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17 BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1904. NO. 5.

B. L. BOYDSTUN.

Baird, January 5, 1904.

WIND YOUR P'S AND Q'S.

Make no mistakes during the year 1904. Let us all prosper. Begin your dry goods trading with us. We are prepared to offer you plenty of inducements to get your trade; by fair treatment and good values we hope to hold our stock of merchandise this year will be far better in assortment and up-to-date goods than it has been for me time. We have already made several large purchases in Cotton Goods, which we will receive in a few days, such as Spring styles in Gingham, Calicoes, Madras, Percales, and many novelties. Our Spring line of Embroidered and White Goods will be here this week. Some were shipped from New York the latter part of December. No old goods to shove off on you, as we have cleaned up practically everything with the past season. Give your business, and we will all profit by it.

BAIRD, TEXAS.

B. L. BOYDSTUN.

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 LOCKS, ETC.
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From Stamford.
 Stamford, Texas, Dec. 27, 1903.
EDITOR STAR:
 Dear Brother Gilliland—Your paper comes regularly on time, and by that means I keep up with Baird and the people.
 Well, Christmas has come and gone and we are standing on a new year, and we look back and see many failures and many mistakes and golden opportunities slighted, and we form new resolutions and say we are going to do better; but we find it is very hard to get out of the old grooves, and old habits are hard to break. But they can be broken, and if they are bad habits they ought to be broken. I trust all the readers of THE STAR will make improvement, and the next year will be the best and most successful of all the past.
 Well, I started to tell you something of our town and county. The town, as you know, is a little more than three years old, but we have good churches and a good school building and a nice city hall that would be a credit to any

town, a hotel that is equal to the very best, and the business of the town is fine. People come here from 50 miles, west and north, to trade. There is more lumber sold here than in Waco; in fact, all lines of business are prosperous here—flouring mills, wholesale grocery house, ice plant, cold storage, electric light and phone system—all here; but there is much to be done to make the town what it ought to be. The country is filling up very fast, and with a very good class of people. Land is increasing in value all the time. It is very dry here at this time and our water is getting a little low. We have no saloons here, and I am told there never was one in this county. So you can see how a man can get dry in Stamford, but so far as I know no one has suffered from snake bite. Some of the people seem to think that snakes will be bad about Christmas time, so they use a preventive. My church is in very good condition and we are at work. Love to all the friends.
 J. A. BIGGS.



BARGAINS.

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 We have some special bargains in Millinery, we have on hand a few of the newest and latest styles in Street Hats, and we are going to offer one-third off on them. Don't fail to come see them.

T. E. POWELL.

A Gold Filled Watch Free.

Give with each 25c purchase, or paid account, a ticket entitling you to a chance at a Gold Filled Watch to be drawn Feb. 29th, 1904. *This is a \$20 Watch, so all who pay their account before that time are entitled to tickets.

Prices Reduced.
 We have reduced the price of the
 & Williams paint to \$1.60
 on. This is the best paint
 world, it covers more surface
 better and lasts longer.
 SEED OIL AT 60c PER GAL.

MR. J. A. JENKINSON.
A GRADUATE OPTICIAN AND JEWELER.
 Is permanently located with and has charge of our Jewel-
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 Our stock of Drugs is the fresh-
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 lowest (quality considered).

RELIEF DRUGGIST
 TEXAS.

THE ORIGIN OF THE POLAR TRIBES

A New Theory Advanced on the Strength of the Discoveries Made by the Jesup Expeditions—From the New York Tribune.

According to conclusions reached by Dr. Franz Boas curator of ethnology of the American museum of natural history, previous theories as to the origin of the American and Asiatic tribes in the far north are founded in error. Basing his opinion on data collected by a number of expeditions sent out by Morris K. Jesup, Dr. Boas declares that these tribes around the Behring sea and east to Greenland are subdivisions of one race, and that the Esquimaux position as a distinct race, so long conceded, can no longer be sustained. The material on which these conclusions of Dr. Boas were reached was gathered on the American side by parties under Dr. Boas himself and Harlan I. Smith, of the American museum, and Professor Livingston Farrand, of Columbia university, and on the Asiatic side by Dr. Barthold Laufer, Gerard Fowke, Waldemar J. Schobert, and Waldemar Bogoras. Much of this material has already been placed on exhibition in the American museum, and forms the largest aggregation of the kind in the world.

ISOLATED TRIBES FORM ONE RACE.
To Dr. Franz Boas, curator of ethnology, was assigned the task of formulating a decision on the collections as a whole. His statement is as follows: While it is, of course, premature to draw any final conclusions, it seems clear, even at this time, that the isolated tribes of eastern Siberia and those of the northwest coast of America form one race, similar in type and with many elements of culture in common. It would seem that the unity of race was much greater in former times than it is now; that the invasion of eastern tribes in America, such as the Esquimaux, Athapascan, and Salish, and of western and southern tribes in Asia, such as the Yakut and Tungus, have disturbed the former conditions.

Nevertheless, enough remains to lead us to think that the tribes of this whole area must be considered as a single race, or, at least, that their culture is a single culture, which at one time was found in both the north-eastern part of the old world and the northwestern part of the new world.

The culture of Asia and America has its closest resemblances on the opposite shore of the Pacific ocean, between the fiftieth and fifty-fifth parallels of latitude. The tribes around Behring sea north of the fifty-fifth parallel, are intruders, who pushed in in more recent times. They are so mixed by intermarriage, interchange of customs, etc., as to make it difficult, often, to distinguish them. In Alaska it is often hard to tell where the Indian leaves off and the Esquimaux begins. Culture and conditions correspond with remarkable resemblances. All the tribes apparently had a common ancestry.

ESQUIMAUX NEVER LIVED IN PARIS.
Before this array of evidence, Sir Boyd Dawkins' theory that the Esquimaux were of paleolithic or preglacial origin, and once inhabited the present sites of Paris and London, says Dr. Boas, goes down in wreck. Somewhere in British North America the Esquimaux, heretofore regarded as the oldest existing race, originated, Dr. Boas concludes, and are not even a race by themselves. Professor Marshall H. Saville, of the American museum, has drawn a line through the northwestern states along the Columbia river, continuing through Asia. He asserted last week that there was no connection, racial or otherwise, between the aborigines north and south of that river.

Thus the Jesup expeditions have established a great new race of more than circumpolar extent, with exact boundaries defined, extending far south into the temperate zone. In this area both the prehistoric and the historic aborigines have predominated, establishing at least, it is asserted, a dual origin of mankind. The Esquimaux told Dr. W. H. Dall that the Siberian Esquimaux originally came from the Diomedes islands, to the northeast, where they were, as they are today, bowhead (whale) men, who were allowed to settle by the Chukcheis (deer) men. Tradition thus supports the Boas theory of British American origin of the Esquimaux.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D.

Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by R. Phillips.

CORD WOOD WANTED.

Will pay cash, or take on subscription if preferred, 4 or 5 cords of wood, delivered at THE STAR office.

JUNIOR EPWOTH LEAGUE.

Program for Jan. 10, 1904.
Leader—B. Terry.
Scripture Lesson.
Prayer.
Reading—Roy Bargaard.
Recitation—Louie Surles.
Song.
Talk by Mr. T. E. Powell.
Recitation—Era Sartor.
Reading—Gracie Kendall.
Song.
Roll call.
Benediction

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4 1903: "Having been troubled with Lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by R. Phillips.

THEORY VS PRACTICE.

A fisherman invested in a tub so very old
A single drop of water in its staves
It would not hold.
Said he: "Tis very plain to me a vessel of this kind
Would make the safest fishin'-smack a fisherman could find.
What matters if a barr'l of brine should o'er the gunwale slop,
This ancient tub would keek afloat—it couldn't hold a drop."
Which as a bit of logic you'll admit is good and sound;
But when it came to practice—why, the fisherman was drowned!
—Peter Nevell in Harper's Magazine.

Don't Worry.

This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help the matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry as to the outcome will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

SEAMS SEW.

"What did Madam Sewem say at the convention?" asked the first dressmaker.
"Why, I didn't hear quite all she said. The chairlady announced that Madam Sewem would make some fitting remarks, but some one else cut in and said if she was to be held up as a pattern for the other speakers it would be a waste of words. I was right on the skirts of the crowd, and was trying to edge in, and there was a terrible bustle all about me, and then Madam Sewem got up and exclaimed that she could trim any one who chose to debate with her, and all the time the other woman was inserting a word or two as she could, but anybody could see she deserved a basting and that she was going to get it, and I wish I could have heard it, but I missed the best part of it."
"Why, couldn't you hear all that was said?"
"Not exactly that, but I got a stitch in my side and lost the thread of the remarks."—Judge.

Pleasant and Most Effective.

T. J. Chambers, Ed. Vindicator, Liberty, Texas writes Dec. 26, 1902: "With pleasure and unhesitatingly, I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it in my family and can cheerfully affirm it is the most effective and pleasant remedy for coughs and colds I ever used." 25c, 50c and 1.00 R. Phillips.

