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"Tis neither birth, nor wealth, nor state, but the 'get-up-and-get' that makes men great.

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NEW FALL GOODS.

A STOCK OF GOODS TO PLEASE ONE AND ALL.

Don't hesitate but come at once and see for yourself. Our prices will be lower than ever. While in St. Louis I found some exceptional hard times, people going out of business and put their goods out at and below manufactured cost.

I HAVE THE COMPLETEST LINE OF CLOTHING EVER BOUGHT. SUITS TO SELL FOR ALMOST NOTHING.



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Shoes that win trade.

The celebrated, longest wearing shoes, the Hamilton Brown. Don't fool your money away by buying from anyone else but us.

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Good Calicoes 4 Cts
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Cotton Checks 30 yds. for \$1.00. Think I will have in one lot I can sell at 40 yds. for \$1.
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All my prices are right and I will be found wading up and down the street looking out for your interest who have cotton

HAMILTON BROWN SHOE CO'S ROSAMOND

THE BEST TAN SHOE MADE
MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
FATHER AND SON
ALL WEAR THEM



BUTTERICK PATTERNS.

The October Delineator is out with its beautiful fashions it is superb. We also have the patterns to show you how to make them. Call and see us.

In Millinery Goods, I have them at prices to sell to you at almost what others pay for them. We will have the leading line and Miss Phillips will take a special pleasure in showing you our beautiful line. Don't forget we have the fullest line of walking hats, sailors and childrens headware in town. In fact our millinery line is complete. Many thanks to you who have paid me up. Now buy your bill from me and be happy. Trunks of all sizes, shapes and fashions.

B. L. BOYDSTUN.

WALTON'S LETTER.

Buck Walton, populist nominee for attorney general, has withdrawn from the ticket. In a long letter to Chairman Bradley he gives his reason for joining the populist party; and why he now feels his duty to withdraw from the ticket and give his unqualified support to Bryan and Sewall. He believes that there is an understanding among populist and republican leaders whereby the populist electors are to vote for McKinley and Hobart in exchange for republican support of the populist state and county candidates. Here is his statement:

1. The free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, each to be full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and this as an independent American policy, without regard to what the nations of the world may or may not do.
2. An income tax to reach untaxed capital, and thus compel it to pay for the protection extended to it by the law.
3. The issuance of money directly by the government in discharge of its governmental functions to supply the people with an adequate quantity of circulating medium.
4. To abolish the iniquitous system of national banks, thus doing away with the pernicious intermediaries between the government and the people and bringing them out of the government business.
5. The payment of all government obligations, notes, bonds and coupons according to contract in coin, gold or silver, at the option of the government.
6. The issuance of no more interest-bearing bonds in time of peace.

These are all populist propositions

and are urged by them as essential to good government. True, the third one does not go as far on the money question as populist would have it go, yet it is distinctly populist.

With these measures accomplished, the standard of populism would be advanced far to the front, the rifle ditches, the barricades and the breastworks of republicanism, their democratic gold allies and capital combinations in antagonism to the rights and interests of the people, would be captured and the very citadel itself menaced.

These are points, all of them, which the Bryan democracy enlists with us all its energy to carry to triumph and victory. Can populists, the populist of Texas, with their splendid record, in devotion to principle and the best interests of the great mass of the common people, forego this opportunity to equalize the laws uplift the people and place the crown of prosperity on the brow of all laboring people? Can it be that populist, many, true and honest, can permit or will permit malice toward individuals, hate toward those who have done them wrong in the past, vengeance because of real or imaginary injuries or ills endured by them or prejudice toward a party name to move and govern them in this mighty conflict?

Shall we, will we dare we permit the causes named, or any cause, to drive us to shut our eyes on the banner of reform, close our eyes to the people's battle-cry or turn our backs on comrades who are fighting our common cause by our side? Shall the names of men or party blind us and darken our souls to the grand and mighty principles on which our party is founded? Are we men-followers or party worshipers that we can be made to abandon principles and have it slain and trampled on by the enemy while we stand idly by with folded hands and pulseless hearts? This is not my conception of populism nor of populist men. Let passion, hate, vengeance and prejudice die, if by our

death we can save or help to save our country, uprise our people from political degradation and take the unbearable burdens from their backs.

My conception and practice of patriotism is to strike for my country and for the rights of the people; to strike with all my might at the wrong and interpose my energies and body in defense of the right.

