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### HAPPY PEOPLE IN TEXAS.

WHERE THE ASH HOPPER FLOURISHES AND GRAVY IS PLENTY.  
THEIR OLD FASHIONED HOSPITALITY.

From Houston Post:  
CALDWELL, TEXAS.—There is a portion of Burleson county that is old Texas yet. In the post oaks along the vine clad hill of the Yegua you will still find the Texas of Houston, Bowie and Crockett, the Lone Star people whom the heroes loved and fought for. I know them well and love them. With these people "wool pickings," "dog rollins," "horse raisins" and "froics are things of today not yesterday. Here the ash hopper flourishes in the back yard, coon skins are matted against the wall, hounds howl and slaves are never allowed to suck all the "strippies."

I have been fishing, deer hunting and fox chasing with these people I have "mussed" their babies, watched their turkeys, herded their geese and minded the calves of white Aunty while milked old Spot. You have heard your fathers tell of the hospitality of the pioneers. Come up here in the forks of the Yegua and you will find that your sire's stories were not exaggerated. Here the larch string hangs on the out side. When you ride up to a house, whoever salutes you will do it without any tinge of rapacity or ring of metal in his mouth, shouting "Hello stranger." Get down, stake out your horse and come in, and you need not be surprised if you hear some one in the kitchen lamenting that it would be a good idea "to get the big punkin' and cut it in two and put half of it in the stranger's haas' trough and cook the other half for supper."

Out here the crooks are full of fish, the woods are alive with squirrels, coon and deer, the atmosphere is redolent with the perfume of wild flowers and the fragrance of old-fashioned hospitality is the leading characteristic of the inhabitants. Neither goods,

nor hard times has any effect upon the spirits of these people. They are always gay and light-hearted. "Everything is booming" shouts an old veteran. There is going to be a wedding over at Lack Skillet, presiding at Brimstone Holler, some twain born at Silfer's, prayer meeting at the Cross Roads and a frolic down at the Red Song ranch." Here you can find corn bread and lye hominy, butter-milk and gravy. Get down on your knees and take a chunk of corn bread and sop some of this gravy out of the skillet and your eyes will involuntarily close, every thing will begin to float in an atmosphere of childhood bliss, your blood will course through your veins hot with joy and your soul will sway in ecstasy as if rocked by the hand of peace and religion. If you want to reap real, genuine satisfaction while getting on the out side of a skillet of gravy, sop it direct from the skillet. That is gravy—the same stuff that sustained your forefathers while fighting Indians, killing snakes and building the roads. Gravy taken in another way is an illness, a humbug, a cheat and a fraud—a league with death and a covenant with hell. In fact, the legislature ought to make a law compelling people to sop—but pardon my enthusiasm.

One pretty evening, while resting under the shade of the trees at a ranch house, I witnessed something that would have thrilled the soul of a poet and furnished a subject for a painter that would have immortalized him. There was one little granddaughter here called the home—a pretty child with the voice of an angel—the sunlight playing in her curls and laugh in her eyes. She was an orphan, without little playmates or companions, but the idol of the old people. One evening I heard this pretty little girl in her sweet, persuasive childish voice, saying, "Birdie, birdie, come here birdie," and then I heard a fluttering of wings and the chirping of little birds, greeted by childish laughter. I imagine my surprise when I looked around the corner of the house and

saw little Maggie playing with a flock of wild birds. There were little sparrows circling about her and a redbird was perched on her head, while several others were on her shoulders. Some were picking crumbs from her hands, others were on the ground at her feet, while still others were fluttering about her face and pecking at a crust of bread the child held between her lips. Impelled by wonder and curiosity, I took a step or two towards the group, and then the little bird flew away into the trees. "My birds are afraid of strangers," said little Maggie. I resumed my seat and she called them back again. I watched them for a long time and never saw anything much more interesting.

The house is in the edge of a great forest and the yard is full of trees. This little girl has grown up with the birds and they know her and love her. From the beginning they learned that she was their friend and protector. For some days little Maggie was sick and her little friends chirped about in the yard as if they were very sad. Old grandmother opened the doors and windows and when the little birds had fattened into the room and tilted their little craves with crumbs, picked from little Maggie's bed, then they flew out into the trees and made the very heavens echo with music. The birds were so very happy that the old grandmother was sure that they knew that little Maggie was going to get well.

What a monster is man. He might have pilloved his head upon the lion's mane and the birds of the air would have nestled in his bosom had his hand not been raised against all creation from the beginning.

"Children, bring me my fiddle!" said Uncle Ike Jackson. "I want to play the 'gipsal' a tune before he leaves." Uncle Ike did play us a tune in a way that set us to thinking of childhood happy hours. He played in the "Sax-hams" "traveller" and "talked it"—and then as the stars came out one by one he sheathed the heaven's with a canopy of diamonds, and the full moon rose

above the tall oaks. Uncle Ike told us stories of old Mars and stories of San Jacinto. He was in that famous campaign and was born in Texas on Mill Creek, Austin county, more than 70 years ago. Is he not the oldest of the living native patriots? In this country he is revered like a Washington and children take off their hats to him.