It makes no difference what you paid for it, we have it for less. R. Phillips.

NOTICE.

All accounts on my books are now due. If you owe me anything, come and settle at once. If you fail to do so, you may expect a dun at any time.

C. S. Boyles.

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NOTICE.

If you owe THE STAR anything pay up, we need the money. If any in the county who are taking THE STAR and do not intend to pay for it we hope they will let us know at once and not do as some have, let the paper come on for several years and then come in with the old chestnut story that "I told you when I subscribed to stop my paper when my time was out." The date on your paper shows when your subscription is due. 4tf

COAL.

All kinds of Coal at lowest price.

BAIRD ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

A. V. WALLAN, Mgr.

You have to have a suit of clothes for your boy. The only place to get them is at T. E. Powell's. 4-1f

Mineral Wells.

Mineral Wells, Texas, the Health and Pleasure Resort of the South, reached via the Weatherford, Mineral Wells & Northwestern 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. Bock, Second Vice-President & G. S., Weatherford, Texas.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without an appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Powell & Powell, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas. Price 50 cents.

Miss Annie Martin left Monday for Waco, and will go from there to Galveston on legal business, and then go to San Antonio, where she intends to permanently locate.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need of it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25 cents, at Powell & Powell, Druggist, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Druggist, Putnam Texas.

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

WORTH CONSIDERING

By arrangement with Farm and Ranch, the great home-farm paper of the Southwest, we are able to offer to our readers an opportunity to secure it at a greatly reduced price.
FARM AND RANCH occupies a field peculiar to itself and no matter how many papers you are reading, you will find it different from all the rest.
It is devoted to the upbuilding of home interests, helps you to make home comfortable, to educate your children and to train them to become useful, intelligent men and women.
It gives accurate information about planting and cultivating truck, fruit, corn, cotton, alfalfa, rice and all the other crops that can be raised with profit in the great Southwest.
It tells about breeding, raising and marketing cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, horses, poultry and pet stock.
Its Household and children's departments afford help, instruction and amusement to the wife and the little ones.
It keeps fully abreast with the work of the Experiment Stations and gives the latest news in regard to farmers' organizations—Farmers' Co-ops, Farmers' Institutes, Boys' and Girls' Leagues.
It is alive, ably edited, printed on fine paper, superbly illustrated. The regular price is \$1 per copy but we can send it with our paper one year for \$1.75

FROM A DAIRY.

[Written by FLOSSIE PARSONS, 12 years old, who recently visited Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rawson, near Belle Plaine.]

Dec. 21, 1903.
It was a beautiful day; clear and very warm.
Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1903.
Clear, warm, and very pretty was the day.
When papa, Grace, Fay and I, oh! so gay,
Started on our California trip.
Taking with us our trunks, lunch and grip.

Brother Creston took us to the train, Then quickly started home again.
Mr. Pendry, at Ford, our company did join,
And at 2 a. m. took the Q. train for Des Moines;

But at Clarkson we were surprised to see
Aunt Lucy, Daisy and Fred, who
Joined our glee

At Des Moines we had nearly four hours to wait,
For the train did not go till after eight.
Then we took the Wabash sleeper for Kansas City,
But how, how it shook, was such a pity.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1903.
Cloudy, and rained all afternoon.
We left Kansas City after breakfast soon,
And took the Santa Fe,
In which we rode all day.

The important cities that we saw
Were Lawrence, Topeka, Osage Emporia and Wichita.
Not far from there we changed cars,
But could not tell where because there were no stars.

We took chair cars for this night,
And the train went on with all its might
And then, to add to my story,
We passed through Oklahoma Territory.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1903.
Partly cloudy and rainy was the day.
We passed through parts of Indian Territory, and Texas on our way.
The important cities we passed through were Paul's Valley, Gainesville, and Fort Worth, too.

As we were in Fort Worth the last half of the day,
I will describe it in this way:
Forty-three thousand is its population,
While seventeen million is its Real estate valuation.

Of its population ninety percent are American.
It has also many free kindergartens;
Also, of the forty-three thousand inhabitants
Four percent have negro parents;

The last six percent are foreigners.
And the annual business is thirty million dollars.
It has forty acres of public parks,
All of which are made very beautiful after dark.

It has also over one hundred miles of public streets,
And twenty hotels, where many a person eats.
Headquarters of the only magazine published in Texas,
The whole city covers five hundred and two-thirds acres of land.

Lastly, of Tarrant county it is the County seat.
I cannot describe the rest, because my time is fleet.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1903.
Early this Christmas morning we reached at Baird station,
And Mr. Jim Rawson, to our admiration,
Was there with his lumber wagon,
and before daylight
The mules were going over the rocky and sandy road with all their might.
Time passed quickly and we were soon at our journey's end,
And were greeted by our friend Mrs. Rawson, who soon after we arrived
For us breakfast had contrived.

Ah! so warm and beautiful was the day,
Soon to the cotton field we all were on our way.
After our Xmas dinner to the surrounding hills we did go,
And all were so grand that how to tell which was the grandest none did know.

Not long after the setting of the sun
The neighbors to serenade us did come.
Of course, the evening was pleasantly spent,
And then they to their homes went.

Saturday, Dec. 26, 1903.
As this was such a lovely day,
We children to the cotton fields went on our way;
Most of our time in roaming was spent,
As over the rocky hills and through the dust and sand we went.

But when the sunset in the west,
We were so happy we couldn't rest;
And to one of the neighbor's we did go.
But the sand was so deep we were compelled to walk slow.

Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbit of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair to joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief, and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for Consumption, Coughs, Spitting of Blood, and all Lung troubles. Sold \$1.00 per bottle. Powell & Powell, Baird Texas.

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We ask our readers as a special favor when trading with those who advertise in THE STAR to mention that you read their ads in THE STAR. This will not cost you anything and will help us get more ads. Without ads we could not run a paper, as the money received on subscription does not pay one fourth of the expense of publishing THE STAR.

Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Guitar and Mandolin Cases. Powell & Powell. 6

We have remnants of wall paper at your own price. Powell & Powell.

For Drugs and drug sundries of all kinds see Powell & Powell. 6

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

Her Coats of Arms.
Concerning a very modish woman the late Julian Rix, painter and critic, had this story to tell:
"Mr. Rix, I've come to ask you a great favor," she said as she fairly burst into his studio one fall day.
"Everything I have is at your command, madam."
"I want to show you some coats of arms and ask your advice about making a choice."
"Which side of the family do you wish to follow, maternal or—"
"Oh, neither! The herald says I can choose any of these. I want something that will look well on whist counters."
"Yes, well, what about this?"
"That will do nicely. But don't you think I ought to have more than one? I do fire so quickly of things, you know."—New York Times.

Canals in England.
Canals in England date back to an early period, for the Romans built two in Lincolnshire—the Foss dike, forty miles long and still navigable, and the Caer dike. The first British made canal was constructed in 1134 by Henry I. and joined the Trent to the Witham. It was toward the end of the eighteenth century that the greatest amount of energy was expended in the building of canals, mainly due to the Duke of Bridgewater and the skill of his engineer, James Brindley. In the last decade of that century a canal mania raged.

Rebaking an Emperor.
Once, so the story goes, Emperor Nicholas of Russia asked Liszt to play in his presence. The musician complied, but during the performance the czar started a conversation with an aide-de-camp. Liszt stopped playing at once. The czar asked what was the matter. "When the emperor speaks," said Liszt, "every one must be silent." The czar smilingly took the hint, and the playing proceeded.

Purely Business.
"Are you sure," asked the captain of industry, "that you love my daughter?"
"Come, I say," replied the duke, "you're not going to be sentimental at your time of life, are you?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Imperfect Digestion
Means less nutrition and in consequence less vitality. When the liver fails to secrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, and digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine will rectify this; it gives tone to the stomach, liver and kidneys, strengthens the appetite, clears and improves the complexion, infuses new life and vigor to the whole system. 50 cts a bottle. Sold by R. Phillips.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Rt. Rev. William Bishop of Albany

People approach the question of the remarriage after divorce (different paths, partly) at the whole question from different standpoints. A civil contract recognizes and admires the natural man and woman as act of common consent is a divine institution. God in the time of and recognized and by the Lord. This involves and includes. But the first two deny the last. So of remarriage after varying views. Recognizes no divinity right to remarry. Methodist churches remarriage to the divorced for the ca other. The Pres incurable desert cause, etc., while is a wide range of prohibition in the single New York, etc., in the case is more secure. I do not secure a uniform gressional act ment to the con that the church plainly about to some mutual practice. most important of public relations to be pu of the press and mold a p denounce su grading the v turbing the v destroying all which un

