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At First National Bank

OLUME NO. 24.

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 1911.

NO.39

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

N THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINAN COMMISSIONERS' COURT CES IN THE HANDS OF Callahan County, Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, Ireasurer of Callahan County, Texas. In Regular Quarterly Session, August Term, 1911.

We, The Undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Callahan County, and the Hon. C. D. Russell, County Judge of said Callahan ounty, Constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and the none of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 16th day of Aug. A. 1911, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of C. W. Conner, Treasurer of Callahan ounty, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 8th day of May A. D. 11, and ending on the 14th day of Aug. A. D. 1911, and finding the ame correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the form of the commissioners' Court of Callahan County, stating the approval of said reasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the mount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since is last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his resent report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's lands on the said 14th day of Aug A. D. 1911, and have ordered the roper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 857, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

An i we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 16th day of Aug A. D. 1911, and find the same to be as follows. to wit:

| the same to be as follows, to wit: JURY FUND. | DR. | CR. |
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| Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 8th day of May 1911 | 903 19 139 61 | 558 61 484 19 |
| Total Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 16th day of Aug. A. D. 1911, and including the amount balance on hand by add Treesurer at the date of the bling of his re- | 1042 80 | 1042 80 |

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said Treasurer at the east of the fining of his re-port on the 14th day of Aug A. D. 1911, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of ROAD & BRIDGE FUND. Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on

| the 8th day of May1911 | |
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| To amount received since said date. By amount disbursed since said date. | te |
| By amount to balance | |
| Total | Bridge Fund as ac- 16th day of Aug the amount bal- er at the date of |

GENERAL FUND.

nts since that day, making a total

| Total | |
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| Balance to credit of said General Fund as actuall counted by us on the 16th day of Aug A. D. 191 and including the amount balance on hand be said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Aug 1911, and the balance between receipts, and dishursements sin | by re- |

that day, making a total balance of COURT HOUSE FUND.

| By amount to balance | |
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| Total. Balance to credit of said Court House Fund as actually counted by us on the 16th day Aug. of A.D. 1911, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of May A. D. 1911, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of | 1316 29 |

| JAIL FUND. | 35 |
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| Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on | |
| the 8th day of May 1911 | |
| By amount disbursed since said date | |
| To amount to balance | |

Total. Balance to credit ofsaid Jail Fund as actually counted by us on the 16th day of Aug. A. D. 1911, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Aug A. D. 1911, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of

| Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 8th day of May 1911. To amount received since said date. By amount transferred since said date, By amount to balance. | 7 25 | |
|--|---------|----|
| Total | 32 | 71 |

| POLL TAX FUND. | |
|--|------|
| Blance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report of the 8th day of May 1911 | 7 87 |
| T(amount received since said date | |
| By amount to balance | |

Balance to credit Jury Fund this day overdrawn Balance to credit o Road & Bridge Fund on this

RECAPITULATION.

Balance to credit of Court House Fund on this day.
Balance to credit of Jail Fund on this day.....
Balance to credit of Estray Fund on this day....
Balance to credit of Poll Tax Fund on this day....
School Fund on hand

Total Cash on hand belonging to Callahan County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us...........

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS. The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit: 10 Callahan County Court House bonds each in the sum of \$1000.00 bearing 5 perct int., payable April 10th, and Jct. 10th of each year at Austin, Texas, and running 20 years amounting to... \$10,000 00 R & B Bond issued to the permanent school fund for the sum of 1,293 76

DEATHS.

Mrs. Amanda E. Boland, wife of E. Boland, died Tuesday after an illness of more than a year. Funeral services were conducted at the re-sidence Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Savage, Pastor of the Methodist Church, and the remains were interred in the city cemetery. Mrs. Boland would have been 64 years old on her next birthday. We tendre our sincere sympathy the husband and children in their sorrow.

at his home at Eula and was buried at the latter place Monday. Dr. 1st and 2nd. Special kind of paper Thaxton was an old Mason and was buried with Masonic honors. The following members of Baird Lodge attended the funeral: T. E. Parks, W. M.; J. T. Asbury, S. W.; Judge B. L. Russell and R. E. Bounds. Quite a number of Masons intended to go, but could not secure convey. to go, but could not secure convey-

7687 31 ful and punctual in his work. Mr,
Anderson was born in Sweden and
was 53 years of age. He leaves a
wite and several children to mourn
his death. The funeral services were
lightly better that the funeral ser conducted by Rev. Dinwiddie at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon. Interment at City Cemete-7 27 ry.

CLEAN UP DAY.

I hereby designate Thursday, August 31st, as general cleanup day in Baird. Every one is earnestly requested to take part, and the busifront. The citizens of Baird must see to it that their own premises are see to it that their own premises are
1 26 kept clean. The city authorities will be held during the early part of the term co-operate in every way.

in the streets and alleys surrounding county superintendent. 1 26 your premises and burn the trash and have hauled off what can't be burned Otis Bowyer,

cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mayor of the City of Baird: friends with an ice

\$500,000.

To loan on Farm Lands and Ranches at 8

per cent interest. No charges for inspec-

J. RUPERT JACKSON, Agent.

Missouri State Life Insurance Company.

or see me at once, at Baird, Texas.

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHER'S CERTIFICATES.

An examination for teacher's certificates will be given at the Baird Public School Building August 31st and Sept. 1st and 2nd, 1911. Ap-plicants for Permanent Certificates will be examined Aug. 31st. Examination in subjects prescribed for purposes to do road work near Cot-Second Grade Certificates Sept. 1 and tonwood this week, Jack is putting

Certificate will be examined Sept. 1. John McGowen, died Sunday night at his home at Eula and was buried at the latter place Monday Applicants desiring examination in

next higher grade by passing satisfactory examination in one or more of the additional prescribed subjects of the pastor. Louis J. Anderson, hostler in the T. & P. yards here, died Tuesday night after a brief illness. He quit work last Saturday and went home, can not take examination in all subsaying he felt unwell. "Louie" jects prescribed for one certificate, Anderson had worked for the T. &P.

Ry. Co. thirty-seven years and his fellow-workmen say he was everfaith-

prescribed by the State Course of Study. The holder of a First Grade Certi-

ficate or Permrnent Certificate may teach in any of the public schools of the State.

When a teacher's contract is submitted to the county superintendent for approval, the teachers' certificate shoule also be submitted for regis-tration in this office. Teachers of quested to take part, and the business men on Market Street are again appointed a committee to see that the county superintendent before Market Street is cleaned back and their contracts with the trustees of the contracts. school districts

Burn up every scrap of waste teach in this county are hereby repaper, cut down and burn the weeds quested to immediately report to the

W. C. Tisdale, County Superintendent.

her home south of Belle Plains I. N. Jackson shipped a car of Wednesday night, and a very nice time was enjoyed by all.

BURNT BRANCH LOCALS.

Aug. 19th. We had a light rain on Thursday, which will keep things growing for a few days. Good in-dications for more. \$5,914 80

Miss Annie Warren and Mr. Had. dock went to church at Turkey Creek on Sunday as "two" and came back as "one." Wish them much joy and happiness in this matrimonial

per acre. Cotton will not average this by a blamed sight in these parts Jno. W. Aiken and wife enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer on Sunday; at the spacious Brightwell home.

J. B. Cutbirth is down on the ranch to round up and ship fat cows and calves, said stuff to be shipped from Baird.

Jack Aiken, county commissioner 2. Applicants desiring to build in good time and greatly improving from a Second Grade to a First Grade our roads.

Uncle Bill don't use your "Scis sors" so freely on this as on last week's communication. Some cool morning in September you may wake every teacher who does not hold a up to find yourself minns a corres. pondent from the Burnt Branch now to raise his certificate to a high-country, not to your financial loss, or grade.

Gilliland closed earlier than expect-ed on account of other appointments year we have ever had.

The investigating committee at Austin I see is still pecking away, principally on heresay and you say evidence. They had better not have many witnesses like that district attorney from Caldwell county or their name will be "Dennis" for a fact. Every citizen should read this and ponder well. In the Record and News of Friday you will find it. No hearsay obout this evidence.

We have not had that general rain yet; but live in hopes if we die in "Juan." dispair.

He was right. Gov. Col. Herald. quitt will not submit any liquor regulation to the legislature, as it would be worse than folly to expect them to do anything reasonable in the present temper of the legislature. The following is the part of the letter left out.— Editor.

Governor, would be a certain kind of a fool. Yes, a —— fool in my estimation. You reckon the pros really Rev. Stuart, of Miss Her Hailey entertained her like the control of the Democracy in this week.

Key. Stuart, of Clyde, and Rev. Tooly are holding a meeting here this week. last Texas, "but they can't."

his candidacy for District Judge.'

LEG NOT AMPUTATED.

Dr. A. J. Pope, Texas & Pacific Dr. A. J. Pope, Texas & Pacific rail way surgeon, returned over that road yesterday afternoon from Marshall, where he visited his patient, Conductor Poe Eagan, who was injured in the Abilene yards July 20th sustaining a broken right leg just above the ankle. "The report that Conductor Eagan's leg was amputated was an error," Dr. Pope said. "The wound is healing slowly but surely and in time he will be a perfectly well man."—Abilene Reporter Aug. 23d. returned over that tion. If you want any of this money, write

Mrs. D. F. Short and children, of Ovalo, are visiting H. F. Foy and 00000000000000000000000000000 family

OPENING OF SCHOOL.

The Baird Public School will open September 25th. We hope that all patrons will arrange to start their children to school the first day of the session, as it is impossible for children to enter after school has been in progress several weeks and do as good work as they can if they enter at the beginning. We wish to have a better school this year than I was mistaken as to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drewey visiting them. It should have been a sister of Mrs. D.

have a Mrs. we have had before, and we believe we will. Prospects are much brighter now than they were at this time last year. The school spirit among the children is fine, the teachers and the children is fine. and expect to set to work with a determination to accomplish the greatest good possible.

We hope to have a nine months term and to receive full entrance credit at the University of Texas.

If there is sufficient demand for it, classes will be provided for those who wish to review first or second grade subjects before taking a teachers' examination. Young W. O. Spencer informs us that he and W. P. Brightwell will ship calves this week from the capitol for six weeks or two months after our school opens can spend the time very profitably reviewing the subjects they will have to teach, or studying more advanced work with a view of building to a higher grade of certificate

> The law now provides that "builders" may take the examination in one or more subjects at a time, and every teacher who does not hold a

readers of The Star.

A big protracted meeting is in progress at Dressy under the auspicies of the Baptist church at that place. The protracted meeting at Gilliland closed earlier than expect ed on account.

Respectfully, R. D. Green, Supt.

TEXAS & PACIFIC ROAD TO BE

Another tradition is to be destroy-The Texas & Pacific line is to be dustless from El Paso to Fort Worth.

MADE DUSTLESS.

The entire line from Sierra Blanca to Fort Worth is to be ballasted and oiled. An appropriation of \$5,000,-000 has been made by the new directors of the Texas & Pacific to im-P. S. The following paragraph prove the roadbed of the T. & P. in was left out of Juan's letter last order that the new trains can make week as the printer who set up the their scheduled time between St. week as the printer who set up the their scheduled time between St. letter was uncertain as to whether the Editor, who was not in the office ballasting will be bone at once and at the time, would approve, which the road oiled to lay the dust as rap-has been explained to "Juan" by idly as the ballast is laid. —El Paso

EULA LOCALS.

