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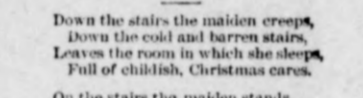
CHRISTMAS MORNING.



Down the stairs the maiden leaps,
Down the polished, oaken stairs,
Leaves the chamber where she sleeps,
Unmolested by Christmas cares.



Not a doubt she looks her love,
Joyously her young voice rings,
"What has Santa brought me now?"



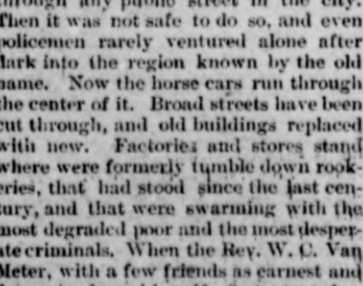
Down the stairs the maiden creeps,
Down the cold and barren stairs,
Leaves the room in which she sleeps,
Full of childish, Christmas cares.



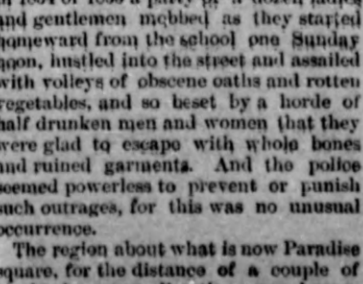
On the stairs the maiden stands,
Tearing further down to go.



Freezing are her lips and hands,
"Has Old Santa been below?"



THE younger generation who know New York only as it has been for twenty years past, growing better all the time despite the sneers of pessimists, it is impossible to realize that only a few years farther back there was such a place in the center of the city as the Five Points. Nowadays it does not take unusual courage for a moderately athletic man to walk alone in broad daylight through any public street in the city.



THE region about what is now Paradise square, for the distance of a couple of blocks in every direction, was honey-combed with blind alleys and secret passages, some of them running underground from one block to another.

was a city of refuge for criminals, and though they warred and preyed upon one another with entire lawlessness, they combined as a unit to protect any one among them from the processes of the law. Aside from the criminals the population consisted almost entirely, if not quite so, of the poverty-stricken, for dire poverty and desperate crime then, as very often in history, went hand in hand.

The children, who were coaxed one by one into the mission schoolroom, were a crowd of little savages. Their ignorance was something amazing. It was not very uncommon to find among them boys and girls of 6 or 7 years old who did not know their full names, but who stoutly declared that "Sally" or "Bill" was the only name they had, and once or twice children were found who actually did not know whether they had ever had fathers and mothers. Some had no homes. God only knows how they kept alive, for they slept in holes and corners, and fed like vagrant cats and dogs on whatever they could beg, find or steal. Impossible! Certainly it is, but it is true, nevertheless.

Among the wisest and shyest of all who came in was a boy who was the originator of at least one famous joke, though without intention. The teacher asked him his name and he said it was George. Being asked what his last name was he said that was his last name.

"But you must have another name," urged the teacher. "Is it George Smith, or George Johnson, or George What?" "Nope," he said, shortly. "Taint George What, nor George Nothin', it's George. I hain't got no other name."

Just the joke came when the teacher, wishing to know whether he had learned anything at all, asked him, "Do you know who made you?"

At the same instant a boy behind him stuck a pin into George. Such tricks were very common among the little savages, but it did not hurt any the less because it was not unusual. George jumped from his seat and shouted at the top of his voice "God-dammit!"

"Well, that's right," said the teacher, who had not noticed the trick. "But don't shout so." The story was told afterwards, with enlargements, until it became a "chestnut" many years ago. It was a long time—some months—before the teachers could learn much about the boy, for he was distrustful to the last degree. He kicked the Rev. Mr. Van Meter on the shins very violently, and twisted himself away like an eel when that gentleman, according to his habit, laid his hand affectionately on the boy's shoulder. George thought he was going to be beaten, and took his usual precaution of eluding the preliminary hold. He had, it seemed, never known what it was to have any body take hold of him in kindness, and was no more to be handled than a young bird or a squirrel. There was hardly anything, in fact, that he did know, as the good mission people reckoned knowledge. He knew how to swear fluently, as his accidentally correct answer to his Maker indicated, but he did not know, and it was a long time before he could be made to understand, that swearing was wrong. In fact, he did not know what wrong was. So far as his experience of life went, everybody did precisely what he seemed at the moment desirable to do, unless prevented by superior physical force, or by bodily fear. Stealing was to him a perfectly legitimate mode of acquiring anything that he might happen to want, and the only reason why it should be done secretly was that too much ostentation about the act was apt to provoke interference on the part of the owner, who might and probably would want the article himself. Lying was simply the easiest way of concealing anything that he did not care to reveal, and the only thing he had of the objectionable character of the act was that anybody to whom he told a lie would beat him savagely if he did not lie cleverly enough to escape detection. As to the Sabbath, the first knowledge he had of the difference between one day and another came from his mother, that once in a while these people who had white clothes on and who spoke gently came into the neighborhood and opened the little mission room and tried to get the children to go into it.

