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# B. L. BOYDSTUN.

Baird, January 5, 1904.

MIND 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 it. Our stock of merchandise this year will be far better in assortment and up-to-date goods than it has been for some 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 Embroideries 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 us your business, and we will all profit by it.

BAIRD, TEXAS.

## B. L. BOYDSTUN.

### CLYDE ITEMS.

A large store house has just been erected here by a Mr. Corle. It is to be used for general merchandise purposes.

Mr. John Marshal has a nice residence completed in Clyde.

Mr. Brock has been very sick lately. Also Harvey Hays is reported very ill.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Profs. Alexander and Dalton. People here, continue to take great interest in the literary society.

### A WEDDING.

Mr. Russell Cauthen and Miss Myrtle May were married at the home of the bride's parents' Thursday, January 14, 1904. Rev. Young officiating. Many friends were present to witness the ceremony, which was pronounced at 3 o'clock p. m. Friends extended congratulations and expressed good wishes to both bride and groom, after which the bride was presented with several nice presents. The bride is of a good family. She

was reared in this community and has a host of friends here. A young lady who has always taken delight in obedience to her worthy parents, and in kindness to all. May her future be as bright as her past has been honorable, and may she gather ten thousand flowers that shall blossom along by the path of duty. Mr. Cauthen is of a good family, is a gentleman and a genial friend. He loves honor and he lives right. May blessings supreme rest upon them both forever. BERTIE.

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### PROGRAM.

U. C. V. at Baird Texas January

23 1904.

Business meeting from 10, a. m. to 12, m.  
Commencing at 1:30 p. m. the following:

Orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. Jno. Collier.

Quartet, Lead Kindly Light.

Address, Gen. F. W. James.

Orchestra.

Quartet, Just As I Am.

Address, Rev. Jno. Collier.

Orchestra.

Address, Judge Calhoun.

Quartet, Nearer My God to Thee.

The St. Louis Dramatic Co. will not be here until Feb. 1, 2, and 3. This will be one of the best companies that will be here this season. They have a fine band and orchestra. Don't fail to see this company.

J. A. Walker and family of Admiral, were in town yesterday.

## A Gold Filled Watch Free.

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

### Paint Prices Reduced.

We have reduced the price of the Sherwin & Williams paint to \$1.60 per gallon. This is the best paint in the world, it covers more surface looks better and lasts longer.  
PURE LINSEED OIL AT 60c PER GAL.

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Our stock of Drugs is the freshest and best selected in the West or Middle Texas and we are prepared to give you the very best service to be had. Our prices are the lowest (quality considered).

# TERRELL, THE DRUGGIST

BAIRD TEXAS.



Plans are being formulated for a new \$20,000 Methodist church at Pittsburg.

Alonzo Cushman, formerly county attorney of Hunt county, died at Mineral Wells.

The German cruiser Gazelle will attend the celebration of the completion of the seawall at Galveston on Jan. 25.

Double daily service will be commenced at an early date between Hillsboro and Corsicana on the Cotton Belt.

H. F. Townsend's store at Chicota was burglarized Saturday night and a small amount of change was taken from the cash drawer.

Citizens National Bank of Daingerfield, Tex., has been authorized to begin business with \$30,000 capital. W. T. Connor, president; J. W. Phillips, cashier of the new bank.

Arthur Curry, a Cleburne youth, while walking a picket fence with a playmate, fell, sticking two of the pickets in his body. His injuries are very serious.

John Perry, aged 77, a Mexican war veteran and a prominent merchant of Del Rio, died at that place Friday. He leaves a wife, four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Ramsey, a farmer in the southeast corner of Fannin County, took a load of cotton to Dial Saturday to be ginned. While unloading it he fell over in the wagon and expired.

Mrs. T. N. Waul, widow of the late Gen. T. N. Waul, died at her country home at Neyland, Hunt County, Tuesday. The deceased was a devoted wife to Gen. Waul and went through the war with him.

Talefero Rodriguez, a Mexican, was shot and killed Tuesday on Bob Lane's ranch in Webb county. C. Marsden, a cowboy of the T O ranch, surrendered to the Rangers at Fort Hancock and was brought here.

Rev. W. A. Jarrell and Lizzie Jarrell have sued the Armstrong Packing Company for \$8000, alleging actual depreciation of property to the amount of \$2000, and physical discomfort and mental anguish to the amount of \$6000 on account of the disagreeableness of the packery, stock pens, glue and soap factory and other parts of the defendants' plant.

The Attorney General was consulted on the question as to whether the County Tax Collector could appoint deputies to visit business places in order to secure poll tax payments. Judge Bell told them that several times before he had ruled that the deputies could be appointed, and that they could visit business houses soliciting the payment of poll tax and issue poll tax receipts.

Robert Casey, an old gentleman, who has resided in Rockwall for a number of years, was found dead in bed at his home Thursday evening. He was living by himself and went home Wednesday complaining of not feeling well. Nothing more was seen of him until he was found dead.

Dallas is looking for attractions for the joint entertainment to be given by the Kalliphs and the Sangerfest. The Kalliphs parade will consist of about twenty allegorical floats, all entirely new.

Heino Staffel, aged 86, pioneer German citizen, of San Antonio, died after a short illness. He was a learned man and one of the founders of the Casino and other German institutions of San Antonio.

The governor has announced that he will not name a successor to Judge S. J. Brooks of the Fifty-seventh district court, whose resignation has been received, for some time yet. Judges Minor, Vernon and Crenshaw have been endorsed for the appointment.

Capt. C. E. Decaussey, a watchman at the state capitol, is dead of pneumonia, following his wife, who died a month ago. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and at one time had possessed much wealth.

Fooling with a supposed empty pistol, Callin Jones, a Dallas negro, shot and killed Maggie Porter another negro.

It is currently rumored that Texas and Pacific railway will build an extension from Whitesboro to Gainesville.

A dozen or more implement dealers from Dallas and Fort Worth left Sunday for the convention of the United States Retail Implement Association, which takes place at Kansas City on January 19, 20 and 21.

In the County Court at Greenville John Holsback pleaded guilty to the charge of malicious mischief and was fined \$25 and costs. Holsback is the printer who was accused of changing the figures in the official publication of the order of prohibition.

THE PANAMA CANAL BILL WILL PASS

Obstructionists, after Counting Noses, Find that Partisan Prejudice Is Not Among Available Assets of the Opposition.

Washington, Jan. 20.—At a meeting of the Democratic Senators in caucus yesterday it became so strongly evident that there was little or no possibility of uniting the minority members against the Panama Canal treaty that no effort was made to bring the matter to a vote. The practical effect of the whole affair was a plain admission of defeat.

After it had been made quite plain that several Southern Senators, among them those who had been instructed by their legislatures, and others who had not, would not vote against the treaty, the only question discussed was the necessity of further argument and the time of bringing the convention to a vote in secret session. The caucus gave up over two hours to a consideration of the various plans of getting complete information from the administration on the situation, and the final result was the authorization of Senator Gorman as chairman of the caucus to appoint a committee of three to draft a resolution embodying the views of the minority and including the various provisions in the Democratic resolutions already before the Senate introduced by Senators Morgan, Gorman and Carmack.

Strong objection has been made by officials of the State Department to the three amendments to the canal treaty reported by the committee on Foreign Relations which provide for enlarged authority of the United States over the canal strip and the two ports of Panama and Colon. Secretary Hay called in conference Senators Cullom and Allison for a discussion of these amendments and it is understood that he strongly urged that they be withdrawn. State Department officials have no fear that these amendments would cause any danger to treaty in Panama, but they believe that the best form of convention to ratify here is that submitted by the President and drawn up by Mr. Hay and Minister Buneau-Varilla.

Surgeons Mend a Broken Neck. New York: Cured of a broken neck, James Dunn, 17 years old, has been discharged from a hospital. Dunn was injured by diving from a pier while bathing. Three vertebrae were crushed and chipped. The splintered bone was removed and the fractures set. Then the whole of the upper body, neck and head were placed in a plaster cast. Dunn was laid upon a table and heavy weights attached to his head and feet. He was told that to move meant death or permanent helplessness for him, and he became the most patient person imaginable. The bones knitted perfectly and when the cast was removed the boy was found to be as sound as ever.

The Boll Weevil Campaign. Washington: Secretary Wilson is arranging the details of the campaign authorized by Congress to be waged against the cotton boll weevil. A number of Government entomologists and scientists are en route to the ravaged Texas fields and to the Sabine River Valley in Louisiana. There will be thirty or forty scientists at work against the pest before long. They will organize the farmers to fight the weevil and will educate them in the best methods of attack.

Anticipating the Canal. Washington: A six-foot channel in the Mississippi River at low water from St. Paul and Minneapolis at Cairo, a distance of a thousand miles, to be completed by the time the Panama canal is put into operation, is the project advocated before the House committee on Rivers and Harbors by a delegation headed by Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota. The total cost of the improvement is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Prominent Territory Citizen Killed. Durant, I. T.: John O'Riley, a prominent cattleman, bank director and public school trustee of this city and a resident of this community for several years, was shot four times on the main street of Durant Tuesday morning, and died thirty minutes later at his home from the effects. Major Reed, a Kentuckian by birth and a son-in-law of the deceased, gave himself up to the officers and was carried out of town to prevent further trouble.

Girl Seriously Burned. Rockdale: Emma Seelke, a German girl, aged 16, was quite seriously burned while engaged in burning off grass in a field in Holtzclaws Bottom, four miles northwest of here. Several persons were at work in the same field with the girl, but before they could reach her and render assistance the greater portion of her clothes were burned from her body.

TEXAS BREWERS SEE A MENACE TO BUSINESS.

They Pledge Themselves to Help Sustain Observance of Law by Liquor Dealers.

Galveston: At the meeting of the owners and managers of Texas breweries which met for the purpose of devising means to purify the liquor trade and clear it of its abuses of privileges and violation of laws, the following deliberations were had:

"The managers and owners of Texas breweries, assembled at Galveston for the purpose of discussing the causes and conditions which have led to the prejudice now existing among a number of our fellow citizens against the so-called liquor traffic, have reached the following conclusions, as a result of their deliberations:

"There are in this state places which, under cover of a saloon license, transact an illegitimate business in complete disregard of the laws of the state, and the officers whose duty it is to prevent and remove such abuses either neglect their duty or are powerless for want of proper support.

"To correct these abuses and their immoral influence reputable citizens are naturally driven to almost any extreme. \* \* \* That this state of affairs is detrimental to the interest and the good name of the brewing industry requires no argument. \* \* \*

"We are, furthermore, determined to use our best efforts in purifying the liquor traffic and to suppress the abuses above alluded to, and we believe the existing laws are quite sufficient for the purpose.

Article 5060G of the Revised Statutes provides: That the owner of a saloon shall keep an open, quiet and orderly house; that he, or his agent or employe, will not sell or permit to be sold in his house, nor give nor permit to be given any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, to any person under the age of 21 years, or to a student of any institution of learning, or to any habitual drunkard, or to any persons after having been notified in writing through the sheriff or other peace officer, by the wife, mother, daughter or sister of the persons; that he will not permit any person under the age of 21 to enter and remain in such house or place of business; that he will not permit any games prohibited by the laws of this state to be played, dealt or exhibited in or about such house or place of business; that no prostitute or lewd women are to be allowed to enter or remain; and it is further provided that said house must not contain any vulgar or obscene picture.

