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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1889.

The oil inspection law, passed by the last legislature, is being cussed and discussed from Dan to Bersheba.

AS LONG as a majority of our subscribers approve of the course of THE STAR we care nothing for the kicking and howling of those who are too stingy to take it.

SUNSET COX, the famous New York statesman humorist, is reported dying. His death will be a serious loss to the Democratic party, as well as to the country at large.

THE STAR acknowledges receipt of premium list and complimentary ticket to the State Grange fair to be held at McGregor, beginning October 4 and closing October 14.

We omitted to acknowledge receipt last week of a premium list and complimentary ticket to the Dublin, Erath county, fair, to be held at Dublin, Tex., September 10 to 12.

COME to the mill meeting Saturday prepared to put your shoulder to the wheel and help start the mill and water company. It appears to have staid half way up the hill.

The circulation of THE STAR grows day by day, which goes to prove that the people of Callahan county know what it takes to constitute a newspaper in fact as well as in name.

BAIRD cast forty-three votes against the school tax and only thirty-nine for the mill. It looks like the mill is going the way of the school tax. It certainly will if we don't look out.

If it is such a terrible thing to tax one man to educate somebody else's child why not do away with the state tax also. If it is wrong for a district to levy a tax it is wrong for the state to levy a tax.

ABLENE, Albany, Cisco and Coleman have all voted a special tax for school purposes. Wonder how many new-comers will settle in Baird because it refuses to vote such a tax. Did you ever think about this?

STEVE BRODIE, the famous bridge jumper of New York, went over Niagara Falls last Saturday in a rubber suit. Unfortunately for the balance of the fools in the United States he came out without any serious injury.

THE Brownwood Bulletin has changed hands lately. J. H. Byrd & Co. having bought out of H. Byrd & Co. and will put in a new power press, new type and make the Bulletin an all home print paper. We congratulate the Bulletin on the proposed change.

COLEMAN county furnished Baird its first cotton bale, which sold for 11 cents and a premium of \$10.50.—Coleman Voice.

Send the men on brother Callan, Baird is anxious for more Coleman cotton and will pay better prices than any town in western Texas for it.

THE vote for trustees was scattering, more than twenty names being voted for. No understanding had been arrived at as to who should be elected. The following received the highest number of votes, and we presume will be the trustees, provided they will qualify: W. C. Whitley, S. T. Fraser and W. E. Gilliland.

SAYS one, why don't you fellows rustle if you want a mill? The truth is the small fry are doing all they can, but if those who are able to assist will not do so the mill project, like everything else, will end in smoke. We do hope the people of the town will not let the mill project fail, but we confess that at present we see but very little ground for such hope.

THE abuse of some men is worth more to THE STAR than their praise. Take some of the Cottonwood Prodigal's correspondents for instance; their abuse of this paper has done more to increase our circulation than anything else. Keep up your mud-slinging, gentlemen, if it affords you any pleasure, for we assure you we have no cause to kick, as new subscribers are coming in all the time.

It is disgusting to see the amount of humbuggery there is in politics these days. Here are politicians howling themselves hoarse for a railroad commission just because they want to be on the popular side; some of them, not all, we will admit. We are fast losing all respect for the average politician of the present day, because their main object seems to be to get and retain office regardless of everything else.

SOME want to know if THE STAR will not pull up stakes and skip because the school tax was defeated. Oh, no; THE STAR is not built that way, because we are in favor of a majority ruling. As a majority of the voters say they are satisfied with a three or four months school in a year THE STAR can stand it if the town can.

THE STAR worked for what it conceived to be for the best interest of the town in the school matter, as we do in all others; yet if the people do not want a good school at Baird we cannot help it, and all we have to say is that we had rather advocate a good cause and fail than to advocate a bad one and succeed.

Our old friend J. H. Byrd, of Byrd's Store, Brown county, has bought out the Brownwood Bulletin, labor organ, and assumed charge of said paper. We always knew that Jim would rise in the world, but we did not expect him to become a journalist. It is not likely, unless Jim has changed, that THE STAR and Bulletin will agree in politics in the future any more than the two editors have in the past. However, old boy, you have our best wishes for success in your new field.

The Coleman Progress fulfilled its mission, folded its tent last week and joined the silent majority of papers that came to fill a long-felt want. The Voice complacently remarks:

Well, two papers in a town of 1,200 inhabitants is simply an unnecessary tax upon the people. Three times within ten years Coleman has been subjected to this tax, but in each case one or the other "long-felt wants" subsided at the expense of its patrons.