George was among those who were coaxed in with much difficulty, but after going once he went regularly. The room was clean and pleasant, and as the autumn days came on there was a stove put in and a fire made. It was slowly a novelty to him—being allowed to sit undisturbed in a warm room. The story the good teacher obtained from him after winning his confidence was appalling by its very absence of detail; but it was only one of many like stories, and she could do very little to alleviate the misery that was all around her.

George lived with a woman whom he had been taught to call Aunt Sally. Whether she was his aunt, who his mother or father was, whether they were alive, or whether, indeed, he had ever had a mother or a father, were matters concerning which he absolutely knew nothing, even by hearsay. Aunt Sally was negatively good to him, it appeared. She did not beat him, except when she was drunk, which was,

however, much of the time. She let him sleep in her room, and when she had food she gave him some. When she was drinking heavily she did not bother about eating, and George had learned, as young as he was, to keep away from her, and get his food for himself. How or when he got it, he knew nothing about. Such cases are not as common in New York as they were twenty-five or thirty years ago, but they are found now and again, even in these days. Who Aunt Sally was, or why she took any interest whatever in him, he knew nothing about. She was a fact, and her interest, faint though it was, was a fact, and he did not come to the age of reasoning about facts. He only recognized them.

One day—and it chanced to be Christmas eve—a lady and gentleman appeared in the little room as visitors. They had read of the mission work, the gentleman explained, and had come from their home in a nearby city to see it and to give what little help was in their power. There was a story back of it, but this name was not told till afterward. Their name was not Harrison, so I may call them that.

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inquire closely for fear of shameful disclosures. The climax came in a peculiarly painful way. Among the gentlemen who visited at the house was Mr. Harrison, and it happened that, while the younger daughter was the one he sought in marriage, both the girls fell in love with him. Sarah's passion was none the less violent because of its lawless character and its utter helplessness, and when she learned that her sister was to marry the man she herself loved, she left home finally, after a terrible scene in which she swore vengeance, defied all authority, and spurned the love of her father, mother and sister.

For three years nothing was heard of her. Her father, old before his time with sorrow, still remembered what passed between them. He told his wife and would at any time have received her back with open arms, but no word came, and he knew too well the utility of trying to track her out or lure her home again. At last one evening she presented herself and demanded an interview, which was readily granted.

It was behind closed doors, and no one but the father ever knew just what passed between them. He told his wife and daughter, however, the substance of it. Sarah had demanded a portion of his fortune, and had offered for it to hide herself from him forever, to take another name and lead her own life in her own way.

"I told her," said the sorrowing man, "that she should always have a home with me, no matter when she came to claim it, and that I would never see her want for anything if she would come back to me, but that, if she persisted in the life she plainly said she proposed to live, I would do nothing for her before or after my death. And then she left me, saying it was forever, and cursing me—cursing me, her father, who even now would die for her if need be."

For a time after this nothing was heard of the prodigal. Then one Christmas eve she was seen in the city, as she chose to call it, in an awful crime. Mrs. Harrison's only child, a boy not quite three years old, was in one of the public parks of the city, in charge of a nurse, when Sarah approached, and, by pretending a violent fancy for the child, threw the careless servant off her guard. Whether she bribed the girl, or really succeeded in tricking her, we never know, but it was two hours later when that frightened individual reported to Mrs. Harrison that her boy had been stolen.

It would be impossible to describe the agony of the parents, and useless to detail all the circumstances of the search that was made. The servant gave a sufficiently accurate description of the strange woman, whom she had never seen before, for the family to know who

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cured and employed, no publication was made in the press.

Six years had passed from the day the boy was stolen when Mr. and Mrs. Harrison entered the little mission school in the Five Points. It was her own loss that had made her so peculiarly anxious to benefit poor children; but, though she was forever searching for her own little one, both she and her husband had almost given up the hope of ever finding him. While Mr. Harrison was talking with Mr. Van Meter, however, her eager eyes were scanning the faces of all the boys in the room.

Suddenly she turned pale. "Oh, George!" she said, or gasped, rather, and without another word she flew rather than ran to the other end of the room dropping on her knees in front of the poor little wail who had drifted in so strangely, sized him with both hands and looked eagerly, almost wildly, into his eyes.

"What is your name?" she said to the startled child. "George," he said. "I dunno," he answered, beginning to cry, for he had developed a sensitiveness about his lack of a proper compliment of names, and, moreover, he was half frightened by the now frantic woman's strange behavior.

Suddenly she tore open his jacket and the poor, ragged shirt he had on, and looking on his breast found the birthmark she sought. Then, quick as a flash—the whole thing happened so quickly that it was over before her husband reached her side—she gathered him into her arms, dirt, rags and all, and kissed him until it seemed as if she were trying to devour him. Then, of course, she fainted.

It did not take long though, for the other ladies in the room to bring her back to consciousness, and then such a scene as is rarely witnessed in this world put an end to anything like the usual order of exercises. Mr. Harrison was naturally a little slower than his wife to recognize the child, but only a little, and the bewildered boy was shortly embraced and kissed as few children in this world ever have been.

Such a prayer as Mr. Van Meter uttered, while the tears streamed down his cheeks and every person in the room dropped on his knees, has seldom been heard even from his eloquent lips, and in a few more minutes Mr. Harrison proposed to leave. It was obvious enough to him that he had to take his child home, but the good missionary was too well acquainted with the neighborhood to let him go unmolested.

