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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCT 9, 1908.

NO. 45

# Our Fall Opening

Of Men's and Boy's Clothing and Ladies and Misses Coats and Suits, which have just arrived.

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**Putnam Dots.**

Putnam, Texas, Oct. 6, 1908,  
The two gins had ginned up to last Saturday night 1139 bales of cotton.  
The farmers generally are selling their cotton as fast as they get it out.  
Cotton pickers are very scarce, everybody is clamoring for more pickers.  
Dr. J. H. Agle, of Garland, has been out here for several days looking after his landed interests.  
Eld. H. H. Dillard closed his connection with the Baptist church here last Sunday night. He preached a fine sermon to a large crowd, after which they had an old time love feast and hand shaking. The church here has called Elder J. J. F. Lockhart to serve them another year.  
The old people's singing at the Baptist church was a grand success, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.  
There is from 10 to 25 gallons of

mineral water being shipped from here every day all over the State as far east as Marshall, Texas.  
Luther Jackson is very sick with slow fever.  
Mrs. Smith is also very sick with the fever.  
Mrs. C. F. McCool departed this life last week. She was a grand and good woman. She leaves several children, a devoted husband and a great many friends to mourn her departure. She stood her afflictions with a great deal of fortitude.  
J. S. Rogers and wife spent several days here while Mrs. McCool was sick. Everybody is always glad to see James and his wife when they come to old Callahan.

MORE ANON.

**Notice.**

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**Notice.**

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45tf  
C. S. BOYLES.

The new three cylinder gas line engine put in by the F. & M. Gin Co. last week is working O. K. They did not get it to running until Saturday however, which caused some delay in ginning but they are keeping right up with the work now. Both gins are running alright now. Bring your cotton to Baird.

Lawrence Bowlus is at home from Dallas where he has been attending a business college.

Grant Bowlus, Bob Williams and Price Ellis went down to Capt. J. W. Jones' ranch Sunday to build an addition to his residence.

**Killing at Putnam.**

Chas. Q. Davis, Hotel keeper, shot and mortally wounded Arthur Clemmer son of Henry Clemmer, at Putnam last Sunday morning. Clemmer was married and leaves a wife and one child. Davis also has a family. The difficulty arose, it is said, over rent. Davis used a shot gun firing two shots the first shot missed but the second was fatal. Clemmer was shot about 10 o'clock and died Sunday evening. It was a deplorable tragedy and may lead to more trouble but all hope not. Davis was arrested and started to Baird and was met on the way by Deputy Sheriff Rains and others, and placed in jail. The examining trial was to be held at Putnam yesterday but did not get the result before going to press.

J. R. Wilson from near Atwell was in town Wednesday. He called at The Star office while here and renewed his subscription.

**Bishop Hess' Epigrams.**

"I would rather go to judgment with the curse of the drunkard upon me, than with tongue fouled with malignant criticism of my fellow-men."  
"Our true characters are shown in the way we judge and deal with other men."  
"God deliver me from the judgment of a very imperfect and fault-finding man. The man with the most faults is usually the most ready to criticize others."  
"I grow more and more charitable towards the faults of others as I grow older."  
"When a man begins to pardon wrongdoing in himself he is in great danger."  
"Put yourself on your guard against your besetting sin."  
"I know it is uphill work to be good, and for that reason I should be more lenient."  
"The true Christian always puts the best construction on the motives of others."

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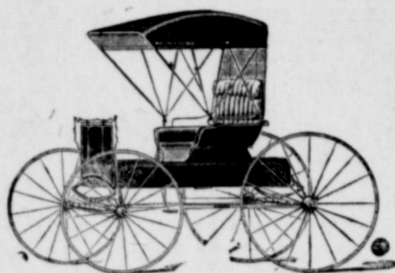
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## NOTHING BUT OVATIONS.

Demonstrations Bryan Receives Truly Remarkable.

## TAFT'S IDEAS BORROWED.

Starts Out to Run Against One Republican, but President Steps In and Takes Lead Over Man the Convention Selects.

Bryan's tour of Iowa was a memorable affair.

Assailing the president, Mr. Taft and the Republican party generally at every turn, W. J. Bryan, on the concluding day of his present tour, traveled through Iowa on his way back to Lincoln. His progress across the state was marked by a series of demonstrations which were nothing short of ovations. The entire community at every point where his train stopped seemed to turn out to do him honor. In his speeches he was more vigorous than usual.

In his attack on the president Mr. Bryan charged Mr. Roosevelt with interfering with the present campaign and failing to remedy abuses. Mr. Bryan said that Mr. Taft, if elected, would be unable to accomplish many reforms, even with a Republican congress behind him. He talked at Muscatine, Letts, Columbus Junction, Washington, Westchester, Keots, Harper, Sigourney and several other places en route there.

At Washington he was presented by a woman in the crowd with a Teddy bear, one leg of which was broken and done up in splints. "Badly crippled," was the candidate's comment. This veiled reference to the president set the people to laughing.

At Harper a bride and groom got on the train, and when he came back into the car Mr. Bryan handed the bride a bouquet which he had received, and which she bashfully accepted.

At Muscatine Mr. Bryan denounced the president for participating in the campaign, and, if anything, in even stronger terms than heretofore.

"There is another issue of this campaign," he said, "and that is whether I am running against one or two men. I started out to run against Mr. Taft on the ground that they had picked a man big enough and able to defend himself. Now I find the president comes in and takes the lead in this fight. I don't object to it, but I believe it is a degradation of the office of the president to make that office, which belongs to all the people, a party asset in the hands of one party. I insist that the people have a right to elect their officials without dictation from Washington, and I ask the president, after he has nominated Mr. Taft, to stand aside and let us fight it out before the American people on our platforms."

Upon his arrival at Knoxville Mr. Bryan received a rousing reception. It being home-coming week, a large crowd was on hand to greet him. He was provided with a special cowboy escort, headed by a band, and was driven through the streets to a hotel amid deafening cheers. His speech, delivered from the court house steps, was devoted mainly to a castigation of Mr. Taft, whom Mr. Bryan charged with having borrowed ideas from him.

"I can say without immodesty," he declared, "that I have had a part in his education. I have helped to convert from the errors of his ways, helped to lead him out into the light on several questions. Mr. Taft, however, he said, had not been an apt pupil, but had been behind his class on several of those questions. The remarks were called forth by a recent utterance on the part of Mr. Taft that Mr. Bryan had done nothing but talk.

"Mr. Taft says I have not doing anything but talk, while he has been putting his ideas in practice in an administrative way. While it is true that he has held office more than I have, and therefore has had more opportunity to put his ideas into practice, I have had more opportunity to see my ideas borrowed than he has had to see his borrowed. What ideas of his own has he put into practice with success. He was judge upon the bench. Was the injunction idea his? Or did he get it from somebody else? He put it into practice in such a way that it has alienated the wage-earners of the country. He has put colonialism into practice. Was that his idea? No; he got it from Europe, and initiated into the Philippine islands what Great Britain did in this country before the war for independence. Now let me show what ideas he has borrowed. He has abandoned the idea of a permanent colonial system and advocated the ultimate independence for the Filipinos. Where did he get that idea? It is not original with him. He did not get it from the Republicans, for they have never put it into their platforms. Where did he get it? He got it from the Democratic platform, and I had as much to do with the presentation of the ideas as any one else. He says he is in favor of an income tax. Where did he get that idea? It was in the Democratic platform of 1896; it is in our platform this year. It is not in his platform. He cannot claim originality in this idea. I have spoken on the subject earlier than he has, and oftener and more earnestly than he has. He says that he is personally inclined to favor the election of senators by direct vote of the people. That is not original with him. It was with the Democratic party

which first secured an endorsement of that idea in the house of representatives in Washington. It is in three Democratic platforms, and I helped put it there. It was in my first congressional platform."

### Two Candidates Withdraw.

Judge E. C. Heath of Rockwall and Hon. Edward Rogers of Hillsboro, candidates respectively for governor on the Prohibition ticket, have withdrawn. The vacancies will not be filled, the executive committee deciding to close the way for Democrats favoring the submission of a prohibition amendment to the constitution.

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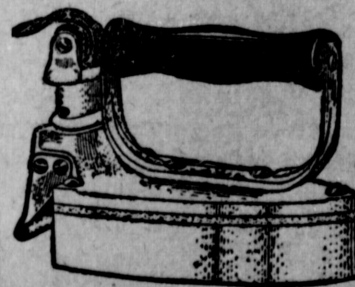
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## SIMPSON SPEAKS.

### Republican Nominee Criticizes the Administration.

Colonel John N. Simpson, Republican nominee for governor, addressed 600 people at San Antonio.

