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## — B. L. BOYDSTUN —

Baird, January 5, 1904.

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BAIRD, TEXAS.

**B. L. BOYDSTUN.**

**WHAT IS FAIRNESS?**

Dr. Rankin is an editor on two papers. He is employed for the Methodist church as editor of the Christian Advocate, and he is an editor also of the Home and State on his own account. In a recent issue of the last named he announces that a few politicians are aligned with liquor interests to elect legislators who will so amend local option laws as to cripple their efficiency. It is assumed that the saloon men are in the background, but have put these few men to work. That is to say, the gentlemen endorsing this movement for fairness are indirectly accused (1) as corruptly aligned with saloon men; (2) as aiming to cripple the efficiency of law; (3) as secretly employed by saloon men to do this work.

We challenge Dr. Rankin for proof of these grave charges; for proof that either of them has even the remotest foundation in fact. We deny that the slightest evidence exists that there is afoot any effort to so amend the local option law so that the anti will have a single legal privilege not possessed by the pros. We challenge proof that both pros and anti are not in this movement for a law bearing with equal justice upon all: for a law that will be enforced; for a law in the interest of economy, in that it will deprive enthusiasts of the power to multiply fruitless elections, when one in two years will accomplish the will of the people with less expense and rancor.

Texas Farmer has published articles from leading pros favoring amendments to secure equality and fairness.

Home and State marvels that Texas Farmer should be the mouth-piece of these few politicians, the corrupt and secret agents of saloons; surprised that this paper should labor to convince people in the rural districts that the local option law ought to be amended. It is held that farmers, living remote from protection by official, should, of all people, have protection from the open saloon. There may be sincerity in this position of Dr. Rankin's paper, but it is illogical. Farmers do not, of all people, need such protection because their patron-

age would not support a saloon. In farming communities prohibition is the natural result of temperance. Yet in local option elections the farmers are always relied upon for large majorities favoring prohibition. In this, farmers illustrate both patriotism and courage of convictions, for they vote in face of the fact that the burden of taxation is greatly increased. Their votes are not for self-protection, but to aid the effort, however unsuccessful, to rid towns and cities of bums, toppers and vagabonds, whose employment ought to be on poor farm or in the chain-gang. The farmers are in this more patriotic and unselfish than some "silk-sock" professed pros in the cities. The "silk-socks" do not work for prohibition; don't want it because it increases taxation. The farmer is the unselfish pro, and ought not to be classed as the one most needing such a law. He makes sacrifices to give it to others. This is why many pro churchmen opposed prohibition in Dallas county, but it is not among the alleged reasons. Texas Farmer can put its finger upon the professed pros who did the work because they do not want their taxes increased.

The Home and State holds that this politician and saloon alignment as a primary object will attempt to graft the two-year limit upon elections; then, through the manipulation of city politics, a county will go wet, and thus foist the saloon upon country district. Failing herein they will, secondarily, try to so amend the law that when a county goes dry any precinct may have another election in thirty days, which would destroy county local option, according to Dr. R.

This is where he is in error. In fairness it should have been stated that the pros now enjoy these privileges, but they are denied the other side. Under present conditions, if a county go dry it is dry two years, it matters not how many precincts were previously wet. If a county go wet, it does not change the status of any precinct previously dry; but such dry precincts may be put into an expensive election every thirty days to force other parts of county dry. To do this requires only slight gerrymandering.

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dering. Who can claim fairness for such methods? Why not so amend the law that if any subdivision of a county, or the whole county, go dry or wet, it must so remain two years? If the pros contend for elections within any less period, would it be fair and honest to deny the anti the same privilege? The contention is for equal and exact treatment of both sides, but the radical pros do not seem to want the people to so understand the issue.

"They" plead for equality in the law, and yet have violated every law, contends the Home and State. "They" as used, means the saloons—liquorites. Pros and anti who demand Democratic equalization of the law have no relation to the dives that defy law. It is the fault of the officials that law is violated. If pros can not elect officers that will execute law how can they expect that prohibition will prohibit? The remedy for violated law is not more law, but better officials. An officer that permits law violated in an anti town would permit a blind tiger in a dry town.

The Home and State thinks this

plea for fair dealing by the bar-room gang is all bosh; holds that the liquor business has no natural rights; has no rights at all only as organized society concedes them; it has no sort of ground for its plea for fairness.

Neither can any other business, church or order exercise any but conceded rights, but inequality and unfairness ought not to abolish conceded rights. The infirmity in the position of radical pros, who hold that they should retain the advantage now in the law, is their insistence that their fight is against a bar-room gang, law-breakers, toughs, gamblers and kindred elements. Under influence of this narrow view, they confuse ex-presidents, supreme judges, U. S. senators and congressmen, leading educators and authors, a large majority of State and county officials, political leaders, lawyers, doctors, merchants, business men of every type party prohibitionists, many leading farmers, stockmen, local prohibitionists and preachers in favor of fair play—all these, by logic and limping logic, are confused with the bar-room

gang to whom natural rights should be denied by organized society. The argument of the pros favoring the unfair law warrants the opinion that they think themselves entitled to the sole right to incorporate into the indefinable entity designated "organized society."

In one of Dr. Rankin's papers he advises Methodist preachers against permitting party prohibitionists to use their houses of worship. He associates these party pros with liquorites, as dangerous to present local option law. Hence his final argument is amusing, wherein he threatens to have State prohibition unless the anti-gang let alone local option laws as they now exist. He seems to forget that the gentlemen he associates with gamblers, tough, etc., are pleading for fairness. It is immaterial to them whether the elections are precinct, county or State, if they are fair. They are not pleading for a anti or pro law, but for a perfected and honest local option law. They would not be fair did they not concede the right of the people to have State prohibition if they want it. They do not, however, desire the pros, if defeated, to have the right to gerrymander an expensive election every thirty days, especially if the same right be denied the other side. They estimate the issue alone from standpoints of governmental economy, granting sincerity to both sides favoring fairness. They deny that either side can favor justice if guided by personalism, prejudice or weak sentimentality.

The logic of the other side is so flimsy, and limps so badly, we want to ask Dr. Rankin, in both the papers he is credited with editing, to present the following propositions and discuss them, as submitted by one favoring amending of the law. This will get the issue squarely stated:

- (1) If a county go dry and must, under the law, remain dry two years, why ought it not remain wet two years if the anti win?
- (2) If a county go wet, and the pros have the right to secure another election immediately in the entire county, one or more precincts excepted

why ought not the anti have the same right when a county goes dry?

(3) If a county go wet, and all precincts in the county that have previously gone dry have a right to so remain, why ought not all precincts that have previously gone wet have the right to so remain when a county has gone dry?

(4) If a county can rally sufficient votes in all outside precincts to force one or more towns into prohibition when, in fact, they are overwhelmingly anti, why should not the anti have the right to so gerrymander as to force pro towns and precincts into anti-prohibition?

(5) If any subdivision of a county go pro, and it must so remain for two years, and at the end of that period the anti are estopped from an election except in the self-same subdivision, why should not the pros be likewise estopped if a subdivision go wet?

(6) If express companies from dealers outside the State can deliver intoxicants C. O. D. to local option districts within the State, is it not foolish to deprive the State of revenue by denying that right to dealers within the State? If so, wherein did the Court of Appeals wrong anybody by knocking out the C. O. D. Texas law?

(7) If the radicals on the pro side refuse to advocate equal and exact treatment to both sides, ought not real Democrats on that side retire them from leadership and then aid in so perfecting the local option law that it will be enforced where wanted, defeated where not wanted, and the saloon business strictly regulated where it does exist?

(8) If the pros who contend for the local option laws to remain as they are refuse to discuss the forgoing propositions, either in the newspapers or upon the stump, will it not prove that they are afraid for the people to know the real issue, afraid to meet the real issue, or else can not draw a logical conclusion even if major and minor premises be magnified?—Texas Farmer.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

W. C. Vanlandingham, a pioneer citizen of Hunt county, died at his home in Lone Oak of paralysis. He was seventy-seven years old.

Elliott Ramson, cashier, and Lee Cook, a recently discharged messenger of the Pacific Express Company, got into a quarrel, and Ramson shot at Cook in the Austin office.

Carnations adorned the lapel of the coat of nearly every member in the house Friday in commemoration of the late President McKinley's birthday. The chaplain referred feelingly to the late President.

William Webb, the oldest artist's model in this city, has been found dead in his room from heart failure. He was eighty years old, and, owing to his remarkable physique, was widely known among artists.

Frank Dawson has been convicted of murdering Anna Hartman and sentenced to be hanged at Paris, Mo., March 17. Dawson killed Miss Hartman as the result of a broken engagement at a dance six weeks ago.

Under Gen. Black, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a raid on the United States Treasury under the guise of pensions is to be made that will surpass even the imaginings of a few years ago.

Mr. Bryan in a lecture on high ideals at Burlington, N. J., said that he had three ambitions. First to be a Baptist preacher, second to be a farmer and raise the biggest pumpkins, and last to be a lawyer.

Mrs. Katherine Kendall Stell, the oldest woman in New Hampshire and cousin of President Franklin, is dead at her home, Lyndeboro, N. H. She was 103 years old.

Engineer Matthews of the Government Geological Survey will advertise at once for bids on a waterworks system for Lawton. He also has the plans for a \$20,000 jail completed, the contract for which will be let soon.

John P. Goggins, treasurer of the Nashua (N. Y.) Trust Company, was arrested Monday charged with embezzling a sum of money from the bank. The amount is placed at between \$30,000 and \$100,000.

Ell Askne of near Durden Hill county, believes he has invented a plan that will prove very effective in the destruction of the boll weevil. He does not disclose it further than to say that fire is an important factor in his plan. He is constructing a machine in which to work it out and has applied for a patent on the idea.

United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas was admitted to \$5000 bail to answer in the Circuit Court, March 7, for trial on the indictment charging him with accepting money for the alleged use of his influence with the postal authorities to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities Company. When arraigned before Judge Adams he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Andrew Hudson, an eight-year-old Dallas boy was struck by a street car and so seriously hurt Tuesday night that he was unconscious all afternoon Wednesday. He attempted to cross the track immediately in front of a rapidly moving car.

Internal troubles are increasing on account of increased taxes. Organized bands are resisting laws and officers all over the country. Some officers have been captured and robbed of government funds.

Isaac Hatfield fell dead on his farm near McLeod, Ok., Thursday, while feeding his hogs. In the same locality the barns of Henry Pickard were burned, together with considerable feed, all his farm machinery, two cows and three mules.

A branch of the Russo-China Bank Association is to be established in San Francisco, license having been issued by board of bank commissioners. The institution has \$7,500,000 capital, all paid up.

The President has appointed W. B. Martin to succeed Minnie Cox, postmaster at Indianola, Miss. This post-office was closed some time ago, the white inhabitants of the place, refusing to accept mail from the Cox woman, who is a negroess.

Circulars from the general sales department of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company indicate the early resumption of all departments of the big plant which closed down two months ago because of the coal strike.

The German municipal authorities have decided to make attempt to exterminate microbes in public libraries. Prof. Koch having called attention to the danger of spreading infectious diseases through books loaned indiscriminately from libraries.

Soothing Balm of Long Green as a Panacea

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Panama program in the Senate is approaching definiteness. Three or four more formal speeches are to be made in open session, which will probably consume most of this week, after which consideration of the treaty in executive session will be persistently pushed. The leaders expect ratification in the latter part of this month, perhaps by the 20th, since evidence abounds that the Democrats are getting weary of opposition as a political issue.

The plan is to ratify the treaty first, then devise means of soothing Colombia's ruffled feelings, if anything of that sort can be agreed upon, but not to make the ratification of the treaty contingent upon the success of these negotiations. The Republican leaders would like to have Panama make a treaty with Colombia by which in return for a frank recognition of Panama's independence the new republic would agree to pay a certain part of Colombia's debt, or meet some other obligation of Colombia's so as to reconcile Bogota to the change of status; and then the Senate leaders would favor having the United States stand back of this agreement, assuring to Colombia a payment of whatever sum was specified. Whether Panama or the United States would actually pay

the money, or in what proportions they might contribute has not yet been decided. The general impression, of course, is that Uncle Sam would ultimately make the payment, but this it would be more dignified to have it go through Panama channels, and a recognition of Panama by old obligations rather than as a concession that we owe Colombia anything.

The delay in reaching such a settlement has been in part due to the difficulty in getting Gen. Reyes to agree to anything definite or come squarely to a trade. It is thought best in these circumstances to ratify treaty, leaving the question of a consolation prize to be settled in the light of future developments. The Senate leaders believe that United States could well afford to pay a few millions to avoid the possible cost of guerilla warfare, and also to disarm the suspicion of other South American States.

In anticipation of the ratification of the Treaty Department has completed plans for meeting the large payments which will devolve upon it. Fifty million dollars will be immediately necessary, \$10,000,000 for the Panama Canal Company and \$10,000,000 for the Republic of Panama. Ten millions more, by the terms of the present law, must be made immediately and subject to draft.

COTTON GAMBLERS GET PINCHED.

New York, Feb. 3.—Cotton prices went literally to smash yesterday. By 2 o'clock in the afternoon there had been a loss of something like \$7.50 a bale from the high prices scored in Monday's sensational advance, and utter demoralization ruled in the pit. May cotton, which sold Monday at 17.47c, sold at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at 16.65c. July, which sold Monday at 17.55c, had broken to 16.29c. The market sold off sharply after the opening, but the worst slump came in the afternoon, when between 1:45 and 2 o'clock prices fell almost vertically a cent a pound.

