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SUBSCRIPTION DUE.
 We begin sending out bills this week to all subscribers who are in arrears. If you get a statement in this copy of your Star we hope you will attend to the matter at once for we need the money and need it badly. All who are more than one year in arrears must pay up, make some arrangement to pay in the near future or their names will be dropped from the list and accounts placed in the hands of a collector. A good many old subscribers always pay promptly; to such no statement will be sent this week. We would remind all, however, that last week's issue completed volume nine and most of the subscriptions of our old subscribers expired with that issue. If we did not need money we would not ask for it, but necessity knows no law and we are forced to collect what is due us or quit business.
 THE STAR

L. 10. BAIRD, TEXAS. M. L. CALAHAN CO., TEX. SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 1896. NO. 1

Bargain Seekers! Go to Boydston's.

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FOR DECEMBER BUYER'S--WE WILL BE READY.
 The Best Goods at the LOWEST PRICES--You Can Get.

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Men's and Boy's Clothing.

We are the only house in town that bought any quantity of new clothing this fall. We knock them all out in price and you get new goods besides. Get them at this year's prices.

Blankets.

Is a necessity we have them in stock from 60cts. to \$6.00.

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 We have just bought a new and handsome line of Mackintoshes and cau fit and please anyone.

Haven't room to mention prices. Domestic, Cotton checks, canton flannels, wool flannels, gingham, etc. lower than anyone.

BOYDSTUN-

RED HOT REPLY

Boycotters touched up
 up of high life from the
 pen of our Cross
 Plains Correspondent.
 CROSS PLAINS MAYBE A COUNTY SITE
 HERSELF SOME DAY.
 CROSS PLAINS, TEX., Dec. 8, 1896
 EDITOR STAR:—In the last issue of the Prod., I notice a limping reply to my former letter, from P. D. Norton, who seems to arrogate to himself the privilege of watching over the interest not only of Cottonwood but Cross Plains also.
 Sam Jones says it is the hit dog that hollows; now while friend P. D. disclaims any purpose to induce boycotting spirit against our thriving and respected county site, it does require a microscope to discover dagger concealed beneath his kilt. Baird. While denying any anticipation that city it yet seems impossible him and his ilk to touch pen to paper without conjuring up the grim and ghostly form of the boycott. The wish must be father to the thought, reminds one of the "stomach" Why is it that others of political, economic and religious questions without always drawing the raw headed bloody bo

of the boycott. Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. However, as Mr. Norton protests that he would not have Baird discriminated against for any other city we must take it that he is her friend and will never play the Brutus to her interest. I would suggest, however, that it be sincere in this that hereafter in writing his little pieces for the Prod., that he employ some other word or phrase than boycott to characterize the volcano that slumbers in the vicinity of Cottonwood against Baird which he says a match might touch off at any moment. The very idea is enough to chill the blood of our friends at Baird. It is a terrible thing to be hovering over the brink of a smouldering volcano, yet such P. D. N. says is the awful condition in which Baird lives.
 So far as my trading at Cisco or any other town is concerned I take it that few honorable business men will question my right in that respect. It is thirty-two miles from here to Baird whereas Cisco is only twenty-five miles, with the roads to the latter in much better condition, a fact that does not reflect much credit upon the party of which P. D. N. seems to be the self-appointed fugleman. Like all other business men I conduct my affairs as seemeth the most conducive to success and I cheerfully accord that privilege to others. But in matters where all things are equal I, of course,

would give the preference to my county site.
 I am aware of the fact that there is a sneaking prejudice in certain quarters against the growing and steady prosperity of Cross Plains and that those who cannot keep pace with her prosperity must find vent for their impotent envy in idle vapors through the press.
 Let them howl on. Our motto is "excelsior" and while not disposed to take any unfair means against our competitors we shall nevertheless relax no effort to keep the place we have won in the forefront of progress. Indeed it is not beyond the range of possibilities for Cross Plains herself to become a county site at no distant day. The new county idea is again being agitated and Cross Plains will not be backward in presenting her claims to the people for this new distinction when that day shall have arrived let us hope that we shall find the ponderous pen of P. D. N. on our side. As I have no time to fool away on wind jammers and chronic boycott howlers I with this much, shall conclude.
 J. M. COFFMAN,
 NONE EXCEPTED!
 It asks no odds of any rival whatever? The price. It just goes right on giving the very best possible results at the lowest price known—does Jack Frost Baking Powder. Sold by Norton.
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DEEP CREEK DOTS.
 December 8.—There is some movement in the cattle trade. The other day buyers from Brown county hunted for 2 and 3 year old steers and this year's steer calves find ready buyers at \$7 and even \$8. Mode Hearn and Cal Huffman are buying a bunch of 200 yearlings in Eastland and Comanche counties.
 J. P. Walker will go with the herd of Oscar Jones to Greer county and starts to-morrow.
 R. J. Harris left Sunday for Arkansas in search of a market for his horses, and a carload of these fine animals followed him Monday in charge of Lawrence Loper. The home market for horse-stock of every description is entirely flat.
 Mr. Woolen who has cultivated for 2 years, the old Pink Ligon place now belonging to a party in Johnson county and hoped to stay there another season was most disagreeably surprised by the arrival of a family from Johnson county who proved to be the new proprietor of the farm and had come to take possession. Mr. W. was looking out for a place for several weeks, but as everybody knows there was never such a demand for land to rent as this year, and such a scarcity of suitable places.
 With sincere sympathy we report the serious illness of John M. Matthews, the old land mark of Deep

Creek. He has been confined to his bed for more than two weeks and Dr. Broadnax, of Cottonwood, has been in constant attendance at the bedside for longer than eight days. Let us hope that our old friend will rally again and do'f another time the grim old gentleman with the scythe.
 Miss Hazlewood, of Cross Plains opened the Spring Gap school yesterday and enrolled the first day about forty scholars. Trustee Stalling introduced the new teacher and I believe it is just the proper thing for the trustees and parents to show by occasional visits their live interest in the cause of education. It would encourage the teacher in h's or her arduous task and above all exert a salutary and efficacious influence upon the minds of the scholars. H. B.
 BAIRD COTTON RECEIPTS.
 Up to Thursday night Baird had received 3,635 bales of cotton, 346 more than received in the whole of '95. These figures are given us by our accommodating Public Weigher W. M. Coffman. Baird has, as usual, paid better prices for cotton this year than adjacent town; which no doubt accounts for the increased receipts. Mr. Coffman predicts that the receipts this year will be over 4,000 bales, this at \$35 per bale would make \$140,000.00 paid out in Baird for cotton this year.

\$300 REWARD.
 By a resolution unanimously passed at a regular meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties a standing reward of \$300 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or illegal branding of any cattle or horses belonging to any member of said association.
 Attest.
 J. B. CUTBERTH, Pres.
 F. S. BELL, Secy.
 HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.
 Account of the Holiday Excursions to the Southeast, the Texas & Pacific Ry. will sell tickets on Dec. 21st and 22nd, at rate of one fare for the round trip, limited to return 30 days from date of sale. The territory to which tickets will be sold includes all points in the states of Tennessee (except Memphis), North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi; Florida and part of Kentucky and Louisiana.
 Account of the Local Holiday excursions, tickets will be sold at rate of one and one third fares for the round trip to any point on the line within 200 miles. Tickets will be on sale Dec. 23rd, 24th, 25th, 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897, good to return until January 4th, 1897.
 J. B. HARMON, Agent.

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T. E. Powell Sells Hamilton Brown's Security School Shoe for \$1.05. Cheaper than you can buy them anywhere else.
 I AM DOING MORE BUSINESS THAN I EVER DONE IN MY LIFE--ADD I NEED IT.
 Where to get Bargains—It is at the old reliable store of T. E. POWELL'S.
 EVERY ONE KNOWS That they can't get goods any where as cheap as at
 Go To Powell's and be Convinced,
 THAT HIS BARGAINS ARE ENORMOUS.