Colonel Simpson's speech was an arraignment of the present state administration for its acts and policies, which he declared harmful to the state, retracing its progress and hindering the investment of capital so much needed for development of vitally necessary enterprises and services and violative of the principles of sound Democracy. This he declared to be the truth, notwithstanding the platform of the Democratic party declares to the contrary. He denounced the tax policy of the administration, saying that the full rendition law has increased the burdens upon business men and farmers, and is leading to extravagance in government. The law, he declared, should be amended or repealed.

Colonel Simpson was very positive in his remarks in opposition to statewide prohibition, and the applause lasted for a minute when he declared that if he were governor he would veto a statute for such prohibition should it be passed.

He favored the taking of convicts out of competition with free labor and placing them at work on public roads.

"The circumstances connected with the creation of the state textbook board and the awarding of the contracts for textbooks for the public school children of Texas have reached the state of a political scandal. Gov. Campbell and others concerned in this transaction find themselves in position unable to defend their acts; at least they have not done so. Governor Campbell had the textbook law created in accordance with his own views. He was responsible for the membership. One of the measures which he strongly advocated before the last legislature was that of prohibiting legislative lobbying. But when the textbook board met and began its deliberations the hotels and capitol building at Austin were filled with a horde of professional political lobbyists who were on hands as the hired representatives of the book publishing concerns that were seeking contracts at the hands of the board."

#### Sad Sister Slain.

A tragic affair occurred on Long Island.

Mrs. Estelle Borgman, thirty-two years old, was shot and killed in her home at Carona, Long Island, by her brother, William Kattes, eighteen years old, who is attached to the school ship Newport. He says the shooting was accidental. He was arrested.

Mrs. Borgman was deserted by her husband some years ago and has been demented most of the time since. She was released from the asylum at Islip only a few months ago and since then has had periods of depression. Previous to the tragedy she sat on the edge of her bed, bemoaning her fate and threatened to commit suicide. She said she was tired of life and wanted to die. It is said that one means of cheering her which the family employed was to ridicule her and make her angry. Kattes says that when his sister kept repeating that she would kill herself he displayed his revolver and offered it to her as a means of ending her life. He said he supposed it was entirely unloaded and began snapping the hammer preparatory to going further with the offer. He did not know there was one good cartridge in the weapon, and just as the hammer came down on it his sister arose from the bed and started to cross between him and the window, out of which he was pointing the revolver. The bullet entered behind the left ear and tore clear across the brain.

#### Deliberate Unto Death.

A New York man perpetrated a ghastly joke upon some friends.

Ernest Girard, proprietor of a small wine cellar in Ninth avenue, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The body was discovered hidden in a clump of bushes in Central park. In the pocket of the dead man was found a certified check for \$150 drawn to the order of a burial establishment. It appears that Girard had visited this establishment and concluded arrangements for the interment of "a friend." On leaving his shop he had posted in the window a notice that the place would remain closed for the day owing to "a death in the family." Ill health is given as the cause of the suicide.

Before taking his life Girard assembled three friends, and in their company partook of a generous dinner at one of the large up town hotels. Upon leaving he made an appointment to meet them later, giving as the place of rendezvous an address which they later discovered was the undertaking establishment to which he had ordered his body removed.

#### Saved by Daring Ingenuity.

At New York City the daring ingenuity of John J. Howard, a policeman, probably saved the life of John Weisenbeck, a cripple who had been unable to flee with others from a burning house in West One Hundred and Third street. With the aid of several firemen, who grasped him by the legs, he swung head downward from a five-story window of an adjoining house.

A policeman swung across a five-foot court, grasped the cripple, who was leaning from the window of his burning home surrounded by flames, and drew him up to safety.

Almost before the flames had been checked, after damaging the building to the extent of \$15,000, residents of the immediate vicinity, which is a poor district, had started a purse for the policeman with contributions of \$250, and were preparing a petition to Commissioner Bingham to advance the policeman to the rank of sergeant "in behalf of the Jewish population of the neighborhood."

The fire started in the third floor of a five-story tenement.

### WOMAN FOUND ON FLOOR.

#### Negro Captured and Taken in Carriage From Scene.

Sweetwater, Tex., Oct. 3.—The night clerk of the City hotel at a late hour Friday night heard screams of "murder!" by a woman upstairs. Hurriedly going to the room from where the screams emanated he found Mrs. Letha Isaacs lying, apparently half dead, upon the floor. There were deep finger prints upon her throat, head was gashed and a shoulder cut. The woman is in a serious condition.

A negro named Joe Oxsphear, said to have arrived from Milam county Friday, was captured Saturday morning by officers and jailed. A crowd surrounded the county prison and a lynching was threatened. The city marshal and two deputies put Oxsphear in a carriage and started for Abilene. Advices from Abilene are that Joe Oxsphear is in jail at that place.

### PROHIBITIONISTS LEFT ON

#### Secretary of State Not Officially Advised of Withdrawal.

Austin, Oct. 23.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Prohibition party in Texas decided to withdraw its state ticket, the names of its candidates for governor and other state officials will appear on the official ballot, according to an announcement made by Secretary of State Davis. No official advices had been received by the state department of the action of the Prohibition party and now it is too late, as the department began Monday sending out the official ballot.

The independence party state ticket, as far as its candidate for governor is concerned, goes on the official ballot without any name for governor. E. W. Kirkpatrick, who had been named as the candidate, having filed an affidavit in due form of law declining the candidacy. Independence party voters will have to write the name on the ballot of whoever they intend to vote for.

The supreme court and court of civil appeals convened Monday for the fall term. A number of submissions were made in the court of appeals and three cases submitted in the supreme court.

### SCALDED TO DEATH.

#### Negro Meets Horrible Fate in Basement of Building.

Dallas, Oct. 6.—J. A. Harris, the negro fire keeper in the Wilson building, was found Monday afternoon, immediately after an explosion in the basement of that eight-story structure, lying in a small pit of boiling water and steam, supposed to have come from one of the boilers. The ground and masonry work were pretty badly torn up. Harris' body was horribly scalded.

For some time Harris had been employed as fireman at the building and was instructed Monday afternoon to clean out one of the secondary boilers. In front of the boiler is a pit about six feet deep and six feet across, used to catch and break the force of the steam expelled from the boiler. This pit is of brick and concrete construction, but it was badly torn up from the force of the explosion.

"Harris was probably engaged in blowing out the secondary boiler and opened the blow-off cock too far," said Sidney A. Temple, manager of the building. "This released the steam with such force as to cause the pit to explode. In trying to escape Harris was very likely blinded by the steam and floundered into the pit of boiling water."

Damage to the building will not exceed \$50.

#### FIRE CAUSES PANIC.

#### Many Persons Sustain Slight Injuries and Lady Loses Purse.

Sherman, Tex., Oct. 6.—An audience of perhaps 500 people at the Lyric theater was thrown into a stampede Monday night just after the show began by fire in the electric booth used for moving picture features.

While several persons were knocked down and received slight bruises the only painful hurt was sustained by Noah Jones, whose hand was lacerated by contact with an electric fan. One lady fainted. The actual loss from fire is slight. The firemen had the blaze under control in five minutes after the alarm was turned in.

Mrs. John Tinnin of Georgetown, Tex., reported to the police the loss of a purse containing a sum of money and diamonds and rubies valued at several thousand dollars.

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If Texas loses one or more Congressmen the prohibitionists will be responsible for it.

Of course every democrat who donates a dollar to the campaign will not get an office. Not all of them want office anyway.

Son-in-law Longworth says after two terms of Taft, Roosevelt will come in again for two more full terms. Suppose the people spoil this family succession by electing Bryan, then what?

Taft is perfectly willing to have all contributions to the national campaign fund published after the election when it is too late to do any good. Bryan wants a law to compel publication of the names of all contributors 'before' the election.

President Roosevelt has contributed fifty dollars to the Stephen D. Lee monument fund. This causes the Dallas Times-Herald to remark that when Roosevelt gets away from politics that he is the biggest American in the whole bunch, and so he is.

Owing to ill health W. B. Newton has sold his interest in the Mineral Wells Index to his partner, C. W. Wilson, who assumes editorial control of the paper. THE STAR regrets to see Mr. Newton forced into retirement, but such is life. We hope, build and work for better conditions and when success comes often we must give way to another. THE STAR hopes Mr. Newton will regain his health; also extend best wishes to Mr. Wilson, whom all the press boys kindly remember for his untiring efforts to make the last press meeting at Mineral Wells so enjoyable.

Good roads; something Callahan county needs and has less than any adjoining county except, of course, where nature has done the work. Our county is not keeping up with neighboring counties on road building. We spend a lot of money each year but little of it is for permanent improvement, but only for temporary repairs. If the county would spend twenty thousand dollars a year for ten years building good roads it would be the best investment that could possibly be made. What we need first is more money and next a road engineer who knows how to build roads. Much of the money is wasted on repairs for lack of knowledge in road making.