I have hunted the grey squirrel and the yellow fox on the blue hills of Salt river, where Mark Twain still opened his twinkling eyes; hunted sage hens, Indians and buffalo on the deserts of the Platt; hunted quail and wild goat on the Catalina Island; hunted horse thieves and Mexican brigands and revolutionists in the San Moreno mountains; hunted wolves in inhospitable Siberian wastes, chamois on Alpine slopes and aquatic fowls on Corsican shores, rich with the traditions of the Bonapartes, but never did I have more fun on less munitions of war and bait in a jug than I had with these old path-finders and world-builders out on the Yegua.

There was a fat turkey suspended over the camp fire roasting brown. An old ante-lum negro would not have been out of place in the story of "Mass Chand is wallowing w rag that has been dipped in sop against the turkey in a way that causes the devil to enter into you and make you hungry enough to eat a wolf." There is a fat buck hazing against a tree. Bob Oliver and Channey Shepard are trying fish and Bob is swearing that he is the only man on earth who knows how to fry a fish brown. Bob in his day and time has been fishing with Gov. Ross and he claims that his excellence allowed him to win in the skillet, an honor that Sid Ross never accorded to but few of his warmest and truest confidential friends. Bob and the governor were not exactly in accord on all political issues, but they agreed on every. The Jug is still a wall and an unapproachable town not five miles away. Somebody is tating up the Sddia. Sam Jackson is having a war song and the at-

mosphere is fragrant with the odor of flowers, fried fish, steaming yonison and rasting turkey when a sly little devil whispars in my ear: "There is a big buck picking around in the little glade up here not two hundred yards from camp. It was but the work of a moment to tell a lie, pick up a Winchester and steal out of camp. On the edge of the glade I looked cautiously around and sure enough there stands a big buck, as big as an elephant—such horns! Have I got the buck ague? I can't stand on my feet and so I lie down and rest my gun on a log. Bang! The shadow of feet springs into the air, roars like a lion and falls upon the plain. I am in an ecstasy of joy. How my name will ring through the camp when they learn I have killed the biggest buck in Texas! Cooking the gun and flourishing a big butcher knife, I run forward to cut the throat of of deer. It was in the gloaming and I nearly stumbled over the animal. It raised up its forefeet and looked me in the face. Such a look of reproof mortal man never witnessed. The knife fell from my hand. The animal fell on its side with the usual dull third-lived languished and died, I had shot my own jackass.

They kangarooed me and that store five miles away had to send for new larvae of liquids at its expense before we broke camp.

As we turned away after enjoying two or three days of rural life we felt all over in accord with Rufus Saunders, when he was saying: "If I had anything that gold could buy and could live at the most palatial hotel in the grandest city in the land, I would prefer to go into the forest where the birds sing and with an in my own hands I would build me a cabin and clear up a spot of ground. I would blaze a way through the woods down to the spring. I would door. And seated there under the shade of the trees by the rippling waters listening to the music of the birds and half intoxicated with the

fragrance of the forest, watching the sunlight, toying with the curls of my healthy children, I would be happier than a king because that place would be my home."  
BRAZOS.

### LETTERS.

The two following letters explain themselves:

PUTNAM, TEX., FEB. 1, 96,  
HON. J. M. CARLISLE,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

DEAR SIR: In grading applicants' papers shall errors in spelling, punctuation and capital letters be noted whenever found and the grade reduced accordingly.

I have the honor to subscribe myself, Your humble servant,  
THOS. D. DAWKINS,  
Mem. Callahan Co. Pvd. Ex'rs.  
Supt. Carlisle's reply:  
AUSTIN, TEX., FEB. 5, 1896.  
MR. THOS. D. DAWKINS,  
PUTNAM, TEXAS.

DEAR SIR: The law leaves county examiners some discretion in the grading of ex-aminants' papers, but I do not think it contemplates a deduction of the grade in arithmetic, say, on account of punctuation or errors in spelling and capitalization either in the applicant's paper on arithmetic or on any other subject. Most Respectfully,  
J. M. CARLISLE,  
State Superintendent.

J. C. GAGHERS,  
ARTISTIC

PAINTER AND PAPER HANGER.

GARRAGE PAINTING: \*

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FLORENCE MARWAY.

The boy and girl both had grown out of knowledge, and changed still more than they had grown.

"Yes, thank you," she answered. "I am Margaret O'Reilly," she answered.

"What room did you intend Miss O'Reilly to take her meals in, Garrett?"

"Well, Miss Garrett, hadn't you better come upstairs and take of your things?"

"What do you think she could find with me and Mr. Hamilton?"

"I remember it all now," she said presently, as she turned to the woman and pointed to the bed.

"Come, come, Mr. James will not be pleased to hear you speak like this."

"I will never forget them again, Mr. Garrett. I will remember them all my life."

"You are rather mad, my dear," she said, with a look of pity.

"I have been so long in the hospital, that I have almost forgotten my own name."

ADMINISTRATION MEN THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET AT GALVESTON.

After Much Discussion the Majority Report of the Committee on Reorganization of the State Government was Adopted.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 17.—The administration men of the state executive committee met at Galveston, together with a large number of citizens in sympathy, met here Saturday.

The majority of the committee reported setting out their objections to the present form of the state government.

Recognizing the fact that this convention following suggestions made by the executive committee of Texas, and ask them to unite with us in effecting a reorganization of party unity.