The Cisco Round-up claims credit for starting a boom, which will probably be disputed by nine out of every ten papers in the state. The Round-up says:

The hog boom has struck the state with great force. The leading theme of the state press is home-made bacon and lard. If our memory serves us right, it was the Round-up that touched off this explosion that is reverberating throughout Texas.

OUR watermelon boy was correct. Baird goes on record as opposed to good schools, at least it defeated the only measure that will ever give us one, which amounts to the same thing. You may split hairs about taxing one man to educate another's children as much as you please, but the stubborn fact remains that a town that refuses to supplement the state school fund by local taxation need not make any calculation on keeping in hailing distance of live go-ahead towns that do tax themselves for school purposes.

We think it would be the best thing that ever happened for the state if the present state administration was defeated in the next state convention. Of course, we except Governor Ross, because he will not be a candidate. He has served his state with zeal and ability and will retire with the respect of all classes. As for the balance of the state officers, nothing would afford us more pleasure than seeing them retired to private life. Let us have a new deal all around. Scrape the old barnacles from the ship of state and give the young Democracy a chance.

Mr. C. J. Wilson, of the Cottonwood Prodigal, paid his respects to the Round-up office while in the city this week. He informs us that the trade of his section, with little inducements, would come to Cisco. Much of it already comes here and this fall the greater portion will follow the crowd to the best market and bargain center in the west.—Cisco Round-up.

Look here, C. J., how is this? This was about the way you talked to us when you was up here—only you said Baird in place of Cisco. Has the Prodigal deserted its own county for the flesh pots and bad water of Cisco? It would seem so from the above.

BAIRD gave itself a black eye Tuesday on the school question. Will it do the same thing next Saturday on the roller mill question? Only one-half of the mill stock has been subscribed. Thirty-eight men in town, nine-tenths of them are what would be called poor men in any country, have taken three hundred and eighteen of the necessary one thousand shares. In our opinion the town will have to take at least six hundred shares to make the enterprise a success. A mill with less than a \$10,000 capital, we fear, will be useless. Let us not haggle about the matter, but make up the stock.

A FEW days ago we warned those who favored the school tax that the measure would be badly defeated unless they went to work. The warning was unheeded, and last Tuesday verified the prediction. We now warn the business men and property-holders of Baird that unless they take more interest in the mill it will never be built. The people of the country will not build the mill or materially assist unless the people of the town show more faith in the enterprise. These are cold, stubborn facts, and we had just as well face the music just as last. Everyone who has any interest in the town ought to strain a point, if necessary, and take stock in the mill.

A FEW men thought they could play hot with THE STAR by attacking it through the columns of the Alliance organ at Cottonwood. It would make these same correspondents turn green with envy if they only knew that they had not been the means of THE STAR losing a single paying subscriber, but on the contrary, have materially aided THE STAR by causing many to take the paper that perhaps would not have done so had not the aforesaid correspondents made so much racket. THE STAR has kept right straight ahead regardless of the flings of malice and envy, and shall continue in the future as in the past, whether it pleases the Prodigal's correspondents or not. If the Prodigal has any more correspondents in reserve who think they can smash up THE STAR, let them say so; we like the fun, especially when it pays us so well.

THE manner of sealing the votes in the mill company, as was feared, has deterred some from taking stock in the enterprise. Those who favor building a mill at Baird will have to work that much the harder that is all. Come down with your ducates, if it is only ten dollars. If we wait for those who have plenty of money to assist the enterprise it will never be built; because very few men who have money to invest in such enterprises will not do so unless every share is allowed a vote—and some will not take stock no matter how you arrange it until it is demonstrated beyond a doubt that there is big money in it. There are certainly more than forty men in town who will take stock in the mill.

It is universally admitted that THE STAR is the best paper, more generally read, has the best circulation, gets more cursing, more praise and has more genuine get-up-and-get than any newspaper ever published in the county in the past or present. Well, we are trying to publish a county paper that will meet the demands of the best citizens of the county. From the amount of praise THE STAR receives from a majority of the people of the county we are satisfied THE STAR is accomplishing its mission. The little squad of mud-slingers, which occasionally show their ignorance, and at the same time exhibit their venom by making futile attacks upon the paper only confirms the statements of our friends that THE STAR is the best county paper in western Texas.