THE Hico broom factory is hard at work these days, working far into the night many times, manufacturing brooms to supply their increasing demand. Hico brooms already have won a reputation for themselves among those who have used them. If you are using an imported broom put it aside and invest in one with the Hico Label on it.—Hico Review.

Now you are talking. Use home goods at home, then you can sell them elsewhere. Clyde can raise enough broom corn to supply half of Texas and ought to have a first-class broom factory before next season. Say, reckon we couldn't run a broom factory along with our canning plant.—Clyde Sun.

It is announced that eleven State senators, will oppose submitting a prohibition amendment, if so the measure will be defeated. The Star is opposed to State prohibition at this time, but believes it will be a mistake for the antis to defeat submission in the next legislature, supposing they have the power to do so. There is a sufficient demand for submission and the Star believes the best thing for the antis to do is to allow the measure to go through and fight it out at the polls.

NIGHT RIDERS are burning farm houses in Arkansas, where farmers do not comply with every whim demanded by these outlaws. In one case houses were burned because the farmers were unable to comply with the demand of the night riders for more more rent houses which the farmers were unable to build. Such deviltry demands the highest condemnation. We hope Texas will never tolerate such outlawry. It is anarchy pure and simple, and of the worst kind, because demands are made in some instances that parties are unable to comply with, and in the cases mentioned there was no reason given why the extra improvements should be made. If this thing continues to grow it will come to pass that merchants and all other business men will be forced to conduct their business to suit any irresponsible outlaw that may take a fancy to make some absurd demand. Buckshot is the best remedy for all such deviltry. Texas squelched the fence cutter because we had a governor with backbone enough to demand a law severe enough to meet the conditions and then enforced it. Will Gov. Campbell let these red handed scoundrels defy the law as they have in Kentucky, Arkansas and Tennessee? They have reached Texas and if they are not made to feel the strong arm of the law right at the beginning no telling what will happen. Gov. Campbell ought to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of every night rider. The legislature ought to make it a penitentiary offense to attempt to burn a gin or any other property and a capital offense if deemed necessary when the property is burned then enforce the law. One legal hanging would very likely check the crime.

If Roosevelt does take the stump for Taft it will be an acknowledgment that the G. O. P. is in dire straights.

The big wholesale liquor house of L. Craddock & Co. and other establishments burned at Dallas last week. One man killed and a number of firemen hurt. Loss one hundred thousand dollars.

THE last heard of old Joe Cannon he was still fighting and "cussing." The opposition swear they will capture the old man's scalp this time. Perhaps they may. The Star hopes so and that all like him, Republican or Democrat, will be snowed under in the November storm.

WAGERS are offered that Roosevelt will take the stump for Taft before the campaign is over. What a spectacle! The President of the United States making stump speeches for a man whose nomination he practically forced upon his party will be a radical departure from all precedents in this country.

It is sincerely hoped that Texas will not be bothered with any night rider business. Times are hard enough as it is at best but such lawlessness would paralyze business and work irreparable injury to both farmers and merchants. Whatever happens in other places we do not believe the people of West Texas will permit such a thing to gain headway here.

THE republicans may win but in all its history it never seemingly put up a poorer fight than now. They are dickering and fighting among themselves in more than a dozen different states. The Foraker incident in Ohio is only one of numerous rows among the republicans. On the other hand the democrats are united better even than in 1892 when they swept the country like a storm. The prospects for the democrats looks fine. Dig up your dollar for the campaign.

HUMAN life is held too cheaply in this country. What has become of our boasted higher civilization, enlightenment and christianity? Men are shot down like dogs for the most trivial cause. If men would only stop and think a moment before he took the life of his fellow man many a killing would never have occurred. The slayer is often placed in a worse condition than his victim. It is a serious thing to take the life of a human being but from the number of murders daily all over the country one might think some take a special delight in shedding human blood. More stringent enforcement of the law against murder is demanded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.
42d District composed of the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Taylor:

THOMAS L. BLANTON, of Albany,
For District Attorney,
W. P. MAHAFFEY.
For State Senator 28th Dist.
W. J. BRYAN.

COUNTY OFFICERS.
For County Judge.
C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL.
For Sheriff & Tax Collector.
T. A. (Al) IRVIN.

For Tax Assessor.
T. J. NORRELL.
For County Clerk.
GEO. B. SCOTT.

For District Clerk.
C. W. (Wilburn) TAYLOR.
For County Treasurer.
W. E. (Eugene) MELTON.

For County Attorney.
R. L. ALEXANDER
For Public Weigher Baird District.
J. R. PRICE

For County Superintendent.
R. D. GREEN.
For Commissioner Pre No. 1.
W. A. HINDS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2.
PHILLIP YOST.
For Commissioner Pre. No. 3.
GEO. ANTHONY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4.
J. G. (Jack) AIKEN.
For Constable Pre. No. 1
W. C. ASBURY.

"TURN the rascals out." This ought to apply to any officer regardless of his politics. A long lease of power breeds corruption in any party. This is shown plainly in the republican party whose prominent members have been accepting fees from the public service corporations and boldly declare it is not wrong. Some democrats have been doing the same thing. It is safe to say not one of these fellows want to see Bryan elected though some pretend to support him.

EVERY big and little pop gun politician in Texas is behind the times if he does not announce that he has a pressing invitation to speak for the national Democratic ticket and has it under advisement. The woods are full of such fellows; but the only Texans so far as known that have really gone north to speak for the ticket, not counting Senator Culberson who has been active in the campaign from the start are Cone Johnson, Alvin Owsley, Morris Sheppard, C. B. Randell, Oscar Gillespie. Col. Dick Wynne announced that he would spout a few speeches north. So have others but have seen no notice of their going. If Bryan wins the fellows that did not do a thing will be as hard after office as those that did work and contributed to the campaign fund.

News comes that the Republicans are having placards posted on the factory walls up north reading thus:

"Believing that the election of Taft and Sherman means a safe and progressive business administration, the day following the election we will start this plant on full time and keep going." Why don't these factories do a little "going" now. They closed down with the Republicans in charge of every branch of the national government, and two-thirds of the state governments. This kind of argument is liable to do the Republican ticket more harm than good, that is if the laboring people will stop and think a bit. Let them ask the Republican campaign managers why these factories are not "going" now? This kind of campaign trickery scared the labor vote in the North in 1896 and no doubt elected McKinley. The factories in many places are said to have posted notices to the effect that if Bryan was elected the plant would be closed, because of the proclaimed universal fear of the Republicans, for campaign purposes, of course, of a panic. The trick worked then, but will it work again?

The First National Bank of Baird
Capital Stock \$50,000.00
A BANK'S FIRST DUTY is to its depositors. The business of this bank is conducted on this basis, which is, in truth, SECURITY AND CONSERVATISM. Safety is considered before profits.
NO OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR STOCKHOLDER OWES THIS BANK A CENT.
We feel justified in asking for your banking business, assuring you always, courteous treatment and satisfactory service.

WE CARRY THE MOST COMPLETE LINE IN BAIRD OF
Hardware and Furniture
Shelf Hardware, Glass and Queensware, Cutlery, Saddles, Harness, Buggies, Cooking and Heating Stoves, Washing Machines, Sewing Machines, Sporting Goods.
The Anchor Buggies in any style. A big line of every kind of Shot Guns and Target Rifles and Ammunition.
Everything in the Furniture line. Art Squares, Rugs, Matting and Linoleum, Anchor Buggies, Charter Oak Stoves, Standard Sewing Machines.
We want your trade, and we will give you courteous treatment and lowest prices to get it.
AUSTIN & GRAY

C. J. FENDER & CO.,
SHEET METAL WORK AND PLUMBING
We are offering you your money's worth in Galvanized Steel Tanks, Watering Troughs and Tubs.
We can build you the best milk can or bucket you ever bought and we show you what goes into the vessel. We can sell you the best churn in Texas.
Winter is coming and your flue needs examination, to be sure you don't burn out, see us or phone your troubles to No. 9.
We lead in Bath Tubs, Kitchen Sinks and Lavatories we can also put in your Hot Water System and guarantee satisfaction. We are there with the goods on all Plumbing, Roof, Ridge Roll Cresting and Trimmings.
WE SELL WINDMILLS, PIPE AND FITTINGS.

Baird Gin Com'y.
GINNERS OF COTTON
We buy your Bale, Seed Cotton and Cottonseed. Experienced ginner's good machinery honest dealings with first-class work make satisfied customers. Try us.
C. P. COLE, Manager.