Following the big break there was a seessaw in prices that made trading almost impossible. May cotton shot perpendicularly to 16.75c, dropped to 16.20c, and at 2:30 o'clock was selling at 16.50c. The course of other options was similar. Rumors in the morning and rumors in the afternoon were the direct cause of the breaks that were made under conditions of excitement surpassing anything that had been seen this season. Early yesterday prices broke

1-2 cent on the rumor of settlement made by Wall Street firm caught short of the market. Later on this rumor was denied by those who were supposed to be in a position to know what was going on and prices straightway rose in their might about 45 points. The trade had barely recovered from the surprise of the morning break when it was rumored around the pit that D. J. Sully, the bull leader, had disposed of the greater portion of his interest in cotton and would start for the South on a vacation at the end of the week. It was learned that Mr. Sully does intend to leave the city for a time. Representatives of the firm had nothing to say concerning the remaining interest in the market.

When private wire house sent out the rumor that Mr. Sully was out of the market an avalanche of selling orders poured into the pit and the market went to pieces. So great was the demoralization that it was practically impossible for brokers to execute orders, and in fifteen minutes May dropped from 17c to 16.65. The hands of a receiver itself and was forced to act. The Kirby Lumber Company expects to have matters adjusted by the time of hearing. A difference among stockholders was the cause of the default in interest. No other Kirby interest is affected in the slightest. The Planters and Mechanics National Bank opened for business as usual and some timorous depositors presented checks for money, all of which were promptly met. The bank says it is ready to pay every depositor promptly that wants his money. The lumber mills will continue operations as heretofore and there will be no cessation. Only a poverty-stricken office is compelled to seek the man.

KIRBY LUMBER COMPANY.

And Houston Oil Company Under Receivers.

Houston: Judge McCormick, of the United States Circuit Court at New Orleans, appointed N. W. McLeod of St. Louis and B. F. Bonner of Houston receiver of the Kirby Lumber Company, and Thomas H. Franklin of San Antonio, F. A. Reichardt of Houston, receivers of the Houston Oil Company. Both appointments are temporary and the matter comes before Judge Burns of the federal court for final hearing on Feb. 17. The Maryland Trust Company is plaintiff in the case and its course is due to the fact that it is in

the hands of a receiver itself and was forced to act. The Kirby Lumber Company expects to have matters adjusted by the time of hearing. A difference among stockholders was the cause of the default in interest. No other Kirby interest is affected in the slightest. The Planters and Mechanics National Bank opened for business as usual and some timorous depositors presented checks for money, all of which were promptly met. The bank says it is ready to pay every depositor promptly that wants his money. The lumber mills will continue operations as heretofore and there will be no cessation. Only a poverty-stricken office is compelled to seek the man.

Washington: Mr. Clarke, the new Democratic Senator from Arkansas, made his first speech in the Senate Tuesday. He spoke for two hours, and announced his indorsement of every position taken by the President in connection with the Panama revolt and in the negotiation of the treaty with the new State. He ever said that in view of the provocation given by Colombia, the President might have been expected to go further than he did in advancing the cause of Panama. He declared that there was more popular support of the course of the president's policy among Democrats than among Republicans, and said that the Democratic votes needed to ratify the treaty were assured.

M. S. Otero, probably the wealthiest man in New Mexico, a delegate in Congress from 1879 to 1883, and one of the leading business men of the territory is dead at his home at Albuquerque of apoplexy.

Two Great Eagles Killed. Waco: In the top of a natural tower, on the summit of a mountain, close to the Brazos River, near the dividing line between Bosque and McLennan Counties, a pair of eagles had their nest and reared broods for many years, but their career is over, John Folks, a young hunter, having slain them with a rifle. The birds are pronounced true American eagles, the male measuring across the wings over nine feet.

Murdered for Money. South McAlester, I. T.: Monday night the decomposed body of a young man about 18 years of age was found near Krebs. The body lay face downward with a bullet hole in the head and a deep indentation in the skull, evidently inflicted by some blunt instrument. No money being found on the body, it is believed that robbery was the motive. There is no clew as to the identity of the deceased nor the slayer.

Meeting of Fruit Growers. Jacksonville: The stockholders of the East Texas Growers' Union held one of their most interesting sessions here Tuesday and at night. Prominent growers from every part of East Texas were present. The question of growing fruits and vegetables and marketing the same were discussed. The outlook for the union is very bright. One hundred and thirty stockholders were represented by delegates.

To Protect Redskins. Lawton, Ok.: Col. Randlett, Indian Agent at Anadarko, has asked that all gambling houses in which monte is played in Lawton be closed during the time the Indians are being paid at the Red Store, two miles from Lawton. Each Comanche Indian man, woman and child will receive \$30, which amounts to about \$100,000 at this point. At all previous payments the Indians have spent all their money gambling. His request has been granted.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

An electric line is being agitated between Temple and Belton.

McKay & Vick have gotten up a directory of the city of Hillsboro. They place the population of Hillsboro at about \$500.

The Governor has appointed Dr. C. J. Bell of Tyler, a member of the Board of State Medical Examiners, to succeed Dr. John C. Jones of Gonzales, deceased.

A rumor is current that the Cotton Belt will move its division headquarters and shops to Big Sandy, and recent purchases of land there tend color to the report.

The attorney general has approved an amendment to the charter of the Santa Fe to build a branch known as the Saratoga branch, from Bragg, Hardin County, to Saratoga, a distance of ten miles.

Jesse H. Booth, of Paris, was found dead in bed at Gainesville. He was an old and well-known resident of Paris, and left a family there. The remains were shipped there for burial.

W. M. Hunter, an old citizen of Austin, aged sixty-four years, died suddenly Wednesday morning. He was a merchandise broker and at one time journal clerk in the Texas Senate.

W. M. Williams, living four miles south of Decatur, was taken down one day last week with what was thought to be some kind of fever, but last Saturday his case developed a good case of smallpox.

Monday afternoon the 16-year-old daughter of Fritz Marquet, living near Plum, was so badly burned that death resulted in a few hours afterward. She was burning cotton stalks in the field when her clothing caught fire.

A negro boy, barefooted and thinly clad was found in an unconscious condition on the streets of Oak Cliff Sunday. It was thought that he was an escaped inmate from the county farm. His condition is very critical.

Gainesville is leaving no stone unturned to secure the extension of the Texas and Pacific railway from Whitesboro to that city. It is understood that if \$50,000 bonus is raised the extension will be put through at once.

Little Raymon Wilson, son of Dr. T. M. Wilson, of Thornton, fell between the cars of a train and had his right leg crushed above the ankle, requiring amputation. Ten or twelve cars passed over his body.

Rev. T. J. Duncan, pastor of the Methodist Church at Ennis, died after a short illness. Rev. Duncan had been a member of the Northwest Texas Conference about twenty-five years, during which time he served several districts as presiding elder.

It is estimated that about 35 per cent of the farmers of Falls County will plan imported cotton seed this year. Several cars of North Carolina seed have been sold in Marlin, and other shipments have been received at Perry, Reagan, Chilton, Mooreville, Lott and Rosebud.

Associate Justice T. J. Brown of the Supreme Court, went from Austin to Sherman to pay his poll tax in person as required by law. He is past sixty but hadn't taken out an exemption certificate in order to vote.

A gusher which is said by the drillers and by experienced oil men to have been the equal of the Lucas and other Spindletop gushers of the year 1901, has been brought in for the Cartwright Oil Company on Spindletop.

The Governor commuted the death sentence of Ernest Thompson of San Antonio to life imprisonment. Thompson was convicted in the district court of Bexar County for criminal assault committed on a woman at Atkins station, near San Antonio.

Brocton Baker Bledsoe died at his home in Village Mills of the burns received from an exploded lamp. Mr. Bledsoe was born in Cobb county, Georgia, in 1844. He was a Confederate veteran.

The home of W. C. Gorman at Palestine, was destroyed by fire at a total loss, and insurance of \$3500. The home of E. O. Griffin was damaged to the extent of \$500. Gorman's house would have been saved but the water pressure was weak.

J. M. Ennis, builder of the Greenville Carnegie library, officially turned the building over to the trustees Monday. It is said to be the finest library building in the State, excepting the Carnegie building at Dallas.

Hon. John M. Gardner, who has been County Attorney of Harrison County for the last four years, has tendered his resignation to County Judge Lytle to take effect as soon as his successor is appointed. Mr. Gardner will engage in law practice at Marshall.

Kleberg Truck Growers' Canning Association, Kleberg, Dallas county, has been organized under charter, with capital stock \$2000. Incorporators: G. H. Crumvane, C. D. Nicholson, W. H. Humphries and R. C. Elom.

Colombians Must Fight at Home or Abroad.

CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR.

Colombians Are Spoiling to Fight Somebody.

New York, Feb. 1.—A cable dispatch was received here from an official source in Bogota, according to the Sun. "The Government is helping in its efforts to prevent war. In less than a month from now 10,000 men will be on the Isthmus."

This information, confirming rumors cabled from Panama, comes as a surprise, in view of the changed attitude of the Colombians, who had apparently accepted the inevitable and depended on Gen. Raphael Reyes, their special Envoy to Washington, to save what he could from the wreck, says the Sun. Gen. Reyes was to have sailed Saturday for Barranquilla on the steamer Valencia, but for the second time he deferred his departure. Gen. Pedro Nelipolina and De Lucas Caballero, colleagues of Gen. Reyes on the Colombian commission, sailed on the Valencia.

The story continues on seemingly good authority, it is said, that Gen. Reyes remains here because his negotiations with the State Department at Washington have not been completely broken off, and that he has a tentative promise from this Government that Colombia will be taken care of with a pecuniary balm for her continued healings.

They Took Leg Bail.

New Orleans: Six white prisoners made good their escape from the Orleans Parish prison during Sunday chapel exercises. They were Louis Lipps, George Conking, an escaped prisoner from Chilton prison, Auburn, N. Y.; Frank Carroll, Frank Rodgers, Joseph Quarles and John McGuire. They affected their escape by tunneling an eighteen-inch brick wall, crawling through a sewer pipe and then climbing over a twenty-foot wall, lifting themselves up by means of a strong garden rake.

Died at One Hundred Years.

Chicago, Ill.: Sprightly and active until within two days of her death, Mrs. Julia Flynn is dead, at the age of 100 years. Bronchial trouble and weakness of the heart brought to an end her century of existence. Mrs. Flynn was born in 1804, in County Mayo, Ireland. Three of six children survive her and twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are living.

Compelled to Uphold Men.

New Orleans: During the big levee strike last fall three longshoremen, Mercer Porch, John Nolan, Jr., and Albert Hyatt, employed by John B. Honor, refused to strike when ordered by the union. Later their association expelled them. Mr. Honor went into court, prayed for an injunction and Judge Thread rendered a decision perpetuating the injunction compelling the association to reinstate the men and preventing any inference with them.

A fire in the Texas and Pacific railway shops at Marshall Saturday night nearly totally destroyed the boiler shop, brass foundry and cab and paint shop, with three engines and two boilers, entailing a loss of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Tragedy at Wilmer.

Dallas: At Wilmer Saturday night D. H. Weaver was shot and killed and Osa Tyre, aged about 28, received a pistol wound through the fleshy part of his shoulder. Weaver, who was an elderly man, 53 years of age, was instantly killed, being shot in the breast above the heart. Another ball entered his hip, while a third cut a hole through his hat. Tyre was arrested and brought to Dallas.

Denison Knitting Mill Burned.

Denison: The Gate City Hosiery Mill, the first knitting mill erected in Texas, burned Sunday. The total loss of building and contents is \$19,500; insurance was \$7500. The machinery was valued at \$16,000 and the building at \$2000. There was about \$500 worth of dye, boxes and supplies on hand. The mill was built four years ago, and was operated two years, but without profit, and was closed down.

Killed by Fire Damp.

Waco: Sam Bell, a farmer, descended into a well near Hewitt, McLennan county, to put in a blast, intending to go deeper to get a better flow of water, and was overcome and killed by carbonic acid gas, commonly called fire damp. His friend, Charles Johnson, descended to the rescue, and was overcome. A third man went down and got both men out, to late to save Bell, but in time to save Johnson.

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND VOTERS.

Out of Seven Hundred Thousand Waltz Up and Pay Poll Tax and Can Vote.

Dallas: At midnight Saturday the News had received reports from 137 of the 225 counties in Texas, comprising more than three-fourths of the population of the state, showing that 450,000 persons had paid state and county poll tax. In these counties last year prior to Feb. 1, 277,942 persons had paid poll tax. Residents of the eleven cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants took out 8901 exemption certificates. There was no requirement concerning exemption certificates last year. It seems from a number of the reports that exemption certificates were issued in some localities to which the provision of the election law in that regard did not apply.

The total number of persons paying poll taxes in 1903 prior to Feb. 1 was 374,161. The total vote for Governor in 1902 was 261,172. The latter is not a very good criterion for purposes of comparison, as there was no great contest to bring out a full vote. The highest vote ever cast for Governor in this state was 539,591 in 1896. Estimated on the basis of present population, it would seem that there would now be about 700,000 qualified voters in the state, but for the disfranchisement resulting from failure to pay poll tax.

The returns thus far indicate that probably 450,000 persons in Texas will have paid poll tax, and that these, with the exemptions, will make the total voting strength of the State about 540,000. This, while more than the total vote for Governor in 1902, is far below the number participating in party primary elections, which, in recent years in this state, have practically determined who should hold office.

ALL SORTS OF THINGS.

Miss Nannie Brynn, sister of the Silver Apostle, died at Lincoln, Neb., Saturday.

The Postmaster General has four horses and three carriages maintained by government expense for his private use.

Jacob Allen, a wealthy farmer of Wellington, Kan., was swindled at Wichita by gold brick men who sold him a worthless combination of tin and copper for \$10,000.

The record price for a single bale of cotton at Corsicana was reached when Rev. S. G. Mullins sold a bale of good middling for \$100. The cotton was raised by W. E. Albritton and weighed 642 pounds.

Farmers along Red River below Arthur City are finding profitable employment in getting out cottonwood timber for Dal's factories to be used in making excelsior. They are paid \$6 per cord for it delivered at Dallas and after paying freight realize \$4.50 per cord.

