

# The Baird Weekly Star.

"TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE 'GIT-UP-AND-GIT' THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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## FETTERMAN'S FIGHT.

THE MASSACRE BY THE SIOUX AT FORT PHIL KEARNEY, DAKOTA.

36. Fetterman Volunteers to Head a Relief Party—Stirring scene in the Threatened Fort—The Relief Party Ambushed by the Sioux and Slaughtered to a Man.

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RAIN crowns on the field of the Fort Phil Kearney massacre, and the remains of seventy-nine gallant men who fell there have not lately been rescued from the trampling hoofs of cattle and the ruthless plowshare of a sordid farmer who plows the soil for its products rather than its associations. The present owner is a stranger, and knows nothing of the battle that took place Dec. 21, 1886, and the removal of the bodies of the massacred soldiers to a distant national cemetery (Custer Battlefield), has destroyed the last mark of the conflict. Such is warfare on the plains, and the fate of the heroes of Indian fights seems to be a plunge into oblivion.

The massacre, which was one of the most heartrending in all border annals, was perpetrated by the bloody Sioux under Red Leaf, a subordinate chief, but receding gradually, as though the Indian were giving way. Soon the firing died away almost entirely; then it was renewed with extra fury, ending in several regular and determined volleys. Then followed an odd shot or two and silence fell over the whole field.

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Meanwhile a second detachment had left the fort to reinforce Fetterman. It reached the ridge that hid the battlefield from the view of the fort, and found the valley beyond filled with Sioux warriors who challenged the troops to advance. It was from this point that the sounds of firing had come, and yet Fetterman's band was not in sight. The relief party advanced and the Indian skirmishers receded, and in the low and secreted portions of the valley lay the massacred men and horse all dead. As soon as the spectacle had told its horrible story to the comrades of the brave men, still warm and wetting in their blood, the Sioux moved forward over the field again with overwhelming numbers, and

Col. Carrington, of the Eighteenth infantry, and one of the Second cavalry. Col. Henry B. Carrington, of the Eighteenth infantry, commanded the district and had his headquarters at Fort Phil Kearney, where Col. Fetterman was second in command. Skirmishing and fighting had been going on for months in the whole region and the posts were virtually in a state of siege. It was with difficulty that supply trains could be piloted through to the forts. The dependence of the troops upon the surrounding country was for wood for fuel and for building purposes, and at Fort Phil Kearney this had to be hauled about four miles. On the morning of December 21 the wood train, while on the way to the timber lot, was halted by a band of savages and went into position for defense. The pickets, who occupied elevated places around the fort, soon signaled danger and the garrison was at once in a state of alarm. Col. Carrington and others and families at the fort, and the little ones who were playing outside of the stockade read the terrible news told by the signal flag and ran in to their mothers crying out, "Indians! Indians!" Every soldier's heart throbbed with the realization of the danger between the helpless ones looking to them for protection and the cruel red men whose hearts knew no mercy for age or sex.

The garrison was already weakened by skirmishing parties that were sent out by a guard which was with the wood train. Col. Carrington ordered another detachment to prepare to move out and rescue the train, and at the same time gave instructions for the remaining troops of the garrison to defend the fort in case of a general attack. The detachment consisted of one company of the Eighteenth infantry, formerly commanded by Fetterman; Capt. F. H. Brown's company of the Second cavalry, and some small details of other available troops. The soldiers, officers and men numbered seventy-nine. While the prepa-

rations were going on groups of Indians began to show themselves in the openings of the forest within sight. As soon as the command was drawn up on the parade ready for the start Col. Carrington addressed the whole assembled garrison, and urged upon them the duty of watchfulness and coolness. Every employe, servant, woman and boy was provided with weapons. Before giving the word of command, "Forward," to the little detachment upon whom all eyes rested, Col. Carrington, not having yet designated a leader for the party, coolly handed his revolver to his wife, who stood confidently beside him, and said: "If the worst comes to worst do not allow yourself to be taken prisoner, but kill your self rather than be captured."

"This gave notice that the commandant intended to lead the forlorn succoring party himself. Fetterman, whose name was a synonym for high courage, was standing passive in his place near his wife, or awaiting orders, and when this startling speech was finished he saluted the commander, and glancing from the gentle, clinging wife thus addressed, to her gallant husband and the little band gathered to follow him on this errand of almost certain disaster, spoke with soldierly courtesy and energy this very logical protest:

"Col. Carrington, the garrison of thirty-six men and patriots ascended hand in hand, as it were, to the grave. On the evening of July 3, 1886, it became evident that Jefferson was dying. A little after midnight he revived and remarked, "This is the Fourth of July." Early in the forenoon he became unconscious and soon after noon expired—within one hour of exactly fifty years after presenting the Declaration to congress. About 3 o'clock the same day Mr. Adams was roused by hearing the shouts of the people in a distant grove, celebrating the day. He mentioned the fact and added, "Thomas Jefferson still lives." Soon after he breathed his last.

Lieutenant Ray gives some very remarkable experiences in the Arctic regions. In excavating the frozen earth he found it harder to work than granite. Powder had no effect whatever upon it, and when a blast was inserted it would always "blow out." The drills used were highly tempered, but in a few hours at farthest the tempering was gone. He found that the extreme cold had the same effect on tempered steel as extreme heat. The steel would lose its temper, become softened and bend easily.

Two young Londoners have just returned home after a year's walk around Europe. They first walked to Dover, where they took the Calais boat, thence proceeding along and near the coast of France to Spain and Portugal, leaving Spain at Barcelona by boat to Marseilles. Then the route lay via Italy, Austria, Poland, through Moscow and St. Petersburg to the Baltic, which was crossed to Sweden, then Germany, Holland and Belgium, leaving Europe at Ostend. A stick and a knapsack formed the travelers' luggage.

The flood in the Mississippi valley is rapidly receding and the farmers are following up the water planting their crops as fast as it becomes dry enough. The prospect is now very encouraging.

The women who were recently elected officers of Elizabeth, Kan., all resigned last Saturday and said the men can run things in the future. They are disgusted because the men have criticized too freely every official action.