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This tract of land lies in the Eastern part of Colorado County and Northern part of Wharton County, Texas, about fifty miles west of Houston, the great commercial center of the state. The soil is a rich productive sandy loam. This district of Texas has plenty of rainfall for crops, and one of the necessities in order to secure a good farm is to have land that lays smoothly and has high enough altitude for perfect drainage, which can be secured in this tract, as it is a smooth rolling prairie lying on the divide between the San Bernard and Colorado Rivers.

This district has a mild, delightful climate, enabling you to produce something almost each month in the year. Another great advantage is that through this tract there are two lines of railroads, and within the limits of this tract, which is twelve miles North and South, and eight miles East and West, there are two towns located, one on each road, which gives special advantages to any farmer locating there.

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CATARRH VICTIMS.

An Extract From a Recent Lecture by Dr. Hartman, of the Surgical Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Everybody has catarrh. If not everybody, at least nearly everybody. Some have catarrh in the form of a discharge from the nose, or hawking from the throat. Some have it in the head, producing frontal headache, or cracking in the ears, or partial deafness. With some it is confined to the throat, or bronchial tubes, producing hoarseness or sore throat, cough, or pain in the chest. Some have it in the form of catarrhal conjunctivitis. Others have catarrhal dyspepsia, catarrh of the liver, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the pelvic organs, producing a host of diseases, generally known as female diseases. Many of these people do not suspect that they have catarrh. Their ailments have been called something else. The reason they have failed to find a cure is that they do not suspect the real nature of their disease. If they knew they had catarrh they would take Pe-ru-na, as Pe-ru-na has come to be recognized everywhere as the standard internal remedy for catarrh. This fact is beyond cavil or doubt. Those who know by happy experience. A still greater multitude will find it during the coming winter, as the efficacy of Pe-ru-na is rapidly becoming known to the whole people.

Mr. Frank E. Ingalls, Wilco, Texas, writes as follows:

"Pe-ru-na and Man-a-n have cured me of one of the worst cases of catarrh anyone ever had. I heard that Pe-ru-na would cure catarrh, and on trying it, found immediate relief. My case was so severe that I was compelled to discontinue my business, that of a conductor on a railroad; but I am now entirely well. I want to recommend your medicine as being a positive cure for catarrh; I feel it my duty to do so."

The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, of Columbus, Ohio, will send to any address, free of charge, a 64-page treatise on catarrh and catarrhal diseases, profusely illustrated, and written by Dr. Hartman.

Recollections of youth are revived as Christmas approaches.

Holiday Suggestions.

If you have any Dry Goods, Cloaks, Millinery, Fancy Goods and Toys to buy, there is no better place than I. G. Smith & Co.'s, Dallas, to do your shopping with. They are showing the best assortment, and their prices are the lowest in the state. Remember, when you go to Dallas to do your shopping go to I. G. Smith's and get best bargains, or order your goods by mail through them.

Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, Georgia, says that his daughter, who inherited a severe case of Eczema, was treated with mercury and potash but failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines and internal applications, but without result. Her sufferings were so intense, and her condition grew daily worse. All the so-called blood purifiers failed to cure her. It was until S. S. S. was given when a permanent cure was noticed. The medicine was given with favorable results, and she is now cured. She is well, her skin is perfectly clear, and she has been saved from what threatened to be a life-long affliction.

S. S. S. (guaranteed) cures Eczema, Scrofula, Cancer, Rheumatism, or any other blood trouble. It is a real blood purifier and always cures even after all other remedies fail.

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CHAPTER XV.—(CONTINUED.)

"Fancying he must have sailed for Australia—just then attracting much attention—I recklessly took passage for a port there, leaving my little girl to follow in another ship with a cousin of mine, when she had recovered from a slight indisposition. The blow that came was terrible; the ship they sailed in to join me was lost—never come to port. I returned to England, not daring to murmur, for I felt that I deserved whatever would come. When Eleanor was returned to me, the idea of atonement grew more definite. I had heard in India that Paul had a son. Why should not my daughter's hand, and all her wealth make amends to the son for the blight blunged on the father's life? At this moment secret agents are in all parts of the world searching for Paul Kirkland, or his heirs. I never thought that he would change his name. Only two weeks ago I told his history to Eleanor, and asked if she could sacrifice herself to relieve her mother's conscience. Noble indeed was her response. O how I thank the gracious Providence that has brought good for her out of her mother's evil! Paul's son and Annabel's daughter may be as good and pure and happy as our first happy dreams portrayed for us. Walter, bring me to-morrow the Bible your father writes about. I must talk no more to-day. Go, now, my children, and leave me to rest."

Silently, almost solemnly, Walter passed out, and Eleanor followed—just one moment to raise up her white innocent forehead for the pure betrothal kiss. As Walter's arms unfolded her—his own, his beloved, at last—a world of grateful joy beamed in either eye, although chastened and tempered to pensiveness by their quick sympathy in the sorrowful lives whose recital they have just listened to.

From that day on the Bible never left Lady Annabel's side. It was either in her hand, beneath her pillow, or pressed against her heart. She failed swiftly, as though the smothered fire that at length had overleaped its barrier burned more furiously for its long concealment.

The night after the grand marriage which dazzled and astonished all London, when the distinguished artist bore away the star of the court, to lose her proud name as Lady Annabel Collingwood in the humbler but not less honorable one of Vernon—as the young couple sat tenderly beside her, Lady Annabel said softly, with a joyful gleam lighting up her faded and sunken eye:

"I believe it has come at last—the ineffable peace of forgiveness—the tranquil contentment of trusting all things to heavenly grace and mercy—the same that Paul received. Peace—peace!" she repeated, with a rapturous smile, raising herself to lay the well-worn Bible on the table.

The effort—the joy—something was too much for the frail system. Her head drooped, and when her frightened children flew to her relief, Lady Annabel was indeed safely on the shore of Peace!

(THE END.)

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

By Mary Kyle Dallas.
O BE the minister's wife is the ne plus ultra of distinction in the eyes of a village maiden, particularly in the Eastern States. No one can deny that; and, knowing this to be the case, no one can wonder that a single man is generally successful in a rural district, while a married clergyman finds it far more difficult to make a favorable impression under the eyes of a village maiden, who never, in any case, compares herself in the manner which quite tallies with the preconceived ideas of the spinsters in her congregation as to what the minister's wife ought to be.

The gentleman who had successively, but not successfully, filled the pastorate of Appleblow had good reason to be less than heartily pleased when he had learned that he had a wife. He had had large families and small salaries, paid in what was known in the neighborhood as "green truck" and had never given a "garden" to any one. After the first few months the truth began to dawn upon him. The elder brother was quite right on "them doctrinal points." The congregation there did not seem to be visited by the spirit of not being sufficiently given to new influential personages every up the pews and traveled miles every Sunday to a church in another village, where they were better pleased, even at the expense of breaking the fourth commandment with regard to the "cattle of the man servant." And finally matters came to a crisis, and a vacancy in the Appleblow pulpit was the result of a succession of young ministers, and generally made a favorable impression. And finally another

call was made, another pastor came was welcomed, feted, treated to donation parties, ascended to the summit of popular favor on the wings of the wind, and descended as rapidly, until his light died out in darkness. Appleblow was particularly unfortunate in this respect; it was, in fact, famed for its dismissal of pastors without peculiar provocation. Many a grave, middle-aged man gave good advice to Walter Redlaw, the newly-fledged clergyman who at last proclaimed himself willing to be installed as pastor of Appleblow. Men of more experience, men old enough to be Redlaw's grandfather, had fallen there—able men, too, whose orthodoxy could not be questioned. Redlaw was a man of promise—why should he doom himself to certain disappointment at the outset of his career? Nobody approved of the act; but Redlaw, ardent, hopeful, and not twenty-five, was all the more resolved to accept the call. To succeed where no one else had ever succeeded before him, to do good, to become beloved, to see his congregation grow about him, and to end his days at last where he had begun his life of pastor, wept for by old and young, and humbly looking forward for reward in heaven for the good he (as an instrument in his Maker's hands) had done amongst his flock—a pure and beautiful ambition, albeit, worldly men might smile at it as being very humble.