Aug. 22 .- Good morning Uncle The following is the part of the letter left out.—[Editor.]

"It is said the Legislative prospurpose to pass a resolution requesting Gov. Colquitt to submit a number of regulatory measures at this call session; and some of the antileaders avert if he responds he, the Governor, would be a certain kind of a fool. Year

Rev. Stuart, of Clyde, and Rev.

Dr. M. C. Thaxton died Sunday

"That solicitous friend of mine night, August 20, 1911. We feel says he would like to see a copy of one of Judge Blanton's letters from neighbors in the death of Dr. Thaxan anti in Callahan county, indorsing his candidacy for District Judge."

ton. He is gone, but the good life he lived among us will always be fresh on our minds. As a neighbor he was always ready to lend a held ing hand. Dr. Thaxton was a goo Christian, and will be missed by hi church. He was laid to rest with Masonic honors.

We were glad to have Bros Russell, Asbury, Parks and Bounds of Bair , with us yesterday.

Most everybody is busy picking

P. C. Steen and family have returned from a visit in Scurry county They report crops in the west far ahead of us down here.

W. L. Harris has returned from Kentucky, where he has been visit-ing for sometime. Patsic.

Mrs. E. M. Smith and children, of Fort Worth, are visiting Lamer Smith and family.

Griggs heard the news of Margaret's engagement to Logotheti, he immediately began to wonder how Mr. Van Torp would receive the intel-ligence; and if it had not already oc-curred to Lady Maud that the million aire might make a final effort to rout his rival and marry the prima donna himself, the old author's observation suggested such a possibility. Van Torp was a man who had fought up to cess and fortune with little regard the obstacles he found in his way; had worked as a cowboy in his early youth, and was apt to look on his adversaries and rivals in life either as refractory cattle or as danger-ous wild beasts; and though he had some of the old-fashioned ranchero's sense of fair play in a fight, he had much of the reckless daring and ruth-less savagery that characterize the fast-disappearing western desperado. Logotheti, on the other hand, was

in many respects a true oriental, su premely astute and superlatively calm but imbued, at heart, with a truly eastern contempt for any law that chanced to oppose his wish.

Both men had practically inexhaustible resources at their command, and both were determined to marry the

both were determined to marry the prima donna. It occurred to Paul Griggs that a real struggle between such a pair of adversaries would be worth watching. There was unlimited money on both sides, and equal cour-age and determination. The Greek was the more cunning of the two, by great odds, and had now the considerable advantage of having been accepted by the lady; but the American was far more regardless of consequences to himself or to others in the pursuit of what he wanted, and, short of com nitting a crime, would put at least as broad an interpretation on the law. Logotheti had always lived in a highly Logotheti had always lived in a highly civilized society, even in Constantinople, for it is the greatest mistake to imagine that the upper classes of Greeks, in Greece or Turkey, are at all deficient in cultivation. Van Torp, on the contrary, had run away from civilization when a half-educated boy, he had grown to manhood in a community of meu who had little respect for anything and feared nothing at for anything and feared nothing at all, and he had won success in a field where those who compete for it buy it at any price, from a lie to a life

Lady Maude was thinking of these bings as she disappeared from Griggs' ight, for she was a little afraid that she had made trouble. Ten days had passed since she had last written to Rufus Van Torp, and she had told him, amongst other things, that Mme. de Cordova and Logotheti were engaged to be married, adding that it seemed to her one of the most ill-as-sorted matches of the season, and that r friend the singer was sure to be her friend the singer was sure to be miserable herself and to make her husband perfectly wretched, though he was a very good sort in his way and she liked him. There had been no reason why she should not write the news to Mr. Van Torp, even though it was not public property yet, for he was her intimate friend, and she knew him to he as retirent as all she knew him to be as reticent as all doctors ought to be and as some so-licitors' clerks are. She had asked him not to tell any one till he heard the engagement from some

He had not spoken of it, but some-thing else had happened. He had cabled to Lady Maud that he was com-ing back to England by the next steamer. He often came out and went back suddenly two or three times at short intervals, and then stayed away for many months, but Lady Maud thought there could not be much doubt as to his reason for coming now. She knew well enough that he She knew well enough that h had tried to persuade the prima donna to marry him during the previous win-ter, and that if his passion for her had not shown itself much of late, this was due to other causes, chiefly to the persecution of which he had rid him-self just before he went to America, but to some extent also to the fact that Margaret had not seemed in-clined to accept any one else.

Lady Maud, who knew the man bet-Lady Matta, who knew himself, inwardly compared him to a voicano, quiescent just now, so far as Margaret was concerned, but ready to break out at any moment with unexpected and destruc-

Margaret herself, who had known Margaret herself, who had known Logodiet! for years, and had seen him in his most dangerous moods as well as in his best moments, would have thought a similar comparison with an elemental force quite as truly descriptive of him, if it had occurred to her. The enterprising Greek had really attempted to carry her off by force on the night of the final rehearsal before her first appearance on the stage, and had only been thwarted because a royal rival had caused him

to be locked up, as if by mistake, in order to carry her off himself; in which he also had failed most ridiculously, thanks to the young singer's friend, the celebrated Mme. Bonanni. That was a very amusing story. But on another occasion Margaret had found herself shut up with her oriental adorer in a room from which

she could not escape, and he had quite the woman she was, she would have fared ill. After that he had behaved more like an ordinary human being, and she had allowed the natural at-traction he had for her to draw her gradually to a promise of marriage and now she talked to Lady Maud about her gown, but she still put off naming a day for the wedding, in spite of Logotheti's growing impatience.

This was the situation when the London season broke up and Mr. Van Torp landed at Southampton from an ocean greyhound that had covered the distance from New York in 5 days 12 hours and 37 minutes, which will doubtless seem very slow traveling if any one takes the trouble to read this tale 20 years hence, though the pas-sengers were pleased because it was not much under the record time for

steamers coming east.

Five hours after he landed Van
Torp entered Lady Maud's drawing
room in the little house in Charles
street, Berkeley Square, where she
had lived with the departed Leven
from the time when he had been attached to the Russian embassy till he
had last gone away. She was giving
it up now and it was already half disit up now, and it was already half dis-mantled. It was to see Van Torp that she was in town in the middle of August, instead of with her father at Craythew or with friends in Scotland

London was as hot as it could be which means that a New Yorker would have found it chilly and an Italian de lightfully cool; but the Londoners were sweltering when Van Torp ar-rived, and were talking of the oppres-sive atmosphere and the smell of the pavement, not at all realizing how

blessed they were.

The American entered and stood still a moment to have a good look at Lady Maud. He was a middle-sized, rather thick-set man, with rude hands, sandy hair, an over-developed jaw and sharp blue eyes that sometimes fixed themselves in a disagreeable way when he was speaking—eyes that had looked into the barrel of another man's revolver once or twice without wavering, hands that had caught and saddled and bridled many an unridder colt in the plains, a mouth like a car-pet-bag when it opened, like a closed vice when it was shut. He was not a handsome man, Mr. Rufus Van Torp, nor one with whom any one short of a prize-fighter would meddle, nor one to haunt the dreams of sweet 16. It was not for his face that Lady Maud good and beautiful, liked him better than any one in the world, except her own father, and believed in him and trusted him, and it was assuredly not for his money. The beggar did not live who would dare to ask him for a penny after one look at his face, and there were not many men on either side of the Atlantic who would have looked forward to any sort of contest with him without grave misgivings. "Well," he said, advancing the last

step after that momentary pause, and taking the white hand in both his own, "how have you been? Fair to middling? About that? Well—I'm glad to see you, gladder than a sitting hen at sunrise

Lady Maud laid her left hand affe



"What a Beautiful Color!"

was uppermost on hers, and her voice rippled with happiness. "If you had only said a lark instead

"If you had only said a lark instead of a hen, Rufus!" she laughed.

"We could get along a lot better without larks than without hens," answered her friend philosophically.

"But I'll make it a nightingale next time, if I can remember, or a bald eagle, or any bird that strikes you as cheerful."

The terrible mouth had relaxed almost to gentleness, and the flerce blue eyes were suddenly kind as they looked into the woman's face. She led him to an old-fashioned sofa, their hands parted, and they sat down side by side.

"Cheerful," he said, in a tone of re"Cheerful," he said, in a tone of re"Cheerful," he said, in a tone of reton. "Yes, I'm feeling pretty take one of you—"

cheerful, and it's an

"Do you mean the trouble you were

"N-no-not that, though it wasn't as funny as a Sunday school treat while it lasted, and I was thankful another." when it was through. It's another matter altogether that I'm cheerful about—besides seeing you, my dear I've done it, Maud. I've done it at

"I've sold my interest in the Trust.

It won't be made known for some time, so don't talk about it, please.

But it's settled and done, and I've got

"You have sold the Nickel Trust?"
Lady Maud's lips remained parted

in surprise.

"And I've bought you a little present with the proceeds," he answered, putting his large thumb and finger into the pocket of his white waistcoat.

"It's only a funny little bit of glass f picked up," he continued, producing a small twist of stiff writing paper. "You needn't think it's so very fine! "You needn't think it's so very he-But it's a pretty color, and when you're out of mourning I daresay you'll make a hatpin of it. I like hand-some hatpins myself, you know." He had untwisted the paper while

speaking, it lay open in the palm of his hand, and Lady Maud saw a stone of the size of an ordinary hazel nut, very perfectly cut, and of that wonderful transparent red color which is known as "pigeon's blood," and which it is a nost impossible to describe. Sunlight shining through Persian roseleaf sherbet upon white silk makes a little patch of color that is perhaps more like it than any other shade of red, but not many Europeans have eve seen that, and it is a good deal easier to go and look at a pigeon's blood ruby in a jeweler's window. "What a beautiful color!" ex-claimed Lady Maud innocently, after a

moment. "I didn't know they imitated rubles so well, though, of course I know nothing about it. If it were not an impossibility, I should take it

for a real one."
"So should I," assented Mr. Van Torp quietly. "It'll make a pretty hat-pin anyway. Shall I have it mounted for you?"

Thanks, awfully, but I think ! "Thanks, awfully, but I think I should like to keep it as it is for a little while. It's such a lovely color, just as it is. Thank you so much! Do tell me where you got it."

"Oh, well, there was a sort of a traveler came to New York the other day selling them what they call privately. I guess he must be a Russian or something for home a kind of an

or something, for he has a kind of an or something, for he has a kind of an off-look of your husband, only he wears a beard and an eyeglass. It must be about the eyes. Maybe the forehead, too. He'll most likely turn up in London one of these days to sell this invention, or whatever it is."

Lady Maud said nothing to this, but she took the stone from his hand.

she took the stone from his hand, looked at it some time with evident admiration, and then set it down on its but of paper, upon a little table by the end of the sofa.