The Waco Times-Herald asks "What do we need a Commissioner of Agriculture for any how? The question is pertinent and THE STAR would also like to know what use we have for a State Revenue Agent and several other useless state and county offices and official boards? From the present indications it is likely that a movement will be made in the next legislature to abolish some offices and consolidate others. For instance, Editor Gilmore, of the Wills Point Chronicle, a member of the legislature, is in favor of consolidating the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and the offices of County and District Clerk and abolish the office of County Treasurer altogether. The tendency of the times is to increase the number of offices rather than diminish them and we shall see what we shall see. This editor ran up against a proposition to abolish about twelve Judicial Districts in the 24th Legislature, 1895. The advocates of that measure got into the midst of the hottest fight imaginable. Every District Judge and District Attorney and their friends fought the measure so successfully that they not only defeated the bill but actually persuaded the legislature to create two new Judicial Districts. This editor got a good case of disgust over the outcome that he has never forgotten. We hope Editor Gilmore will have better luck but we warn him now that he will stir up the biggest scrap he ever got into when he undertakes to abolish a single state or county office.
Junior League.
In the Church.
Leader—Jessie Towell.
Lesson Ps. 121.
Song and Prayer.
Jesus' Worship in the Synagogue, Luke 6:6-8.—Ruth Cutberth.
The Christian's Need of the House and Assembly of God's People, Heb. 10:19-25.—Stella Mitchell.
Song.
The Wrong way to Attend Church, 1st Cor. 11:17-19.—Myrtle Orr.
The Right Way to Attend Church, 1st Cor. 14:15-19.—James Ross.
Reading.—Blanche Towell.
Benediction.

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

**EAST BOUND**

Arrives.

No. 4. Through train, Mail. 11:15 a. m.

No. 6. Mail ..... 12:50 a. m.

No. 8. FtWorth local, no mail 9:45 a. m.

**WEST BOUND.**

Arrives.

No. 5. Toyah local, mail. . . . . 4:10 a. m.

No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail. 4:00 p. m.

No. 3. Through train, no mail 7:10 p. m.

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

## PERSONAL

Frank Givens, of Colorado, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Willson, of Clyde, were in town Saturday.

Quite a large number of Bairdites attended the Barnum & Bailey show at Abilene Monday.

J. H. Burrow of Clyde was among those who called at The Star office the past week to renew their subscriptions.

John Boen of Rowden, was in with cotton and as usual with him at this time of the year, deposited a dollar with THE STAR renewal of his subscription for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Sargent returned home Wednesday from a six weeks visit to relatives in Indiana.

If you are in need of a buggy see our line of high grade Staver buggies before you purchase. Wristen & Johnson. 44

If the person who swiped the old coal scuttle at THE STAR office will come back we will give him the shovel that goes with it. After fifteen years service we hate to see them separated in their old age.

If you want your stove polished and put up and your carpet kept clean phone us your order. We guarantee you a nice clean job. Fender & Co. Phone No. 9. 44

Fender & Co. will make the old heater good as new. Save the difference in a lining and a new stove. 44

Mrs. Mose Franklin received word a few days ago that the little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Enoch, of El Paso, had been seriously burned by falling backwards into a pan of hot preserves, which had been placed on the floor. The attending physician says that while the little child is severely burned she will recover.

Phone No. 9 if you want your stove polished and put up. We furnish the best pipe for the same money you pay for light pipe. Fender & Co. 44

Let Fender examine your flue and secure you against fire. 42-4

The best copper bottomed boilers at Fender & Co. 42-4

Magnolia Flour guaranteed to not only equal but to exceed all northern flours. Less profit to us, but best value to our trade. Price & Trulove sole agents. 40tt

The west wall of the Court House is cracking open in many places. The breaks began at the same place that they did in the old Court House though the foundation was put down several feet deeper than the first building. There must be a cavity under the west wall. Whatever it is it is going to make trouble for the county just as the old one did. An architect was expected here at the called term of the Commissioners' court last week to examine the building but he failed to come.

See enlarged ad of McGowen Bros., on last page. The boys are making prices that ought to bring more trade to town.

### Baird Cotton Receipts.

Total, 1834 bales. Price ranged yesterday 8.55 to 8.70.

Henry Harmon returned home from Stamford Wednesday ill with what the family fear is slow fever.

## M. Summers Dead.

L. M. Hadley received a telegram yesterday that Mr. Summers, his wife's father, had died at his home in Oklahoma, Wednesday evening. He left on the morning train for Oklahoma. Mrs. Hadley and her brother, Ed Summers, of Baird were with their father when he died. Mr. Summers was well known in Callahan county, where he lived for several years.

## Tax Notice.

I will be at the following place on the date set opposite for the purpose of collecting State and County taxes for the year 1908:

Cross Plains, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26th and 27th.

Cottonwood, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 28th and 29th.

Atwell, Friday, Oct. 30th.

Putnam, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 2nd and 3rd.

Clyde, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4th and 5th.

Oplin, Saturday, Nov. 7th.

Respectfully,  
T. A. IRVIN,  
Tax Collector, Callahan Co. Texas.

**Take Note, A Moment:**—If that young man whose name is Hampton Dawson, but who is going under the the alias Brown, or any other, will get in communication with The Western Evangel Co., Abilene, Texas, he will relieve many anxious hearts and can secure a good place to work, or go to school. Any friend who shall be so kind as to furnish any information as to the whereabouts of the above mentioned person, who is 18 years old, tall, dark complexioned, erect, brown eyes, intelligent, will confer a great favor. 45-3

## Notice.

In going over our county list we see a number who are about a year behind, the Postoffice limit, on their subscription. Why wait for a bill? The date printed on your paper shows when your time is out. Subscriptions are due in advance and your time is out when the date to which it is paid is reached.

## For Sale or Trade

For young mares or young she cattle, a few head of Registered Jersey males, ages one, two, three and four years. See or write me if you want to make a bargain. 45-3

W. C. POWELL,

## Special Song Service.

THE STAR is requested by the Pastor, Bro. Chambliss, to announce that there will be a special song service at the Methodist Church next Sunday, Oct. 11th at 11 o'clock a. m. The old time songs will be used, the kind they used to sing when some of us were boys and girls. Everybody invited, and especially all the old people. Bro. Chambliss says this service is by special request and they want to make it interesting to both old and young. Many young people never heard some of the old songs that our fathers and grandfathers sang in the long ago when everybody sang and not the choir alone as is often the case now.

## Campaign Fund.

A fund of \$46. was made up yesterday and forwarded to the Democratic Campaign Committee. A list of subscribers to the fund was handed in, but for lack of space it is impossible to publish it this week. It will appear next week. We would like to double the amount by next week. THE STAR of H. F. Foy will receive any amount you want to give.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hinds returned Tuesday from Big Springs, where they visited their son, C. C. Hinds, who will soon move to Oregon.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the P. O. at Baird Texas, for the week ending Sept. 7 1908. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Miss Bulah Cooper.  
Mr. Clyde Raffin.  
Miss Beila Smith.  
Mrs. Lizzie Thompson.  
Mrs. Mary Wilson.  
Mrs. Anna Williams.

J. V. McMANIS, P. M.

See Brown Seay's ad. If you need anything in his line send him your orders.

## Resolutions of Respect.

To the Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of Baird Chapter No. 182, Royal Arch Masons.

Whereas, death has again invaded our Tabernacle and called our honored and respected Companion, J. E. Gilliland, from labor. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the death of Companion J. E. Gilliland, who departed this life August 30th, 1908, this Chapter has lost one of its most zealous members, society an honorable upright citizen and his family a kind and loving husband and father; that while we bow with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things for the best, yet the death of our faithful Sentinel, one of the old guard, who was ever zealous in the cause of Masonry and prompt in attendance at all meetings fill our hearts with sadness.

Resolved, that we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, widow and children, of our deceased Companion and commend them to the care and protection of all Royal Arch Masons wherever they may go.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our minute book as a mark of respect to the memory of our deceased Companion and a copy of same be furnished his family under the seal of this Chapter. Fraternaly submitted.

R. G. POWELL.  
H. SCHWARTZ.  
H. O. POWELL.  
COMMITTEE.

## Resolutions of Respect.

To the most excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions of Baird Chapter No. 182:

We your committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Companion A. Cooke, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has pleased an All-wise and Beneficent God to take Companion Cooke, long a zealous Mason, from labor to an eternal rest, therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of Companion Cooke, Baird Chapter has lost one of its most highly esteemed members, Masonry one of its most ardent supporters, society one of its most honorable upright citizens and his family a loving husband and father; and while we humbly submit to all the providences of our lovingly Heavenly Father, yet it is with deep sadness we leave our dear Companion in the City of the dead, we miss his familiar face and wise advice in our council chambers, and know that Masonry has lost an advocate whose place will be difficult to fill.

Resolved, that we tender our sincere sympathy to the loving wife and devoted children of our deceased Companion.