So Walter Redlaw came to Appleblow and stood before the pulpit during the ceremony of installation one evening and received the charge from the presbytery with an humble determination (God helping him) to obey it and the next Sabbath stood in the pulpit and preached unto the people. There are some very young men who have all a woman's beauty without being effeminate. Walter Redlaw was one of these. He had soft, golden-brown hair, which could not be dubbed "red" by his greatest enemy. A broad, high forehead, white as flesh and blood could be, regular features, pearl teeth, and a color that came and went—the faintest tinge of rose-leaf, now the deepest carnation. Moreover, he was neither puny nor ungraceful, stood straight as an arrow, and had a voice clear and musical and powerful enough to fill the church without an effort. That day bright eyes looked up at the young minister, and many a girl, if the truth were but known, thought more of his fair face than of his sermon, and he, preaching with all his soul in the words he uttered, thought not at all of any one of them. Perhaps they did not quite understand this, for that night, when family prayers were over, and shutters closed and barred, and old folks snoring in their beds, more than one girl in the snug little village of Appleblow stood before her glass and wondered how she would look in white muslin and orange flowers, and all the paraphernalia of a bride; or in black silk dress and broche shawl and straw bonnet trimmed with white ribbon (Appleblow fashions were yet primitive), sailing slowly up the aisle of the little church some Sunday, while envious maidens gazed and whispered, "There goes the minister's wife."

And, at the same moment, Walter Redlaw, sitting at his desk, traced, at the beginning of a long and loving letter, the words—"My dearest Rosa."

And so the days passed on. Spring vanished, summer followed in her steps, autumn came, and every grapevine in Appleblow hung heavy with their purple fruitage; and amidst its balmy days, when a golden haze hung over everything, and russets were more glorious, and the moon seemingly rounder and more brilliant than it ever was before, Walter Redlaw took the train to New York one evening, and it was known that there was to be a strange face in the pulpit on the next Sabbath.

There was a special tea-drinking at Deacon Yarrow's to discuss the cause of this; and stories, hatched no one knew how or by whom, were circulated.

Mr. Redlaw's mother was ill. No, that could not be, for Miss Brown knew "for certain sure," that he lost his mother in infancy.

"His sister was about to be married, and he was to perform the ceremony." Mrs. Morris had this from good authority, but better contradicted her. Mr. Redlaw was an only child, and therefore had no sister to be given in marriage.

Somebody had told Deacon Yarrow that a maiden aunt had died, leaving the minister a large fortune in real estate. This was very favorably received, and gained universal belief. It would have been firmly established, but for a suggestion of old Aunty Brown, who had neither daughter nor granddaughter herself, and who threw cold water on the air-castles of maids and matrons by saying, with a solemn shake of her head, "Mebbe minister's gone to git married himself."

Aunty Brown was sent to Coventry at once; but, nevertheless, her suggestion made an impression even on those who averred most loudly that it couldn't possibly be so.

(TO BE CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT.)

NEW YORK FOOD SUPPLY.

Enough on Hand to Withstand a Four-Months' Siege.

If the city of New York and the neighboring district were to be besieged or in some other way entirely cut off from the outside world, and therefore deprived of the food supplies which in normal times come in daily in large quantities, how long would it be before the pinch of hunger would be felt? That is a very hard question to answer, for the reason that there are such inequalities of purchasing capacity in New York society that some go hungry in times of greatest prosperity for lack of means, while the great majority eat more than is good for them. Undoubtedly the number of those who always go hungry would be increased after two or three days of a siege, and then day by day this number would increase until the public authorities would feel compelled to take possession of the food supplies and distribute them among the people. With the exception of milk and some other things the supply of meat, poultry, hardy vegetables and fruits would last for two months at the present rate of consumption. If all the supplies were taken charge of at the beginning of a siege—and this could easily be done—the food within New York could be made to last for four months at least. The siege of Paris lasted only four months. Before two months had passed high and low, rich and poor, had learned what hunger was. And, as is well known, the French are the most thrifty and economical people in the world. In the arrangement and disposition of food the Parisians are especially distinguished. But the food supply in New York could be made to last as long as the Paris siege lasted, and the people would still be comfortable.—Ladies' Home Journal.

English Adulterated Beer. English legislators are making an effort to protect beer drinkers from adulterated beverages masquerading as pure malt liquors. They are confronted by the fact that the adulteration of beer is a very ancient practice in England. A curious tract published in London in 1592 asks several embarrassing questions of unprincipled brewers. "And you, mister brewer that growth to be worth \$200,000 by selling of soden water, what subtilty have you in making your beer to spaw the malt? You can when you have taken all the harte of the malt away. Then clap on store of water (tis cheap enough) and mash out a turning of small beer like Rensish wine; in your conscience how many barrels draw you out of a quart of malt?" It is asserted that there are English brewers to-day who use actually no malt in their beer. They use a saccharine solution that is made bitter by almost anything but hops and put on the market as beer. The fact is it is not beer in any sense of the word and parliament has been asked to pass a measure that will put a stop to this antique imposition.

Fumes of Kerosene.

Many physicians believe that the fumes of kerosene, when the lamp is turned low, may cause diphtheria. Many sleeping rooms are thus semi-lighted all night, and the windows are closed, or raised but slightly. The atmospheric conditions become deadly. A turned-down kerosene lamp is a magazine of deadly gas to which the healthiest lungs cannot be exposed safely.—Health.

With More Nerve Than Brains.

A Lyons (France) cyclist named Garand, a plumber by trade, who had undertaken to ride around the coping stone of a house in course of construction, successfully accomplished his feat in the presence of a large gathering. This coping-stone is barely two feet wide, and is about fifty feet from the ground.

Employment is nature's physician.—Galen.

Nothing pleases a man so much as to be coaxed to do a thing he wants to do anyway.

You can hear too much music, especially of the thumety-thump order.

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Many a poor family that seeks the western wilds in the hope of winning a fortune, is preserved from that insidious foe of the emigrant and frontiersman—chills and fever—by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. So effectively does that incomparable medicinal defense fortify the system against the combined influence of a malarious atmosphere and miasma-tainted water, that protected by its pioneer, the miner of the tourist provided with it, may safely encounter the danger.

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Constipation

is a disease which afflicts over 75 per cent. of the American people. It is a dangerous disease because it not only poisons the blood but causes heaviness, oppression, and dulls the intellect. Then follow chronic headache, loss of appetite, slow digestion, nervousness, bad breath, dingy complexion and low spirits. It will eventually bring on liver and kidney disease in some incurable form. But sufferers from this dreaded malady are speedily

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Wear & Boogher Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis, Mo., who have given me a chance to pay out and be with you again this coming year as of other years that have past.

Now I have Wrote You

About you account, but a great many have not paid, as yet, the time is getting very short and if you do not settle before the first of January, my firm, Wear & Boogher, **will sue you, and I can't help it.** On the other hand I have been very kind to you and you have had your own time and I have indulged you out of all reasons.

Now I am Compelled

And have my orders to bring suit against all who have not settled by January 1st. Please bear in mind I do not do this as choice, but must do so by order from my Boss. So I beg you to come and settle for my sake, for your own sake and for the sake of right and honesty. Please do so at once.

T. E. POWELL, AGT.



NOTICE.

To the people of Callahan County and all other my Customers.

On October 6th all my stock of accounts were sold good and all those whom I owe, and was bought as I pay all my for them. As my business will revert debts the entire need to pay \$9,000 to me. I have every dollar is paid each month until I beg those that out. Now I settle with me so owe me to come my business back. that I can get my feet again. You know it if you owe me. Please come and help me to do so. I have been as diligent to the people as I could, so now and show your appreciation by settling with me, in fact I beg you to do so. My friends that I owe are sending me they can for me; goods and in a few days I will be my store well filled with a stock superior to any thing I ever had. I want all my old customers and the new ones to come and examine my goods before going elsewhere. I know I can please you and besides this, every dollar you spend in me will help me to get my business back in my own hands, as I owe those who may I may be able to help those who want need help. In conclusion, I want to thank so many of my friends for coming to my rescue, by paying what they owed me. The people I will remember when I get out of my troubles. So again I ask all to help me by buying from me and by settling with me. Your Servant
T. E. POWELL.