We tackled a well known man in town the other day and tried to get him to take stock in the mill. "Oh," he says, "I want to sell out." THE STAR wants to sell out, too, and that is why we took stock in the mill. We believe it will benefit the town and enable a whole lot of us to sell out; and if we get the thing going all right perhaps some of us would conclude to stay. Laying all jokes aside, we honestly believe that it is in the interest of every man who intends to remain in town to take stock in the mill, and if he wants to sell out, then he ought to, by all means, assist in building the mill; because he could sell out so much easier and at a better price. Remember this—no man wants to invest money in a dead town. If Baird would build a good roller mill it would demonstrate that there was some life in the town yet. The town can probably stand it to defeat the school tax, but it cannot afford to let all the trade from the country go to Abilene and Cisco because we have no mill.

THE Baird Blues went up to Anson Saturday to play a second game of ball with the Anson club. The second game resulted disastrously to the Baird boys, the score standing one to fifteen. Grant Bowlus was unable to play, and some of the boys could not go, and their places had to be supplied with new men, which made it against them. Alf Coleman, the pitcher for the Baird nine, threw his shoulder out of place about the first ball thrown. "Queen" Coleman, the catcher, had one of his fingers smashed in a horrible manner. Bob Cross got a sledge hammer blow in the breast with a ball, that disabled him; and several other got more or less hurt. Take it altogether, the boys had a fearful streak of bad luck, which could not be helped. The boys are not discouraged, but will tackle the Anson boys again at Abilene. The boys all speak highly of the nice treatment received at the hands of the Anson club.

The tendency of state politics seems to be in favor of a railway commission and most of the politicians and a great many influential newspapers have completely about faced to get out of the impending storm. THE STAR believes as firmly to-day as ever that a railroad commission will be a failure just as sure as the sun shines. If the railroads can control a whole legislature, as some advocates of a commission claim, it will be easier to control a commission of three or five men. We maintain that a commission will do the people no good, but it will be a splendid thing for the fortunate men who get the appointment as commissioners. Stringent laws controlling railroads and other corporations should be passed and enforced and that is all that is needed.

It does seem that it would not require any argument whatever to induce the people of the town to take hold of the mill project as one man, but judging from the number who attended the mill meeting last Thursday it would seem that there is not that concert of action on the part of the town people that is necessary to make the mill a success. We do hope that everyone in town, that possibly can, will attend the mill meeting next Saturday and show, by your presence at least, that you favor the enterprise whether you can assist or not. If you sit down and wait for the country people to build a mill here you are waiting ten years from now. Show the country people that you have faith in the enterprise and are willing to put your money into it and the country people will assist you; refuse to do this and the country people will refuse to take a sufficient amount of stock to build the mill. Heed the warning in time, because it is to your individual interest to do so.

For the benefit of those who think we were out of place when we stepped aside to answer "Anarchist" in his home paper, we will say that we promised, some time ago, not to bore our readers with a long article on "Anarchist" again. As he had made

all his attacks upon this paper through the columns of the Prodigal we concluded to answer him through the columns of his paper, simply because we did not wish to tire our readers with refuting his slanders. As to "Anarchist's" boast that we had to do this to reach the people of the county we will say that if the proprietor of the Prodigal or any of his friends have any doubts about which has the larger subscription list in the county, let them examine the subscription lists of the two papers. We have never bragged about our subscription list, but as several of the Prodigal's correspondents claim that that paper has the largest circulation in the county, we will venture the assertion that THE STAR has more subscribers in Baird than the Prodigal has in the entire county, and take the county over we have double the number of subscribers that the Prodigal has.

The total actual cost of constructing and equipping the East Line and Red River railroad was about \$7,000 per mile. The company issued fictitious stock and sold the road to Gould at a handsome profit. And Gould at once bonded it for about \$35,000 per mile.—BAIRD STAR.

Yet THE STAR in its editorials since this controversy began would have the people believe that the railroads never done anything of the kind. Billy is learning his lesson.—P. D. Norton in Cottonwood Prodigal.

This statement is similar to the one made by "Anarchist" that THE STAR called the Alliance anarchists. There is not a word of truth in the statement at least so say our files, which are probably as good evidence as the statement of a non-subscriber. So far as learning our lesson we have always tried to discuss the railroad and all other questions fairly and honestly, something "Anarchist" has failed to learn so far, as the above assertion of his is simple proof.