Mrs. Susan Washington Graham, of Hillsboro, N. C., is dead. She was the widow of William A. Graham, one of the most prominent governors of North Carolina, and who also served very ably as secretary of navy.

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Editors and Publishers of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

PURCELL, I. T. May 20.—The editors and publishers of Oklahoma and Indian Territory met here to-day for the purpose of organizing a press association. The attendance was good and a strong organization was effected. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, H. T. Miller, Territorial Topic, Purcell; vice-president, Frank Hubbard, Phoenix, Muskogee; secretary, Ed P. Ingles, Transcript, Norman; treasurer, Walter Ellis, New World, Kingfisher. Executive committee—Mr. Masters, Evening Gazette, Oklahoma City; W. F. Thompson, News, Guthrie; Col. W. F. Laney, Chickasaw Enterprise, Paris Valley; M. E. Milford, Chief, Vinita, William Grant, Herald, El Reno.

As many of the Oklahoma editors wished to attend the inauguration of the governor at Guthrie Thursday, it was decided to postpone the excursion to Galveston until later in the season. The visiting editors will be given a ball and banquet by the Purcell board of trade to-night.

ODDS AND ENDS.

An Indian living near Port Discovery bay caught a salmon in that bay on Wednesday that weighed seventy pounds. This is one of the largest salmon ever captured in these waters, and strange to say was hauled safely to shore.

No less than fifteen sparrow nests were found in the ivy running over a wall in West Chester, Pa. All of them were removed, but some of the birds almost immediately began building new homes, and in the old spots, too.

A lady in Apoka, Fla., has used the same needle for seven years. She says she would sooner lose a dress than the needle.

Several young men on Mackinac Island have formed a society with a capital stock of \$6,000, which will be spent on a visit to the World's fair and a trip around the earth in 1893.

Vanilla is produced from a species of orchid that attaches itself to walls, trees and other suitable objects. The plant has a long, fleshy stem, and the leaves are alternate, oval and lanceolate. The flower is a greenish white.

The United States is beyond question a great nation of coffee drinkers. The imports from South America amount to over 525,000,000 pounds annually, of which 69 per cent. comes from Brazil. The second largest shipper to this market is Venezuela, 11 per cent.

A Spanish coin was recently found on a Burlington (N. J.) farm, bearing the date of 1721. It is in excellent condition, the letters and figures being as distinct as when the coin was first issued. It is about the size of our two cent piece.

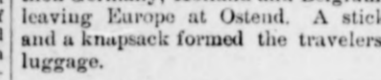
The weekly papers of Huntington, L. I., have been for a couple of weeks publishing the following notice: "Wanted—A smart, strong and handsome school mistress. None but those who will guarantee to keep the school and use the rod need apply. Term to commence May 20 in the assembly rooms. For particulars apply to the board around."

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A Fourth of July Declaration.

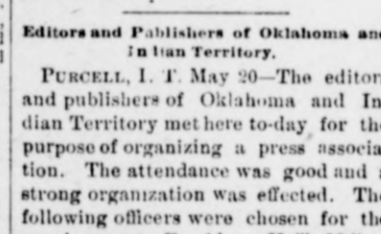


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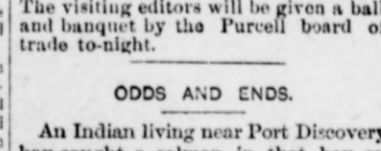
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The Faber of the Dogs.



The boy didn't catch the dog.

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- FOR SALE—160 acres of land at Belle Plaine 40 acres in state of cultivation; good orchard, house with 6 rooms and outbuildings; good dwelling with 4 rooms, barn and other outbuildings, 60 acres in cultivation; price, \$2,000; one-half cash, balance in 12 months. This is one of the best bargains in Callahan county. Will trade for cattle, horses or sheep, improvements worth the money.
- FOR SALE—The fine residence of Joe Rushing in Baird, is for sale. Price, \$3,000, cash. Will exchange for good agricultural land, 100 acre tract, fine 7-room, gable roof, finished residence in the city. Ten acres under fence, two acres in trees and one acre in grapes, 150 barrel cistern, well of inexhaustible water. Private residence in the city. This is one of the best bargains in Callahan county.

Address all communications to E. E. SOLOMON, Baird, Texas.



To the Abilene Reporter: Look out for the Hogg boom. It's coming.

It may be democratic for a chairman to appoint the delegates but it is a kind of democracy we never saw practiced before last Tuesday.

The candidate that advocates a county convention in this county to nominate county candidates will commit political Hari Kari.

The STAR made a fight for straight Democracy, and against the "Gray eyed man of destiny." (That's what Imboden calls Hogg.) and got knocked out on both counts. Well there is this consolation left us "the who fights in the rear ranks today may live to fight another day."

The impression seems to have gone abroad that the machine shops were to be moved away from Marshall. The Messenger refutes the statement and says that the company is making substantial improvements in almost every department which is a sure indication that the machine shops will remain at Marshall permanently.

These are queer times. A life-long Democrat stands about as much showing in a democratic convention as a "Smit f—e in a cyclone." That is if he does not happen to be for Hogg. If he is for Hogg he is "o k" it makes no difference whether he ever voted a democratic ticket in his life.

To the Hogg-eye boys: Well boys, you rode the Wheelerites a bug hunting, and mopped up the floor with us in fine style, for a fact. THE STAR accepts the result, and as it is useless to oppose Mr. Hogg further in this county, THE STAR will cease further opposition to your man.

It is whispered around the corners that there is going to be a county convention. Well if there is a party in the county that will make nominations first, the democracy will be justified in doing the same, and THE STAR will be heart and soul with them. But if an attempt is made to nominate candidates without any evidence of opposition to the democracy, THE STAR will contain some interesting reading during the Dog Days, and "Don't you ever forget it."

To Cox, of the Merkel Mail: Look out for the Hogg boom, it's rolling westward. THE STAR did its level best to scotch it in Callahan county, but without avail, and we very much fear you will get run over if you do not get out of the Hogg path. But we feel sure that you will stand to your post like the Spartans of old, battling for liberty and pure democracy, and die with your feet to the foe, but why should you do this, for we tell you, friend Cox, a straight out Democrat does not amount to much in this campaign if opposed to Hogg.