Resolved, that the members of this chapter wear the usual badge of mourning.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished by the Secretary to the family of our deceased Companion under the seal of the lodge. Fraternaly submitted,

B. L. RUSSELL.  
H. SCHWARTZ.  
E. G. POWELL.  
Committee.

## Eastern Star.

Callahan Chapter No. 242, O. E. S., will meet in regular session next Tuesday night, Oct. 13th. There is business of great importance to come before the meeting at this time and it is earnestly hoped that there will be a full attendance of the membership.

MISS ELIZA GILLILAND,  
Worthy Matron.  
MRS. DORA HARMON,  
Secretary.

Bob Berry is building a nice little cottage on the Berry ranch south of town.

## CITY BAKERY.

Furnishes pure and healthy bread and rolls, made of the best material in the market and absolutely free of alum or any other substitutes, fresh every day, also a great variety of cakes. Phone 115.

OSCAR NITSCHKE

# His Appreciation

The business man thoroughly appreciates his checking account. Those who do not keep such an account miss many of its advantages. We are always glad to explain the workings of a checking account to those who are not familiar with them.

## The Home National Bank of Baird "The Bank that Does Things"

### "JUAN" REPLIES TO KENEDY.

BURNT BRANCH, Sept. 30, 1908

DEAR STAR: I hope a generous people will pardon me in my reply to an effusion signed C. S. Kenedy in a recent issue of The Star. I abhor a contemptible style of insinuations and reflections indulged in by the learned gentleman, who generously notifies the public by insinuations that said stuff was intended for the benefit of his predecessor which is your humble servant, upon whom he claims to be on the trail. Now I say to the gentleman, "Lay on Macduff, etc!" and I will leave to the people of Precinct No. 4 my official acts as compared with his, for their judgment and consideration.

I claim I had just cause of complaint and in the interest of myself and neighbors, gave a true and correct statement of the condition of the two roads leading from this section to Baird, casting no reflections, only reminding interested parties of a neglected official duty, and the honorable gentleman came forward in his famous effusion, assuming all responsibility and asserting that the kick was intended for "me." Now I respectfully say, "If the slipper fits draw her on."

I say that Mr. Kenedy attempts by his incorrect statements to willfully or ignorantly deceive the public. Now he can take which horn of the dilemma he sees fit. He brands my statements in regard to the condition of said roads as untrue. Let's see. I hold in my possession the following signed by 16 citizens of this community as indicated:

"Sept. 29, 1908. We, the undersigned citizens and tax-payers of Burnt Branch community have read a communication in The Baird Star signed "Juan" and written by Jno. W. Aiken, dated Aug. 29th, and state that matters set forth as regards the condition of county roads, etc, are strictly true and not in the least exaggerated. And will further state that the bridge spanning Burnt Branch near R. P. Odom's was at that time and far near a year previous, in bad and dangerous condition, and we, as citizens and taxpayers, have and had a just cause of complaint in regard to road matters as then existing." Signed properly by 16 citizens, whose names will be furnished on application of Mr. Kenedy.

In the face of this for Kenedy to try to justify himself for the condition of said roads shows beyond a reasonable doubt that he places a low estimate upon the intelligence of the people of this community, or that he himself is color blind to say the least.

And further, these people should have their lives insured before they cross a structure or structures rendered dangerous by the neglect of the overseer or our legally constituted County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4. Were it me I would be ashamed to meet this constituency; and among them men who supported you for the office you now hold and

at one time aspired. For shame Kenedy.

Baird is the best cotton market in west Texas and this people appreciate the fact. Place the roads in at least passable condition and I assure The Star and the merchants of said city that very little stuff will seek another market.

Besides I consider it a just demand, and shall ever contend, etc. These are roads which all the Dressy and some Cross Plains people use.

My friend says he has been over the Johnson pasture road. He is a truthful gentleman and I doubt not his word. I said he had never been seen and in all fairness he should have produced one living witness who caught him in the act of reviewing said road.

How about that mountain of which you make a "mole hill"? How about that counter sunk culvert, where the team jumps and the wagou or buggy goes "caching"? How about that bridge at Burnt Branch, which for a year, as per proof, was neglected? You assert this road is in average condition. All I say is God pity your judgment. How about that Spring Gap road and who is responsible for its condition in Precinct No. 4 when Burnam's and Hind's end of said road is in good shape? You assert these are third class roads. Such is not the case. Only the one through the pastures. I positively assert that there is more cotton and lumber hauled over these roads when passable than any two roads in the county, which I can prove if necessary.

M. Austin informed you he had worked full time with the exception of five days. Austin is not the only overseer on these roads by a blamed sight. Will Cutbirth on the center and I don't know who on the Spring Gap end, you doubtless do. If you wanted to deal fairly why didn't you get the report of these gentlemen. The truth of the matter is Austin never put in the time you refer to until after my former communication was written, Aug. 29th, and the work referred to was done the following week, as Mr. Austin's books will show. Yet in the face of this you warn me to be more careful in my statements, etc. I stated facts and nothing but the facts.

You stated I left the Precinct in debt. You have the money but want to turn it over to your successor. My fatherly advice to you is to let your successor look out for himself, and take that money and give us a little bit on the roads and if necessary borrow a little from Hinds, Burnam and Williams. By all means help us on the roads and you will have the thanks and remembrance of a good and faithful people and of

JNO. W. AIKEN,  
alias "JUAN."

For good things to eat go to B. L. Boydstan's.

Boydstan handles Queen of Pantry, Light Crust, and A1 Flour. 42-3

# The VANISHING FLEETS

ILLUSTRATED BY A. WEIL  
BY ROY NORTON

Norma, like one from whose eyes a hoodwink has been suddenly removed, and appearing almost to have read her father's mind, put her hand out to his shoulder and looked at him searchingly. A slow grin of great exultation swept over the lean old face into which she peered, drove the wrinkles into the corners of the eyes, and a mass of radiating furrows round the mouth.

"You've guessed it," he said, and then turned to the admiral. "Brockton, you don't know what that hole meant; but in an hour from now I'm going to show you. That is, Norma, my assistant, and I will."

Then in a sudden frenzy for work he asked them all to leave until he sent for them, and they, wondering and speculating on his next endeavor, obeyed. Only the workmen, who had descended into the cavity and were preparing to hoist the plate and mold, and the admiral, by special invitation, remained. The clang of hammers resounded hollowly through the room as the timbers beneath the floor were shored up by the carpenters; then came the setting of another and larger tank than the one which had been so unexpectedly driven into the earth. The smaller plates which had been intended only for experimental purposes were exhausted, and therefore they had nothing on which to operate save two immense castings weighing many tons. Wide sliding doors rolled back, and workmen from the foundry, with straining muscles and clinging toes, slowly pushed in low-wheeled cars on which rested the huge pieces of metal. A steel crane projected its ungainly arm, reached slowly down, and in a Titanic grasp picked up one piece, moved it into position over the new bed, and deposited it in a great basin whose material indicated that it would be able to withstand any heat.

The admiral in boyish exuberance would have thrown wide the door; but the inventor, remembering the other contretemps, forbade. The latter busied himself for a few minutes in his storehouse, and returned with a sheet of peculiar insulation which was of his own invention, almost indestructible by heat, and a resistant to any form of radioactivity, which he placed with great care on top of the huge plate. The second plate was lowered squarely on top of this, clamped for additional security, and the workmen dismissed. The connections were made in identically the same way as in the previous test, except that one electrical apparatus was attached to the upper plate above the insulation and the other to the one beneath. Brockton, seeing that the currents were about to be applied, backed off into the corner, until stopped by the farthest partition.

"It's all right this time," the inventor assured him. "Wild current and wet floor before, badly insulated handle, too. All fixed up now. Won't be any accident this time," and so on, making the final inspection of his apparatus as he talked. Norma reviewed her father's work, to be certain that all was well, and then at a nod from him took her station at the other monster which had not been used hitherto. There was a simultaneous movement on their part, and, as if suddenly endowed with a soul, the lights once more flashed here and there, glaring at them with sinister contempt—Frankenstein's under control!

The admiral, fascinated by the mystery of science, stared at the white-haired old man who was calmly watching his play of colors, and then at the girl who with equal self-possession and coolness manipulated the strange currents beneath her hands. They were animated as by one mind, throwing their levers and switches to and fro at identically the same moment without looking at each other, and the click of the closing currents came in unison. Not until then did they step back from their stations and interchange what seemed to the admiral mutual glances of congratulation.

"That assistant of mine is a wonder!" was all the old man said as he came over, dragged a stool up beside that on which the officer sat, and gleefully rubbed his hands together. "She thinks more clearly than I do."

Brockton, who had been tense as a violin string and had almost forgotten to breathe, drew a long breath and looked at the girl, who had been leaning against the wall as though exhausted, but was now watching the slowly cooling metal. He would have asked questions; but the inventor turned to him and with an air of triumph said:

"I wish you would invite all those who were here when we made the first

test. Then you will have the explanation unless I am again mistaken."