"If the electoral vote of Texas could by any honorable means be carried for Bryan and Watson I would be conquerless in the fight, but such result is not even a possibility. This vote can be carried for Bryan and Sewall, and unless some UNHOLY and DAMNABLE FUSION COMBINATION is negotiated and consummated with the republicans by which it will be turned over to McKinley and Hobart, the accredited representatives of syndicated capital, insatiate greed, national bank monopoly and the single gold standard, which Mr. Carlisle said had produced more misery and suffering to the human race than all the famine, pestilence and war since the dawn of creation.

"For one, my fellow-populist I can not and will not, so far as I can prevent it, permit the electoral vote of Texas, nor any part of it, to be cast for the presidential candidate of the republican party. Its tenets, principles and practices are the heart, soul and living vitality of bad government for the common people. It is the spokesman and defender of unlawful power and merciless capital that are grinding to death the liberty and independent citizenship of this country, degradation to noble manhood and ruin irretrievable to the common welfare, are the legitimate fruits of its success. My conscience is yet alive. I hear the cry of want hunger and distress. I see thousands and know of tens of thousands of my worthy, honest and industrious fellow citizens in enforced idleness, their families in need of bread to eat, and I stand but on the outskirts of the measureless

field of misery. These awful conditions have been brought about by republican misrule, aided, followed and pressed to the verge of the country's damnation by the false doctrines and unfair practices taught and enforced by the gold leaders, who have stolen the soul of constitutional democracy as far as they could, to serve the ends, purposes and aims of those who have subordinated our government to their private greed and gain, and this while the people were looking for relief from the great evils that were crushing their life out.

I may not, I can not and will not add to the intensity of the wrongs existing and keepen the depths of the injustice and misery, now beyond measure, by throwing my powers, whatever they are, on the side of the oppressors. No, I must go to the other side and once again raise my voice, perhaps for the last time, in favor of the people among whom I live and against those political principles that I verily believe to be the enemies of the country I love.

It is too late to doubt that there exists between the populist campaign committee and those in authority in the republican party some scheme, design, purpose, arrangement or fusion hitherto and now withheld from the rank and file of the populist party (and I as well, although I am on the state ticket), whereby in some as yet unknown way the populist vote will be thrown to the republican electoral ticket, and thus against their will the populists be made to move Texas into the republican column. I do not believe that populists will knowingly or willingly vote to put Mr. McKinley in power over this country. He is the opposite in every particular, in doctrine and political advocacy, to what the populist is in theory and practice.

If your prejudices will not permit you to vote for Bryan and Sewall, and through them make populism save the country from ruin. I urge you and warn you to scan your ticket

closely, that you may not be by fraud, deluded into voting for McKinley.

I say to you as friend to friend, as populist to populist, as patriot to patriot, that I shall vote for Bryan and Sewall because I will not vote for McKinley and Hobart. I would like to vote for Bryan and Watson but to do so in Texas at the coming election is to cast a half vote for McKinley and Hobart.

If the scheme of fusion of which I have spoken is carried out Bryan is in danger in Texas and every populist should rush to the rescue, and to the extent of his power and influence thwart the infamy that the schemers would bring on the right-thinking and liberty-loving people of Texas.

As a last word I say to you that no combination of circumstances, no parties, no personal fortunes, can come between me and my convictions as to what I believe to be the best for my country and the people. I have considered long, I have surveyed the field and have reached conclusions from which I cannot turn away. To save Texas from being fraudulently turned over to McKinley I must vote for Bryan and Sewall, and I shall do so, believing that in the act I am best serving the supremest interest of the country. No man can do more than to honestly act in harmony with his deliberate, well weighed convictions, and no man should do less.

W. M. WALTON.

Charley Calherson will succeed himself just as certain as election day rolls around. If Kearby ever had any chance to defeat him he destroyed it by dickering with Hanna's republican agents.

TO TRADE.

I have nine mules, one jack, seven brood mares and 3 colts that I desire to trade for land. Address
W. J. McELROY,
Eagle Cove, Tex.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF THE—
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD.

At Baird, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Oct. 6 1896.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$171,244 28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,480 24
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	4,507 03
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,300 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	12,300 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	3,070 44
Due from State Banks and Bankers	232 13
Due from approved reserve agents	7,302 80
Checks and other cash items	3,204 95
Rent account	181 16
Notes of other National Banks	1,300 00
Fractional paper currency, notes and etc.	78 91
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	3,955 75
Legal-tender notes	1,500 3,165 75
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,125 00
Due from U. S. Treas'r, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	
Total	\$241,743 38
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000 00
Surplus Fund	30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,929 29
National Bank notes outstanding	22,500 00
Due to other National Banks	5,026 30
Due to State Banks and Bankers	
Dividends unpaid	432 60
Individual deposits subject to check	36,242 34
Time certificates of deposit	36,206 00
Notes and bills re-discounted	10,919 88
Liabilities other than those above stated	0 00
Bills payable	3,387 50
Rent account	00
Total	\$241,743 38

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Callahan, } ss.
I, W. C. Powell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. C. POWELL, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Oct., 1896.
W. H. CLIBERT,
Notary Public, Callahan county, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
F. W. JAMES,
HENRY JAMES,
FRED LANE, } Directors.

