon as it seemed that the last spark of hope had fled, exhausted nature claimed its due. So, crumpling the letter in my hand, I flung myself on the bed and slept the sound sleep of utter exhaustion and despair. Next morning I awoke, and had called on old Dolores farewell two days before she disappeared, saying that he was going to return to his native land, but had no private conversation with Dolores on either occasion, old Nana being present both times. No one else had been on the place except the priest who married us, who was there for a while on the day before she disappeared. Her father, who had never forgiven her, had not been on the place, although when he learned that she had disappeared, he had joined in the search. All this furnished no clue to the mystery, and except for Manuel's suspicion and her letter there would have been no reason to believe that she had gone with Dupree. Hiding to the village where his company had been stationed, I learned that he had resigned,

as Manuel said, on the day before Dolores' disappearance, and had not been seen since that day. To me, however, (except Manuel, who had told his suspicions to no one but me, had thought of connecting Dupree's resignation with Dolores' disappearance, which was a perfect mystery to everybody.) I returned home and tried to take up life again; tried to forget, tried to think of her as unworthy. What could she mean by being led to see me in my true colors? She was too well acquainted with the true character of Manuel to be misled by him. No one else had seen her, but Dupree and the priest, so it must have been the love and protection of the former that she had accepted. Thus I reasoned. But as often as I told myself that there could no longer be any doubt of her guilt, just so often did I find myself trying to find some reason to disbelieve my own conclusions. But while lingering love might contend with reason, there was one thing about which there could be no doubt—Dolores was gone—gone forever, and with her the light of my life. So, selling the old place and giving liberal rewards to the faithful old servants, who wept when I told them farewell, I left the valley of San Pablo forever. For several years I lived the life of a hermit in the mountains of Sonora. But the lingering love might contend with reason, there was one thing about which there could be no doubt—Dolores was gone—gone forever, and with her the light of my life. So, selling the old place and giving liberal rewards to the faithful old servants, who wept when I told them farewell, I left the valley of San Pablo forever. For several years I lived the life of a hermit in the mountains of Sonora. But the

old man man more than once, but controlling himself with a strong effort, patiently awaited the conclusion of the narrative. "Your worship has told a story both interesting and pathetic," said he, "but peculiarly so to me from the fact that it reminds me so forcibly of one I heard from an old priest in Monterey."

"Let us hear it," said Don Sancho. "About twenty-five years ago," said Carlos, "a beautiful Mexican maiden, being to love with the son of her father's bitter enemy, yielded to the urgent entreaties of her lover and left her father's house at midnight to go with him to the village priest to be married. Mousing these horses they reached the highway, when to her surprise, her lover, instead of taking the road which led to the village church, turned in the direction of his own house. To her surprised inquiry as to the cause of the change, he replied that fortunately that there was a writing priest then at his house who

would perform the ceremony as well as another. Without any serious misgivings the maiden consented to the change, and was soon after married by the supposed priest to the one she loved. After a few months of happiness, when the one she believed to be her husband was away from home, the priest who had married them returned, and with many expressions of deepest remorse, told her that he was no priest, and had only been employed by the man she believed to be her husband to play the priest for the time in order to bring disgrace on the daughter of his hereditary enemy.

"Wild with grief and shame she fled from the house of one who had so cruelly wronged her, and took refuge in the convent of the Sacred Heart at Monterey. There her child was born, and there she died soon after of a broken heart. Her child, a son, was at an early age turned over to the old priest, who raised him to manhood and who told me the story."

Both men had risen to their feet while Carlos was telling the story, Don Sancho's interest increasing from surprise to astonishment, and at the conclusion, placing a hand on each shoulder of the young man and staring him squarely in the face, he said in a voice vibrating with emotion:

"The maiden was Dolores, but you, young man, who are you?"

"Dolores' son and yours," said Carlos.

The old man gazed steadily into the young man's face for some time, speechless with amazement. Finally he said: "But have you any proof by which your story can be substantiated?"

[To be Continued.]

WINDHAT PASTURES POSTED.
Owing to the many depredations committed by hunters in my pastures at Pinesmith, I am compelled to forbid all hunting on the lands or falling in the waters of all pastures owned or controlled by me. Any person so trespassing will be prosecuted. These pastures are posted.

TOM WINDHAM.

PROMPT BUSINESS.
J. H. Peters, agent here for the Old Hartford Insurance company, of Hartford, Conn., adjusted my loss, caused by fire on my house. The proof of loss was mailed on March 22d, and on March 24th, in just two days, the money was here in full of claim. This is the way the Old Hartford does business.

ED. WHITTEN.

HEREFORD BULLS.
For sale, 20 Hereford Bulls, mostly year-olds, well fed and ready for service; located at Laird. Call 616 or 214-46d.



He Can't Believe It.