"Resolved, That the brewers of the State of Texas will render every assistance in their power in the suppression of the evils now existing in connection with the liquor trade; and in proof of our sincerity and good faith we ask the press of the state to give full publicity to these proceedings and let the people know that there is a way to get rid of an objectionable resort without the turmoil and personal enmity incident to every local option election."

The above was signed by the manager of every brewery in Texas.

Little Rock, Ark.: Two men, a brake and a tramp, were killed and several cars burned in a freight collision two miles south of Newport. The engine of the front freight had been run to Newport for water, leaving the train with R. A. Clark. It is alleged he went to sleep and failed to protect his train. The engineer of the train following could not see the standing train on account of a curve, until too late. Clark was killed and his body burned to a crisp in the caboose. An unknown tramp was killed in a refrigerator car.

Found Dead in a Tree. Paris: Deputy United States Marshal Col. Berry from the Territory reports the finding of the body of a man named Warren fifteen miles east of Antlers. Warren disappeared several days ago and at the instance of his family an exhaustive search was made. The body was finally discovered in a hollow tree several miles from home. Whether it was murdered or suicide has not yet been determined.

Waco to Thurber Road Proposed. Waco: A movement has taken shape for building a railroad from Waco through Bosque, Erath and contiguous counties to the Thurber coal fields and possibly to the cattle country of West Texas. N. R. Morgan, secretary of the Citizens' club of Meridian, Texas, has written Secretary Homer Wade of the Business Men's Club regarding the matter and a meeting may soon be held, when a plan of action is to be mapped out.

Negroes Must Serve On the Grand Juries

Washington, Jan. 19.—The United States Supreme Court to-day reaffirmed the ruling made some time ago in the case of Carter vs. the State of Texas to the effect that the exclusion of negroes from Grand Juries in cases involving criminal charges against members of their race is in violation of the Constitution and therefore not permissible.

The decision was delivered by Justice Holmes in the case of a resident of Alabama named Rogers who was indicted for murder by a jury composed entirely of white men, and from which it is charged that all negroes were excluded because of their color. The Supreme Court of the State upheld the regularity of the proceeding, but Rodgers brought it to the Federal Court on a writ of error with the result that the decision of the State court was reversed and the case remanded to the State courts for further proceedings not inconsistent with today's opinion.

The decision was based on a former case in which it was held that exclusion of all persons of the African race from a Grand Jury which finds indictment against a negro in a State court when they are excluded solely because of race or color denied him equal protection of the laws, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, whether such exclusion is through the action of the Legislature, through the courts, or through the executive or administrative officers of the State.

More Pensions. Washington: The Grand Army service pension bill, which has been introduced in the senate and house, provides for the expenditure of not less than \$200,000,000. Under the bill it is proposed to give a pension of \$12 per month to each survivor of the civil war who served ninety day with an honorable discharge and who has reached the age of sixty-two years. It also proposes to pay every widow who was married to a soldier prior to June 27, 1890, a pension of \$12 per month.

New Railway Projection. Guthrie, Ok.: A Territorial charter was issued Monday to the Kansas, Elk City and Texas Railway Company, with headquarters at Elk City, Ok., and with \$2,000,000 capital stock. The incorporators are U. C. Welston of Titusville, Pa., I. C. Thurmond, P. C. Hughes, E. M. Scannell, George F. Patterson, Chas. McLoud and E. R. Hughes of Elk City. The proposed line is 300 miles long, beginning at the north boundary of Woods county, Ok., and near the city of Kiowa, Kan., and running southwest via Elk City, through the counties of Wdds, Dewey, Day, Custer, Roger Mills and Greer, in Oklahoma, to Eagle Pass, Texas, on the Rio Grande River. The road crosses the south fork of the Red River into Hardeman county, Kan.

They Believe in Whiskers. Boston, Mass.: A new religious sect, known as Christian Israelites, has appeared in Boston, with members scattered through Charleston, Somerville, Medford and Roslynale. Part of the creed for the men is allowing whiskers to grow as long as possible, and the hair to such length that it has to be coiled up like a woman's. They predict the millennium in 1906.

A High-Flier Under Suspicion. New York: Suspected of having stolen numerous books and instruments and money to the sum of \$50, in many instances from the rooms of New York University students living in Gould Hall, one of the most promising young men in the institution has been suspended and asked not to appear on the university grounds pending an investigation by the chancellor and faculty into the charges made by his fellow students.

Tucumcari Choctaw Extension. Amarillo: The Choctaw Railroad is moving the ties that were unloaded here for the Tucumcari extension to Kansas and Indian Territory. The ties are of oak and will be replaced with pine ties as it is claimed that the pine ties last better in this country. It has been announced that work on the Tucumcari extension will be resumed in March. Most of the line is already graded and ready for the laying of the track.

Fatal Burnings. Shreveport: Mrs. C. E. Parker was probably fatally burned Saturday as the result of stepping upon a match, igniting her clothing. She sustained severe burns upon her hips, right shoulder and back. Her condition today is precarious. This is the third similar case reported within the past two weeks, the victims in each instance being women whose clothing became accidentally ignited, resulting in burns that produced death.

A MADMAN'S DEED.

A San Antonio Cripple Murders His Family, then Suicides.

San Antonio: Edward Everett Bourne, a crippled fireman who formerly worked on the International and Great Northern Railway, was called from a game of cards in a saloon at 8:30 o'clock Monday night by his wife and asked to come home. Mrs. Bourne then jumped into Bourne's buggy and drove to her home, 721 Avenue B. Bourne hobbled after her on his crutches, vowing he would clean up the family. He rushed into his room with a pistol and shot his wife through the heart and his wife's mother, Mrs. Henrietta Beatty, also through the heart. The two women were found afterward clasped in each other's arms and Bourne's 4-year-old child crying between them. After killing the two women Bourne shot W. S. Beatty, the stepfather of Mrs. Bourne, through the breast, narrowly missing his heart and inflicting a probably fatal wound. Bourne then leaned his crutch against a wall and, standing in front of a mirror, shot himself through the heart, dying instantly. Mrs. Beatty was the widow and Mrs. Bourne the daughter of a wealthy German brewer, William Esser, who died some ten or twelve years ago. W. S. Beatty is a former Southern Pacific engineer. Twelve years ago Bourne came to San Antonio as a private in the Eighteenth Infantry, his home being Coatesville, Ind. He married into the Esser family nine years ago. He was a fireman on the International and Great Northern up to a year ago, when he was injured in an accident and has pending the the courts a suit for damages.

MUST PAY IN PERSON.

Several Congressmen Must Come Home to Pay Tax. Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—Chairman John W. Hornsby of the Travis County Democratic Executive Committee, received a letter from Congressman Albert Burleson, requesting him to call at the county collector's office and pay his poll tax for him. The collector informed Mr. Hornsby that the poll tax would have to be paid in person by Mr. Burleson.

Mr. Hornsby called on Attorney General Bell and asked for an official opinion on the question. Judge Bell told him that the law provides that in all cities of 10,000 population and over the poll tax must be paid in person, and that the only way Mr. Burleson can become qualified to vote and participate in conventions is to return to Austin from Washington and pay his poll tax in person.

The ruling will affect several Texas Congressmen, also United States Senator Culberson, who resides in a city of over 10,000 inhabitants. Among those affected are Congressman Slayden of San Antonio, Burleson of Austin, Henry of Waco, Gillespie of Fort Worth, Gregg of Palestine, Randell of Sherman and Cooper of Beaumont.

The Methodist District Missionary Association has selected Belton as the place for holding the next session. The association will convene next month.

Blaze at Llano.

Llano: A fire broke out in the Eastern Hotel Monday about 2 a. m. and destroyed it and five other small frame buildings and their contents. The loss to buildings was about \$3000. John Goodman, owner of three small buildings, valued at \$3000, had \$200 insurance. J. T. White, owner of one worth \$650, had \$250 insurance. J. M. Wilson lost an \$800 stock of groceries, no insurance. There were other small losses.

Negro Shot and Killed at Dallas.

Luther Collins, colored, was shot and killed Monday night. The negro was about 18 years of age. It is claimed by witnesses that the negro and a young white man had words and the negro threw a brick or bottle at the white man. That friends took him away and he returned with a large knife, and was shot. Detectives Gunning and Pegues found a large knife at the place.

Another War Straw.

Port Arthur: The Japanese banks are rapidly closing up their accounts in Manchuria and are stopping business. Japan is seeking for agents in Manchuria and Korea to supply the government with information of the Russian movements in view of the hurried departure of the Japanese residents. The Russian occupation of Sin Min Tun, thirty miles west of Mukden, is now reported to be an accomplished fact.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

The Federal teamsters during the war are asking for a pension of \$10 a month.

New telegraph rates, it is said will close 300 of New York's 400 pool rooms.

Dowle, who has now gone to California, says he will establish a colony in Texas.

Indianapolis was chosen by the Prohibition party for its National convention, which will be held July 29.

F. M. Jackson, a stockman living near Wynnewood, I. T., was accidentally killed by falling from a horse. His neck was broken.

Two large vessels belonging to the Russian volunteer fleet, carrying troops, has passed through the Bosphorus, bound for the Far East.

Sidney J. Brooks, judge of the Fifty-seventh Judicial District, announces to the bar of San Antonio that he would resign from the bench, effective Feb. 1.

The Turkish powder magazine in the Kumanova District, sixteen miles from Uskub, has been blown up by Bulgarians. Thirty Turks were killed.

The grand jury is making a most thorough search into the Iroquois theater looking to those responsible for the fire and other causes of death from the disaster.

It has been decided that poll taxes may be legally paid on Sundays, and Dallas county officials will keep open for that purpose on the 17th and 24th instant.

The annual report of the postmaster general shows the deficit for the past year to be much less than was estimated, and recommends much new legislation.

Monday at St. Louis it was discovered that the Federal Commission would require another week in which to complete counting the government's millions in the local subtreasury.

At Hico a cutting affray happened on Main street, in which J. W. Brown was fatally cut from ear to ear. Mr. Brown is an old man and prominent citizen.

Representative Robinson introduced a bill Thursday providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory into the Union as the State of Oklahoma.

The Katy carried a colony of Oklahomians consisting of sixty families down to Mexico, where they will engage in stock farming.

structure was burned Saturday night. The loss on building and furniture is estimated at \$14,000; insurance \$7500. At Greenville the son of Mr. Seeley fell and broke his leg Sunday.

Fort Worth seems to be over run with robbers. During the last week over \$1000 worth of household plunder has been reported stolen.

A telegram from St. Jo, Montague county, stating that at a depth of 142 feet a big flow of fine lubricating oil and also a flow of gas had been struck by a company now boring a well there.

Captain Richmond Hobson has arrived at Boulder, Colo., from Birmingham, Ala., and is at the bedside of his mother. Mrs. Hobson is seriously ill, but she is reported as resting easily.

Police Officer Howell Cobb shot and instantly killed Robert O. Emma, a Mexican, at El Paso. Emma was resisting arrest, and after knocking the officer down, slashed him with a razor, inflicting ugly wounds.

The Bowie Hotel, a two-story brick at Bastrop August Bering pleaded guilty to shooting in the house of Mr. Bumbartner, near Rosanky, last fall, and killing his little daughter, and was given twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

To the members of the diplomatic corps at the New Year's reception held in the winter palace, the Czar made use of these words: "I desire and intend to do all in my power to maintain peace in the Far East."

