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## EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS

ProgramInterscholastic League Meet To Be Held at Baird Saturday, March 31st

More and more, as educational experts carefully study the charse teristics of the child's mind and body, in their endeavor to turn out perfect men and women, mentally and physically, do they realize the tact that "all work and no play
makes Jaek a dull boy," and Jill a stupid and anemic giri, So, every day, in every way, they are go. ing in for athetics and the rising generation, as a consequence, is getting $b$ tter and better.
Oallah a County, yer se, is taking wore intere in in school atbletics than ever before. The Interscholastic League Meet for tats conaty will be heid in Baird on Saturday, March 31at, wfih a larger apectatorial attendance than ever betore, all sec
tions of the county conteating in the different evente.
The feator- of this year's meet is to be the award of gold, ailver and bronze medale to those obtaining first, second and third place respectively, in ench event.
The Interecholatio League Directors wet in County SuperintendTuesday af ternoon and arranged the program and other detalle, those present being Mesars. Boren, Baker and Garrett und the Misses Harris McDanieis and Norwood. This is the program presented by the diree tors

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From 10 to 11 a. m.-Eesay Writ. ing tontert.
From 10 to 11 a, m.-Music Memory Contest.
At $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.-Debates and Decla. mations.
Friday night, Maroh 30-Prelimiary contest in Debates.
The Track and Field Events will begin promptiy at 9 o'elock a. m
Saturday, in the following order: 1, 220 yards hardle, Senior Boys. 2, 50 yarde dash, Junior Boys. 3, 100 yards dash, Senior Boys. 4, 30 yarde dash, Senior Girls. 5, 220 yarde dash, Senior Boys. 6, 30 yarde dash, Junior Girle. 7, 140 yarde relay, Senior Girls. 8, 440 yards daeb, Senior Boys. 8,440 yards dash, Senior Boys. 9, 220 yarde dash, Junior Boy
10,1 mile run, Senior Boys. 10, 1 mile run, Senior Boys.
11,440 yards relay, Junior Boye 12, 120 yarde low hurdie, Senior Boye.
13, 140 yarde relay, Junior Girle. 14, 50 yarde daeb, Senior Boya. 15, Runniog hop, step and jump, Junior Buys.
16, Kunning broad jump, Senior 17, Running broad jump, Junior Boys.
18, Running high jump, Senior 19, Running high jump, Junior Boys.
20, Ohinning the bar, Junior Boys. 21, 880 yarde run, Senior Beys,
22, 8.pound shot put, Junior Boye 23, Pole vaulting, Senior Boys.-
24, Pole vaulting, Juaior Boys. 25, Rural School besket bail thampionahip, Boys.

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BAD WEATHER RETARDS OPERATIONS IN OIL

The atormy and unsettled weather ately-particularly the snow nod ith ons devetardingly in terfered Field. A week or two of good
 ing up all along the line. The log or the past week reads as follows: Q. \& Fry et al, Ross No. 1, Sur vey 103, closed down at 675 feet, but will resume drilhing soon. Thi well is $11-2$ miles northweat of
Frizzell et al, Ross No. 2. Surves 10, spudded in this week, 13 -4 iles northwest of Baird.
Frizzell et al, Hutchison No. 1, urvey 119, shut down for casing a 15 feet. It is one mile northese Baird.
Chriaman et al, Rohert Hennessy No. 1, drilling at 3250 feet, 4 milen arth of Clyde.
Norman Oil Co., Harris No 1 drilling at 3300 feet, 6 miles southweat of Bard.
Green et al, Kamsey No. 1, survey 2 , struck sait water at 190 feet and are sbutting it off, 7 miles outhwest of Bard.
Morris et al, Harris No, 1, aur vey 38, 10 milea southwest of Baird pudded io this week.
Pettit \& Rnherts, McCleadon No. 1, Survey 49, 12 miles southwest of Baird, spudded in last week
W. R. Cox et al, Hight No. 2, 16 miles southeast of Baird, have osde a location for Well No. 3. havigg abandoned No. 2 at 688 feet hecause they could not control the aflow of salt water
Doctor Thomas made location Thursiay of last week on the Jim Dunham farm, northenat quarter
Section 17,10 miles southeast of Section 17, 10 miles southeast of
Baird, near Belle Plame and will Baird, near Belle Pla
begin drilling at once.
A well on the Pink Euhank farm, even miles north of Patnam, came n a 50 barrel producer.
Jobn Kegan et al, 1. N. Jackson No. 1, 6 miles northeast of Baird, drilling at 350 feet.
The Baird Development Oil Co., 5 miles north of Baird, struck oil and gat last week at 475 feet and continued drilling.
John Kegan et al, Mrs. Lae James No. 2, drilling at 105 feet.
Waiter Jeward et al are drilling a well on the Slaughter ranch, 6 mile cortheast of Maird.