"You would be mobbed before you had gone a block, if the people saw you carrying away the child," he said, and it was presently arranged that a policeman should be summoned to escort the party up to Broadway, and a carriage should be taken there.

This was done as quickly as possible, for there was real danger of trouble, if the news had been spread through the neighborhood before they got away. As it happened, however, all passed off quietly, and little George had seen such a Christmas as he had never dreamed of. "Aunt Sally" was found, and every effort was made to induce her to reform. She consented to go home, but whether she remained there or not I do not know.

Sensational as anything in fiction, is it not? Yet, excepting in some few details, it is a true story.

A Moneyless Christmas. A Christmas without spending money! Midwinter holidays without dolls or picture books, tops, toy cannon or jumping jacks, colored candies or any "store presents" of any kind whatsoever! Christ's nativity celebrated without a Christmas tree or a Christmas card or a gathering of the children—in evergreen shrub sparkling with glass, no Santa Claus and no pantomime. Could such a thing be in a Christian land?

Yes, verily. And it is not so very long ago that just such a Christmas was the rule in three-fourths of the United States—may, it is the rule now in considerable sections where there are no large towns. So easily do we get accustomed to what is, and so naturally do children believe that the system they first noticed has always been the system, that most people do not know, and even the older ones are forgetting, that the Christmas of today is comparatively a new thing.

But what was the old time Christmas, and with what sights and sounds was it ushered in? Well, in the first place, it was—in all the rural regions at any rate—a time when no money could be "wasted." Children must have their fun without extra expense, save as each child had carefully saved his pennies. As to deliberately handing out a half dollar to a boy for Christmas—the average father would as soon have thought of giving him a deed for the farm. It was a season for rabbit hunting and sledging if there was snow enough, and for sliding if there was ice, for a good dinner and an extra piece of pie, and then, perhaps, for some home made presents.

A little later toys began to come in—say about 1850—in the central west, and such toys! Blocky horses, square cornered cows, dogs made of clay and burnt black in the fire, and so forth and so forth; a collection of them now would throw a group of children into convulsions of laughter. By it remembered that less than fifty years ago Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis were the only cities really known to the great mass of people living west of Ohio and north of Tennessee, and nine-tenths of the people under 20 years of age had never seen a city of 10,000 inhabitants. And in those days rural America celebrated Christmas literally without money and without (cash) price.

Plenty of people who do not like to be called old can recall the time when, in all the book stores of the rural regions, only two or three kinds of "story books" could be found, and as to holiday books and holiday goods as such—well, they could be found in the cities, probably, but not one child in a hundred, taking the country through, ever saw one of them.

SUCH A CHRISTMAS. The kidnapper was, but Sarah had had a sufficient start to get on a train for New York, and all efforts to trace her were ineffectual. Had the newspapers even at that time learned the particulars of the story it would have become as famous as the Charlie Ross case, but the family shrank from the exposure that would have been inevitable, and though all the detective skill that could be pro-

FOOD FOR REFLECTION.

Yes, Mister Turkey-cock, I own you make a gallant show
As in full fig you strut about
Magnificently slow
But would it, in your puffed out state
Give you too great a shock
To know 't'was our little cock on you,
Vain Mister Turkey-cock?



Yet so it be far by their eyes,
And guttural parts of speech,
I know they would you for your pride,
And humbler thoughts would teach.

Romance and Facts.



Swissy—What did Santa Claus bring you, Misery?
Misery—Oh, I got a brand new warm overcoat, and a pair of dandy pants, and a lot of candy and sm'other little things I can't just remember. Whajujit?
Swissy—Oh, I got a scalin' cap, an' some warm shoes as goes on under those, an' fourteen dinner tickets, and lots of candy an' things. Now, Misery, straight—wha'd' yer git?
Misery (voice just a little shaky)—Say, Swissy, I lugged up my stockin' all right, and, do yer know, I never got a bloomin' thing!
Swissy (also shaky as to voice)—Nor me, neither—Smith, Gray & Co.'s Illustrated Monthly.

How He Would Slide.



Mrs. Smittem (to her son)—Which would you rather have for Christmas, Robbie, a pair of skates or a sled?
Robbie—Can't I have both?
Mrs. Smittem—No, I don't think Santa Claus would consent to that.
Robbie—Then give me the skates, Tommy Smittem's got a sled, and I can lick him.

A Wise Bird.



"Why don't you eat, Mr. Gobdler?"
"Because I don't wish to be eaten, my friend. Are you not aware that Christmas is coming?"—Harper's Young People.

Boys Are Human, of Course.



The boy who finds his stockings well filled on Christmas morning does not care what the other fellow got.—Judge.

CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The Anson Western come out last week with a sixteen page edition.

The Eastland Chronicle favors making pistol toasting a felony. Not a bad idea.

Time, tide, death, due bills, taxes and the supreme court wait for neither man nor Hogg.

Make pistol carrying a felony and highway robbery a capital offense. What say the newspaperists?