Jim Browning is in the race for representative. He made a good representative in the past, but we fear he is in sympathy with bootlicking, progressive non-partizan business men who are posing as devout worshippers at the shrine of eastern capital, and who acknowledge no other God but Fifty Three for the elect few. We would like to hear from Mr. Browning.—Haskell Free Press.

Why the Free Press makes such a dirty fling at Mr. Browning is hard to tell. Jim Browning is an honest man and worthy the confidence of the people of not only Western Texas but the entire state. The Free Press will hear from Jim Browning—in the legislature.

The Goliad Star says: All the sheriffs of Texas are hot against Gen. Hogg, as we happen to know.

Yes, it is feared that many of them will be so overcome by the heat that they will not be able to get back into office. Ring off your chin music, mum is the word.—Midlothian Visitor.

"Mum is the word," is it? Is that your idea of a free county and a free speech? You would have the sheriffs of Texas, notwithstanding their grievances, to play "mum," because, forsooth, they are opposed to your candidate for governor? And that is your idea of liberty in this empire state of boasted big-hearted men of broad democratic views. You should move to some railroad center at once, convert your weekly into a daily, and teach Texas as yet an unknown lesson on liberty.—Greenville Headlight.

We haven't heard so much about the "free pass gentry" from the Hogg organs since the letter from Mr. Faulkner.—Sherman Register.

Oh no! They don't say a word about passes now; the joke is turned. A few weeks ago every paper opposed to Hogg was bribed, bought up, subsidized with a pass. Since the Faulkner letter was given to

the press, all but the Fort Worth Gazette have been trying for two weeks to prove that it amounted to a boomerang. The Gazette, you know, when it can't get a boom will take the next thing, a boomerang.—Greenville Headlight.

The Fort Worth Gazette claims 290 votes for Hogg out of a total of 326 delegates elected up to date. The count is probably correct, "more's the pity."

J. S. UTLEY KILLED.

On Sunday evening, 22nd of May, Jas. S. Utley, yard switchman, received injuries from which he died in a few hours afterwards. He was letting some cars down the lumber switch south of the Depot when two cars of lumber started down the switch. He ran to them and climbed on the moving cars but could not stop them and he was either thrown off or attempted to jump from the car and fell in front of the wheels. His left leg was horribly crushed from above the knee down. Dr. Wilson, the railroad surgeon, reached the scene of the accident in a few minutes and bound up the wounded limb to stop the flow of blood and Mr. Utley was moved to his home near the Immigrant house. Dr. Fraser was called in to assist Dr. Wilson and every thing was done that medical skill could do to save his life, but he never rallied from the shock, and a few minutes before 3 o'clock, Monday morning the summons came and

Death had raised the pall of sorrow, Shrouding hearts with grief profound, And the deepest of this sorrow, Love's own father, none can sound. For within the inmost chamber Of the heart a void is there, And in speaking to the lost one Nothing echoes save the air. Death with sable wings has beckoned, And a longing soul repined, To the tones of loving voices Over on the other side. Heavy grew the earthly burden, And the angel softly said: "Fold thy hands and on my bosom Gently lay thy sleepy head."

The body was buried in the Baird cemetery Monday evening. Mr. Utley was a quiet industrious man, well-liked by all his associates. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his untimely death. May He who rules the destiny of man shield and comfort the bereaved widow and the little fatherless child.

The above was unintentionally omitted last week and the omission was not discovered until the entire edition was run off. [Ed.]

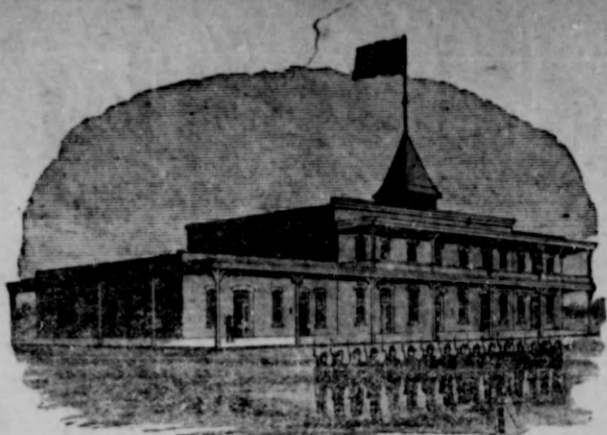
CALLAHAN COUNTY FOR HOGG.

The precinct conventions were held throughout the county last Tuesday, and so far as heard from, every precinct went for Hogg. The Hogg forces were thoroughly organized, enthusiastic and turned out almost to a man, while the opposition seemed un-concerned, probably thinking it useless to turn out, for if Hogg was defeated in this county it would not amount to any thing as he would be nominated anyhow.

At Baird the contest was close and exciting, but even then barely one third of the voting population attended the primary. The convention was called at 12 30 p. m., Tuesday, by chairman Hoyer. The Hoggites knocked the Wheelerites out on the first round by electing W. H. Clett chairman over E. K. Kane. The Wheelerites got in a lick however and flattened the opposition by electing Frank Dorsey secretary over W. W. Ogle by a vote of 26 to 22, but it was a barren victory. The convention wrangled for two or three hours over points of order and one thing and another. The main point being how the convention should select delegates. Judge Webb made a motion that the chair appoint the delegates. The motion was contested by Wheeler's friends, who continued that the delegates should be elected according to regular democratic usage, by ballot. Finally "matter triumphed over mind," being in the majority, and the chair appointed 12 delegates. On motion the chairman was added to the delegation making a bakers dozen of Hogg men. The convention adjourned on motion of Judge B. R. Webb while a motion was pending to add the secretary to the list of delegates. The Hogg faction obtained control of the convention, and used their power for all it was worth, not even risking a vote on electing delegates. Their majority was so small probably they were afraid some of the elect would go to grass if the convention was allowed to vote on them separately. The majority doubtless took the safe course in the matter, but it was clearly contrary to democratic usage and many of them have since admitted as much. It is safe to predict that no democratic convention in this county will hereafter take this as a precedent. It sounds more like Reedism than old fashioned democracy. The following is a list of delegates: R. G. Powell, B. R. Webb, S. T. Fraser, W. H. Clett, J. F. Patterson, A. J. Berry, R. Phillips, L. O. Oliver, H. B. Price, T. J. Dean, T. T. Kuykendall, I. N. Jackson, W. W. Ogle.