The Baird Star.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor

Cleveland will—well who cares what he does anyway.

That 118,000 Hanna invested in McKinley two years ago so far has panned out alright.

Cleveland will soon be out of office. It would have been better for the democratic party had he never been in.

Credit to whom credit is due. Secretary Olney has proven more than a match for Lord Salisbury, England's great prime minister.

Col. Meyers has sold the Callahan County Times to Mr. Frank M. Griffith and the name has been changed to the Cottonwood Call.

Bryan received 840,000 more votes than Cleveland received in '92 and over one million more votes than Harrison received the same year.

There are six and one half million anarchist in the United States; at least that is the number of votes Bryan received, and they are all anarchist you know.

Every trust and combine will demand favorable legislation to reimburse them for the money they furnished Hanna to save the credit and honor of the country.

Sam Vernon has sold a half interest in the Comanche Chief to S. J. Thomas. The Chief is recognized as one of the very best country weeklies in Texas and its democracy is of the kind that is never questioned by any one. THE STAR extends best wishes to the Chief for its continued prosperity.

McKinley's plurality is 700,000 over Bryan, his majority over all is about 300,000. New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania gave McKinley 718,000 majority. These states are the seat of the money power in this country. From the enormous majority given McKinley in these three states one must not conclude that there are no silver men there. Bryan received one million seventy-two thousand votes in these three states.

Palmer and Buckner received one hundred and sixteen thousand votes in the United States. Bryan and Sewall received 6,340,000, so the division in democratic ranks you hear so much does not amount to much. The trouble with the democratic party in the past has been that these Palmer and Bucknerites have been permitted to run the party. This will not be permitted again in the future no matter what happens or how much they may blow.

The people of Eastland county will soon be in the throes of a county seat election with all the fire works incidental to such a contest. The burning of the Court House last week has brought this about. Cisco will contest for the honor and perhaps other ambitious towns in the county will enter the list for the county capitol. Cisco, to an outsider, would appear to be the best and most convenient place for the county site, it being the largest town in the county besides being a railroad center. These county site elections, however, are not always decided upon appearance or real merit of towns contesting for such honors. Politics, prejudice, religion and lots of other things are usually the potent weapons in such contests and the best and most desirable locality does not always win.

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A. G. WEBB,
Baird, Tex.

With this issue we begin volume ten of THE STAR. Nine years ago last Tuesday we issued the first copy of THE BAIRD STAR and have never missed but one issue in all that time and that was about one month after we started. THE STAR at first was a seven column folio, all home print and the subscription price was \$1.50. One month after we started the size of the paper was increased to 8 columns, this was when we missed the one issue mentioned. In June '88 we traded off the old Washington press for a cylinder power press, and a steam engine was attached to the press in '89. The paper was increased again to its present size about that time and the subscription price reduced to one dollar in advance; which is not always paid in advance and sometimes not at all.

THE STAR is the successor of the Tecumseh Banner, a small paper published at Tecumseh in '85-'7 and the Callahan County Clarendon founded by Lotz & Rust at Belle Plaine about 1880, and moved to Baird when the railroad was built and the town of Baird laid off. W. R. Lotz, now in the state of Washington was editor and publisher of the Clarendon for about five years when he sold out to M. H. Allen, now also in Washington. The present owner purchased the Clarendon and with the material of the little Tecumseh Banner founded THE BAIRD STAR. The first copy of THE STAR was issued in a building owned by S. C. Pack on lot now vacant between Webb Bros. office and the bank building, then for two and a half years in the building now used by R. A. Kendall as a grain house in front of Judge Clietta's law office. From there we moved the office into a wooden building on the site where B. L. Boydston's stone building now stands. In '92 we purchased the lot south of the Moon (old Cameron) lumber yard and erected the building now occupied by THE STAR.

The history of THE STAR has been rather uneventful, the paper has never changed owners, the editor has got lots of cussing, but never got a licking nor has he had to lick any one. THE STAR has always espoused the side it believed to be right, no matter who was for it or against it. In politics and other matters the staunch friends

of THE STAR at one time were the bitter opponents at other times. THE STAR has not always been on the popular side and it can be truthfully said that in taking sides on any question the only thing considered was which was right and best for the town and county.

The Garland News wants Madam Hogue the spiritualist medium to locate the populist party. How does the News expect the spirits to locate that which does not exist.

W. E. Chandler warns the republicans that the election of McKinley does not mean that the people of this country are in favor of the gold standard. Chandler says four-fifths of the people in the United States are in favor of bimetalism and that the republicans will make a fatal mistake if they do not make an honest effort to do something for silver. The gold bug democrats laugh at Chandler's ideas and say that McKinley's election was a triumph of the single gold standard, and there you are.

Populist in Texas will make but little by claiming that democrats are responsible for Bryan's defeat. The democrats never supported a candidate more loyally than they did Bryan and these malcontents who hate the very name of Democracy know it. In the west democrats and populist stood manfully together for the success of the silver cause, but in the south, and especially in Texas, most of the populists were opposed to Bryan solely because he was the democratic nominee. Many populist in the south stood up for Bryan like men and patriots and deserve credit for it.

NOTICE.

Sealed bids addressed to the County Clerk will be received till Dec. 20th 1896, for the management of Callahan County Poor Farm for the two ensuing years, and for feed and care of county paupers and working county convicts, \$1200 bond to be given for faithful performance of duty, to be approved by the Commissioner's Court. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

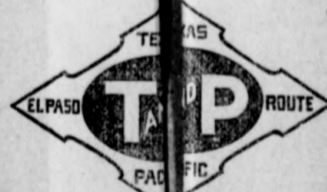
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LOCAL NEWS.

LAMPS LAMPS LAMPS.

Harry Meyer has the largest and most beautiful display of lamps ever seen in Baird. Swing lamps, stand lamps, all sorts and sizes and prices to suit all. Be sure and call on him when you want a lamp of any kind.

Warren Beall, of Sweetwater, was in town on legal business Friday.

R. P. Odom from Cottonwood, was in the city Wednesday.

C. S. Boyles went early Tuesday, to attend his sisters wedding.

See R. Phillips' big Xmas ad in this issue and see his line of goods before you buy.

Beautiful line of glass and colored glass sets, beautiful as a dream. H. Meyer.

Call at Frank Johnson's and see his grand display of candles; they are the finest in the city.

I have a splendid assortment of pocket cutlery. Call and examine my stock. H. Meyer.

Mrs. Claude Yonge, of Chihuahua, Mexico, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Weicks.

R. S. Callahan, brother of our fellow townsman, A. A. Callahan, moved to Flag Springs Wednesday.

Misses Georgia and Sadia Wilt have gone to Fort Worth to spend the holidays with relatives.

John Bowyer, of Abilene spent a day or two in town this week on legal business in county court.

Mr. Albert Dams and daughters, Misses Mollie and Rosa, of Tucuman, were in the city trading Wednesday.

W. B. Wilson, the new Methodist pastor arrived with his family last Saturday, and preached his first sermon Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Gilliland attended the marriage of her sister, Miss Mattie Tanner to Mr. Chas. Conley at Putnam last Sunday.

Congress is now in session, but that doesn't affect the low price R. A. Speer is selling his nice line of Xmas Goods. Call and see his stock.

Phillips Stock is complete and he wants your trade.

Beautiful rockers and other fancy furniture just received. Just the things for Christmas presents. Come and see them and you will buy because they are handsome and cheap. H. Schwartz, Manager.

Ed Hearn, of Roswell, is down on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McFarland, are visiting relatives here.

C. C. Seale returned from a months trip to Bryson, Texas, his old home.

Will Estes came down Sunday from Big Springs on a visit to the home folks. He returned Monday.

It is reported that Fitzsimmons will prize fight at San Francisco, but will get fair dealings in Christmas.

I have just received a new line of millinery goods, and ask you to call and examine them before buying elsewhere. MRS. ANN CUNNINGHAM.

Do you want Bargains? Go to Phillips. He has them.

J. B. Wilt is agent for the City Meat Market. Having secured additional stock in his market he will buy only the best cattle that can be had, for use in the market.