The admiral obeyed, and even as the cooling sprays were sifting over the great pieces of metal they came trooping in from the work which they had resumed. There were men from the draughting rooms with pencils behind their ears, engineers from the outside with shirt sleeves rolled up and forgotten diagrams under their arms, and one man came from the laboratory absently carrying a test tube, balancing it so that he might spill none of the liquid which it contained. Norma was now resting calmly against one of the huge dead machines.

In a tone of unusual gravity Roberts addressed them. "Boys," he began—they were all boys to him—"you have witnessed the accidental discovery, I believe, of the most powerful force the world has ever known. You have been fortunate. In more than 70 years of life I, who have spent the time in strange studies and stranger work, have had no privilege so great. You have all been kind to my daughter and to me, and I am glad you are here now." He paused for a moment, seeing with introspective eyes all the great events of his life. Then, recalling himself from this review, he turned to Jenkins as a kindred spirit, and to a boyish officer who stood near at hand.

"You two," he said, indicating them with his hand, "may have the honor of picking up those plates."

There was an instant of breathless astonishment. Jenkins was the first to recover, and unhesitatingly walked forward. The younger man drew back as though he had received an order from an insane man consigning him to ignominious death. The voice of the admiral put an end to the wait.

"Go ahead!" he said quietly. "Those plates may weigh tons; but if Dr. Roberts tells you to pick them up, you go and try it."

With the absolute precision of training, the officer's heels came together and his hand to his cap in quick salute. He strode to the plates, and stood opposite Jenkins, while the spectators craned forward, speculating as to what freak of madness was to be demonstrated. Jenkins, grave and unquestioning, looked across at his companion, nodded to him, and together they stooped and caught a handhold. Together they gathered their muscles as if for some prodigious exercise of strength, and simultaneously strained upward.

To the amazement of those within the room the great masses of metal came up with such ease that they were lifted breast high without perceptible effort.

"Higher, higher!" called the old inventor, springing toward them and gesturing with his hands. The plates rose until they were held with finger tips, and breathless suspense enthralled the spectators.

"Now stand from under! Let go of them! Let go of them!" yelled Roberts, dancing up and down in excitement; but the men still held on as if rendered powerless by astonishment.

"Stand from under!" commanded the admiral; and discipline again mastering them they obeyed, springing back in the apprehension that the two immense plates might by some necromancy come crashing down and disappear through the floor. With something almost like a sob, so great had been his mental strain, Jenkins stood transfixed. The admiral gave a gasp, and with one hand poised in the air stood like a statue. A hammer fell from the hand of one of the engineers standing behind, and the man who had been tightly clutching the test tube opened his fingers and let it crash to the floor. In this tinkling sound of broken glass on cement, another gave a sharp ejaculation and took an involuntary step forward.

They had witnessed the first positive exhibition of true levitation, a solid body suspended in the air without support. They had seen in times past with complacency, knowing that it was dependent upon optical illusion, the conjurer's trick, mystifying to the onward sense but readily explainable in the light of investigation; but here before them, beyond the range of charlatanry, in perversion of all known physical laws, there hung motionless in the air, dependent upon itself for its flotation, a great mass of metal that but a short time before would have been beyond the power of their combined strength to lift.

And standing placidly beneath it, enjoying their surprise and supremely triumphant, stood a quiet little old man, smiling at his daughter, whose

hand he was holding.

## CHAPTER XVII. An Invincible Arm.

The officers, still doubting their senses, stood before this uncanny manifestation like men in a world of unreality. From without, for some unaccountable reason, the varied clamor of industry had subsided to silence, and the soldiers' song was finished. Even the yellow light of the afternoon which filtered through the window panes appeared strange, spectral, and unearthly. In the shadow of that massive thing which hovered above them, Nature seemed bent on the revocation of her laws, and for an instant their senses reeled in the struggle for comprehension.

"Old Bill" Roberts broke the spell. He reached up and touched the tip of a finger to the mass and moved it gently toward them with no more exertion than would be necessary to push a toy balloon. There was no levity in him when he addressed them, but rather the simple grandeur of one who has wrested from Nature one of her greatest powers, and was now preparing to harness it for all time, a slave to peace, progress and the welfare of his fellows.

"My friends," he said, "by the discovery of an alloy of metal and metalloids we have created a new substance, which when an electrical current of certain potentiality is passed through it becomes intensely radioactive; infinitely more so than radium. Through these machines," and here he waved his hand at the twin apparatus in the rear, "my daughter and I have produced electrical manifestations hitherto unsuspected and unknown. The metal itself, while radioactive to a certain degree, does not become intensely so without the application of the excitant current." He pulled the plate down till it rested on the floor, and stood upon it, while they, still awed, waited for his further exposition.

"This morning, by an accidental contact which lasted until the plate had torn itself loose and broken the current, I saw to the full the possibilities it contained. The impact of the emanations, or radioactive corpuscles, against the sheet of insulation and tank at the bottom drove it through the floor and into the ground, because the corpuscles which flew off in the other direction were unimpeded, free and harmless. Had the excitant current been maintained, the plate would have hurled itself indefinitely toward the center of the earth."

The officers gave a gasp of something almost approaching incredulity, with the exception of Jenkins, who nodded his head and excitedly rubbed his hands.

Roberts picked up a scrap at his feet and held it toward them. "For years I experimented upon and perfected this," he said. "It is an insulation which will pass no current of electricity, and which no known heat can destroy. To-day by accident I learned that it was also an impervious screen to radioactive emanations. In the second experiment I so charged the alloy in my lower plate that it merely offsets gravitation, and put my sheet of insular substance between; and there we have levitation. Those



A Clash Had Taken Place at Chemulpo.

two plates are working against each other with nearly equal force, the balance being disturbed only in ratio to gravitation."

"The solution of the flying machine?" Jenkins shouted excitedly, and Roberts, appreciating the engineer's quick understanding, smiled and responded:

"Yes, just that." "But what will furnish its propulsion?" asked Jenkins, whose mind was traveling over the possibilities of rapid flight. The others evinced their interest by craning forward.

"It will furnish its own," the scientist answered, "because by the use of the apparatus behind it we can excite its radioactivity to any degree that might be safe. More plainly, the moment the current excites and therefore increases the power of the lower plate, a lifting energy could be exerted which would destroy the equilibrium

of levitation and drive the plates into the air with a force corresponding to the strength or character of the current. Or, on the other hand, if the upper plate was similarly excited, thus liberating its corpuscles, the plate would be driven toward the earth."

The admiral, who had been slowly following this dissertation, seemed suddenly to have grasped its entire meaning, and thrust himself out from the group with both hands extended and gesticulating rapidly. "Then all you have to do," he said, "is to put on either end of your airship a freeboard made of this metal, capable of excitation and insulated on its inner surface, and you would thereby be able to drive your craft in either direction at any speed you might wish!"

"That's it exactly," answered Roberts and Jenkins in unison. The inventor continued:

"I can beat a freeboard, however, because I shall apply my electrical current in such a way as to send all the corpuscles of radioactive matter in any direction I may choose. I could with this alloy even create magnets of unknown power. I can build a craft in sections where magnets and radioactive surfaces will alternate."

He was growing excited as the magnitude of the scope of his discovery dawned upon his imagination. Norma calmed him down; but the admiral, infected with these visions, took up the strain and enthusiastically expatiated to his companions. To him the skies were already filled with flying ships that were to swoop down over an enemy, drop terrific bombs of high explosives, and thus sweep the seas. But future events, he was to learn, cannot be predicted with certainty.

"Well, well!" he said, briskly. "What next?"

"Your engineers must assist me in drawing plans. We shall want great quantities of new material and electrical equipment, and must have them soon; because when we get well under way we should be able to create two or three of these radioplanes each day."

The great plates were locked in, and the group repaired to one of the offices, where for hours the inventor elaborated his scheme of control, the mechanical means of which were to be worked out and drawings made by the engineers. And as they toiled over their plans, there spread from mouth to mouth throughout the strange colony the story of the marvelous conception, until even the most prosaic workman found himself dreaming and speculating over his task. Before dusk had crowded the light from the skies, the Columbia, under a full head of steam, picked her way out to meet the ocean swells, and headed for Miami, where she was to send a message to Washington, calling for strangely assorted supplies and notifying the anxious naval men that the dry dock would not be needed.

There where the heart of the American government beat was nothing but anxiety and suspense. Each succeeding day's events had made it more certain that Japan would force the issue to war, and, like an athlete, was stripping and training for the fight. The men who had taken upon themselves the tremendous responsibility of intrusting the nation's defense to a single discovery, and were backing it with funds for which they must account some day, saw the days slipping by, and grimly realized that they were irrevocably bound to the success or failure on the key. It was too late now to attempt other projects, and glory or defeat hung suspended on the issue.