We denounce the methods by which the present constitution was changed by fraudulent manipulation, and repudiate and deny any jurisdiction in a state committee, however constituted, to tampering in any manner with the management of local party concerns in the several counties.

"I don't mind it. You may call it what you like—only don't speak to me just now, please."

"What do you find so absorbing at this moment?"

"Pray, Hugh," replied Margaret, and Hamilton as a result of the conversation retreated to the back of the box, and left her to herself for the remainder of the evening.

"No, we always had Jack at Pomona Villa, and I'm used to it," replied Margaret.

"No reason for 'vaudeville acts' being regarded as 'features of Good Will.'"

"The event," observes the Times correspondent in London, is regarded as one more between England and the United States, and one more pledge of the friendship between the two nations.

"You are like her, uncle, will you not?"

THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. Ex-President Harrison Explains How He Feels About It.

Ex-President Harrison's paper in the Ladies Home Journal, "This Country of Ours," treats comprehensively of the constitution, and its application and operation, defining the instrument, its scope and limitations, and the manner in which it should be written, "as well as implies a written instrument, but in England it is not."

"There will be no fight to-day that there is certain, no matter what comes later in the week. Maher's eyes are still improving, but he is in no condition to enter the ring."

British and French marines have been sent to Seoul, Corea. A steamer is stuck in the ice near Kingville, Ont.

LAST MEETING WITH BLAINE. Mayor Halstead Speaks of the Steamer "Blaine" as a Symbol of the Constitution.

When Mr. Blaine was for the last time in New York on his way to Washington, stopping as his habit at the Pitts Avenue hotel, he asked to walk with him to his room, fronting on 23d street, on the parlor floor, and the door of the room was unlocked.

Sums weeks earlier Mr. Blaine and his wife had a deep talk about the things, and he was very kind, and his boundless generosity of nature never failed to express itself in a greater degree than ever.

VERY PALTY SHERIFF. Being That Was Calendered Under the Name of Bonds.

"The money man you know," said J. D. Evans of Mississippi to a Star writer, "was a colored man who lived in my country."

"The morning of the fatal day," said the man who had the doctor's name, "was the first time I was there."

"Thank you, Mrs. Bob, I'll do what I can for you," said the man who had the doctor's name.

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W. G. GILLLAND, Editor and Proprietor

**EDITORIAL**  
 The republican party in Texas is running wide open.

How much "reform" have the populists given Callahan County?

Who is W. T. Simmons the delegate from this congressional district to the "sound" money convention at Galveston?

The prize fight of El Paso did not materialize. It is a serious business to ram one's head against the laws of any country.

Top candidates in Eastland county promised to the away with all "ex-olds" fees if elected. According to their own statement they failed to comply with their promise.

Suppose there had been a populist lawyer in Baird that could have taken the county's case. Does any one believe that the commissioners court would have barred him out as they did the democratic lawyers. Not much.

About thirty or forty delegates from the state, outside of Galveston, assembled in that city Saturday last and proceeded to give the Dudleyites the W. With the Galveston contingent they managed to muster 10 votes but the crowd was so small they refused to bolt the party.

The old boycotting spirit of the alliance seems to have taken possession of a majority of the commissioners court. The alliance never made anything by boycotting the Baird merchant, neither will the populist make any political capital by boycotting the Baird lawyers.

Geo. Clark has for some years been in a minority in the democratic party and at Galveston it was demonstrated that he is now in a minority in the sound money wing. The Hon. George's power for harm is gradually diminishing and by and by he will soon be in a flock by himself where all such extremists should be.

The republicans in Texas are having a deal of fun in their county and district conventions. Up to date four congressional district "conventions" to elect delegates to the National republican convention have been held and three out of the four split wide open. Spills and bolts are numerous in congress and precinct conventions. The G. O. P. in this state seems determined to dismember itself before the campaign opens.

The STAR is in favor of a primary election to settle the reform question but thinks the plan promulgated by the state executive committee wholly impracticable to say the least of it. We hope the democratic committee in this county will be called together at once and say what is to be done and that democrats will agree upon some simple and sensible plan by which a free and untrammeled expression of the party will be given, and at the same time not bar out any democrat or create any more friction in the party. As democrats let us be fair with each other. Any other plan is futile, useless and will end in the defeat of the party.

The populist show a disposition to avoid state issues in this campaign except as to the tax rate. The democrats propose to force the fighting all along the line on state issues, and the populist will not be allowed to select only one state issue. The democrats have nothing to fear on state issues so far as the Governor and the 24th Legislature is concerned, notwithstanding all the yolling of the pops and a few disgruntled so-called democratic papers. The STAR is ready for the fray and has plenty of ammunition stored away in the records of the 24th Legislature for use in the campaign. We propose to stand by the record, and if any populist politician wants to open up on that line turn your gun loose and you will be accommodated by your hearts content.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT.**  
 FEBRUARY TERM, 1896.

Officers present, J. E. Thomas, county judge, Commissioners' Hinds, Cummings, Jackson, Yost; W. W. Dunson clerk.

Court convened Monday, Feb. 10th. Assessment of Jesse Cannon revised. For Mrs. Wm. Slaughter, sickness \$25.00.

