

end success will crown their efforts and great good will result to our oppressed people.

Resolved, that we note with arm the resolutions passed by the Banker's Association, assembled at Galveston, praying a repeal of our homestead laws, and that we do most earnestly ask and demand that our representatives in the State Legislature ignore the same, and do their utmost to prevent any tampering with the said instrument made in the interest of married women, widows or orphan.

Resolved, that we heartily endorse and approve the effort made the Alliance to establish a mining house and Exchange at Dallas, as well as the assessment levied to support the same, and most urgently call upon our brethren to respond cheerfully and promptly.

Resolved, that our president be authorized to appoint a committee of three on statistics to hold for one year, whose duty it shall be to collect all information concerning our county's interest, to keep a record of the same, and report regularly to this body at its meetings, the progress made, as well as specimens of all ores and minerals to be found in our county, samples of all kinds of produce, both agricultural and horticultural, also floral and botanical, to place them on exhibition at our county seat, in some responsible brother's charge, whose duty it shall be to show the same to the best advantage and to hold said collection subject to instructions from this body, to be placed on exhibition at our State and National Fairs, in order that Callahan County and her advantages be shown up in their true lights to the outside world, and on a basis of merit.

Resolved, that we further call upon our subordinate Alliances to appoint committees with like duties for their respective neighborhoods and to co-operate with said committee.

Resolved, that with pleasure we approve of the steps taken by our citizens to induce migration to come to our state, and the ready response by the broad company to co-operate therewith, as well as circulating the published matter, showing to the world our advantages and inducements to home seekers, and that we, as farmers of the county, do hereby extend our most hearty welcome to all who may come and settle in our midst, and guaranteeing the right hand of fellowship, as well as protection, both social and political, as extended by the wise and humane laws of our state.

Be it further resolved, that THE BAIRD WEEKLY STAR and The Mercury be asked to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

Done by order of the County Alliance. M. M. TERRY, Secretary, pro. tem.

The Actual Settler Safe.

(Case Round-up.)

ALBANY, TEX., Dec. 30th, 1887;—Hon. R. M. Hall, Commissioner of the General Land office construes the act of 1887, relating to the sale &c., of the Public Free School, University and Asylum lands to mean that any actual settler who resided on any of these lands on July 4th, 1887 and continues to do so, and who failed to pay the interest for the year 1885 or 1886 and failed to repurchase the same on or before the 4th day of January, 1888, will still have all the rights of actual settlers for six months from the time the re-classification is made and recorded in the county court clerk's office of the county where the same is situated. I desire to say to all actual settlers, whose lands have been forfeited in the counties of Callahan, Jones, Callahan, P. O. Eastland, Stephens and Morton, that I will re-classify their lands as rapidly as possible and that their interests are safe until the same is done.

W. M. MCCONNELL, State Classifier, [Papers in the above counties, please copy.]

Washington Correspondence.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. JAN. 9, '88.

EDITOR OF THE STAR.—The holidays being over, Congress has again resumed its labors. It might be said that Congress has begun its labors, as nothing of any importance is ever done until after the Speaker announces the committees, and that announcement is seldom made in the House until after the holiday recess. Three of our Texas members are at the head of the committees. Mr. Mills being the chairman of the committee on ways and means, Mr. Culberson on judiciary, and our immediate Congressman, Mr. Lanham gets the chairmanship of the committee on claims. It will thus be seen that Texas, through the position of her Congressmen, will occupy an important part in the legislation of the present Congress. The committee on ways and means of which Mr. Mills is the chairman, is the important committee in Congress, and Mr. Mills is thereby virtually the leader of the Democratic party in the House. Mr. Lanham has gained the chairmanship of an important committee by his ability and the faithful and able manner in which he has discharged his duties since he has been in Congress. Lanham is one of the most active and industrious members of the House. Besides attending to his general congressional duties, he has in progress several measures of special importance to the people of Texas and the 11th congressional district in particular. One of the bills, prepared by Mr. Lanham, will authorize the payment of the claims of the people of Texas against the government for property stolen, and other depredations, committed by the Indians several years ago. I am informed that there are at least \$1,000,000 due the people of Western Texas by reason of these depredations. The bill is, therefore, of much importance to our people. Mr. Lanham has been busy preparing a bill which has for its object the settlement of the great question of dispute which now exists in regard to Greer county, between our state and the government. It will be remembered that the commissioners who were appointed by the state and the government some time ago, failed to agree; and the boundary question is still unsettled. The bill now in progress proposes the appointment of a commission of arbitration, the state of Texas concurring, said board to consist of five members, two of whom are to be appointed by the President; two by the Governor of Texas, and the fifth man is to be the Governor or Chief Justice of one of the states other than Texas; the President and the Governor of Texas agreeing on the man. A few days ago the President issued his proclamation warning all persons against disposing of lands in Greer county; but it was not intended thereby to alarm the people of that county by dispossessing or driving them out of the county. The President has no such intention as that, but he has simply done what was his duty in protecting the claim of the United States until the matter is settled by law. Mr. Lanham has been to see the President in regard to this, and the President assured him that the settlers need not be alarmed as they would not be disturbed in their possessions by the Government pending the settlement of the boundary question.