He's blowing with all his might and can barely stir the recording hand from zero. There's many a big, healthy looking man who weak on the lungs. Probably half or two-thirds of his lung surface barely knows the contact of oxygen. He's the kind of man, who, when a cough attacks him, goes galloping down the road toward consumption. Many such a man has found strength and healing for weak lungs and times liberated by coughing and drained by hemorrhages, in the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The healing power of this medicine in pulmonary disease seems little short of marvelous at times, so extreme are the conditions which it cures. The "Discovery" contains no alcohol, and no narcotics.

"When I started to take your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' writes Mr. A. J. Bennett, of Connecticut, 'I was so weak and fatigued by coughing and spitting, that I was unable to get on my feet. After using your medicine for a few days, my coughing stopped, and my appetite improved. I can now perform all the work of my office as well as in a few more days.'"

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation.

FELL ASLEEP.
On Thursday, March 15th, at the residence of his parents in Baird, Texas, Hunter McGuire Bell, youngest child of F. S. and Nannie Bell, aged 11 months and 14 days.

A few more steps along the road, and he would have reached the first mile stone, but the message from his father met him, telling him that his place, soon, was prepared and made ready, and his watching angel was waiting to conduct him into the eternal arms of his Saviour.

Scarcely a year, and yet he was rich in the spoils of tender, loving hearts that had captured; hearts that will never more be galled when they realize that fullness of joy only to be known in His presence, at whose right hand there are thousands for evermore, and

Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet, and the redeemed and ransomed in great multitudes, and the Father of mercies, and the Father of the Lamb in the great of the world.

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If you want the best fruit and early bearing of the nursery trees, give me your orders. I will save you money. Write to L. L. Welch, City, Tex.

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Address orders to The Republic, St. Louis Mo.

J. I. McWhorter and Lem Lambert run up from the Lower Bayou Monday.

Jasper McCoy and J. H. Hill were in town today Monday.

Fred Altord and Mr. Finley were in buying farm machinery from Harry Meyer Monday. Looks like the boys were going to farming acre enough.

J. J. Preston returned from the hills a week or two days ago. The man says they treated him well, he was there and had no room to complain about. It was reported, but that was a mistake. He got a commutation in line for good behavior, that is, didn't have to serve full time.

MACHINISTS OUT.

They Demand Nine Hours' Work and Ten Hours' Pay.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT.

If Concessions are Made a General Strike Will be Called the First of Next Month.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—In accordance with a former decision, the machineists employed in more than fifty establishments laid down their tools at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. It is estimated that about 1500 men were included in the strike, for a few days several thousand additional men in other trades, dependent upon the machineists, are expected to follow. The strikers declare they will remain out until their demand for a nine-hour day with ten hours' pay is granted by the employers.

At four establishments the machineists were notified early in the day that their demands had been granted. At those places the men returned to work.

At O'Connell's of the International union has issued the following statement: "A nine-hour day is not granted and the strikers will continue their strike, involving 200,000 machineists, until it is turned into that concession."

"The strikes now in operation in Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus and other cities have so far encouraged the machineists of the United States to make a general demand for a nine-hour day, and unless the present strikes are speedily adjusted it will be very hard to prevent a general movement."

"Telegrams are pouring in from all sections of the country asking for permission to make the demand. I am, however, trying to avoid the necessity of a general strike, and if the offer of the National Metal Trades association can be induced to meet in the spirit of fairness, without imposing unreasonable conditions to their propositions, a general strike can be averted."

"If the employers, however, insist that all present strikes must be declared off for an indefinite period before they will consider the question of arbitration, an amicable adjustment cannot be looked for."

Business Agent Ferguson of the Cleveland Machinists' union stated that the men in forty-four establishments are out on strike. The union demand, he states, has been accepted by several companies.

Horrible Work.

Raleigh, N. C., March 23.—A negro Tom Jones, commonly known in the county as "Preacher Jones," Thursday morning murdered Ella Jones, his oldest daughter, 14, and then set fire to the beds in which the bodies of the victims and four sleeping children, ranging in age from a baby to a woman, were more than 5. The crime was committed at Garner's, a little town five miles east, where Jones was doing business with an axe. The murderer, according to the story of the little 7-year-old Laura Jones, who escaped with her young sister, deliberately struck the mother four times and then made two cuts into the body of the oldest child. He then fired the house and it was completely destroyed. The body of Ella Jones and that of Ella, the oldest child, were burned beyond recognition. The dead are: Ella Jones, the mother, aged 37; Ida Jones, aged 15; Josie Jones, aged 5; Nancy Jones, aged 3; Clever Jones, aged 2; an unnamed baby, 1 month old.

Two girls who escaped were Laura Jones, aged 7, and Sid Jones, aged 4.

When the people heard the story of the murder they went to the scene to arrest him. They found his clothes still bore stains of fresh blood and that his hands were covered with it.

In the senate, Senator Bacon of Georgia said the conference report on the Puerto Rican bill means a continuation of the Dingley law.

Immense Transfer.

Lake Charles, La., March 23.—A deal was filed for record in the office of C. G. Gill, parish clerk, and executor of the estate of the late J. M. L. Lumber company of an immense body of California pine logs. By the terms of the agreement, 100,000 logs are to be transferred to the hands of the J. M. L. Lumber company of Houston. The price paid for the logs was \$22,500,000, dated Jan. 1, 1914, at 6 per cent per annum.