The Star is two days ahead of time this week. The boys want to take Christmas, you know.

Col. Cary W. Styles is making the Weatherford Constitution one of the very best weekly papers in the state.

The Midland Gazette says two-thirds of the papers and people of Texas are for Hogg. Yes, in a hog horn.

The Brownwood Appeal and the other Brownwood papers are having a little friendly hair pulling over the Alliance.

Montana has a governor named Tool and he is as sharp as a two-edged sword. It is needless to say that he is a Democrat.

The Northern Republican press, with a few exceptions, speak in respectful terms of the dead president of the Confederacy.

The supreme court of Texas does not seem to have a bit of respect for the politicians, even if they do happen to hold a state office.

The Abilene Reporter is now a six-column twelve-page paper. The Reporter is a good paper and we are glad to see it prospering.

The Alliance Exchange at Dallas was sold some time since, under a deed of trust, for \$35,000. The property was valued at \$75,000.

The Ballinger Banner is a lively paper and is well gotten up and neatly printed. Ballinger must be a good town to support two papers.

No suit has been filed against the Central railroad up to date. If the road is robbing the state why the delay. Will the Midland Gazette please answer?

The deadly six-shooter has been getting in its work at a fearful rate in Texas for the last few weeks. More stringent laws are needed against pistol carrying.

The Cottonwood Prodigal says the Baird and Cottonwood road is in splendid condition. Good. Let the work continue until we can say as much for every road in the county.

Montana has a good sized rumpus on hand. The legislature has not been able to perfect an organization yet, and consequently the new state is still unrepresented in the United States senate.

Peace on earth and good will towards man. If the Star has an enemy in the world we don't know it, but if we have on this Christmas eve we are willing to forgive and forget and make up.

Anson has raised the balance of the money due on the roller mill, and the mill is now free from debt. What a contrast between Baird and Anson. Our mill project seems to be sleeping the sleep that knows no waking.

The supreme court did not wait for the next Democratic convention to "fry the fat out of the biggest hog in Texas." The action of the supreme court will lighten the labors of the convention wonderfully.

Cards are out for the marriage of Lyman T. Gould, formerly of Baird, but at present residing in New Mexico, and Miss Josie Sprull. The marriage will take place at the Methodist church to-night at 7 o'clock. The Star extends hearty congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

The express office at Brownwood was robbed of \$7,000 one day last week, and a few days later the Santa Fe train was held up and robbed at a lonely station thirteen miles of Brownwood. A brakeman from Penn was killed in the last robbery.

Make train robbery a capital crime. It is natural that they should desire in every way to show proper respect to the fallen chief of the "lost cause."

A FELLOW feeling makes us wonderful kind. The Dallas News and Vernon Guard have formed a mutual admiration society. Cause, the News does not like the Fort Worth Gazette, neither does the Guard. The Guard does not like Jefferson Davis, either. Probably the News cannot agree with its esteemed contemporary, on this point because there are too many old "Confeds" scattered over the state, if they are scarce in the Panhandle.

There is consternation in the Hogg camp these days. Boys, you had just as well submit gracefully to the inevitable. The Hogg boom is "busted" for a fact. We know this is mighty warm weather to kill such a large "Hogg," but it could not be helped.

WHAT would a certain east Texas paper do for editorials if it was not for THE STAR. We admire the taste of our esteemed contemporary, but it is exactly the proper thing to take an editorial from another paper and simply make change in the name of the paper and insert it as original.

THE editor of the Stephenville Headlight flies into a passion every time a Democrat speaks of his party as the "grand old Democratic party." Minter's liver is out of whack and he should take a double distilled dose of Simmon's liver regulator or a half box of Smith's bile beans.

THE Vernon Call says the Guard some time ago called Jeff Davis an "arch traitor." Perhaps it was the Guard's enmity towards Mr. Davis that prompted that sneering remark about "jim crow" papers appearing in mourning for the ex-president of the Confederacy.

SOME of the newspaper friends of Gen. Hogg have a habit of denouncing all those who oppose Hogg and a commission bill, as the hired tools of the railroads and other monopolies. Of course all the virtue and patriotism is in the Hogg camp (and the only wonder is that the state of Texas has existed as long as it has without Hogg for governor.

THE supreme court has knocked the ass out of Hogg's gubernatorial boom and taken a considerable amount of conceit out of Mr. Hogg at the same time. The attorney-general in trying to ride into the governor's office by wrecking the railroads does not find his path strewn altogether with flowers as he supposed.

THE Houston Post is a splendid paper, and the more we see of it the better we like it. The price of the Weekly Post is \$1.25. We will send the Post and STAR to one address for \$2, payable in advance. In making up your list of papers for next year suppose you try the Houston Post. It is a splendid paper.

HON. ROGER Q. MILLS announces that he will be a candidate for reelection to congress. It was given out some time ago that Col. Mills would not be a candidate for congress next time, but would aspire to Mr. Reagan's seat in the senate. Col. Mills is wise. It will be a cold day in August when he occupies Reagan's seat in the senate.

ABOUT the most amusing thing that has occurred for a long time was the way Silcott, the cashier of the sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, skinned our national lawmakers. The Republicans say he is a Democrat and the Democrats say he is a Republican, but they all unite in pronouncing him a first-class rascal.