MRS. J. M. COFFMAN DEAD
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coffman, of Cross Plains, have both been seri phone message to Benjie Ruesel this morning eaya that Mre. Coff. man died at 7 o'clock this morning. Mr. Coffman was uot doing so well sesterday, but we were unable to get any newa this morning as to his condition.
It is with a sad heart that we have 0 record the death of Mro. Ooffman ad the gerious illoess of Mr. Coffpeople, is Brown and Caltaha: i couny for forty-five years.
W. M. Ooffman, of Baird, went eipt of thans, seaterdan on re ness of his brother and wife.

## auction sale

The Shackelford County Hereford Breeders Associntion will sell 31 Regietered Buile and 18 Oowa, a
Public Auction, Satarday, Mareh
Srd, Pubite Ruction, Sakarday, March
3rd, 1923, at Albany, Texas, 10.3 t

IRA PRATT ACQUITTED

## After Thirty-six Hours Of Tense <br> Mental Strain Defender Of His Home Is Vindicated

It was a tense moment tast Wed reeday morning in the Callahan County Distriet Court Room, when, after thirty-six bours of racking mental agony and mental atraid, the jary charged with determining the kuili or anocence of Ira Pratt, indicted for the murder of Charlie Smith, by shooting, at about noon, Jane 8, 1922, filed into the courtroom, and declared the defendant Not Guilty!
The accused, sitting at the bar rail, with his head resting on bis band, with an expression of intense relief sinoothing out the deep lines of dread and agony that contorted bis face, leaped to his feet and 1 several minuten was kept busy r sponding to the congratulations of the many friends who crowded about him. Judge Ben L. Russell, one of his attorneys, was the first to graep Mr. Pratt's hands in both his own, neing followed by The Star reporter. Probably this trial attracted a more widespread interest, both in Callahan County and along the line of the T. \& P. Railroad from Fort Worth to Big Spriog, than any case that has ever been tried at this bar Monday and Tueaday the courtroom was crowded to over capacity witb friends and sympathisers of the accused, a good percentage of the sudience being women. The corridors and the stairway were packed with he overflow.
The readers of The Star are fa miliar with the hiatory of the case, for the sordid happenings which led up to the tragedy were common gos. sip for weeks before the shooting. After weary days spent by Ira Pratt in a patient endeavor to smooth out and adjust his ruptured domestic affairs, preserve his honor and shield his innocent little children from the ohame and diagrace that brooded over them and, goaded almost to desperation by the taunting defiance
and murderous threats of the de. spoiter of his home, he was on a mission of peace, to secure the heipful offices of his father in law, J. L. White, when confronted by Char lie Smith, in the yard of the White
home, advancing upon him and "tugging desperately to draw some object from his pants pocket," he drew his own pistol and shot five
deadly buliets into smith's body
The case went to trial Monday The case weat to trial Monday
morning and was given to the jury, composed a s follows, as $10: 30$ o'clock Tuesday night:
J. A. Oruchfield, W. H. Orr, U. Allen, C. A. Conlee, W. A. Buch, L. M. Howie, C. H. Morgan, J. U. reeman, G. T. Baum, John am, F. F. Sugge, B. F. Rose. concluded at 2:10 o'clock Monday afternoon and the trial of the case continued until 6 o'clock $p$.
hen the last witness teatifed.
Mrs. Georgia White, mother of Mrs. Ira Pratt, the wife of the defeadant, testitied that the deceased, Charlie Smith, was boarding with her at the time of the fatal shooting, and that she aaw the deceased Concluded on last pago

FINE WHEAT PROSPECTS in the eula section

## Eula, 2-15.23.

## Well, Uncle Billie and The Sta

 orce, how are you all?We are doing fine out this wa We are having plenty of rain and cold weather. We need a wet winter though, for crops. Our stock is do. og very well.
Wheat has a good chance for a tine yield. You know a little wheat money will come in good this sum. wer. It will beat a little note money.

## F. L. Smith made a

 Abilene Thursday.J. F. Hampton was in the Dudley country Thuraday, looking atter Ome business.
Oiyde Walli
Clyde Wallis, of New Mexico, i visiting friends and relatives in Eua and Dentob.
Walter Miller was a visitor in Ab lene Saturday.
I had the pleasure of meeting so nany of my triends this week, while while at court. You know when man goes to Bard he is always wel ome.
met Will D. Boydetun. He ells me he is a grandfather. have known Will from a soung man oo an aged grandfather, and I have known him to be a jolly good felliow all of that time, and a good booster
for Baird. Beat wishes for yon Will 1.
1 am a friend of the young men of Bard. When I look around and ee so many young men bolding good positions there, I fully realize the ruth of that old saying: "Youth must be served. Personaliy, they
are a fine bunch of boys.
When Baird gete her new Metho dist Church and ber new Cour
House, she will be in the awim. I wiah every one in Callaha Oounty could have heard Judge W R. Ely talk on the Court House We aure need a new Court House as every one knows.
With best w
es to all readers The Star, I am

Patsie
LITTLE J. H. CORN PASSES ON
Little J. H. Corn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Houston Corn, die Friday, February 16 th and was laid to rest the following day in Ross Cemetery.
Funeral services were held at the Church Of Christ at 2 o'cloc aducted by Rev. R. H. Rogers. months and 13 daya. He ick onls one week, and the ime diate casuge of his, and the imme onia.
Little "J. H." wae a universa
favorite among bis school fellowe, being a sunny tempored, joyous boy who was fond of play, but a good student withal.
If he had any faulte-ezoept veajal onee-no one ever found them out, and The 8tar joins these friende of the little fellow, in tendering sinover their irreparable lose.