NEXT Saturday will tell the tale whether Baird will have a roller mill. There would be no doubt about the matter if the people of the town really wanted a mill. Some of them do, but from the way the stock is being taken it is not very encouraging. We shall hope for the best to the last. Five or ten shares by business men who ought to take from fifty to one hundred shares is what makes the mill project such a hard pull. The business men of Baird can have a mill if they will put their shoulders in earnest, but unless a very decided change is manifested between now and next Saturday, the next meeting of the mill company will be the last and the mill project will be as dead as a hammer. Can we afford to let the mill project fail now? Everyone will admit that we cannot; but we will lose it whether we can afford to do so or not unless more interest is manifested by the business men of the town.

THE Comanche Exponent says we are inconsistent because we oppose national banks and still support the Democratic party. This shows how little brother Gains really understands the true principles of Democracy. We believe the Democratic party will yet abolish the national banks, and for this and other reasons we stand by the old flag. It is not reasonable to expect a party to conform to the ideas of each individual member, but all have to give and take all along the line. A political party's creed therefore must necessarily be in the nature of a compromise. We support the Democratic party because it comes nearer being perfect, according to our idea of what a political party should be than any other, while at the same time we cannot endorse some things advocated by the party. We will ask brother Gains if he endorses the plank in the Union Labor platform advocating pensioning every surviving soldier and sailor who fought in the Union army or navy. If he does not, according to his own reasoning, he is inconsistent and should abandon his party.

THE Comanche Exponent sympathizes with "Anarchist" at Cottonwood, and thinks he got the best of the "Anarchist" STAR controversy. This is natural, because the Exponent man and "Anarchist" both belong to the same political party. Up here where all the facts are known it is universally conceded by all who are unprejudiced that THE STAR not only got the best of the argument, but gave "Anarchist" such a drubbing that he is ashamed of his assumed, if not his own name. THE STAR did not lose any hair in the controversy—it all came from the other side. We did not lose anything, not even our temper, but just went at "Anarchist" like we used to maul rats, and knocked him out so completely that he will be a good deal older than he is now before he engages in a contest with another newspaper. THE STAR is perfectly satisfied with the contest, and if "Anarchist" and his sympathizers are, we do not wish to disturb their serenity. However, if any of them think they can do THE STAR up in a jiffy, let them sell in. THE STAR is always ready and amply able to take care of itself.

A MEETING of the citizens of the county was held at the court house last Thursday for the purpose of organizing a milling and water company in the town of Baird. The meeting was not well attended as was expected, owing perhaps to the rain on Wednesday night. About \$1,800 additional stock was taken, which makes \$4,800 in all. One thing certain, if the people of Baird want a roller mill and water works they will have to come to time better or the scheme

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BAIRD ROLLER MILL. Four Hundred and Ninety Shares Short. List of Stockholders.

The following is the list of subscribers and amount of stock taken for the roller mill. The town list is painfully small, and the names of our wealthy citizens are conspicuous by their absence. This is unfortunate, but cannot be helped. It is said that several thousand dollars more would have been taken in the town but for the resolution limiting the vote to five for any one stockholder. It may be well for the meeting next Saturday to reconsider this question, if it is found that it is impossible to raise the necessary amount of stock. For our part we are willing to adopt any plan that will insure the success of the enterprise. However, it is likely that many of the small stockholders will draw out if the plan is changed. All these things will no doubt be settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

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BROOKLYN, Sept. 8.—The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., was welcomed home today by an overflowing congregation. At the opening of the service the hymn beginning, "Welcome, sweet day of rest, That saw the Lord arise, Was sung with fine effect. Dr. Talmage's subject was: "The Sunrise," and his text: "The day is at hand."

THE DOCTOR IS HAPPY. Now that I have asked you in regard to your welfare, you naturally ask how I am. Very well, thank you. Whether it was the breaking of the Colorado mountains two thousand feet above the level of the sea, or the tonic atmosphere of the Pacific coast, or a bath in the surf of Long Island beach, or whether it is the joy of standing in this great group of warm-hearted friends, or whether it is a new appreciation of the goodness of God, I cannot tell. I simply know I am grandly and gloriously and inexpressibly happy.

Why did we not let William H. Segard, of New York, and Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, go out and spend a few days under the trees on the banks of the Potomac and talk the matter over, and settle it, as settle it they could, rather than the north pay in cash of war, four billion seven hundred million dollars, and the south pay four billion seven hundred and fifty million dollars, the destroying angel leaving the first born dead in so many houses all the way from the Potomac to the Alabama. You aged men, whose sons fell in the strife, do you not think that would have been better? Oh yes! we have come to believe, I think, in this country, that arbitration is better than battle.