Colombia, it is thought, has misunderstood Uncle Sam's meaning and interpret that he will protect only that part of Panama composing the canal zone, and under this interpretation are preparing to invade other parts of the new republic. Colombia, in that event, would get sudden enlightenment.

In a difficulty between negroes two miles south of Howland, Rufe Morgan was shot three times with a double-barreled shotgun and killed. Dave Crook went to the home of Justice of the Peace W. C. Brackeen and surrendered, claiming self-defense.

It is a current rumor in financial circles that J. Pierpont Morgan will retire from active business and shift his load to the shoulders of his son, J. P. Morgan, Jr., who has just returned from London to New York.

Miles Yarbrough, for the last twenty years a resident of Paris, died of heart failure while seated in a chair at the home of his daughter at New Boston. He had just recovered from the grip. The deceased was a Union soldier in the Civil War and was a member of the George Wright Post, G. A. R., in Paris.

A negro boy, riding on a freight train at Camden, fell off and was run over by the train, which cut his body in two.

Saturday D. S. Donald sold 7000 bushels of wheat at Denton for \$6500. The Commissioners' Court appointed Ambrose Gibson of Wichita Falls, county treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. H. Gibson, his father.

A recent telegram states that the Trans-Siberian Railway has refused to accept merchandise freight since the 2nd instant, the line being used solely for transportation of troops and stores.



# White Winged Peace Hovers Over the Orient

Washington, Jan. 29.—For the first time for several days news that seems to be of a character assuring peace between Russia and Japan was received in Washington. It came in a round-about way, but credence is given it at the State Department.

United States Minister at Tokio, Mr. Griscom, telegraphed the State Department the highly important information that the British Minister of Japan had received from the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg a cable stating that the Russian reply to Japan's note was satisfactory to Japan.

This, taken in connection with a report from St. Petersburg that the British Ambassador had said that the note was satisfactory to Japan, is accepted at least to mean that the Ambassador of Great Britain believes that such concessions have been made as will result in peace in the Far East and remove the danger of war which has been threatened others powers in consequence.

London, Jan. 30.—The Statist to-day in a long article on the Russo-Japanese situation makes a suggestion for the solution of the difficulty which seems to meet the claims and contentions of both Russia and Japan.

After commenting on the advantages of the Sino-American treaty, which, it says, if carried out would assure an open-door in Manchuria for the rest of the world, the Statist continues as follows:

"When Russia was at the gates of Constantinople and practically had dictated peace to Turkey, Great Britain interfered and the result was the Berlin Congress. Is there any good reason why the world should wait for the conclusion of war to summon a similar council? Would it not be more statesmanlike, and certainly more humane to summon such a council now in order to prevent war? Would it not be possible for the Russian Government to sell its railways in Chinese territory to an international syndicate, all the powers guaranteeing the safety and the interest of this syndicate? In that way, it seems to us, the real rights of Russia in Manchuria would be safeguarded, while the apprehensions entertained by Japan that Russian extension threatens her very existence, would be permanently removed."

## Aged Citizen of Collin Dead.

McKinney: W. M. Bagley, aged 72, died of pneumonia Friday. Deceased was born at Fayetteville, Tenn., Nov. 9, 1831. He came to Texas in 1851 and located at Clarksville. Later he engaged in business at Ladonia. He came to Collin county in 1871 and located at Mantau. He moved to McKinney in 1873. He was elected Treasurer of Collin County three successive terms. He held the position of postmaster of McKinney under President Cleveland.

## Man and Wife Both Dead.

Engle Pass: The wife of Antonio Sanchez, a miner, was burned to death Thursday evening. She was cooking over an open fire, when her dress caught fire, and before aid could be given was mortally injured. Her husband was notified, and while ascending the shaft of the cage, swooned and fell, his head striking the wall of the shaft and his neck was broken. He was brought up dead. His wife lingered till midnight.

## Dead Body of Missing Man Found.

Temple: The dead body of James Green, an Englishman about 65 years of age, was found by a Santa Fe train walker lying in Kobb Creek, near the switch shanty. The face and head were in the water and the body frozen stiff. Death resulted from strangulation and cold. Green was employed at the Scully House and had been missing since Tuesday. Several dollars in money were found on his person.

## Fort Worth Republicans Awake.

Fort Worth: The Republicans of the city will decide after Feb. 1 as to whether a city ticket will be put in the field. The organization will ascertain who paid poll taxes and then reach a conclusion. There is a feeling among some Republicans to name a ticket, to be known as the Independent or citizens ticket, and the name of Sam Davidson has been suggested as a candidate for mayor.

## Illinois Monument at Vicksburg.

Chicago: The state of Illinois soon will erect a monument in the national military park at Vicksburg, Miss., in honor of the 35,000 Illinois soldiers and sailors who participated in the siege of that city, from March 29 to July 4, 1863. The structure, expected to cost \$150,000, will be in the shape of a rotunda or circular temple. It is to be constructed of white marble or granite and ornamented with bronze.

## PANAMA IS THREATENED.

Columbia Must Fight to Maintain Autonomy.

Panama: News comes from Bogota that inasmuch as Gen. Reyes and Cavellero have assured Colombia that the United States will object to her landing forces only in the canal zone, the Colombian government intends to send an expedition against Panama.

The only explanation of this news from Bogota is that the government of Colombia is compelled to take some steps to prevent its downfall, which is said to be imminent as President Marroquin has lost all the prestige he ever had. There is much speculation in Bogota as to the outcome of this move should it be put through.

Colombian newspapers are complaining that it cost more than \$15,000,000 in paper money (a Colombian paper dollar is worth about seven-tenths of an American cent) to move the troops Colombia has to-day at Titumali, on the Gulf of Darien, for Cartagena at that point. These men are estimated at from 2000 to 4000 in number, and at one time they were well supplied with provisions.

Joaquin Velez, Perez y Soto and other enemies of Marroquin have been imprisoned for alleged conspiracy.

People arriving from Colombia declare the situation in that country to be growing worse every day.

## Splendid Result of Good Culture.

Kaufman: J. T. H. Lipscomb, who owns a large plantation on East Fork, in this county, tried some experimental work in cotton-raising last year. One of his tenants was tending twenty-four acres of cotton, and at the regular laying-by time Mr. Lipscomb directed him to cut off four acres and continue to plow the remaining twenty until picking time. The work was faithfully performed and resulted in only two average bales on the four acres worked in the usual way and in twenty bales of as heavy weight from the cotton worked out to the time of picking. Mr. Lipscomb says that all of his land will be worked right up to the time of gathering hereafter.

## Manila's Big Street Railway.

San Francisco: Richard T. Laffin, who will be manager of the big American street railway system to be inaugurated in Manila, has arrived here on his way to the Orient. The company will invest \$4,000,000 in organizing a street car service, which eventually will be extended to the suburban districts. One hundred trolley cars will be sent over as a starter and California will benefit by the shipment of 50,000 redwood ties. The other material will come from Pittsburg.

The doctors make the emphatic statement that there is not a case of yellow fever at Lando.

The Continental Bank and Trust Company, of Fort Worth, have arranged to open a branch bank at Burleson.

The Earl of Devon (Rev. Sir Henry Hugh Courtenay), rector of Powderham, Devon, is dead. He was born July 15, 1811, and held an extensive estate.

Lake Michigan is frozen over, an occurrence that seldom happens. The average temperature has been lower than since 1876.

It is given out that President Roosevelt will come to Texas soon after the November election on a lobo hunt, and will be the guest of C. A. Lyon of Sherman.

Ex-County Treasurer Wm. Bagley, aged seventy-three years, a pioneer settler of Collin county, died Friday at McKinney.

Mrs. L. J. Clayton died suddenly Friday morning of heart failure at Fort Worth. She retired in good health at night. Deceased was a pioneer of this county, from Alabama.

It is authentically stated that gold has been found on the farm of A. M. Davidson in the southern part of Van Zandt County. A specimen of the ore has been sent to the assayer at Denver, Colo., who reported such a quantity as to pay from \$5.50 to \$6.50 to the ton.

Mercantile reports show that January orders are greatly in excess of those for January 1903, and business in all staple lines bids fair to continue exceedingly good.

Each Texas Congressman wants to get a boll weevil farm for his district and some are clamoring for more.

More than 115,000 laborers have returned to work within the past few weeks in the lake region and in Pennsylvania.

## COBURN WOULD BAR TEXAS CATTLE.

Manager Wortham Lays the Matter Before the President. Texans Want to Know.

Washington, Feb. 2.—There is one interesting fight on here which involves the great cattle-raising industry of Texas and St. Louis World's Fair. General Manager Louis J. Wortham of the Texas World's Fair Association is here looking out for the interests of Texas, and incidentally President Francis of the exposition is here for the purpose of obtaining from Congress a Government loan of \$4,500,000 to carry out the plans of the exposition corporation. Mr. Francis has up to this time resisted the efforts of Texas to get her cattle industry into the exposition, and two of the biggest Senators and sixteen husky Representatives are here to know why Texas should support the proposition of a Government loan when one of the greatest industries of Texas is denied the advantages of the fair. The story is not uninteresting.

Superintendent Coburn of the Exposition Live Stock Association has for reasons of his own determined that no cattle south of the Federal quarantine line shall be exhibited at the exposition. Ostensibly this protects the Northern breeders of fancy stock from the danger of having their cattle exposed to Texas fever from contact with cattle south of the Federal quarantine line. In effect, the ruling gives a monopoly of the advantages to be derived from the exposition to a few breeders from such States as Missouri.

## Strike for More Money.

Chicago: Carriage and wagon workers to the number of 1000 were forced out by a general lockout in the factories of the Carriage and Wagon Manufacturers' Association. The men had been notified that a lockout was inevitable unless the Workers' union agreed to renew an agreement expiring Sunday night, with a new clause providing for conciliation and arbitration in settling disputes. This the union refused to do. Its officers presented demands for an average increase of 10 per cent in wages.

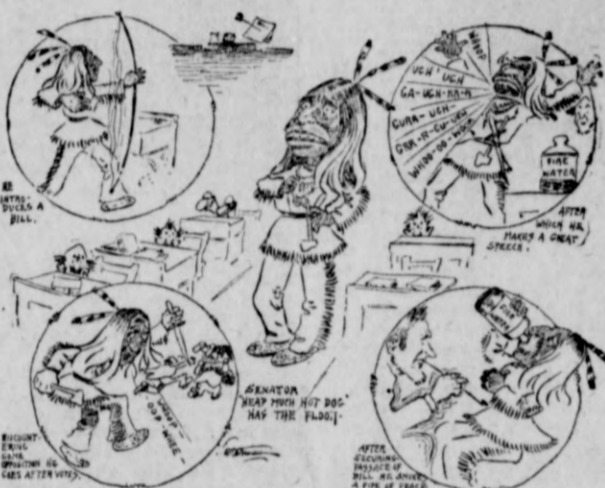
## After Oil in Greer County.

Vernon: Work has begun on the test well for oil in Greer county, about twenty-five miles north of Vernon. Experts are in charge of the work, in fact, the promoters are men who have had a great deal of experience in oil fields in the East and South Texas. Natural inflammable gas is found escaping from the ground over a large portion of southern Greer county and it is frequently struck while digging wells for water at a depth of from 20 to 30 feet.

## American Skater Shows the German.

Leipsic, Germany: Ernest C. Meyer, of Madison, Wis., wearing the colors of the University of Wisconsin, made two world's records at a skating tournament Sunday, doing a kilometer backward in 1:56 1-2 and two kilometers forward in 2:12 3-5. The "Stars and Stripes" were hoisted over the judge's stand, and a military band present played the "Star Spangled Banner" in honor of the winner.

## WHEN THE INDIAN SENATOR TAKES HIS SEAT.



A section of Senator Quay's territorial bill provides that one of the senators shall be of Indian descent.

Kansas, Iowa and Illinois to the exclusion of the great cattle-breeding section of the country.

Long ago the Department of Agriculture gave out the opinion that cattle from south of the quarantine line could be safely exhibited at St. Louis provided that they were exhibited in separate pens and other precautions were used such as the Bureau of Animal Industry might prescribe. The Department of Agriculture having no authority over the matter, although the Government is providing thousands of dollars' worth of premiums for live stock exhibits, has been unable to convince Mr. Coburn. He has resolutely set his face against Southern exhibitors.

When a man takes up the reins of government he always finds himself behind a team of kickers.

## New Cotton Oil Mill at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth: It is learned from a thoroughly reliable source that C. H. Bencini and associates will erect in time for next season's cotton crop an eighty-ton cotton seed oil mill near the packing houses, to cost between \$75,000 and \$80,000. Mr. Bencini was asked concerning the matter, but did not care to discuss the subject at this time, though he acknowledged that arrangements had practically been made to erect the mill.

## Couldn't Stand the Shock.

New York: Henry Schmidt, Jr., dropped dead at the door of his sweetheart's home. In his pocket was found a wedding ring. Schmidt planned to wed some time ago, but did not owing to religious differences. He was determined to marry the girl, and after several days' delay again at her home. He was told she had gone out for a drive with another suitor. Schmidt started back and fell dead.

## Two Persons Hurt in Collision.

Waco: A Cotton Belt freight train ran into a trolley car Monday injuring I. E. Lyon, the motorman, and Mrs. Robert Hall, a passenger. The locomotive struck squarely in the flank and broke a hole in the side of the car, the timbers striking Mrs. Hall, bruising her head and breaking one of her ribs. Mrs. Hall was holding her baby in her arms and protected it from injury, interposing her own person.

## Zion Still Pressed for More Money.

Chicago: John Alexander Dowie planned three years ago to have the "Land of Zion" free from debt to-day. Instead, it is declared that \$300,000 would not meet the payments, and that \$75,000 for property on which options were given have fallen due. Most of the options due previously have been extended, and the overseer's lieutenants declare they will retain all the land held in this way—said to be one-third of the total acreage of 6500. Mortgages represent one-half of the purchase price of the rest.