In the article is lact week'o Star, signed by W. G. Bowlus, the priater unintentionally made an error ta the name,
should have been H. W. Grounds.

BROOKERSONS
FOURTH TRIAL

For Killing Oscar Knight Ends And His Fate In Hands Of Jury As We Go To Press
As The Star forms are closing, at 1 o'elock a. m, today, the fate of Vewt Brookerson, indicted and for he fourth time heing tried in the allaban Ounty District Court, in the bands of the jary, which has been out siace last night.
The kliling of Knight took place near Buffalo Gap ahout two jears ago. The defendant was tried three times in Taylor County. In the first trial the jury verdict wns a 10 -gears penitentiary seatence, the aecond jury diengreed and the third ncreased the penalty to 20 yeare mprisonment in the peaiteatiary. Then the case was tranaferred to Jallaban Oounty
The case opened Wednesday morning By 2 p . m. a jury was ecured and the testimony began. The teatimony of the witnesses examined did not ditfer materially rom the teatimony heard at the last rial of the case in Taylor County.
The following comprise the jury a the present trial, selected from a pecial venire of 80 men
J. P. Parvis, Atwil; Joe Bryant, Baird; L. E. Park, Pacorm;
A. W. McEactin, Vijde; J. E. Coy, Baird; Lon Hayhurst, Oplin Coy, Baird; Lon Hayhurst, Oplin;
J. B. Musley. Clyde; J. T. Udell, Moran; Sidney Harnell, Oplin; J.
T. Browning, Urose Plaina; J. C. T. Browning, Urose Plains; J. C. Blalock, Clyde
3:10 p. m.-Jury'reported Ver
diet: Three and a balf years in pen.

OR. A. LEVEY, OPTICIAN. IS DEAD
The familiar face and figure of "Dr. A. Levey, Optician," who, id the practice of his profesaion, hae been a regular visitor to Baird for

## Fioned

## Four Reasons Why You Should Buy Your Ford Car This Month

I

The unprecedented demand for Ford Cars throughout the winter months has taken the entire output of the Ford plants working at capacity, indicating that the demand this Spring will be far in excess of the number of Ford Cars that can possibly be built.

## II

January was the tenth consecutive 'month !in which retail deliveries exceeded 100,000 Ford Cars and Trucks. Requirements for February, the month when preparations are already under way for Spring business, called for 148,407 Cars and Trucks--more than 24,000 in excess of the number we can possibly produce.

## III

Ford dealers in many parts of the country are already finding it necessary to specify future delivery dates on Ford Products because there are no reserve stocks to draw from.

IV
Your order placed now will protect you against delay or disappointment later on--It is the only way you can be assured of reasonably prompt delivery.

We consider it important to give "you these "facts, so that if you are planning to purchase a Ford Car, Truck or Fordson Tractor for use this Spring or Summer you can list your order at once and take advantage of our dealer's first opportunity to make delivery.

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## Realize the Difference

-the easy-riding Triplex New Departure bearings in Overlas (Patented) of the front and rear axles. motor that does not pump the all-steel body and oil. -the twenty-five and better higher hood and lower seats. gasoline mileage of the Drive an Overland and real-Overland-its Timken and ize the difference.

## Cuerlands $\$ 525$

Roadster $\$ 525$ - Coupe $\$ 795$ - Sedan $\$ 860$. All Prices f. a. b. Tolato Sce the Overland advertisement in the February 17th Saturday Evening Post Mitchell Motor Company


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## Sam Gilliliand

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any intention at present of re-ope ing negotlations on the immigration
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teuds to sail for the United states tends to sail for the United States
socn on the steamer George Wash ington, arrving home about three weeks after the landing on American soft of the last of the American
Rhineland army of which he was commander in chief.

## WASHINGTON -

Announcement was made tha
President Harding would call anothe conference of State Governors for discussion of prohibition enforcement
 Cleveland Bergdoll, draft evader
seized by the Government after his eseape to Germany, would be pro iroperty return bill approved by the

## House Commerce Com

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this season will shiow a
this season will show a great $d$
clease is the stocks on band,


Twelve and two-tenths por cent o the country's output of saddlery and
harness for 1921 was produced in Texas as reported by the Department
of Commerce. The value of the total of the country's output was $\$ 30,96$ v00. of which about $\$ 3,740,000$ was
acceredited to Texas factories. The
value of the 1921 output was a de: crease of 63 per cent compared with the figures of 1919, and a docrease
of 42 per cent for the seven-yeg of 42 per cent for
period, 1914 to 1921

The nomination of Major Conaral Crowder to be Ambassador to Cuba

Attorney General Daugherty, who has been confined to his room for the last ten days, is well on the way to
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The Fulmer bill proposing to make
The use of official Government cotton standards mandatory in both in-
terstato and foreign commerće has terstato and foreign commerće has
been ordered favorably reported by the House Agriculture Committo

Treaties between the United States and France covering the mandates iner Trica were signed in Paris by
in Premier Poincare and Ambassador
Herrick.