Highway school community allowed to move school house. Adjourned for the day.

Court met Tuesday and adjourned without transacting any business.

Wednesday various officers' reports approved and J. E. Speed, spouse of county school land required to give a good bond.

Report of County Treasurer, T. B. Holland approved. The court also stated that they have examined the bank account of said treasurer and found same to correspond with report.

One thousand dollars of the general county fund, \$500 from the Court House fund, and \$500.00 from jail fund, to pauper fund.

**ROAD OVERSEERS.**

L. M. Hadley, Pre. No. 1	1
W. H. Perry	2
Geo. Edwards	3
Leo McCannan, W.	4
Alex Williams E.	4
G. E. Sutphen	5
W. J. Cutbirth	6
Thos. Slaughter	7
Ed Crawford	7
R. E. Martin	7
Fritz Zirik	7
Henry Lambert	7
O. J. Rusker	8
C. V. Martin	10
Irvin Hart	11
Jno. Goobler	12
John Isenhour	13
Bob Harlan	14
John Brown	15
Geo. Clifford	16
G. W. McCullom	17
J. M. Hutchison	18
B. Ferguson	19
R. M. Brunnett	20
Thos. Mitchell	21
K. M. Miller	21
G. W. Lee	21
W. H. Brown	21
John Ayers	22
T. P. McAfee	22
Barl. Pentecost	22
Tom Houston	22
L. H. Halley	23
Sam Shiffard	23
Walter Gillett	24
Bob Forbes	24

W. H. Dowlen has sued the county for the recovery of certain moneys paid the county on school land. The county attorney is the legal representative of the county, but the court decided to employ additional counsel and passed the following order: "Ordered by the court that no local counsel be employed to assist the County Attorney in suit No. 420, W. H. Dowlen vs Callahan County, Texas."

This order, boycotting the local bar was passed with only one nay vote, W. A. Hinds. What the object was in barring out the local attorneys in this way is not exactly known, but it is currently reported that the court did this to give Col. Wash. Jones and Benity, the populist attorneys at Abilene a job. The scheme seems to have slipped a cog somewhere on the route as Col. Ramsey, of Cleburne was employed.

What do the people of Callahan county think of such a course? Our local attorneys pay taxes here and are identified with our people and we know of no good reason why this sweeping boycott should be inaugurated against them. F. S. Bell has frequently represented the county in suits heretofore and has been successful, we believe, in every case.

The STAR does not believe that there is a single fair minded, unprejudiced man in Callahan county that will endorse this boycott.

Gen. F. W. James, president of the First National Bank of Baird, returned Monday night from an extended trip north. Gen. James says he went north for the sole purpose of investigating the financial and industrial condition of the country for himself. He does not give a flattering report of things, but on the contrary he says things are in a bad condition everywhere. The manufacturing districts and interests he found depressed where ever he went, except in North and south Carolina and a portion of Georgia which he says is caused by an increase in the manufacturing industry. Gen. James visited fifteen states and investigated for himself and he does not feel at all encouraged at the business-outlook. He attributes the condition of affairs mainly to the tariff. In this all due respects to the General we think he only sees part of the cause that has paralyzed business and stopped the factories—the gold standard as we believe assisted to a great extent in bringing about this condition of affairs.

**SHALL WE HAVE A PRIMARY ELECTION OR A COUNTY CONVENTION?**

FEBRUARY, 15, 1896.

**BAIRD STAR.**

If a free, convention all the way through by democrats, without any pledges, anyway, for if Democracy means anything it means freedom and liberty in politics. If we as mass of our boasted government of liberty have become so low down, and treacherous that we can not meet to select men for our servants and exchange views in regard to the issues that are before our people, without being pledged and bonded to support unborn men and measures, we are no longer Democrats or freedom, but a set of subjects and slaves to a party. Any man that is worthy to be called a freeman at all, if he enters a convention and takes part therein will abide in the main by what that convention does. If he is so low down as to enter for intrigue, all the pledges that could be put on him would do him no good, as the pledge system in this state for the last eight years has thoroughly demonstrated. It is un-democratic and will break down any political party in our country that adopt it and the sooner our leader bosses abandon the pledge system the better.

For the free and unlimited coinage of silver into standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1 of gold.  
 Against the free and unlimited coinage of silver into standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1 of gold.  
 The above would be our idea of a ballot on the silver question if we were allowed to make a suggestion. And at the same time vote for delegates to a county convention said county convention to elect delegates to all state and district conventions. Without desiring to be classed as capotious, it seems to us that the state committee has invaded the rights of the electors in the matter of selecting their delegates. The state would resent any such suggestion from the national committee as to how delegates should be chosen. One way we oppose the committee's plan as a whole is that to elect delegates direct to all conventions would require a ballot as large as a blanket and is bound to end in confusion and dissatisfaction, it seems to us. However, THE STAR is willing to abide by the decision of the local democracy as the question.

**PRACHING.**

We are requested to announce that Bro. Ewen McKee will preach at the Presbyterian church Saturday night Feb. 22, and Sunday 23. All cordially invited.

**GIVEN AWAY.**

I give any article on my 5. at dollar to any person purchasing one dollar worth in cash either groceries or racket goods at Hackett Store. This holds good till March 1st.