Saturday night the officers found an unknown negro dying on the street at Hillsboro with consumption. He was sent to the pauper farm, and died before day and without having been able to tell who he was. He was about 22 or 23 years old.

## Dawson, I. T.: The town of Grand Forks is being undermined in the pursuit of gold.

The town stands on what was originally claim No. 6 above Discovery, on Bonanza creek. Grand Forks has a population of 500. The town has one long street, lined with business houses. A number of owners of the business houses and lots on which they stand have begun digging under their own buildings in quest of the yellow metal and are having success.

For the first time in many years the United States Treasury vaults are depleted of gold coin. Lately the mints have been busy coining Philippine silver and subsidiary coin. They will now coin gold, working over time to meet the demand.

Congested labor market and over-production at Midvale Iron Works, Philadelphia, caused a reduction of from 5 cents to 35 cents in wages, of 3500 men commencing Monday.

A man named Egbert confined in prison at Dawson Springs, Madison county, was burned to death in a fire in the structure which was of wood and heated with a stove.

The Trinity Valley Trust Company of Dallas has filed an amendment to its charter, increasing its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Forty persons were killed by an explosion of tons of gunpowder at Fort Bratinda, Punjab, India.

# Japan's Money Matters Are All Hunki Dori

## A POPULAR LOAN IS THE PRESIDENT PLAN.

Prospects are That the Issue Will Be Oversubscribed Several Times.

Tokio, Jan. 29.—It is anticipated that the answer by Russia to Japan's latest note will reach Tokio not later than next Monday. Besides the intimation conveyed to Baron De Rosen, the Russian Minister at this capital, that an early reply was desired, Minister Kurino, at St. Petersburg, called on Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and politely requested a response. Count Lamsdorff promised that the reply of his government would be delivered within a few days. It is said that the Russian Imperial council will discuss the questions involved before the Czar to-day, and if an immediate decision is reached the note may arrive in Tokio on Saturday.

Russia's response is eagerly awaited. If it should prove unsatisfactory to Japan an immediate decision is reached the note may arrive in Tokio on Saturday.

Russia's response is eagerly awaited. If it should prove unsatisfactory to Japan an immediate declaration of war seems unavoidable. The Japanese feel that the entire responsibility for the outcome rests with Russia.

Some doubt is expressed that Russia properly appreciates the determination and temper of the Japanese people, and it seems incredible that Baron De Rosen has failed to correctly inform the government at St. Petersburg of the situation.

Japan is busy perfecting a financial program. The announced plan to issue bonds and increase taxation meets with popular approval, but some objections have been made at the proposed method of procedure, as well as to the redemption plan. It is said that the final details will be settled soon.

Premier Katsura and the other members of the Japanese Cabinet entertained at dinner a number of prominent bankers of the empire, who have gathered at the capital to discuss the financial situation and assist in the perfecting of the government's program. Friday the Premier and Cabinet will give a dinner to a group of millionaire financiers, and President Matsuo of the Bank of Japan will give a banquet to the visiting bankers, at which Matsukata and Inoyou, former Ministers of Finance, will deliver addresses.

Marquis Ito, Matsukata and Gen. Yamagata, members of the imperial household finance council, had an audience with the Emperor at which it was decided that the imperial household should subscribe to the government's bonds, should they be issued. It was undecided, however, what amount should be taken. This will make the Emperor a personal subscriber to the proposed bonds.

The government is receiving many offers for the bonds, and it is said the issue will be oversubscribed several times.

More than twenty persons were injured in a street car collision at St. Louis during a fog, and one motorman will die of his injuries.

## Found Fifteen Watches.

Sulphur Springs: Wednesday Aaron Baxley found on his farm, seven miles east of town, fifteen watches. The watches were found in some newly cleared ground, and from appearances have been buried several years. Seven or eight of them were silver watches, with Elgin movements. The others looked as though the cases were brass. One of them when wound up ran all right. The others looked as though the movements were ruined.

## A New Church for Dallas.

Dallas: Within the next two weeks there is to be started another fine church structure for Dallas. This will be the place of worship of the Second Presbyterian congregation. The old church, a frame building, is to be replaced by a permanent structure, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$16,000, the plans of which have been fully completed. The new building will completely cover the corner lot, which is 60x100 feet in size.

Three hundred and eighty-two yards, by Travis, is the longest golf drive.

It is stated that in the event of England being drawn into a war with Japan against Russia, Germany will immediately make a friendly occupation of Copenhagen with a powerful force, thus effectively closing the Baltic and preventing the Russians from going out or the English coming in.

W. C. Vanlandingham, a pioneer citizen of Hunt county, died at his home in Lone Oak of paralysis. He was seventy-seven years old.

## LYON WANTS A FINGER IN ALL FEDERAL PIE.

He is Looking After the Boll Weevil Appropriation and Wants to "Be Shown."

Washington, Jan. 29.—While it has been impossible so far to get the Texas delegation together to caucus on the question of boll weevil farms, individual members are taking the liveliest interest in the matter.

Dr. Howard was called in and informed the Secretary that the farms have not been definitely located, except that the farms heretofore established would be continued. Other members of the delegation are likewise stirred about the matter as the result of Garner's roar, and it is very likely that the Agricultural Department will hear much from the Texas members within the next week.

To add to the complications of the situation, State Chairman Lyon of the Republican State Executive Committee, who arrived here Thursday, says that he intends to look into the farm question while he is here, and if he finds that the Texas Congressmen are running the boll weevil affair as a political enterprise he intends to put in the claims of the Republican party of Texas.

"It is absurd," said Mr. Lyons, "to confine the boll weevil experiments to Southern Texas counties exclusively, and I shall urge the importance of having at least one experiment farm in each North Texas district, and my opinion at this time is that every district in the state should have one of these farms. I do not know of a single district that is not to a certain extent ravaged or threatened by the weevil, and it is just as important to teach the people who have suffered slightly as to teach those who have been suffering for years and who have heretofore had the benefit of all the experiments of the Agricultural Department."

So far, nothing can be learned at the Department as to the exact location of these farms. There are sixteen Congressional districts, and it is proposed to establish only thirteen experimental farms. If two or three districts get the majority of these thirteen of course the larger districts of the state, together with the great cotton region of North Texas, will get limited direct benefits from this year's operations. As the Department is not yet prepared to give out any information as to the exact location of the farms, it is difficult to say just to what extent members are endeavoring to corner the expenditure of the \$250,000 in their own districts. If there is any patronage in the matter, or any politics, Col. Lyon is here to put up a roar, as he says there are good Republican farmers in Texas who are anxious to aid the government in boll weevil experiments.

"But," said Lyon, "I am going to offer no obstacle to any true scientific work for the relief of the farmers of Texas. I just want the farmers' interests conserved and the state's greatest industry protected. But if Democratic Congressmen are finding pie in the boll weevil business, then I intend to put in a claim."

Mr. Lyon will call on the Secretary of Agriculture.

## Test Shaft for Tishomingo.

Tishomingo, I. T.: A company is being formed to prospect for gold in and near the city. They have secured the right from the city to sink a shaft on Eighth street. Several assays have been exhibited, some of them running over \$600 to the ton of silver, gold and copper. That there are several ledges of some kind of mineral has been known for some time, but the people will take hold of it now and demonstrate the fact and also its value.

## United on Statehood.

Ardmore, I. T.: Both Democratic and Republican conventions in Indian Territory, it is predicted, will insert in their respective platforms a plank declaring unconditionally for single statehood or union with Oklahoma. Both political organizations are united on the statehood proposition, the only question being which party will make the strongest fight to secure self-authority. Statehood will not be an issue in the coming campaign.

The Pacolet Manufacturing Company, which has a plant at New Holland, Ga., which alone consumes annually more than thirty thousand bales of cotton and employs about one thousand hands, will close Saturday for an indefinite period.

Mr. Garner called on Secretary Wilson and made an earnest argument for one of the farms, and the Secretary promised him that a farm he should have if it were possible.



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Prohibition is not temperance.

The European spinners should abuse the boll weevil, not the American cotton speculators.

Russia is prepared for eventualities, say the correspondents. So are the democrats of Callahan county.

The democrats in congress say the silver question is dead for the present, at least, and Mr. Bryan virtually admits it.

The biggest fraud on earth is the man who pretends to be your friend and, Job like, stabs you under the fifth rib.

THE STAR is still the great religious weekly of the county, if one imported agitator does not think it worthy to go into Christian homes.

Russia does not want war and Japan does not want war. The only people in the Far East now that are thirsting for gore are the war correspondents.

Cotton is bating right around 16 cents on the local market, but the farmers do not seem to mind it. It is the other fellow that is blue now. So wags the world.

THE STAR received more new subscribers the past month than any one month in many years. They were all cash, and most of them for one year in advance subscribers.

It is now given out that a majority of the Democrats in the senate will vote for the Panama treaty. Some politicians can realize danger when they hear the rumblings of a political cyclone coming in their direction.

If Japan and Russia have any Texas mules they should not hitch them to their artillery if war should come. A Texas mule is a docile animal in time of peace, but he simply will not stand fire. Gen. Beauregard learned this in the Civil war, and the English had to learn it over in the Boer war.

There was 287 poll tax receipts issued at Baird, and 1491 in the county. Counting exemptions, about 315 persons are qualified to vote in Baird and about 1800 in the county. This is about 300 votes short in the county. There were 1765 votes cast in the Democratic primary in 1902. 374 votes at that time were cast at Baird.

MONEY.

The two Banks at Baird show deposits, as per last week's report, amounting to \$340,905.69. A pretty good start for a presidential year. Had cotton been as high all the season as it has been the past month it would have put a million dollars in Callahan County, but the prices have been so much better than usual, and we should all be satisfied.

THROUGH SORROW'S GATE.

There are many things, besides sorrow's self, that come through sorrow's gate—gentleness, tact, sympathy, strength, beautiful traits of character, which seem to find no other mode of entrance into life. Long for unclouded joy as we may, it still remains true that a few of us would choose for our most valued friend one who has never suffered. The eye that has never known tears must needs lack something of tenderness. The heart that has never been torn with anguish and loss has never sounded its own depths, and can not measure those of another. The soul grows stronger through storm and conflict, if it ever grows at all, and, however sweet a nature may be, we find it incomplete and unsatisfactory if it has never known the softening, hallowing touch of grief. There are dark pages in our lives where we would gladly have changed the story if we could. There are wounds that still ache, and losses that even yet are hard to bear; but however, we may feel about the sorrow itself, there are few of us who would be willing to give up all that is brought and taught us—to be just what we were before it touched us. There are some precious gains that come through sorrow's gate.—The Wellspring.

Terrell's has tablets, pencils, ink, copy books, all prices, for the school boys and girls. Tickets for every 25c purchase for the gold watch.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Owens, mother of Mrs. John Wilson, of Baird, died out in the Bryant neighborhood Monday, Mrs. Owens was about 80 years old.

MARRIED.

LAWSON-BLOOM.—Mr. Oscar Lawson and Miss Mattie Bloom were married at the Court House yesterday, Rev. J. D. Odum officiating.

REPORTED DEAD.

Cadet Addie, one of the young ladies who came here with the Salvation Army last fall, is reported dead. Many in Baird will regret to hear of this young girl's death. THE STAR hopes the report is not true.

Each 25c purchase at Terrell's entitles you to a ticket for the fine gold filled watch free. 9-4t

Young ladies remember Terrell's is the place to get your face powders, creams, lotions, paints, perfumes, hair tonics, etc. 9-4t

R. B. Spencer, of the lumber firm of R. B. Spencer & Co is in town checking up the business of his firm.

All kinds of fashion magazines, new delineators and designers in. Get one and keep up with the latest. Terrell.

There was a rumor afloat here this week that a petition would be presented to the Commissioners Court for a prohibition election in Precinct No 1 Baird. The court meets next Monday.

Still got plenty of Sherwin-Williams paints. Come let us price you. Best paint on earth. Terrell. 9-4t

There was a bad freight wreck reported Tuesday on the joint track between Sierra Blanca and El Paso. One is reported killed and several others hurt.

Brushes, brushes, hair, nail, bath, paint or tooth brush. Terrell. 9-4t

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Jones and little daughter, Josie, of Miami, Tex., who have been visiting Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones for sometime will leave for North Texas to-day, where Mrs. Jones will spend sometime with her parents before returning home.

Geo. B. Scott of Baird, an old Cottonwood boy, announces for County and District Clerk this week. George Scott is well and favorably known, though we believe has never been a candidate before. He is a hustler and will take a pride in discharging the duties of the office and we believe will make an efficient clerk, if elected.

Lowney's candies at Terrell's. 9-4t

Finn Lilley a well known young man living near Cross Plains but for the last year or more residing in the Territory, died at Mr. Booth's near Cottonwood. Mr. Lilley came through Baird last week on his way to visit his father F. G. Lilley at Cross Plains, but was so ill he was compelled to stop at Mr. Booth's where he died. THE STAR tenders sincere sympathy to the friends of the deceased.

Terrell has the freshest and best line of fine candies in the city. 9-4t

J. E. (Eli) Gilliland announces as a candidate for Tax Assessor. He has served as deputy under the old assessor Uncle Tom Norrell for several years and perhaps knows more about land matters in the county than anybody. He has lived in the county for near a quarter of a century and has a wide acquaintance over the county. He is familiar with all the duties and responsibilities of the office and will discharge them faithfully and efficiently if elected.

Have your watch repaired and engraving done by J. A. Jensen, at Terrell's drug store. 9-4t

ESTRAY NOTICE.