"If I were you, I wouldn't leave it around much," observed Mr. Van Torp carelessly. "Somebody might take a The color's attractive

you see, and it looks like real."
"Oh, I'll be very careful of it, never fear! I can't tell you how much I like it!" She twisted it up tightly in its bit of paper, rose to ber feet, and put it away in her writing table. "It'll be a sort of souvenir of the old Nickel Trust," said her friend, watch-

Nickel Trust," said her friend, watching her with satisfaction.

"Have you really sold out all your interest in it?" she asked, sitting down again; and now that she returned to the question her tone showed that she had not yet recovered from her astonishment.

"That's what I've done. I always told you I would, when I was ready. Why do you look so surprised? Would you rather I hadn't?"

Lady Maud shook her head and her voice rippled delictously as she an-

voice rippled deliciously as she ar

I can hardly magine you without Nickel Trust that's all! What in the world shall you do with your

self?"
"Oh, various kinds of things. I
think I'll get married, for one. Then
I'll take a rest and sort of look
around. Maybe something will turn
up. I've concluded to win the Derby
next year—that's something anyway."
"Rather! Have you thought of anything slee?" self? next year—t "Rather! thing else?"

She laughed a little, but was grave the next moment, for she knew him much too well to believe that the taken such a step out of caprice, or a fancy for change. He noticed mere fancy for change. He noticed the grave look and was silent for a few moments.

w moments.
"The Derby's a side show," he said at last. "I've come over to get married, and I want you to help me. Will

you?"
"Can I?" asked Lady Maud, evas-

Yes, you can, and I believe there'll

be trouble unless you do."
"Who is she? Do I know her?" She
was trying to put off the evil moment. 'Oh, yes, you know her quite well.

"But she's engaged to Mons. Logo-theti—"

"I don't care. I mean to marry her if she marries any one. He shan't

if she marries any one. He shan't have her anyway."

"But I cannot deliberately help you to break off her engagement! It's impossible!"

"See here," answered Mr. Van Torp.

"You know that Greek, and you know me. Which of us will make the best husband for an English girl? That's what Mme. Cordova is, after all. I put it to you. If you were forced to choose one of us yourself, which would you take? That's the way to look at it."

"But Miss Donne is not 'forced' to

"She's in love with Mons. Logo theti," said Lady Maud, rather desper-

much think so myself. He's clever and he's obstinate, and he's just made her think she's in love, that's all. Anyhow, that's not an answer to my ques-tion. Other things being alike, if she had to choose, which of us would be the best husband for her?—the better, I mean. You taught me to say "bet-ter,' didn't you?" Lady Maud tried to smile.

"Of two, yes," she answered. "You are forcing my hand, my dear friend, she went on very gravely. "You know very well that I trust you with all my heart. If it were possible to imagine a case in which the safety of the world could depend on my choosing one of you for my husband, you know very well that I should take you, though I never was the least little bit.

though I never was the least little bit in love with you, any more than you ever were with me."

"Well, but if you would, she ought," argued Mr. Van Torp. "It's for her own good, and as you're a friend of hers, you ought to help her to do what's good for her. That's only fair. If she doesn't marry me, she's certain to marry that Greek, so it's a forced choice, it appears to me."

"But I can't—"
"She's a nice girl, isn't she?"

She's a nice girl, isn't she?"

"And you like her, don't you?"
"Very much. Her father was my father's best friend."

"I don't believe in atavism," served the American, "but that's neither here nor there. You know what you wrote me. Do you believe she'll be miserable with Logotheti or not?" "I think she will," Lady Maud and ered truthfully. "But I may be

swered truthfully. 'No: you're right. I know it. But marriage is a gamble anyway, as you know better than any one. Are you equally sure that she would be mis erable with me? Dead sure, I mean.

'No, I'm not sure. But that's not a 'It's a first-rate reason. that lady, and I want her to be happy,



Went to the Window, Softly Blowing

and as you admit that she will have better chance of happiness with me than with Logotheti, I'm going to marry her myself, not only because want to, but because it will be a long sight better for her. See? No fault in that line of reasoning, is there?"
"So far as reasoning goes—" Lady Maud's tone was half an admission."

"That's all I wanted you to say," interrupted the American. "So that's settled, and you're going to help me."
"No," answered Lady Maud quietly;

"No," answered Lady Maud quietly;
"I won't help you to break off that engagement. But if it should come to nothing, without your interfering—that is, by the girl's own free will and choice and change of mind, I'd help you to marry her if I could."
"But you admit that she's going to be miserable," said Van Torp stub-

bornly

"I'm sorry for her, but it's none of my business. It's not honorable to

BAIRD.

"Funny idea of honor," observed the American, "that you're bound to let a friend of yours break her neck let a friend of yours break her neck at the very gravel pit where you were nearly smashed yourself! In the hunt-ing field you'd grab her bridle if she wouldn't listen to you, but in a mat-ter of marriage—ok, no! 'It's dishon-orable to interfere,' 'She's made her choice and she must abide by it,' and all that kind of stuff!'' Lady Maud's clear eyes met his

angry blue ones calmly.
"I don't like you when you say such things," she said, lowering her voice things," a little.

a little.

"I didn't mean to be rude," answered the millionaire, almost humbly. "You see I don't always know. I learnt things differently from what you did. I suppose you'd think it an insult if I said I'd give a large sum of money to your charity the day I married Mme. Cordova, if you'd help me through."

"Please stop." Lady Maud's face

"Please stop." Lady Maud's face darkened visibly. "That's not like

"I'll give a million pounds sterling."

"Til give a million pounds sterling," said Mr. Van Torp slowly,
Lady Maud leaned back in her corner of the sofa, clasping her hands rather tightly together in her lap. Her white throat flushed as when the light of dawn kisses Parian marble, and the fresh tint in her cheeks deepened softly; her lips were tightly shut, her eyelids quivered a little, and she looked straight before her across the room.

You can do a prefty good deal with a million pounds," said Mr. Van Torp, after the silence had lasted nearly half a minute.

"Don't!" cried Lady Maud, in an

"Forty thousand pounds a year," observed the millionaire thoughtfully. "You could do quite a great deal of good with that, couldn't you?"

"Don't! Please don't!" She pressed her hands to her ears sane pressed her hands to her ears and rose at the same instant. Perhaps it was she, after all, and not her friend who had been brought suddenly to a great cross-road in life. She stood still one moment by the sofa without looking down at her companion; then she left the room abruptly, and shut the door behind her.

Van Torp got up from his seat slow.
ly when she was gone, and went to
the window, softly blowing a queet tune between his closed teeth and his open lips, without quite whistling. "Well—" he said aloud, in a tone of doubt, after a minute or two.

doubt, after a minute or two.

But he said no more, for he was much too reticent and sensible a person to talk to himself audibly even when he was alone, and much too cautious to be sure that a servant might not be within hearing, though the door was shut. He stood before the window nearly a quarter of an hour, thinking that Lady Maud might come back, but as no sound of any step broke the ing that Lady Maud might come back, but as no sound of any step broke the silence he understood that he was not to see her again that day, and he quietly let himself out of the house and went off, not altogether discontented with the extraordinary impression he had made.

Lady Maud sat alone upstairs, so because in her thoughts that she did

absorbed in her thoughts that she did not hear the click of the lock as he opened and shut the front door.

opened and shut the front door.

She was much more amazed at herself than surprised by the offer he had made. Temptation, in any reasonable sense of the word, had passed by her in life, and she had never before understood what it could mean to her. She was eight-and-twenty years of age and a widow, and now it came to her suddenly in a shape of tremendous strength, through her trusted friend, who had helped her for years to help others. It was real temptation. The man who offered her a million pounds to save miserable wretches tion. The man who offered her a mil-lion pounds to save miserable wretches from a life of unspeakable horror, could offer twice as much, four, five, or ten millions perhaps. No one knew the vast extent of his wealth, and in an age of colossal fortunes she had often heard his spoken of with the half-dozen greatest. "You can do quite a great deal of good with forty

nousand pounds a year."

Van Tora's rough-hewn speech rang

through her head, and somehow its reckless grammar gave it strength and made it stick in her memory, word for word. In the drawer of the writing table before which she was sitting there was a little file of letters that meant more to her than anything else in the world, except one dear memory. They were all from rescued womes, they all told much the same little story, and it was good to read. She had made many failures, and some terrible ones, which she could never forget; but there were real successes, too, there were over a dozen of them too, there were over a dozen of a now, and she had only been at for three years. If she had money, she could do more; if she much she could do much; and money, she could do more; if she he much she could do much; and a knew of one or two women who cou help her. What might she not accopitish in a lifetime with the vast such her friend offered her!—the price hindering a marriage that was almosure to turn out badly, perhaps a badly as her own!—the money value of a compromise with her conscience on a point of honor which many wonen would have thought very vague is deed, if not absurd in such a case She knew what temptation meaning would have thought very vague in the constitution of the constit before long. The prima donna ha said that she was going to marry Lo gotheti chiefly because he insiste on it.

The duel for Margaret's hand had begun: Van Torp kad aimed a blow that might well give him the advan-tage if it went home; and Logotheti skillful attack that threatened his hap-

CHAPTER III.

A few days after she had talked with Lady Maud, and before Mr. Van Torp's arrival, Margaret had gone Torp's arrival, Margaret had gone abroad, without waiting for the promised advice in the matter of the wedding gown. With admirable regard for the proprieties she had quite declined to let Logotheti cross the channel with her, but had promised to see him at Versailles, where she was going to stop a few days with her mother; old American friend, the exmother's old American friend, the ex-cellent Mrs. Rushmore, with whom she meant to go to Bayreuth to hear "Parsifal" for the first time.

Mrs. Rushmore had disapproved pro-foundly of Margaret's career, from the first. After Mrs. Donne's death, she first. After Mrs. Donne's death, she had taken the forlorn girl under her protection, and had encouraged her to go on with what she vaguely called her "music lessons." The good lady was one of those dear, old-fashioned, kind, delicate-min'ed and golden-hearted American women we may never see again, now that "progress" has got civilization by the throat and is squeezing the life out of it. She called Margaret her "chickabiddy" and spread a motherly wing over her. and spread a motherly wing over her, without the least idea that she was rearing a valuable lyric nightingale that would not long be content to trill and quaver unheard.

Immense and deserved success had half reconciled the old lady to what had happened, and after all Margarabhad not married an Italian tenor, a Russian prince, or a Parisian composer, the three shapes of man which seemed the most dreadfully immoral to Mrs. Rushmore. She would find it easier to put up with Logotheti than with one of those, though it was bad enough to think of her old friend's daughter marrying a Greek instead of a nice, clean Anglo-Saxon, like the learned Mr. Donne, the girl's father, or the good Mr. Rushmore, her lamented husband, who had been an upright pillar of the church in New York, and the president of a trust Immense and deserved success had

York, and the president of a trust company that could be trusted.

After all, though she thought all Greeks must be what she called "designing," the name of Konstantin Logotheti was associated with everything that was most honorable in the financial world and this impressed. financial world, and this impre

financial world, and this impressed Mrs. Rushmore very much.
Logotheti was undoubtedly considered honest, and Mrs. Rushmore made quite sure of it, as well as of the fact that he had an immense fortune.