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OUT OF HIS OWN MOUTH

The commission idea is born of prejudice and nourished by passion and is the worst species of class politics. It deserves to die and die it will.—Baird Star.

Now brother Gilliland, we have read your proposition. Mr. Hogg in his noted speech of 19th of April has asserted a converse proposition and produced statistic evidence to sustain his proposition; now we want to hear your evidence to refute his to maintain your proposition. Assertions are easy made but the people require some fact to sustain them.—Haskell Free Press.

A self evident fact needs no proof. If it does we simply introduce the following extract taken from The Free Press same date as above. "Do you know that the unjust provision of contracts by railroad Cos. with shippers whereby they try to restrict their liability has always in all the states of the Union been held void and the railroad companies have thus been deprived of the "personal liberty privilege" of making loss to freight by wreck and etc fall directly upon the shipper by imposing such terms in their contracts? Why have you never howled against the courts and juries for applying this regulation by giving the excessive verdicts and judgement so much complained of and which commission men will admit are often the result of prejudice? The Free Press admits that there is not only an unreasonable prejudice existing in the minds of the people against the railroads but that the courts amply protect the rights of the shipper. Really the Free Press man ought to read up on the commission question so it would at least not knock the stuffin out of its own arguments.

Why can't Baird organize a progressive committee and try to get a move on its self? Is there any particular reason why the town should die with the dry rot, while other towns all around us are making things hum. We all want the town to build up but what are we doing to attain the desired end.

GEORGIA AND TEXAS COMMISSION.

S. T. Fraser, of Baird, Texas in the Fort Worth Gazette of the 21 inst. says he has had occasion to go to South Carolina, Florida and Georgia recently, and while there he concluded he would load up his blunderbus with a few statistics. He places his little petard in a line with the Gazette and pulls down. "Mi robulo dicta" it kills nor chick nor plover, but really kicks the shooter over. He compares 27 miles of road from Atlanta to Duluth in the state of Georgia to 27 miles of road from Baird to Cisco in Texas, and says the freight rates on the former is 16 1-2 cts., on the latter is 52 cents; on a box of books 24 cents to 32 cents etc. Mr. Fraser and all who make these invidious comparisons neglect to tell their readers that Georgia is over one hundred years old and densely populated, and besides being abundantly supplied with railroads in operation already long before she ever had the commission law, and also being most bountifully supplied with navigable rivers, neither of which Texas can boast, therefore Georgia could well afford to enact a law prohibiting another mile of railroad from ever being constructed within her borders. He and his kind forget further to say that Texas could give birth to three state the size of Georgia and yet be the empire state of the Union in the territory, and that if Alabama, South Carolina and Florida were all merged into Georgia and Georgia's present limit of railroads spread over that vast territory, she too would howl and a hue and cry would go up from her people in a tone of thunder that would put Fraser's blunderbus to shame about thus—to L with your amendment!—Brownwood Appeal.

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Mistake in make-up—See middle line, 5th column, last page. "Thus harmonized, the two old states etc.

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J. H. BEADLE. The Rev. Geo. H. Thayer, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Sold by R. Phillips. 30-1y."

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A COMPLETE LINE OF Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, Sulphur Cement, School Books, Bibles, Testaments, Note, Letter, Fool's cap, Legal and Bill Cap Paper. Envelopes of all kinds and sizes. Pens in endless variety and Notions.

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We take pleasure in informing the public that we retain the services of S. T. FRASER, M. D., who will have entire control of the Prescription Department, the Integrity, Competency and Reliability of this Prescription, who is an old and wellknown citizen of Callahan county, is a sufficient guarantee that you will get your Prescriptions compounded in a thoroughly Scientific manner. Nothing will be dispensed but the best and purest drugs.

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THE WHITLEY HOUSE. W. C. WHITLEY, Proprietor. The table supplied with the best the market affords. Board and lodging. Rates reasonable.

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Market street. First door south of Ph. Schwartz.

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Illustration of a horse and rider. BEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS IN BAIRD.



LOCAL.

pay locals must be in this office on Wednesday, to insure insertion.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Strayed by J. H. Cutbirth, before A. T. Young, J. P., Callahan county, May 7, 1890, one sorrel mare, 15 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, branded block J and thus on left shoulder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rates: State and District office, \$10; County, \$5; Precinct, \$2.50. For name on ticket, \$1, which can be paid at any time before tickets are printed.

For Sheriff, J. T. PURVIS, W. L. JONES, LEE McCAMMON, J. W. JONES.

Assessor, JNO. C. GREATHOUSE, R. J. ESTES, T. J. NORRELL.

Co. & Dist. Clerk, F. P. SHACKELFORD, I. N. JACKSON, J. M. HOUSTON.

Treasurer, JOHN. H. SURLS, C. ESTES, E. M. NORTON.

Inspector, J. E. PACE, W. C. ASBURY.

Co. Judge, E. E. SOLOMON.

Co. Attorney, B. L. RUSSELL, ALDEN A. BELL.

County Surveyor, M. R. HAILEY.

G. O. KUYKENDALL, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, CLYDE, TEXAS.

Mrs. J. D. Boydston and children from Rockwall are visiting the city.

Ladies hats at Moon & Crowder's. Miss Willie Patty of Rockwall is visiting the family of R. P. Patty.

Window shades at Powell's. Mrs. Harry Meyer returned from Galveston last Sunday.

Rev. J. T. I. Anns now stationed at Big Springs was in town Monday.

We call attention to Dr. G. O. Kuykendall, ad on 3, page. See Cameron & Co local, they are selling lumber extremely low.

French satire at Powell's. Judge I. M. Onins and family from Granbury are the guests of Major Wm. McManis this week.

Dr. Brown of Weatherford returned home last week, after visiting the family of his son J. W. Brown.

Miss Gertrude Caloway of Wesson Miss., is visiting the family of Judge B. R. Webb.

Mrs. H. G. Parry and Miss Ora Whitley are visiting friends in Albany this week.