At McGregor, while Charles Bando, superintendent of the round bale gin, with his little son, were crossing the Cotton Belt tracks, the switch engine ran into them, killing the horse and damaging the buggy. Neither of the occupants was seriously hurt.

Mr. Meehan, who has been for several years superintendent of the Meehan Foundry in Monterey, was killed in a street difficulty with a party who had recently been discharged from the foundry.

The application of W. H. Gaston, D. E. Waggoner, M. M. Brooks, J. D. Jackson, W. H. Thomas and others, to organize the Gaston National Bank of Dallas, with \$200,000 capital, has been approved by the Controller of the Gurrency.

In front of a negro restaurant in Tishomingo, Richard Dillingham, colored, aged 30 years, married, was stabbed in the left breast and instantly killed. Kid Kelley, a negro, was arrested charged with the killing.



## Colombians Are Going Forward, So Says Unconfirmed Rumor.

Panama, Jan. 15.—Authentic information from the frontier is anxiously awaited here, as the belief is widespread that the Colombians have already started to march upon the isthmus.

The Panama troops are ready to leave at a moment's notice. The conscription is completed and 12,000 fighting men can be placed in the field.

There is bustle in the armory preparing for the shipment of rifles and ammunition to the Indians of the interior, who have agreed to join against the Colombian forces.

Col. Bareto of the Panama army, said: "We who were Colombians until yesterday can not be deceived by any tactics the Colombians may employ. We are deeply grateful for the aid the Americans have given, especially at sea. We are now prepared to fight our own battles on land with the utmost confidence of victory."

"Four or five hundred men stationed in the only three passes available can defeat any army."

"We have all the men actually needed for the fighting to be done in the mountains, and expect to repel an invasion without calling out all the available troops."

"The Indians are certain to fight outside of the San Blas Indians. Their Colombian allies will not fight at all."

The American marines along the railroad will soon be supplied with several new batteries. A collier has been dispatched to the island of Bulebra, near Porto Rico, to obtain the guns placed there during the naval maneuvers of 1902. The work of mounting the guns at that time resulted in illness and there is fear of the same here.

The junta here has denied the petition made by the inhabitants of the island of San Andres de Providencia for annexation to the Republic of Panama, as it is not possible to protect the island in an emergency. The islanders complain bitterly because of the Colombian troops who recently went there demanding an \$18,000 war tax. They sacked many houses and treated the women brutally. The residents sought to sever their connection with Colombia.

### Three Fatal Accidents in Bosque.

Village Mills: Wednesday morning Naomi, the seven-year-old daughter of Wils and Jeannette Haynes, negro, was attempting to extinguish a lighted when it exploded, throwing oil all over her, which ignited. She ran to Sadie Haynes, her oldest sister, aged 22 years, for assistance. The older sister wrapped the child with her own skirts to extinguish the flames, and both fell clasped in each other's arms and were literally burned to death. The younger lived only a short while, and the older died in twenty-four hours. A phone message comes from the Kirby logging camp for the local physician to attend the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Rooks who while playing near a fire in the yard got her clothing on fire from which the report says she is almost sure to die. Four miles east from this place, Joe Hoffman, a farmer, while dressing a hog that had just been scalded, left the vessel of hot water open, and his small boy fell backward into it and was so severely burned that he only survived a short time.

The Texas Hotel Keepers Association held its annual meeting at Waco from the 13th to the 15th.

### Ate a Squaw.

Port Arthur, Manitoba: An Indian has arrived in town and told a terrible tale of suffering among the members of his tribe north of Lake Nipigon. He told where one family was so destitute that they murdered a young squaw twenty-five years of age and the rest of the family ate her. His tale is corroborated by three white traders who arrived later. A train was at once started for the scene with food. Two constables also left to look into the murder case.

### Cremated in a Jail.

Birmingham, Ala.: Three prisoners were cremated, two fatally burned and two others seriously hurt, as the result of the burning of the county jail at Pratt City early Thursday morning. There were fifteen men and four women in three jail, all negroes, except Kelly. A wild panic ensued when the fire was discovered and the prisoners were released, but not, however, until three perished.

### Playing With Matches.

Lockhart: The home of J. D. Hanks, near Mendoza, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday. One of Mr. Hanks' children was burned to death and another one so seriously burned that hopes for its recovery are abandoned. The fire originated by two children striking a match and throwing it into a pile of cotton in the room where they were playing. They saved nothing except the clothes the family had on at the time.

## A FATAL PRIVATE OFFICE DUEL IN DALLAS.

W. C. McCahan is Shot Five Times and His Former Partner is in Jail.

Dallas: W. C. McCahan, president of the Dallas Optical Company, 222 Main street, was shot and instantly killed Thursday afternoon in his office. J. M. Chappel, formerly associated with him, but now engaged in the same line of business alone, gave himself up to the police.

Mr. Chappel had a scalp wound ranging along the side of his head above the ear, while the dead man bore on his body wounds caused by three balls through the neck, severing the jugular vein, one in the chest and one in the right side. Each, in the opinion of the coroner, would have been sufficient to have caused death.

Coroner Cullen was summoned. He found McCahan's lifeless body slouched in his swivel chair, before his desk, with a pen in his right hand. Beside him on the floor lay a .33-caliber revolver.

Chappel surrendered to the police at the city hall and turned over to them a magazine pistol of large caliber.

"He tried to kill me," he said. Beyond this he made no statement. A cut across his head was tied up with a handkerchief by the police. Shortly after, when told McCahan was dead, he almost collapsed, his face becoming ashen.

Chappel was taken from the city jail to the county jail after he had surrendered. An affidavit was lodged against him by Deputy Sheriff Arch Cochran charging him with the killing, and an effort was made to arrange bond. This was tried with County Attorney Lemmon by his attorney. Mr. Lemmon could not agree, and he was placed in the county jail to await an examining trial.

### Horrible Death of a Woman.

Paris: Mrs. Lula Garner, wife of John Garner, a farmer living ten miles northeast of Paris on Shockleys prairie, was fatally burned Monday evening. The deceased was in the house alone and was preparing to churn. She had rolled the churn in front of the fireplace, when a gust of wind swept through a door and whipped her skirts into the hearth. They became ignited and she was enveloped in flames. She pulled her apron off, but could not remove her dress. After emptying two buckets of water in trying to put out the flames she ran on the gallery and screamed. Her husband, who was working in the field, and a neighbor, heard her screams and reached her at the same time. All of her clothing except the waistband of her dress and fragments of the under garments had burned off. She was carried into the house and wrapped in a sheet. The entire surface of her body was burned and the tops of her shoes were burned to a crisp. Death ensued Monday night. The deceased had been married only four months.

S. M. Thorpe a prominent ranchman and capitalist died at his ranch near Sherwood Monday evening of heart trouble. He was 76 years of age and was one of the owners of the famous Half Circle Six ranch, which was at one time the largest ranch in this country.

### A Grand Monument.

New York: Social ostracism for divorcees, wearers of décolleté gowns, gamblers, including players of bridge whist, and users of liquors, is the object of a society which has been organized here under the name "Daughters of the Faith." Its purpose is declared to be "to discountenance these usages and customs that are the evident cause of the spread of moral evil in society." Women of the best families and most distinguished Catholics in New York city are among the charter members.

### Five Fatalities in Ginger Ale.

Little Rock, Ark.: As a result of drinking gingerale, flavored with lemon extract, three men are dead from poisoning at Alexander and two more are not expected to live. The men had congregated at a small country store near Alexander, and after drinking the liquid became very ill. Three of the party died shortly afterward.

McKinney: In a divorce suit tried in district court here, the plaintiff, who was hardly sixteen years of age, testified that her husband had several times knocked her down, kicked and in other ways mistreated her. Judge Pearson, after granting the divorce, had the witness appear before the grand jury, which will investigate the matter. Judge Pearson stated that he would pursue a similar course in all cases of wife beating brought to his attention through divorce suits.

## Japan Awaits Russia's Move.

Tokio, Jan. 18.—Japan does not anticipate Russia's rejoinder for at least one week. In the meantime the nation is prepared, and grimly reconciled to war. Political and other distinctions have disappeared and the country is patriotically united. The government is receiving many offers of contributions in the event of war, amounting to many millions of yen. The Japanese people would welcome an honorable peace, but are resolved to fight before receding from their position in Oriental affairs. They fear the aggression of Russia, and if it is not stopped now it never will be stopped. They are confident that their demands are fair and moderate, and their diplomacy, which has been patient, has gone to a reasonable limit. They expect the world's sympathy in the struggle, and have a splendid confidence in their army and navy.

In the event of reverses or a national disaster it is thought that England and the United States would inter-

### He's Ho'ing a Regular Job Now.

Chicago: Alderman John J. Brennan, of the Eighteenth ward, sentenced to one year in the house of correction, for complicity in election frauds, was put to work tying up bundles of brooms in the broom department. He was attired in a regulation prison suit of blue, and his hair and mustache had been trimmed. With Brennan 157 other men are working, both colored and white. They are what is known as "long term" men sentenced for one year or more.

### Old Biddy and the Cow.

Columbia, Mo.: B. J. Bronson, a Boone County farmer, made enough money in the last two years selling butter and egg products on forty acres of land to buy a farm. He told the cashier to credit him with that amount. A curious crowd gathered while the money was being counted, and in answer to questions, Mr. Bronson said that the \$2000 represented his earnings on butter and eggs in the last two years.

When a man is too accommodating he is apt to become a nuisance.

## GENERAL WEYLER'S REASONS IN BRIEF.



Gen. Weyler shortly will publish a book entitled "My Military and Political Campaign in Cuba." Two interesting chapters will be headed "My Project for Landing in United States Territory" and "Reasons Why I Was Obligated to Abandon the Project."—Madrid Dispatch to Chicago Inter Ocean.

vene to preserve the balance of power in Eastern Asia. There is no fear of an invasion of Japan, a country which is probably the most strongly defended in the world. The growth of British American sentiment is remarkable. Numerous displays of the flags of the two nations and popular songs reciting the glories of the "Lion" and "Uncle Sam" are sung. The characters of Uncle Sam and Johnny Bull are also seen at public dances.

The activity of the United States in the opening of the ports of Mukden and Antung is keenly watched, and in some quarters it is hoped that this may aid in solving the problem of insuring peace. The censorship prohibits the publication of military movements. All the recent movements are merely preliminary and aimed to insure an immediate dispatch of an immense land and sea force if it should become necessary.

It's the proper caper for a bachelor vegetarian to wed a grass widow.

### Coryell Outlook Good.

Gatesville: Coryell County farmers were seldom, if ever, better up with their work than now. Much of the land for cotton and corn has been prepared. There are yet some remnants of cotton to be picked. Cotton is still coming in. There will be an increased acreage of cotton, but most of the farmers are trying to get early seed. Wheat and oats are reported as doing fairly well, but a good rain would be great benefit to them.

### Dead Body of a Baby Found.

Fort Worth: The decomposed body of a baby was found near the Trinity river, not a great distance from the old packing plant, on the North Side, Sunday morning. The remains, after being viewed by Justice Rowland, were turned over to an undertaker for interment. The body was wrapped in a cloth and a newspaper when found by some children who were playing in the vicinity where the discovery was made.

### Heroe Hobson's Mother Dead.

Boulder, Colo: The mother of Richmond P. Hobson died at the home of Shirley Davis Sunday after a long illness. Her son was with her when she died and carried the remains to Greensboro, Ala., where they were interred. Sarah Croon Pearson Hobson was born at Richmond Hill, N. C., Feb. 24, 1843, and for the last twenty years she has been a sufferer from dyspepsia. She came to Boulder last summer for her health.