The President's reception on New Year's day was a grand affair. It is said that nearly 10,000 people had the gratification of shaking hands with the President and "the first lady of the land" on that day. The people assembled to pay their respects and extend the compliments of the season to the President and Mrs. Cleveland presented a scene worthy of that degree of popularity and esteem to which the President and his wife have attained. The Embassadors of foreign countries in their decorations and gorgeous uniforms were first presented, then came the judges of the U. S. Supreme Court, the members of Congress, the Army and Navy officials, officers of the Government Departments, the old veteran's organization, and last but by no means least in numbers, came the "Sovereign people." It is said that Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with the people at the rate of fifty per minute. So you can see what successful "Shakers" they are.

Tariff is the all-absorbing political question, and it is certain that there will be some reduction made, as there are a number of members of each of the parties in favor of a reduction. The great difficulty is to agree upon the proper method of making the reduction. The President by his late message has plainly mapped out the plan for the action of the Democratic party, and Mr. Mills who is the chairman of the committee which has to prepare the bill on this question, is in full accord with the views of the President. But I do not think that there will be any national changes made in the tariff until the great political contest next Fall, and in that contest the tariff question will be the leading issue between the two political parties.

Some of the Republican Senators are trying to prevent the confirming of Lamar to the position of Justice of the Supreme Court, but I think that the Senate will act favorably on his nomination in the course of a few days.

SOLOMON FAG-ENDS.

Is it Murder or Suicide?

R. B. DOBSON, A WELL KNOWN STOCKMAN OF THIS COUNTY, FOUND DEAD TEN MILES NORTH OF BAIRD.

Last Monday morning our people were thrown into a fever of excitement by the report that R. B. Dobson was found dead in what is known as the XXX or government pasture, ten miles north-east of Baird.

The facts, as we are able to get them, are about as follows: A Mexican sheep-herder, whose ranch is about ten miles north-east of Baird, reported to Mr. Jas. Young on Saturday evening, late that he discovered a man lying on the ground about 4 o'clock that evening. Mr. Young sent parties out to investigate the matter. They returned and reported that the man was dead. Sunday being a very cold day, the body was not disturbed until Monday morning, when Messrs. Jas. Young and Carl Corbett went out to where the body was, when they discovered that it was R. B. Dobson. They brought the body to town, when a post-mortem examination was made by Dr. D. J. Wilson. The body was frozen stark and stiff and had to be thawed out before the examination could be made, which was done on Tuesday morning.

It was found that the deceased was killed by a pistol or rifle shot, the ball entering the back of the neck, which must have caused instant death.

Justice Lane held an inquest over the body, which was completed yesterday.

Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the death of deceased. It was at first reported that he committed suicide. The whole affair seems to be shrouded in mystery, but at present, there are few, if any, who believe that the deceased died by his own hand. The surroundings and everything connected therewith seem to prove that it was not suicide. He was evidently killed by some person or persons, but what the motive was, no one seems to have the least idea. He had no enemies, or none at least that his friends know of, who would have committed the deed for revenge; he was not killed for his money, as his money, watch, &c. were found on his body. Some, at first, thought he might have killed himself accidentally, but this is not probable though not impossible. He was last seen alive about 4 o'clock last Friday evening at his home, he was not seen about home Friday night, by his near neighbor, Mr. Ricketts. Nothing more was heard of him until he was found dead. He was evidently killed Friday night.

What could have called him away from home so late on Friday evening? If he committed suicide, why should he go so far away from home? And further, why or how, could he shoot himself in the way and manner he was shot? These are the questions that are puzzling the public. Taken all together, his friends claim that the theory of suicide, as at first advanced, will not hold good, neither that of accidental shooting seems tenable, since his bridle, saddle and blanket were found all neatly arranged about 150 yds. east of the body. It was at first thought he might probably have been thrown from his horse while chasing a wolf or something else, as his pistol was found near the body with one chamber empty, but the finding of the saddle explosives that theory, and it is either suicide coolly and deliberately planned or murder in its most diabolical form. The inquest was held secretly and if anything was developed pointing to the guilt of any one, we have no knowledge of it, but simply give the facts as far as known, and the general opinion of the public. Nearly every one has a theory of his own as to how the deceased came to his untimely end. Nothing should be done in making a thorough investigation, and if murder has been committed in our midst, every means known to the law should be employed to bring the murderer to justice; no one should not be hastily

CITATION.

No. 191.

ROBERT E. GRANT.

V. S. } In District Court.

ANTHONY MCGRAW.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

Whereas, oath has been made and this day filed in my office by Gardner Ruggles, one of the attorneys for Robert E. Grant, that Henry G. Baker is a non resident of the State of Texas, so that the ordinary process of the law cannot be served upon him, you are hereby commanded that you, by making publication of this writ in some newspaper published in Callahan County, if there be one, but, if none, then in some newspaper published in the forty-second judicial district of the State of Texas, but if none, then in some newspaper published in the nearest judicial district of said state to said 42nd district, once in each week for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, summon the said Henry G. Baker to be and appear before the Honorable, the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, at the next term thereof to be holden at the Court-house thereof in the town of Baird in said county and state, on the ninth Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1888, to answer the petition of said Robert E. Grant, filed against him said Baker, and one Anthony McGraw, in said court in cause No. 191. The nature of said plaintiff's demand being an action of debt on two certain promissory notes in writing, signed by said Henry G. Baker, bearing date November, 24th, 1885, and made and delivered same day to said Robert E. Grant, one for one hundred dollars, payable on or before one year after date, and the other for two hundred and fifty dollars, payable on or before eighteen months after date, both bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and providing for payment of ten per cent attorney's fees if collected by suit, said notes being given for part of the purchase money of six hundred and fifty acres of land described in said petition, out of the west part of the Robert Henderson one thousand acre survey in Callahan County, Texas, conveyed by said Robert E. Grant to said Henry G. Baker by deed of date November 24th, 1885, said deed retaining a vendor's lien on said premises to secure payment of said two promissory notes, it being further alleged in said petition that said land is now reasonably well in one thousand dollars; that said Robert E. Grant is still the legal owner and holder of said two notes and lien, and both are now long past due and unpaid to plaintiff's damage one thousand dollars; and further that defendant McGraw is in possession of said premises, under deed from said Baker, subject to and with full knowledge of plaintiff's said lien. Plaintiff prays for process and for judgment for said debt, interest, attorney's fees, and cost of suit, for foreclosure of his said lien and sale of said premises accordingly and for general relief. Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return as the law directs showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office at office in town of Baird, Texas, this Jan. 14th A. D. 1888.

I. N. JACKSON, Clerk District Court, Callahan County, Texas.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now in my hands.

This Jan. 14th, 1888.

J. W. JONES, Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas.

ABLENE, TEX., Jan. 16.—The Rev. Mr. Raymond of the Methodist faith, who is now preaching in Nashville, Tenn., writes a friend here that he has been donated \$2000 for the Belle Plain College by the citizens of that wealthy little city.—Dallas News.