CLEVELAND as an ex-president attracts more attention than Benjamin Harrison does as president. All the objection the Democrats had to Cleveland was that he did not turn out the Republicans and fill their places with Democrats. The last election showed him his folly, and woe unto the Republicans should he happen to get into the White House again.

MANY Republicans confidently assert that no person now living will ever see another Democratic president. Fifteen years ago we heard prominent Republicans just as confidently assert that the Democratic party would never elect another president. Yet the prediction was untrue as events have since shown. The Democrats had a majority of the popular vote in four elections and elected a president once since that time.

THE question that is agitating the minds of our congressmen most these days is shall the members or the government lose the amount stolen by Silcott, the defaulting cashier of the sergeant-at-arms. We are no lawyer, but it seems to us that if the members empowered Silcott to collect and remit their salary that the members, and not the government, should be the loser.

THE Vernon Guard says many of the "jim crow" country papers appeared last week with their columns ruled in honor of Jefferson Davis. The Guard should not sneer at the country paper of the South on this account, because most of the Southern papers are owned and published by Southern men, many of them old ex-Confederates, and it was natural that they should desire in

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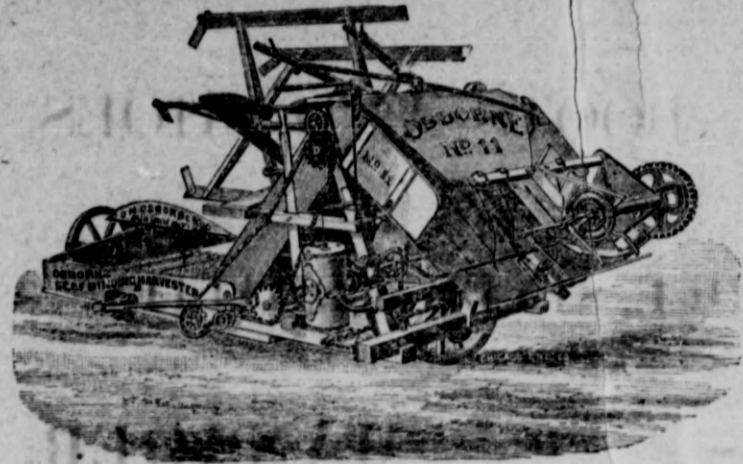
REPORT of the Condition of the First National Bank of Baird At Baird in the State of Texas, at the close of business, December 11, 1889. RESOURCES Loans and discounts \$120,202 42 Over-Drafts, secured and unsecured 1,095 28 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 21,250 00 Due from approved reserve agents 7,413 77 Due from other National Banks 15,269 97 Due from State Banks and bankers 3,428 87 Banking house, furniture and fixtures 5,351 16 Other real estate and mortgages owned 4,345 00 Current expenses and taxes paid 2,067 63 Premiums paid 1,200 00 Checks and other cash items 866 12 Bills of other Banks 1,952 00 Fractional paper, cur'ey nickels and etc. 10 Special 900 25 Legal-tender notes 1,500 00 Redemption Fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation) 356 00 Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund 500 00 Total \$197,325 60 LIABILITIES Capital stock paid in \$85,000 00 Surplus Fund 5,000 00 Undivided profits 6,704 64 National Bank notes outstanding 19,130 00 Dividends unpaid 51,617 89 Individual deposits subject to check 51,617 89 Demand certificates of deposit 2,100 98 Time certificates of deposit 3,545 30 Due to other National Banks 3,545 30 Due to State Banks and 1 bankers 13,963 23 Notes and bills re-discounted 18,000 00 Total \$197,325 60 STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan, J. W. C. Powell, Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. C. POWELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of December, 1889. D. RICHARDSON, Notary Public, Callahan Co, Tex. CORRECT-Attest: F. W. JAMES, J. A. GILLILAND, Directors A. G. WILLS, Cashier. NOTE-Dividend periods, March 1st and Sept. 1. Annually. LADIES, READ THIS UNPARALLELED OFFER. To any lady sending us the names of twenty other ladies with their address, we will make a handsome present worth several dollars. Address (enclosing four cents for postage) Texas Portrait Co., Dallas, Tex. 2-3m For Sale. My residence in west part of town, consisting of 3-room dwelling, lawn, stable, etc. Nice young orchard. Also store house on Market street now occupied by R. Phillips. Will sell at a bargain. I. F. LEIBY, Baird, Texas. Money to Loan.

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Dress gingham, from 7 1/2 to 10c. per yard.
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We also carry a full line of

Silks, Satins, Henriettas, Worsteds, Corsets, Laces, Ribbons, Hose, buttons, and in fact everything kept in a first-class dry goods store.

Ladies' Newmarkets, Cloaks and Shawls.

Boys' suits from \$2.50 to \$10
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Overcoats from \$3 to \$18
Wedding Suits a Specialty.

We can sell you a suit of clothes cheaper than any house west of St. Louis. We can fit a boy 3 years or man as big as a giant.

Ladies'—Zigler French Ltd. \$4
Hamilton & Brown, \$1 to \$3.50
Brown Des Noyer, \$1 to \$2.75

BOOTS & SHOES.