No reports had been received, and no news had come from that determined little army that had sailed away to the south. Hence it was with something of a shock that the first word received was to the effect that the dry dock could not be utilized. It seemed like the first dread handwriting emblazoned on the wall, foretelling failure, disaster, disgrace and war, and the president as he read it quoted with inexpressible sadness: "Mene, Mene, Tekel—" and his half-opened lips framed the rest.

Then followed the requisition for supplies, and once again before any detailed report had been received, came another demand. The island in the solitude seemed an insatiable monster, devouring national funds and giving back nothing in return. More days went by, bringing nothing save distressing stories from the orient, where a clash had taken place at Chemulpo between Japanese sailors and American marines. This was of such serious nature that apologies were tendered the Japanese embassy, and then from the entire country burst a storm of protest and reiterated criticisms of the administration, which was contumaciously accused of showing the white feather. From the western coast came appeal on appeal, the whole Pacific seaboard calling attention to its unprotected state and the imminence of its danger.

Distressed and irate at the dearth of information, the secretary of the navy was on the point of sending a message to Brockton demanding news, when he received from Miami the terse message that in two nights more the admiral would report in person. That he bore nothing but a tale of disappointment, was surmised from the

closing words of the admiral, who requested that all those who had been party to the project should assemble secretly as before at the White House, after nightfall.

Haggard and worn, they came together, read the brief dispatch and waited. The president, his melancholy face set and grave, looked at them from cavernous eyes; but could offer no consolation. There was nothing to do but wait—sit and wait—for that messenger of ill omen who was to sound the knell of hope and tell what letters had been combined to spell the word "failure." In hushed voices they discussed the situation, and tried to evolve some project for its alleviation.

And then without preliminary announcement the door swung open under the hand of the president's private secretary, and there stood framed in the huge form of the admiral, his hand at salute, his eyes shining in triumph, and back of him stood Norma, her father and Jenkins. Brockton advanced to the president's desk, and faced him and the secretary of the navy.

"I have come to deliver my report in person, and with me are those who have given this nation the greatest engine of war that science has ever known."

The room was electrified; but the president sprang to his feet and threw up a restraining hand commanding silence.

"Well?" he queried, inviting further words; but Brockton's place had been taken by the shriveled figure of a diminutive old man, who put a trembling hand out to his friend and in a voice of affection, hushed but exultant, exclaimed:

"Paul, Paul, we've made good!" The other's hand came out to meet his, and the only sound heard was the president's fervent, "Thank God! Thank God!"

The gates of repression and emotion were down. These men had been tried to the breaking point, and now, when in one moment their skies had cleared, they gave way. They hugged each other, repeatedly shook hands, and in the eyes of some there were unrestrained tears. They crowded round the little group from the key and admonished each other to silence.

"Gentlemen," said the inventor, "we have rendered warships useless. We need no armor! Increased speed on the waters is of no value to us. We have created a machine that flies, not a thing of gas, of planes, or a kite. We cannot explain here as well as if you were to go with us and see it, and what use we have made of your money."

The secretary of the navy looked disappointed. His mind was too intensely practical to jump to happy conclusions. "Can a flying machine whip a battle ship?" he asked, and would have continued; but the admiral brought his fist down on the desk with a mighty bang.

"This one alone might do it! The others we'll have ready before they are called upon can whip the world." He stopped as if abashed by his own enthusiasm and lack of etiquette, looked at the president and the secretary apologetically, and then in a less tempestuous voice went on: "All we ask is that you come with us—so no one may see you, of course—and then you'll have no cause for complaint."

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE ASKED

By the Governor of Oklahoma to Explain

### CERTAIN LEASE MATTERS:

Asks That Certain Transactions in Connection With the Granting of a Lease on Many Thousand of Osage Indian Acres Be Narrated.

Guthrie, Oct. 6.—In an open letter addressed to President Roosevelt Governor Haskell asks that the president to explain certain transactions in connection with the granting of a lease on 680,000 acres of Osage Indian lands to the Prairie Oil and Gas company in July, 1906. The letter says in part:

"In a recent communication, I requested of you information concerning the granting of a lease in July, 1906 to the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company, a Standard Oil company subsidiary, on 680,000 acres of land belonging to the Osage Indian tribe in this state. In otherwise answering that communication, you entirely omitted this important question. From careful investigation, however, the facts as they appear to me are as follows:

"In 1896 a lease was made by the Washington authorities to one Edwin B. Foster, covering practically the entire Osage nation. At that time there was no oil production or development probably nearer than the state of Indiana, so that the lease was made for so long a period as ten years in order to give time for development. Foster transferred his rights to the above named company."

Continuing, Governor Haskell traces the development of the oil land leasing industry as affected by regulations promulgated by congress with the intention of showing how the granting of a lease on such an immense area of land as 680,000 acres was virtually the creation of a monopoly.

In regard to the passage in 1885 of a rider on the general appropriation bill authorizing the president to make a new or extended lease, the letter relates that a number of conferences were held between President Roosevelt and Messrs. Guffey and Barnsdale of Pennsylvania, Standard Oil agents. Governor Haskell charges the president with refusing to grant Osage Indian representatives a consultation while negotiating at length with Standard Oil agents. The letter continues:

"It is a low estimate, Mr. President, to say that you should have obtained for the tribe a one-sixth royalty of the production, and in addition to that, at a very moderate estimate, at least seven million dollars cash bonus, or a greater equivalent royalty and then their sub-leasing to actual operators in small tracts would have left the Standard Oil company, a handsome profit, indeed, a fabulous sum beyond the comprehension of ordinary minds. Did you get them any such sum? No, you got them only a bare one-eighth royalty."

"Mr. President, this question has passed beyond the stage of political discussion as far as I am concerned. While you are the chief guardian of this particular property of these Osages, I, sir, am governor of Oklahoma of which state these Indians are citizens and are entitled to the best protection I can give their interests. It is my duty to see to it to the fullest extent possible, that no citizen or aggregate aggregation of citizens of my state shall suffer for indiscretion of bad judgment of any guardian of their property. I, therefore, insist, that without unreasonable delay, I may be advised as to the correctness of the above facts and in behalf of our people, the Osages, I demand a revocation of such unwarranted and unjust lease and I beg to advise you now that since this has become my official duty, I shall carry it before the next congress of the United States unless there is a clear showing that my people have not been unfairly treated."

"You will pardon me for looking with suspicion on any acquisition of franchises of property rights of such immense value, when it seems to have been encouraged or brought about through the management of men whose names I give above."

#### Bailey Buys Fine Horses.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 6.—Senator J. W. Bailey was among the most interested horse buyers at the annual fall sales here and bought three of the best offered. He paid \$435 for Linnetta, b. b., (1, by Ashland Wilkes, out of Georgia Albers.

He paid \$500 for Minnie Jay, b. m., (5), by Jaybird, out of Lina Wilson, and \$375 for Clavera, b. m., (95), by Alerton, out of Linnetta. Senator Bailey is stopping at his Iroquois stock farm.

#### Death Due to Uremia.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Mrs. Pearl A. Carter died at Manila Oct. 3 from uremia, following cholera, according to information received at the bureau of insular affairs Monday. The dispatch announcing her death asks that John W. Burford of Fort Worth be notified. Mrs. Carter formerly resided at the Texas city.

#### Took No Such Action.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 6.—In an interview W. J. Bryan denies, as has been

stated, that he never made a speech, or wrote an editorial against the granting of pensions to soldiers. On the contrary he declared that all of his platforms have endorsed pensions and that he favors a liberal pensions policy.

#### Speedy Run Under Water.

Cherbourg, Oct. 6.—The submarine Emeraude arrived here after a run of eighty-one hours, in which she covered 693 miles under water. The vessel maintained a regular speed of nine knots an hour. The crew, although much fatigued, bore the severe trial admirably.

### NEY CASTLE SOLD.

#### Historic Building to Be Turned Into a Museum.

Austin, Oct. 3.—Ney Castle, the former home here of Miss Elizabeth Ney, the noted sculptor, has been sold to Mrs. Joseph D. Dibrell of Seguin, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, for the purpose of establishing an art museum at Austin, the nucleus of which valuable art collection of Miss Ney, including paintings, statuary, tapestry, etc., which will remain in the castle. Should the museum be discontinued to collection is to go to the University of Texas.

The state health department has raised the yellow fever quarantine which has been in effect against Havana and other points of Cuba for some time past. The restriction against Cienfuegos and San Diego, two Cuban ports, still remain in effect. This action is based on a message from the marine hospital service at Washington that the Federal government had lifted the embargo, as no fever exists at Havana at present.

L. M. Hedrick, a well known attorney, fell down a flight of stairs, sustaining a broken arm and a serious gash in his head. Ten stitches were taken to close the wound. A lamp he held in a hand fell and set fire to the house, but it was extinguished before any damage resulted.