We are under obligations to both Senator Reagan, and Col. Lanham for late public documents from Washington.

Hon. C. Edwards Lester,

Late U. S. Consul to Italy, author of "The Glory and Shame of England," "America's Advancement," etc., etc., writes as follows:—

New York, August 1, 1887.)

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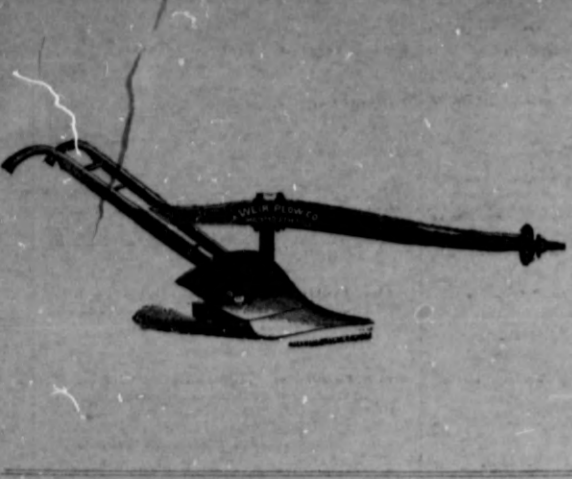
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PERSONAL MENTION.
J. W. Jones is laid up with a bad cold.
Jim Seay is spending a few days in town with friends.
C. P. Lisman of Clear Creek was in town Tuesday, after corn.
Mrs. M. McElhany, the wife of Judge Mortimer McElhany our former fellow-townsmen, is in Baird for a few days, the guest of Mrs. J. L. Lea. She expects soon to start for Lower California, where she will join her husband.
R. J. Harris was in town Tuesday. He got one of his ears frost-bit going home from town last Saturday. He says we can leave that item in last weeks issue of THE STAR, about "last Sunday being the coldest day of the season," standing, as it fills the bill.
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Immigration Meeting.
A meeting of the citizens of Immigration precinct No. 2, which is Magistrate's precinct No. 2, is hereby called to meet in Belle Plaine on Saturday, Jan. 21st 1888 at 2 o'clock p. m., to take under consideration the recommendations of the county convention of Jan. 7th 1888, and such other action with reference to immigration as they may deem best.
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N. F. RUDROSE.

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If you owe us any thing, either note or open account, please come and settle it. Hard times no excuse: the time is as hard with as you. If you have not got the money we can refer you to parties that have it to loan at 12 percent. Please heed this, our first warning.
J. D. WINDHAM & SONS.
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Fresh cow
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BUSINESS LOCALS.
For school supplies, go to Phillips.
20 cases Ladies', Men's and Boys' shoes received yesterday by T. E. Powell.
Just arrived this week at J. S. Foy's a new lot of Hose, Gloves, Laces, Ladies' Cuffs, and a good line of dry goods, all to be sold as cheap as any one in Baird.
Read J. D. Windham & Son's notice No. one.

Citron,
Dodson & Hill's
Pickles,
Cigars Snuff &c.
Cut Loaf Sugar
Dried Grapes
Cranberries,
Maple Syrup,
Large lot Tobacco,
Dried Blackberries,
Evaporated Peaches, Mince Meat,
California Honey.
All goods pure and fresh and I will not be undersold by any house in town. Don't forget the place,
Ed. Coppins.
At the Post Office.

Signal keeps the very best beef in the market.
All accounts made with us are now due. Come forward and settle so we can square up our books for new year. we are in need of money very badly. Dec. the 1st, 1887.
Moon & Crowder.
Notice.
All persons owing me will find their notes at the Callahan County bank for collection.
S. L. Robertson.
Justin Cook has opened up his Saloon in the Sigal building. He has some '81 whiskey, best in the world for medical purposes. Try it.