Jeff Dean. 11 ft.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT.**

The Epworth League gave a very pleasant entertainment at the public school building last Thursday night. After an opening address by Rev. W. W. Dorman, the next in order was a neat programme of recitations, songs, etc which had been previously arranged by the young ladies who had the affair in charge. After this refreshments were served and everything went "merrily as a school feast."

We would suggest to the school trustees to have the seats enlarged before another entertainment for the special benefit of Bros. Norton and Phillips.

See change in Alex Herchfield's piano ad on last page.

R. A. St John, the bustling Cottonwood druggist, contemplates leaving in Baird. THE STAR will be glad to welcome him to our town.

J. T. Gaches, a professional and artistic painter and paper hanger, who has just finished a contract for Brown Sear, is repainting and papering Mrs. Soggin's dwelling. He is an artist in his trade. See his card in this issue.

Harry Meyer has the same unique idea in the way of a corn plauter—a miracle stick as you the loan to show the farmer if the grain is dropping. He can see himself all the time and by sitting astride the beam of the plauter he can use the mirror to shave himself. No farmer should be without one of these all round instruments.

**PRICES CUT DOWN!**

**THE SECURITY SHOE CO.**  
  
**HAMILTON-BROWN SHOE CO'S. OWN MAKE \$2.50 SHOE.**  
**WEARS LIKE IRON**

**THE ROYAL TAILORS.**  
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 —that's a combination that harmonizes with ideas of taste and economy. THE ROYAL TAILORS, of Chicago, take your individual measurements and make garments to fit your individual form—you select the goods—and the cost is so moderate—the workmanship so excellent that you'll like the arrangement all around. Come in and let us talk the matter over.

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Special reductions are being made all through the balance of our stock. Don't fail to call and

**Save Money.**  
**B. L. Boydastun.**  
 Cash Goods, Cash Prices, and to Sell for CASH.



# T. & P. Ry SCHEDULE.

**NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE.**  
TAKING EFFECT NOV. 1, 1925.  
EAST BOUND.  
No. 4 ..... 11:40 a.m.  
No. 6 ..... 12:15 p.m.  
WEST BOUND.  
No. 2 ..... 2:10 p.m.  
No. 10 ..... 4:40 p.m.  
No. 11 ..... 7:10 p.m.  
No. 12 ..... 10:40 p.m.  
No. 13 ..... 1:10 a.m.  
No. 14 ..... 4:40 a.m.  
No. 15 ..... 7:10 a.m.  
No. 16 ..... 10:40 a.m.  
No. 17 ..... 1:10 p.m.  
No. 18 ..... 4:40 p.m.  
No. 19 ..... 7:10 p.m.  
No. 20 ..... 10:40 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENT RATES.

The price of announcements for candidates for 1896 is for county judge, county clerk, sheriff, county treasurer and tax assessor \$10 each. For all other county candidates \$5 precinct, \$2.50 tickets, \$1 for each name extra on democratic ticket only.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**FOR D. T. AND CO. CLERK.**  
W. W. DUNSON.  
(Subject to the action of the Dem. Primary.)

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER.**  
T. B. HOLLAND.

**DOCTOR BILLS.**  
All persons who owe me for professional services are earnestly requested to settle at once. **R. G. POWELL, M.D.**

**\$10 LOST.**  
Last Monday evening somewhere between town and Frier's wagon yard Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office for owner.  
**Mrs. Tom Burns.**

**STRAYED.**  
One red, white faced yearling, both branded J. O. on left side. Any information as to his whereabouts will be handsomely rewarded by  
**G. W. STRATTON, Belle Plaine, or THE STAR OFFICE.** 10 2

**NOTICE.**  
The accounts of James & Johnson have been placed in my hands for collection. All knowing themselves indebted to said firm will please call at my office, settle and save costs.  
**41 ARTHUR YONGER.**

**NOTICE.**  
A protracted meeting of Liberty Baptist church at Cottonwood will commence on the fourth Sunday in July, 1896. Bro. A. A. Hensler and D. W. Matthews have been invited and are expected to take part in the meeting.  
By order of Committee.

**IS IT YOUR HOGS?**  
Foster Bros. inform us that there are several head of hogs running at large around their gin and it is impossible to keep them from eating cottonseed which is almost certain death to hogs. They will be glad if the owners would take them away.

**MONEY TO LOAN.**  
I can get you 40 per cent of a reasonable cash value on good land improved or unimproved. I have some very cheap good lands for sale, also, also farms for rent at Vigo Switch and near Abilene and several gentle saddle and work horses for sale on time. **A. G. WEBB.** 8 4.

Otis Bwyer and T. E. Powell went to Abilene yesterday, on business. Fresh pork and hogs head cheese always on hand at Mike Sigal's. 11tf

The latest novelties of the season in jewelry just arrived at H. Phillip's, 11

When you want a nice juicy steak go to Mike Sigal's. He keeps the best. 11tf

Mr. and Mrs. H. Windham, of Tucuman, were in trading the first of the week.

W. L. Henry will probably have his blacksmith shop ready for business by March 1st.

Rev. T. C. Boykin organized a Sunday School Institute at the Baptist church this week.