At Versailles, with its memories of her earlier youth, the prima donna wished to be Margaret Donne again.

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Continued from second page. and to forget for the time that she was the Cordova, whose name was althe Cordova, whose name was al-first on the opera posters in New ways first on the opera.

York, London and Vienna.

That is to

She traveled incognito. That is to say, she had sent her first maid and theatrical dresser Alphonsine to see her relations in Nancy for a month, and only brought the other with her; she had, moreover, caused the state-room on the channel boat to be taken room on the channel boat to be taken in the name of Miss Donne, and she brought no more luggage to Versailles than could be piled on an ordinary cart, whereas when she had last come from New York here servants had seen 87 pieces put on board the steamer, and a hat-box had been missing after all after all.

her on the steps in the hot sunshine, portly and kind as ever, and she applied an embrace which was affectionate, yet imposing.

"My dearest child!" she cried. "I

was sure I had not quite lost you yet!"

yet!"
"I hope you will never think you have," Margaret answered, almost quite in her girlish voice of old.
She was very glad to come back. As soon as they were alone in the cool drawing room, Mrs. Rushmore asked her about her engagement in a tone of profound concern, as though it were a grave bodily ailment which might turn out to be fatal.

turn out to be fatal.
"Don't take it so seriously," Marga-ret answered with a little laugh; "I'm not married yet!'

not married yet!"

The elderly face brightened.
"Do you mean to say that—that there is any hope?" she asked eagerly. Margaret laughed now, but in a gentle and affectionate sort of way.
"Perhaps, just a little! But don't ask me, please. I've come home to forget everything for a few weeks."
"Thank heaven!" ejaculated Mrs. Rushmore in a tone of deep rellef.
"Then if—if he should call this afternoon, or even to-morrow—may 1 tell

then to say that you are out?"

She was losing no time; and Margaret laughed again, though she put her head a little or or all. head a little on one side with an ex-

pression of doubt.
"I can't refuse to see him," she said,
"though really I would much rather
be alone with you for a day or two."
"My darling child!" cried Mrs. Rushmore, applying another embrace, "you
shail! Leave it to me!"
Mrs. Rushmore's delight was touching, for she could almost feel that
Margaret had come to see her quite
for her own sake, whereas she had
pictured the "child," as she still called
the great artist, spending most of her
time in carrying on inaudible conversations with Logotheti under the trees
in the lawn, or in the most remote
corners of the drawing room; for that
had been the accepted method of
courtship in Mrs. Rushmore's young
days, and she was quite ignorant of
the changes that had taken place since
then.

Half an hour later, Margaret was



"My Dearest Child!" She Cried.

ter, and Mrs. Rushmore had given strict orders that until further notice Miss Donne was "not at home" for any one at all, no matter who might

When the letter already covered ten pages, Margaret laid down her pen and without the least pause or hesitation tore the sheets to tiny bits, inking her fingers in the process because the last one was not yet dry.

"What a wicked woman I am!" she exclaimed aloud, to the very great surprise of Potts, her English maid, who was still unpacking in the next room, the door being open.

"Beg pardon, ma'am?" the woman asked, putting in her head.

"I said I was a wicked woman," Margaret answered, rising; "and what's more, I believe I am. But I quite forgot you were there. Potts. or When the letter already covered ten

"Yes, ma'am," answered Potts meek ly, and she went back to her unpack

oddly suited to her two natures. She had inherited Alphonsine from her friend the famous retired soprano,

Mme. Bonanni, and the cadaverous, clever, ill-tempered, garrulous dresser was as necessary to Cordova's theatri-cal existence as paint, limelight, wigs and an orchestra. The English Potts, and an orchestra. The English Potts, the meek, silent, busy and intensely respectable maid, continually made it clear that her mistress was Miss Donne, an English lady, and that Mmc. Cordova, the celebrated singer, was what Mr. Van Torp would have called "only a side-show."

The letter that had been torn up before it was finished was to have sone to Lady Maud, but Margaret herself had been almost sure that she would not send it, even while she was

She had written that she had done very wrong in engaging herself to Lo-gotheti; that was the "wickedness" she accused herself of, repeating the self-accusation to her astonished maid, because it was a sort of relief to say the words to somebody. She had writ-ten that she did not really care for him in that way; that when he was near she could not resist a sort of natural attraction he had for her, but near she could not resist a sort or natural attraction he had for her, but that as soon as he was gone she felt it no longer and she wished he would not come back; that her ideal of a husband was so and so, and this and that—and here fiction had begun, and that—and here fiction had begun, and she had put a stop to it by destroying the whole letter instead of crossing out a few lines—which was a pity; for if Lady Maud had received it, she would have told Mr. Van Torp that he needed no help from her since Mar-garet herself asked no better than to be freed from the engagement.

Logotheti did not come out to Ver-sailles that afternoon, because he was plentifully endowed with tact where women were concerned, and he applied all the knowledge and skill he had to the single purpose of pleasing Margaret. But before dinner he tele-Margaret. But before dinner he telephoned and asked to speak with her, and this she could not possibly refuse. Besides, the day had seemed long, and though she did not wish for his presence she wanted something—that indescribable, mysterious something which disturbed her and made her feel uncomfortable when she felt it, but which she missed when she did not see him for a day or two.

"How are you?" asked his voice, and garet rather impatiently.

"How are you?" asked his voice, and he ran on without waiting for an an-swer. "I hope you are not very tired after crossing yesterday. I came by Boulogne—decent of me, wasn't it? You must be sick of seeing me all the time, so I shall give you a rest for the time, so I shall give you a rest for a day or two. Telephone whenever you think you can bear the sight of me again, and I'll be with you in 35 minutes. I shall not stir from home in this baking weather. If you think I'm in mischief you're quite mistaken, dear lady, for I'm up to my chin in work!"

"I envy you." Margaret said when

"I envy you," Margaret said, when "I envy you," Margaret said, when he paused at last. "I've nothing on earth to do, and the piano here is out of tune. But you're quite right, I don't want to see you a little bit, and I'm not jealous, nor suspicious, nor anything disagreeable. So there!"
"How nice of you!"
"Tm very nice," Margaret answered with laughing emphasis. "I know it. What sort of work are you doing? It's only idle curiosity, so don't tell me if you would rather not! Have you got a new railway in Brazil, or an over-

a new railway in Brazil, or an over-land route to the other side of be-yond".

"Nothing so easy! I'm brushing up

my Tartar."
"Brushing up what? I didn't hear."
"Tartar—the Tartar language—T-a-r
—" he began to spell the word.

"Yes, I hear now," interrupted Margaret. "But what in the world is the use of knowing it? You must be awfully hard up for something to do!"
"You can be understood from Constantinople to the Pacific ocean if you can speak Tartar," Logotheti answered in a matter-of-fact tone.
"I daresay! But you're not going

"I daresay! But you're not going to travel from Constantinople to the Pacific ocean—" I might. One never can tell what

one may like to do.

"Oh, if it's because Tartar is useful against the bites of sharks," answered Margaret, quoting Alice, "learn it by all magnati" it by all means!

"Besides, there are all sorts of peo-ple in Paris. I'm sure there must be I'm sure there must be would be amusing to be able to talk

to him."
"Nonsense! Why should you ever meet a Tartar? How absurd you are!"
"There's one with me now—close beside me, at my elbow."

"Don't be silly, or I'll ring off."
"If you don't believe me, listen!"
He said something in a language
Margaret did not understand, and an-Margaret did not understand, and another voice answered him at once in the same tongue. Margaret started slightly and bent her brows with a puzzled and displeased look.

"Is that your teacher?" she asked with more interest in her tone than she had yet betrayed.

"Yes."

"Yes."
"I begin to understand. Do you mind telling me how old she is?"
"It's not 'she,' it's a young man. I don't know how old he is. I'll ask him if you like."
Again she heard him speak a few incomprehensible words, which were answered very briefly in the same tongue.

tongue.

"He tells me he is 20," Logotheti said. "He's a good-looking young fellow. How is Mrs. Rushmore? I forgot to ask."

member me to her, and to say that I hope to find her at home the day after

hope to find her at home the day after to-morrow?"
"Certainly. Come to-morrow if you like. But please tell me how you happened to pick up that young Tartar. It sounds so interesting! He has such a sweet voice."
There was no reply to this question, and Margaret could not get another word from Logotheti. The communication was apparently cut off. She rang up the central office and asked for his number again, but the young woman soon said that she could young woman soon said that she could get no answer to the call, and that something was probably wrong with the instrument of number one-hundred-ahd-six-thirty-seven.

Margaret was not pleased, and she was silent and absent-minded at din-ner and in the evening. "It's the reaction after London," she

"its the reaction after London, she said with a smile, when Mrs. Rushmore asked if anything was the matter. "I find I am more tired than I knew, now that it's all over."

Mrs. Rushmore was quite of the same opinion, and it was still early when she declared that she herself wassleepy and that Margaret had much better go to bed and get a good night's

But when the prima donna was sit-ting before the glass and her maid was brushing out her soft brown hair, she was not at all drowsy, and though her eyes looked steadily at their own reflection in the mirror, she was not

aware that she saw anything.
"Potts," she said suddenly, and

stopped.
"Yes, ma'am?" answered the maid with meek interrogation, and without checking the regular movement of the big brush. "Potts," she began again, "you are

not very imaginative, are you?"
"No, ma'am," the maid answered, because it seemed to be expected of her, though she had never thought of the matter.

"Do you think you could possibly be mistaken about a voice, if you didn't see the person who was speaking?

"In what way, ma'am?"
"I mean, do you think you could take a man's voice for a woman's at

garet rather impatiently.
"Well, ma'am, I'll say this, since you ask me When I was last at home

was mistaken in that way about my own brother, for I heard him calling to me from downstairs, and I took him for my sister Milly." That's interesting!" Marga "Oh! ret smiled. "What sort of voice has your brother? How old is he?"

"He's eight-and-twenty, ma'am; and as for his voice, he has a sweet coun-ter tenor, and sings nicely. He's a song-man at the cathedral, ma'am."

"Really! How nice! Have you a voice, too? Do you sing at all?"
"Oh, no, ma'am!" answered Potts in a deprecating tone. "One in the family is quite enough!"

Margaret vaguely wondered why, but

your brother who was speaking, I suppose," she said.

"Oh, yes, ma'am! I looked down over the banisters, and there he was!" Margaret had the solid health of a great singer, and it would have been a serious trouble indeed that could have interfered with her unbroken and dreamless sleep during at least eight hours; but when she closed her eyes that night she was quite sure that she could not have slept at all but for Potts' comforting little story about the brother with the tenor" voice. Yet even so, at the mo ment before waking in the morning she dreamt that she was at the tele phone again, and that words in



"Potts." She Sald Suddenly, and Then

the wire in a soft and caressing tone that could only be a woman's, and that for the first time in all her life she knew what it was to be jealous. The sensation was not an agreeable

one.