After Jan. 1st '88, every prescription from our store will be sealed and stamped: Please note this particularly.
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That is, if we can get it on subscriptions for the
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Go to Sigal's for your fresh beef.
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Immigration Meeting.
A meeting of the citizens of Immigration precinct No. 2, which is Magistrate's precinct No. 2, is hereby called to meet in Belle Plaine on Saturday, Jan. 21st 1888 at 2 o'clock p. m., to take under consideration the recommendations of the county convention of Jan. 7th 1888, and such other action with reference to immigration as they may deem best.
J. T. L. ANNIS.
Char'n and mem. Co. ex. com. precinct No. 2.
Dried grapes, Raisins, Citron, Currants, Prunes, Dried apples, Evaporated apples. S. L. Ogle.
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I am constantly adding to, and carry a complete stock of
Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods.
In this Line I Carry the Heaviest and Most Complete Stock Ever Kept in Baird, Which I am Selling at Prices that Defy Competition.

I Keep a Full Line of Gents' Ladies' Misses' Boys' and Children's
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Hats, Caps, Etc., Etc.

Call on me when you want anything in the line of
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I buy my goods at Headquarters For Cash, thus discounting my bills and can therefore give my customers the benefit of this fact in offering them CHEAPER GOODS. Fair dealing, keeping none but good goods and selling them has enabled me to build up and enjoy a large and steadily increasing trade, and, by selling more goods I can afford to do so at smaller profits. This again redounds to the benefit of my patrons.
My present healthy trade is the best evidence that my efforts have been and are being appreciated by the public.

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Store on Market Street, in Robertson's Store Building, Baird



PREJUDICE. ... into which ... Are Led.

Poor Jim Farlee. BY ANNABELL DWIGHT. She spied along the streets like some wild creature, frightened nearly out of her senses...

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE. QUEER LITTLE JACKETS. As I strolled down the quiet wood-path, What should I chance to see, But a queer little row of jackets...

Warwick Brookes' Childhood. In the Christmas number of Wide Awake, T. Letherbrow gives a very interesting sketch of the childhood of this famous English artist...

Distinguished Women Who Cook. A correspondent of the New York World sends that paper an exceedingly interesting letter about the distinguished women of the national capital, who cook, and give an idea of kitchen management as seen at the White House...

St. Jacobs Oil. WHAT IT HAS DONE. Relief.—In any climate at any season one or two applications of St. Jacobs Oil...

MARVELOUS MEMORY DISCOVERY. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. For all disorders of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. PACIFIC LIVER PILLS. Texas Testimony. CARBOLIC SMOKE-BALL CO. CARBOLIC SMOKE-BALL CO. RADWAY'S PIPILLS. SICK HEADACHE.

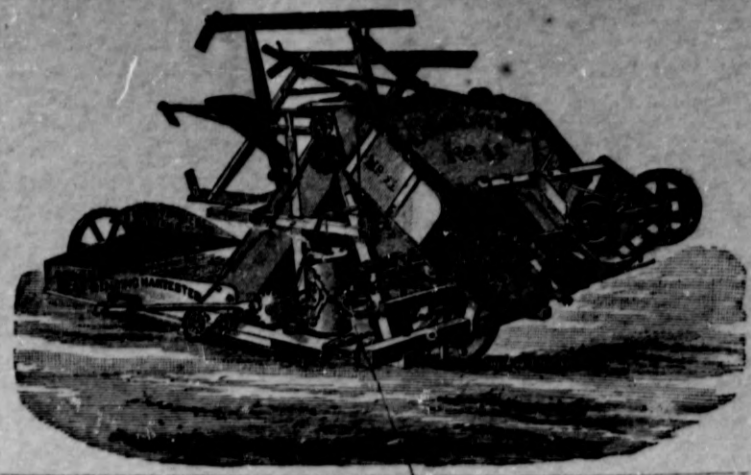
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HARVESTING
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Cheap and on Liberal Terms.
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The town trade is called to the fact that we have a Big Stock of Canned Goods of all kinds at Old Prices, Bought Before the rise.