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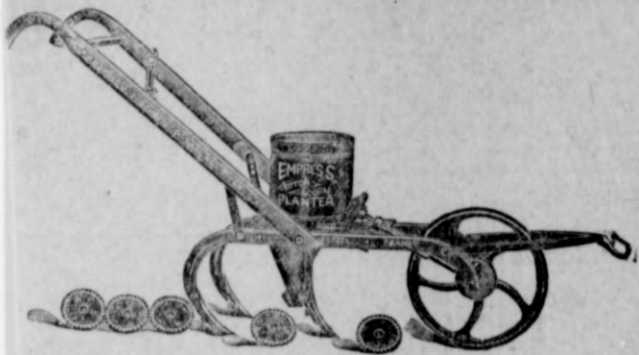
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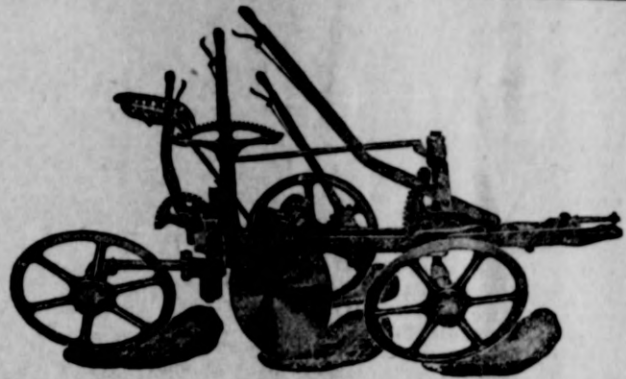
At the beginning of another year I desire to return my thanks for the liberal patronage given me during the past year, and wish you one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



I handle the Empress, Standard and Canton Planters.



Corrugated Cisterns are the best we also manufacture Cisterns and Stock Tanks.

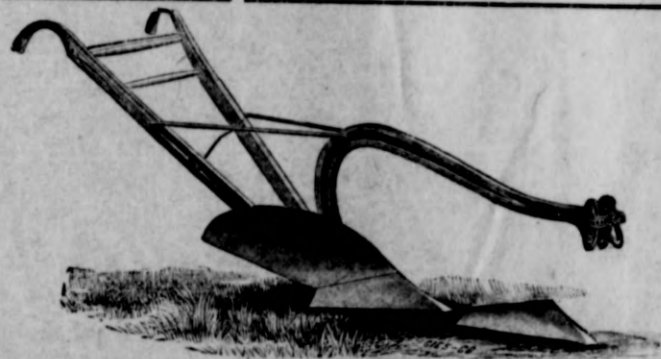


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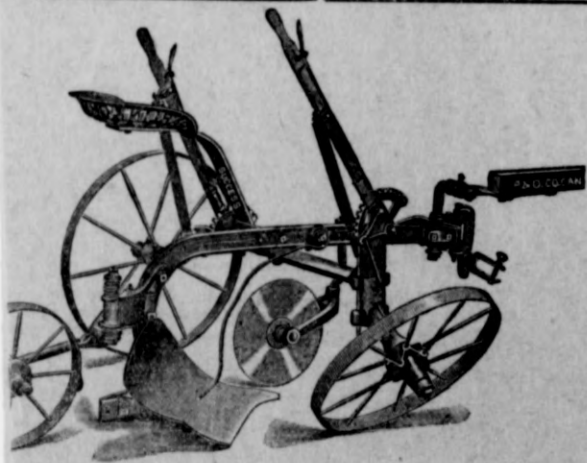
Ball bearing disc plow, made in single double and triple disc. No wear or friction. Call and see it.



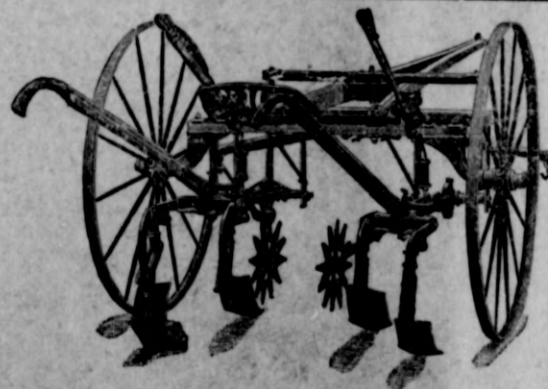
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CESS. One of the best Sulkeys on the Market I also have a large line of Cultivators



STANDARD AND CASE,



EBER ARE BEST. # GET ONE.



We have one of the Largest and Most Select Lines of Hardware, Queensware. Implements, Etc.

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The Baird Weekly Star

THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1904

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Counting ads, about thirty columns of matter was set on THE STAR last week. This would make a column 50 feet long. One half of the amount set was reading matter, breviter type. A pretty good week's work for Christmas when many of our country exchanges were resting.

Wanted in Washington: A good, strong man (physically) to pull the democratic senators out of a hot-box some one has dumped them into. We never could admire any man's judgment who would give his worst enemy a club to beat him with. If this is not what some of the democrats are doing up at Washington about that canal business, there is nothing in the way people talk.

The burning of the Iroquois theater New Year's eve was one of the most horrible disasters of the kind in the history of the world. Nearly six hundred human beings, mostly women and children, were snuffed out in a few minutes. The building was supposed to be fireproof, but the inside furnishings burned like tinder. The details of the horror are such that few people will read them. Every theater and playhouse in Chicago, and many other large cities, have been closed pending an investigation of the facilities for escaping from fires.

Russia and Japan seem to be drifting each day nearer war. The next mail may bring news that the conflict has actually begun, or that war has been averted at the last moment. It looks like national suicide for Japan to tackle Russia, but many believe Japan will win. Judging by the strength of the two nations, Japan has about as much chance to win as a bench-legged floc would have in a fight with a full-grown bulldog. Russia might lose every man and ship she has in China and still have an army strong enough to crush Japan in the end.

IN THE MATTER OF PANAMA

"Somebody has blundered" in the Democratic caucus, just as the British did at Balaklava, and if Democratic votes should defeat the canal treaty the result may be as disastrous to the party as was the charge of the Light Brigade. The south wants the canal, and it looks now as though enough votes would be secured in the south to insure the ratification of the treaty. THE STAR believes Panama had a right to set up shop for itself, but right or wrong, the public is not concerned with that phase of the question. The burning question is, Shall we build the canal? Most of the southern people preferred the Nicaragua route, but if we cannot get the canal exactly where we want it, should the south defeat the project now, and delay the great work for another century? If it is Panama or nothing, let it be Panama. We can quarrel over abstract questions later on. Southern congressmen should remember that the south has always wanted a canal across the isthmus. A southern senator may find it no easy matter to prove to his constituents that he is in favor of a canal by any route if he votes against the pending treaty. The Democratic party will find itself on the defensive in the next campaign if any considerable number of Democratic congressmen could oppose the treaty.

Personality and Environment.

A SHORT ORATION, DELIVERED AT DENTON NORMAL.

By personality is meant the sum of the qualities which constitute the character of a man, while environment is the aggregate of the conditions or circumstances by which he is surrounded.

Personality is the one essential distinguishing characteristic of an individual. Gifts and talents, virtues and vices, temperaments and dispositions, may to some extent have a common application to mankind; but every man possesses a quality peculiar to himself, which makes him different from all other men. This seems to be in accordance with a universal law of nature. No two animals, nor birds, nor flowers, nor insects, nor stones are exactly alike. Each has its own identity, its own individuality.

May not we who have chosen the honorable and useful profession of teaching, we to whom it is given to shape character and direct destiny, learn from this a wholesome lesson? Destroy or mar personality, and the charm of individual life is broken. The true teacher is quick to discern in the pupil that which makes him different from his fellow students, and taking the material presented, will wisely make the most of it, remembering that human minds were never intended for a common mould. The recognition of the sacredness of personality, and the employment of methods to preserve and develop it, have been characteristic of every GREAT teacher in every age. Only recently one of the most prominent and capable experts of modern times declared that the United States navy was the strongest navy in the world—not because of the number, size, speed and equipment of its vessels—but because of the individuality of the men who stand behind its guns. The splendid esprit de corps of the sailors who guard our coasts and fight our battles upon the sea, is the result of methods of training by which the personal qualities of each man have received distinct and proper attention. And this principle is co-existent with all departments of civilized life. The strength and efficiency of a family, school, community or government is measured by the sum of its personal forces.

The proper study of personality will necessarily involve the consideration of environment, for each acts upon and influences the other. The tropical plant will not survive the severities of the frigid zone, nor will polar products thrive when subjected to the warm and weakening temperature of the tropics. The genius of man and the potency of steam and electricity walked side by side from the beginning of the human race, but Persia nor Egypt, Greece nor Rome, could, in the height of its intellectual glory and attainments, produce a Newton or a Franklin. In time of peace the spark of martial heroism may slumber on the altar of patriotic hearts, but it will not be fanned into flame till the bugle's blast calls brave men to arms. The day the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock the spirit of Liberty took up its abode in the New World, but British oppression was necessary to summon Washington and Jefferson and Henry from their quiet pursuits into the broader arena of war, statesmanship and oratory. The times in which they lived and the conditions by which they were surrounded were favorable to the production of such men as Austin and Travis and Bowie and Crockett and Houston—whose fame will be sung as long as the memory of heroes is chronicled. It was the terrible hour of torch and devastation, of battle and blood, that developed a Hampton and a Wheeler, a Lee and a Jackson.