The dream-voice was silent as soon as she opened her eyes, but she had not been awake long without realizing that she wished very much to see Logotheti at once, and was profoundly thankful that she had torn up her letter to Lady Maud. She was not prepared to admit, even now, that Konstantin was the ideal she should have chosen for a husband, and whom she had been describing from imagination

when she had suddenly stopped writ-ing. But, on the other hand, the mere thought that he had perhaps been amusing himself in the society of another woman all yesterday afternoon made her so angry that she took refuge in trying to believe that he had spoken the truth and that she had really been mistaken about the voice.

It was all very well to talk about learning Tartar! How could she be sure that it was not modern Greek, or Turkish? She could not have known the difference. Was it so very unlikely the difference. Was it so very unlikely that some charming compatriot of his should have come from Constantiacple to spend a few weeks in Paris? She remembered the mysterious house in the Boulevard Pereirs where he lived, the beautiful upper hall where the statue of Aphrodite stood, the doors that would not open like other doors, the strangely-disturbing encaustic painting of Cleopatra in the drawing room—many things which she distrusted. distrusted.

Besides, supposing that the language was really Tartar—were there not Russians who spoke it? She thought there must be, because she had a vague idea that all Russians were more or less Tartars. There was a proverb about it. Moreover, to the English as well as to the French Russians well as to the French Russians. English as well as to the French, Rus sians represent romance and wicked

She would not go to the teleph herself, but she sent a message to Lo-gotheti, and he came out in the cool time of the afternoon. She thought he had never looked so handsome and so little exotic since she had known

and Margaret together, and he took noticeable pains to make himself agreeable to the mistress of the house. At first Margaret was pleased at this; but when she saw that he was doing his best to keep Mrs. Rushmore from leaving the room, as she probably would have done, Margaret did not would have done, Margaret did not like it. She was dying to ask him questions about his questions about his lessons in Tartar, and especially about his teacher, and she probably meant to cast her in-quiries in such a form as would make it preferable to examine him alone rather than before Mrs. Rushmore; but he talked on and on, only pausing an instant for the good lady's expres-

sions of interest or approval He was telling her what a prime minister had told an ambassador about the pope, when Margaret rose rather abruptly.

"I'm awfully sorry," she said to Mrs. Rushmore, by way of apology, "but I really must have a little air. I've not

been out of the house all day. Mrs. Rushmore understood, and was not hurt, though she was sorry not to

not hurt, though she was sorry not to hear more. The "dear child" should go out, by all means. Would Mons. Logotheti stay to dinner? No? She was sorry. She had forgotten that she had a letter to write in time for the afternoon post. So she went off and left the two together.

Margaret led the way out upon the lawn, and they sat down on garden chairs under a big elm tree. She said nothing while she settled herself very deliberately, avoiding her companion's eyes till she was quite ready, and then she suddenly looked at him with ion's eyes till she was quite ready, and then she suddenly looked at him with a sort of blank stare that would have disconcerted any one less superlatively self-possessed than he was. It was most distinctly Mme. de Cordova, the offended prima donna, that spoke at last, and not Miss Margaret Donne, the "nice English girl."

"What in the world has got into

Donne, the "nice English girl."
"What in the world has got into
you?" she inquired in a chilly tone.
He opened his almond-shaped eyes
a little wider with an excellent af-

fectation of astonishment at her words rectation of astonishment at her words and manner.

"Have I done anything you don't like?" he asked in a tone of anxiety and concern. "Was I rude to Mrs. Rushmore?"

Margaret looked at him a mome and then turned her head away in silence, as if scorning to answer such a silly question. The look of surprise disappeared from his face, and he became very gloomy and thoughtful but said nothing more. Possibly he had brought about exactly what he wished, and was satisfied to await the inevitable result. It came

before long.
"I don't understand you at all,"
Margaret said less ielly, but with the
sad little air of a woman who believes herself misunderstood. "It was very odd yesterday, at the telephone you know—very odd indeed. I sup-pose you didn't realize it. And now, this afternoon, you have evidently been doing your best to keep Mrs. Rushmore from leaving us together. You would still be telling her stories about people if I hadn't obliged you to come out!"

"Yes," Logotheti asserted with ex-asperating calm and meekness, "we should still be there."

"You did not want to be alone with me, I suppose. There's no other ex-planation, and it's not a very flatter-ing one, is it?"

"I never flatter you, dear lady," said Logotheti gravely.

"But you do! How can you deny
it? You often tell me that I make
you think of the Victory in the
Lourre—"

"It's quite true. If the statue had a head it would be a portrait of you."
"Nonsense! And in your moments of enthusiasm you say that I sing better than Mme. Bonanni in her best

"Yes. You know quite as a as she ever did, you are a much b musician, and you began with a b voice. Therefore you sing bette maintain it."

"You often maintain things don't believe," Margaret reto though her manner momentarily laxed a little.

(To be continued)

The Baird Star.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 1911

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Six Months......50cts Terms: Cash in advance.

pleasant at night, has had hot ing over Texas. Let us investigate

overcome by the heat. Wonder manipulating senatorial districts courage to bring out men of your what effect this terrific heat had on that they may control three-fourths political faith. The prohibition in their eagerness to carry their big. In their eagerness to carry their big. our corpulent friend, Col. Edwards, of the senate. The Representative question has a last come to what we of the Record and Chronicle. of the Record and Chronicle.

In a street fight at Fannin, Goliad county, a stray bullet pierced a gosolene tank in a nearby restaurant which caused a fifty thousand dollar fire. The innocent bystander usually catches the stray bullets, but of bullets starting a fire.

but when cool weather comes on it summer comes on next year. What we want is something to cool the house now. Theories of Dr. Graham Bell, Tesla or Thomas Edison don't cool this West Texas weather worth

question whose advocates, though in and senatorial district had in the the minority in the state, but happen legislature, the Taylor County News to have a majority in the legislature, will deliberately gerrymander the advocates of a great moral idea near three-fourths of one if not both houses of the legislature? Such little confidence in legislatures all over the country and is one reason why the power to elect United States senators and many other privileges taken away from them.

population. The plan seems to have crats. Both have ignored the antis I presume, about any regularities or thus giving the pros over two-thirds us to mention the fact that the antis of the senators. It is predicted that that constituted a considerable part appear before this so-called "commit- gating all outrages on all sides Gov. Colquitt will veto all the re- of the democratic party in both dis- tee" on that date, or any other date,

Callahan county a gold brick in the derstand why a Democrat, Republi- they were entirely representative of negroes in Harrison County, and the new representative district. One can, Populist or Socialist can con- the entire Legislature. Being, as intimidation practices on the negroes district puts Callahan county in a sistently vote with his party on party they are, composed of a fraction of by the prohibitionists all over the district with Brown county and an question but it is something new to said Legislature, composed of par- State? Why not investigate the so other district puts this county in a have legislators completely ignore tisan prohibitionists who are seeking cial and religious ostracism now being district with Eastland county. Thus a considerable portion of their con- to make political capital out of con- practiced by the political preachers this county is put in two districts, stituents of the same party faith ditions in which they were clearly and religious politicians? if your one with Eastland and one with that helped elect though they differ defeated by the will of a majority of committee was honest it would inves-Brown. In other words all the peo- with them. So far as the antis, and the people of Texas. I desire to tigate the published statements of Dr. ple of Callahan county will get out of there are lots of them in every omphasize my refusal to obey their of this kind of a deal is that we can county in these two districts, are mandate: and further desire to say erintendent of the State Anti-Soloon help elect some man in Eastland and concerned they would get just as that I deny their right, or power, to League, which he declared, "that some other man in Brown, as it will much consideration from republicans drag peaceable citizens of this State many people who are engaged in the be next to an impossibility to elect or socialists as they do from our from their homes for such illegal liquor business were opposed to the any one from Callahan. It makes representative and senator. In and outrageous purposes. The Con- open saloon and were contributers to little difference, however, as Calla- other words the antis are good stitution of Texas divides the Gov- the anti-saloon cause." This might han county has been a sorter of an enough Democrats in these districts ernment into three great co-ordinate expose the fact that the foreign recoutlying precinct for Taylor and to help elect prohibitionist to the branches—the judicial, the legisla- tiflers, who make five gallons of bust-Jones county and all the choice we legislature but not considered of tive and the executive departments: head out of one of good whisky and had was between candidates from enough importance to deserve any and when the entire Legislature at- then ship it into prohibition territory these two counties. The old district consideration at the hands of our tenpts to assert its rights to act as a to be sold by bootleggers and nehowever, was we presume, at least representative and senator. For one court and try offenses it goes beyond groes to the boys and inebriates in honestly formed, and not with a de-liberate attempt to disfranchise over anti for both senator and representa-stitution, and every honest citizen tributers to the cause of prohibition two thousand voters of this county, as the new district does as to repreas the new district does as to reprein the opinion of the prosit seems
sentation, whether so intended or
not. We believe it was deliberately
done, because Caliahan county went prevent republicans or socialists begaroo court to try citizens for exerfruits of such illegal business. anti in the last election. One con- ing elected, but when the pros get cising their rights and prerogatives, If your committee is really repre-

Dry hot weather is the cry nearly tricts, but the pros appropriate near should make a fight for every office political preachers to aid them in you persist in doing this, then I all over Texas. West Texas, usually three-fourths of the districts. We from Constable up. So far as we The heat from Austin must be spread- ery should be permitted in Texas. hold office because we ask no favors State, wide election was last month, bravely, and the most of the testi-It was so hot in Denton Tuesday the state. Here we have a party Texas? Are you ready for a con- have no regard for the rights of the that owners of chickens had to give faction that controls less than one- test or will you continue to vote for people, nor will accept the verdict taken no part in this controversy so enterprise ever proposed in our town them a bath to prevent them being third of the votes of the state, so pros because you have not got the of elections when said verdicts are far, nor did I even make a speech this is the first time we ever heard makes every old Texas Democrat If we make a fight at least, we will redistricting bills. If Gov. Colquitt ways believe he ought to have done