Did you see the show, free for all, consist of the largest and nearest line of Christmas Goods in Baird. Speer.

Boydston Hamilton school shoe for a dollar ten cents.

There was a question of Spain you will do better to take in the bargain offering in his Christmas Goods.

The fine line of Xmas Goods in Wilt's. Call and see them.

The editor of the Abilene Wednesday found John Hearn did not think it was so bad.

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The SYMPTOMS of Liver Complaint are a bitter or bad taste in the mouth; Pain in the Back, Sides or Joints, often mistaken for Rheumatism; Sour Stomach; Loss of Appetite; Bowels alternately constipated and lax; Headaches; Loss of Memory, with a painful sensation of having failed to do something which ought to have been done; Debility; Low Spirits, a sickly yellow appearance of the Skin and Eyes, a dry Cough often mistaken for Consumption.

Sometimes many of these symptoms attend the disease, at others very few; but the LIVER is generally the seat of the disease, and if not regulated in time, great suffering, wretchedness and DEATH will ensue.

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The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. Phillips Baird, Texas. 52 yr.

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It's Sung to any old tune.

Words of sympathy and joy are those that name the very low price that Julius Norton now places on all his entire stock. A grand assortment! A pure food show!

AT LAST.

A perfectly clean and chemically pure process of preparing sage for the use of husbandry has at last been discovered by that eminent chemist—Mr. Eddy—where by the full strength and original flavor of this pleasant herb is fully retained and Wristen & Co. handle the product. Eddy's Sage, absolutely pure, finest flavor on earth, unapproached and unapproachable. Don't forget the place—Wristen & Co. 47tf

NOTICE.

By January first '97 all of my accounts must be settled in order that I may close my Ledger for this year and all that are indebted to me, who have not previously done so, must come forward and make satisfactory settlement before that date.

Your word is good but money is necessary to conduct a business and to all whose names appear upon my books, a statement will be rendered Dec. 1st and I earnestly request you to give this matter your earliest possible attention.

Soliciting your future patronage upon a courteous business treatment as a basis and low prices upon standard goods, as an inducement, I remain yours anxious to please.

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We Help Those Who Help Us.

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And reap the best and that with the least money.

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Is filled through and through with attraction, merit and worth. Nothing now to hinder you from having a merry Christmas as you can get the very present you want.

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Bring in the good wife and dear little ones and let them enjoy the sights and make their purchases.

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Some one has borrowed a book from this office, Hitchcock's Analysis of the Bible. Whoever has it will confer a favor by returning it to THE STAR office.

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good coffee? The distinctive flavor of Chase and Sanborn, is the result of years of patient study of the art of selecting, roasting and blending coffees. At Norton's only. 51tf.

WOOD WANTED.

Several of our subscribers have promised us wood on subscription. We hope those who have promised and all those who wish to pay their subscription in wood will bring it in at once.

NOTICE.

Now is the time to have your house painted before hot weather. W. A. Barnhill is now ready to do you a good neat job on short notice either in painting or paper hanging, try him. 50 4t

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A neglected Cough is source of imminent danger to all. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is guaranteed to cure the worst cough, Whooping Cough, sore throat and all other coughs. Nelson & St. John.

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R. PHILLIPS.

YOURS TRULY

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To really have a model world, industry ought to be as contagious as measles.

It is easy enough to get up a code to control the habits and morals of other people.

A majority of mankind know little beyond what they learn from their business.

You can never cultivate flesh nor comfort by comparing what might have been with what is.

Prisons will never lack tenants so long as the general public pays homage to successful rascals.

Now that a bear has been shot in Lake View, Chicago has certainly established a reputation for being the most cosmopolitan city on the continent.

By a recent order Boston policemen are prohibited from leaning against any upright object during working hours.

Probably no man ever took a hold-up more coolly than did the Chicago bartender who was forced to retire to the ice-box while the thieves secured their plunder.

The bottle manufacturers announce that the price of bar bottles will probably go up, but the contents will continue to follow their good old course in conformance with the law of gravity.

The next great advance in anesthesia will be along the line of producing an agent which will insure insensibility to pain without loss of consciousness.

Did you ever hear of such remarkable bets as the late campaign produced? Here is one that takes the entire bakery.

A New York police magistrate imposed a peculiar punishment upon a young Italian boy who was convicted of starting bonfires in the streets on election night.

It has been commented upon as somewhat strange that in the year of massacre in Armenia no man of that country has risen to the stature of a hero.

The good roads committee of Massachusetts have struck upon a very novel but effective manner of promoting their plans.

President Diaz has formerly opened the Ameca branch of the Mexican Central railway.

There are 200,000 Spanish soldiers now massed in Cuba and the final struggle will be desperate, indeed.

And now the Venezuelan controversy is out of the way. The world is rushing through with its business.

SENATE HOUSE.

THE SENATE ADJOURNS OUT OF RESPECT.

The House Without Wasting Time Gets Down to Business in Earnest and Passes the Pension Appropriation Bill—Good Attendance of Members.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The senate settled down to business yesterday, and there were few evidences of the excitement of the opening session of Monday.

When a letter from the secretary of the treasury was read answering a senate inquiry as to the number of aliens in the treasury, Mr. Gallinger (Rep.) of New Hampshire, remarked that he was glad to observe that foreigners whose services had been conspicuous in the department had seen fit as a result of the inquiry to take out naturalization papers.

Many petitions were presented from manufacturing concerns urging the passage of the Dingley bill. The early opening of a Cuban discussion was foreshadowed by a notice from Mr. Cullom (Rep.) of Illinois, that on Thursday next he would address the senate on the Cuban question.

The house resolutions relative to the death of ex-Speaker Crisp were then laid before the senate. Mr. Bacon (Dem.) of Georgia stated that at a later day he would ask that a day be set for eulogies on the distinguished Georgian.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The house without wasting time proceeded to business yesterday, and before the session closed had passed three bills of considerable importance.

Three of the bills related to postal matters. One provided for the use of private mailing cards of the same general size and character as the present postal cards when 1 cent stamps are affixed.

The notice given by Mr. Thomas E. Watson of contest against Mr. J. C. C. Black of Georgia, who was elected at a special election last spring, was read to the house and referred to the committee on elections.

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INSURGENTS ROUTED.

MANY PLANTATIONS WERE DESTROYED.

Five Hundred Country Houses Inhabited by Insurgents Burned—The Insurgents Made an Attack on the Trocha, but were Repulsed.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 6.—The following reports have been received from Pinar del Rio:

The column of Col. Pantos, while reconnoitering in the vicinity of the Sabana Maiza, succeeding in routing a number of groups of insurgents destroyed plantations of importance and burned 500 country houses inhabited by insurgents, who fled. These groups of insurgents were pursued into the forests and hills of Pinar del Rio province and utterly defeated, many of the positions captured by the Spanish forces having been regarded heretofore by the Cuban insurgents as impregnable. The losses of the troops are given as four killed and twelve wounded. The losses of the insurgents are reported to have been considerable.

Gen. Hernandez reports another engagement, lasting four hours, at the Pena Blanca hills. Artillery was used during this engagement with considerable effect. The insurgents left nine dead in the field. The Cubans used dynamite, but without apparent results. The troops lost two killed and thirteen wounded.

The insurgents at 8 o'clock Friday night attacked the trocha in the vicinity of Fort Cayajobas, near the town of Artemisa. They were quickly repulsed without confusion resulting. The Spanish commander had the artillery plying on the insurgent forces and the firing quickly ceased. One officer and four soldiers at the fort were wounded. The attacking party is estimated to have numbered about 300 insurgents.

A most important and terrible battle is reported in a private letter to have occurred at Palleles, province of Pinar del Rio. It is said that most of the forces, insurgents strongly fortified in the Torro heights, were attacked by a Spanish column. Fierce fighting, cannonading and musketry continued all day, the insurgents bravely defending the strongholds. The troops were unable to capture the fortifications that day, and besides sustained a great loss. The next day the Spaniards were reinforced by Gen. Inclan, who repulsed the attack. The Spanish troops were determined to take the stronghold, and simultaneously advanced upon the fortifications. The insurgents were finally dislodged from their position. Their loss was fully 200. It is said the Spanish troops lost 600. The mortality was very great on both sides. So fierce has been the fighting in this vicinity that the living have been unable to make adequate provisions for the burial of the dead and consequently the stench which arises from the field of carnage is said to be terrible in the extreme.