The TEST of personality is one's to dominate and utilize his environment. This is what is sometimes called force of character. In the book, which Sir Walter Scott called the ONLY book, we are told that God gave to man "domination over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing which moveth upon the face of the earth." It was the purpose of the Creator that man, "the highest link in creation's endless chain," should dominate, subdue and direct the forces of nature—animate and inanimate. To the extent that one fails to do this, he exhibits weakness of character and becomes the slave of environment. History is replete with striking illustrations of men who have made stepping-stones of unfavorable surroundings, rising above them and shining forth as stars of the first magnitude in the firmament of real greatness.

Disraeli, despite his lack of wealth or family connections, made his way by sheer force of mind and character from obscurity to leadership in the House of Commons, then to the position of minister of finance, and finally to that of prime minister of one of the mightiest kingdoms on the globe.

Lincoln, the great American commoner, laid down the ax and maul to pursue a career which was destined to carry his name high in the temple of fame. With nothing but sterling personal qualities to commend him to public favor, he became irresistible on the hustings, and his triumphal march

through a heated campaign to the White House was made with the easy strides of a titan.

Garfield, whose statesmanship was broad, whose learning was extensive, and whose oratory held listening thousands spell bound, worked up from a youthful member of a canal boat crew to the loftiest position within the gift of his country.

McKinley, the last of our martyred presidents, whose noble name lingers as a sweet memory in the mind of an admiring world, knew well the meaning of poverty and honest toil.

John B. Gordon, the idol of the rapidly thinning remnant of peerless fighters who followed the flag of the Confederacy, enlisted as a captain in the civil war and was entirely without prestige to mark him as a fit man for promotion. But at the end of four years' of service he ranked as a major-general, led the last hopeless but gallant charge of the war, and was one of the three representatives of the Confederacy to draw up the terms of surrender.

Time would fail me to speak of the successful financiers, the illustrious teachers, the eminent divines, the famous explorers and the renowned reformers who have broken the shackles of narrow environment and filed the largest spheres of useful living.

While conceding the influence of environment, we should not forget the power of personality. To the man of vision, conviction, purpose, energy, courage and faith, there are no impossibilities within the realm of human endeavor. The deepest depths may be penetrated, the widest expanses traversed, the loftiest heights reached.

Taking this view of the subject, we may exclaim with Shakespeare, "What a piece of work is man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving how express and admirable! in action how like an angel! in apprehension how like a god!"

Dull, indeed, is the ear of that man who hears not the persistent call to-day for

"Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands, Men whom the lust of office does not kill, Men whom the lust of office does not buy, Men who possess conviction and a will, Men who have honor, Men who will not lie, Men who can stand before a demagogue And spurn his treacherous flattery without striking?"

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog, In public duty and private thinking."

HISTORY vs. HISTORY.

"Emperor William no sooner recovered his voice than he put his foot in it." This bull was perpetrated by one of our paragraph-writers in reference to the emperor's declaration that Wellington was only saved from defeat at Waterloo by Blucher and his Germans. This was a natural compliment to the Hanoverians whom William addressed, and doubtless he is surprised that Englishmen take umbrage at the reflection upon their valor. And, as a matter of fact, the emperor's statement is supported by nearly all popular German historians. The difference between the German and the English point of view is precisely the difference which exists between histories of the civil war written by northern and southern men and between English and American histories of the wars of the revolution and of 1812.—Public Opinion.

This reminds us of what cynical Tom Reed, ex-speaker of the national house of representatives, said. He is quoted as saying that "most all histories are a tissue of lies." This is putting it pretty strong, but when we see the romances of forty years ago credited as authentic history today, we are constrained to believe that Reed is more than half right. The German emperor, it seems, has read only German history and, consequently, gets only the German view. Americans read American history, and naturally don't agree with our English cousins who read only the English side of the trouble started over the tea party in Boston. As to the history of our own civil war, every unprejudiced reader knows there is not, and perhaps will never be, a fair and impartial history of that war written.

THE STAR had two articles on the same subject last week, but perhaps none will object if we publish another. This article from Public Opinion coincides with the editorial in THE STAR, so much so that some might conclude that the same mind inspired both articles; but such is not the case, as Public Opinion, from which the above was taken, was issued in New York December 31st, the same day THE STAR was published in Baird, and was not received at this office until Monday morning, three days after THE STAR was issued. We merely mention this lest some might infer that we had plagiarized Public Opinion's ideas.

The consolidation of the Colorado Clipper and Colorado Spokesman is an important move in the direction of fewer and better papers. The best papers in west Texas are those which have no competition.—The Haskell Free Press, Midland Reporter, Baird Star, Breckenridge Democrat and Merck Mail. Big Springs, Snyder, Peco and Sweetwater would each support splendid paper, but in each of those towns the field is divided and neither of these towns, in consequence, has a paper which is all it might, could would or should be.—Sweetwater Review.

New Games Lion Coffee. A FREE game inside each package of Lion Coffee. 60 different games.

ANNOUNCEMENT RATES. As candidates will probably begin to announce next month (several candidates are already running as fast as they can) our rates will be same as heretofore. To wit: Co. Judge \$10.00, Sheriff 10.00, Clerk 10.00, Treasurer 10.00, Tax Assessor 10.00, Public Weigher, Baird 10.00, All other Co. officers 5.00, Co. Commissioner 3.00, All other precinct officers 2.50, City Marshal, Baird 5.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic primary: For Tax Assessor, JAMES RANDALS, Of Cross Plains. M. G. (Melvin) FARMER, Of Baird.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENS. The first announcement in THE STAR for the campaign appears this week. James Randals, of Cross Plains, County Commissioner, announces for Tax Assessor. Mr. Randals is well and favorably known, and knowing him as we do, we feel confident that he will make a faithful and efficient officer if the people should honor him with the office.

Gen. James Longstreet died Saturday at his home in Gainsville, Ga. General Longstreet won distinction and promotion in the Mexican war. He was known as one of the hardest fighters and ablest generals in the confederate army. There was much ill feeling in the south against General Longstreet some years ago because he turned republican in politics; but most of the animosity on that score has died out. Friends of General Lee in recent years made the charge that General Longstreet disobeyed orders at the battle of Gettysburg, which contributed to the defeat of the confederate army under General Lee in that battle, which all agree now was the turning-point in the civil war. General Longstreet always denounced the charge as false, and said no one ever dared make such a charge until the knightly Lee had passed away. Certainly General Lee never made such a charge publicly while living, and whether the charge is true or false matters little now. General Longstreet was a gallant soldier, and all true southerners should remember that and forget all things said to his discredit. General Longstreet was in his 84th year at the time of his death.

The first number of the Stockman-Journal (Fort Worth), Hec McEachin, late of the West Texas Stockman, editor, was received yesterday. THE STAR wishes "Mac" abundant success in his new field. The first issue of the Stockman-Journal, like everything else in Fort Worth, is a hummer.

Bryan was treated splendidly by the American consular officers while he was abroad, and naturally appreciates it. Why not?

Tom Johnson, who settled near Tecumseh about the time it was made, is in town today.

There is some talk of reorganizing the Baird Brass Band. This is a move in the right direction. There is nothing that advertises and inspires a town more than a good band. There is a sufficient number of good musicians and instruments enough to practice on.

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

ADAMS, HUBBERT & THORNTON. Eye, Ear, SPECIALISTS. WILL BE IN BAIRD JANUARY 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th. We wish to see and examine, free of charge, Eye, Ear, Nose or Throat troubles. We solicit and difficult cases. We spend no time with hopeful skeptics, and those who have had treatment especially invited to witness our treatment and of cross-eyes will be straightened each week for \$1.00. Respectfully, Drs. ADAMS, HUBBERT & THORNTON.

R. PHILL THE DRUGGIST. DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, WALL, PAPER. WE are still here, with full and complete assortment of everything found in an up-to-date drug store. We are buying please give call and see what we have and get prices; it will save money. We have the largest assortment in Baird. We are anxious for your trade and will treat you right. BAIRD, TEXAS.

Presidential Possibilities. There once was a portly banana, Who said, "What's the matter with H—?" I'm a friend of the nigs. And the plutes and the prigs, I stuff with protectionist manna." Twice he grazed on political clover, This adipose person called G—. But a low tariff worm Will not catch a third term—I fear that his chances are over. His hand on the trigger was steady, For wild-cats and sich he was ready; But he shot at a trust, For which he's been cursed By Wall Street—Look out! Mr. T— Who's that in the corner there cryin' 'Cause there ain't any use in histryin' To extract much more fun Out o' sixteen-to-one? His face I forget: his name's B—. Who's this? Well, he's surely no barker. Perhaps he's the horse that is darker. We all know that the still Little pig gets the swill— The weight of the proverb's with P—. 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. SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED. The old Kiser school house, south of Clyde, was burned last week, and the school opened Monday in Herschel Bryant's house and Monday night that was also burned. This is rather peculiar to say the least of it. Miss Woods, sister of our County Attorney, John W. Woods, is the teacher at Kiser. Fred Gartner, of Eagle Cove, is in town today.