### Nine Horses burned.

Belton: The livery stable of Hardin Andrews was burned nine horses and about twenty vehicles were burned up Sunday. The fire originated near one of the feed bins, and as the structure was frame, the flames spread rapidly. By hard work the row of stores across the alley were saved. The tinshop of John Tulloch was also destroyed. The loss will aggregate \$6000 on the Andrews stable, with about \$1000 insurance. Tulloch and no insurance.

Colorado Springs, Colo.: Col. John H. Bacon, aged 75, mayor of Colorado Springs in 1880, and prominent as a business man in the early days here, committed suicide Sunday by shooting, because of illness. He left a note saying that he had suffered so much from rheumatism and insomnia that it more than offset the pleasure of this world. His estate is valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

At Estada Friday morning Rufus Bedford, a young man who had just returned from a medical college in St. Louis, was riding a pitching horse, which fell to the ground with him. His brother, only a few steps away, ran to his assistance, only to find that Rufus was dead.

The J. S. Mayfield Lumber Company of Dallas filed an amendment to its charter increasing its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A year ago the commissioners of Hunt county stopped the renting of the poor farm to any one, and have run it themselves since that time. This year they have a balance of \$1634.33 over all expenses and salaries. The previous years under the lease system there was a loss of \$1620.09.

Sunday morning occurred the death of Col. Philip H. Galligher, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Houston. Mr. Galligher was 85 years of age.

The First National bank at Belen, N. M., thirty miles below Albuquerque, was robbed Saturday by two masked men, who held up the cashier with guns as he stood at the window and got away with from \$800 to \$1000, which was in the counter.

The committee getting up the bonus for the proposed railroad from Dallas by Decatur is working hard and thinks and requires \$17,000 bonus from Decatur will be raised before long.

## HOLD-UP WON'T GO

NOT DEALING WITH COLOMBIA.

The Government Makes It Clear that Panama is It.

Washington, Jan. 14.—It can be stated on good authority that the administration does not contemplate paying one dollar out of the United States treasury to Colombia on account of the concession of Panama, nor will it go before The Hague tribunal as a part of any proceedings growing out of that session. It is stated that to do either of these things would be to commit the administration to an admission that it had been guilty of wronging Colombia. On the other hand, it is again announced that the United States Government stands ready to do everything in its power to bring an amicable understanding between Colombia and Panama. It may be said that Panama will consent to go before The Hague tribunal to decide whether or not Panama shall make any concessions to Colombia on account of the severance of political ties. It is certain that the United States Government will look with favor upon the assumption by Panama of some small liabilities to make good the heavy loss which Colombia has suffered.

The government is even willing to go to the extent of guaranteeing the performance by Panama of any duty and obligation she may assume toward Colombia and exchanges on this basis between interested parties are now in progress.

### Porte Gets Good.

Constantinople: The porte has notified the Austro-Hungarian and Russian ambassadors of the full acceptance of the Macedonian reform scheme and its consent to the repatriation of the Macedonian refugees, promising amnesty to all political prisoners, with the exception of dynamiters. In conclusion the porte draws attention to the argument of Bulgaria and demands assurances that Bulgaria will not be permitted to nullify the work of reform.

### Wants to Annex to Panama.

Colon: The schooner Herald, from Bezas del Toro, brings a commissioner from San Andres Island whose purpose is to make an effort to have Panama annex the island. It is said that the people of the island are very much dissatisfied with the treatment they are receiving from Colombia, and especially with the property tax they are having to pay. The commissioner from the island states that 400 Colombian troops are now quartered in San Andres.

### Ticket Brokers Hit Hard.

St. Louis: Acting Mayor Hornsby has signed the bill placing limitations on the business of ticket brokers. The brokers opposed the bill in both branches of the Assembly. The new ordinance forbids brokers to deal in excursion, commutation and mileage tickets. During the World's Fair there will be an unusually quantity of excursion tickets in St. Louis and there was nothing in the old ordinance forbidding them from handling them.

Starting to answer a fire alarm, Ike Robinson, a volunteer fireman at Cleburne, was run over by a heavy hose wagon and one of his feet crushed, several bones being broken.

### Chinese Exhibit at St. Louis.

St. Louis: China's exhibit at the World's Fair will be a display of Oriental splendor and will be made by the Chinese government proper, which is the first time in the history of the celestial empire that such a thing has been done. Funds for the exhibit will be appropriated from the imperial coffer at Peking, being secured largely through the influence of the dowager empress, who is greatly interested in the exposition.

### Extension Going Forward.

Georgetown: Two train loads of mules and implements for railroad building and 300 men arrived here and are now at work on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway to Austin. The Grigsby Construction Company of Dallas has the contract to grade, lay the track and build the bridges into Austin, and Manager Marshall of that company states it is the purpose of the company to reach Austin by April 1, despite all rumors to the contrary.

### Smith County Up and Doing.

Tyler: Farmers of Smith county are plowing earlier this year than ever before. Many of them have already broken up all their land and are getting it ready for early planting. They are using large plows and are plowing deeper than formerly. Besides this, they are thoroughly cleaning up their land, burning all the brush and in every way getting ready to combat the soil weevil.

### President of B'Nai B'Rith Dead.

Washington: Leo N. Levi, the president of the order of B'Nai B'Rith, died Wednesday morning in New York. Mr. Levi had been ill for two months past and underwent a severe operation Thursday last, from which it was expected that he would recover. A wife and seven children survive him. Mr. Levi's name is most prominently recalled here in connection with the Kinshieff petition, the draft of which was mainly his work. He collaborated with Simon Wolf of this city and others in obtaining beneficial results accomplished by the presentation and publication of that enduring memorial. Mr. Levi was born in Texas and practiced law for many years in Galveston, and was eminent in his profession. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia, having received the highest honors as the medal scholar, his theme being, "Thomas Jefferson." He delivered lectures on the same subject and on matters of interest to the Jews throughout the country.

### Japanese Hustling Home.

New York: The Japanese are leaving here and more than 100 have left Dainey in one day, says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur. The Russians regard the Japanese seizure of Hukpho as probable, with the object of making Russia fire the first shot. The trains from Europe are crammed with troops. It is reported that unknown persons have tried to set fires to the coal stores at Harbin.

### Drouth is Menacing.

Killeen: The continued drouth is becoming alarming in Bell county. No rain except light showers during the last eight months. As wheat and oats are about all dead, there will be a large increase in the cotton and corn crops. Cotton is about all sold. The receipts will reach 7000 bales, against 4800 bales last season. Stock is in fine condition and the loss will scarcely amount to anything.

### Mining Interests Looking Up.

Liano: Hon. J. F. Wear of Milwaukee, Wis., has recently invested considerable in mineral properties around Liano, receiving leases, options, etc., on developed and undeveloped gold mining property. He will push work at both the Borden and Gopher Hole Mining Companies works, where shafts have already been sunk, and will start work at other places. He is connected with other parties, who will be here soon.

### Would Navigate the Raging Red.

Sherman: There was a conference between the leading spirits in the Red river navigation matter, covering all the important Red river belt cities, and as a result it was decided to postpone until Jan. 25 the meeting called to take place a Bonham. The interest in Sherman is growing, and the indications are that the meeting will be attended by a large and earnest delegation of progressive River Belt business men.

### Bean Knows Beans.

Paris: Guy Bean, a well-known farmer of the Brookston community, said that he realized \$310 from pulling unopened cotton bolls from fifty acres, and that the expense of gathering and marketing them was only \$85, although he paid 50c a hundred pounds for pulling them. Mr. Bean says that other farmers in the community, who could have saved more than he did by pulling the unopened bolls, left them in the field.

### Shooting at Nacogdoches.

Nacogdoches: Ed C. Skillern was dangerously shot Wednesday night. Skillern was removed to the residence of Dr. Tucker near by, where he now lies at the point of death. Cal Scott gave himself up and is now in the hands of Sheriff Spradley, who has disappeared with the prisoner. Skillern is a farmer about 45 years old and has a large family. Scott is a livery man, much younger, and also has a family.

On Friday night some one broke into the office of Superintendent W. J. Simms of the city schools and got \$45 in cash. Tuesday afternoon Mr. Simms received a letter through the postoffice mailed in Cameron inclosing \$55 in currency and note as follows: "My first offense and the last one, so help me God."

Slow progress is being made in the Holcombe dynamiting cases at San Antonio.

The saloons of Montgomery county closed Tuesday night at midnight, pursuant to advice of the anti-lawyers.

An extra freight train on the Cotton Belt broke in two two miles east of Randolph and Fireman J. F. Hock was instantly killed.

Palestine business men held a meeting to protest against efforts of Mississippi planters to induce negroes to leave there and go to Mississippi plantations.



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The Olney boom seems to be badly out of shape.

There is no reason why the United States should mix up in the Japan-Russia row.

Senators Culberson and Bailey both favor throwing the rabbit away. They say the meat is tainted.

Gen. Chaffe, the new head of the army, is said to be nothing but a plain fighter. This may all be so, but we notice he parts his hair in the middle and that is a bad sign, a mighty bad sign.

The President says the administration had nothing to do with the Panama coup. His word ought to have as much weight as those who think otherwise. We would hate to believe that any man could be elected president of the United States whose word could not be relied upon.

Bryan has a chance to be president yet if he will be real good. He can be good too without sacrificing a single principle, but if he undertakes to dictate to the party he will injure his own chances in the future and probably make it impossible for the democrats to even get together this year much less elect a president.

Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson were great men, able statesmen and their democracy is unquestioned now, but it was quite different in their day. Both were abused like pickpockets, even by men of their own party. They were denounced as tyrants, imperialists, and everything else that could be thought of. Washington, himself, did not escape the foul tongue of slander.

Honesty is the best policy, in national as well as private life, but no party in this country can claim any great honor on that score. By force of arms we took every foot of this country from the Indians, except what Jefferson bought from France, who really had no title to it. Might does not make right, but the American people have practiced this policy from the day the pilgrims landed at Plymouth down to the present day.

DIED

Mrs. E. M. Russell, mother of Judge B. L. Russell and Mrs. Gussie Surles, of Baird, died at the residence of Judge Russell in North Baird early Sunday morning. The remains were interred in Baird cemetery Sunday evening at 5 o'clock attended by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances of the family. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. C. Underwood pastor of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Russell has been in feeble health for sometime and owing to her advanced age, 79 years, she was unable to rally from the last attack of cold or influenza. Besides the children in Baird two daughters Mesdames Day and Scarborough of Abilene, and one son, Frank Russell, of Eastland County, was with their mother when she died. Owing to illness in his family Mr. Frank Russell had to leave on the 1:30 o'clock train and could not attend the funeral.

THE STAR tenders sincere sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

MARRIED.

GARDNER-ROBINSON.—At the residence of Mr. Foy in Baird Wednesday January 20th 1904 Mr. M. Gardner and Miss Ida Robinson were united in marriage. Rev. J. J. Hendrix officiating.

THE STAR is due Jas. Randalls an apology. In giving notice of his announcement as a candidate for Tax Assessor we inadvertently stated that he lived at Cross Plains. Mr. Randalls lives at or near Cottonwood and don't see how we got it the other way. We hope however that no damage will result as both places are in old Callahan and all vote for Tax Assessor and other County officers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Jones and little daughter, Josie, of Miami Roberts county, arrived yesterday on a visit to Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones. This is Mrs. Jones' first visit to Baird in over five years.