Mens'—Brown Des Noyer's best calf shoe, \$2.50. The best shoe in town for the money.

We carry a complete line of HAND-MADE Boots and Shoes. All warranted.

We carry a complete line of hats made by manufacturers, including the J. B. Stetson, "Tiger" and "The Lion." Call and examine goods and prices.

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We have the finest line of white and colored shirts, underwear, neckties, collars and cuffs, scarf pins, cuff buttons etc. To price our goods is to buy them.

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We have a large variety of

Trunks and Valises.

THE TOWN.

Jim Allen was in the city Saturday. J. O. Blair has repainted his dwelling.

T. B. Hadley was in town last Friday. Carey Hinds is at home for Christmas.

C. C. Jackson was in town last Saturday.

J. D. Boydston returned home last Friday.

Marion Blakeley has built an addition to his dwelling.

Isham G. Harris jr., of Eagle Cove, was in town Saturday.

Squire Smith was taking in the sights of the city Saturday.

J. W. Jones and wife will spend Christmas at Tecumseh.

Rev. R. F. Dunn preached at the Methodist church last Sunday.

H. H. Ramsey, dentist, is in town and will remain for two weeks.

Rev. R. F. Dunn is having a cistern dug at the Methodist parsonage.

Aunt Rebecca Gilliland and "Cap" Gilliland were in town last Friday.

Miss Josie Spruill, of Abilene, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. F. Dunn.

We call attention to the report of the First National bank in this issue.

Than Warren was in town last Friday. He looks as hail and hearty as ever.

S. Ramsey, one of our old Cottonwood friends, was in town last Friday night.

Andy Young was in town last week after a supply of Christmas goods.

J. C. Lynch and Rev. W. G. Caperton, of Albany, were in town last night.

Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and children leave for Tecumseh to-day to spend Christmas.

Miss Sallie Sexton is in town and will spend the Christmas holidays with friends here.

Mrs. P. L. Callahan returned last week from a few weeks' visit to friends at Big Springs.

Miss Cora Boydston, of Rockwall, came in last night on a visit to her brother, Louis.

We wish all our readers and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Floyd, of Belle Plaine, paid THE STAR a pleasant visit this morning.

S. S. (Dock) Harris, of Denton county, relative of B. W. Vaughan, is in town prospecting.

The Ladies' Aid society have had a nice new carpet put down in the Methodist church.

Overshoes cheap at Powell's.

Brown Soy has put a new roof on his saloon and had the building thoroughly repaired.

Miss Bulah Spruill, of Whit, Tex., came in last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. F. Dunn.

A new awning has been built in front of the old Signal hotel now occupied by the office saloon.

Large line of jerseys, and cheapest ever seen in Baird. Powell.

As announced last week, we issue THE STAR on Tuesday, in order to let the boys take Christmas.

The Star Land Co. sold one of the Hedley houses in town last week to J. O. Blair. Consideration, \$800.

E. T. Gould came in from Hillsboro, New Mexico, yesterday. Lyman is well pleased with his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craig, of Marshall, Tex., came in last Sunday on a visit to Dr. Gould, Mrs. Craig's father.

Braid dress sets at Powell's.

Bob Kinsey, Biney Jones, Harry Cook and George Parvin, students of the Fort Worth University, are all at home.

Maj. D. Richardson returned from an extended trip to Panola county and other portions of eastern Texas last week.

New lot of scarfs and fascinators just received at Boydston's.

Wiley Lambert was in town last Sunday. He took the train Monday for Hood county, where he will spend the holidays.

Rev. D. C. and Mrs. Stark were in town one day last week. Brother Stark has just recovered from a severe spell of sickness.

The largest line of clothing and cheapest ever seen in Baird. Powell.

W. E. Gilliland bought the White residence near the Presbyterian church, last week, from Oscar Jones. Consideration, \$450.

Clint Pace got his arm broken last Saturday. When asked how it happened he said Tom Dean fell down on him and broke his arm.

The lumber business is active in Baird these days, and N. T. Tucker has to go on the run. So much for reduced rates on lumber.

A. G. Webb, Sam Webb and J. E. Pace are all absent, though Mrs. A. Webb and children are expected home to spend Christmas.

Newmarkets and wraps of all kinds very cheap at Powell's.

W. H. Young, of Cottonwood, was taking in Baird to-day.

The Baird public school will open January 6, with the present corps of teachers. The free school will last one month longer.

Miss Gansle Lee, who has been on a several months' visit to friends and relatives in Dallas and St. Louis, returned home last Saturday.

A big line of flannels cheap at T. E. Powell's.

The school entertainment at the court house last Friday night was well attended, and Prof. Haynes informs us that they took in \$42.85.

Ed Foy has been in town several days. He had a very severe spell of fever and had to return home from Waco, where he was attending school.

When you want a town lot in Baird or a home in Callahan county call on D. RICHARDSON, Baird. 49-6m

The town is utterly without protection in case of fire. This ought to be taken into consideration when shooting off fire-crackers in the business portion of the town.

Ten per cent lower than any one's cost. POWELL.