The State of Texas } Taken up by J. W. Gaitner, P. O. Putnam, Texas, and estrayed before F. S. Ormsby, J. P. Precinct No. 8, Callahan county, Texas, on the 24th day of Oct 1903, the following described animal: One light bay horse, unbroke, about 16 hands high, 3 white feet, white stripe in face about 8 years old, branded x 4 on left shoulder, and appraised at \$50.00. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of Jan. A. D. 1904. W. P. COCHRAN, Co. Clerk. Callahan County Texas. 7-4t-pd

MARRIED.

GRIFFITH-HAMILTON.—Mr. Glenn Griffith, of Warren, Ohio, and Miss Clyde Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamilton, were married at the home of the bride's parents Sunday, Jan. 31, 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. D. Odum, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, officiating.

The wedding was a quiet home affair, only a few relatives of the contracting parties present to witness the ceremony. Miss Hamilton has lived here from childhood, and the best wishes of her many friends go with her to her new home. Mr. Griffith is a nephew of Mr. Byron Snyder, and is well known here, having visited his uncle a number of times. He is a popular and promising young man. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith left Monday for their home at Warren, Ohio.

\$100 REWARD.

The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$100.00 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this society in good standing." J. B. ORMSBY, President. A. G. WEBB, Secretary. Note:—All members of the Association are earnestly requested to pay up their assessments as the Association has some past due bills to pay. Dec. 25, 1902. A. G. WEBB.

FROM CLYDE.

Our Literary Society is progressing nicely. Surely, is it? O yes, the girls and boys are reciting sweet and smart pieces; the larger boys are nursing their prestige by exploding their wisdom in oratoric dash, repartee and recoll. Some silver haired Ponce de Leon here finds the fountain of youth; thus all having a good time. But where is the progress? As I wandered through the sand towards my humble home, my thoughts ran back to the scenes of my childhood in the far away old time and country. There it would be hard to find a school house that did contain a library, upheld by governmental aid or by the city. As the Texas school fund is not available for such purposes, why not connect a library with the literary society? The benefits would be manifold. If sound judgment is exercised in selecting good books, it will fill the desire for the dime novel dishwasher; it will give a wholesome training in handling and borrowing books. Such library, if kept open the year around, would also keep the children in reading practice; whereas now many retrograde during the dull season. When school opens again they insist on getting the next reader, etc., and then blame the teacher because they are not able to keep up. Where there is a will there would present themselves several ways to start a little box library: the sorriest would be, to depend on outside help in a Carnegie; the best, go ahead and build it yourself.

The first school I went to was so small (30 scholars) that the teacher was not able to procure government aid, but one fall he announced and explained his intention of starting a school library. Every child, wanting to join, had to bring a bound book, or at least, 25c for the teacher to buy suitable books. He also induced several patrons to loan several volumes to the library. In this manner he procured about 15 books per annum, which were stored away in the safe, containing self made physical instruments. But ten years afterwards I "chipped" in a quarter to buy a book case for the public school library.

Now if this suggestion finds favor with you, don't wonder who wrote this, but rather, can not we start a Literary Society Library?

ALPHA BETA GAMMA.

Tendency of the Times.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousand of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable George Stewart. Nominations for temporary chairman was called for. The Hon. T. J. Powell was elected by acclamation. The meeting was called for the purpose of deciding where the extension would start from, Abilene, Clyde or Baird, but the proposition for Abilene was tabled on the ground that Abilene was "too dry." Abilene will never know the loss it sustained by being "dry." Clyde was ably represented by Mr. J. H. McCoy, who made a strong plea and a hard pull for Clyde. Baird was not represented, and thereby may lose a good thing. Oplin was represented by Mr. A. J. Simmons, who made them a flattering offer if they would come by Oplin. Mr. Simmons is now mail carrier from Oplin to Tecumseh, which job he proposed to turn over to them when the road was completed. The Company would realize from that source alone 45 cents per day. Mr. Eli Windham, the head of the firm of Windham & Willett at Tecumseh, made them an offer of \$1.00 if they would make Tecumseh the terminus for fifteen years. They didn't seem to think that was bonus sufficient to justify them to stay so long. They are going right on with the road. A suggestion was made by Mr. Tom Willett that they build and elevated railway, such as they have in New York. He claimed that they would suffer no damages from high water by doing so, and high water is quite an item to be considered in this part of country. It was tabled for further investigation. After electing the following officers they adjourned to meet at same place the next "Chew-day." Hon. T. J. Powell, president; Hon. Geo. Stewart, vice president; Hon. W. E. Avery, secretary; Hon. Scott Jones general manager and road overseer. Tecumseh, Texas.

W. R. McDermott, and daughters Cora, Louise and Mrs. Thos. Bragance came in from Fort Worth last week with the intention of taking charge of the Maxwell Hotel, but at last accounts the deal had not been closed. Mr. McDermott has had a great deal of sickness in his family since he moved to Fort Worth, and Mr. McDermott himself has just recovered from a severe spell of illness, in common with Mr. McDermott's friends THE STAR would be glad to see him get in to some good paying business in our town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

- For County Judge. I. N. JACKSON. J. N. W. WOODS. For County and District Clerk, J. H. SHACKELFORD. W. P. COCHRAN. GEO. B. SCOTT. For Sheriff and Tax Collector, T. A. (Al) IRVIN. JAS. REED. For Tax Assessor, JAS. RANDALS. M. G. (Melvin) FARMER. J. A. CHEEK. J. E. GILLILAND. For County Attorney, M. C. COUNCIL. C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL. For County Treasurer, J. E. W. LANE.

READ THIS.

IT IS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU If you owe me, don't wait any longer, but come on and pay me. I must have what is due me, in order to meet my bills. C. S. BOYLES. 8-4t

NOTICE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Stated Conclave Abilene Commandery Monday evening Feb. 2th, Red Cross work. Called Conclave Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 4 p. m. for Templar work followed by banquet, to which, all Sir Knights and candidates who have been elected, together with their families are invited. J. H. PICKENS, E. C. C. W. ROBERTS, Recorder.

Cows For Sale.

Four good, fresh milk cows for sale on easy terms. About \$25.00 each. Phone me, J. L. LEA. 7-4t

Health

Means the ability to do a good day's work, without undue fatigue and to find life worth living. You cannot have indigestion or constipation without its upsetting the liver and polluting the blood. Such a condition may be best and quickest obtained by Herbine, the best liver regulator the world has ever known. Mrs. D. W. Smith writes, April 3, 1902: "I use Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and regulating the liver I ever used." Price 50 cents. Sold by R. Phillips.

NEW GOODS.

You ought to see all the pretty new goods at T. E. Powell's. We got in two car loads this week at old prices; goods at my store are cheaper today than at the factory where they were made. You know the advance is here, but I bought before the great advance. Come and see. T. E. POWELL. 7

We have a few more fine California blankets.

We do not propose to carry them over. Now is the time to get a good blanket at a sacrifice. T. E. POWELL. 5-4t

Itch—Ringworm.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25th, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a maudsy known as the 'itch'. The itching was most unbearable; I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Lintment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the lintment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured completely. 25c. 50c and \$1.00 bottle. Sold by R. Phillips.

We have it for less. T. E. POWELL. 5-4t

Don't forget school books are CASH 41t Powell & Powell.

SEED OATS—for sale. No Johnson grass seed or weed balls in them. 8-7t R. C. DAWKINS, Admiral, Tex.

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

MOVED!

I have moved into my new Barber Shop, first door south of Oliver & Wilson's Market. Everything nice, new and clean. Give me a call when in need of an easy shave and stylish hair cut, SHAMPOOING, HAIR DYEING. E C FULTON Agent Acme Steam Laundry, 1717 W. WORTH. BASKET leaves Tuesdays, returns Fridays. I am now running two chairs and am prepared to serve you promptly. Hot and Cold Baths.

HADLEY & JAMES, MEAT MARKET. LEA BUILDING. Beef, Pork, Sausage, PHONE 22. Free delivery, give us a trial and we will do our best to please you.

R. RHILLIPS DRUGGIST. WE are still here, with a full and complete line of everything found in an up-to-date drug store. Before buying please give us a call and see what we have got and get prices; it will save you money. We have the largest assortment in Baird. We are anxious for your trade and we will treat you right. BAIRD, TEXAS.

D. W. WRISTEN AND Co. GROCERS. Besides a First-class Stock of Staple Provisions, we wish to call attention to the fact that we are offering a full line of

BATAVIA Canned Goods, Heinz' Mince Meat and Apple Butter in Stone Jars. The name is a guarantee of Quality. BISHOP'S California Preserves, Oranges, Maraschino Cherries, Preserved Figs, Etc.

D. W. WRISTEN & CO., BAIRD, TEXAS. Orders Carefully Filled, Promptly Delivered and Quality of Every Package Guaranteed.

When A Woman Feels Depressed. It's the Liver. HERBINE. Sold and Guaranteed by R. PHILLIPS & SON, Baird, Tex. We have \$2,000 worth of silks, a great many pieces in remnants. These pieces must be sold at prices to suit the customers, cost not in it. Remember, ladies, this is for you. Greatest sacrifice of the season. T. E. POWELL.



# Grand Opening of Spring Dry Goods

## At Baird's Greatest Dry Goods Store.

During the month of January we have received about \$20,000 worth of the Latest and Newest Novelties in Spring Goods.

### Lawns and Domestic.

We have carried the best line of White Lawns for the last 2 years, that was ever shown in Baird before, and this year we have still a better line. Although cotton is up our Lawn is still cheaper, now this is no fable talk or fancied ideas, for we will prove what we say if you will come and see. We have many thousand yards of Bleached Domestic, sufficient to run us through this season, and at almost old prices, in fact we can sell you as good bleached domestic to-day as you ever bought for six cents. In the

#### DOMESTIC LINE

Both bleached and brown we have over \$10,000 worth in the house, bought at old prices, and ready to be sold at old prices, although the advance has been very sharp in cotton, we took the golden opportunity to buy goods early last fall for this Summer's use. I bought these goods for you and knowing that you wished to buy cheap I bought an immense quantity so everyone could get what he wanted at old prices.

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT is well crowded with the greatest brands that was ever known on earth—Hamilton-Browns. We have all the Slippers, Oxford, Southern Ties and in fact everything you want in this line already here. Besides the above we have the American Ladies and Gentleman's Shoe, those two brands are the pride of Hamilton-Brown's factories, their equal has never yet been made. If you are not wearing them come quick and get you a pair, as they will save you money and health. Every pair guaranteed. All other lines are filling up very rapidly.

We started out this year to do more business than last year and we want you to help us succeed. We have courteous, pleasant and affable clerks in all departments, ready, willing and anxious to wait on you, the more we do the cheaper we can sell goods and if you want to buy goods cheap help give us the business that will enable us to sell them cheap.

Respectfully

## T. E. Powell.

### Ginghams and Percals

We have over 500,000 yds. of the Latest Designs and Patterns in French Ginghams. These goods are made expressly for fine trade, colors all guaranteed, it is almost as fine as Silk. Every time you wash them they look better, along with this we have several thousand yards of

#### BATES SEERSUCKER.

If you have ever had a piece of this once, you will always want it, for positively they will not fade, and the equal is not known as to wear. Besides these we have thousands and thousands of other Ginghams, Seersuckers and Cheviotts suitable for Dresses and Shirt Waist, also multiplied thousands of yards of Percals.



### T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

WEST BOUND.

No. 2, arrives	3:30 p m
departs	3:55 p m
No. 5, arrives	2:55 a m
departs	3:15 a m

EAST BOUND.

No. 4, arrives	1:15 p m
departs	1:35 p m
No. 6, arrives	12:55 a m
departs	1:05 a m

J. B. HARRON, Agent.

### LOCAL NEWS

Pure hog lard, Hadley & James. 9t

Editor Mansil, of Putnam, was in town Monday on business.

Terrell's headquarters for all kinds of pure fresh drugs. 9-4t

Get your eight day or alarm clock from Powell & Powell.

Editor Charley Willson, of Cottonwood, was in town Monday collecting his bills.

Thrasher's navy tobacco, fine at Terrell's, for a plug, and ticket for the watch to be given away Feb 29th. 9

Mr. F. C. Lilley, of Cross Plains, paid THE STAR a visit while in town yesterday.

John Clements, colored, of Tecumseh, sold a load of hogs, Tuesday to Hadley & James, local butchers.

Remember we take subscriptions for the Dallas Semi-Weekly News, \$1.00 a year, and four tickets to the gold watch. Terrell. 9-4t

T. B. Harris, of Admiral, recently married, while in town Saturday subscribed for THE STAR and Dallas News. A good start.

It is rumored that a petition will be presented to the commissioners court next week asking for a local option election in Baird precinct.

J. F. Claggett was reported quite ill last week at his home north of town. He had an attack of grip in addition to rheumatism. Dr. Powell informs us that he was reported improving at last accounts.

Elegant line of Ladies and gents watches, rings, chains, and buttons, charms, necklaces, locket, or anything in the jewelry line. Every thing engraved free that we sell. Terrell. 9-4

J. J. McWhorter, Arthur Young and Lem Lambert, from the Bayou country were in town last Saturday.

### THE BANKER'S UNION.

The local lodge of the Banker's Union met at Odd Fellows hall last Monday night. It was the opinion of all who expressed themselves that the receivership proceedings at Omaha was a death-blow to the order, and none of the Baird members will pay their assessments, unless matter should be settled satisfactory, which, however, none believe can or will ever be done. The lodge at Baird was among the strongest in the state. The amount in premiums paid monthly to the Supreme Lodge from this lodge was over \$70.00. The members feel sore, and what some of them say about the heads of the order would not look well in print, and what some of them really think about Rev. Dr. Spiney would heat the types red hot if published.

Come to Terrell's for your machine oil, lube oil, etc. 9-4t

### POULTRY.

I have 15 barred Plymouth Rock roosters left; good quality at \$1.00 each. A. A. CALLAHAN.

### NOTICE.

Mrs. Fred Lane has been appointed director of the Children's Auxiliary of the daughters of the Confederacy, and all members are requested to meet at her house on Saturday Feb'y. 8th at 3 o'clock p. m.