A large herd of cattle passed through town Saturday bound for New Mexico.

W. L. Gilliland and family of Toro spent a couple of days in town this week.

W. E. Mays one of cottonwood's live merchants was in town last Saturday.

S. W. Wilkinson, I. G. Harris, Jno. Caddenhead and T. B. Holland were in from the Cove Tuesday.

Rain at last. Moon & Crowder have something to say about lumber too. Read their card.

Justin Cook informs us that a hard rain fell at C. B. Morgan's yesterday, Wednesday.

Bob Kimsey and a little child of F. S. Bell, and also one of W. D. Dean's children, are all reported on the sick list this week.

A friend of Dr. Fraser in Charleston, South Carolina, writes to him for price of oates in this county. He wants twenty car loads.

The people in this county will never get lumber any cheaper than it is in Baird today. The lumber men are cutting prices, and now is the time to buy.

Alden A. Bell announces this week as a candidate for County Attorney. Mr. Bell is well qualified and will take pride in attending strictly to the duties of the office if elected.

Trunks very cheap at Powell's. Prof. R. D. Williams made THE STAR a brief call yesterday.

R. C. Dawkins was in town yesterday. W. R. McDermott of the firm of Young & McDermette, moved his family to town last week. They have rented the Lieby house in the west part of town.

Blue ribbon shoes at Powell's. The following members of Ivanhoe Division U. R. P. K. will leave next Saturday to attend the Grand Encampment of the Knights of Pythias.

D. J. Wilson, Capt. W. C. Powell, Herald, W. C. Whitley Tres, Harry Meyer, John Rice, Chas. Bowls, W. M. James and S. A. Youngblood.

Miss Mary Whitley will accompany her father as far as Little Rock Ark., and will remain there until he returns from Milwaukee.

Webb & Webb, in connection with some enterprising citizens on Deep Creek, have organized the Deep Creek Valley Co., having for its object the development and settlement of the valley, which is one of the finest in the county.

They have had engraved and printed an excellent map of the valley, and will advertise the advantages of that locality thoroughly. We wish them all success in the good work.

Carroll and Dick Price, little sons of our town marshal, were hauling some manure across the railroad, last Monday, and on returning the team became frightened and ran away.

They came up Market street at a fearful speed scattering loose scantling used for a bed for the manure. One of the little boys, Carroll, was sitting on the front bolster driving, and the other on the hounds of the hind wheels.

They ran down in the flat near the jail and where the hind wheels turned over and threw Dick off, hurting his head a little. Sheriff Jones and W. C. Asbury finally stopped the team near Judge Clett's office.

It was an exciting time and men and boys by the score were running after the team but could do but little to stop them, as there was a 16 foot scantling sticking out on one side, with one end fastened in the standard, and the other dragging on the ground and it was dangerous for one to get near the team. It was a narrow escape for the boys who fortunately were neither seriously hurt.

DR. FRANK RAINEY, Superintendent.

Dead Letter List. The following is a list of Advertisements and claimed letters remaining in this office for the month of June 1890 if not called for in 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington D. C.

When calling for same please say advertisement Wm McManis. Mrs J. M. Barr. W. E. Smith. Mrs A. E. Brazel. J. B. Smith. J. H. Butler. Mrs Sallie Smith. Mrs Ann Brian. Clark Smith. George Ellington. A. Keller. Robert Harlan. 2 U. Tin. R. L. Harlan. S. J. S. Woods. Jno. T. Kelly. Miss Mary Wesley. G. E. Lane. Joe Whitehead.

FOREIGN D. H. Morris. Wilhelm Pfund. Julie Mitchell. Mrs W. Pfund. MEXICAN A. C. Moody. Lial Yado Silveira. Mrs. S. E. Rodgers. Miscellaneous. Mrs. S. E. Rodgers. T. M. Jones. Ed Macrally.

Round Trip Tickets. Tickets to Milwaukee \$19.20, round trip, on sale July 4, 5, and 6, good for return until July 22. F. S. GAGE agt.

Wedding suits at Powell's. Carpets at Powell's.

Judge J. E. Thomas went to Austin last week, in the interest of Powell and Leeper who were convicted of murder in Coryelle county. It is reported that the appellate court has affirmed the decision of the lower court. They will appeal to the United States Supreme court.

Our Clubbing List For 1890. The Star and Dallas News \$2.00 The Star and Ft. Worth Gazette 1.80 The Star and Houston Post 1.80 The Star and Detroit Free Press 1.65 The Star and Courier-Journal 1.95 The Star and National Democrat Washington, D. C. 1.80 The Star and Texas Farm and Ranch 1.55 Each invariably in advance. Any of our subscribers who have paid in advance for this year can have any of the above papers by paying additional amount as per above rates. Address The Star, Box 93, Baird, Tex.

Spring clothing at Powell's. Clothing made to order at Powell's.

The following is the list officers of Belle Plain Lodge No. 522, F. & A. M. Baird for the ensuing year. W. E. Gilliland, W. M. R. J. Harris, S. W. J. N. Rushing, J. W. S. L. Ogle, Treas. J. W. Brown, Secy. C. Estes, S. D. Jas. Turiff, S. S. Ellis Richardson, J. S. G. W. Ham, Tiler.

WEST TEXAS NORMAL.

West Texas Summer Normal begins July 7th, ends August 2, at Abilene. Col. Francis W. Parker author of Parker's Talks on Teaching and principal of Cook County Normal Chicago Ill., will be present and deliver nine lectures. Special rates to lectures, given by railroads.

A course in bookkeeping and commercial law. For Further particulars and program, address, GEO. W. ROACH or B. A. DAVIS, Managers.

Hamilton & Brown shoes. Powell. Lace curtains at Powell's.

Baird The Cheapest LUMBER MARKET In Western Texas.

Look at our Cash prices below: First-class lumber, rough or sized \$16. D. and M. flooring \$21.00. Dressed clear finishing \$22.50. Heavy California siding \$20.00. 1-2 inch clear ceiling \$16.00. Cypress shingles \$2 to \$4.25, per M. A liberal discount on Sash and Doors. COME AND SEE US. WM. CAMERON & Co.

Undressed kid gloves at Powell's. Trunks cheap at Powell's.