O. P. Jones went down on the Colorado river last week to look at some cattle that he and Robert Hearne intended to purchase. They could not agree on the price and the trade fell through.

All wool cashmere 46 inch wide, 65 cents, worth \$1. Powell.

Judge Chelt on Monday last sold block 29, in Cottonwood, to W. H. Young, block 21 to D. H. Palmer and block 16 to the Baptist church; and also leased the James Knight survey to W. C. Brooks for five years.

Uncle John Collins is circulating a petition to have a daily mail line established from Baird to Coleman. This line would be of immense benefit to Baird and Coleman and we hope the line will be established.

Largest and best line of hats at Powell's.

J. W. Brown has rented and moved into Bob Pally's house in the west part of town. Mr. Brown and his wife had a time of it moving last week. For our part we have got enough of moving to do us for some time.

Suit of clothes worth \$20 for \$10. T. E. Powell.

A 10-cent bunch of fire-crackers can easily destroy the town. It may be fun for the boys, but it would not be much fun to the men if the town should suffer from another fire. Be careful with the fire works. An ounce of precaution is worth a pound of cure.

Judge J. E. McConnell, of the law firm of Thomas & McConnell, of Baird, last Saturday received a commission as a deputy oil inspector for the state, but as the duties of the office would necessarily consume a portion of his time from his practice of the law, he immediately declined the official honors and returned the commission. Mr. McConnell is a reliable man in all business affairs and would have made a good inspector.

Low prices always gets there. T. E. Powell.

We are requested by Rev. Mr. Stone, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Baird, to publish through this paper a grateful acknowledgement for kindness shown him by the citizens of Baird and others, especially those contributing to the donation party given to him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holwegler. He also returns thanks to the First National bank of Baird for their kind wishes for his welfare and their substantial compliment in the shape of a \$5 donation to his pocketbook. He realizes in these and many other tokens of kindness shown him a welcome to our community for both himself and family.

I have the largest stock of all kinds of dry goods, clothing, boots & shoes in Baird, and I will sell cheaper than any one. T. E. Powell.

Miss Nettie McManis, who is well known and who has many friends in Baird, is lying at the point of death at her father's home south of Belle Plaine. Miss McManis was employed as first assistant in the Baird school for this session, but she resigned before the school began and accepted a position as teacher at Granbury college. She returned home some time ago on account of sickness, and stopped a while in Baird with the family of W. H. Parvin, and was finally carried home, where she has gradually grown worse; and her father, Maj. McManis, informed us the other day that he had very little hopes for her recovery. THE STAR joins the many friends of Miss McManis in Baird in expressing the hope that she may yet be restored to health.

A new line of trunks and valises arrived this week, and will sell them cheaper than ever. Come and see them before buying. T. E. Powell.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.—We desire to return our sincere thanks to the people of Baird and Callahan county for their liberal patronage during the year which is now drawing to a close, and express the hope that we may merit a continuation of public favor during the coming year. We wish you one and all a merry Christmas

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Finest and b
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NEW CHAPT
of Albany, as
Caperton, inst
Baird Chapter
Monday night. The following
list of the new officers: D. J. Wilson,
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H.; W. E. Gilliland, P. J.; E. E. Solo-
mon, R. A. C.; Lark Hearne, G. M. 3d
V.; Wm. McManis, G. M. 2d V.; R. A.
Corbett, G. M. 1st V.; Harry Meyer,
treasurer; F. S. Gage, secretary; Robt.
J. Cross, Sentinel.

My stock is complete in everything
and can suit you in both price and
quality. T. E. Powell.

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Agents wanted in every county.
Big inducements to good men to in-
troduce our work. For terms ad-
dress (enclosing stamp) Texas Portrait
Co., Dallas, Texas. 2-3m

I sell cheaper than anybody's cost.
Call and see. T. E. Powell.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following letters are advertised
and will be sent to the dead letter
office at Washington on January 1,
1890, if not called for:

Henry R. Dawson, Miss Lillie Darden,
Miss Dora Perry, J. M. Green, Geo. M.
Hall, Sam Long, J. G. LeBlanc, Mrs.
A. L. Mastic, H. W. Pierce, Gay D.
Pierce, John R. Sawyer, C. B. Smith,
E. P. Weirauch, Wm. McMANIS, P.M.

Fifteen yards good domestic \$1,
worth 10 cents a yard. Powell.

Tormenting Skin Disease.

For twenty years I was troubled
with a tormenting itching skin disease,
which at times caused me great au-
noyance and loss of sleep. I was
treated by the best local physicians,
but received no relief from them. I
finally concluded to take Swift's Spec-
ific (S.S.S.), a half dozen bottles of
which effected what I consider a
permanent cure, as I have felt no
symptoms of the disease for over a
year. W. T. Cowles, Terrell, Texas.

Treatise on blood and skin diseases
mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

If you burn out to-night how much
insurance money will be due you to-
morrow? If you are not protected
call before night on D. RICHARD-
SON, Baird. 49-6m

The best shirting in Baird, 15 yards
\$1, worth 10 cents a yard. Powell.

Nervous Derangement and Constipation.