The young men intended to organize a branch of the Y. M. C. A. at Baird last night.

Give Mike Sigal your patronage when you want nice meat. He is in the business to stay. 11tf

## MAILS.

**TOMATO, COTTONWOOD, CALDO PEAK CROSS PLAINS.**  
Leave Baird ..... 8 A. M.  
Arrive ..... 5 P. M.  
**FUTSNAM AND GLEDY.** Train schedule.  
**TUCUMEN AND EARLE COTE.**  
DAILY ..... 8 A. M.  
Leave ..... 5 P. M.  
Arrive ..... 6 P. M.

## LOCAL NEWS.

What about that telephone line? Judge Thomas went to Fort Worth Monday.

S. S. Ramsey, of Cottonwood was in town Monday.

H. F. Foy made a business trip to Dallas last week.

When in need of "anything" go to the Racketer Store. 11tf

The best sausage in the city can be had at Mike Sigal's. 11tf

W. H. Crownover, of Cross Plains, has moved to town.

Mike Sigal does not kill anything now but corned beef. 11tf

Rev. R. D. Carter, of Cottonwood, was in the city Thursday.

Rev. S. H. Blair, of Merkel spent a few days in town this week.

Will Beatty from Cottonwood was in town with cotton Monday.

Judge Clitt has sold the Noell place west of town to Lou Hadley.

Who will the democrats run for County Judge and Sheriff?

J. H. Laird has had a neat yard fence built around his premises.

I must have what is owing to me So take heed. Ellis Richardson, 101

The city election is near at hand and not a single candidate has come out yet.

Mr. Bond from Cross Plains was in the city with several bales of cotton Wednesday.

Sam Thompson, from Cottonwood was in the city with a load of cottonseed Tuesday.

My friend, your butcher bill is long past due at City meat Market. Come come and pay it. 10 tf

Buy the Masury's paint to paint your houses, barn or fence from Bass Bros., Abilene, Texas. 10tf

Go to T. J. Dean's for cheap groceries, laces, tinware and racket good cheap for cash. Give him 10tf

If you owe me any thing come in and pay it so I can pay my bills. This is for you, not the other man. Ellis Richardson. 10 tf

Bass Bros. of Abilene, Texas, have the largest stock of Wall paper in West Texas. They compete with Fort Worth. 10tf

The city council is having considerable street grading done, and stone culverts built in place of the old wooden structures.

Mr. Lamar McNeil formerly of this city but now traveling for the Ft. Worth Mail Telegram was in the city several days this week.

Miss Lillie Welks who has been spending some months in Colorado City, returned home Monday. Miss Lillie's friends here all glad to welcome her home again.

Col. J. F. Meyers, an old time newspaper man and an attorney at law was in town prospecting this week and may locate here and engage in the practice of law.

Taylor county populist nominated a full county ticket last week, and the democrats will nominate a ticket on the 91st of March. It is time the democracy in Calahan county was moving.

We will kill nothing but cattle that have been filled with this time until spring. You will get no better meat any where than at our place and our Sausage maker is the best one ever in town. City Meat Market. 10

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

See Powell's ad on last page: 9tf  
Join the big rush at Powell's 47  
See Kavanaugh's ad in this issue.  
Go to Mike Sigal's for fresh meat. 5  
Kavanaugh makes locket pictures.  
For real bargains go to Stern's. 81f  
Boys take a finish T. E. Powell 47  
Go to Mike Sigal's for pure loaf lard. 51f  
Twenty-five per cent off for cash on clothing. Powell. 9tf  
See Powell's cut rates on clothing. Ad last page. 9tf  
Kavanaugh is the best photographer in the west. 21f  
Remember Mike Sigal is still in the butcher business. 51f  
Furniture and coffins at Stern's, 11  
Schwartz, manager. 81f.  
The best meat in town at Mike Sigal's Meat Market. 51f  
Onion sets cheaper than we ever known at J. Norton's. 71f  
Nice line of stoneware, Jugs, crocks and churns. H. Meyer. 421f  
Have you tried the Bologna sausage at the City Meat Market? 41f.  
Kavanaugh guarantees all work to be first-class in every way. 21f.  
Mike Sigal keeps on hand all kinds of fresh meat and sausages. 51f  
Fresh Groceries arriving every day at Vaughn & Co. Cheap for cash. 61f  
1500 pairs men's gloves. Awful anxious to sell. Cheap for cash. T. E. Powell. 47  
Go to Mike Sigal's for hoghead cheese and pork sausage, bologna and weinerwurst: 51f  
Bills of sales, crop and chattie mortgages and blank notes for sale at THE STAR OFFICE. 321f  
The best seed potato known, "Early Triumph." Sure crop in 90 days. For sale by J. Norton. 71f  
How does 12 1-2 cents a yard for Jeans strike you? You can get it that price at T. E. Powell's. 47  
Give your sweetheart a picture of yourself for a New Year present. Kavanaugh's Gallery is the best. 30f  
A general stock of Furnishing Goods, Notions and Groceries at the Racketer Store. Prices to please all 41  
I have now in stock D. M. Ferry & Co.'s, Crossman Bros. and California 1896 garden and flower seeds. 71f  
J. NORRYS.  
Purchase a thousand mile ticket good on all lines of the Texas and Pacific Railway, and save five dollars. F. S. GAGE, Agent.