Belle Plaine College. We are requested by Judge I. M. Onins to announce that he has secured the college buildings at Belle Plaine, and that he will re-open the college with a full corps of teachers, Sept. 1st.

The Good Samaritan Banquet. Baird chapter installed their officers last Thursday R. W. L. A. Hearn of Whitesboro presiding. The council was opened in the evening and the council degrees conferred on several Royal Arch masons. The Good Samaritan degree was conferred on some twenty or thirty candidates at the Court house at night by Mr. Baker of Fort Worth. There was a nice banquet served in connection with the degree and a very pleasant evening was spent. C. J. Miller prepared the supper which was a sufficient guarantee that it would be all that was desired, for C. J. Miller is an ideal "mine host".

Several parties from abroad attended the banquet we regret that we could not get a list of all the visitors, we notice the following persons from Albany Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lynch Miss Lynch and Mrs. Will Lynch, Abilene C. W. Roberts Maj. Wristen and W. T. Berry.

Free School for Blind Persons. At Austin there is a large free school for the blind children of Texas where they can pursue all studies of the ordinary schools and besides, if they have a talent for it, can study all branches of music. They may also learn how to make brooms, mattresses and pillows and to bottom chairs with cane or rattan. Girls can learn to sew by hand or machine, and do crochet and bead work. The buildings are large, roomy, and well furnished. No charge will be made for board, tuition, washing or use of books and instruments—everything is free. Clothing and railroad fare will be provided for those who are unable to furnish money for those items. Please address, DR. FRANK RAINEY, Superintendent.

Shoe Polish at Coppins & Driskill's. Our stock of clothing is complete and we are prepared to meet competition. J. D. Boydston.

The Baird Drug Co. has Ruddy harvest machine oil, Boston coach oil, castor machine oil, lard oil, neatfoot oil and Eureka harness oil, all at a cheap price.

Coppins & Driskill have first grade flour of all brands and will not be undersold. Straw matting. T. E. Powell. Summer underwear at Powell's.

A full line of undertaker's goods always kept on hand. We also have ladies' and gents' burial robes, metallic caskets, etc. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Don't forget that we are still in business, and as for goods, we have a full line of everything. Prices! Well we can certainly interest you without a doubt, for we sell low down as everyone can testify. Come to see us you will be convinced. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Rubber boots, first class goods. Cheap. Ph. Schwartz & Bro. The finest bottled pickles in the city at Coppins & Driskill's.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve. THE BEST SALE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt, Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or no money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By Baird Drug Co.

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LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Try the pure barrel lard at Coppins & Driskill's. Large lot of sugar just received at Coppins & Driskill's.

Coppins & Driskill, have the largest assortment of tobacco in Baird. Call and see our lace dress patterns. J. D. Boydston.

Greatest variety of parasols in town. J. D. Boydston. Hides and furs of all kinds wanted J. L. LEA & Co.

All kinds of Salt at Lea's. Full line of coffins. L. Gould. Fine Imported Havana Cigars at Office saloon.

You will always receive kindest attention at Office saloon. Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's.

Bran, Cotton Seed & other feed cheap at Lea's. Furniture cheap at Gould's Furniture store.

All kinds of candies and nuts, cheap, at Lea's. Car of fine salt just received at Coppins and Driskill's.

Sixty grain white wine vinegar at Coppins & Driskill's. Call and examine our churns. S. L. Ogle. Stone crocks, jars, churns and water coolers. Harry Meyer.

Just received an elegant line of silverware suitable for wedding presents, etc. Harry Meyer. Ice cold beer at Bismarck Hall 5 cents a glass.

You can always find the very best Kentucky Whiskies at the Office saloon. Call and see for yourself. Dry goods and notions at lowest prices. Moon & Crowder.

The best molasses and vinegar, very cheap, at J. L. Lea & Co's. Just received a fresh supply of crockery, flower pots, etc. S. L. Ogle. Call and get your flower pots. S. L. Ogle.

Curtain poles to arrive this week. L. Gould. Floor paint all colors at Baird Drug Co.

New invoice of pipes at Coppins & Driskill's. New styles of window shades at Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Highest cash price paid for corn and oats by J. L. Lea & Co. Flax fiber buckets, wash pans, chamber pails. Harry Meyer.

New invoice sugar house syrups and sugar at Coppins & Driskill. Cheapest line of parasols in the market just received. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

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

California soap at Coppins & Driskill. Corn and cotton hoes, shovels and spades. Harry Meyer.

Galvanized iron wash tubs, and wringers. Harry Meyer. A full line of colognes and Florida waters, elegant and cheap. Baird Drug Co.

Garden rakes, hoes, spades and shovels. H. Meyer. A nice assortment of straw hats at J. D. Boydston's.

Straw hats for ladies, misses, gentlemen and boys, at giving away prices Call and see. Ph. Schwartz & Bro. Coppins & Driskill have a lot of boneloss hams. Get some.

We will receive, in a few days, another car load of flour, meal and bran. Every sack of flour guaranteed first-class. Coppins & Driskill's.

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Cheap and on Liberal Terms.

We will buy or help you sell your

COUNTRY PRODUCE FOR CASH.

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THE FIGURE '9'

The Pulpit and the Stage. Rev. F. M. Shrout, pastor United Brethren Church Blue Mound, Kan., says: 'I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight.'

Author Love, Manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: 'After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it.' Free trial bottles at Baird Drug Co. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Landreth's garden seed, sold by the Baird Drug Co., are the best in the market. Large lot of extracts, jellies, preserves and pickles at Coppins & Driskill's.

A few more roomers wanted at the Central house. Rooms well furnished. Rooms kept especially for transients at 25 cents per night. Rooms to let by week or month.

Curtain poles at L. Gould's. Sticky fly paper. R. Phillips. Machine oil. R. Phillips.

Don't fail to see our new line of ladies and children's shoes. Foy & Richardson. French gingham Algreenes Drab De Venis, etc. Powell.

Silk shirts and all kinds of shirts a Powell's. Willow chairs at Schwartz'.