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STAR.
Dick Cordwent was in town yesterday.
Christmas is coming, the happiest and costliest of the year—to some.
Tuesday and Wednesday were cold for a fact.
W. J. Taylor of Rough Creek was in town Monday.
W. R. McDermott came in from Houston on Saturday's train.
Mr. R. J. Harris and Mr. Morgan made us a pleasant call Saturday.
Mr. G. B. Loper was in with a load of cotton for the gin, last Thursday.
Frank Carmichael left Monday for Washington Territory on a prospecting tour.
Capt. J. L. Lea, J. E. Pace and several other boys were out sleigh riding last Thursday.
W. J. Maltby was in town Saturday. He promised to remember us when the melon season comes around.
Miss Gussie Lea returned Tuesday from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.
The usual excursion train for California passed through last Friday with 150 passengers. One of the lady passengers died at Abilene.
Dr. J. W. Wilson, Judge W. H. Chitt, D. Richardson, Judge B. R. Webb and J. A. Rashing went down as delegates from Baird to the Dallas Immigration convention on the 20th.

Mr. Sim McCoy, who unfortunately had his leg broken, is able to hobble around on a crutch.
Mr. John Bowyer, of Abilene, and a pair number ten rubber boots paid the STAR office a pleasant visit last Friday.
Mr. T. E. Powell informs us that he sold a good bill of goods this week to a customer who lives thirty-five miles south-east of Baird. The Baird merchants are working hard to increase the trade at this point, and we are glad to know that their efforts are being successful.
Tramps are becoming a positive nuisance about town. People all over town are being annoyed by them. They should be dealt with as vagrants. Arrest them and put them to cleaning up the streets or some other work, nothing will start the average tramp quicker than to threaten to put him to work.
Mr. R. A. Williams bought a lot of carpenter's tools from a tramp last Thursday. The night following, the tramp broke into the shop and got the tools he sold "Bob", and a good deal more and skipped out by the light of the moon, in a box car. He was captured at Colorado on telegrams sent from this place, and deputy sheriff Lambert and Bob Williams brought the truant in on the train Saturday and lodged him in jail. The festive gentleman will doubtless go into the carpenter business for the State for a term of years. "Bob" Williams recovered all his tools.

Mr. J. C. Rogers, of Tecumseh, was in town after a load of grain to-day.
Where is Jim Welch's delivery wagon? All the other barbers now run a delivery wagon in connection with their barber business.
Mr. Dowell, of the Virginia Ranch, Land and Cattle Co., had rather a serious mishap last Thursday. He borrowed a horse from Marion Blakley and started out to the ranch down in the pasture east of town, while riding at a rapid gait the horse jumped in to an old cistern. Marion Blakley with the assistance of a derrick pulled the horse out, and strange to say, neither Mr. Dowell or the horse received the slightest injury. It was a narrow escape.
If we do not have better times in Western Texas next year there is certainly nothing in the signs of the times. There is every indication that next year will be a good crop year all over the state. Thousands of immigrants will come seeking new homes. Cattle and stock of all kinds will likely advance in price, and business in every branch will improve. Should these predictions prove true, West Texas will have such a boom all along the line next year, as it has never had before. Put your ear near the ground and listen if there is any rumbling there. The boom is coming.

The weather is moderating.
W. L. Townsend, of Coleman City, is in town to-day.
Mr. G. B. Ely, the pumper at Clyde, called on us to-day.
Still they come. Several new comers in town this week.
The pay car arrived this morning and the railroad boys are happy.
Henry Lambert came into the office to-day with his hand all bunched up. On being asked the cause, he said the winter fights had opened up, and in trying to keep the peace, he had got rather the worst of the bargain.
Rev. W. E. Burke, who has been very low for some time with consumption, died to-day at 2:30, P. M. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved family. Funeral services at the Presbyterian church to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.
At a regular meeting of Callahan Lodge, 2871 K. of H. the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: N. H. Warren, D.; W. C. Whittley, V. D.; C. Estes, A. D.; J. W. Lane, Sreansrer; S. L. Ogle, Chaplain; H. Schwartz, Repr.; E. D. Foy, F. R.; B. R. Webb, Harry Meyer and C. Estes, Trustees.
We are authorized to announce that all persons will be permitted to put presents on the Baird Union Sunday School Christmas Tree, at the Stone church, whether they be members of the school or not. All are invited. By order of B. U. S. S.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Sunday school, of the Episcopal church, will take place at the Court house, on Wednesday 28th inst. at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. All are invited to present their Christmas gifts, through the medium of our tree. Deposit your gifts, properly labeled, with this committee of arrangements any member of who is authorized to receipt for same. The public invited to attend. Admission free.
Mrs. Gen'l. James,
" W. C. Powell,
" Harry Meyer,
" Otis Bowyer,
" H. E. Burks,
Miss Irene Kane,
Mr. F. H. Gartlisle,
" Chas Yonge,
" J. C. Lane,
" Jeff Buckles,
" A. A. Bell,
" P. B. Cross,
Committee.
A horse race on the program for Saturday on the Baird race course.