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THE CRIME OF 1873.

HOW ACT DEMONSTRATING SILVER WAS PASSED.

It Was Passed Through Congress Without Being Read and Debate Was Skipped by the President—Question—People Never Heard of It.

Arkansas Gazette: It has been often remarked, so often that it would think every citizen of the country was familiar with the facts, but we are not, or are not so familiar with them as they have forgotten the facts.

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BY M.T. CALDOR.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.

CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED. "And yet my canny is weary of her pretty cap, her seeds and sweetmeats, and she sits here against the bars and glances at me with a scornful gleam in her eye."

"You are overheard our ally talk. I never meant you should know it, but, oh, papa, is it not very hard for us as well as for the world?"

"My child," answered he, solemnly, "it will be little use for me to tell you what a bitter cruel enemy I have found this same world for which you sigh. I may bid you prize this calm peace, this freedom from sin and sorrow, but you will be deaf to my words, because of the siren song the radiant-fair sings ever to the ears of youth."

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HUNTINGTON'S SCHEME.

Wants the Government to Take 100-Year Bonds. The case of Central Pacific Railroad is one that justifies the government control of railroads.

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son from him, Mr. Water, I am becoming much aggrieved, you are so formal and polite with me, I declare, Water, you haven't kissed me for these three weeks."

As she spoke she held up her beautiful face, the crimson lips pointing away from her.

Poor Water colored crimson, stammered incoherently, and then darted away.

Ellie burst into tears; Tom whistled, and Mr. Vernon, closing his book, followed after his son.

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WOMEN STARING AT WOMEN.

A Man's Comments on This Weakness of the Fair Sex. Two women pass each other on the street of a provincial town; they are not acquainted with each other, and one of them turns around to look after the other very short odds against both going down, says the Nineteenth Century.

It is not the gait or the figure or the hair of the stranger that attracts the eye; it is the very woman had a soul above chiffons. Dull grandine and tricot! That were a pity on the part of the man, and a credit to the woman who had a soul above chiffons.

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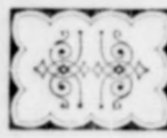
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Yard wide domestic 4 1-2 cents, others sell this at..... 7 cents
Best calico made only 5 cents, others sell the same goods for..... 7 cents
30 yards cotton checks for \$1, others sell the same 30 yards for.... \$1.00
Canton flannel for 5cts worth 7 1-2cts
I will sell you the best canton flannel you ever bought for 7 1-2 worth 10cts



T. E. Powell.

No one can compete with my jeans; 30ct quality for 20cts 35ct for 25cts
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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President.
WM. J. BRYAN.
For Vice President.
ARTHUR SEWALL.
(Great Republica.)

The Austin correspondent of the Dallas News seems to have a bad case of "razzle dazzle" since the pop and republican machines were knoed out of joint.

In Texas, argue as you will, it is either Bryan and Sewall or McKinley and Hobart. A vote for Bryan and Watson simply helps McKinley. This is the cold truth no matter whether you believe it or not.

Any one who knows "Old Buck" Walton could have informed Bradley that he had just as well tackle a hornet's nest or the business end of a mule as to rile Old Buck as he did. Walton's reply to Bradley published in Sunday's Houston Post is a scorch.

Hanna has called for fifteen million dollars more campaign boodle. That fellow, Bryan, seems to make the trusts hull out fearfully, though the Hannacrats say he is already beaten. Hanna's last squall does not indicate that he thinks Bryan is beaten but that McKinley himself is as good as defeated.

Tom Watson is, we verily believe, sincerely honest, but that the enemies of the silver cause brought about his nomination and are keeping him in the field we do not doubt. The moment he discovers that he is simply being used by designing politicians for an unholy purpose we believe he will withdraw from the race.