LIFE'S VOYAGE.

From time immemorial, poets and moralists have likened human life to a stream down which we mortals are floating to the sea of eternity. And surely there is much to suggest the simile. All rivers run into the sea, all human life runs its measured course and passes on into that immeasurable duration which we call eternity. There is change of scenery in the current and depth of the stream, but if we float upon them we must take them as they come. Life has its depths and its shallows, its rapids and its whirlpools. Some days the stream leads through majestic scenery, with bending trees and singing birds. In other days it winds through dismal lowlands and monotonous deserts. But the main thing is not what scenery skirts the stream which bears us on its bosom, but whither does it bear us? What of the destination?—Chicago Evangelist.

HIGHER GROUND.

Brethren of the Callahan County Association—No child of God, in whose heart has been planted a holy disposition by the regenerating Spirit, should be satisfied to simply "hold his own," but the one paramount ambition ought to be higher ground; more knowledge of Jesus Christ; a more humble and useful service in the advancement of his cause. This comes only to those who recognize that they have not attained unto the highest, the best and the noblest that there is in the Christian life.

And then, a willingness to improve. But without such a desire all the efforts on the part of others will prove futile and vain. But with such a zeal burning in the soul as fire on the altar, there will be the seizing hold of every opportunity for such a development. And the one who lets opportunities go by unimproved sins against humanity, his own soul, and in the eyes of God Almighty.

The last fifth Sunday meeting was the very best, as every one who attended well knows. But are you to be satisfied with anything short of the best of which you are capable? The next meeting in January, to be held at Baird, and which is to be a Sunday school meeting in connection with the official board, promises to be the best, because of the start in the right direction, already made. And because Dr. E. A. Stone, the best Sunday school man in Texas, will be here, and it will be the opportunity of your life to hear him on the most important phase of religious work.

Realizing, then, the need of gaining higher ground, and the exceeding great opportunities afforded to all, let every pastor see to it that he is here, and that his church and Sunday school are represented, and that there be a report from the school for two quarters since the last convention.

See program elsewhere in this issue. I. C. UNDERWOOD.

PROGRAM

of Sunday School Convention of Callahan County Association, to be Held With Baird Baptist Church Jan. 28-31, 1904.

Thursday, 7:15 p m: Sermon—F. C. Dick

Friday, 9:30 a m: Devotional exercise.—M. R. Crowover.

10: "The teacher's problem and its solution."—Dr. E. A. Stone.

10:30: Sermon: "The Sunday School as an educational institution."—G. W. Parks.

3 p m: "The pastor and the superintendent in the school."—J. H. Helm, Dr. E. A. Stone.

3:30: "How to teach the lesson."—J. A. Richards, R. D. Carter.

7:15: Sermon: "The Life of Christ and gospel history."—Dr. E. A. Stone.

Saturday, 9 a m: Devotional exercise.—D. J. Rouden.

9:30: Reports of all the Baptist Sunday schools and conference of workers.

10:30: Sermon: "The Sunday school as an evangelistic agent."—W. D. Vinson.

2:30 p m: Official board meeting.

7:15: "Obligation of parents to the Sunday school."—E. A. Stone.

Sunday, 10 a m: Mass meeting.—Dr. E. A. Stone.

11 a m: "The Bible and why we study it."—Dr. E. A. Stone.

I. C. UNDERWOOD, For Committee.

Don't forget school books are CASH

Powell & Powell.

\$100 REWARD.

The Stock Raisers' Association of Coleman and adjoining counties hereby offer a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who are guilty of stealing or killing any stock belonging to any member or members of this association. To be paid when satisfactory proof is made to the executive committee of this association. J. F. MOHR, Pres. J. BAYMILL, Sec'y.

\$100 REWARD.

The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$100 be offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horse or cattle belonging to any member of this society in good standing." A. G. WEBB, President. J. B. CONWAY, 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.

M. C. COUNCIL INTRODUCED.

CLEBURNE, TEX., June 23, 1903. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It affords me great pleasure to have an opportunity to say a few words in testimony of the high moral character, diligence, industry and ability of Hon. M. C. Council, a gentleman whom it has been my pleasure to know from boyhood.

Mr. Council was reared in this county, where he has a host of friends who have watched with pride his advancement along educational and professional lines. His studious habits, upright conduct and uniform courtesy and gentlemanly bearing have won for him the everlasting friendship and esteem of the best citizens of Cleburne and Johnson County.

For some years he has been connected with some of the best schools in the county, and last session was a member of the faculty of Willie Denton College at Joshua, one of the leading educational institutions of the county. In these positions of trust and preferment he has always proven himself capable and worthy and has always acquitted himself with honor and distinction.

As a man thoroughly honest, upright, industrious, worthy and aspiring I unhesitatingly commend him to the consideration of the best citizens among whom he may see fit to cast his lot anywhere in Texas, or out of it. I do not know of a more conscientious, moral and industrious young man anywhere in the range of my acquaintance than Montrose C. Council, and for him I predict a bright future and a useful life. Any business that may be intrusted to him is safe in his hands.

Very truly, E. A. RICE, Representative Johnson County, 28th Legislature.

CLYDE DOTS.

Jan. 17.—As we have no correspondence from Clyde now, I thought that I would give you a few dots. I have been waiting for a more experienced scribe, but it looks like he has not thought of writing.

Clyde is still on the upward move. There has been a new business house put up in the past two weeks, which is now being filled with new goods. There is also a new residence being put up by Mr. John Marshall, who is an old settler of Callahan county. He has left Callahan several times, but it seems that he can't stay away.

There is quite a good deal of sickness in and around Clyde at present, but no very serious cases I believe.

It is with great sorrow that I give an account of the death of our aged Brother Brock, who departed this life last Saturday night. He was beloved by all who knew him. May God comfort the bereaved family, for their loss is his eternal gain.

We should all prepare for death for we know not at what moment God may call for our spirit, and it is certainly an awful thing to be called to die and no preparation made. It is also a great consolation to the living to know that we can go to our departed loved ones.

We are glad to know that our friend Mrs. H. C. Darden, is home from Dallas, where she has been under the treatment of doctors. We hope that she will soon regain health and strength.

Mrs. Eley, mother of Mrs. W. K. Kuykendall, is visiting at Clyde.

Miss Mertie May and Mr. Russell Cauthen were married Jan. 14th. We wish them much joy in their future life. Miss Mertie is one of our most accomplished and industrious young ladies. She has lived here most of her life. We do not know much of Mr. Cauthen, but we hope he is a worthy young man, for she surely deserves a good husband.

We have been looking for two or three more weddings around Clyde, but it seems that the boys are rather slow. Look out boys, this is leap year.

Our school is progressing nicely under the care of Prof. Alexander, principle, and Prof. Dalton assistant. I think there are about one hundred and forty pupils in regular attendance.

The Literary Society was not so well attended last Friday night as usual. Suppose it was on account of so much sickness in the community.

Prof. Easterling has moved to Clyde. We all, especially the singing class, gladly welcome him. He is such a help in the singing. We learn he is to be clerk in the new business house.

For fear this reaches the waste basket I will close. If it does not I may write again. CLYDE SCRIBBLER.

We have it for less. T. E. POWELL.

Ed Coppins and J. W. McGowen are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Mary Hicks left Tuesday for Tucson, Arizona, to join Mr. Hicks in their new home.

Capt. J. W. Jones and wife came in from the ranch Sunday, and both are confined to their bed with the grip.

D. W. Wristen had three bales of cotton damaged by fire on the cotton platform Friday. Loss about \$100.

Last night a light rain fell accompanied by a drop of 25 degrees in temperature. It has been spitting snow and misting rain most of the day. Thermometer registered 34 degrees at STAR office since morning.

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 County Judge. I. N. JACKSON.
For County and District Clerk. J. H. SHACKELFORD.
For Sheriff and Tax Collector. T. A. (A) IRVIN. JAS. REED.
For Tax Assessor. JAS. RANDALS. M. G. (Melvin) FARMER. J. A. CHEEK.
For County Attorney. M. C. COUNCIL. C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Jan. 16, 1904. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Cross, Miss Maud
Fanes, Mr. George.
Hamilton, D. B.
Mudd, Mrs. W. K.
Roberts, Miss Lena.
Sliger, Miss Ellen.
Washburn, Miss Hattie.
WM. McMANIS, P. M.

Cows For Sale.

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

We wish to tell our friends and citizens of Callahan county that we are again ready to do your photograph work, and will appreciate all the patronage you will give us. Swafford & Son. 5-t

Pasture.

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

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

FOR SALE.

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

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. 5-tf

We have a few more fine California blankets. We do not propose to carry them over. Now is the time to get a good blanket at a sacrifice. T. E. POWELL. 5-tf

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

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

The Postoffice Inspector was here a few days ago, and will return about Feb. 1st, so we are informed, to make arrangements to rent a building for the Postoffice. The present building, for several reasons, is not satisfactory, and the department wants to make permanent arrangement with some one to purchase the fixtures, furnish lights, etc., with building. The business men on east side of Market street should take this matter up at once. If a suitable building can be secured at a satisfactory rate the Postoffice will be moved in the fall, when the present lease expires. The government wants a building in which the Postoffice will have plenty of light and other conveniences. It seems to us that this is a good opportunity for some of our real estate men to find an investor. Look em up, and let us have a building that will meet the demands of the government.

T. B. HADLEY.

WYLIE M. JAMES.

HADLEY & JAMES, MEAT MARKET



LEA BUILDING. Beef, Pork, Sausage.

PHONE 22. Free delivery, give us a trial and we will do our best to please you.



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JANUARY 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th.

We wish to see and examine, free of charge, those afflicted with Eye, Ear, Nose or Throat troubles. We solicit Chronic, Surgical and difficult cases. We spend no time with hopeless cases. Doubtful skeptics, and those who have had treatment without results, are especially invited to witness our treatment and operations. A case of cross-eyes will be straightened each week for the worthy poor. Respectfully,

DRS. ADAMS, HUBBERT & THOMPSON.

R. RHILLIPS

DRUGGIST

DRUGS

PAINTS

OILS

VARNISHES

WALL

PAPER

TOILET

ARTICLES

WATCHES

CLOCKS

and

JEWELRY

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

BAIRD, TEXAS.

D. W. Wristen AND Co.

GROCCERS.

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Besides a First-class Stock of Staple Provisions, we wish to call attention to the fact that we are offering a full line of

BATAVIA Canned Goods,

Heinz' Mince Meat and Apple Butter in Stone Jars. The name is a guarantee of Quality.

BISHOP'S



California Preserves, Orangeate, Maraschino Cherries, Preserved Figs, Etc.



Orders Carefully Filled, Promptly Delivered and Quality of Every Package Guaranteed.



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BAIRD, TEXAS.



# There's No Use Going to Other Towns FOR BARGAINS.

We have right here in our Store as Good Bargains in Dry Goods as can be found anywhere in West Texas. No trouble to show goods.