New Year's Greeting.

1904.



After the most prosperous year of business in Baird, we wish to thank our customers for their liberal patronage. Our business has nearly reached the \$150,000.00 mark, an increase of over \$30,000 from last year, and an increase over any other year—of which 1900 was the largest to date—of \$12,000. I want to express my gratitude to the good people of Baird and Callahan and adjoining Counties for their most liberal patronage, for it is honestly true that there is no house West of Fort Worth, carrying exclusive Dry Goods, that has done this good a business, and I justly feel proud of my record and my people who have so liberally patronized me.

Now for the year 1904. I want to wish you all an abundant crop and a fine financial year, and remember that you will still find T. E. Powell at his oldstand, ready, willing and anxious to please you all. Hoping to make the year 1904 the most prosperous in the history of my business, and desiring that God may prosper you all, I remain your friend,

T. E. POWELL, BAIRD, TEXAS.

T. & P.'s SCHEDULE.

WEST BOUND.	
No. 3, arrives	2:30 p m
departs	3:30 p m
No. 5, arrives	2:35 a m
departs	3:45 a m
EAST BOUND.	
No. 4, arrives	1:15 p m
departs	1:30 p m
No. 6, arrives	12:50 a m
departs	1:05 a m

J. B. HANCOCK, Agent.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge	I. N. Jackson
Clerk and District Clerk	W. P. Cochran
Deputy	J. H. Cochran
Tax Assessor	T. J. Norrell
Sheriff and Tax Collector	T. A. Irvin
Deputy Sheriff	Joe Allphine
Sheriff Office Deputy	J. E. Gilliland
County Treasurer	J. E. W. Lane
County Surveyor	T. H. Floyd
County Attorney	J. W. Woods
Public Weigher	Joe McGowan
Hide and Animal Inspector	W. C. Asbury
County Commissioner Precinct No. 1	W. A. Hinds
Precinct No. 2	Philip Yost
Precinct No. 3	J. H. Burnam
Precinct No. 4	Jas Randals
J. P. Precinct No. 1	J. P. L. O. Oliver
Constable	Joe Alphin

CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor	W. C. Powell
Secretary	H. O. Powell
Marshal	H. M. Aycock
Aldermen	J. B. Cutbirth, H. O. Powell, B. N. Leonard, Zeni Foster, W. F. Wilson

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. J. F. Claggett has returned from a visit to relatives at Dallas.

Miss Sue Fraser entertained her young friends at her home last Friday evening.

Prof. Rose entertained the pupils of his room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller on New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton have returned from a visit to relatives in Palo Pinto county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott left Monday for San Angelo to visit Mr. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Scott.

ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The STAR is requested to announce that Abilene Commandery No. 27, Abilene, will meet next Monday night. The election of officers, and other important matters to be attended to. All Sir Knights in Callahan county are requested to attend.

J. E. Pace, who went to Louisiana with Sam Webb, with two cars of horses, returned Monday night. Sam Webb is still down there with a remnant of the stock.

J. M. and Frank Harlow returned Tuesday evening from Kansas, where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives. They report times flourishing in the "Sun Flower" state.

Richard Cordwint purchased the Stewart place near Belle Plaine, at Sheriff's Sale Tuesday, recently advertised in this paper. The price paid was \$1460, cash.

A few days ago Sheriff Al Irvin arrested and jailed a man by the name of Jack Hester, jointly indicted with Hardy Hunsucker now in the penitentiary, with murdering brakeman Jim Tidings on a freight train between Baird and Clyde on Wednesday night, Nov. 20, 1901. Tidings, it will be remembered, was shot and killed on top of the train while running and the dead was not discovered until Clyde was reached. Blood hounds were secured and every effort made to discover the murderer. Sheriff Irvin received \$100 and \$250 additional for his services. Sheriff Irvin's work on this case is a fine example of justice.

We have one hundred and fifty suits, latest, newest novelty of the season in winter weight 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.

Church Notice.

Rev. I. C. Underwood will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday. The subject at 11 o'clock will be: "Why God Permits Moral Evil." Everybody is cordially invited.

Sheriff T. A. Irvin will be a candidate for re-election. It is generally understood that Jas. M. Reed, of Putnam, and Sam Cutbirth Jr., of Belle Plaine, will also be candidates for sheriff.

We are taking stock, and in an immense building. We find remnants of all kinds which we are very anxious to dispose of. You need the goods and I need the money. All remnants go at great bargains.

If you are going to run for office boys, put your announcement in the papers and let your friends know you are a candidate. This advice is not given merely to get the announcement fee, but every experienced politician knows that candidates often lose votes by postponing announcing that they are out for office. THE STAR has a little space left for the candidates, and it is presumed that the Cottonwood Prodigal and Putnam Paragon each have space enough to announce a few candidates.

For Sale or Rent.

Good five-room dwelling, barn and outcous, lots, etc., two blocks north of the public school building. Very desirable place for parties who have children to send to school.

We have a few more new California blankets. We do not propose to carry them over. Now is the time to get a good blanket at a sacrifice.

Edgar Norton, after spending Christmas with his parents, returned to Ft. Worth to resume his duties with Swift & Co.—Stamford News.

We have it for less.

Luther Clements, son of W. H. Clements, of Cross Plains, drew the doll, offered by Terrell.

Uncle Tom Norrell, of Cottonwood, our long-time friend, spent several days in town this week.

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 wanted to get out at a bargain.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

The following was clipped from some publication and handed to THE STAR for publication, which we cheerfully do. We would gladly give the proper credit if we knew the name of the publisher that produced them. If we will keep them faithfully, the year 1904 will be the best of our lives.

RESOLVED:

- To observe the Golden Rule.
- To treat all men as brothers.
- To turn over a new leaf.
- To live a better life than we did last year.
- To not drink any more whiskey, wine or beer.
- To shun evils and not follow or be led by it.
- To ask the pardon of any whom we have offended.
- To stand by our pastor in his efforts to build up the church.
- To scatter sunshine and happiness along our way during 1904.
- To owe no man anything but brotherly love and good fellowship.
- To be honest and sincere at all times and under all circumstances.
- To live a clean life and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.
- To pay the printer what we owe him, in order that he may pay what he owes.
- To earnestly seek God's guidance in our secular as well as religious affairs.
- To make no enemies, and try to make friends of present enemies, if we have any.
- To rid ourselves of that insufferable selfishness which is one of the greatest sins of the human race.
- To be more kind and considerate to those who differ with us, imputing to all honesty of purpose and belief.
- To exert an influence this year that we will not be ashamed or afraid to acknowledge in this life or the next.
- To attend more promptly and regularly upon the ordinances of the church, including the Sunday school and prayer meeting.
- To thank God for permitting such unworthy wretches as we are to live at all, and do something for Him to show our appreciation of His goodness to us.
- To keep these resolutions faithfully or die; and if we fall down to get up promptly and try again.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure you, at Powell & Powell's Drug Store, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr's Drug Store, Putnam Texas.

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Remember the Hamilton-Brown shoe.

Remember the Hamilton-Brown shoe is the best shoe of the world. Every pair of the Hamilton-Brown shoe run no risk in buying this class of goods, so don't buy cheap, but go to T. E. Powell's and get above shoddy.

DUELING IN AMERICA.

The First Fatal Meeting Was Upon Historic Boston Common.

The first fatal duel fought in what is now the United States was upon Boston Common, between Benjamin Woodbridge and Henry Phillips, on the evening of July 3, 1728. These young men had quarreled over cards at the Royal Exchange tavern in King street, now State street, and under the influence of drink had agreed to settle their differences with swords in the public grounds above named. They met at a little after 8 o'clock in the evening, and Woodbridge was mortally wounded and was found dead the following morning.

Both were gentlemen of good social position. Phillips was a brother of Gillingham Phillips, who married Marie, the sister of Peter Faneuil, the builder of Boston's famous hall. Woodbridge had not completed his twentieth year. He was a young merchant who had recently been admitted to business as a partner with Jonathan Sewall, one of the most active merchants of the place. Henry Phillips, a young graduate of the college of Cambridge, was about four years older than Woodbridge, having at the time of this melancholy affair completed his twenty-third year. Woodbridge was the son of a gentleman of some distinction in Barbados, one of the magistrates there, who had formerly been settled in the ministry as pastor in Groton, Conn.

The place of meeting was on the rising grounds of the Common, not far from the great elm, near where in the olden time a powder house stood. Small swords were used. No one but themselves participated. Woodbridge fell mortally wounded and died on the spot before the next morning. Phillips was slightly wounded and at midnight, by the aid of his brother Gillingham and Peter Faneuil, of famous memory, made his escape to the Sheerness, a British man-of-war then lying in the harbor, and before the sun of the next morning had fully discovered to interested friends the miserable result of the unfortunate meeting he was on his way to France, where he died in less than a year of grief and a broken heart.—United Service Review.