The American Red Cross Commi sion in Grece up to Feb. 1 expend-
ed $\$ 2,333,536$ for relief of refugees from Asia Minor, food, clothing and medical supplied taking \$1,653,041 of are being fed dafly it was added

Despite the fact that sugar pro duction this year is expected to fall short of consumption by 727,000 tons,
Commerce Department officials predicted that the surplus carried over from last year would more than of
set the discrepancy

The application of the Southern contiol of the Central Pacific Rail road by ownership of its stock and lease of its lines has been granted
in full, by a decision of the Interin full, by a decision of the
state Commerce Commission.

Signs of weariness were noted in Signs of weariness were noted in
the somewhat drawn face and in the
atralned, husky voce of President strained, husky vo'ce of President
Harding when he read his debt mes. Harding when he read his debt mes-
sage to Congress recently. The deepchested, forceful ring which his volce
usually carrics was gone. He read his small printed manuscript with a weary evenness.
Appropriation of sufficient funds to make a thorough inquiry into the
world production of crude rubber will be recommended to Congress soon by President Harding, it has
been indicated at the White House. been indicated at the white House,
Funds also will be asked for to carry on experiments in cultivation of rubber plans in American insular pos-
sessions, notably fu the Philipptnes. A new sc stamp and $\$ 1$ stamy was
issued by the Government on Lincoln's birthday. The 3c denomination will bear a portra $t$ of the martyred President, and tho $\$ 1$ Lincoln menorial stamps will show a reproduc
tion of the now famous Memorial tlon of the now ranous Tremorial
bailding th Washlngton. The 3 c stamp will be placed on sale at Hod-
stancille, Ky, three miles from where gonvilte, Ky, three miles from wher
the former President was born.
domestic
A taxable estate of $\$ 1690.020$, includlng $\$ 800,000$ in jowels, was left
by Mrs. Edith Kingdon Gould, wife of George J. Geuld an appraisal showed. Mrs. Geuld died No. 14, A
A record price for sfre bought for stock purposes only was set when
The Finn, an 11 -year-old stallion by Ogden out of Livonia, was sold by
John R. Madden and Montford Johns an
to W. R. Coe for $\$ 110,000$. . he price also is the fifth highest ever paid for
thoroughbred in this country.
The Extension Oil Company, whtch has been operating in the Gorman field, in the eastern part of Eastland
County, for the last several months, and which is largely owned and con. trolled by Kirk \& Brewer, recently

declared a cash dividend of 540 per | declare |
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| cent. |

While the fig industry in Texas still is in its infancy and no coed at present. tentative plans for such an organizatioa have been made,
accord!ng to M. E. Hays, director of according to M. E. Hays, director of
commodity organization of the Texas
Tamm Rueau Faderating whe Farm Bureau Federation, who has
returned froma a meet'ng of the fig growers held at Houston.
Fourteen coaches of farmers and thers of Kansas aad lowa passed
throngh Dallas recently bound for the Rio Grande Valley to inspect lant offerings. An inspection of territory
around Misston and Bernadine Texaa around Misston and Bernadine Texas
will be made. The toar is being past.
is spensored by the Missouri, Kansas \& Texas lines. which is interested in the development of the territory
vithjalmur Stetansson, Artic ex of his career as an explorer to a
vote hts efforts to proving to oreptical world that within a decade
or the North Polar Ocean will mercial aviation routes and that the
Aretic regions, bitherte Arctic regions, hitherto known ni:
mysterious, uninhablted lands, wil 1., tho socirce of dered lands, will
unlimited fa magntude.

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## W. E. Gilliland,

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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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One consolation America has is
that she has three thoussnd miles of turbulent ocean between it and war. ring Europe. $\qquad$
K. Mont Reily, Guvernor of Porto heaith. Mont made the Porto Ricans sick and gave the Administration a pain amidebipe, and now be has quit. As a blooming failure Mont made a good record, perhaps
the fuilest and most complete of the fullest and most complete of
any of President Harding's ap pointees. $\qquad$
The Primrose Path is alluring to all when they first enter it, but the end is the same in neariy every case.
Dishonor, broked bearts and homes, death and-oblivion! Tueaday's papers carried a brief notuce that rested for creating a disturbance in a New Yoris cafe. That is only one case. Californts has furnisbed
number of similar cases lately.