## T. E. POWELL, BAIRD, TEXAS.

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

WEST BOUND.	
No. 5. arrives.....	3:30 p m
departs.....	5:35 p m
No. 5. arrives.....	2:35 a m
departs.....	2:45 a m
EAST BOUND.	
No. 4. arrives.....	1:15 p m
departs.....	1:35 p m
No. 6. arrives.....	12:55 a m
departs.....	1:05 a m

J. B. HARRON, Agent.

### COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge.....	I. N. Jackson.
County 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
County Commissioner Precinct No. 1, W. A. Hinds; Precinct No. 2, Philip Yost; Precinct No. 3, J. H. Burnam; Precinct No. 4, Jas. Headate	
J. P. Precinct No. 1.....	J. P. L. O. Oliver.
Constable.....	Joe Alphin

### CITY OFFICERS.

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

### LOCAL NEWS

Howard, the 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion McElrath, died Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock of locked bowels. The remains were entered in the Coleman cemetery Wednesday evening. This is the second child Mr. and Mrs. McElrath have lost within the last five months. —Coleman Voice.

It is reported that Mrs. Y. A. Orr died at Putnam yesterday. THE STAR tenders sincere sympathy to Mr. Orr in his hour of sorrow.

Judge I. N. Jackson announces this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge. Mr. Jackson is so well known that anything THE STAR might say would be superfluous, but it is due Mr. Jackson to say that he has always discharged his duties as an officer faithfully and efficiently.

J. A. Cheek announces as a candidate for Tax Assessor this week. Mr. Cheek requests us to say that he feels very grateful to the people for the support given him two years ago, but he has been so busy that he has had no time to see the people since that time. See his announcement.

The "Minister's Son" is an exceptionally clever and remarkable play. Its four acts are filled with comedy, realism and sentiment mixed by a master hand. There is no flagging of interest throughout, and it tempts the ear to fall upon the lip of laughter. As a vehicle for the display of the peculiar talent of Mr. R. W. Patton it could not be excelled. Quaint and original in his methods, realistic and exceedingly magnetic as Simon Ray, the minister's son, a character full of comedy and pathos, he holds the interest of the audience from start to finish.

M. C. Council announces as a candidate for County Attorney this week. While Mr. Council is not generally acquainted over the county, he comes well recommended. See his announcement also letter from one of his old friends in Johnson county.

### Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt 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 all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Powell & Powell's Drug Store Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr's Drug Store Putnam Texas.

C. D. (Clarence) Russell announces as a candidate for County Attorney this week. Clarence has lived in Callahan county several years. His friends are confident he will discharge the duties of the office faithfully and efficiently if elected.

### "The Minister's Son."

The beautiful pastoral play, "The Minister's Son," which met with such enthusiastic endorsement at the hands of theater-goers when presented last season, has been secured by Manager Mahan for one of the few performances to be given in this state this season. The attraction will confine most of its time to the larger cities, and it was only after considerable correspondence and by extra inducements that they decided to favor Baird with a visit. Mr. W. B. Patton still assumes the role of Simon Ray, the minister's son, a part in which he has achieved one of the most pronounced successes of recent years. The company is said to be even better than last season, at which time it seemed beyond criticism.

### 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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

T. E. POWELL.

### 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.

### For Sale or Rent.

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

J. H. TERRELL.

### FARMER'S WAGON YARD.

Across street from Electric Light Plant. J. W. MAY, Proprietor. Best camp houses in Baird. Good stalls, sheds. All kinds of Feed. Will treat you right.

### BASS BROS. DRUG CO., ABILENE, TEXAS.

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 11, 1903.

Bass Bros. Drug Co., Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sirs: Last July I lost five head of cattle out of a lot of twenty-seven head with splenic fever.

I then commenced feeding the herd on your Medicated Salt, and have not had a sick one since, and so far I have not had a case of Blackleg.

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

WALTER FOSTER.

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

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

R. S. RODGERS.

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

### HOTEL-SEAY,

MRS. E. SIGAL, Lessee

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

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

### The Home National Bank OF BAIRD.

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

PROMPT AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT TO ALL.

We appreciate all business entrusted to us, whether large or small. We extend all accommodations consistent with sound banking and have money to lend on good security. Modern Fire Proof Vault. Fine Fire and Burglar Proof Safe. CALL AND SEE US.



### THE OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

A lovely place in the evening light  
Wherein to rest and be idle,  
Its borders so shadowy yet so bright,  
Where old-fashioned roses dwell by right,  
And queenly lilies are clad in white,  
Like flowers adorned for a bridal.

Dear haunted garden, at dusk we stand  
And your dim memories ponder;  
Of children who played there—a household band  
Of lovers that haply a lifetime planned,  
Of aged ones resting here hand in hand,  
Now at rest on the hillside yonder.

They have passed away, but their work survives,  
Its fragrance to strangers granted;  
And as their garden still blooms and thrives,  
Even so the grace of their homely lives  
Beyond the winter of death revives—  
They are not dead, but transplanted.

Ah! sweet the flowers that our love await,  
Where the springtime is fresh and verdant,  
Where never the summertime comes too late,  
And never a blossom out of date;  
Thank God in the peace of that heavenly state  
The old-fashioned joys are eternal.  
—Philadelphia Price Current.



## The Turn of the Tide

By CEIL J. DENTON.

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"Oh, Nellie! Oh, Nellie! where are you?" called Charles Macdonald, artist, just home from his studio.

"I will be there in a minute, Charlie." Hardly had the words been uttered when the portiere was drawn aside and a girlish figure appeared. Her eyes were illumined with love, and a smile of sweet content played around the corners of her rosy lips. If any cares disturbed the quietude of her existence, her husband never discerned them.

"Why, little woman, how bright you look!"

"Don't I always look radiant when my lord and master deigns to bestow the light of his countenance on his handmaid?"

"Hello! what have you been reading? Some oriental fantasy? But, seriously, methinks I see a brighter sparkle in thine eyes. By Jove! you have started me spouting in rhythm. Come and sit on this sofa and make a clean confession."

"Well, Charlie, dear, I am afraid my misdeeds are so small that I shall require but little absolution. For some time I have seen the clouds gathering on your brow."

"But, sweetheart, how could you see them? Am I not always cheerful? I flattered myself that I bore a strong resemblance to the merry grig."

"How can you be so foolish, sir? Must I again impress upon your mind that love has piercing eyes? Foolish boy! Intuition told me that our present path was not as smooth as it might be; they say only two things trouble a man, love and the want of money. I was vain enough to think the former was not the cause, therefore, I came to the conclusion it must be the latter, but I had an abiding faith that all such troubles would square themselves in the end."

"About as easy as squaring a circle!" answered Charlie.

"Thought I would not bother you, but do the best I could. You may laugh, sir, but I had a small mountain on my mind, lying awake at night devising means to make a joint last as long as possible—puzzling my brain to turn it into all sorts of strange dishes to cover its identity. You may have a light heart, dear, I have not run into debt over housekeeping expenses. The butcher, the baker, and all the tribe that supply our wants, have been paid."

"But I had come to the end of my resources until—well, never mind! I will tell you that in its right place. You were always generous with my pocket money, slyly replenishing my

stories. I, at least, had no thought of having my effusions published through some of the girls are making a name for themselves, and, I suppose, are coining money. We were stern and exacting critics, never failing to tear one another's choicest productions to shreds. I believe we took a fiendish delight in unmercifully knocking those characters of straw to pieces. I had quite a nice little pile of stories snugly stored in one of my trunks. I sent four or five of them to publishers. Two or three times they came back. I redirected them to other

magazines. Now, Charlie, don't call me a fraud and look incredulous."

"You are, without an exception, the sweetest and dearest little fraud I know of."

"This very day I received such a polite note from an editor, accepting one of my stories, and asking me to submit more. He also gave me the name of another magazine that he thought my work suitable for. Isn't that nice? Behold, unbeliever! there is the check," giving it a dramatic kiss as she showed it to her husband. "So while you are producing the beautiful scenes of nature, I can scribble. But, darling, I will not neglect your well being, nor take less pride in our home. In proof thereof I have prepared the daintiest of luncheons, a savory meal to delight the soul of my lord. How will that do, Charlie, mine?"

"Well, for once you are a fraud. I had visions, coming home, of taking you to Delmonico's; but I would rather have a dish prepared by those neat, little hands, than the grandest banquet served by the finest chef. I also have news. I am delighted with your good luck, and I don't know how I can thank you sufficiently for the gentle spirit in which you have come to the rescue of a common fiend. At last, I think I may say, the tide has turned. Harry Devine, an old chum of mine, at Yale, came into the studio this morning with a friend of his. He was looking for pictures to adorn the walls of his newly furnished house. My dear, he is wise in his generation, as he said he would rather pay a fair price for American works of art, than to invest a fabulous sum in works of old masters which were, perhaps, spurious. He purchased two landscapes, giving me a generous check for them."

"Oh, Charlie! I am so glad. I knew your work deserved a good price. I only wish I had had the naming of the figure; it would show how much I admire your painting. I am infinitely more pleased than if I were hailed as the rising star in the literary firmament. You are the sun, and I feel glorified in reflecting some of the beams by being your loving wife."

"But, Nellie, we have been living on the ragged edge of a volcano for some months. I have suffered the torments of the inferno for that space of time—not very flattering to your pretty face and engaging ways, but we will let it pass. You were aware of the fact that I hadn't much money when we burnt incense together at the shrine of Hymen. Like all lovers of art, by my pictures not being unmer-

itedly skied in the salon, I imagined the stream of Paeolus would flow our way, with naught but gentle ripples. In my arrogance, or let me modify the expression, by saying, for the love of mine art, I would not condescend to paint pot-boilers for grasping dealers; therefore I found myself in a state of collapse; inspiration seemed to leave me; even my historical painting, which I still hope may hang in the academy, was at a standstill. I was too extravagant in furnishing our bridal nest and my atelier. I do like to have around me pretty things. It is conducive to higher work. But, thank the powers, I paid ready cash for everything; it was a good thing for us, as I was enabled to raise the 'needful, though at a ruinous rate of interest, I must confess. What seemed such hard luck was to have a lot of good material on hand, and vanity apart, I felt it to be above the mediocre, which represented solid cash, but could find no market for my wares. Duns, debts and difficulties, the three demons dreaded by impetuous mortals, stared me in the face. Only yesterday I received a note informing me that the interest on the loan on our goods and chattels would fall due next week. If the amount was not forthcoming they would be under the painful necessity of levying on the furniture, etc.

"Thank goodness, darling, that the dark clouds are rolling away, and that the flood tide is making. It will not be my fault if I do not take advantage of it. I have satisfied my creditor, much to his astonishment and disgust. Now he is quite willing to wait for an indefinite period for his money. I suppose, with the hope that he will get me in his claws again. Now for the rest of my news. That same friend of Devine's has commissioned me to paint some scenes in the Thousand Islands and the Adirondacks. Pack your trunks and be ready for a start as soon as possible."

"Well, Charlie, we have each tried to hide our troubles from the other. I am so glad I can aid with my mite. I never intended to be a drone in the matrimonial hive. May we go hand in hand down the stream of life. Don't laugh at me."

"Laugh! I am as grave as a judge, but I must let the exuberance of my spirits escape, by giving three times three for my queen bee."

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### ADVICE FROM "HER FATHER"

Not Calculated to Cheer the Would-Be Benedict.

A friend of the writer, who married a woman with a temper of her own, tells an amusing story at her expense. They have been married for about two years, and as despite her imperiousness they have got along very well, she smiles when the story is repeated.

After courting for some time the young man summoned up courage to put the momentous question. He was duly accepted, but a hint was thrown out that he should see her father. He readily agreed, and one evening called to talk the matter over with her parent.

When the matter had been arranged the father said:

"Well, young man, if you want to marry my daughter you must first get your life insured in her favor."