PIERCE PRESENT.

The Oil Magazine Arrives at Waco and Gives Out a Statement.

Waco, Tex., March 23.—Judge Same R. Scott and Sheriff John W. Baker received a visitor Monday who surprised them very much by his unusual appearance in the court room. It was Mr. Henry Clay Pierce, formerly president and now the managing director of the Waters-Pierce Oil company. Mr. Pierce was accompanied by his son, Mr. Clay Arthur Pierce, and assistant treasurer of the company, and by his attorneys, Judge J. D. Johnson of St. Louis and Messrs. George Clark and D. C. Bolinger of Waco. He announced that he had been indicted by the jurisdiction of the district court of McLennan county, and immediately entered plea guilty in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance to stand trial on an indictment pending in Judge Scott's court charging him with violating the Texas contract law by engaging in a conspiracy.

Mr. Henry Clay Pierce is one of four distinguished capitalists who are indicted in Judge Scott's court in 1914. The others were Messrs. John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler and other equally prominent men whose combined wealth runs over the billion mark.

After entering into recognition for his appearance, Mr. Pierce handed out the following statement: "The contracts and transactions upon which the indictment against me was founded were without any legal force, and naturally, I do not intend to stand by the various legal questions involved. These decisions have been made to place myself within the jurisdiction of McLennan county, wherein indictment against me was made. I believe that every one should respect and obey the laws of the land as interpreted by the courts."

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Taylor Touchdown. Sherman, Tex., March 23.—Gov. Bob Taylor of Tennessee is out about Houston. He discovered that fact at the union depot in this city. It was taken from his right hand trousers pocket. He said: "There was a rush and a jam at the passenger station in Dallas Monday for the train bound for Sherman. When I got on the platform some one called out to the car and was full and there was a man standing by the smoker. It was at this last rush that I feel sure I was touched."

Washburn, March 23.—At a meeting of the executive council of the Federation of Labor resident Gumpers was directed in the event of inability to secure the investigation of the charges preferred against Claude M. Johnson, director of the bureau of investigation, engraving, to endeavor to bring about a congressional investigation.

Resolutions were adopted instructing the legislative committee to propose legislation regarding the importation of liquor, or the increase of the standing army.

To Organize.

New York, March 23.—The threat of the legislative leaders of organized labor to tie up the machine shops through out the country unless the nine-hour day is granted to all employees has been met with a strong response from the members of the National Textile Trade union as a cause to be taken into consideration by the legislature. The new organization is only partially organized and is expected to include the machine manufacturers of this city and adjacent towns.

Closing Up.

San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—Although there has been no authentic news of the late age of the late John C. Mulcahey, the municipal department is taking every precaution to guard against his introduction, and a large force of men are sent to hunt out all the one-rooming places and have them closed. Three deaths among Chinese are being investigated, but so far nothing has developed to lead to the fact that the deceased men died from hook fever.

POPULISTS MEET.

Party Leaders Confer, Followed by Executive Committee Session.

Waco, Tex., March 23.—The leading Populists of the state met Saturday morning at a meeting held at the home of J. A. Parker of Louisville, Ky., the national secretary of the middle-class party. Mr. Parker's mission here was to advocate an early Texas convention and to prevent if possible official recognition of the Bismarck Fair movement. The two men whose farewell letters the Populists of this state are committed to the opposition organization in Lincoln, Neb., by electing D. Clem Denton, W. H. Parker of Kentucky national secretary, Paul Dixon of Missouri, national treasurer, and Messrs. Jerome Kearney of Texas, John C. Lane of Oregon, W. L. H. B. Fay of Minnesota and Jan. H. Ferris of Illinois members of the national executive committee. A statement to the press of the situation and the same committee was instructed to issue a call for a national convention to be held at the people's party to meet at Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday, May 9, 1910, for the purpose of nominating a presidential ticket for President and vice president and in addition to prepare a complete statement of the case and issue an address covering the same.

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DOUALE DEATH DROP.

Two Murderers Pass over the River of Death at Houston.

Bonham, Tex., March 23.—Newson Morris and Frank White were hanged in this city Friday afternoon. The two condemned negroes awaited the morning meeting being a short sleep and ate a hearty breakfast. They were taken out of their cells at 10:30 and shaved, after which they put on the clothes prepared for them to wear to the scaffold. Return to the cell and the two men were shaved by Revs. Jones and Davis, their spiritual advisers.

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Dr. Vandell Salidas.

Mr. Vandell, state quarantine officer at this point, and one of the best known men in Texas killed himself at his home at 8 o'clock Friday night by sending a bullet through his brain.

Dr. Vandell was 27 years of age, and had lived here for at least ten years. He was born in Tennessee, but was a member of the noted Vandell family of Louisville, Ky. He had been suffering from asthma for years, and recently there was a complication of other diseases.

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