## Governor Neff bas appointed for- mer Governor W. P. Hobby as one

 mer Governor W. P. Hobby as one Tech Coliege. It does look like Governor Neff would have apponted men who are friendly to the testituour memory is not unfriendly to it. If Hobby opposed the original Weat Hobby opposed the originalTexas
College. He failed to accompany the locating committee on their trip to West Texas six years ago.
Wonder how many politicians the locstion of the West Texas Collega will bust. The location of the West Texas A. \& M. College, aix yeara ago, had a bad effect apon the political fortunes of at least two men, the House Fuller.
At that time The Star favored Abilene and did what it could to felt sore over the outcome. In the present contest The Star tias no influence with any connected with the location of the Tech College and therefore will not be disappointed if every town we would like to see se cure the prize loses.

Henry Ford for President gives sume of the politicians a pain, but as a husiness man be is a success, while some who are seeking the place are
not even that. McAdoo, for one, ran the railroads during the war, and Uncle Sam is atill paying the shortage created by his incompetent management of the roads. made sucb a magnificent fsilure as a candidate the last time that it 18 not worth while to conalder him. Truiy
the Democrats must be entirely deficient of Presidential timber.
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ar McAdoo the Republicans ought
to have easy sailing. Mcadoo is the best of the three prospective Democrats asmed, but his railroad Anyway, that is the way it looks

The Texas penitentiary is one of he best inuatrations of incounpetent madagement of a public utility.
The penitentiary system, with 84 ,000 scres of the richest land Texas, with three to four thouased iaborers to draw from that on ly cost the price of cheap elothing and what they eat and, with all ning behind one million dollars esct niog
Ferguson, the only Governor Texas that ever masaged to show profit from the penitentiary systew was impesched and removed from
offlee. Of course we do not mean to say this was the resson for bie mpeachment-far from it-but even his enemies admit that he did show a profli from the farms, but say it incressed in price.
This all may be true, but he undoubtedly did make a profit, while the pen syatem was operated at loss. This same Ferguson recently offered to lease the penitentiary sya year and pay the 8tate $\$ 250,000$ ber of the House regarded the offer as an insult and did not trest it with courtesy. The Senate was more considerate and referred the propo sition to a committee.
The taxpayers of Texas would be glad to know that the pen system was put on a profitable basis, no matter who the lessee might be, Ferguanon offered to guarantee fair treatment of the prisoners. He also
offered to give the names of his as. aciates and ample guarantee for the management and payment of the lease. The Legislature seems to be proud of our pes whito elephant, but why not give the proposition look in? The difference to the tas dollars.

Olyde has cast its sombrero into be ring as a candidate for the Tech College. Good for Clyde! We hope be wins, but how does sbe expect to succesafully measure lances in Cisco, Abilene, Swect towns a Angelo, Coleman, Lubbock and about forty other towns? Some of these towns will perhaps put up a
bonus, probably equal in value to bonus, probably equal in value to perhaps more and then some.
Otber towns will beat the plame go by faid Clyde. These though naturally other thinga considered, but favoritism largels controls.
Lubbock and Sweetwater will be strong contenders for the prize. It
Uallaban Uounty Callaban Uounty cannot win this
valuable prize The Star's choice after Clyde is Abilene, Sweetwater, Cisco Lubbock, Coleman, San Angelo, in the order named.
It is going to be a merry fight lieve that any town with only one line of railroad will have
chance to secure the college.
Cisco is most too far east and
chane thecure the college. Labbock is most too far nort. 3 weetwater is centrally located, and with two great trank lines of rail way woald seem to have some advan tage. Yrom an agricultural and
fruit growing consideration, Olyde would be hard to beat as a location but, tailways and political pull wil be the deciding faetor, is our guess.
 and has needed one for thirty yeare, hut we doubt if this Legislatare win
people, and we doubt if the people
disturbed as they are by so many is surs, are ready for a new Constitu tion. as the issue will be post poned for nearly two years, if sub witted, possibly by that time the people may be ready to accept people may be ready to accepl
sane inatrument for the guidance sane instrument for the guida
and protection of all the people.
A flood of amendments submit
Led by every Legisiature, prove
that the people want a change. So many ameodments have been adopt ed to our State Constitution that it looks like a crazy quilt production. What we peed is a sbort, concise or gable isw that will meet the neede of the State and not require amend
ments every two years.
We should abolish every one of the Civil Courts of Appeal. They are simply a clog in the wheeis and ueeless expense on the justice and ueeless expense on the hoxpayers. Only about hwo state officers should be elected, Governor and Lieutenant Governor. All heads of departinents should be appointed by tha Governor. The Railioad Commission, under the Interstat Commerce Act has been shorn
power and should be abolished.
If we could return to the sppointment of all District Judges and Dis. triet officers, it would be better, be cause judges and district attorneys would not be so mach influenced by local politucs. The idea under the elective judiciary is that the bes hand sbaker and mizer wins. Give elected State officers a four years term and all judicial and other State officers a six years' term, and thus C Some will no doubt regard ou views as radical, but, on the con trary, it is going back to old time principles of goverament.
What does the average voter know about the qualifications of a candsdate for the Supreme Oourt whom date for the Supreme Court whom he has never met? Nothing. What tions of a candidate for Railroa Commissioner, that requires specia training and a knowledge of freigh rates and cost of transportation, of which the average voter is abso
lutely ignorant? That applies t lutely ignorant? That applies t about all officers.
All county officers should hold for our years. All this talk about fre quent elections is bunk. Wha Texas needs
agitation.
The people should elect the Gov ernor, Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. Mem bers of the House of Represents tives should bold for four years and the Senate for six, one third of the members of the senate to be elected
everytwoyears, the time we hold Congressionsl elections. This would