"Certainly," answered the would-be benedict, pleased to find the father so solicitous for the girl's future. "Which company would you recommend?"

"I would recommend none, sir," was the answer, "but," he added, as his daughter's bursts of temper came to his mind, "you had better choose some pay-all-claims company. They allow suicide."

### BIRDS IN "CAKE WALK."

Naturalist Tells of Peculiar Antics of the Albatross.

In the Laysan islands of the Pacific the albatross is very tame and very abundant. A naturalist thus describes the so-called dance or "cake walk," as the sailors call it, of these interesting birds: "Two albatrosses approach each other bowing profoundly and stepping rather heavily. They circle around each other nodding solemnly all the time. Next they fence a little, crossing bills and whetting them together, pecking meanwhile, and dropping stiff little bows. Suddenly one lifts its closed wing and nibbles at the feathers underneath, or rarely if in a hurry merely turns its head and tucks its bill under its wing. The other bird during this short performance assumes a statuesque pose and either looks mechanically from side to side or snaps its bill loudly a few times. Then the first bird bows once and, pointing its head and beak straight upward, rises on its toes, puffs out its breast and utters a prolonged nasal groan, the other bird snapping its bill loudly and rapidly at the same time. When they have finished they begin bowing at each other again, almost always rapidly and alternately, and presently repeat the performance."

Too Literal Obedience.

Superintendent S. D. Smith of the Manhattan elevated lines illustrating to some employees who were up on complaints the use of intelligence in the carrying out of orders, told this story:

"I was going through Washington street the other day when I saw a boy lug out a watering can and begin to sprinkle the pavement while the rain was coming down briskly.

"What are you doing that for?" I asked the boy.

"The boss told me always to sprinkle the pavement before sweeping it," replied the lad, who showed a most commendable spirit of obedience, but an utter lack of appreciation of the purpose of the sprinkling."—New York Times.

An Unknown Angel.

She walks unnoticed in the street;  
The casual eye sees nothing in her fair or sweet,  
The world goes by unconscious that an angel's feet  
Are passing high.

She little has of beauty's wealth;  
Truth will allow  
Only her priceless youth and health,  
Her brow, white brow;  
Yet grows she on the heart by stealth,  
I scarce know how.

She does a thousand kindly things  
That no one knows;  
A loving woman's heart she brings  
To human woes;  
And to her face the sunlight clings  
Where'er she goes.

And so she walks her quiet ways  
With that content  
That only comes to sinless days  
And innocent;  
A life devoid of fame or praise,  
Yet nobly spent.

Crushing.

The youth had just left college, and his ambition, like his collar, was high. At home the all-engrossing subject was the young man's future career, and he was discussing with his parents which of the professions stood most in need of his genius. The father's idea of his son's ability was disgustingly low.

"I think," said the old man, "that you had better adorn one of the stools in my office."

The young man drew himself up and the high collar grew tight as he strove to swallow his righteous anger. Folding his arms, he asked:

"Is thy servant a dog?"

"No, but you'll grow!" came the crushing response.

Antiquity of False Teeth.

The manufacture and use of false teeth are undoubtedly of great antiquity. The ancient Egyptians were no mean dentists. Jawbones of mummies have been found with false teeth in them, and some with teeth filled with gold. The ancient Greeks also knew how to fill teeth with gold and how to make false teeth.

Legal Lore.

Just after the war, an old darkey came up to the governor and said: "Marster, kin you make me justice ob de peace?" "Well, Uncle Ned, in case of suicide what would you do?" Uncle Ned thought deeply, "Marster, I'd make him pay de costs of de court and support de child."—Lippincott's.

### The February Delinctor.

The February Delinctor is a magazine of uncommon interest and value. Its stories, articles and pictures are excellent, and the review of Mrs. Osborn, thorough and enlightening. In fiction there is a mystical tale entitled The Silver Boat, by Albert Bigelow Paine; a strong love-story from the Pacific by Ednah Proctor Clarke, The Wooling of Tia; and a delightful middle-age romance by L. M. Montgomery; also a chapter of the Evolution of a Club Woman, the much discussed serial by Agnes Surbridge. The home life of Calve, the most interesting personality among the favorites of the opera, is described in a remarkably illustrated article by Percy Mitchell. A serious paper on The Cultivation of Ideals by Lillie Hamilton French will be generally enjoyed, and collectors of antiques especially will be interested in The Quest of Roxane, by Frances Roberts. Dr. Grace Peckham Murray's article on the care of the complexion meets an urgent need for just such a scientific treatise simply presented. There are entertaining pages for young people, including chapters of The Little Garden Calendar of Albert B. Paine, and Gabrielle E. Jackson's Tommy Postoffice, and an interesting paper dealing with the manners and customs of the Red men, by Lina Beard. There is also timely information on a variety of topics of interest to women, with especial reference to needs of the household.

Dr. Williamson Swears.

Yorktown, Ark., Jan. 18.—Last week a statement was published from Leland Williamson, M. D., of this place, to the effect that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine for all Kidney Diseases and that he uses them with uniform success in his daily practice.

No one who knows Dr. Williamson will doubt for a moment the complete truth of his fearless declaration, but to completely clinch the matter in the minds of those who may not have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with this celebrated physician, Dr. Williamson has appeared before Mr. H. E. Greene, J. P. for Montgomery County, and made a sworn statement.

In this sworn statement the doctor has cited a number of cases which have been completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Here is case No. 1:

"Henry Hall, Sr., age 48, an American, attacked with Malaria Haematia, or Swamp Fever; temperature ranged from 101 to 105, highly coated tongue, constipated bowels, hemorrhage or passage of blood from Kidneys; used febrifuge and Dodd's Kidney Pills to relieve the inflammation and congested condition of Kidneys and to render the urine bland and non-irritating. Recovery complete after two months' treatment of the Pills."

It's terrible clever the way women, when they start to get on a street car, can act as if they were going to show something interesting and then not do it.

Concentration is the secret of strength in politics, in war, in trade; in short, in all management of human affairs.—Emerson.

The dentist who could invent a way to let a woman go on talking while he was drilling her teeth would make ten thousand fortunes.

A Prolific Brood Sow.

W. Anderson & Son, of Carlisle, Ill., are the owners of a Berkshire brood sow which has farrowed 117 pigs in nine consecutive litters in four years and eight months, two of the litters being fifteen each and one of seventeen. Prolific brood sows are nearly always good milkers. The hog was intended by nature to be a prolific animal and if any of our readers are complaining of too few in the litter, they should hold a session with themselves and ask what it is they have been doing to thwart the purpose of nature. In nine cases out of ten it will be either because of a bad choice of brood sows—chosen for good looks rather than fitness for pork production—or supplying too much corn either directly or allowing them to gather their exclusive feed from following cattle. In general, if anything is wrong with a man's hogs, it will be found on examination that there is something wrong with himself or with his methods of breeding and feeding.

WORRY

A Sure Starter for Ill Health.

Useless worrying (a form of nervousness) is indirectly the result (through the nerves) of improper feeding. A furniture man of Memphis says:

"About a year ago I was afflicted with nervous spells, would worry so over trivial things.

"I went to consult one of the best physicians in Memphis and he asked among many questions if I drank coffee.

"His advice was: 'Go to some provision store and get a box of Postum, drink it in place of coffee and as you are confined to your desk to a great extent try and get out in the open air as much as possible.' I followed his instructions regarding the Postum.

"At that time my weight was 142 and I was taking all kinds of drugs and medicines to brace me up, but all failed; to-day I weigh 165 and all of my old troubles are gone, and all the credit is due to having followed this wise physician's advice and cut off the coffee and using Postum in its place.

"I now consider my health perfect. I am willing to go before a notary public and testify that it was all due to my having used Postum in place of coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason for quitting the drug-drink coffee, and there's a reason for drinking Postum. Trial 10 days proves them all.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

### ALL DONE OUT.

Veteran Joshua Heller of 706 S. Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says: "In the fall of 1899 after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I told the readers of this paper that they had relieved me of kidney trouble, disposed of a lame back with pain across my loins and beneath the shoulder blades. During the interval which has elapsed I have had occasion to resort to Doan's Kidney Pills when I noticed warnings of an attack. On each and every occasion the results obtained were just as satisfactory as when the pills were first brought to my notice. I just as emphatically endorse the preparation to-day as I did over two years ago."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., proprietors. For sale by all druggists price 50 cents per box.

Japanese Vases.

The poorest man in Japan may have—nay, will have—his vase. It is very likely but a piece of bamboo, closed at either end with a joint, an opening cut in one side through which the water is poured, and the end of the flower stalk put in. This humble man, with his innate conception of true art, will make his simple vase and his one long-stemmed chrysanthemum a picture of such loveliness that there will be no need for him to envy his rich neighbor with his more elaborate vases and his greater profusion of flowers.—Florence Peltier.

Don't you know that DeLancey Starch, besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in packages and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

The man who follows Polonius' advice and puts money in his purse, often finds it necessary to put his conscience there first.

Banking in Switzerland.

Thirty-six important banks in Switzerland have the right to issue bank notes. The notes are printed by the government. Two of the most prominent banks are the Cantonale Vaudoise at Lausanne and the Bank of Commerce at Geneva. Each has a capital of 12,000,000 francs (\$2,316,000). One of the most important foreign banks in Switzerland is the Credit Lyonnais at Geneva, which keeps in its vaults immense values in gold and silver ware, titles, diamonds and jewels belonging to citizens of France.

Mechanical Umpire.

Following close on the invention of a pitching gun to supplant the startler of the diamond, says the New York Evening Star, comes news from Canada for an invention to aid the umpire in making correct decisions on plays at first base. The new device, which has been patented, consists of an electric plate attached to the initial bag, and so arranged as to ring an electric bell if the first baseman touches the bag before the runner. On the other hand, if the batter reaches first base before it is touched by the baseman, the plate is so adjusted that the bell will not ring.

Assuming that the device is always in working order, the umpire may, if he wishes, turn his back and be sure of giving an accurate decision at first. If the bell rings, the runner's out; if it doesn't he's safe sounds simple.

Baseball people are now eagerly awaiting news of the invention of a batting machine which shall swell the average of every wielder of the wagon-tongue to the 300 per cent mark.

Ellistown, Miss., Sept. 1st, 1903.

A. B. Richards Med. Co., Sherman, Tex.

Gentlemen—I can cheerfully recommend your Hunt's Cure to any one troubled with tetter.

I used one box on a very bad case of years' standing and am now entirely cured. Yours truly,

AMOS LAWSON.

To quell the pride, even of the greatest, we should reflect how much we owe to others, and how little to ourselves.—Colton.

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The portiere was drawn aside and a girlish figure appeared.

pocketbook; that made a nest egg to work on. Then, to use an expression of yours, I resorted to my 'avuncular relative.' I wrote to one of those concerns that advertise to wait on you at your residence. They did not give me anything like I expected, for some really handsome jewelry that belonged to my mother."

"That is how pawnbrokers get so enormously rich; they give a third, or less, of the value, hoping that the article will never be redeemed."

"A happy inspiration seized me," she continued, "when I was at school a lot of us girls went in for writing



**MRS. COL. GRESHAM Was Given Up Pe-ru-na Saved Her Life.**

[It was catarrh of the lungs so common in the winter months.]



**MISS JENNIE DRISCOLL**

Miss Jennie Driscoll, 870 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"If people know how efficient Peruna was in the cure of catarrh, they would not hesitate to try it. I have all the faith in the world in it as it cured me, and I have never known of a case when the person was not cured in a short time."—Jennie Driscoll.