The land commissioner opened bids for thirty-six sections of Midland county land priced by state at \$3 per acre, minimum. There are 200 bidders. The highest bid was \$8.50, the lowest to get an award, \$4.

Mrs. Anne M. Richer filed suit against the Austin Electric Railway company for \$2,500. She alleges her clothing was fired and injuries received by fireworks last April at a celebration the defendant company had arranged.

#### Must Make Certain Exchanges.

Austin, Oct. 3.—The state board of education at a meeting Saturday, adopted a ruling requiring all book contractors under the recent adoption to exchange with local dealers over the state all books now on the shelves of local dealers when such book stock was purchased for 1907-1908 for the new books contracted for. The board declares that the law and contracts provides that such exchange shall be made with local dealers as well as with patrons of schools. This is a most important ruling and will relieve hundreds of small dealers who have stock of last year on hand and cannot dispose of it now. Now book contractors had refused to exchange with local dealers. Secretary of board and Superintendent Cousins were instructed to advise book contractors of this action.

#### BOLL WEEVIL DESTROYER.

#### Texas Negro Claims to Have a Machine That Will Do the Work.

Houston, Oct. 3.—Charles Lee, a negro, has perfected a machine which he claims will destroy boll weevils. The machine is a simple box, consisting primarily of a round box made of metal and having four protruding tubes. Within the outer receptacle is another which contains chemicals capable of ignition and which give off deadly fumes.

The plan is to entice weevils within the tubes by lights suspended at the entrance of each, the fumes killing them.

#### Young Bride and Groom.

Temple, Tex., Oct. 2.—Will G. Bentley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bentley of Temple, and Miss Cleo Pace, who resides several miles north of here, were married at Temple. The groom is sixteen years of age and the bride seventeen years old. The parents gave their consent after it was seen that the couple intended to put their plans into execution regardless of opposition encountered. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Hall, pastor of the Seventh Street Methodist church, at his residence.

#### Appeal Made For Money.

San Antonio, Oct. 3.—At a meeting of the state Democratic executive committee an appeal was made for money. Chairman Storey showed \$750 turned over to him by the old committee and \$600 raised during the present campaign. Plans were laid for a more vigorous campaign.

#### Saved by Hero.

Mexia, Tex., Oct. 1.—W. B. Jackson narrowly escaped an awful death at his gin. His clothing became entangled in the shafting. As he whirled around Engineer M. Storry risked his life and held Jackson. All the latter's clothes were torn off. He was not badly hurt.

#### Twins Named Bryan and Kern.

Weatherford, Tex., Oct. 2.—Mrs.

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#### Truly Sad Calamity.

Greenville, Tex., Oct. 1.—While Mrs. Mollie Jones, a widow, and her seven children were picking cotton near Clinton, fire completely destroyed their home.

#### Dead Infant Found in Well.

Sherman, Tex., Oct. 1.—Hester Moore, a negress, was remanded back to jail on a habeas corpus hearing on a charge of murder. Her infant child was found dead in a well near Van Alstyne.

#### Falls Off Barge and Drowns.

Houston, Oct. 1.—George Hough fell off the barge Annie at Red Fish Reef, near Galveston, and drowned. His body was interred here, his home.

#### Found Dead in Bed.

Dallas, Oct. 3.—Neil McFadden, aged thirty-five, who recently came here from Kansas City, was found dead in bed at a hotel. It is believed death was due to natural causes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hilswicke who have made their home in Baird for the past year have gone to Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Hilswicke made many warm friends while here who regret to see them move away.

Mrs. Smarth of Admiral was shopping in Baird Tuesday.

### Married at Stiles.

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth, Sr. Tuesday evening was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Myrtle, to L. R. Hickman.

At the appointed hour the couple unattended, took their places under a marriage bell of white carnations and ferns to the strains of a wedding march played by Mrs. Lige Cutbirth.

Rev. I. L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, pronounced the ceremony in a most beautiful and impressive manner. At the close of the ceremony congratulations were extended; after which the guests were ushered into the dining room where there were two long tables filled to overflow with most dainty and delicious eatables. The tables were most beautifully decorated with American Beauty and Bride's roses.

A fine array of presents attest the high esteem in which the young folks are held and will serve as life long mementoes.

The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of Persian lawn with Yak lace trimmings looking the very queen that her life characterized her to be.

Color scheme was green and white throughout the house, carnations being the flower used. Little Mr. Sam Cutbirth and Miss Wanah-Lee Powell acted as flower bearers.

The bride is one of our choicest young ladies. From a little girl she has grown up in our midst, honored by old and young alike. She has ever been a bright star in the home circle and now she has gone to reign as queen in her own home.

The groom is well known here and although he has only been a resident of this place for about two years, he has many friends here who hold him in the very highest of esteem, and he is considered one of the substantial and coming young men of the county, who will make his mark as a worthy son of honorable parents. His permanent home is at Stamford, Texas, where his parents now reside.

It is a pleasure to chronicle the marriage of such worthy young people and this paper wafts to them its warmest congratulations.

God, the best maker of all mar-

riages, combine your hearts as one. —Stiles Journal.

### ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

The Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties will pay above reward for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this Association, in good standing.

J. B. CUTBIRTH, Pres.  
A. G. WEBB, Secy.

Buy that tent from Boyles he has what you want. 45-4

We have just received a car of Bain wagons. Wristen & Johnson.

Our own make cotton pickers knee pads are the best. C. S. BOYLES.

### For Sale.

Good horse, buggy and harness. Also a very fine Jersey cow. Call at Terrell's Drug Store for price. 44

Plenty of heating and cooking stoves at Boyles call and see them.

Baird Laundry, Phone 72. 44-3p

J. B. Cutbirth had a fine stalk of cotton in town last week grown on his place south of Belle Plains.

FOR RENT—A good five room residence in west part of town. THE BAIRD LUMBER CO.

C. B. Snyder and family have gone to their ranch near Moran to spend a few weeks.

Just received by us one car load of snow drift hydrated lime. For sale in 40 pound sacks. THE BAIRD LUMBER CO.

Louis Pelter of Gilmer has accepted a position as salesman in H. Schwartz's dry goods establishment.

W. P. Kersher left the first part of the week for Reading, Penn. in response to a message that his father had died at that place.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION —OF THE—

### FARMERS' NAT'L BANK,

At Cross Plains in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sept 23, 1908.

### Resources.

Loans and Discounts	\$33,358 02
Overdraft secured and unsecured	1,896 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,300 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	306 63
Banking house, furniture, etc.	1,928 24
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,184 59
Due from State Bank and Bankers	938 31
Due from Approved reserve Agents	1,286 49
Checks and other cash items	177.93
Notes of other Nat'l. Banks	350.00
Fract'l paper cur'cy nickels and cents	59 64
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	2,489 75
Legal-tender notes, 1,709 00	4,198 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas, 5 per ct circulation	315 00
Total	\$52,299 92

### Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Surplus Fund	600 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	966 63
National Bank notes outstanding	6,300 00
Due to other National banks	2,556 13
Due to State Banks and Bankers	
Individual deposits subject to check	10,875 91
Time certificate of deposit	1,000 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	1 25
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	5,000.00
Liabilities other than above stated Uncertified stock	
Total	\$52,299 92

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN } S.S.  
I, S. F. Bond, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. F. BOND, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Oct., 1908.

W. Q. CROSS,  
Notary Public, Callahan Co.  
Correct—Attest:

E. J. BARR }  
J. A. BARR } Directors.  
W. H. CLEMENTS }

### SEAY'S PLACE

Brown Seay, Prop.  
169 Main Street. Dallas, Texas

Old Crow per quart	1.50
Cascade, 1.50 per quart or 4 quarts	5.00
Dripping Springs per qt.	1.25
Dripping Springs our own bottling per quart	1.00
Jersey Cream per qt.	1.25
Sherley, per quart	1.25
Guckenheimer	1.25
Hill & Hill per qt.	1.25
Old Forrester 1.50 per quart or 4 quarts	5.00
Apple and Peach Brandy and Calf. Cognac gal.	4.00
Pure Georgia White Corn per gallon	3.00
Barrell Goods from 2.50 per gallon to	5.00
We also handle a full line of imported Wines and Liquors Any order entrusted to us will receive our prompt attention.	
Phone Main 985	

See McGowen Bros. for groceries.

A message to men on hats. Uzzell & Ebbersol. 43

We have just received a car of high grade Staver buggies and now have them in the old T. E. Powell dry goods building, first door north of our dry goods store. Wristen & Johnson. 44

Fender & Co. build the best tin churn in Callahan County. See the material at their shop. 42-4

Fender & Co's stove pipe weighs 1-4 to 1-2 lb to the joint more than other pipe. 44

A swell line of all the latest shapes and colors in neck wear just received Uzzell & Ebbersol. 43

Worth hats are worth more, but we don't ask it. Uzzell & Ebbersol