We are aware that many thinga here advocated would not appeal to the vox populi and we doubt if any candidates, in any district in Texas,
could be elected on our platform, could be elected on our piatform,
but the platform is sound all the same, because it embodies the the. ories of some of the ablest minds is our history. Governments are in-
stituted to protect hife and property to pro-mote the happiness and
prosperity of the people, not to give politiciansa job.


Subject:- Obedience of Ohildren Obedience.
Prayer: Rev, T. J. Res. Reading, Obedience: Mrs, Virgil Song, "Angry Words"- Mildred R Wilkes, Mattie Lou Wilkes. Reading: Obedience-Miss Anng, "A Lirtle Chill 8ball Lead bem -Mrs. Russell Smith.

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## Coos!

was thirteen yeare, since baby coos, In Browning home had sounded: boy has come:-and Bessie M
with frantic joy's confounded.
Hustle!
Baird's
Baird's Mayor is a busy man, who
out of work gets fun:
gaged on city's water works, he's
always on the run.
Mess!
Thursday morn, West Texas was
a-gleam in fairy dress:
gown was just a muddy its crystal
gowall, though,

## Shiver!

ange cattle suffered Wednesday
night, when rain began to freeze; d baby beeves, a-pea in town, shiv-
ered like aspen trees.
Bath!
he impish boys, who stretched taut
rope, across the travelled path;
hould be well whipped with hick'ry
switeb, and then get salty, bath.
Prices!
The farmers now are making plans
nd they will ride on Easy Street, if
prices do not drop.

## Girls!

of pretty girls;
With shinitg eyes and pinky cheeke,
and bobbed hair frizzed with curls.
The Man About Town.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We need one day in every week which comes to take a spiritaal in-
ventory. We live in such a fast and rapid age and are engrossed so fully with secular duties that we are apt to forget the needs of our soul.
Sunday is the one day for this Sunday is the one day for this
checking up. It is the day of rest. It is well enough to urge your child-
it ing day of res. It is well enough to urge your childbe as seed which feel by the way. tide. Example is stronger than teaching, especially when worde are
not backed up by acts. We hope not backed up by acts. We hope
that you will avail yourself of this that you will avail yourself of this
privilegs and come to Sunday School privilegs and come to Sunday School
and Church. We have been misaing you if you have not been coming we know God has heen miasing vou Services as nausl Sunday. Uome out and be with us.

Gerald Fitzgerald, Pas tor We are anrry to hear that our good friend, $\mathcal{G}$, H. Brame, living
out on the Ulyde road, is ill again,

"There are roads to richesbut most of us travel in. the wrong direction"

It's an uphill problem-this business of getting rich. So many different pitfalls bob up that the road is hard to travel.
There one thing sure how
ever, that is if we
WORK AND SAVE we will get ahead of the fellow who spends it all.

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## PERSONALS

W. P. Brightwell is in town on business.
Mra. C. L. Dale, who has been ill with pneumonia for several days, has so far recovertd ao to accompan ner home in EI Paso.
A. W. Voleman and W. M. AlliStar a call isat Monday. Mr. Cole man is also a priater and helpa get out the Moran News.
Postmaster M. J. Holmes and C. 3 I olwes reburned Wednesday trom Coryell County, where they father, who died Monday.
H. D. Murphy, the "old salt," and his brother, L. R., sons of Mr
and Mrs. L. Pat Murphy bot and Mrs. L. Pat Murphy,
rtported Wednesday in Galveston rtported
for daty in the United States Merchant Marine service.

Robert L. Eetes and Larmer Henry have purchased a half interest in the Ben sigal 200 head herd of white face baby beeves, and have noved them to the Powell ranch, south of town.
Tom Edwards, the Clyde mam moth hog raiser, was in town Wed
needay, and dropped in to tell Th star that he recently slaughtered an
nesial other half ton porker.

The Baptist ladies will have Couked tood Sale on Satarday Feb 24th at W. D. Boydstun's store and all Baptist ladies are invited to
contribute. Please bring your con. contribute.
tributions by $9 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{m}$.