Moreover, the outlook of the world ought to stir us to gladness. Astronomers recently disturbed many people by telling them that there is danger of stellar collision. We have been told through the papers by these astronomers that there are worlds coming very near together, and that we shall have plagues and wars and tumults and perhaps the world's destruction. Do not be scared. If you have ever stood at a railroad center, where ten or twenty or thirty rail tracks cross each other, and seen that by the movement of the switch one or two inches the train shoots this way and that, without colliding, then you may understand how fifty worlds may come within an inch of disaster, and that they be as good as a million miles. If a human switchtender can shoot the train this way and that without harm, cannot the Hand that for thousands of years has upheld the universe keep our little world out of harm's way? Christian geologists tell us that this world was million of years in building. Well, now, I do not think God would take millions of years to build a house which was to last only six thousand years. There is nothing in the world or outside the world, terrestrial or astronomical, to excite dismay. I wish that some stout Gospel breeze might scatter all the malaria of human foreboding. The sun rises this morning at about half past 5, and I think that is just about the hour in the world's history. "The day is at hand."

to the United States the amount awarded—pays really more than she ought to have paid. But still, all that Alabama land is settled and forever. Arbitration instead of battle. So, the quarrel eight or nine years ago about the Canadian fisheries in any other age would have caused war between the United States and England. England said: "Pay me for the invasion of my Canadian fisheries." The United States said: "I will not pay anything." Well, the two nations say: "I guess we had better leave the whole matter to a commission. The commission is appointed, and the commission examines the affair, and the commission reports, and pay we ought, pay we must, pay we do. Not a pound of powder burned, not a cartridge bitten off, no one hurt so much as by the scratch of a pin. Arbitration instead of battle.

So the Somoan controversy in any other age would have brought Germany and the United States into bloody collision. But all is settled. Arbitration instead of battle. France will never again, I think, through peccadillo of an ambassador, bring on a battle with other nations. She sees that God, in punishment of Sedan, blotted out the French empire, and the only aspirant for that throne who had any right of expectation died in a war that has not even the dignity of being respectable. What is that blash on the cheek of England today? What is the leaf that England would like to tear out of her history? The Zulu war. Down with the sword and up with the treaty.

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Moreover, the outlook of the world ought to stir us to gladness. Astronomers recently disturbed many people by telling them that there is danger of stellar collision. We have been told through the papers by these astronomers that there are worlds coming very near together, and that we shall have plagues and wars and tumults and perhaps the world's destruction. Do not be scared. If you have ever stood at a railroad center, where ten or twenty or thirty rail tracks cross each other, and seen that by the movement of the switch one or two inches the train shoots this way and that, without colliding, then you may understand how fifty worlds may come within an inch of disaster, and that they be as good as a million miles. If a human switchtender can shoot the train this way and that without harm, cannot the Hand that for thousands of years has upheld the universe keep our little world out of harm's way? Christian geologists tell us that this world was million of years in building. Well, now, I do not think God would take millions of years to build a house which was to last only six thousand years. There is nothing in the world or outside the world, terrestrial or astronomical, to excite dismay. I wish that some stout Gospel breeze might scatter all the malaria of human foreboding. The sun rises this morning at about half past 5, and I think that is just about the hour in the world's history. "The day is at hand."

all this, the general disgust with war and the substitution of diplomatic skill for the glittering edge of keen steel is a sign unmistakable that "the day is at hand."