**MRS. COL. E. J. GRESHAM**

Mrs. Col. E. J. Gresham, Treasurer Daughters of the Confederacy and President Herndon Village Improvement Society, writes the following letter from Herndon, Fairfax Co., Va.:

The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio:

Gentlemen—"I cannot speak too highly of the value of Peruna. I believe that I owe my life to its wonderful merits. I suffered with catarrh of the head and lungs in its worst form, until the doctors fairly gave me up, and I despaired of ever getting well again.

"I noticed your advertisement and the splendid testimonials given by the people who had been cured by Peruna, and determined to try a bottle. I felt but little better, but used a second and third bottle and kept on improving slowly.

"It took six bottles to cure me, but they were worth a King's ransom to me. I talk Peruna to all my friends and am a true believer in its worth."—Mrs. Col. E. J. Gresham.

**A PLAIN TALK**

**On a Plain Subject in Plain Language.**

The coming winter will cause at least one-half of the women to have catarrh, colds, coughs, pneumonia or consumption. Thousands of women will lose their lives and tens of thousands will acquire some chronic ailment from which they will never recover.

Unless you take the necessary precautions, the chances are that you (who read this) will be one of

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the unfortunate ones. Little or no risk need be run if Peruna is kept in the house and at the first appearance of any symptom of catarrh taken as directed on the bottle.

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If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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**First Ribbed Stockinet.**

Ribbed stockinet was first made by Jedediah Strutt in England in 1769, on the machine invented by William Lee. This was not used for underwear in the United States until 1885, when a small manufacturer in New York first used it for undershirts; now nearly all of the knit underwear used in this country is ribbed. The ribbed stitch was made by reversing the stitch. The machine is so arranged that every alternate row, or two rows alternately, are reversed, so that both sides of the web are alike.—London Times.

**Worshipped the Cat.**

The people of Egypt, who had many idols, worshipped the cat, among others. They thought she was like the moon, because she was more attractive at night, and because her eyes changed like the moon, which is sometimes full and at other times only a light crescent, or, as we say, a half moon. So they made an idol with a cat's head, and named it Pasht. The same name they gave to the moon, for the word means "the face of the moon." The word has been changed to "Pas," and "Puss," and has come at last to be "Puss."

**The Skeleton in Armor.**

This discovery which Longfellow's poem celebrates was made in 1831 by Hannah Borden Cook at Fall River, while she was digging for sand for household purposes. She unearthed an object of a human being clothed in brass armor and buried in a sitting posture, facing the east. The bones were those of a tall, large-framed man. The knees were drawn up toward the breast and the forearms were drawn to the shoulders. From the head down the figure was wrapped in a sort of shroud of woven bark, seven varieties having been used in its construction. All of it, however, crumbled to dust and vanished on exposure to the air. The armor upon the skeleton was made of fine brass, and beside it were six arrows of brass, tin, flat and triangular in shape. These arrows were in a sort of a quiver of bark, which dropped to pieces on exposure to the air. The skeleton was carefully examined by local physicians—Dr. Wilbur and Dr. Glazier—who came to the conclusion that it was that of an Indian, and that it had lain in the ground 150 years. The bones were gathered up and with the brass arrow tips were placed in a case with a glass cover and deposited in the Fall River Athenaeum.

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With their excellent systems and large faculty of expert teachers, they are doing the best work that has ever been done in the South or West. Their courses are exceedingly thorough, practical and extensive.

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Edinburg, Miss., June 30th, 1903. A. B. Richards Med. Co., Sherman, Texas.

Gentlemen—I was troubled with Salt Rheum or Tetter in my hands for many years. I tried many remedies advertised for such diseases but never got any relief until I got a box of Hunt's Cure.

After using one box I was entirely cured. Yours very truly, JOHN BENSON.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

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Mrs. R. A. Kendall, Sept. Scien-  
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Mrs. Fred Lindner, Supt. Temper-  
ance in Sunday Schools.  
Mrs. M. Alice Floyd, Supt. Press  
Work.  
Mrs. E. P. Poindexter, Supt. Medial  
Contest Work.  
Mrs. J. E. W. Lane, Supt. Flower  
Mission.

Quite a number of the Union met at the Baptist Church on last Wednesday evening Dec. 13th, our regular day. All enthusiastic and ready for work. Some were absent from sickness.

After devotional exercises the meeting was opened by the President. Recording Secretary being absent, Miss Ada Cook, Cor. Secretary served pro tem.

Following roll call and general discussion, motion was made and seconded to order literature for general departments. Then the Contest work being taken up and discussed. Motion was made that the Superintendent begin her work in that department at once, which was seconded and decided on.

After report from the Press Superintendent the meeting was adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening, Jan. 20th, at the Methodist church.

I suppose every one knows that purity in all branches is the aim of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union therefore it expects the help of all who advocate that cause in all places.

To each one God gives the right, (personal right), to so live—as even laid down laws to govern his life that he may so live, (in purity). But I have seen no law nor instruction from God, whereby he gives one man the right to "debauch the other." Where then is the rights of the one crazed with drink? Given to the one who sold him the accursed drink, sold into slavery, of the most degrading.

When will man awaken to the knowledge that true personal rights and liberty are founded on the word of God and his promises. "Am I my brother's keeper?" will come home to many.

"Oh, the habits of life, so plant in youth." And the character so hard to form, to which such little attention is paid by some. "If the combined work of God and man in the meeting?" God with his children and his children with him, year in, year out, boyhood, girlhood, manhood, womanhood this forms the true character.

This brings to mind a reading in the New Voice, taken from the Cleveland Press, Dec 14th. "Boys and Cigarettes."

Thousands of boys today going straight to the saloon via the cigarette and cigarette smoking chums, proves the intimate relation of these two evils in our social life.

This should be a startling revelation to their mothers if they understood the alarming proportion to which it has grown in this country. A magistrate in Harlem Court, New York, made the following significant declaration the other day:

"Yesterday I had before me thirty-five boy prisoners. Thirty-three of them were confirmed cigarette smokers. Today, from a reliable source, I have made the gresome discovery that two of the largest cigarette manufacturers in this country soak their product in a weak solution of opium. The fact that thirty-three of the prisoners out of fifty-five used cigarettes seem to indicate connection between cigarette and crime.

The cigarette is to young boys very much like what whiskey is to grown men. If it does not directly cause crime, it at least accompanies it. It is an addition that does not ally itself with the high virtues of manly youth."

"He must be a strange boy indeed, who can derive moral and physical good from cigarettes."

"Opium is like whiskey, it creates an increasing appetite that grows with

what it feeds upon. Even pure tobacco has the same effect."

"The growing boy, who lets tobacco and opium get hold upon his senses is never long in coming under the domination of whiskey too."

**PRESS SUPERINTENDENT.**

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have ever used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by R. Phillips, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

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

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Warranted to cure. For sale by R. Phillips Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

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**DR. A. LEVEY.**

The well known optician, will be in Baird, at R. Phillips' drug store, January 23d to 27th. Eyes examined free. Dr. Levey is successful in correcting errors of refraction, adjusting glasses, and relieves with carefully ground lenses all ailments caused by eye strain, viz., nervous headache, red or watery eyes, pain in the eyes, blurred vision after reading, sewing or doing close work, or looking at objects at a far distance, etc. Also, takes pains in fitting frames, which is just as essential as the proper fitting of glasses. At Phillip's drug store Jan. 23d to 27th. 6-2f

**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.

Clark Smith, of Admiral, was in town Wednesday.

**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.

Mr. Will Griffith, who has been visiting friends here for several days, left Tuesday night for Merkel.

**Pleasant and Most Effective.**

T. J. Chambers, Ed. Vindicator, Liberty, Texas writes Dec. 25, 1902: "With pleasure and unsolicited by you, 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 pleasantest remedy for coughs and colds I ever used." 25c, 50c and 1.00 R. Phillips.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE.**

Program for January 24 1904.  
Leader, Frenchie Emmons.  
Scripture lesson, by leader.  
References.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Recitation, Dana McFarlane.  
Recitation, Lester Anderson.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Reading, Sidney Cochran.  
Recitation, Lawrence Bowls.  
Song.  
Roll call.  
Benediction.



**Mrs. Laura S. Webb,**  
Vice-President Woman's Democratic Clubs of Northern Ohio.

"I dreaded the change of life which was fast approaching. I noticed Wine of Cardui, and decided to try a bottle. I experienced some relief the first month, so I kept on taking it for three months and now I menstruate with no pain and I shall take it off and on now until I have passed the climax."

Female weakness, disordered menses, falling of the womb and ovarian troubles do not wear off. They follow a woman to the change of life. Do not wait but take Wine of Cardui now and avoid the trouble. Wine of Cardui never fails to benefit a suffering woman of any age. Wine of Cardui relieved Mrs. Webb when she was in danger. When you come to the change of life Mrs. Webb's letter will mean more to you than it does now. But you may now avoid the suffering she endured. Druggists sell \$1 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

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I have moved into my new Barber Shop, first door south of Oliver & Wilson's Market. Everything nice, new and clean. Give me a call when in need of an easy Shave and Stylish Hair Cut, SHAMPOOING, HAIR DYEING.  
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Basket leaves Tuesdays, returns Fridays.  
I am now running two chairs and am prepared to serve you promptly.  
Hot and cold baths.

**MILLIONAIRE'S POOR STOMACH.**

The worn-out stomach of the overfed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. All druggists.

We have one hundred and fifty suits, nicest, newest novelty of the season in winter weight in men's clothing. They MUST be sold. A great bargain. Be sure and get you a suit while you can buy it cheap. Powell's is the only place to find these bargains. 5-1f

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.

**NEW GOODS.**

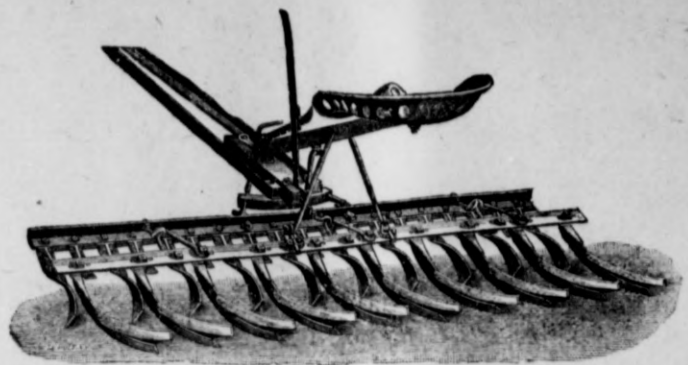
You ought to see all the pretty new goods at T. E. Powell's. We got in two car loads this week at old prices; goods at my store are cheaper today than at the factory where they were made. You know the advance is here, but I bought before the great advance. Come and see. T. E. Powell. 7

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

The State of Texas, County of Callahan. Taken up by J. W. Gaither, P. O. Putnam, Texas, and estrayed before F. S. Ormsby, J. P. Precinct No. 8, Callahan county, Texas, on the 24th day of Oct. 1903, the following described animal: One light bay horse, unbroken, about 16 hands high, 3 white feet, white stripe in face about 8 years old, branded x 1904 left shoulder, and appraised at \$50.00.  
If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of Jan. A. D. 1904.  
W. P. COCHRAN, C. J. Clerk,  
Callahan County Texas.  
7-11-04

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

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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.

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