The dancing young people of The dancing young people of Birthday Masque Ball, Thursday night, Hebruary 22nd, in the Ter rell Hailaing. Musie was fur nitahed by the ' 'Jolly Four' Dance Orchestra, of Brownwood.
Heary Lambert was brought in from the oil tields very ill the latier part of last week. He is sufferiag from a billious attack, not flu as firs reported. He was quite ill for a tew
days but the doetor dosed bim up on caiomel a couple of rounds and was reported this morning as improving.
Mrs. W. E. Miller, former reaident of Baird died at her home in Clovis, N. M., on Feby. 11th. She is survived bs' five sons, W. H. Mil ler, of EI Paso, Frank, Emmett Andrew and Harry, of Clovis. Mr Miller, who wan a well known jewel er at Baird
years ago.

Mr Ungren of the firm of Ungren \& Simon, of Putnam, was in Baird, Wedneeday, on business, Sipe Springs, wherg be recently die posed of his oil intereats in that sec tion and will devote all his time to his interesto in the Callahan Shallow Freld.
We call the attention of our read ere to the ad of the Jones Dry Goods Co. iu this issue. This flrm has re
cently established a buainess her and have a nice line of dry goods, ready-to wear and millinery. They hove a apecial Dollar Sale on for
Saturday and Monday. Mr. W. B Saturday and Monday. Mr. W. B
Jones is in charge of the business. Jones is in charge of the business.
The Bard Municipal Band, under the very capabie and patient leadership of Bruce Brown, Baritone,
with twenty muetcians in line, gave with twenty musicians in line, gave
a very acceptable and tuneful cona very acceptabie and luneful con-
cert on Market Street, last Saturday afternoon, seven numbers rendered The band has not yet selected an Iostructor-Leader, have several under consideration, from whom to make their choice.
Pumper J. F. Browning, of the Baird Munieipal Water Works, cap be excused for any erratic behavior
for a month at least. The beneficent stork brought to bis howe ob the 14thinstant a living Valentine a nine pound ann, who has been
named James Engar. The young gentleman's stater, pretty little Miss Besaie May, 18 thirteen years his anior, and ane can well helieve that Master James Edgar's life lines will
fall in pleasant places

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 genial dan lecker leaves usDan Leckey, who must nurse bis njured arm for at least nine monthe onger, left yeaterday for the home homs.
"I may not come back to Baird,"
"I may not come back to Baird," with the Weat Texas Utilities as soun as I get released by the doc tore."
His m
His many friends will regret to wieh him a apeedy recovery and al the good luck to which he's entitled -and that's a plenty.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many many kind friends and in particuiar Dr. Griggs, Mrs. Garner and the nurse for helpful kindness to us during the brief but fatal illiness of our litile son, who contributed the beantiful flow ers to deck his little casket.

Mr. and Mre.
Ad Ohuldren.
In obedience to an order issued by Federal Judge Rufus E. Foster, of
New Orleang, addressed to $\mathbf{L}$. Lancaster and Charles E. Wallace, receivers of the Texas \& Pactic Railroad, to cause to be made "all proper inspection and repair of each locomotive in their possession,"' the T. $P$ "choo choos" are being "gone
over" thoroughly by expert over" thoroughly by expert govern
ment inspectors. This is the first ment inspectors. This is the first Locomotive Inspection Act of Janu. ary $17,1911$.

Raleigh Ray, Baird's crack-a-jack ball twirler, received a letter last week from Manager Thumas $D$.
Scott, of the Amarillo Baseball Association, which is now affliasted with the new Panhandle-Pecos Valley league, asking him if he was at liberty and promising him rapid advancement if he would join hie club.
As Raleigh is under controct with As Raleigh is under contract with
San Angelo, of the Weat Tezea San Angelo, of coming 1923 sea-
League, for the comer League, for the coming 1923 sean, herred Manager Scott to Luke Rohinson, manager of San Angelo. If Managar Scott can aecure his release from the latter cluh, Ra leigh will
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that line fail. ha will report to Man ager Robinason next month for man the work.
Mra J.B. Whalen, of Graham
isiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