After years of suffering from nerv-
ous derangement and constipation,
and after being treated by several
leading physicians, from whom I ob-
tained no relief, I was induced to try
S. S. S.

Soon after commencing its use I
found my appetite much improved,
and that the use of cathartics, which I
had taken almost daily for twelve
months, was no longer necessary.

Since childhood I have been sub-
ject to sick and nervous headaches,
but since December 1, 1888, at which
time I commenced taking S. S. S. I
have had only one attack, and that
was when I neglected to take the
Specific.

I do not now have to take purga-
tive medicines.

J. A. Reid, Bowling, Ala.

A nice suit for \$6.50 at Powell's

In order to keep my present force
of workmen at work during the
winter months at my factory I am
still making big reductions in all sad-
lery and harness goods. Parties
wishing to buy largely would do well
to call on me before buying. N. Porter,
25 Pine street, Abilene, Texas. 52

A Well Known Educator.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 10, 1889.

Mr. A. K. Hawkes:—My Dear Sir:
On account of injury to my eyes
while a student, I have had to use
glasses for many years, and while I
cannot explain the excellence or de-
fects of any make, yours suit my eyes
best.
ALEX. HOGG,
1-4 Supt. City Schools.

If you want cheap goods go to
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everybody. Send your name and ad-
dress on a postal card to Texas Farm
and Ranch, Dallas Texas. 50-11

While at court call on Powell. He
sells cheaper than anybody.

WEEKLY (cont.)
 Senator GILLILAN, the caucus and Proprietor, a list of names to be placed on the ballot at the postoffice at the next election. CHEN, is our regular contributor.

Matter in These Columns are being looked into. The committee has found out that to attempt to smother up things, as has been done. This smothering policy has resulted already in filling the air with rumors charging all sorts of things against various gentlemen of prominence in both parties. In the meantime Silcott is the Lord only knows where, and the books show a shortage of about \$71,000. If the action, or rather want of action, on the part of those most concerned may be taken as a basis of opinion, Silcott's defalcation was no legal crime. He has, however, been indicted by the grand jury of this city for forgery, and if his whereabouts can be discovered he may be brought back.

Congress will take a recess from Thursday next to January 6. Many members and senators will take advantage of this opportunity to go home for a flying visit. This is particularly true of the Democrats of the house, who do not feel the same responsibility about the recess work of the house committees that they did last year and for some years past.

The senate has two propositions before it relating to negro emigration from the South. One is a bill offered by Senator Butler, and the other a resolution offered by Senator Givson. Both look to government aid for the emigrants.

The McKinley tariff bill will probably be the popular name for the measure which the Republican members of the ways and means committee will try to formulate on that most troublesome subject, the tariff. It is entirely too early to attempt to make a prediction as to what the new bill will be. Some people think the bill will be based on the senate tariff bill of the last session. Your correspondent does not think so. The senate bill of last year was a vote-catching hodge-podge of absurdities hurriedly thrown together by order of certain Republican losses, and would never have passed the senate had not those who voted for it known that it was certain to be defeated in the house. The new bill will be constructed in a more leisurely way and will consequently be a better measure—it could hardly be worse.

Gen. Clark, ex-clerk of the house of representatives, has been presented with a valuable gold watch and chain by his former employees.

Chief Justice Fuller is coming out in a new role—that of a popular orator. He delivered the address at the congressional centennial last Wednesday and he is to deliver an address at the dedication of the new Lincoln music hall in this city next Friday night.

The senate has so far confirmed very few of Mr. Harrison's nominations, and against some of them there is a very active fight being made, notably Morgan, commissioner of Indian affairs, and Dorchester, superintendent of Indian schools. It would not be surprising if these two were rejected.

A committee of the house has been appointed to try and run down the scoundrels who committed the forgery on the ballot box contract, which was used in the recent Ohio campaign. Honest men of both parties will earnestly wish the committee God speed in its good work.

The house committee on elections having perfected an organization, the stream of perjury in the contested election cases will begin to flow this week.

Justice Lamar of the supreme court has accepted an invitation to deliver an address to a mass meeting of the citizens of Richmond, Va., on the life and character of the late Jefferson Davis.

Speaker Reed promises to announce the rest of the house committee before the recess.

The death of Mrs. Scott-Lord, a sister of Mrs. Harrison, has made things very quiet around the White House.

Mr. Randall continues to improve. He took a short walk Saturday.

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If you want a present suitable to the season for some loved one, call and see me. I have some very unique articles, appropriate as a gift to your sweetheart. Wagons, velocipedes, base ball goods, etc., a variety for the boys. Plush, shell China and glass goods. Albums mirrors, work boxes, perfumery, frames, toilet and smoking cabinets and cases for ladies and gentlemen. Fine assortment of dolls and other choice presents for the girls. Toys in endless variety for all. Gift books. Nice souvenirs for the little ones. Violins, accordions, flutinas, harmonicas, etc. Fancy stationery and toilet goods.

I would also call attention to my stock of drugs and medicines, school books, stationery, window glass, paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, sponges, etc.

PRICES AND QUALITIES GUARANTEED.
 With thanks for past liberal patronage and a Merry Christmas to all, Respectfully,

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