Live Stock Notes.
J. D. Merchant shipped four cars of cattle to Chicago last week.
J. A. Brakehill of Colorado City fed two cars cattle on 17th on way to New Orleans.
O. S. Marshall and J. M. Beezley shipped 6 cars of cattle to Hunt county on the 20th.
A. W. McFarland shipped six cars cattle to Muskogee, I. T., on the 20th.
Wm. Moore of Albany, was to receive about 700 head of yearlings near Belle Plain yesterday, put up by Ed. Seay and J. D. Merchant.
K. Elkins shipped some horses, to Colorado City, Tuesday.
C. Mann, Jas. Jackson and John Davidson, stockmen, were in town today.
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Santa Claus' Last Visit.

Santa Claus was tired, and no wonder, for it was Christmas Eve, and for him the busiest time in the whole year. Such journeys as he had taken through Europe and America! So many chimneys to scramble down! So many trees to trim! So many stockings to fill! Why, the dear old man was nearly fagged out! It was past midnight when he turned his reindeers homeward, and, as he reached the outskirts of a large town whose countless homes he had just visited, his attention was drawn toward an old, half-tumbled-down cabin that had hitherto thought unvisited.

sure, they're not always noticed. He has many kinds—tender thoughts, holy thoughts, benevolent thoughts, and thoughts of love, peace and reconciliation. He had just one of these thoughts left. It wasn't so very large, but it was strong and well made, and had little rootlets, so that it might grow larger, should it chance to fall in the right place.

On one of its clear crystal sides was the golden word "Charity," while all around it sparkled the sentence, "He that doeth it unto the least of these, doeth it unto me!"

"Well, I declare!" Santa exclaimed, as he turned it over and over in his great fur mitten. "It won't do the least bit of good to leave this for these poor people. Ho! I'll tell you what I'll do! I'll go back down the road to where old Squire Grindstone lives, and drop this thought right into his heart. Its a hard place for it to fall in, but perhaps it may grow; I've seen stranger things than that happen. Get up, Prancer! On, Dasher!"

Now, on this particular evening Squire Grindstone was in his library. He had been working up a law case and making notes for it, and one of his ponderous law books lay open on his knee. But it was late, he had studied long, the warmth and quietness made him drowsy; and so as he sat there, "Anson on Contracts" faded from his mind, and as luck would have it, just at that moment old Santa dropped the thought down the chimney into his heart.

Suddenly the Squire straightened himself up in his chair, and his grizzled brows contracted into a frown. "There's something I ought to have seen about to-day," he muttered to himself. "Peter tells me that a parcel of traps have moved into the old sump cabin. Didn't ask leave or license! If they expect to stay, they've got to pay rent, that's all. I shan't be imposed on that way! It's late, but somehow I feel rather restless, and I believe I'll take a walk over there. Like as not they're a pack of drunken good-for-nothings. Smoke, too, I'll be bound, and set the cabin afire, and I have 'at a bit of insurance on it!"

He rose, donned overcoat and muffler, and strode out in the frosty night. Everything around him was wrapped in a cold silence, but from the church tower, away down in the town, came faint, yet clear, the chiming ringing out the anthem—

"Joy to the world, the Lord has come! The sweet melody stirred the thought lying in the old man's heart, and it gave him a queer sensation.

"Hum!" he said to himself. "Twenty-fifth—Christmas eve! A jolly time for children! Wish we had some up at our house! Heigh ho! Thirty years ago yesterday that our little Guy died. If he'd lived, he'd been a man now—a fine one, too! How much happier my wife'd be if he were alive! Some times I wonder—but here I am!"