John Windham of Tecumseh was in town yesterday.

See change in T. E. Powell's ad.

Anyone needing a good clock, 8 day or alarm, get our prices. Guaranteed perfect time. Terrell. 9-4t

When you want something good to read look over our magazines, novels, etc. Terrell. 9-4t

Misses Commora and Lillie Moon have returned from a visit to relatives at Breckenridge.

Miss Fannie Mills, who spent several months with relatives in Johnson county, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz will leave for the eastern markets the last of the week unless detained by the illness of their daughter, Miss Lillian, who is slightly ill.

Ed Coppins was able to get down town a day or two ago after a rather severe case of the grip.

We regret to learn that Frank Coates of Cottonwood, who was hurt by being thrown from a horse last week is paralyzed.

### TYPEWRITER FOR SALE.

I have a typewriter, almost new, for sale. A big bargain. L. L. BLACKBURN.

### PREACHING.

THE STAR is requested to announce that Rev. John Collier will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church next Sunday.

### A LETTER TO THE TRADE.

I am opening a new store at Clyde, and will carry a stock of dry goods, shoes and clothing, groceries, hardware, implements and furniture. Will endeavor to carry a complete line, and solicit your trade, promising fair treatment to all. D. H. COLE. 8-4t Clyde, Texas.

### NOTICE.

John Bloom and wife have legally and lawfully parted and have divided their property and I will not stand for any of the indebtedness caused by the purchase or contracts of my former wife or children. JOHN BLOOM.

Have your prescriptions filled at Terrell's. This department is complete, and service is accurate and thorough. Terrell, the Druggist. 9-4t

"DO IT TO-DAY." Never put off 'till to-morrow what you can do to-day," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it to-day!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it TO-DAY—and let that remedy be Dr. Bochee's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty-five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated your cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. Now trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

W. J. McGowen is improving and hopes to be out soon.

W. P. (Dick) Cochran's announcement for County and District Clerk appears in this issue. As deputy under W. W. Dunson, former clerk, and since he has held the office himself has always discharged the duties of the office faithfully and efficiently. His past record is a guarantee of his future course should he be re-elected.

Bulk garden seed at Terrell's.

ANDERSON & BRASHER.  
BARBER # SHOP.  
#AT HOTEL SEAY.#

Do first-class barber work. Hot baths every day in the week. Agents for Ideal Steam Laundry, Dublin, Texas, basket leaves Tuesday returns Friday. Hotel Seay Shop. Telephone No. 99.

READ THIS.  
IT IS FOR YOU, IF YOU OWE ME.

I have a great many accounts on my books that should have been paid last year. I need the money and positively I cannot carry them over as accounts. You must settle yours by paying the cash or securing the accounts with a good note that I can use at the Bank. I must have money to meet my bills and this is the only way to get it. Please come at once and fix this up and save any extra trouble or expense. T. E. POWELL. 7-tf

Pasture.

I will take stock to pasture by month. Phone me. J. L. LEA. 7-tf

We have quite a stock of overcoats that we must sell. If you now need an overcoat, call at our store and get a good bargain. T. E. POWELL. 5-tf

OUR CUTS TALK

Our Monthly Publication will keep you posted on our work and methods. Mailed Free to the

ADVERTISING MAN of any responsible house.

DESIGNERS-ENGRAVERS ELECTROTYPERS

WILLIAMSON HAFNER ENGRAVING CO. DENVER, COLO., U.S.A.

You have to have a suit of clothes for your boy. The only place to get them is at T. E. Powell's. 7-tf

BASS BROS. DRUG CO., ABILENE, TEXAS.

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 11, 1903.

Bass Bros. Drug Co., Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sirs: Last July I lost five head of cattle out of a lot of twenty seven head with splenic fever. I then commenced feeding the herd on your Medicated Salt, and have not had a sick one since, and so far I have not had a case of Blackleg.

I think all stockowners should keep Medicated Salt where their stock can get it at all times. Yours truly, WALTER FOSTER.

(Mr. Porter is manager of the Experimental Farm at Terrell.)

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 14, 1903.—I am using Bass' Medicated Stock Salt in my feed lots on more than 400 steers. Every one is doing well. I am more than pleased and consider it the best investment I ever made, not excepting the best stock foods and tanners. R. S. RODGERS.

(Mr. Rodgers is one of the most successful cattle feeders in Texas)

HOTEL-SEAY,

MRS. E. SIGAL, Lessee

We have moved into the above hotel where we are better prepared than ever to accommodate the public. We take this occasion to thank our friends for their liberal patronage given us in the many years past and express the hope that they will call on us in our new location. Hotel Seay is one of the best equipped hotels in West Texas. Come see us.

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

The Home National Bank OF BAIRD.

The above bank solicits from the people of Baird and Callahan County a share of their patronage.

PROMPT AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT TO ALL.

We appreciate all business entrusted to us, whether large or small. We extend all accommodations consistent with sound banking and have money to lend on good security.

Modern Fire Proof Vault. Fine Fire and Burglar Proof Safe. CALL AND SEE US.

FOR SALE.

Two desirable residence lots 100x140, near my residence, east part of town. Call at THE STAR office. W. E. G. 6-tf

In December we sold more clothing than in any previous December since we started in business. Our clothing sale for that month nearly doubled. Yet we have a few heavy winter weights that we want to close out at a bargain. T. E. POWELL. 5-tf



### SUMMER SUNSETS.

Spaces there are of silver, spaces of  
beryl green,  
Fading blue and deepening rose the im-  
pudic boughs between;  
Jubilant thrushes calling while twilight  
veils are falling  
Across the western roses their fervent  
fires to screen.  
A whitethroat sings his vespers, while  
far-off pigeons drawl,  
Moths cut the shadowy shelter of ivy  
on a wall;  
The spider stops her spinning, for her  
leisure time's beginning,  
And tamed across with dewdrops are the  
hangings of her hall.  
Gray clouds invade the silver, the green  
they overrun;  
There is no stain of scarlet where lately  
died the sun.  
Time's finger that was lifted falls; and a  
point has shifted  
Upon the dial of the earth. Another day  
is done.  
—Westminster Gazette.



## THE LAST HOPE

By LUKA VINE SMITH.

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"Ruthie, do you think James will come to-morrow? Will I see him once more before I die? He will come, if he knows, won't he?"  
"Oh, grandma!" answered the girl, "don't talk that way! Maybe we will keep you with us a long time yet. Yes, I think James will come, and really, I believe you look better today. Now try and sleep a bit, and when you wake up I will make you some nice soft toast and we will have tea together."

Tenderly drawing the bed cover up over the shoulders of the old lady and smoothing her pillow, Ruth stepped softly to the kitchen and stoking into a low chair buried her face in her apron and sobbed bitterly. She knew her grandmother could live, but a few days at the most. The dear, helpless, old lady had passed her ninety-seventh birthday, and now it was only a step to the beyond where all sorrow and care would cease.

But this was not all the cloud that darkened Ruth's sky. Poor child! so young and frail to bear such a heavy burden! Drawing it from her pocket, she read for the hundredth time, perhaps, that crumpled letter:

"Dear Ruth: I am more than ashamed to beg you to help me out of another scrape, but I swear if you can fix me out this time, it shall be the last. Here I am, three hundred miles from home, grandma dying—asking for me, and I am in trouble again. It's a fine of ten dollars or—jail. The professor says he will see me there this time, before he'll help me out, and I don't know as I can blame him. Sis, I haven't one cent! I've got that pass for home, but I can't leave here until I have paid the fine! Ruthie, I am a scoundrel, and I know better than anybody else, and I hate myself, but if you can get me out this once, so I can go home, I'll promise to come back and finish this year and be the steadiest fellow you ever saw. I mean it this time, sure, for I'm tired of the whole business, and I'll pay you back, for you shall have a good deal more than half of what grandma has to leave us. You will, won't you, Ruthie? Don't let her die till I get there! Your loving brother, JIM."

Ruth wasn't really his sister, though she loved him with all her big heart—perhaps more than she would if she had been. Grandma Hall, who had raised James, taking him when he was a little fellow in dresses, had adopted Ruth Wells and brought the two up as her own children.

"What shall I do? What shall I do?" cried the girl. "She must not, must not guess the truth—it would break her heart, for she thinks him perfect, and she—is—dying! How can



Smoothing her pillow.

I get the money without letting her know? O Jamie, Jamie! Why will you? I love him, anyway, and if it's in my power I'll get him home!"

She sat and pondered—it seemed for hours, but the problem remained unsolved.

"Ruthie! Ruthie!"  
"Yes, grandma, I'm coming; do you want your tea?"

"No, not now, dearie. Child, I want you to go up into the attic—here, take this key, unlock the big chest and bring down the music box you will find there—if you can carry it. Wait! let me tell you about it," and the dy-

ing woman's face lit up with a bright glow.

"It was years ago—one cold night in fall. Your grandpa and I lived right here, just as you and I do—and the wind howled just as it does to-night—perhaps that is what made me remember—that and—There came a sound of music out under that old ironwood tree; it came nearer, and O, it was so sweet! It was 'The Last Hope,' the boy said, for father opened the door, and there stood the poor thing, cold and shivering, and sick. We took him in and put him to bed; I guess you would call him a 'dago,' now, but he had a sweet soul.



For there was money!

The next morning his dark, curly head lay against the pillow—so quiet, but his eyes roamed over the room and he whispered, 'The Last Hope! Wind it up.' Your grandpa wound it, faintly. 'Again!' I was busy in the kitchen and thought it must be nearly run down; I came in just as the last sweet strain was dying and with it went the spirit of the little Italian boy. We never knew who he was, but we buried him and took the music box for our own—not for general use, but when dark places came we would wind it up and listen, and it always seemed to comfort us with the assurance that there was still one more hope. I need it now, so get it, dearie, and we will listen to it together; it will be the 'Hope' that Jamie will come before I go."

Ruth made her way to the attic and found the unknown, hidden treasure, though her eyes were blinded with tears so that she could hardly see, and she shivered and kept repeating, "O what shall I—what can I do?"

With difficulty she brought the box down the narrow stairs, for it was large and heavy, but it was finally placed on the round, old-fashioned table and wound up. Slowly—softly—the tune that had slept for years awakened and filled the room with its rich, sweet melody; once, twice it played the tune and they listened in silence, then—the music stopped. Ruth wound it tighter—still no sound; she tried to turn the sheet, but it refused to move. She tried the sprocket, pressed the pin wheel, but all to no purpose.

"I will take it to the kitchen and unscrew the cover and then I can surely find out what is the matter. You shall have some more music, grandma, indeed you shall," said Ruth, as she once more lifted the big box and bore it away.

The old screws were loosened with but little trouble, the cover raised, and there—Ruth almost screamed in delight and amazement—for there was money! nickels—nickels—nickels without end! No wonder the thing was so heavy! She counted; forty-two nickels! and there in one corner was a little leather bag with just one hundred more! One hundred and forty-two nickels—seven dollars and ten cents!

"And I have four dollars and eight-een cents; eleven dollars and twenty-eight cents! And it will only take ten to get James' out of disgrace and bring him home! Poor, little, dead Italian boy! You did not know how happy your treasured nickels would make three hearts!"

In her joy Ruth almost forgot that her errand was to fix the music box.

She didn't know any more what to do than the big cat who watched her, but she touched something, she couldn't tell what, and the wheel turned and once again came the sweet tune. Carefully she laid the money in the table drawer, but the cover in place, closed the box and carried it back to the bedroom, saying cheerily:

"Well, grandma, the last hope is surely not dead. A card from James says he will be here to-morrow morning—and God and the angels forgive her for the lie."

The sweet, wrinkled, old face wore a happy smile, but the soul was gone. Softly the music-box played "The Last Hope." The door was closed; the dead woman was alone with the music she loved.

In the next room a boy and a girl—nay—a man and a woman stood side by side. Gently his arm stole around her waist.

"Ruthie, but for your last hope—yes, and my own, had died. Had I not got here before she went I should never have forgiven myself."

He raised her sweet face to his and there were tears in her eyes.

"Why, my darling, is it so? Is there one last hope for me still?" and the girl replied:

"How I have loved you, James!"—and sweetly, softly, "The Last Hope" played—for the dead and for the living.

### IT WAS UP TO BROKER TAYLOR.

Whether Beggar Should Take Lord's Name in Vain or Not.

Talbot J. Taylor, son-in-law of James R. Keene, is noted for his kindness of heart. Few are the beggars who, appealing to Mr. Taylor, are dismissed empty-handed.

One bright morning not long ago a gray-beard with one leg hobbled humbly up to Mr. Taylor on Broadway.

"For God's sake, sir," he began, but the broker interrupted him with some severity.

"Don't take the Lord's name in vain, my friend," he said.

The beggar's rather intelligent face was illuminated with a faint smile.

"It will be your fault, sir," he said, "if I do take it in vain."

Thereupon the broker also smiled, and his hand went quickly to his pocket.

### His Opinion of Wagner.

Augustus Thomas has a friend—a real Kentucky Colonel of the type one reads about in novels—who is very fond of the lighter music, but who has always entertained the opinion that the music of Wagner, Bach and other of the so-called classical composers is mere "sound and fury signifying nothing." When he was expressing his views on the subject of Wagnerian music it developed that he had never heard a Wagner opera. Thomas pleaded with him that it was hardly fair to condemn a thing without a hearing, and persuaded him to listen to a Wagner opera at the Metropolitan.

The Colonel went, and the next day when Thomas met him, he asked:

"Well, Colonel, what is your opinion of Wagner now?"

"What do I think of him? Why, I think he was nothing short of a scoundrel, Suh! He could write a tune, but he wouldn't."—New York Times.