The recent report of the attack of the insurgents upon Guanabacoa is said to have been a false alarm.

Shipwrecked Sailors.

New York, Dec. 7.—Two of the sailors rescued from the full-rigged barkentine Mary T. Kimball have just reached this city. A third survivor is still in a hospital at Liverpool, Eng. All the other members of the crew perished, as the result of a storm and the wreck of the ship in September.

The Mary T. Kimball left Mobile, Ala., on Aug. 28, bound for Guantanamo, Cuba, with a cargo of railroad ties. Her captain was James Bowers, Sept. 22, while 500 miles off the southern coast of Cuba, a heavy gale was encountered. After suffering hardships almost indescribable, only three men, named Jeffers, Cosh and Madison, remained out of the original crew. Twelve days after the wreck of the Mary T. Kimball these three men were rescued by the Norwegian schooner S. N. Hansen, Capt. Rasmussen, bound from Apalachicola, Fla., to Liverpool, with a cargo of rosin. The shipwrecked sailors were taken to the hospital at Liverpool on Nov. 23. Jeffers and Madison quickly recovered, but Cosh is still very ill. Jeffers and Madison applied to the American consul for assistance, and were returned to this country on the steamer Umbria, which arrived yesterday. Cosh will be sent back as soon as he recovers from his illness.

The rescued seamen are unable to give a complete list of the crew of the Mary T. Kimball. So far as they are able to describe the officers and crew they say that James Bowers was captain; that a man known only as Flood was first mate; that a man known only as Charley was second mate. The cook and the steward were both white. Both were about 35 years old. The sailors were all from Mobile. Their names were given as Peter Mitchell, Peter Madison, James Jeffers, and Elijah Cosh. All four of the sailors were colored.

A Fearful Deed.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 7.—A double murder occurred about twelve miles southeast of this city Saturday night. A negro named Davis, while out hunting with the two sons of his employer, Joe Williams, aged 15, attacked the boys with a knife, cutting the throats of both and crushing the skull of the oldest. The older boy is dead, and it is thought the other will not live. The negro escaped, and up to last night had eluded capture, notwithstanding bands of men were out scouring the woods.

New Telephone System.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—A gigantic deal, involving a revolution in the telephone and electric lighting business of St. Louis, has been consummated. Three big companies, whose aggregate paid-up stock of nearly \$1,000,000, have been organized by about twenty of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of St. Louis.

One of the companies will introduce a new telephone system in St. Louis at much lower rates than those prevailing at present. It will establish a home telephone plant which will in time extend to neighboring points. The second company, owned by the same persons, will operate an immense electric plant, supplying power of all kinds for public and private use. The third company will construct telephone and electric plants for the two other companies, manufacture the equipments, and will construct a complete system of underground conduits. A fourth company is also in the deal, but it will not figure in the proceedings at present.

The Kinloch Telephone company is the name of a \$1,500,000 company with a paid-up capital stock taken by St. Louis parties.

Articles of incorporation of the St. Louis Electric and Construction company, with a full paid capital of \$1,000,000, were filed in the recorder's office of this city. The papers contain the same list of incorporators as the Kinloch Telephone company.

Late Saturday afternoon the same gentlemen held a meeting and a deal which put them in possession of the Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power company and the Telephone and Telegraph Service company, both of which had built a nominal business for many years. The Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power company was then practically organized, with a full paid capital stock of \$750,000. Officers were elected.

The deal is one of the largest ever accomplished in St. Louis, and its effects are far-reaching.

The local capitalists concerned filed their applications for incorporation with the board of public improvements Saturday afternoon, and also four bonds, aggregating \$140,000, to the mayor of the city.

Surrendered to the Sheriff.

Leadville, Col., Dec. 7.—Yesterday morning John R. Amburn, who was president of the Colorado miners' union when the Colorado miners were attacked; George Handick, former secretary of the union, and now a member of the executive committee, and Edward Dewar, present secretary of the union, were arrested by the sheriff's office, and taken to the sheriff's office. It was stated that they understood they had been indicted by the grand jury, and they were ready to be taken into custody. The sheriff thereupon took charge of them. The three men are to have been indicted for murder, though this will not be officially announced until an application for bail is made for them.

Yesterday John Walsh was arrested and jailed, having been indicted for arson at the Colorado mine.

Intense excitement prevails, and the air is full of rumors. Several of the indicted men have fled from the city.

Dropped Dead.

Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Judge William Henderson of Hamilton county, dropped dead at his home late Saturday night. Heart failure was the cause assigned by the physicians. Judge Henderson was born Dec. 4, 1826, at Tully, Hamilton county. He studied law, was admitted to the bar and in 1875 was appointed by Gov. Tilden to the county court judgeship and later to the supreme court of the eighth judicial district. Since his retirement from the bench in 1877 he has practiced law at Buffalo.

Macao to Mexico.—A special dispatch from Key West says: The Olivette, Gen. Maceo, with a band of 600 men, succeeded in breaking through the Spanish lines, and will meet Gen. Gomez in the Havana province. Maceo left Gomez in charge of his province. Maceo got the assistance of Gomez to get the insurgent army in Pinar del Rio.

Shaws, Mass., Dec. 7.—About 2:30 o'clock yesterday a fire was discovered in the store of W. H. Smith's store, and in less than an hour twenty-one stores, buildings and five dwellings were burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$400,000 or \$750,000, with partial insurance for nearly all sufferers. The cause was evidently the work of incendiaries. There are some suspicious persons, but no positive clew.

Nathan Mear, a Chicago pioneer, died the other day.

At Montreal, a man named Howell killed himself the other day.

Mystery Solved.

Sydney, Dec. 7.—A solution has been found for the mystery surrounding the disappearance of two persons and the unearthing of the body of one of them at Linden. The body of the second missing man has now been unearthed and has been identified as Capt. Weller. It was under the name of Capt. Weller that the man, who is under suspicion in connection with the case, sailed for San Francisco. An officer will now go to England to arrange for the extradition of this man when he is arrested.

DIED LIKE HEROES.

STORY OF THE FOUNDERING OF A GERMAN GUNBOAT.

They Went Down Cheering Their Flag, and Singing the German National Anthem—One of the Most Remarkable Events of Naval Life.



HE crew of the German gunboat Illis have given the world a lesson in how to die well. With their ship on the bring of inevitable destruction, they joined hands and sang the national military hymn, "The Flag-gentled." Singing that song they went to their death cheerfully. The Illis began her last voyage on July 23 last, when she left Chefoo, in China, for Nagasaki, in Japan. She was a gunboat of 2500 tons, a small vessel of the class which is maintained by European powers in Asiatic waters for the purpose of punishing natives, protecting citizens, and so forth. It does not appear that she had any one particular defect, but she was too weak to face the terrible storm which overtook her. Before daylight the ship was overtaken by one of those terrible storms which rage with such fury on the eastern coast of Asia. When darkness came the storm was still increasing in fury. The crew were helpless and crouched under the bulwarks holding on to ropes and rails for their lives. Great seas broke over the deck, drowning and injuring many men. The ship was beyond control of helm or engines and incapable of making a course in the direction in which safety lay. Until nearly midnight the storm flung the helpless ship about. Then, having been lifted on the crest of an enormous wave, she fell with a crash which shook her from stem to stern. She had struck on a reef, which proved to be one off the southeast promontory on the Chinese coast. The boats were washed away, the men were powerless to save the ship, and their only chance of life lay in clinging to a ship that was fast breaking up. After nearly twelve hours of battle with the storm it only remained for them to die. Captain Braun, who had never for a moment relaxed his efforts to save the ship, saw that his work was over. His stalwart form and his calm, but strong German face will live in the memory of the few survivors until their last hour. He called all the officers and men around him on deck, and, taking each one by the hand, bade him farewell. Then he told the whole crew that they had done their duty like men, and would do well to end by giving three cheers for the Kaiser and for Germany. These were given with a strength that struggled with the roar of the wind and waves. The ship was then fast breaking up. A chasm had opened about the foremast, and the waves breaking over the deck threatened every moment to tear away the greater part of the ship and sink in under the boiling sea. Then Gunner Raehm yelled to the men to sing the national military hymn, the "Flaggenlied." By that time a sort of intoxication born of contempt for death had come over them. Joining hands for good-fellowship and also to save one another for a few moments more from the clutches of the waves, officers and men danced on the deck of the Illis as they sang the hymn, the refrain of which is:

"The Kaiser and our standard, Hoch! 'The flag, black, white and red.'"