New potatoes cheap at Lea's 2c. Ice cold soda water six days in the week. Baird Drug Co.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. Cures Indigestion, biliousness, Dyspepsia, Malaria, Nervousness, and General Debility. Physicians recommend it. All dealers sell it. Get the trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

Hogg seems to be on top, but Tom Powell sells at cheap as ever. 30 1/2

Advertise in THE STAR.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY



# JULY 4TH

## A CELESTIAL CELEBRATION.

Hi, there!  
Ah, there!  
John is on a spree.  
Merry?  
Very!  
Tanglefoot beats tea.  
Hold him!  
Squid him!  
Hardly. 'Tis the day



He will only go through the annual experience of an innumerable caravan of white men who think the Fourth of July was instituted specially for the benefit of bartenders and the distraction of a peace loving public.

## HIS FIRST ORATION.

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"I'm gittin' right down shamed of this ere village of Bedford," said Squire Whitcomb, in his usual explosive manner, laying down the law to his cronies as they stood in front of the postoffice on the evening of July 1 waiting for the stage that brought the daily mail at sharp 7 o'clock every evening. "Right down shamed. We've had three Fourth of July now, hand rummish, 'bout a mile of celebratin', an' 't' looks as ef—"  
"Don't see how ye make that out, squire," drawled Peleg Sawyer, who kept the drug store, where one could buy nearly all the fancy goods that the exigencies of country life demanded. The lines of trade were sharply drawn in Bedford. There was "the store" on one side of the village square, and there was the drug store on the other. You went to the one for necessities, and you went to the other for luxuries, including patent medicines. Mr. Sawyer was the recognized wit of the village, and the squire was the best checker player, and they respected each other accordingly.

"Waal, I respect 'em," answered the squire. "Hain't we had three Fourth now 'bout?"  
"That's jest what I mean, squire. Ye say we've had three-fourths of July, 'n' I callate we hain't had quite one-third yet?"  
"Pah!" said the squire, testily, "don't besich an everlastin' gawp." But the bystanders roared with glee, and Sol Bemis slapped the squire on the back with a heartiness that would have felled a less sturdy citizen, shouting, "Hed ye thar, squire." Mr. Bemis was reputed to be worth five or six thousand dollars, and could venture to take liberties with the other great men of the place.  
The squire was angry, but he was too discreet to show it. "When ye git through a haw-shavin' of yer foolishness," he said, "I'd like ter finish. For three year, now, we hain't had no doin' on the Fourth of July, 'n' I call 't a tarantula shams. Tain't 'accordin' to the constitution. What's President John Adams say? Don't he say ter firs cannons, 'n' ring bells, 'n' kick up thunder?"  
"That's all right, squire," said Sol Bemis, "an' I ain't a sayin' but you're right. But there ain't a cannon in Bedford, since the boys busted the one we had four year ago, an' 'blew ef Sara Stone's left hand. An' ye know the Dominie said 'twas a judgment fer ringin' the meetin' house bell for a secular purpose."

"I know, but I kind o' notion the people of Bedford hain't willin' ter pay, 'n' I call it unpatriotic. Naw, ef the folks 'll git together 'n' hev a real up-an-up doin', I'll start a subscription for ter pay fer it."



SOL BEMIS SLAPPED THE SQUIRE ON THE BACK.

He had struck the nail on the head. Not a man in the group was willing to be called unpatriotic, but dollars and cents were revered in the community. They wavered, and, after a pause, little Mat Crane, the shoemaker, asked doubtfully, "How much air ye goin' to start fer, squire?"  
"Waal, I'll give five dollars," said the squire deliberately.  
It was a bombshell. Before they went to sleep that night more than a score of good women had declared that Squire Whitcomb would die in the county poorhouse, and that it would serve him right for his sinful extravagance. He had accomplished his purpose, however, and there were to be "doins" that would satisfy the most enthusiastic villager. The squire men were not to be put to shame, and, though many of them subscribed so extravagantly as the squire had done, nearly fifty dollars had been raised, a committee appointed and arrangements made for a grand celebration, including an oration, a picnic in the woods and a display of fireworks in the evening. The squire was short, but none of it was lost in spreading the news, and the arrangements after all were very simple.

The squire's extravagance was understood, though the other people did not condone it, when, as chairman of the committee, he proposed that his son, young Tom Whitcomb, should be the orator of the day. Everybody knew how proud he was of the boy, but nobody had expected that he would resign the position of orator, for which he would naturally have been chosen, in his son's favor. However, there was nothing to say against it. Tom was a junior now at college. Like many another poor man's son (for the squire was a poor man, he was earning his own education right manfully with what help his father could give him. He had not visited his home for two years now, for he would not spend money for pleasure when he needed it for books. They all remembered him, though, and they all liked him, for a manly, brighter, kinder hearted young fellow had never grown up among them.)  
Old Mrs. Whitcomb thought there wasn't another person in the village that waited for Tom's arrival on the evening of the 31 with so much pride and joy and such a delicious choking in the throat as she did. Mothers always think things like that before they learn, and sometimes they keep on thinking them even after they learn, for the mother love for a young man sometimes strong enough to overlook the recollection of younger emotions.

There was another person who was hovering as tremulously as Mrs. Whitcomb was between smiles and tears and the squire knew it. He and Tom had had many confidential talks before the boy had left home, and he had remembered one of them particularly well, though he had kept Tom's secret right loyally.  
"GIRLS GENERALLY DO KNOW," said the squire.  
"Father, Tom had said one night, a week or so before his departure, 'I don't feel as if I ought to go away without speakin' to Susie Campbell. She—'"  
"Waal, well," said the squire. He was the leading lawyer of the county, and though he was polite enough to talk in the vernacular when he was among his cronies, he talked pure English when occasion called for it, and it called for it when he was with Tom. He had great