STAR asking how much representa-What do you think of a moral tion the antis of this representative says they represent the majority and realized the true condition of affairs. asks if we would have them represent legislative districts so as to give the the majority part of the time and Callahan County the only anti county in the district part of the time. In answer we want to say things as this is why the people have that we would like to have men big enough to represent the whole people not a mere faction of the party. We would like to have men big enough to vote for measures regardless of a they have enjoyed, is going to be caucus of a party faction. We would like to have men big enough Sir- I was awakened at a very late to vote for measures recommended hour last night by the Sheriff of Na-The senatorial districts are formed by the Governor of Texas though varzo County and, after I had arisen call any body of his citizens together by the pros fixing it so the antis can the Governor belonged to an opposite and clothed myself and invited this only elect eight state senators while party or faction to our senators and gentleman to explain the cause of his the pros will elect twenty-three. It representatives. We want to call untimely intrusion on my peaceful is the worst case of gerrymandering the attention of The News to the slumbers, was served by him with a tionists of Texas, and, I, for one, deever attempted in Texas. Some of fact that both Senator Bryan and so-called sudpoena issued by the sothe anti districts have over one hun- Representative Barrett were elected called "investigating committee of dred and forty thousand population, by both pros and antis without re- the State Senate" in which I was com- against such illegal, outrageous and while some of the pro districts have gard to whether they were pros or manded to appear in the city of damnable practices in the State of but little over one hundred thousand antis but we elected them as demo- Austin, Tex., and testify before them, Texas. seen to give more population to dis. on every possible occasion for the irregularlines of the late State-wide of one-half pros and the other half tricts in South than in North Texas, the past two sessions which caused election, on tommorrow, Aug. 14. tricts and on a full vote are nearly until I am furnished with the proof might have some respect for it, and if not quite equal in strength to the of their power to act as courts instead I might obey its mandates. Why The pros certainly have handed pros in both districts. We can un- of a legislative body, even though not investigate the whipping of the

of any political faith will endorse seeing the pros hog the whole busiany such unfairness in redistricting ness. What say the antis of West districts are doubtless equally as un- all expected it would purely a politifair, though we have not had time cal question, one that involves the to override the clearest and most does not want to hear and would not to examine any but our own district, election of state, county and district which fully justifies the suspicion officers pure and simple. It is a Constitution, and I think it is high that the pros had the one idea in question of governmental policy and time that the conservative citizensview, to perpetuate and increase their the pros are responsible for the power in redistricting the state. The division and the antis should no E. J. Davis administration, that longer tolerate it without resistance. swear or think ugly thoughts every be in no worse condition than now. time that administration is recalled, We see in the legislature pros, with never attempted anything more un- a few honorable exceptions, actuated fair to their political opponents than by petty spite towards the Govern the pros have done in passing these or and show it by cutting down appropriations for the Governor's dedoes not veto these bills we will al. partment and departments whose officials are appointed by him and giving heads of departments controlled py the pros all they ask for In reply to an editorial in THE and in lump sums to spend at their own sweet will. No such blind partisanism has been manifested in the legislature since reconstruction days and it is time the people of Texas

WILL DISREGARD SUMMONS.

W. W. Ballew of Corsicanna in Letter to Senator Vaughn Says He Will Not Appear Before Committee.

The News is in receipt of the following, with request to publish; Corsicana, Tex, Aug. 13 .- Hon. H. W. Vaughah, Austin, Tex.: Dear

I shall not obey this mandate, nor

solation, the district or districts, as their men in they give the antis the then those who are guilty of such an sentative of the Legislature, and if sec solation, the district or districts, as their men in they give the antis the then those who are guilty of such an outrage should be punished by reclikely never be made, as Gov. Colquitt may veto the bill.

their men in they give the antis the outrage should be punished by recliving the contempt of every honest of this State. Such is the deserve no consideration. This thing deserve no consideration. This thing deserve no consideration of this State. Such is the do anything but make political capitals as much or more than the town, it is not unreasonable to expect the as deserve no consideration. This thing cannot go on indefinitely and it is conditions of this entire program and tal for a few politicians, I have not sistance of the company if we can time the antis woke up to the true procedure, and, as a citizen, I want been able to perceive it, and I have show" them. If the town could

cate to the thinking man that they made public. icles into effect they do not hesitate I do know, I know your committee positive prohibitions of our State let me relate. Why I should be tones and say to those who refuse to can guess, but I now served notice on accept the verdicts of elections in you that I shall not obey same. Cite this State and who attempt to over- me for contempt if you want to, but ride any of the most cherished rights be sure to furnish me with proof of of the people of Texas, "Thus far your power to do so, or I shall also Democratic ticket. shalt thou come, and no further. Be refuse to obey same.

This so-called "Senatorial investigating committee" and its actions are exactly in line with the same political practice put into force by this same crowd of politicians partisans Grand Jury" iu Navarro County. Twenty-four partisan prohibitionists appeared before our District Judje be called to idvestigate the Statewide election, in which there were but two parties, prohibitionists and antis. A prohibition jury commisso selected. Nero, while dancing over the burning ruins of Rome would never have had the audacity to appoint such a tribunal to try the Romans, nor has the Czar of Russis ever had the effrontery to attempt to to try their enemies, politically or otherwise. But such seems to be the program of the partisan prohibisire to enter my protest as high as

the vaulted area of high heaven

If your committee was composed antis, and both parties were seeking an investigation, and it was investi of the political fence, then the people

how outrageously unfair and unjust enough antis in both our representathis bill is, attention is called to the tive and senatorial districts to make committee to take any such illegal your illegal process and drag me fact that there are over seven hun- it exceedingly interesting for the and outrageous actions, nor shall I from my home by an assumption of dred thousand voters in Texas. At pros whose leaders treat the antis obey any process or mandates issued power I do not believe you have any the late prohibition election 236,000 with contempt and seem to regard it by this socalled committee. I shall right to claim; but, until you convivoted the anti ticket and 230,000 as presumptuous for the antis to not pay out my own money to go to nee me that I am wrong in my convoted the anti ticket and 230,000 as presumptuous for the antis to voted the pro ticket. In ordinary fairness the antis should have had The time for indiffernces on the part pose of appearing before an illegal never testify before your committee have, is separate and entirely discontinuous for the antis to not pay out my own money to go to expect anything from a pro official Austin or anywhere else for the pursuations of the Constitution, I will never testify before your committee have, is separate and entirely discontinuous for the antis to not pay out my own money to go to expect anything from a pro official never testify before your committee have, is separate and entirely discontinuous for the antis to not pay out my own money to go to expect anything from a pro official never testify before your committee have. an equal division of senatorial disof the antis has passed and they body of partisan prohibitionists and under any circumstances. But if tinct from our present water support and they body of partisan prohibitionists and under any circumstances. But if tinct from our present water support and they body of partisan prohibitionists and under any circumstances. But if tinct from our present water support and they body of partisan prohibitionists and under any circumstances. But if tinct from our present water support and they body of partisan prohibitionists and under any circumstances. three-fourths of the districts. We ask any fairminded pro if they be are personally concerned it makes a repersonally concerned it makes the defeat in a cause so clearly decided the respect to all them in posterior ask any fairminded pro if they be are personally concerned it makes defeat in a cause so clearly decided the respectively. lieve that such political skull dudg- httle difference whether pros or antis by the voice of the people as the afraid to speak out honestly and furnish. We do not believe fairminded men of any of them but be are tired of These gentlemen are playing "peanut mony I do give will be such as your politics," in which they clearly indi- committee is not seeking to have

1 am not a public official, and have

Yours very truly, W. W. Ballew.

Several have asked us what plan we have for building the big dam frequently mentioned in THE STAR. same crowd of politicians partisans we are sorry to admit that we have in the calling of an "investigating no plan and know of none. What we are trying to do is to arouse interest in this enterprise, hoping that by a public meeting and the sky, pure as the unwritten law. It is as expansive as the sky, pure as the unwritten law. by a public meeting or otherwise some plan can be devised to build demanding that a special Grand Jury the dam. Several plans might be be called to idvestigate the State-wide election, in which there were pany, either jointly with the T. & P. Company or alone might build the dam. We have little idea as to the cost of the work, but realize it will sion selected a prohibition Grand
Jury to hear the evidence, and not
one single anti was given a position
on either the commission or the jury
so selected. Nero, while dancing

sion selected a prohibition Grand
cost a large sum, possibly more than
the people of Baird could raise,
one single anti was given a position
on either the commission or the jury
so selected. Nero, while dancing
sibly if we show a proper spirit
al of the fittest will win by and by. and faith in the enterprise we might interest outside capital if we cannot we might

The senstorial district bill as passtime the antis woke up to the
to register my extremest contempt and the antis 8 senators. To show fight for their rights. There are
and the antis 8 senators. To show fight for their rights. There are
to register my extremest contempt for all such proceedings.

You may cite me for contempt if
You may cite me for

We would not in anyway interfe with the present water system of town. That should be kept exclu ively for domestic use for our ci zens, but the plan we had in view,

We would like to hear from any who have any information. hunting for some plan that will en-able Baird to secure what we believe will prove more valuable and of

McFarlane Ranch, Pecan Bayou, August 15th, 1911. To The Baird Star: I take the

privilege of commending and indorsing your conceptions of the Democracy of Texas, as enunciated in The Star of August 11th, 1911.

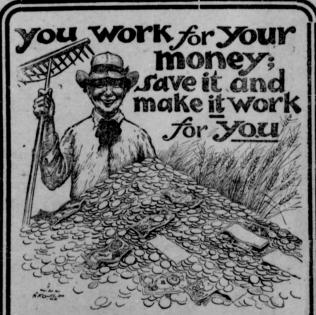
I am not a stranger in a strange land for I have been a citizen of Texas 51 years. Have ever since 1 became entitled to vote, voted the

Democracy speaks for itself. It is as distinct from sumptuaryism or prohibitionism, which means the same thing, as water from oil.

Prohibition is a misnomer. It is ultra fanaticism tinctured with dem agogism and has been a failure for centuries. Pure Democracy cannot be downed. It is as expansive as

How or why it is that a Democrat can affiliate with the prohibition party is one of the nine mysteries. If the pro party of Texas succaed in their policies of government it will be like the Athenians under the Draco laws, because for 300 yerrs Athenia was as badly off as it she

Truly,



After you have raked together a good sized pile of money don't let it slip away from you. Let Security be your first thought. Make no investment where you will put in danger YOUR PRINCIPAL.

Buy no property or anything else unless you yourself are going to watch it. Bank your money. Then it will be SAFE. The interest we will pay you is more than government bonds will bring you in.

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When we sock the Axe into Prices, we put it into Real Prices on Real Clothes. Our reductions may not appear as great as others, but when we sell you, say, a \$20. Suit for \$15. you save \$5. of real, sure-enough money. Our Twenty Dollar Suits are worth Twenty Dollars the year around. We put on the Lower Price to quickly move out of our store what is left of the Season's stock. Come in; we can fit you now, but our reduced

prices will soon sell us out of clothes. Now is your chance.

DON'T IMAGINE THINGS.

The cold fact is that we are overstocked on Men's Clothing and must make room for the large shipment of Fall and Winter Suits billed to arrive within the next few weeks. Our late sale was a success in every way, but for the next Ten Days we will make special prices on our entire stock of Ready-to- Wear Clothing, including a number of beautiful Gray, Tan and Blue Serge Suits.

"DON'T HESITATE TO BUY NOW."

You save money when you get a bargain in suits at any time of the year and you will always welcome an occasion to wear a good suit if you own one; so don't fight the question of being well dressed, but bring it to us at once. "THE PRICE IS NO OBJECT" if you want a suit, we have the one for you. Our clothing must go.

WILL D. BOYDSTUN BAIRD. TEXAS

PERSONAL MENTION

in town, yesterday.

Mac Boren, of Shreveport, La., 18 visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones.

Mrs. Miller, of Clyde, visited friends here the first of the week.

yesterday.

John Walker and A. P. Martin, of Admiral, were in town Wednesday. Fred Foy, of Abilene, spent Sun-

day with the home folks. Will McCoy and sister, Miss Carrie

were in from the Bayou Wednesday. See J. Rupert Jackson's ad on 1st

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blakley from Crooked Creek, were in town, Wed-nesday.