A SHORT ANSWER.

The Reply That Bismarck Made to an Admirable Speech.

I like to think of old Bismarck as he sat by the window that opens on the windy park of Friedrichsruh in an old gray shooting jacket, a rug over his knees, a pipe in his hand, simple as a north German farmer, this man who had almost held Europe in fee.

A little while before this February day he had been deposed from power. All the world knew that the old lion was sitting in his den in no amiable mood toward the young emperor who had turned him out of doors. It was known that his memoirs were written and that his correspondence was set in order. A New York publisher thought he might secure the papers in which Bismarck had told the real story of the birth of the German empire—that strange story of craft and heroism, littleness and grandeur. It was on this mission that I sailed for Hamburg. I had two letters for Bismarck. One was from a negligible ambassador. The other had been given me by a German statesman of some note with whom in other days I had been a student in the University of Jena. My friend had been a familiar of Bismarck's household and bespoke me a kindly hearing. I sent the letters on from Hamburg and followed the next day.

On the table at his elbow as he sat by the window I noticed my letters. The valet who had placed a chair for me took his stand by the door. I said what I had to say. It was permitted me to affirm in an admirable speech. For ten days and nights I had rehearsed it as I paced the deck of the stormy liner, in tolerable German I declared it. It was dignified; it was diplomatic.

When I had finished Bismarck took the pipe from his lips, said "Nein" and put the pipe back again.

"That was the shortest answer I ever had in my life. I waited for a moment. The old man smoked and stared out into the park. I got up and bowed. I had rehearsed that bow and did not intend to waste it. I bowed to his old hairless head, the fatty yellow jowls and big mustache, to the old gray jacket and the pipe. It was like shaking to a stone wall. Then the valet led me out. In the park I regained my senses.—Vance Thompson in Success.

Mark Twain Missed the Boat.

The success achieved by Mark Twain during his boating days on the Mississippi river was due not only to the fact that he was a skillful pilot, but that he was an earnest one as well. A man who knew Mr. Clemens in those days told how the genial humorist once missed his boat. Instead of inventing an excuse, as many of his companions did, he reported to his superior officer as follows: "My boat left at 6:10. I arrived at the landing at 6:20 and could not catch it."

As it is said.
Hox—Do you know that thin fellow over there?
Joan—Oh, yes; we are very thick.
Hox—And do you know the big fat one?
Joan—Slightly.—Philadelphia Record.

Cutting.
Clara—Oh, hum! I wish the Lord had made me a man!
Mother—Perhaps he has, dear; only you haven't found him yet.—New York Times.

A fool may live with cultivated people all his life and never learn anything.—Atchison Globe.

THE WILY RED MAN.

Some Instances of the Indians' Quickness of Wit.

Numerous instances of the red man's quickness of wit are related by those who have had dealings with him. A Canadian chief was looking idly on while some Englishmen were hard at work improving property newly acquired from the dusky tribe.

"Why don't you work?" asked the supervisor of the chief.

"Why you no work yourself?" was the rejoinder.

"I work headwork," replied the white man, touching his forehead. "But come here and kill this calf for me, and I'll give you a quarter."

The Indian stood still for a moment, apparently deep in thought, and then he went off to kill the calf.

"Why don't you finish your job?" presently asked the supervisor, seeing the man stand with foiled arms over the unskinned, undressed carcass.

"You say you give me quarter to kill calf," was the reply. "Calf dead. Me want quarter."

The white man smiled and handed the Indian an extra coin to go on with the work.

"How is it," asked the Englishman one day after a series of such one-sided dealings, "that you so often get the better of me?"

"I work headwork," solemnly replied the man of the woods.

A white trader once succeeded in selling a large quantity of gunpowder to one of his tribe on the assurance that it was a new kind that the white man used for seed and if sown in especially prepared loam would yield an amazing crop. Away went the Indian to sow his powder and in his hope of making money from his fellows was careful not to mention his enterprise. When at last, however, he realized how he had been duped he held his tongue for a year or more until the trickster had completely forgotten the occurrence. Then he went to his hoaxer's store and bought goods on credit amounting to a little more than the price of the planted gunpowder. He had the reputation of a good payer, and his scheme worked easily. When settling day came, the creditor called promptly.

"Right," said the Indian slowly—"right, but my powder not yet sprouted. Me pay you when me reap him."

CURED BY SARCASM.

A Lesson in the Use of Simple Terms in Letter Writing.

A few months ago the son of a railway director was through his father's influence given a position of some importance on a large railway. He was fresh from Cambridge, and in the orders which he from time to time issued to the men under him always made use of the longest, most unusual words. This habit led to some rather expensive blunders, and, the matter coming before the general manager, he wrote the young official the following letter:

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations and in articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical or psychological observations beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communication possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, a consistent consistency and a concatenated concision. Eschew all conglomeration of flutulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectation. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thronical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double entendre, purulent jocosity and pestiferous profanity, obscure or apparent. In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, purely and truthfully. Don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say, and don't use big words."

The young official took the gentle hint and changed his style.—London TRIBUNE.

Doing Europe.

Facilities for traveling nowadays are so accelerated that it is quite possible for the tourist to pass through five European countries in fourteen hours, barring accidents—namely, England, France, Belgium, Germany and Holland. Take the express from Claring Cross to Dover and cross over to Calais—two countries. Then with the intercontinental express you proceed to Brussels—three countries. From the Belgian capital by train to Aix-la-Chapelle, which is German territory, making the fourth country, and after allowing time for a meal a drive to Vaals, in Holland, makes the fifth country—and all in fourteen hours.

An Odd Collection.

An entertainer who visited the Fiji Islands and gave his performance before the natives had the following receipts for one night: Four sucking pigs, 800 coconuts, 1,000 of a common class of moonstone collected on the beach, 40 pearls, 23 model canoes, 200 yards of native cloth, 42 Fiji costumes, 3 whale's teeth, hundreds of sharks' teeth, one or two cart loads of beautiful coral, war implements, such as spears, knobsticks and knives, native mats and pillows and 7 grog bowls.

A Natural Misapprehension.
"You say the audience laughed when you recited 'Marco Bozzaris' in Chicago?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "You see, when I came to the lines beginning 'Strike' the people thought it was a local allusion."—Washington Star.

When a man will kill himself because a woman refuses to marry him it is conclusive evidence that the woman was right.—Baltimore Herald.

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Constipation is nothing more than a clogging of the bowels and nothing less than vital stagnation or death if not relieved. If every constipated sufferer could realize that he is allowing poisonous filth to remain in his system, he would soon get relief. Constipation invites all kind of contagion. Headaches, biliousness, colds and many other ailments disappear when constipated bowels are relieved. The Draught cleans out the bowels in an easy and natural manner without the purging of calomel or other violent cathartics.

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CAUSES OF COLDS.

One of the Most Common of Them Is Eating Too Much.

The invariable cause of colds comes from within, not without. No one takes cold when in a vigorous state of health, with pure blood coursing through the body, and there is no good reason why any one in ordinary health should have a cold. It may come from insufficient exercise, breathing of foul air, want of wholesome food, excess of food, lack of bathing, etc., but always from some violation of the plain laws of health.

There can be no more prolific cause of colds than highly seasoned foods as well as frequent eating. These give no time for the digestive organs to rest and incite an increased flow of the digestive secretions. Thus larger quantities of nourishment are absorbed than can be properly utilized, and the result is an obstruction, commonly called a "cold," which is simply an effort of the system to expel the useless material. Properly speaking, it is self poisoning, due to an incapability of the organism to regulate and compensate for the disturbance.

A deficient supply of pure air to the lungs is not only a strong predisposing cause of colds, but a prolific source of much graver conditions. Pure air and exercise are necessary to prepare the system for the assimilation of nutriment, for without them there can be no vigorous health. The oxygen of the air we breathe regulates the appetite as well as the nutriment that is built up in the system.

The safest and best way to avoid colds is to sleep in a room with the windows wide open and to remain out of doors every day, no matter what may be the weather, for at least two hours, preferably with some kind of exercise, if no more than walking. One should not sit down to rest while the feet are wet or the clothing damp. A person may go with the clothing wet through to the skin all day if he but keeps moving. Exercise keeps up the circulation and prevents taking cold.

The physiologic care of colds is the prevention of the occurrence. The person who does not carry around an over-supply of alimentation in his system and furthermore secures a purified circulation by strict, sanitary cleanliness, thus placing himself in a positive condition, is immune to colds. A starving man cannot take cold.

A careful diet would exclude the use of all narcotics and all food that is not thoroughly appropriated. An overfed person is worse off than one who is underfed, because the overfed body is taxed to dispose of what cannot be appropriated and, when not properly disposed of, remains only to be an element of danger.—Science of Health.

Poisonous and Harmless Snakes.