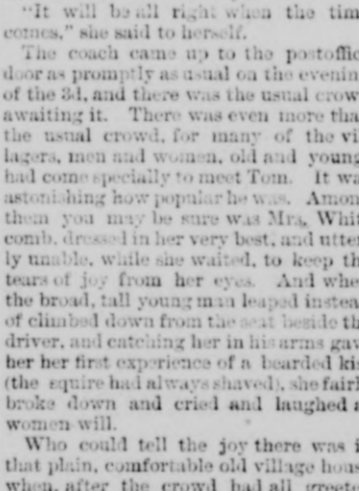


hopes of Tom.  
"Well, well," he said, "so that's the way the wind blows. I rather suspected it, but I knew you would tell me when you got ready to. Now, Tom, is this really a serious matter?"  
"Yes, sir," said Tom simply.  
"Then you must act for yourself. No body can settle such things for you, but I can make a suggestion. I don't want you to give her up, for she is a good girl, and I'll be very glad to have her for a daughter if you are lucky enough to get her. Have you spoken to her yet?"  
"Not a word; but I think she knows," said the squire.  
"Girls generally do know. Now speak, my boy, if you think best, but I do not think it would be best, and I'll tell you why. You have four years of hard work before you. Play all you can without interfering with work. That is true wisdom. But if you engage yourself to Susie or any other girl—"  
"Father," said Tom, reproachfully.  
"Yes, yes, I know," said the squire, "but I am only telling you general principles. If you are engaged to be married you will find that it will interfere with your work and play both. I don't say you wouldn't succeed in life. I think you would, but you will succeed much better if you will give as little thought as possible to this. I don't say you ought to forget her, but think of her as something to be won after you have graduated. It's fairer to her and to you."

"That is all true enough, and I can see it," said poor Tom, "but supposing somebody else—"  
"I will keep an eye on her," said the squire, hastily, "and if there is any sign of anybody taking your place I will let you know at once."  
"That is a promise," said Tom.  
"It is a promise," replied his father, gravely.  
"Then I will do as you say," said the younger, "but it is very hard."  
"I know it is," said the squire, "but there are many hard things for you to do before you will reach the full measure of manhood, and self denial is good training for you, always providing that there is good and sufficient reason for the denial. And you must remember always that you come of good old New England stock, and your forefathers were never afraid of trials or hardships."  
So the lad went away without a word, but he couldn't keep his eyes from speaking, and Susie's eyes, though not as bold as his, were almost as eloquent. At last he thought so. And the old squire, true to his word, watched her closely, and the more he watched her the better pleased he was with Tom's prospects in life; but he would not for a farm have let Susie or anybody else know what he was doing. It cost an effort to keep the secret from his wife; but it was Tom's secret, not his, and he would not do it.

And Susie, well, Susie was a Yankee, too, and generations of discipline and self repression had left her an inheritance of will power greater than one would look for in so young and so pretty a girl—a mere slip of a thing, but slowly maturing into a strong good woman. She cried when Tom went, and wished in her heart that he had spoken, but she thought she understood it, as she did, and she was brave and loyal.  
"It will be all right when the time comes," she said to herself.

The coach came up to the postoffice door as promptly as usual on the evening of the 31, and there was the usual crowd awaiting it. There was even more than the usual crowd, for many of the villagers, men and women, old and young, had come especially to meet Tom. Among them you may be sure was Mrs. Whitcomb, dressed in her very best, and utterly unable, while she waited, to keep the tears of joy from her eyes. And when the broad, tall young man leaped instead of climbed down from the seat beside the driver, and catching her in his arms gave her her first experience of a hearty kiss (the squire had always chafed, she fairly broke down and cried and laughed as women will.)  
Who could tell the joy there was in that plain, comfortable old village house when, after the crowd had all greeted and welcomed the young fellow, the squire and his wife went home and sat down to supper with the son who had never given them one moment of sorrow in his life? I could not describe it, any more than I could write a list of all the delights there were for supper. Every single thing that Tom had ever said he liked to eat was on the table, and he had eaten it with a relish that was almost new to him. When supper was over and they had talked for an hour, the good old lady said: "Now, Tom, you want to see some of your old friends, I know. Why don't you go out for a little while?"



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Tom did want to go out, and he thought he never had wanted anything else quite so much, but he looked at his mother and remembered how she had looked forward to his coming, all the time that she had been toiling and saving to help him, and he leaned over and kissed her, saying: "No, mother. My friends can wait till to-morrow. This evening belongs all to you."

It was too much for the squire. He had all he could do to keep from going over and kissing Tom himself; but New England habits were too much for him, and he compromised on a most remarkable coughing fit. He had seen Tom looking around at the postoffice door, and had known what the disappointment was when he noticed that Susie was not there. And he never had been so proud of his son as he was when he heard him speak so to his mother.  
"If that girl doesn't accept him, I'll disown her," said the squire to himself. He had looked on her as a daughter so long that he forgot how back handed the threat was.  
The "doins" next day were on a scale of magnificence that Bedford had never before equaled. A platform had been built on the village green, and every body living within five miles assembled to hear Tom Whitcomb's oration. He had planned to go early in the day to the Widow Campbell's little cottage and secure Susie's company for the day, but had been thwarted most vexatiously. He was the great man of the day, and the first penalty of greatness was a call from the committee, who came in a body to do him honor just as he had decided that it was late enough to venture on a morning call. It was manifestly impossible to treat the committee discourteously, and, chafing terribly, he had submitted to being escorted, after a solemn palaver, to the seat of honor on the platform. He consoled himself as well as he could by thinking that Susie would certainly be there, and that after his speech was over he could seek her out.  
If my reader thinks that Tom Whitcomb's speech was spoiled by what he saw from the platform he has a poor notion of what sort of man Tom was. Yet there is no question but that he was sorely distressed. Right in front of him sat Susie, looking even more gloriously beautiful than he had ever dreamed she would be. She was flushed with pride and great joy. Her eyes sparkled, and she was dressed better than she ever had before in her life, though, of course, Tom did not know anything about that. She looked at Tom in a way that if he had understood it would have made him wild with delight.  
But he didn't understand it. Next to Susie sat a handsome, sailor-wart man, at least 30 years old. He was elegantly dressed in city clothes, and Tom knew he was a stranger, and Susie chatted with him, and laughed and whispered, and turned to look at him every time she applauded Tom's speech, which was every time anybody else did, and altogether she was behaving disgracefully.  
However, Tom had a duty to perform, and, necessarily, being Tom, he did it magnificently well. The oldest men there agreed that they had never heard such a speech before. And after it was over, while the audience was singing Hall Columbia, Tom slipped away and went home.

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