Tom Windham and sons, Sam and John and Pete Fulcher came in with a bunch of cattle, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Ely is spending the cek with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. asper McCoy, on the Bayou,

Misses Inez and Lora Franklin re-irned home Wednesday night from visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pace,

Wanted-Washing, 25c per doz Mrs. Cody Wilson, Phone 14. 38-2

Miss Bobbie Hamilton visited her C. S. Boyles, of Cross Plains, was sister, Mrs. Harry Berry, this week.

Mrs. A. T. Young, of Belle Plaine was shopping in Baird last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley, Belle Plaine, were in town last Fri-

W. K. Boatwright was in town, Miss Laura Brock, of Belle Plaine, visited Miss Mattie Williams, Saturatorder

Miss Nina Griggs has returned Abilene, where she visited J. M. Miller and family a few days.

Mrs. L. Hearn and sister, Miss shopping in Baird Saturday.

Selman Lones, of Shrevesport, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones.

Murray Cutbirth and Teller Blak-ley, of Belle Plaine, were in town, Saturday.

For Sale:— The Presbyterian anse. For particulars see H. A.

Misses Anna and Cossette Faust have returned from a visit to Fort

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Kershner, Miss Dorathy Knott, Will Knott, Selman Lones, Grover and Ode Berry have returned from the Lones Ranch, where they spent a week fishing.

Misses Clara Pearl Jackson and Helen English spent last week with Miss Adine Seales at Belle Plaine.

Hon, M. K. Jackson, of Colorado, C. D. Russell. was in Baird on business Friday and Saturday.

Miss Mamie Mahan who has been family, returned to her home at Ft. Worth, Sunday.

Born,—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinds, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1911, a girl.

Ir. Johnson, a printer, of Breck. enridge, was here this week, conferring with the owners of the News plant with a view to reviving the paper.

J. I. McWhorter is building a new barn on the place recently pur-chased from Capt. J. W. Jones in Lillie Parks are visiting J. Ieast part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cooper and the funeral of their mother, Mrs. E.

Misses Evalyn and Josephine
Blakley, of Belle Plaine, were in
Monday to see their grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Austin, who have
recently returned from Oklahoma.

A. L. Biggerstaff and W. M. Isenhour, of Putnam, were pleasant call-

Mrs. Witherspoon, of Fort Worth, is visiting Mrs. G. M. Hall.

Mrs. Walton Wagner, of Cross Plains, is visiting Judge and Mrs.

Ralph Harris, of Admiral, was in town Wannesday.

Born .- To Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Russell, a girl.

Jim Bryant, formerly of this county but now of Ovalo, was in town this week.

Misses Cora Nell Boydstuu and Holland and family near Moran.

Miss Lide Spragins and Master daughter, Ethel, of Jones county, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fielder, of Strawn, were here Tuesday to attend been for the past two months.

Rufe Brooche, wife and son of Brown County, came in yesterday from the White Mountains in New

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Austin, who have recently returned from Oklahoma.

Sheriff and Mrs. F. F. Rains have returned from Dallas, where they accompanied Mrs. J. J. Clinton, of Abilene, who is now in the Baptist Sanitarium, were she underwent a surgical operation. Mrs. Clinton is doing nicely, which is good news to ther many friends here.

A. L. Biggerstaif and W. M. Isenhour, of Putnam, were pleasant callers at The Star office a few days ago. We regret we were absent at the time, as we are always glad to meet our country friends, and especially these old time fellows, who have stood by The Star in storm and sunshine for near a quarter of a century.

CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED.

R. W., M. D. Webb, of Anson, Grand Visitor of the Grand Royal

L. Russell, Treas. H. Walker, Secy. S. T. Fraser, C. H. Tom Parks, P. J.

W. E. Gilliland, R. A. C. Harry Meyer, M. 3rd V. J. V. McManis, M. 2nd V. Charley Johnson, 1st V.

T. L. Conway, Guard.

Presbyterian Services.

Don't forget the Laundry date.

Resident Property To Rent

For a few months (or will sell.) Plenty of water in cistern and hydrant in yard, barn and out buildings Mr. Price expressed himself as well For further particulars address Phillips, Rotan, Texas.

Jas. Nethery and little son, left vesterday for Baird, where they get Mr. Nethery's team and make a tour of his trade territory.-Abilene Morning News, Aug. 22d.

Miss Frankie Terrell, of Haskell, came yesterday afternoon from Baird where she visited her uncle, and left over the Wichita Valley this morning for her home. Miss Terrell was Schaper Weight of Harris, Schaper Willer Barnard, W. E. Gillett, T. Baulch, Lee Champion, W. B. Dodds, J. H. ing for her home. Miss Terrell was in Abilene the guest of Mrs. Edwin Boen, J B Eubanks, W O Maltby. B. Adams. - Abilene Reporter, Aug.

Dr. E. W. Tisdale, formerly of Baird, has moved from Stamford to

The catalogue of the Putnam the remainder of that week. This Public School, published by Earl Stephens of The Putnam Tribune, has been received at Tile Star office all the teachers of the county are required by law to attend the institute.

Respectfully, handsomest catalogues issued this year, and would do credit to any city The catalouge is neatly arranged and handsomely printed. Editor Stephens splendid catalogue.

Misses Cora Nell and Willie Boyd-Grand Visitor of the Grand Royal Arch Chaptor of Texas of this district visited Baird Chapter No. 182 R. A. M. last Friday night, it being the regular meeting and time set for the installation of the officers. The following officers were installed:

Martin Barnhill, H. P.

R. E. Bounds, E. K.

R. D. Green, E. S.

B. L. Russell. Treas.

Misses Cora Nell and Willie Boydstun entertained at their home a number of their friends in honor of their friends in hono those busied in the contest for more than an hour. At 12 M. the guests were called to dine, and among the delicious eatables the following were spread before us: loaf bread, fried chicken, sliced tomatoes, stuffed olives, saratoga chips, fruit salad, pork and beans and ice tea. After partaking sufficiently of these good things, Sherbert and ginger snaps were served. In the meantime the There will be regular services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning. Special music by Mrs. Fraser and Wilson Fraser. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

A. B. C. Dinwiddie.

At night the union services will be held at the Baptist Church, control of the control of Albany, Texas. The young gentlemen were: Messrs moon had risen above the eastern At night the union services will be held at the Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Savage, of the Methodist Church. Everybody invited.

V. A. Brownlee, ex-Rural Letter

Theo Richardson, of Albany, Texas, The young gentlemen were: Messrs Driskill, Terrell, F. Hart, R. Hart, C. Dinwiddie, W. Dinwiddie and Norrell. Two flash light pictures made while the growd were Carrier at Cottonwood, came in on the mail hack Tuesday evening and went to Dallas, where he has accepted a position as city letter carrier.

Don't forcet the Laundry data.

> George Price, of Stanton, who spent a week on a farm west of town, bought by his father from L. pleased with the county and with bis purchase, and said they would move down in about two months

COUNTY COURT.

County Court convenes Monday, eptember 4th. The following is September 4th. the jury for first week:

To The Patrons of Baird Public School.

Dr. E. W. Tisdale, formerly of Baird, has moved from Stamford to Clyde, where he has formed a partorership with Dr. J. H. Bailey. See professional card of Drs. Bailey & Tisdale, Clyde, in this issue. Both physicians are well and favorably known as successful practitioners.

Since the article appearing in another part of this issue of The Star relating to the opening of school was written and put in type, County Superintendent Tisdale has announced that the Callahan County Teachers Institute will convene September 18th and continue in session during

Watch Fob Lost-Between Baird is to be congratulated on this hand-some pamphlet work and the people of Putnam should be proud of this

EVEN A DOG SAVES Why Don't You



EVEN a dog saves. Why don't

you start a bank account? It is a natural instinct with every living creature who does not perish with a season to save something for a time of need. Saving is one natural instinct which every one should follow. Civilization provides the bank, a better place for saving than nature has ever provided. Why don't you start an account today?

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Senator Cofer offered in the senate a resolution, which prevailed by viva voce vote, giving the senate investigating committee full power to swear witnesses, administer oaths and take before the bar of the senate, to be dealt with as the senate may direct, any person refusing to annear, before any person refusing to anpear before the committee. Right is also given to send for documents, letters and tele-grams desired. Poll tax investigation will be also had.

appropriation for the maintenance of the attorney general's department for the next two years ind making it ap-proximately \$82,000, already passed by the house, prevailed in the senate likewise.

TEXAS

Seated in a chair in front of a Galveston hotel Harry L. Ben-son, sixty years of age, resident of San

Antonio, died sudeenly, He was ex president of the Texas division of the Travelers' Protective association. August Pulte, a prosperous German of Cooke county, expired of a herri trouble on his farm, ten miles east of

medical treatment. He was eighty-one years old. Burial was at Fort Worth. He was a Virginian by birth.

Seven residences id the Oak Cliff section of Dallas wede fire consumed.

Fire at Whitesboro destroyed one business hause, several others were damaged by smoke and water and loss of \$14,000 sustained.

Mrs, Beulah Garrett poured gaso line in her wood stove at Dalias. An explosion resulted and the lady was frightfully burned. In a few hours death euded her sufferings. In trying to save his young wife Mr. Garrett was badly blistered.

Jahn C. Denny, twenty years con-nected with the Boren & Stewart Gro cery company of Dallas, but the pass seven years a member of the Ditt Grocery company of Arlington, die in a Fort Worth sanitarium. He wa ons years of age and leaves a

of Ward Cooper, a negro, has given birth to quadruplets—two gtrls and a couple of boys. All are doing well.

Cecil Naylor of San Antonio was shot in the head and died. W. H. Miller was arrested. He claims self-

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GOD IN THE HOME.

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Elmira, N. Y., aly 33 - Paster ussell delivered two addresses here today to crowded and attentive audiences. We report one on "God In The Home," from the text, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua xxiv, 15). Pastor said:

Do not understand me to teach that the world's opportunity for life everlasting or death everlasting is now. "God hath appointed a Day in which He will judge the world," grant the world a judgment or trial or test. That Gainesvill?

Professor Alexander Hogg, for a number of years identified with educational work in Texas and elsewhere and long a resident of Fort Worth, died in Johns. Pakins hospital, Baltimore, where, with his daughter. Miss Luia Hogg, two months before went for medical treatment. He was eighty-one medical treatment. He was eighty-one in an and woman at that time. He or she will enter upon that Day of blessing and opportunity either from a high-ence of the professional professiona er or a lower standpoint, proportion-ately as he or she has acted wisely and conscientiously at the present time. But nothing that the world can do

can interfere with God's great proposition, that a full opportunity for life or death eternal shall then come to every member of the race, because Christ died for the ungodly. The only class to whom present life means life or death eternal is the Church. And by the Church I mean, not church at lendants, nor outward professors, but those who have entered into a cove-nant with God through Christ and who have been made partakers of the Holy. Spirit, tasting of the good Word of God and the powers of the Age to come. If these should fall away, the Apostle forewarns us, it would be impossible to renew them again unto repentance. And there will be no hope for them with the world in the world. pentance. And there will be to for them with the world in the world's trial Day because they already have enjoyed their share of the merit of Christ's death.