### Queer Case of Forgetfulness.

What is pronounced by physicians to be a case of double consciousness was brought to public notice by a suit filed by David Charters against the city of Denver for \$15,000 damages for injuries to his head, sustained by falling on a defective sidewalk, says a dispatch to the Philadelphia American. After the accident, which occurred Dec. 30, 1901, Charters proclaimed himself "Daniel the Prophet," and wrote a book, entitled "Daniel's Vision and Mission; Is Heaven Real? Is Hell Real?"

He preached on the streets, and established a prosperous mission. He also traveled about the country as an evangelist. Charters, a few weeks ago, recovered from his injury, and the attendant aberration, and declared that the interval following the accident was a blank to him. He had no knowledge of having written a book. After reading the book he pronounced its contents idiotic.

### A Budding Romance.

They stroll away from all the rest To talk of Gilton, Golf and Gissing. Till by some strange caprice, at last The conversation turns on—kissing.

He claims, with that convincing air Of one whose knowledge is complete, That kisses won't beneath the rose Are far the tenderest and sweetest.

A pause ensues. He begs her thought, Her glance no gleam of guile discloses, "I was just wondering," she observes, "If this year would be good for roses."

—Beatrice Hanscom in Ainslie's.

### Now Is the Time.

To-day is the time for laughter;  
To-morrow the time for tears,  
Whatever may come hereafter,  
Whatever of woe with years;  
To-day is the time to borrow  
The best that the gods can give.  
We can sorrow if need be to-morrow,  
But to-day is the time to live!  
—Boston Traveler.

### Americans in Australia.

In all the larger cities of Australia and New Zealand you will find some Americans. Melbourne especially has many, whose fathers voyaged from San Francisco when gold was first discovered.

### Mountain Cranberry.

Mountain cranberry is one of the best remedies for kidney troubles. It grows wild on poor soil, but is not as plentiful as many of the herbs.

### Giant Spiders.

In the East Indies there are spiders so large that they feed on small birds.

### Hair for Violin Bows.

There is a vast amount of horse-hair annually used for making and repairing violin, violoncello and bass violin bows. All of the hair comes from Germany and Russia.

The foreign hair is coarser in texture and tougher than that which grows on the British horse, and these qualities make the imported article more valuable than the domestic product is for the purpose.

There are only two kinds of horse-hair suitable for making bows, and they are of white and black varieties. The former is used for violin bows, and the latter, which is heavier and stronger, is the best material for making bows for cellos and bass violins, because it bites the larger strings better.

The imported hair is put up in hanks thirty inches long, which is five or six inches longer than the standard violin bow. A hank is sufficient for one violin bow, while two hanks are required to hair a cello or bass violin bow.

There are about one and one-half ounces of hair in a hank, which is worth about 25 cents, according to the quality of the hair.—Stray Stories.

Some live men remind us of dead ones who forgot to get buried.

### Best in the World.

Estherville, Ia., Feb. 1st.—Mr. George J. Barber of this place says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine in the world. There is nothing as good. I had been sick for over 15 years with Kidney Disease which finally turned into Bright's Disease. I was treated by Doctors in Chicago but they didn't do me any good. The best Doctor in Estherville treated me for five years with no better success. I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and made up my mind to give them a trial.

"I am very thankful to be able to say that they cured me completely and I think they are the best medicine in the world."

The honest, earnest, straightforward experiences of real living men and women are the only material used in advertising Dodd's Kidney Pills. One such testimony is worth more than a thousand unsupported claims. The people who have used Dodd's Kidney Pills are those whose evidence is worth consideration and surely nothing can be more convincing than a statement like Mr. Barber's. There are thousands of others just as strong.

### The Osmium Lamp.

Some tests recently carried out on the osmium lamp by Dr. W. Wedding at the Technical College, Berlin, go to show that this method of illumination is making progress. In the experiments two groups consisting of six 37-volt lamps each were connected in series across a 220-volt circuit. In group 1, for the first 3122 hours the average life of the six lamps was 2,855 hours, and the average candlepower fell from 30.1 to 23.7. The mean consumption per candlepower rose from 1.46 to 1.78. After 520 hours the first lamp collapsed, and after 3724 and 3946 hours, respectively, two others gave out, the remaining two still burning after 3972 hours. In group 2, which consisted of six 25-candlepower lamps, the report gives the average life as 1476 hours, the candlepower dropping in 2196 hours from 25.1 to 19.9, and the energy consumption increasing from 1.37 to 1.75 watts per candlepower.

### Georgia's Marble Deposits.

As a marble-producing State Georgia may rival Vermont. The marble belt is about sixty miles in length, extending from a southerly direction from the North Carolina line through Pickens County. The supply is practically inexhaustible, as the depth of the deposit in many places is over one hundred feet. Both white and colored varieties are found. The characteristics of the Georgia marble are purity of chemical composition, uniform texture and peculiar crystalline structure, rendering it remarkably durable because of its slow absorption of water.

### DIDN'T BELIEVE

That Coffee Was the Real Trouble.

Some people flounder around and take everything that's recommended to them, but finally find out that coffee is the real cause of their troubles. An Oregon man says:

"For 25 years I was troubled with my stomach. I was a steady coffee drinker but didn't suspect that as the cause. I doctored with good doctors and got no help, then I took almost anything which someone else had been cured with but to no good. I was very bad last summer and could not work at times.

"On December 2, 1902, I was taken so bad the Doctor said I could not live over twenty-four hours at the most and I made all preparations to die. I could hardly eat anything, everything distressed me and I was weak and sick all over. When in that condition coffee was abandoned and I was put on Postum, the change in my feelings came quickly after the drink that was poisoning me was removed.

"The pain and sickness fell away from me and I began to get well day by day so I stuck to it until now I am well and strong again, can eat heartily with no headache, heart trouble or the awful sickness of the old coffee days. I don't all I wish of Postum without any harm and enjoy it immensely.

"This seems like a wonderfully strong story but I would refer you to the First National Bank, The Trust Banking Co., or any merchant of Grant's Pass, Ore., in regard to my standing and I will send a sworn statement of this if you wish. You can also use my name." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Still there are many who persistently fool themselves by saying "Coffee don't hurt me," a ten days' trial of Postum in its place will tell the truth and many times save life.

"There's a reason."  
Look for the little book "The Road to Wellville" in each package.

### CONSTANT ACHING.

Back aches all the time. Spoils your appetite; weakens the body; worries the mind. Kidneys cause it all, and Doan's Kidney Pills relieve and cure it.

H. B. McCarver, of 201 Cherry st., Portland, Oregon, inspector of freight for the Trans-Continental Co., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills for backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble which had annoyed me for months. I think a cold was responsible for the whole trouble. It seemed to settle in my kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills rooted it out. It is several months since I used them, and up to date there has been no recurrence of the trouble."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

The way to make a girl fight against being kissed so that she is likely to get it somewhere else, is to try to kiss her on the cheek.

### It's Everywhere.

The huts of the poor, the halls of the rich. Are neither exempt from some form of itch. Perhaps a distinction may be made in the name.

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O, why should the children of Adam endure. An affliction so dreadful, when Hunt's Cure does cure.

All forms of Itching. Price 50. Guaranteed.

To have a woman call him "Dear" often makes a man feel cheap.

Pine's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

### Quit Coughing.

Why cough, when for 25c and this notice you get 25 doses of an absolutely guaranteed cough cure in tablet form, postpaid. WIS. DRUG CO., LA CROSSE, WIS. (W. N. U.)

### Mardi Gras Rates.

The annual celebration of the Mardi Gras Carnival at New Orleans will take place February 15 and 16, and for this spectacular event the Southern Pacific railroad has announced a reduced rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its line. Tickets will be placed on sale February 10 to 15, inclusive, good for return until February 20. Those desiring to remain longer in the delightful old city of New Orleans may do so by depositing tickets with the joint agent at New Orleans and may remain until time to reach home by March 5. Any agent of the Southern Pacific can give information concerning the trip.

T. J. ANDERSON, G. P. A.

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Merchants are now contemplating their journey to market for the purchase of their Spring and Summer stocks. Before determining how you will go we ask you to notice our facilities for a rapid, comfortable and convenient journey.

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Most of the conclusions a man reaches theoretically are practically useless.

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Mrs. Leah Stowell, 177 Wellington St., Kingston, Ont., writes:

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In Napoleon's Time.  
During the reign of Emperor Napoleon I. at a dinner in Paris the conversation turned upon the emperor and his government. One of the company remarked that he was a great, but was too fond of war. When the party broke up a gentleman who was present requested to speak in private to the person who had made that observation. "Sir," said he, "I am sorry for it, but I must request you to go with me to the police." "Why?" said the other, in the greatest apparent alarm. "I have said nothing against the emperor but what everyone must acknowledge—that he is too fond of war. There can be no harm in that." "With that I have nothing to do. You must go with me to the police." The other now began to show the strongest symptoms of fear; he entreated the police agent in the most pathetic language to have compassion on him. The other, however, stood unmoved by all his sollicitation, when suddenly the man rose from his knees and burst into a laugh, to the utter astonishment of the informer. "You think you have caught me," said he, "You are a spy of the police; so am I, and I was put over you to see whether you would do your duty."

Is the Bayonet Obsolete?  
Many military critics have declared that the South African war demonstrates that the bayonet is an obsolete weapon, but Colonel C. B. Mayne, an English officer, who has for twenty years been known as an authority on infantry weapons, thinks otherwise. Even in South Africa, which he considers an exceptional case, he says that the British bayonets often kept the Boers from coming to close quarters, and thus taking full advantage of their victories. Nor does he think long range firing likely to be the decisive factor—"it is the short-range fighting, including the bayonet assault, that decides." However, as he calls 800 yards "short range," it will be seen that with magazine guns and plenty of ammunition no bayonet is likely to be stained with blood. If the cold steel is retained it will be chiefly for its moral influence, and for possible use in a short charge or against a foe that is light of cartridges.

"Tick" and "Tock."  
A German psychologist has been exploding the well known theory that the "tick-tock" of a clock is purely subjective, and that in reality the two beats sound precisely alike. This has often been used as an illustration of the irresistible tendency of the mind to construct a rhythm, and the "tick" was supposed to seem different from the "tock," simply because it came on the down beat. But Dr. Rosenbach, of Berlin, after vainly consulting the clock-makers, set himself the problem to solve, and found that the action of the mechanism is such that the cogs of the escapement wheel do not strike the arms of the "anchor" in precisely the same way. "Tick" comes at the right, with the cog rising; "tock" at the left with the cog descending. The result is that "tick" is more sharply accentuated and of shorter duration while "tock" is higher in pitch. With this differentiation the source of the universally felt double rhythm is apparent. Yet it is none the less true that by an effort of the will the rhythm can be reversed, and the accent put on either beat at will, and with a little practice most people can hear the ticking in a triple rhythm.

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Miss Rose Gordon, 2102 Oakland Ave., Oakland Heights, Madison, Wis., writes:—"A few years ago I caught a severe cold, which resulted in chronic bronchitis and catarrh. Our family physician prescribed medicines which gave temporary relief only. I began taking Peruna and improved at once. Two bottles cured me. I recommend Peruna to all sufferers, and am most grateful to you for your valuable medicine."—Miss Rose Gordon.

I used two bottles and they restored me easily and pleasantly to perfect health. While my stomach was very delicate, Peruna did not nauseate me in the least, but gave me a good appetite, and I wish to express my gratitude to you for restored health."—Miss Rosalie Von Struening.

It seems strange that as well known and well established as these facts are any one should neglect to profit by them, and yet no doubt there are many who pay little or no attention to them and go on catching cold, acquiring chronic catarrh, bronchitis and consumption.

Washington, D. C., 600 R street, N. W. Dear Dr. Hartman:—"I used to think that the doctors knew all about our aches and pains and were the proper ones to consult when sick, but since I have been sick myself I certainly had good reason to change my mind. During the winter I caught a heavy cold, which developed into catarrh of the bronchial tubes and an inflamed condition of the respiratory organs. The doctors were afraid that pneumonia would set in and prescribed pills, powders and packs until I sickened of the whole thing, as I did not improve. One of the ladies in the home had a bottle of Peruna and she advised me to try that. Shortly after I began using it I felt that I had found the right medicine."

**CATCHING COLD**  
Is the Beginning of Most Winter Ailments—Pe-ru-na Protects Against and Cures Colds.  
There is no fact of medical science better established than that a teaspoonful of Peruna before each meal during the winter season will absolutely protect a person from catching cold. Now, if this is true (and there is no doubt of it), thousands of lives would be saved, and tens of thousands of cases of chronic catarrh prevented, by this simple precaution within reach of everyone.  
After a cold has been contracted a teaspoonful of Peruna every hour will shortly cure it, leaving no trace of it behind. After chronic catarrh has become established, or the first stages of chronic bronchitis or consumption have been

Catarrh May Permeate the Whole System.  
Mrs. Mary E. Sampson, West Derry, Rockingham County, N. H., writes:—"I had terrible headaches, both ears run and I was nervous all the time, also had trouble each month; was deaf in one ear for thirty years. I took six bottles of Peruna and one of Manalin and am happy to say that it is the best medicine that I ever used. I am not so nervous, my appetite is good, everything I eat agrees with me, and I am feeling better in every way. I think Peruna is a Godsend to women and a blessing to suffering humanity."—Mary E. Sampson.  
If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.  
Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR A FREE PE-RU-NA ALMANAC. EVERY DRUGGIST HAS THEM.

All people who want to see the boss look alike to the office boy.