We will inform Mr. Nix, who seems to be so much exercised over the pamphlet the editor of THE STAR sent out, that it is an argument for free coinage of silver, showing the evil effects of the gold standard on the farmers, just what THE STAR has always contended. Nix' effort to show that THE STAR has changed in any respect is merely the mouthings of a shallow pated opponent. He is no doubt paving the way to flop to McKinley. He is a blamed sight nearer the McKinley camp now than THE STAR is to the pop wigwam. THE STAR is for Bryan and Sewall because that is the only ticket in the field friendly to silver that has a ghost of a show. Nix if he does not vote for McKinley straight, will vote for Bryan and Watson electors, one-third of whom have publicly stated that they would not vote for Bryan and perhaps the balance have said so too privately to Hanna's representative at Dallas, Buck Walton, J. W. Bigley, A. H. Teague and a number of other lesser lights in the populist ranks have said so and THE STAR believes they tell the truth. THE STAR will fight the gold standard as long as it can buy paper and ink and material to print a paper with, should that fail, as long as the editor can wield a pen or pencil it shall be used in the silver cause. Can Nix say as much?

BRYAN AND SEWALL CLUB AT COTTONWOOD.

MR. EDITOR:—The silver men of Cottonwood and vicinity met at the school house last Saturday night and organized a Bryan and Sewall Club with a membership of forty-four, much enthusiasm being manifested.

After the usual preliminaries Q. A. Griffin was elected permanent chairman and M. F. Griffith permanent secretary.

A motion by Dr. E. M. Rust next prevailed that the chair read some article on the Electoral College System and explain more fully the object of the organization; after which speeches were declared in order and Dr. Rust and W. F. Griffin responded with short but pointed argument against a single gold standard.

The secretary was then called upon to read the list of names already submitted for the organization and new names were called for resulting in an enlistment of 44.

A motion was then past that THE BAIRD STAR be furnished with a copy of the proceedings with a request to publish the same.

The Club then adjourned to meet Tuesday night next.
M. F. Griffith, Sec.

Arthur Sewall is and always has been an ardent advocate of free coinage of silver. McKinley and Hobart are both pledged to maintain the gold standard. Some people however who profess to favor free silver swear that they will vote for McKinley and Hobart in preference to Bryan and Sewall. Preverse, blind humanity who would thus crucify the cause they profess to love.

COUNTY POLITICS.

A Bryan and Sewall Club was organized at Cottonwood last week with 44 members. Q. A. Griffin, Pres. and M. F. Griffith Secy.

Putnam silver democrats are preparing to organize a Bryan and Sewall Club.

The Bryan and Sewall free silver club had the pleasure of listening to an address last Monday night by Judge T. H. Bowman of Big Springs. Judge Bowman made a rousing old time democratic speech which was listened to with close attention throughout and the telling points in his speech were applauded by the audience. His speech in defence of the Chicago platform was convincing, his defence of the young Nebraskan, who is the nominee of not only the democratic party but the populist and silver parties, was eloquent and was greeted with hearty applause. Judge Bowman is an eloquent speaker and was at his best. He does not weary his hearers by needless repetitions common to so many public speakers but he drives straight through his discourse without a hitch. You feel that he is fully in accord with the cause he advocates, and that is always a good point in any speaker's favor. We have heard the speech highly commended on all sides, and the wish is expressed that we can get more like him. The next regular meeting Monday night Oct. 19.

THE STAR is requested by Mr. I. N. Jackson, democratic chairman, to announce that Judge T. H. Conner and Hon. W. H. Lockett, candidates for district judge, will speak at the Court House in Baird next Monday night Oct. 19th.

ELECTION TICKETS.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

The printer made an "out" in copy on election tickets which made the notice read exactly the reverse as written. We will explain again: Democratic nominees who have announced in THE STAR will not have to pay anything for their name on democratic ticket, but will have to pay 50 cents for name on independent ticket. Democrats who have no announced in THE STAR will be charged \$1.00 for name on tickets. None but democratic nominees will be placed on democratic ticket.

INDEPENDENT TICKET.

We will print 3,000 independent tickets. Names of democratic, populist and republican nominees will be placed on this ticket down to district offices. All populist and independent candidates who have announced in THE STAR will have their names placed on this ticket free of charge but no others unless paid for, neither democrat, populist or republican, no matter who he is. Please remember this. We give fair notice and no one can say that we have threatened them unfairly about tickets. Some will fool around and expect us to put their name on ticket anyway. No one connected with THE STAR wants any office and we want the democratic ticket elected all along the line, but when it comes to business it is a different thing. This ticket matter is strictly business, and if you want your name on these tickets it was time for you to attend to it. How will we know whether you want your name on ticket unless you have announced. The woods are full of democratic and populist nominees for precinct offices, with one exception none have announced in any paper. We do not know who they are unless they get their name on these tickets their own neighbors wont know either until they have voted for the other fellow. Then you will rear and swear that you have been treated unfairly. Don't wait until it is too late.

We will print Tickets Sat Oct 24. Don't delay.

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