When, therefore, I speak of God and the home, I am not having in mind a family composed exclusively of saints. To live righteously, soberly and godly in this present world to the extent of one's ability is what every one should do—no less.

An Inundation of Unbelief.

In our day the shackles of ignorance and superstition are breaking. Men, women and children are beginning to women and children are beginning to think for themselves. They no longer believe the fairy tales of childhood. The dreadful hobgoblins and night-mares of the Dark Ages respecting purgatory and eternal torture are doubted by all, and by the great mass totally disbelleved. What have they how to attach them to the Almichter now to attach them to the Almighty, since they have never been taught the love of God, the lengths and breadths love of God, the lengths and breadths and heights and depths passing all human understanding? This is the world's great need—to know God as He really is, a Father, a Friend, a God of love! And to thus know Him the people need to be taught how seriously they were mistaught in the past along the lines of hell and purgatory. How could they ever truly love and worship a God of injustice and hate—One inferior to themselves—One who

One inferior to themselves-One knew, forcordained and prepared for their torture before they were born! They must see that these things, aught by the creeds of the Dark Ages else they will never come back to the Bible nor be able to see its teachings in their true light.

They must be taught that the sin and death, sorrow and trouble all around us are the penalty of father Adam's disobedience. They must learn that God purposes a blessing and uplifting which will be as world-wide as

ascribe everything to-a great Noth-ing, which they designate Nature-god. Is it surprising, in view of the fact that these teachings are being promulgated in the universities, colleges and theological seminaries, in the high schools, and even to some extent in the common schools—is it any wonder that the rising generation is losing its God?

Awakened Parental Responsibility.

It is high time that parents realize the true situation—it is almost too late now. The seeds of unbelief already now. The seeds of unbelief already sown in the minds of the rising generation are being watered continually and are growing. All who love their families, all who love mankind in general, should awaken to the fact that a world that has lost its God must of necessity be an unhappy world. Platonic philosophy may serve the purposes of the few, but surely cannot serve the masses of our race. A godless world will ere long mean a discontented world, an unhappy world and, bye and bye, a world of anarchy and strife. This is what our worldwide education is leading to. Few of our race can stand an education which recognizes no God, no revelation of Him, no responsibility to Him, and no hope of a future life which will be effected by the conduct of the present.

VARDAMAN WINS.

Receives Majority of the Votes For Senator.

Former Goxernor Vardaman won the Democratic nomination for United States senator in Mississippi, hts ma-Percy and

H. Perey being about 20,000.
By about the same majority T. G. Bilboa was nominated for lieutenant

rovernor.

James Kimball Vardaman is a na James Kimball Vardaman is a native of Texas and fifty-one years old. Although a lawyer, he has actively never follawed that profession having been identified with journalism. For many years he was editor of the Enterprise at Greenwood, but recently the editor and publisher of the Issue, a weekly publication at Jackson.

Mr. Vardaman was elected governor in 1903 and served one term. During the Spanish American war he served as major in a Mississippi volunteer regiment.

Mr. Vardaman was defeated for the United States senate in 1907 in Demo-ratic primaries by John Sharp Will-iams, and in 1910 was an unsuccessful contestant for the seat made vacant by the death of the late Senator Mc-Laurin, Senator Percy, whom he has just defeated, receiving the legislative nomination.

OKLAHOMA

Grasshoppers in the Meridian section, not far from Guthrie, are gre tly injuring the crops, cleaning fields

of corn, cotton and even weeds, also

On the 26th instant the taxpayers of Muskogee county will vote on proposition of whether or not to vote a bond issue of \$500,000, with which to erect a ten-story county and municipal build-ing on a lot at Muskogeeowned by the city. It is proposed to ret out offices, and it is claimed that by doing this the building will pay for itself within fifteen years.

Scholastic population of Pontotoc county as shown by the census just taken is 8,559, being an increase over

Joe Clinton, a painter, fell from the roof of the new Hardy sanitarium at Ardmore and sustained a fracture of the skull and internal injuries.

A test well for gas and oil is being sunk at Chickasha by a local company and backed by the Chickasha chamber

Cornelius Wright was killed almost instantly near Baron, Adair county, when in crossing a railroad track the engine and separator of a thrashing machine jammed together and caught him between them. An iron rod went into his breast. He lived at Westville,

or George L. Scott, both retired, as superintendent of the Apache prison ers of war on the Fort Sill reserva-tion. Mnjor Goode was retired from the affairs of the Indian prisoners.

Oklahoma rallroad mileage is at the present time 6,074,69 mtles of main and 1,381.13 of sidetrack. Greatest mileage is possessed by the Frisco, which is 1,497.96 miles of main line, and its its side track is 296,55.

320 acres for \$10,400 for the state phan home at Pryor Creek under act of the last legislature. The orphans are to be given a practical agricultural education and the home is to be

GENERAL

Esther Kadell Olsen petitioned the dis-trict court at Minne-apolis to change her name to Esther Smith

and Judge Steele legalized the change.

Among reasons assigned for making this change is that she wants to be called "Miss Smith" in order to identify herself. She adopted the name of Smith several years ago.

a girl victim of suictde, Miss Edna Fagenberg visited the morgue at Dav-enport, Ia. When she stopped at the marble slab on which the corpse of the body of her sister, Anna Fagenberg who took her own life in Central park Before drinking the fatal acid the girl had seen to it that her life inzural

ers capsized in the Fence river near Crystal Falls, Mich., and five of the pants drowned. John Holmes, owner of the launch, and one woman got to

Former United States Senator Edwin Murphy of Troy, N. Y., died at his summer home in Elberon, N. J., fol lowing an operation which he under-went two weeks before for an enlarged abdominal gland. He was aged seventy-eight years, was mayor of Troy and a delegate to several Democratic national conventions.

H. Montgomery, postmaster at Birmingham, Ala., while at the conrt-house dropped dead.

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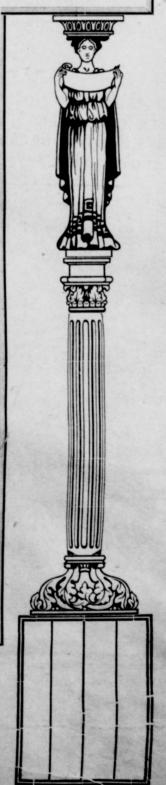
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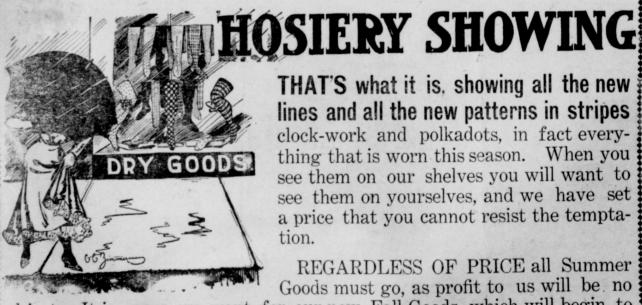
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There has been some burglarirs committed, but two would about cover the case for the last few weeks, we

Count School Superintendent W. Tisdale has called a Teachers Inthe consequently the Baird Public Schools will not open until September 25th. See articles by R. D. Green and Supt Tisdale in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berry were in

C. B. Holmes has sold his drug store at Cross Plains and has moved back to Baird.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. E Boland desires THE STAR in behalf of himself and family

C. S. Boyles, of Cross Plains was up this weekand reports a good rain.

F. P. Shackleford, of Putnam was

A. M. Armstrong, T. & P. agent, has returned from Galveston where a meeting of all the principle agents of the T. & P and I. & G. N. roads met to consider some business matter of the roads.

NOTICE TO REBEKAHS.

The members of Baird Rebekah Lodge No. 112 are hereby notified ban home at Streatham, some ten that the 60th anniversiary will be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 20th This yery nice and kindly little courand are urged to be present. Also those in arrears with dues must pay up before that date.

Lorena Gunn. N. G. Jewell Johnson, Seey.

EIGHT HOURS RAIN

As we go to press this morning, Friday, a slow steady rain is falling. It has been raining since one o'clock last night, just the kind of rain we

LETTER FROM A. G. WEBB.

Fountain Hotel, Stratford, on-Avon August 6th, 1911 Editor Star: After a very strenuous week in London amid the rush and roar of a great commercial center, we are spending the last Sabbath day of our tour in the quiet old historic town of Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakespeare, From London we came first to Oxford, the educational center of England, where ve visited the great University and its beautiful deer parks and shady walks and lanes, also the place where the martyrs Latimer, Ridley and

Cranmer werebeh :aded for cons :ience

sake in order that the world might

enjoy a higher order of civilization, and have a free ballot and a fair

count. We also saw the original

World" so often copied and used in

our religious literature. Yesterday we visited Lannington. Warwick, Kennelworth and came to this place, traveling by auto through the most beautiful, as well as the most famous part of England, visiting ruined castles, full of the ghosts of murdered knights and ladies of past centuries; an old water power grist mill 300 years old, still running in good order, and one of the great old time castles and estates, Warwick Castle, still in first-class condition just as it was 400 years ago, with beautiful gardens, parks, lakes the Avon river through the grounds, and a great castle, built for beauty

war-like rival clans of past ages. At Statford-on-Avon we have visited the nome of Shakespeare, where he was born and spent his boyhood days, 1564-1580. Also the home where he died, 1616; the cottage home of Annie Hathaway, with the bed on which she slept, and the quaint little narrow settee on which she and the immortal poet sat and told their love story. Shakespeare's tomb, his statue, his memorial fountain, the park and Avon river are matters of national pride to all England, and of special interest to all travelers and visitors.

as well as for defense against the

After so much railroad travel and visiting in large cities it was quite refreshing to drive through the country lanes over perfect roads and inspect the farms and country homes some of them a thousand years old, yet in good productive condition, much better no doubt than they were five hundred years ago, when devasted by feudal wars.

Our tour was certainly well planted. The long ocean voyage over a smooth southern sea was most delightful, and while we were new in experience and well rested and refreshed we really enjoyed our tussel with unknown languages and old historic problems of half forgotten lore. Pompii at Naples; the historic ruins, St. Peters, the great galleries, paintings, statuary, etc at Rome. The wonderful Alpine scenery and beautiful lakes of Switzerland, the Rhine with its castles, legends and vineyards in Germany. The Eiffel Tower, Tuilerries Gardens. Nopolean's wonderful tomb, Natre Dame, the Cathedral and other good things at Paris, were all enjoyed in their order, but the best of all was to find ourselves in the heat of London all mixed up with 7,000,000 of people who could talk to us and with us in our own language. It was like Repairing Promptly and Neatly Exewaking out of a pleasant dream and cuted. Prices to suit the ti being able to tell it to appreciative ears. And so we have been able to enjoy England more than all the rest,

At London we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Waltham and her good husband, Sir John Waltham, sister and brother-in-law of Richard Cordwent, and dining with them by invitation at their beautiful subermiles from the center of London. tesy to us will be remembered and appreciated.

on the 8th inst, and expect to reach home by the 25th inst.

Capt. John Clinton, of Abilene, is risiting Sheriff Rains and wife.

King Wristen, who has an attack of appendicis, is reported not doing well as hoped for.

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