**Salzer's Earliest Case.**  
Another new thing. Can be cut six times during a season and sprouts again with lightning rapidity. Next to Salzer's Teosinte it will make more green fodder than anything else; cheap as dirt and grows everywhere.  
Of Salzer's Renovator Grass Mixture, just the thing for drying out pastures and meadows, Mr. E. Rappold, East Park, Ga., writes, "I sowed Salzer's Grass Mixture on soil so poor two men could not raise a fuss on it," and in forty-one days after sowing I had the greatest stand of grass in the county. Salzer's Grass Mixtures sprout quickly and produce enormously." 100,000 barrels choice Seed Potatoes.  
**SALZER'S NEW NATIONAL OATS.**  
Here is a winner, a prodigy, a marvel, vigorously prolific, strong, healthy, vigorous, producing in thirty states from 150 to 200 bu. per acre. You had best sow a lot of it, Mr. Farmer, in 1904, and in the fall sell it to your neighbors at \$1 a bu. for seed.  
JUST SEND 10c IN STAMPS to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive in return their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples free. (W. N. U.)

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To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.  
A snob's idea of a superior person is one who has more money than himself.  
Jazy men are always boasting of what they are going to do to-morrow.  
The light of success needs to be trimmed with the shears of humility.

**HARD WORK MAKES STIFF JOINTS**  
RUB WITH **MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT**  
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"Wine of Cardui is indeed a blessing to tired women. Having suffered for seven years with weakness and bearing-down pains, and having tried several doctors and different remedies with no success, your Wine of Cardui was the only thing which helped me, and eventually cured me. It seemed to build up the weak parts, strengthen the system and correct irregularities."

By "tired women" Mrs. Adams means nervous women who have disordered menses, falling of the womb, ovarian troubles or any of these ailments that women have. You can cure yourself at home with this great women's remedy, Wine of Cardui. Wine of Cardui has cured thousands of cases which doctors have failed to benefit. Why not begin to get well today? All druggists have \$1.00 bottles. For any stomach, liver or bowel disorder Theford's Black-Draught should be used.

For advice and information, address, giving symptoms, The Ladies' Advisory Department, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

### WINE OF CARDUI

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mrs E M Fisher to P Smith 112 acres of the D Millican survey. \$600  
F M Crowover and wife to P Smith 1/4 acres of the D Millican sur \$1040.  
L J Cook to T J Brooks section 103 University Lands 160 acres. \$1600.  
Mrs Cora J Work to W J McGowan lot 7 in block 17, Baird, \$980.  
W J McGowan to Mrs Cora J Work lots 4, 5 and 6, block 23, Baird, \$1900.  
B P Barnard and wife to Gabe Smart S W 1/2 sec 32 D & D Asylum, \$1600.  
C I Speight to A G Webb S 1/2 of N 1/2 sec 81 B B & C Ry Co, \$320.  
B L Boydston and wife to J C Cook 60 acres of the Wyatt Hickman sur and 42 acres known as E F Griffin Pre-emption, \$500.  
Arthur Young and wife to B F Potts S W 1/2 sec 30 D & D Asylum, \$1600.  
Comal County to Noah Johnson S 1/2 of block no 89 Comal County school land, \$441 25.  
W H Bowles and wife to O T Jensen lot one in block 24 Baird. \$350.  
W K Kirkendall and wife to R O Carnes 15 acres out of sec 81 B B B & C R R Co. \$187.50.  
J S Anderson and wife to F M Davis 1/2 acres out of sec 50 B B B & C R R Co \$100 and other considerations.  
W L Henry to H J Gibbs 160 acres Victoria Co. School Lands \$560.  
T G Stevenson and wife to E Keahey 1/2 acres of sec 72 and 1/2 acres 73 B B B & C R R Co. \$750.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

##### BIRTHS.

Mr and Mrs J A Jones, near Putnam, 6 boy, Dec 31.  
Mr and Mrs Jas High, Dothan, a boy, Jan 12.  
Mr and Mrs E C Carter, Cottonwood 6 boy, Jan 7.  
Mr and Mrs H I Newton, Cottonwood 1 boy, Jan 17.  
Mr and Mrs Joseph Stewart, Caddo Park, a girl, Jan 18.

##### DEATHS.

None reported.

##### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Russell Cauthen and Miss Myrtle McGee.  
Thos B Harris and Miss Josie Whitely.  
R C Vaught and Miss Minnie Johnson.  
M Gardner and Miss Ida Robinson.  
A B Street and Miss Tommie Sanders.  
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The best physic. "Once tried and you will always use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says William A. Girard, Pease, Vt. These Tablets are the most prompt, most pleasant and most reliable cathartic in use. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird, Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, Texas.

#### COMMISSIONERS COURT

Will meet in regular session Monday Feb. 8th. All read overseers in the county should make their report promptly.

When you feel blue and that everything goes wrong, take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse and invigorate your stomach, regulate your bowels, give you a relish for your food and make you that in this old world is a good place to live. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird, Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, Texas.

I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird, Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, Texas.

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"God, Home and Native Land."

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#### FOURTH WEEK.

A Mother's Meeting: Opened by Mrs. A. G. Webb with devotional exercises.

Vocal Solo—Miss Ola Smith.

Reading, A Mother's Influence—Mrs. A. G. Webb.

Reading, Temperance Taught in the home—Miss Minnie Rogers.

Why a Mothers Meeting? then being discussed, the meeting was closed with benediction.

We were glad to see so many mothers present, thus showing an interest in the work. Some young mothers, with little ones yet not able to run about. God bless them. This is the time to plant the seed. "The way the twig is bent is the way the tree will grow" is an old, but true adage. Many try to bend. I believe every mother's heart yearns for her girl or boy to be one of nature's noblemen or women, but fail to bend the twig. May God influence every mother in this town to feel and know that our Mothers' Meetings will be a help to this effect, and may it not be long until every mother will be wearing "the white ribbon," and all the young people will be an "organized army of aggressive men and women on the side of God against the power of rum."

In the wisdom of God it has seemed best to make domestic life preparatory to social and political life.

Thus the home becomes the most important factor. "Let us light the lamp of vesta on its inner altar, and keep forever burning there, the undying light of love, virtue and truth."

So many parents count the money wasted to hang pictures on the wall. (They have their effect, be it ever so cheap a chromo.) Others to put good books in the library, and right here; how many mothers read the books before they are placed in the hands of their children? There is not much work you can do for them in which you will find better profit. Then a boy, making the home attractive inside and out, is also considered a useless expense by some. What a manly child leaves it; he ought to leave it, at the earliest possible moment if the parent is able to supply these things and does not.

"But alas! from such a home, children too often go forth to lives of dissipation, vice and crime. How many mothers have struggled through all this, and more, yet by God's power have been enabled to send forth into the world men of courage and moral worth, determined to fight life's battles and by God's grace come off conquerors. These heroines seldom ever receive the reward of their bravery in this world, but we believe that in the Eternal City their crowns will shine brightly.

Remember mother's prayers are a great safe guard, a cord as it were about our children. Don't forget God has hold of it. If we live as we pray. As even "the hairs of our head are numbered" so will he remember in the days of trouble. Then if some mother's prayers can do so much, what can a combination of mothers accomplish by becoming as one in the interest of our homes and town.

"LETTER FROM A SALOON KEEPER TO HIS SATANIC MAJESTY."

"SIR: I have opened departments fitted up with all the enticements of luxury for the sale of rum, wine, gin brandy, beer and all their compounds. Our object, though different, can be attained by united action. I therefore propose a co-partnership. All I want of men is their money—all the rest is yours.

Bring me the industrious, the respectable, the sober, and I will return them to you drunkards, paupers and beggars.

Bring to me the child, and I will dash to earth the fondest hopes of the father and mother.

Bring me the father and mother, and I will plant discord between them and make them a curse and a reproach to their children.

Bring me the young man and I will ruin his character, destroy his health, shorten his life and blot all the highest and purest hopes of youth.

Bring me the young woman and I will destroy her virtue, and return her to you a blasted and withered thing, and an instrument to lead others to destruction.

Bring me the mechanic and laborer, and his hard earned money, the fruit of toil—shall be made to plant poverty, vice and ignorance in his own home.

Bring me the professed follower of Christ, and I will blight and wither every devotional feeling of his heart, and send him forth to plant infidelity and crime among men.

Bring me the minister of the gospel and I will defile the purity of the church and make religion a stink in the land.

Bring me the lawyer and the judge and all subordinate officers, and I will pervert justice, break up the integrity of our civil institutions, and the name of the law shall become a hissing and

a byword in the streets. Awaiting your reply, I am yours truly,"  
A SALOON KEEPER.

—Nashville, Christian Advocate Jan. 7 1904.

It takes one out of five to feed the saloons. Don't think, parents of Baird, that other towns and counties will furnish them. Too late you may find Callahan county has done it to a great extent, for "as ye sow ye shall reap."  
PRESS SUPT.

#### CLYDE.

The health in this community is better this week.

We did not have rain enough to do much good in this vicinity.

Winter oats are not doing any good in this locality on account of the dry weather and cold frosts.

The farmers are talking of plowing their oats up and planting fifteen cent cotton. Yes that is right boys, that is the way to bring cotton down to seven and eight cents, and corn up to a dollar and a half per bushel.

The Clyde Literary and Debating Society is in fine progress. We will meet again Friday night February 12. The boys say that they are now ready to challenge Baird or Cottonwood for a discussion of any of the congressional questions. The Clyde citizens are anxious for the candidates to meet in joint discussion at the school house, most especially the candidates for County Attorney and County Judge.

BERTIE.

#### NEW ORLEANS HARDIGRAS.

One fare for the round trip from all points via The Texas & Pacific Railway. Dates of sale February 10th to 15th, inclusive, final limit February 23rd, 1904. On payment of fee of 50c an extension to March 5th, 1904 will be granted. For further information call on any T & P. Ticket Agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

#### Croup

Begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Forehound Syrup, (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballards Snow Liniment to the throat.

Mrs. A. Vilet, New Castle, Colo., writes, March 19th, 1901: "I think Ballard's Forehound Syrup a wonderful remedy, and so pleasant." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by R. Phillips.

Remember the Hamilton-Brown shoe is the best shoe on the earth. Every pair of the brand is warranted. You run no risk in buying this class of goods, so don't buy cheap shoddy, but go to T. E. Powell's and get shoes worth your money. 5-1f

Remember that with each 25c purchase you get a ticket for the gold watch, at Terrell's. 9-1f

We carry the New Home, Paragon and Standard sewing machines. Three best brands and at less than half agent's prices. T. E. Powell. 1-1f

#### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Jan. 30, 1904. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Armstrong, Mr. Sallie  
Allen, Mr. G. M.  
Black, W. A.  
Black, Oda.  
Binton, J. T.  
WM. McMANIS, P. M.

Farmers don't forget the place for fresh garden seed. Any quantity. Terrell's. 9-1f

The Grand Jury was about to indict T. E. Powell for selling goods too cheap. 1-1f.

Go to Terrell's and get your eyes tested free by Jensen, the optician. Prepared to fit any eyes with glasses. All prices. 9-1f

#### Mineral Wells.

Mineral Wells, Texas, the Health and Pleasure Resort of the South, reached via the Weatherford, Mineral Wells & North western Railway. The "Mineral Wells House" Excursion Round Trip tickets on sale with all the principal roads in the state, all the year round. Close connections with the Texas & Pacific and Santa Fe trains at Weatherford, Texas. For particular information, address P. E. Book, Second Vice-President & G. S., Weatherford, Texas.

Go to Hagley and James for good lard. 9-1f

OLD PAPERS, CASH. Old papers at THE STAR 25cts per hundred CASH. Please do not ask to have them charged. We cannot afford open accounts on such things.

All kinds of fresh garden seed just received at THE STAR drug store. 9-1f

FOR SALE—Old papers, 25 cts per hundred at THE STAR office.

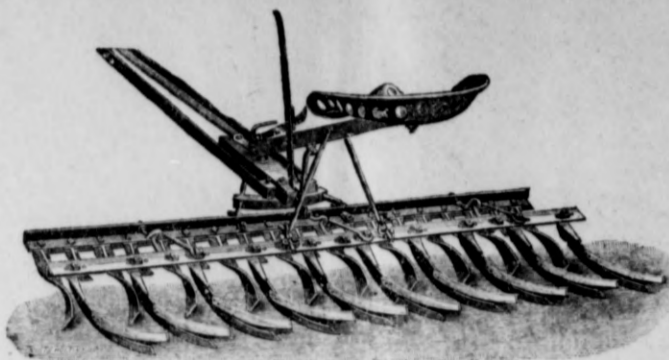
#### FARMER'S

### WAGON YARD.

Across street from Electric Light Plant.  
J. W. MAY, Proprietor.

Best camp houses in Baird. Good stalls, sheds. All kinds of Feed. Will treat you right.

# HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENTS.



The Acme is the best Harrow made.



Did you ever think how much you lose by not having a good cistern to store up the rain water. The Corrugated Iron Cistern is what you need. Sold only by

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Diseases of Females and Infants a Specialty.  
Office at Terrell's Drug Store.  
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Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store.  
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Office over Powell & Powell's Drug Store.  
Local Surgeon T. & P. Ry. Co.  
BAIRD, TEXAS.

#### H. H. RAMSEY,

##### DENTIST.

I have the 20th Century Apparatus, the latest and best for Painless Extractions.  
All other work pertaining to Dentistry. Office over Powell & Powell's Drug Store.  
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MARTIN BARNHILL  
Boot and Shoemaker.  
Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed.

Prices to Suit the Times.

Market Street, [6] Baird, Texas

We have one hundred and fifty suits, nicest, newest novelty of the season in winter weight in men's clothing. They must be sold. A great bargain. Be sure and get you a suit while you can buy it cheap. Powell's is the only place to find these bargains. 6-1f

#### Are You Restless at Night

And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Forehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by R. Phillips.

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### New Eating House.

I have opened up a nice eating house, 1st door south of McFarlane's store. I would be pleased to have all my friends call, I will treat you right and can furnish you something good to eat. EMIL LOWE.

### The City Baker.

Furnishes pure and healthy Bread and Rolls. Made of the best material in the market and absolutely free of alum or any other substitutes, fresh every day, also a great variety of Cakes. Orders promptly attended to. Phone 116.

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