REV. T. J. REA'S FAIHEK
DIES IN FORT WORTHE
W. T. Rea, father of Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Baird Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at bis Lome in Fort Worth, Tuesday morniug, February 13. He was 63 years of age.
Funeral services were hald at the Methodist Church in Fort Worth of Methodist Church in Fort Worth of
which he was a member, just before which he was a member, just befors
noon, the Thursday following, by hbs noon, the Thursday following, by hbo
pastor, Rev. J. L. Laker, assisted by bis former pastor, Rev. Wn. Lane, of Abilene. The hody was taken to Weatberford, where the Weatherford Masonic Lodge took cbarge and consigged the remains of their decensed brother to their eternal? reating place in the City Cemetery. The Weekly Herald, of Wentherford, in its account of the lamentable deatb, saye that Mr. Rea was born in Saltilto, Mississippi, sixtyeight years ago, moved to Texas about thirty years ago and has lived in Tarrant County for many years. He was a member of , the Methudica Church, and was a man bighly honored and respected for his uprighs character. He is survived by the wife and the following children: Mrs. Louis Ronsey, Mansfield, Texas ; Mrs. J. L. Racker, Stam ford; J. B. Rea, San Angelo; Rek,
T. J. Rea, Baird; Rev. Leonari Rea, Mercedes; Howard Rea, Weatherford; Mrs. Virgie Davis, Brysen;
Mrs, Eva Clardy, Denver; Mra, Mrs. Eva Clardy, Denver; Mrs. Z̈. E. Wilkerson and Mre. Horace Cary well, Fort Worth. He is also survived by the following brothers ando aisters: C. R. Rea, Lancaster, Texas; E. T. Kea and Mre. Dellan Bas ley, Midlothian; Jesse Rea, Rosb bud; Mra. Maggie Romine, Waca, Mra. Eddie Orebard, Oklahoma City; Mre. Matthews, Alpiae.
The death of Mr. Rea is the firet to bave occurred in the immediato family. They have raised a famity of tex children, with no deaths rocorded, Deceased has been in is bealth for some time and developet pneumonia only a day or so before bis death. His condition was not oon sidered dangerous until a ahort time before, and all of the children wese onable to reach his bedaide before death came. They were all present at the funeral, however.
program at church of christ
The following program will Do rendered at the Chareh of Chriet next Sunday afternoon at $6: 10$ clock:
Subject: Ezeliel.
Leader: Mrs. Bob Warren.
Song: Class.
Scriptare Reading, Ezetiel, 3:16
Prayer: W. Pitt Rameey.
Duet: India May Rambey shd Pauline Dallas.
The Call of Ezekiel, Bzeliiel 1:r.
8: Mre. Joe I. Stovall.
"Stand Upon Thy Feet," Ezekiel
7: Lee Counts.
Bong: Olaes.
Song: Olass.
"I Will Mase Thee a Watohmas,
Ezekiel $2: 8 ; 3: 5.10:$ Mise Flor King.
Quartette: W. Pitt Rameey, B.
Chrisman, R. H. Rogere, Frea . Hart.
Tom-Tod Price, who is working po richigh line in Utilities Co. eleck ric high line in Jones cosasy, apent Sand Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.
and mith his grandaris.

## CARD OF THANKS

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ing the ilisess and denth of our the. oved mother and arondenther May tod's riehent blemengege abld

## And Family.

Mrs C. O. Powell, of El Paso, is vilibe hor son, Carl Uornett, and hrothers, Frank and Ira Prats, thls


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TREASURER OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS,
Commissioners' Court Callahan County Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, Feb. Term, 1923

 and examined the quarteriy repurro of W. W. C. Martin, Treasurer of Cainahan

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We and each of us ind the report to be correct and as follows:
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Witnoss our hands, officially, this 15 th day of $\mathbf{F e b}$., A. D. 1923:
Victor B. Gilbert, County Juage
A. R. Ketoon, Commissloner Precinet No. 1
$\begin{aligned} & \text { J. H. Carpenter, Commieeioner Precinct No. } \\ & \text { J. S. Yeager, Commissioner Precinct No. } 3 \text {. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { J. S. Yeager, Commissioner Precinct No. } 3 . \\ & \text { Geo. Cutton, Commissioner Precinct No. } 4 .\end{aligned}$

## Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 15 th day of Feb. A. 1923. $\begin{aligned} & \text { by enach of the above signors respectively } \\ & \text { GRADY G. RESPESS }\end{aligned}$ Geal]

 Clerk County Court, Callahan County, Texas,

## BONAR LAW REECTS DEMANOS BY FRNMCE

British Premier Makes Counter Pm
posal and Adjournment Saves posal and Adjournment Saves
Situation. London.-The Franco-Britlsh Ruhr
Onf conference is deadiocked. Only as
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Premier Raymond Poincare are at
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M. LeTroquer, Freach Minister on Public Works, and Preniter Bonar France presented it is learned that designed to give her authority oves,
the British area tut the vieinity of Bonar Law, it is understood, de-
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casionally was marked with the Le Troquer maistained that the British attitude of benevolent new
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Germany and obstructed the con summation of the French Ruhr aints difficult to pointed out that it was which to support a movement Which British officialdom had no
sympathy. He further declared thal
his Government feare .ench in the Cologne are wou'd the invaders and the tinh ween Britain permit her to run the Ger man railroads passing through the British zone, but it is understoo unable to grant the request, which was bluntly refused several dayn Althouzh there is every indication ant pris pariey will end like ad
other Franco-British conversationt have recently-in a deadlock-thx
epresentatives are going to attem o reach an agreeme
LABOR IS OPPOSED TO PENSION MEASURES
Is Claimed That "Such Doles"
Would Rob the Workers of Inislative.
Washington-The American Fidration of Labor is quietly organts ing opposition to old age pensian ylvania, Texas, Colorado, Wisconsto and other states.
Opposition is based on the conten:ion that "buch doles wonid rob tsa
workers of initiative" and the wDI to make their old age secure from Pensions under the proposed meaPensions under the proposed mes
sures would range from $\$ 25$ monthy
sis to citizens over 60 in Texas to 5 por day to ctitizens over 70 yeara ofía
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