There is a certain physiological difference between the poisonous and harmless snakes which exists very plainly in their manner of dentition. All snakes are objects of aversion and dread to mankind, so much so that to be bitten by a snake has at times been so fearful to the victim as to have produced death although the snake was harmless. Such is the instinctive dread with which these reptiles are thought of that it may be desirable to have some easy mode of distinguishing the one kind from the other. This distinguishing characteristic is afforded by the teeth. In all poisonous snakes there are only two rows of teeth, the fang or fangs being arranged either within the two rows or outside of them. The harmless snakes have four distinct rows of teeth, and when the bite shows this kind of wound and not any single deeper or larger puncture there need be no apprehension.

Waiting For Malaria.

Obstinate cases of malaria that have withstood the ocean voyages, mountain heights and quinine dosing are said to have been conquered by systematic and continued walking. What the malarial patient wants most to do is to sit indoors, nurse his aches and pains or to lie down and doze. Advocates of the walking cure maintain that fresh air is an antidote not only to the malaria itself, but to the blues, which usually accompanies it. Their advice to the sufferer is to dress up warmly if the weather is damp or rainy and go out to walk. Wear flannel next to the skin, stout shoes and simple hat. If it is warm, dress lightly, but carry a wrap to throw around the shoulders against drafts and too rapid cooling off. When one comes to think of it, there are few maladies on earth that fresh air and moderate exercise are not good for.

The Spectroscope.

Originally the spectroscope was applied only to chemistry, and in that limited field proved itself an invaluable aid in accurate analysis. By holding in a Bunsen flame a platinum wire moistened by contact with the skin the presence of a few grains of salt swallowed a few minutes previously can be detected with the spectroscope. Indeed, so wonderfully refined is the work of the spectroscopic chemist that he can discover in a substance the presence of one three-millionth of a grain of metal.

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has frequent headaches, a "bad case of nerves," lack of appetite, inability to sleep well, a morbid, all-gone feeling, it is not necessarily some dire female malady:

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NAPOLÉON THE GREAT.

A little while ago I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold—fit almost for a dead deity—and gazed upon the sarcophagus of black Egyptian marble, where rests at last the ashes of the restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him, walking upon the banks of the Seine; contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toueon; I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris; I saw him at the head of the army of Italy; I saw him crossing the bridge of Lodi with the tri-color in his hand; I saw him in Egypt in the snadows of the pyramids, I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of the crags. I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm and Austerlitz. I saw him in Russia where the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him at Leipsic in defeat and disaster—driven by a million bayonets back into Paris, clutched like a wild beast banished to Eiba. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius. I saw him upon the frightful field of Waterloo, when chance and fate combined to wreck the fortunes of their former King. And I saw him at St Helena, with his hands crossed behind him, gazing out upon the sad and solemn sea. I thought of the orphans and the widows he had made, of the tears that had been shed for his glory, and of the only woman who ever loved him, pushed from his heart by the cold hand of ambition. And I said, I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes. I would rather have lived in a hut with a vine growing over the door and the grapes growing purple in the kisses of the autumn sun. I would rather have been that poor peasant with my loving wife by my side, knitting as the day died out of the sky, with my children upon my knees and their arms about me; I would have rather have been that man and gone down to a tongueless silence of the dreamless dust, than to have been that imperial impersonation of force and murder known as Napoleon the Great. And so I would ten thousand thousand times.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by R. Phillips Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr Putnam Texas.

THREE CHRISTMASSES.

It will surprise some of THE STAR'S young readers, and perhaps some older ones, to know that the people in Jerusalem and Bethlehem Palestine, have three Christmases. The first is our Christmas, December 25th, observed by all Christians except the Greek and Armenian churches. The Greek church Christmas comes twelve days later than ours, then comes the Armenian Christmas twelve days later than the Greek church. So it will be seen that the Greek Christmas is yet a few days off. This difference in dates is caused by different calendars used by different nations. The Russian, or Greek calendar, has lost twelve days since the birth of Christ and the Armenian has lost twenty-four days. It is perhaps best that this difference in the computation of time exists as otherwise it would be difficult to prevent trouble between the different sects in celebrating the birth of the Saviour. As it is the Turkish government furnishes an armed escort of the pilgrims to Bethlehem to protect them from the fanatical followers of other creeds, so says a writer in the People's Home Journal.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back into place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by R. Phillips Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

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TAMING A HORSE.

Three Articles That Will Subdue the Most Savage Animal.

There were trouble and excitement one day on a ranch in Colorado. A high spirited, half broken stallion was prancing about the yard attached to the rancher's house. He had just thrown a cowboy who boasted there was nothing on four legs he could not ride, and he was rearing and bucking so that not even the pluckiest man on the ranch dared to approach.

While the men were standing around wondering what to do the rancher's sixteen-year-old daughter came out of the house and calmly walked up to the excited animal.

When he saw her he ceased rearing, whinnied and stood still. She just put her hand on his mane, stroked his nose and then vaulted lightly on his back and rode around the yard, to the amazement of the men.

"How do you manage it?" one of them asked her. "Before you tackled him he was as savage as a tiger."

"It is simple enough," the girl replied. "Any woman can handle a horse better than a man can. See this"—showing the man a small round object she had in her hand—"this is horse castor. Horses love the smell of it and will go up to any one who has it."

"Any horse has sense enough to know the people who love it. That stallion began to quiet down as soon as he saw me. When I got near him he smelled the musty horse castor in my clothes, for I always carry a little piece in my pocket."

"That pleased him so much that I was able to stroke his head. While doing so I rubbed his nose with a few drops of oil of cumin, which I had poured into the palm of my hand. Horses positively love that scent. Then, did you notice that I put my hand into his mouth? The object of that was to pour a few drops of oil of rhodium on to his tongue from a tiny vial which I always carry."

"With these three articles any horse can be tamed. Where do you get them? Well, the cumin and rhodium can be bought at any drug store; the horse castor must be cut from a horse's forehead. It is a fatty growth there."

It is a fact that horses are very fond of these scents. They are often used by women in the tropics and west in the training and breaking of horses.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

BRAHMAN PROVERBS.

He that committeth no evil hath nothing to fear.

Mix kindness with reproof and reason with authority.

Of much speaking cometh repentance, but in silence is safety.

The first step toward being wise is to know that thou art ignorant.

Envy not the appearance of happiness in any man, for thou knowest not his secret griefs.

Indulge not thyself in the passion of anger. It is whetting a sword to wound thine own breast.

Consider and forget not thine own weakness, so shalt thou pardon the failings of others.

The heart of the envious man is gall and bitterness. The success of his neighbor breaketh his rest.

This instant is thine. The next is in the womb of futurity, and thou knowest not what it may bring forth.

As a veil addeth to beauty, so are a man's virtues set off by the shade which his modesty casteth upon him.

As the ostrich when pursued hideth his head, but forgetteth his body, so the fears of a coward expose him to danger.

Training a Beagle.

With regard to the training of a beagle, he has to be treated on quite a different plan from the setter and pointer. In their cases a great deal of work of training is to conquer natural propensities, whereas with the beagle you encourage him to go on and do all he can in seeking and chasing when found. Young dogs are usually put down with an older one, and a very few lessons suffice. It comes as natural to a beagle to run scent as for a terrier to kill rats, and if there is no apparent inclination one lesson usually provokes it. The less one interferes with a beagle running a line the better for the dog, so long as he is not pottering in one well tested place, but casting all about when he has lost the trail.—Field and Stream.

The Charge Sustained.

The householder was duly sworn. "You charge this man with being insane," said the court. "On what do you base the charge?"

"Well, your honor," said the witness, vainly trying to choke down his emotion, "this man is a plumber. My pipes were out of fix. I sent for him. He fixed 'em in fifteen minutes. When I asked for his bill he said that was all right, because it didn't take him long, and he had another job in my neighborhood anyhow."

"A hopeless case!" exclaimed his honor as he signed the commitment.—Baltimore News.

The Catastrophe.

"Did you hear about the catastrophe down at the Browns' last night?"

"No. What happened?"

"Why, Mrs. Brown gave the baby a bottle to play with, and while she was in the kitchen it fell out of the cradle and broke its neck."

"What, the baby?"

"No; the bottle."

A Fearful Dream.

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Dobbs—Does he fear burglars?

Bobbs—No; but the last time he slept he dreamed of giving away his money.

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To give an idea of what a brave man can do if he knows fencing thoroughly and but keeps cool and collected in danger we will relate a historical duel. So extraordinary is this combat that it would be held a romance had it not been witnessed by a whole army. The hero is Jean Louis, one of the great masters of the beginning of last century, and the duel happened in Madrid in 1813. He was the master-at-arms of the Thirty-second regiment of French infantry. The First regiment, composed entirely of Italians, formed part of the same brigade.

Regimental esprit de corps and rivalries of nationality caused constant quarrels, when swords were often whipped out or bullets exchanged. After a small battle had occurred in the streets of Madrid, in which over 200 French and Italian soldiers had taken part, the officers of the two regiments, in a council of war assembled, decided to give such breaches of order a great blow and to re-establish discipline. They decreed that the masters-at-arms of the two regiments should take up the quarrel and fight it out.