THE WORLD IS SMALL NOW. I find another ray of the dawn in the compression of the world's distances. What a slow, snail like, almost impossible thing would have been the world's rectification with fourteen hundred millions of population and no facile means of communication; but now, through telegraphy for the eye and telephonic intimacy for the ear, and through steamboating and railroading, the twenty-five thousand miles of the world's circumference are shriveling up into insignificant brevity. Hong Kong is nearer to New York than a few years ago. New Haven was Bombay. Moscow, Madras, Melbourne within speaking distance. The world is being brought together by the blue lines see the telegraphs of the land, and by the red lines the cables under the ocean. You see what opportunity this is going to give for the final movements of Christianity. A fortress may be months of years in building, but after it is constructed it may do all its work in twenty minutes. Christianity has been planting its batteries for nine hundred years, and may go on in the work through other centuries; but when those batteries are thoroughly planted, those fortresses are fully built, they may all do their work in twenty-four hours. The world sometimes derides the church for slowness of movement. It is science any quicker! Did it not take science five thousand and six hundred and fifty-two years to find out so simple a thing as the circulation of the human blood? With the earth and the sky full of electricity, science took five thousand eight hundred years to discover it. I even guessed that there was any practical use that might be made of this subtle and mighty element. When good men take possession of all these scientific forces, and all these agencies of invention, the world will be more than the work of half a day. Do we not read the queen's speech at the proroguing of parliament the day before in London? If that be so, is it anything marvellous to believe that twenty-four hours a divine communication can reach the whole earth? Suppose Christ should descend on the nations—Christ expect that Christ will come among the nations personally—suppose that tomorrow morning the word of God from a hovering cloud should descend upon these cities. Would not that fact be known all the world over in twenty-four hours? Suppose he should present his Gospel in a few words saying: "I am all yours and I will heal all your sorrows; to prove that I am a supernatural being, I have just descended from the clouds; do you believe me, and do you believe my word?" Why all the telegraph stations in the world would be ringing as if they were crowded just after a shipwreck. I tell you all these things to show you it is not among the impossibilities or even the improbabilities that Christ will conquer the whole earth, and do it in a matter of hours. There are foretellings in the air. Something great is going to happen. I do not think that Jupiter is going to run us down or that the axle of the world is going to break. I feel that we are going to have a great blessing and not for the world's damage is going to happen. I think the world has had it hard enough. Enough, the Asiatic cholera, the wars, the earthquakes, the shipwrecks. Enough, the conflagrations. I think our world could stand right well a procession of prosperities and triumphs. Better be on the lookout. Better have your observatories open to the heavens, and the lenses of your most powerful telescopes well polished. Better have all your Leyden jars ready for some new eruption of mighty influence. Better have new fonts of type in your printing offices. Better have some commanding general, some great commander, some banner that has never been carried, ready for sudden processions. Better have the bells in your church towers well hung, and raps within reach. That you may ring out the marriage of the King of the Kings, the King of the Kings, for the Judge of all the earth may appear. Let all your legislative halls be gilded, for the great Lawgiver may be about to come. Drive off the throng of respect at the caputs, for the King of heaven and earth may be about to reign. The darkness of the night is blooming and whitening into the lilies of morning cloud, and the lilies reddening into the roses of longer day. Let garments, whether white or red, for him whose head is many crowns. "The day is at hand!"

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THE DREXEL INSTITUTE. A Philadelphia School to Embrace Some-what the Cooper Union. In order to correct erroneous impressions about the Drexel Industrial Institute, which it was intended to establish at Wayne (near Philadelphia), it is thought advisable to make a brief statement, giving the original purpose as it existed in Mr. A. J. Drexel's mind, with a review of the circumstances which have modified and enlarged that purpose. His first thought was, that as quite a number of institutions had been founded for the industrial training of boys, and but few (if any) exclusively for girls, that he would establish a boarding and training school, in which they should be instructed and trained in such a way as to help them to employment and occupations in which they could earn a liberal living. Accommodations and facilities for housing, boarding and training, for about 200 girls were to be furnished, and to this end land and buildings were purchased at Wayne, and architectural plans were prepared by competent architects. In addition to the girls who were to be thus boarded and trained, it was thought that the contemplated institution might accommodate about four or five hundred more girls, who could get to the school during the day, get their luncheon there, and get back to their own homes in the evening. After more mature deliberation it was found that this scheme had several drawbacks, the chief of which was the withdrawal of the girls from home influence. There were other strong considerations, but the principal one, together with the belief that the sphere of usefulness of such an institution might be greatly enlarged by the adoption of another plan, abandoning the idea of boarding the girls, and establishing the institute within the city limits. It is now the purpose of Mr. Drexel to provide funds to purchase land and construct buildings, and for the maintenance of a full corps of instructors for an industrial institute for young women and young men, that will accommodate for their instruction and training, as many as a thousand girls in the day time and a thousand boys at night. The facilities and instructions to be provided for this school are to be free of any and all cost to its students forever; that is, so far as the provision of ample funds and business foresight can assure. The working operations of the college will be probably somewhat similar to those of the Cooper Institute in New York. A large lecture hall, capable of seating at least 2,000 persons and an extensive reading room, provided with all the useful, technical and other books and appropriate periodicals and newspapers, will be features of the plant. To the Ledger it appears that this modified and greatly enlarged scheme is much preferable to the original design, not only because it will freely open the doors of the Drexel institute to so many more students, but because the administration of it will be simple and much more manageable. It will, of course, cost a much larger amount of money, as an annual income of from \$40,000 to \$50,000 may be required for the collection in addition to the cost of the land and buildings. In all, Mr. Drexel expects the foundation, lands and buildings and endowment of institution may cost \$1,500,000.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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