Red Rose and Triumph Seed Potatoes, also handle a native Rose Seed Potatoes at Rock Bottom Prices. Vaughn & Co. 61f

The folks back at the old home have sent you their pictures, now send them yours. Kavanaugh's Gallery is the place to have them taken. 21f

All accounts are past due and all parties owing us will please come in and settle up at once, as we are needing money very bad. Vaughn & Co 31f

Baird Chapter No. 141 O. E. S. meets on the first and third Monday nights at Masonic Hall. All cordially invited. MRS. AMELIA CROSS W. M.

The City Meat Market wants your meat trade and will get it if the best meat in town, full weights every time fair treatment and no over charge will do it. 261f

Buy your meat at the City Meat Market. It is in the business to stay and don't shut the door when cattle are high or weather hot, so just give them your trade and you will have no change to make. 411f

I need money, please settle your act. T. E. Powell.

Your account is past due and I must have money. T. E. Powell. 50

If you want your STAR stopped or your ad out say so. Don't wait for them to run six months or a year, and kick at the bill. We don't want to force the paper on anyone, but would like for those who discontinue ads or paper to pay up first.

W. P. Petty and family, formerly of Baird, but now living at Big Springs, can be down on a visit Thursday night.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

**OTIS BOWYER,**  
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Practices in all our State and Federal Courts.  
BAIRD, - - - TEXAS.

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Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed.  
Prices to Suit the Times.  
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Office fourth door south of the Bank.  
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Local Surgeon for T. and P. Ry.  
Also City and County Physician,  
All professional calls promptly answered.  
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First Door South of E. Wristen's store  
ALL WORK is done in first-class.  
Style. Your Patronage SOLICITED.

**L. N. JACKSON,**  
General Real Estate AGENT.  
Office days, Tuesdays & Saturdays.  
Local Land Agent for T. & P. R. R. Co. and Canada, Drake & Strauss,  
BAIRD, - - - TEXAS.

**SIGAL HOTEL,**  
(DRUMMER'S HOME)  
**MRS. E. SIGAL, PROP.**  
Best accommodations in the city.  
Free sample room for Drummers

**Woods Folding Automatic Washer.**  
See it before ordering a Washer it sure takes the dirt and greases out.  
For Sale by M. J. LEE,  
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**DR. J. L. G. ADAMS,**  
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POST GRADUATE CHICAGO.  
Office at Red Front Drug Store  
CISCO, TEXAS.

For the cure of all Acute and Chronic Diseases of the  
**EYE & EAR.**  
Catarrhs Removed, Cross Eyes straightened, Granulated Lids Cured in 20 Days, Glasses Fitted to any Eyes Artificial Eyes Inserted. 52 6m

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If you are in need of some cheap dentistry, I am prepared to do your work as cheap as you can get it done anywhere and at the same time I am prepared to do you any class of work, teeth and from one dollar up, plates and from eight dollars up to any price you want. Crown and bridge work a specialty. Office near building first door south of City office. H. B. BRYANT.

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See This!  
Mursury's Liquid Paints have stood the test and have proved to be the BEST for this Climate. They weigh more to the Bucket and cover more surface than other paints and thereby CHEAPER.

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**S. M. Moon & Co.,**  
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DEALER IN  
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We also handle the celebrated **BAIN AND Wagons**  
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ORGAN CONTEST.

HOW TO OBTAIN VOTES AND FOR WHOM TO VOTE.

DEEP CREEK DOTS.

Feb. 18.—Again I have to chronicle a sad event. Mrs. Lillian Ligon wife of Joe Ligon and second daughter of Mrs. E. E. Heasley was called away by the piteous hand of death last Saturday morning the 14th inst. She passed away about 22 years old and leaves besides the husband a little boy of two years who fortunately has not yet the understanding for his irreparable loss. And there remains the grief stricken mother, the loving sister and brother who mourn deeply the premature departure of the beloved daughter and sister. Sincere and just is their sorrow but they how reverently before the will of the Father in Heaven and look hopefully for the reunion on the other shore. Rev. Carter of Cottonwood conducted the obsequies at the Deep Creek cemetery last Sunday and the whole community showed their hearty sympathy by a general attendance.

Dr. Fraser of Baird returned the other day from the Cross Plains neighborhood where he went to attend to an especially critical case.

Monday the pasture of Mr. E. J. Harris caught fire and the flames nourished by the high and dry grass and the strong south wind gained such headway that about 200 acres of grass in the pastures of Messrs Harris, Malby, Smith and John Smartt were destroyed. It took the most energetic efforts of R. J. and John Harris, Clark Smith, Bill Malby and Gabe Smartt to prevent a further spreading of the destructive element.