QUEER HOSPITAL.

It Is Located in New York and Is for Animals.

The animals' hospital is in charge of the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, and that, if you please, is part of the University of New York; so that if you wanted to send your dicky-bird there for the pip, he would be in a manner under the sheltering wing of all the D.D.s and L.L.D.s that shine as regents of that noble institution. A great deal of the hospital's most interesting practice is among the animals kept in zoological gardens or in traveling shows. An old circus lion was brought here not long ago to have his ulcerated tooth pulled. Now if the toothache makes you feel "cross as a bear," how cross does the toothache make a live lion feel?

To tell the truth, no one at the hospital wanted to know how cross that lion did feel—they thought it was a case in which it would be folly to be wise. The first thing to be done was to drop nooses of rope on the floor of his cage, and then draw them up when he put his foot in one—he knew he had "put his foot in it" when he found himself snared—and so, step by step, get him bound and helpless. If you will think how particularly hard it is to tie up a cat, you may guess that it is no joke to make a lion fast; he is just like a stupendous cat in his agility and slipperiness. The only way to render him helpless is to get his hind quarter tied up outside his cage, and his head bound fast within it; the next thing, for dental work, is to put a gag in his mouth; that is the easier because there is no trouble at all about getting him to open his mouth—he does it every-time any one goes near him. When medicine cannot be given disguised in drink or food, it is usually squeezed down the patient's throat with a syringe. The horses are very good about that operation, but the dogs are often troublesome at first; but both dogs and horses soon learn that they are with friends, and then they are wonderfully good and grateful even when the doctors have to hurt them.—Harper's Round Table.

Pyramid of Cheops.

The great Pyramid of Cheops is the largest structure ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at the base were 764 feet square, and its perpendicular height at the highest point, 448 feet. It covers four acres, one rod, and twenty-two rods of ground, and has been estimated by an eminent English architect to have cost not less than \$165,000,000.

Climbed the Mount.

Fifteen thousand people climbed Mount Washington the last season.

MISSING LINKS.

Henry Porter, of Johnson, Vt., is gathering a second crop of strawberries.

More than half the world's production of quinine is disposed of in the United States.

Probably the largest quantity of lima beans are raised in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania.

James H. Hillis, the populist nominee for governor of Missouri, is making his campaign tour in a "prairie schooner."

Nearly five thousand persons are engaged in the wood pulp and paper industry in Maine. The yield is about 12,000 tons a year.

Two Saco (Me.) youths who are smitten with the charms of the same fair dame propose to race on their bicycles from Biddeford to Old Orchard and return, and the winner will get her.

CATCHING A DEER'S TAIL.

It Can Be Done but It Has Some Disadvantages.

The process of grabbing deer by the tail is full of difficulty, but it is not to be compared with hanging on after getting a grab on the tail, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. The deer is wary. The deer is fleet and the tail is short, but, in spite of all difficulty, a man who is not over 100 feet from me as I write caught a young deer by the tail a few days ago and remained a sort of tall attachment for a considerable distance. The man was out in the forest on his big farm and he espied a fawn at a lick. While he was looking at the little spotted beauty it lay down beside a log and the hunter resolved to get the animal alive. He knew that if he could get hold of one or both of the fawn's legs he would succeed. Luckily, the cows of the farm appeared at that moment, on the way to the creek for a drink, and the fawn, evidently a frequenter of the pasture, seemed to be unconcerned after a quick glance at the cows. Seizing the opportunity, the hunter, while the cows were coming and cracking branches and sticks, stole up to the log. A moment later the fawn passed directly in front of him and the hunter made a quick thrust of his arms to catch the deer by the hind legs. He partly succeeded, but in the struggle that followed the delicate limbs of the fawn began to slip out of the vise of the human hands and, somehow or other, in desperation, the man grabbed the fawn's tail. The little animal began to run and the hunter, who is a very strong man, held desperately to the tail. Down the old logging road they went a little way and then the fawn turned in. It could not run very fast with a man attached to its tail, but the first quarter of a mile was done in good time, nevertheless. About the beginning of the second the fawn went over a log and headed for a thicket. In spite of all the little beauty reached the brush and plunged in. The hunter was scraped off and had the pleasure of seeing the fawn join the mother on the other side of the thicket and dart off with her into the depths of the forest.

IN WOMAN'S CORNER.

SOME CURRENT READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Current Notes of the Modes—Bolero Waists—Elizabethan Ruches—A Visiting Costume—Some Gowns for "At Homes."



HERE never were and truly never will be again so many little things for throwing around one at the theater or for afternoon. Small pieces of bright, pretty goods are made up into these little wraps and capes, and when done they are truly marvels of becomingness. Since anything that is cut off above the waist line is called bolero, this name must be applied to a vest of pale fawn silk striped with a tiny black line. The vest buttons over the bodice with broad black frogs, and is heavily lined with pink shell china silk, with an interlining of sheet wadding for substance. The sleeves are a pretty puff pattern, with small irregular capes upon the shoulders, each lined with shell pink silk. This little garment has some warmth and is decidedly becoming to the wearer, whether she be slender or stout.

Whitening the Hands.

Constant reader asks what will improve the appearance of the hands and make them white and soft. Answer: To have really soft, white, beautiful hands requires a great deal of time and attention, some judgment and a naturally good hand to start with. The hands must not be exposed to sun or wind, and they must be kept scrupulously clean. It is not enough that the hands are washed several times every day; they should be thoroughly soaked in hot water, with some fine soap, and when perfectly soft, must



AT HOME TOILETTE.

Elizabethan Ruches. Decorative neck effects still continue to be the charm of fashionable gowning. Collars, neck ruches, boas and fichus find a place in every wardrobe. For every-day wear the white linen



A Visiting Costume.

The costume illustrated has a skirt of beige amazon cloth, the foot of which is ornamented with embroidery, which forms ascending points. The bodice is of ruby velvet, slightly gathered at the waist in front. It has a very short rippled basque, trimmed with three

collar is the favorite.

It turns slightly over at top and is tied about with a soft, silk ribbon, fastened in a tiny bow in front. Other gowns have silk collars with lace or chiffon ruches falling over the top. These ruches are about three inches wide in the back, but narrow to three-quarters of an inch in front. Ruches such as the unfortunate Queen of Scots wore are perhaps more fashionable than any other neck trimming. Luckily they are much smaller than those of the Elizabethan era, thereby causing the wearers no discomfort. Some ruches are entirely made of ribbon, either in black or some color edged with black. Marie Antoinette fichus are still considerably worn and are crossed over the breast in surplice fashion, the ends either hanging or tucked under a broad corselet belt. Particularly useful are these fichus in adding a touch of frivolity to an otherwise plain gown. They may be made of fine silk, mousseline de soie or crepe de chine. To return to collars, a pretty white satin model has six stiff little founces of lace, standing out all around about two inches from the neck-band.

bands of violet ribbon.

The sleeves are of beige cloth, embroidered all over, and there are rippled sleeve capes of ruby velvet trimmed like the basque and lined with violet satin. A band of violet velvet ribbon forms the belt and outlines a corselet in front, where it is fastened by a bow and paste buckle.

FROM HAPPINESS TO RUIN.

A rift of light in darkest skies
 lit up a vision.
 A stream of rain all too true,
 The glory gone from life and home.
 The idle reporter strode last Sunday
 out in the country, away from the
 "maddening crowd" and in musing
 on his stay in many foreign lands,
 and some of the striking incidents
 connected there with, when
 being near a field of living grain,
 and seeing its undulating waves, as it
 rustled in the sun light, and hearing
 the music which the same sound
 waves made among the waving grain,
 like the sob of wretched rain in the
 trees; he thought, oh! for an idea
 catcher, and just then, a vision came
 to him.