Imagine a whole army in battle array on one of the large plains that surround Madrid. In the center a large ring is left open for the contestants. This spot is raised above the plain so that not one of the spectators of this tragic scene—gayly dressed officers, soldiers in line, Spaniards, excited as never a bull fight excited them—will miss one phase of the contest. It is before 10,000 men that the honor of an army is about to be avenged in the blood of thirty brave men.

The drum is heard. Two men, naked to the waist, step in the ring. The first is tall and strong. His black eyes roll disdainfully upon the gaping crowd. He is Giacomo Ferrari, the celebrated Italian. The second, tall, also handsome and with muscles like steel, stands modestly awaiting the word of command. His name is Jean Louis. The seconds take their places on either side of their principals. A deathlike silence ensues.

"On guard!"

The two masters cross swords. Giacomo Ferrari lunges repeatedly at Jean Louis, but in vain. His every thrust is met by a parry. He makes up his mind to bide his chance and advances and tenses his opponent's blade. Jean Louis, calm and watchful, lends himself to the play, when, quicker than lightning, the Italian jumps aside with a loud yell and makes a terrible lunge at Jean Louis, a Florentine trick, often successful. But with extraordinary rapidity Jean Louis has parried and responds quickly in the shoulder.

"It is nothing," cries Giacomo; "a mere scratch." And they again fall on guard. Almost directly he is hit in the breast. This time the sword of Jean Louis, who is now attacking, penetrates deeply. Giacomo's face becomes livid, his sword drops from his hand, and he falls heavily on the turf. He is dead.

Jean Louis is already in position. He wipes his reeking blade; then, with the point of his sword on the ground, he calmly awaits the next man.

The best fencer of the First regiment has just been carried away a corpse, but the day is not yet over. Fourteen adversaries are there, impatient to measure swords with the conqueror, burning to avenge the master they had deemed invincible.

Jean Louis hardly had two minutes' rest. He is ready. A new adversary stands before him. A sinister click of swords is heard, a lunge, a parry, a riposte and then a cry, a sigh, and all is over. A second body is before Jean Louis.

A third adversary advances. They want Jean Louis to rest. "I am not tired," he answers, with a smile.

The signal is given. The Italian is as tall as the one who lies there a corpse covered by a military cloak. He has closely watched Jean Louis' play and thinks he has guessed the secret of his victories. He multiplies his feints and tricks; then, all at once, bounding like a tiger on his prey, he gives his opponent a terrible thrust in the lower line. But Jean Louis' sword has parried and is now deep within his opponent's breast.

What need we to relate any more? Ten new adversaries followed him, and the ten fell before Jean Louis amid the excited yells and roars of an army.

At the request of the Thirty-second regiment's colonel, who thought the lesson sufficient, Jean Louis after much pressing consented to stop the combat, and he shook hands with the two survivors, applauded by 10,000 men.

From that day fights ceased between French and Italian soldiers. This wonderful and gigantic combat might be held a fable were not all the facts above stated still found in the archives of the ministry of war.—Lippincott's.

Knew Three of Them.

Dearborn—Do you know the seven wonders of the world?

Walsh—Well, I know three of them.

"Only three?"

"Yes; I've only been married three times, you know."

Working Up to It.

Emma—And, Charlie, dear, would you have really shot yourself if I had refused you?

Charlie—Indeed I would. I had already sent to four houses for price lists of revolvers.

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\$100 REWARD.
The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Calahan and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$100 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." A. G. WEBB, President. J. B. CURRIE, 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.

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M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night, Rev. J. A. BIGGS, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. T. E. Powell Superintendent.

LODGES

BAIRD LODGE, No. 22 A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m. J. R. HAMMON, W. M. J. H. Walker, Secretary.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Gabe Smartt and wife to O J Roeker, 300 acres, sec 375, G W Denton, \$3,000. Gabe Smartt and wife to J C Roeker, 386 acres of Denton survey, 375, \$3,865.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Mr and Mrs J H Hammons, Baird, a boy, Dec. 5. To Mr and Mrs C Likens, Baird, a girl, Dec. 12.

DEATHS.

Infant of Mr and Mrs C Likens, at Baird, Dec. 19. W. L. Osborn, at Baird, age 50 years, Jan. 1.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J M Elliott and Miss Jennie Childers. E R Morgan and Miss Ruth Poe. A G Loper and Miss M E Manard. J I Hawk and Miss Lillie Gilbreth.

There are several cases of mumps in town. Mr. Oils Bowyer, the well known lawyer of Baird, is among the victims. It is the general opinion of Mr. Bowyer's friends, that the mumps will be knocked out of Court in this case without a doubt.

W. C. T. U.

Quite a representative crowd of ladies met at the Baptist church at 3 p. m. Monday in response to a special call made by Mrs. Nannie Curtis, the State organizer Texas W. C. T. U. for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The following officers were elected, and at once began to prepare for active work: Mrs. P. H. Miller, President. Miss Ada Cook, Cor. Sec. Mrs. G. M. Hall, Rec. Sec. Mrs. M. J. Wathan, Treasurer.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

Mrs. A. G. Webb, Supt. Mother's Department. Mrs. H. W. Ross, Supt. Social Department. Mrs. R. A. Kendall, Supt. Scientific Temperance Instruction.

MARRIED.

HAWK-GILBRETH.—On Sunday, Jan. 3, at 10 o'clock, at Belle Plaine, Mr. J. I. Hawk and Miss Lillie Gilbreth, Rev. J. J. Hendrix officiating.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Dec., 29, 1903. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

WM. McMANIS, P. M.

M. R. Crowover, of Cross Plains, was in town the first of the week.

Miss Dora Warren returned home last Friday from Palo Pinto county, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dean Warren.

F. B. Field, who moved to Johnson county last year, has moved back to his farm up in the timber. THE STAR is glad to welcome Mr. Field and family back to old Callahan.

J. U. Cornelison, of Eola, was in town yesterday. There is a rumor afloat that he maybe a candidate for sheriff. Mr. Cornelison will neither affirm or deny the report.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Johnson arrived last night from Fort Worth with Oils Mayes and a young man by the name of Hamilton, where they were arrested. A trunk of new clothing with T. E. Powell's marks on them was identified by T. E. Powell and clerks this morning as the property of T. E. Powell. The trunk was found in the possession of the parties arrested. They are now in jail.

John Walker, of Admiral, was in town yesterday.

DIED.—Last Thursday night, as the bells were ringing out the old year and ringing in the new year, W. L. Osborn, of Eola, died in Baird.

Hardy Clements, of Cross Plains, was in town this week.

Miss Irene Gilliland, one of THE STAR forces, quite ill with the grip.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting.

You Are Hereby Committed To Summon Wm. Gardner by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42d Judicial District but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42d Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No 4 Callahan County, to be holden at Tecumseh (Windham's Store) in said Callahan County, on the 10th day of January A. D. 1904, then and there to answer the plaintiff's complaint and cause of action filed in said Court on the 21st day of December A. D. 1903, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No 19, wherein John W. Miller is Plaintiff and Wm. Gardner is Defendant, and said complaint and cause of action being for one note for \$27.75, dated January 20th 1902 with interest thereon from its date at the rate of ten per cent per annum until paid and ten per cent additional if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, which has been done. And also a sworn account for \$89.25, itemized, for merchandise sold and delivered by plaintiff to defendant; both said note and account being past due. Said note executed by defendant to plaintiff or order, the plaintiff being now owner of the same.

Herein Fail Not, But have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Gerard O. Cresswell, Justice of the Peace for Precinct No 4, Callahan County, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1903.

GERARD O. CRESSWELL, Justice of the Peace, Pre. No. 4, Callahan County, Texas. 3-4t

Miss Johnnie Gilliland and little sisters, Willie and Manche, returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, on the Clear Creek ranche.

Ed Vaughn returned a few days ago from St. Louis, where he spent some time on business connected with his firm. Ed visited the Fair grounds while there. He says the Texas building is attracting considerable attention, more so than any other state building. The Texas building is in the form of a star, and Ed says is tasteful and attractive.

THANKS.

I desire to thank the members of the Stock Association of Callahan County for their liberal contribution in helping me pay the expenses of arresting and convicting the party who stole a horse from G. O. Cresswell, who is one of your members. Whenever I can serve the members of your Association in the apprehension of persons unlawfully handling your property, I am at your service at any time, as well as all other citizens of Callahan County.

Very Respect, T. A. IRVIN, Sheriff Callahan County.



Mrs. Fred Unrath. President Country Club, Boston Harbor, Mich. "After my first baby was born I did not seem to regain my strength although the doctor gave me a tonic which he considered very superior, but instead of getting better I grew weaker every day. My husband insisted that I take Wine of Cardui for a week and see what it would do for me. I did take the medicine and was very grateful to find my strength and health slowly returning. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very enthusiastic in its praise."

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