As to Mr. Houshatter whom we have named himself the anonymous. I feel sorry that he answers not with arguments but loads his gun with flat and cheap personalities. I cannot follow him in this line because I do not know him under his name, and I would not do it if I was acquainted with him. But I will give him a little fair warning. Although couched in very soft phrases his animosity goes even so far to remind me that I have depended in my business that is for my living on the good will of those who profess to be Christians and who profess to be followers of Christ. A kind of boycott intimidated eh? That would show the little lack a little of your dear anonymous. And I really cannot and will not believe that nowdays after heavy 19 centuries of preaching of the gospel of love and toleration any body could be governed by every day's doling and by religious prejudices. Of course there are some narrow minded fanatics who feel themselves so exalted and infallible that they condemn readily every dissenting opinion and even would like to see the dismember of the state. I read the other day about Roger Williams of Massachusetts an eloquent and pious minister who taught that each person should think for himself in all religious matters and be responsible to his own conscience alone and that the magistrates therefore had no right to punish Sabbath-breaking, etc. This doctrine was considered dangerous by the clergy, his own brethren in Christ and Rev. Williams was compelled in the depth of the winter to seek refuge among the Indians. He among the bloodthirsty redskins the persecuted preacher found protection and became the founder of Providence. Now this was done A. D. 1636. Shall such things be perpetrated again in the 19th century? I will admit that I could probably do better if I would say "yes" to everybody and pleased hypocrites. But my esteemed anonymous. I am not built that way. I claim and will claim always the privilege of my own opinion and under no circumstances I would sacrifice my better convictions for worldly gain or material profit. I believe not in revivals and said so openly and more than nine-tenths of the Christian believers know nothing about them. I do not profess to be a Christian and I endeavor to show by my acting that I believe fully and heartily in the spirit of the Christian religion but not in those formalities which have been made not only necessary but even the dominating feature.

At the same time while I claim respect for my opinion I respect every other other man's opinion however it may differ from mine. But I resent the interference and intercession of others, who bother themselves about my spiritual welfare and try to exhort and convert me whatever that may be. I think that every man without any exception has his or her hands full with his own salvation and that every body can find the way to the Creator without any interpreter or middle-man or guardian.

When Houshatter finally says that he is indebted to Christianity for the security of life and property he is simply mistaken. Suspend the vote for law and the property of the law and the crimes against life and property will multiply in geometrical progression. H. E.

As heretofore announced THE STAR offers a handsome parlor organ to the most popular young lady in Callahan County to be decided by the subscribers of THE STAR, by ballot on coupons printed in each copy of THE STAR, etc.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE AS CANDIDATES. Any young unmarried lady living in Callahan County (except member of the editors own family).

HOW TO GET COUPONS. 1st. Every subscriber can get one coupon each week out of THE STAR from now until contest closes.

2nd. Every person who will subscribe for THE STAR to be sent to himself or someone else in the county for not less than one year after Jan. 1st. 1896 will be entitled to 20 votes every dollar in cash so paid on subscription. This is given as a premium on subscription. If you want to pay two years in advance you will get 40 coupons, 3 years 60 coupons and so on.

3rd. Old subscribers will be allowed 20 coupons on each dollar paid on old account or for renewals since Jan. 1. 1896.

A special certificate will be given subscribers for premium votes to save time in counting and the necessity of giving one coupon for each vote.

REMEMBER NOW, no one is entitled to any votes as a premium who paid a subscription prior to Jan. 1st. But this offer dates from and after Jan. 1st 1896. We gave the Gazette as a premium to all subscribers between Sept. 1 '95 and Jan. 1st '96. We give 20 votes for each yearly subscription of \$1.00 in the county and 15 out of the county. The cash must accompany the order in every instance. To be plain about it our object is to increase the circulation of THE STAR in the county by securing cash subscribers.

We will select three disinterested persons to count the votes, and will guarantee absolute fairness and impartiality in giving the result. No one in any way connected with this office will be allowed to vote in the contest. So far as we are concerned we guarantee two things. First, to conduct the contest fairly and impartially, and second, award the organ to the young lady receiving the highest number of votes.

Read the instructions carefully and send in your votes whenever you desire.

ORGAN CONTEST.

The name of each candidate and number of votes each has received up to this hour of going to press each Friday evening will be published weekly in this column.

CANDIDATES. Nellie Phillips, Baird, 257; Ella Bishop, Putnam, 182; Lella Lee, Childs, 96; Laura Etta Lambert, Pease, 75.

ORGAN CONTEST NOTES. Putnam, Tex., Feb. 18, '96.

Ed. STAR: Inclosed find seventy-five (75) votes for Miss Ella Bishop, of Putnam, Tex.

F. M. Brown from Cottonwood, was in town Thursday after a load of goods for Cottonwood merchants.

The Baptist and Christian churches baptised several new members in the Market in the east part of town last Sunday.

The Methodist church is sending a small to accommodate the congregation, and they are talking of enlarging the building.

Miss Bell Rice, formerly of this city but now living in Fort Worth, is visiting here to the delight of her many young friends.

T. E. Powell informed us Wednesday that two customers had informed him that they noticed a certain article advertised by him in THE STAR and came in to buy it. If our friends would do this more frequently it would help us and not cost them anything. Merchants don't know what or how people read their ads.

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Glidden and Waukegan barbed wire just received and will be sold very low. Harry Meyer.

STAR "ORGAN CONTEST" COUPON. Cut this out, fill out blank in ink for whom you want to vote and send as follows: To Contest Editor BAIRD STAR, Baird, Texas. I cast one vote for As The Most Popular Young Lady in Callahan County, Write your name and address plainly in ink. Contest closes May, 1st 1896.

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