Across the mask and gloom of
 night's frowning face, a yellow gleam
 of light sped swift and passionate, and
 I heard a sad voice say: "Woe unto
 him who gives his neighbor drink
 that putteth the bottle to his lips, who
 maketh him drunken also."

The present faded when the sun as
 a dream fades when the fingers of the
 morning knocked at the troubled
 doors of sleep, and a vision came be-
 fore me bright and beautiful at first,
 as the timid flowers of spring are,
 and then changing to a scene of deso-
 lation, as the tall birches falling leaf
 and dry and withered rose.

A towering field of wheat was spread
 out before the green with the glossy
 verdure that nature alone knows how
 to spin. Down in the ground sweet
 fagers worked, the tiny shoots spread
 like there seeking out the faint
 treasure hidden in the heart of
 mother earth, the rain drop fresh
 from Heaven's mystery added the
 blessings bright from perfumed air,
 and the green lanes grew and
 densified in the happy sunshine. At
 night they whispered to each other of
 the harvest yet to come, or in enrap-
 tured silence heard the lonely night
 birds plaintive melody. The sky
 wrapped around them as a gentle
 shroud prophesying the resurrection
 and a new life, and their lips were
 moistened with the sweetest dew that
 ever fell. Over the dreaming borders
 of fine languid hours the happy feet of
 time sped on; the green changed to
 gold and the bearded grain bowed
 proudly to the world, as if saying: "I
 bring food for the nations, from the
 store houses built where never angry
 winds blow. I come to you upon the
 field of ripened gold that laughed and
 rustled in the sunlight, or swept in
 great waves across the blue horizon
 like a tropic sea, many birds did
 gather. They plucked a grain here
 and there and away on their wings,
 and the most seem beat down in eager
 greeting poured out their very soul in
 sweetest song, a song of thanksgiving
 to him who doeth all things well. In
 the cooling shade the spreading glitter
 made strange forms of insect life
 found happy homes, and chirped in
 musical monotone the story of their
 happiness. The fanning breezes on
 their onward flight sang music such
 as few can understand, and all the
 life that lay about it was a soft and
 lowly prayer.

And then came with an unannounced
 hand and threshed out the
 beautiful grains and put them in the
 vats where they rotted and lost their
 glory and became a foul and noxious
 mass. Into this was poured all man-
 ner of unclean things, "the insane
 root that takes the reason prisoner,"
 the bloody thoughts of murder, and
 all crimes that shake the world and
 make it a protypt of fabled hell
 and death, and death ever after death.
 From the putrid mass a liquid flowed,
 in swift, angry, awful streams.

And in the past and present, and in
 the future, as all doors open up into
 my sight; I saw a perfect dream of home.
 A cricket croaked upon the hearth
 stone whose light of love seemed un-
 conceivable man born in the image of
 his mother, with the hair of gold and
 his brow, sad reading, and by his side
 was a happy mother upon whose
 bosom slept a little babe who smiled
 even as it slept, and look so like the
 mother that the mother said it dis-
 covered to her breast with a strange
 sense of fear. The very air was that
 of Eden, for here was purity and love,
 and the happiness that dwell before
 the fall. Under the door a tiny
 streamer held bright and found
 entrance.

Time passed. I saw the husband
 ragged and sullen, his face all bloated
 and discolored, his step staggering,
 his hands filthy with wild cards, and
 the glory of his life all gone, and on
 that erst while manly brow, once a
 temple dedicated to honor, were written
 "leached," for the glory has de-
 parted. I saw the roses fade from the
 woman's white face, the splendor from
 her eyes and in them a hopeful and

ness, oh! God, so pitiful to see; and I
 knew her soul ached with a sorrow
 only death alone could heal. I saw
 glaring into the partly hinged doors
 and broken windows the wolves of
 famine and despair, and in my ears
 there rang the words, bitter, bitter,
 bitter, of Heanath's starving song,
 for hunger was the sky above them,
 hungry was the earth beneath them,
 hungry was the very air around them,
 and the very stars in heaven like hun-
 gry wolves glared at them. And I
 heard about the broken hearth stone
 the fearful laughter of unnumbered
 devils. In the corner of the room
 was a rude coffin, in which a baby's
 corpse awaited burial, and upon the
 cheeks was a bruise, as if from a blow,
 and still the poisonous steam kept
 flowing in.

Is there any wonder, then, that all
 over this broad land of our men and
 women, with uplifted eyes and clasped
 hands, are praying in border words of
 fire, "How long, oh, Lord, how long?"

TO THE PUBLIC.
 Recognizing the ever increasing de-
 mand of the city trade for better ac-
 commodation, and wishing to render you
 the best possible service at all times, I
 have employed an experienced city
 salesman who will visit you at your
 homes and solicit your patronage.
 From his list of samples you can
 make your purchases at your houses
 and be spared the trouble and time
 usually attached to the selection of
 your groceries.
 All orders reserved for him will re-
 ceive his personal attention and the
 price that I place him in a position to
 give you will surely merit your con-
 sideration and approval. Yours anx-
 iously to serve. **JULIUS NORTON.** 317

THE GRANDEST REMEDY.
 Mr. R. B. Grove, merchant of Chil-
 hoe, Va., certifies that he had con-
 sumption, was given up to die, sought
 all medical treatment that money
 could procure, tried all cough reme-
 dies he could hear of, but got no re-
 lief; spent many nights sitting up in
 a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's
 New Discovery, and was cured by it
 in a few months. For past year he
 has been attending to his business,
 for Coughs, Colds and consumption.
 It doesn't fail. Trial bottles free at
 R. Phillips's drug store.

EVERY ONE KNOWS!
 That to secure the best results in
 bread and cake it is not only best but
 absolutely necessary that pure ingredi-
 ents be used.
 In the selection of flour, great care
 should be exercised and nothing but
 select, soft winter, wheat flour should
 be used.
 There are but few flours that meet
 this demand, but the "Magnolia,"
 we have it in all of its strength and
 purity.
 This popular brand is manufactured
 in the heart of the finest wheat coun-
 try on Earth (Hannibal, Mo.), from
 select soft winter wheat. D. W. Wris-
 ten & Co. are sole agents for this
 exceptionally fine flour, in Baird and
 they guarantee every pound to give
 entire satisfaction. 47 cf.

A CHRISTMAS TRIP.
 The thousands of Texans who came
 from the south Atlantic states find
 much pleasure in reverting to the
 happy days of long ago when they
 were children, and recall those who
 are night to recall those scenes of
 youth which gave to life a charm, and
 which now come in later years as visions
 of joy. There is a tender spot in every
 heart for the old home, and the mem-
 ories which cling about the old
 spot are soles in the weary, weary
 struggle we make day by day to build
 in our new Eldorado a home to which
 our children in the future time will
 return, as we now turn to the old place
 where our loved ones in the creating
 of life await the final summons.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Co.
 again offers you the opportunity to go
 "back to the old home." Round trip
 excursion tickets will be on sale from
 all points on the system on Dec. 21st,
 22nd, 1896, at all points in the south-
 eastern states, at one fare for the
 round trip, tickets good 30 days from
 date of issue. See your nearest ticket
 agent for further information, and do
 not fail to send eight cents postage to
 the undersigned for a copy of the in-
 stant publication on Texas ever issued,
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Memory is a little treacherous now
 and then, and causes one to forget
 some things worth remembering, which
 one has an experience like to which
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 farr's Creek, Va., who says "I had
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 you don't believe it, call and see. H.
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Get in your order for coal at
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 comes. 49 cf
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 Say pard, are you going to buy
 Christmas goods? If so, see R.
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When you come to town always go
 away loaded -with Christmas goods
 from Phillips. 52f
 Go to R. Phillip's, he is headquarters
 for Christmas goods. Cheaper than
 ever offered before. 52f

I have my new line of wall paper, of
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 ish the natives. R. Phillips, 49 cf.
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