By this time he had reached the cabin, and was preparing to assume a very stern expression in anticipation of the sight he expected. But, as he cautiously peered through the curtained windows, it was no group of drunken revellers that he saw, but, instead, a mother, who, like Mary of old, lay on a bed of straw, with her little ones gathered around her. He saw it all—the bare room cheerless fire, wretched bed and empty cupboards; and the wan, white cheeks of the hunger-racked sleepers. And all the while the thought was growing, and sending out its tiny rootlets, and grasping the withered tendrils of his heart and giving them fresh life.

He caught too, in a few words from Maggie, moaned out in her cold, comfortless sleep—"Take pity, dear Lord! It's Christmas Eve!"

"Poor creatures," muttered the squire. "A woman and children! Dear me! I thought it was a pack of drunken roughs. Why, this'll never do! They'll freeze; they look half starved now. I must send 'em over some wood and coal, and get wife to pack up a basket of food. If they are going to stay here, this cabin's got to be fixed up. A poor woman and young ones! My stars! I must attend to it at soon as day-light comes. Glad I looked into the matter."

"Ha! ha! So am I," chuckled Santa Claus, who, wrapped in his invisible cloak, was watching near by. "Ha! ha! ha!" he chuckled again, I've stirred you up for once old Squire Grindstone. Wasn't it

lucky I had that thought left! But I must hurry up or Mrs. Claus'll give me a certain lecture for a present. Hi! Get up, Dasher! Away, Comet! Good night! Merry Christmas to all!"

Troops of the Rebellion.

The aggregate number of troops furnished the Federal side for all periods of service was 2,859,132. Reducing to a uniform three years' standard, the whole number enlisted amounted to 2,320,272. The number on the Confederate side was, it is said, about 600,000 men.—Chicago Express.

Santa Anna's Cork Leg.

Santa Anna's cork leg may be seen in the Patent office at Washington. The Mexican general and his leg parted company at the battle Cerro Gordo, where the pursuit was so hot that he hastily mounted a mule to affect an escape. The cork limb had been laid aside for the comfort of the general, who was riding in a carriage a short time before the capture. Two companies of the Fourth Illinois regiment were first at the carriage and a private secured the trophy. It was soon sold to other members of the same company for small sums and finally reached Pekin, Ill., where it was one of the features of the town. In 1862 the owners presented it to the United States authorities and it was deposited by Gen. McCook in the Patent office.—Chicago Express.

The Philadelphia Record, which has been doing battle for the right in the very stronghold of wrong, is made to rejoice by the President's bold challenge to the anthracite kings and other tariff monopolists. The Record says: "There have been 'brave men before Agamemnon,' but surely no President ever met the demands of a great occasion more ably and vigorously than President Cleveland has done in the message that was yesterday presented to Congress. The President's message is a platform on which may stand all the friends of revenue reform and good government, no matter what may have been their former party names and associations. With a giant's arm the President has lifted this great issue high above the murky atmosphere of partisanship and prejudice in which it has been obscured."—Fort Worth Gazette.

The decision of Judge Sabin, in the drummer case, is likely to precipitate a conflict of Federal and State authorities. The State officials enjoined by the Federal judge, are relying on the State courts for protection, and giving no heed to Judge Sabin's mandate. Comptroller McCall, has the statue for his guide and the decision of the Supreme Court of Texas for his protection, and these he will plead in defence should a conflict come involving his arrest for contempt. It is claimed by the State authorized that the Federal District Court had no jurisdiction and that its decree is a nullity. In view of the recent decision in the Virginia bond case, it seems to appear that Judge Sabin treated the State courts with too little consideration and trampled too far upon the doctrine of State sovereignty. The line must be drawn somewhere, and this decision probably offers the opportunity for a final test as to how far the Federal courts can interfere with state courts and State laws. Referring to the decision in the Virginia case, which involved the same principle, the Memphis Appeal pertinently remarks that "this timely and emphatic reassertion of the doctrine of State sovereignty puts an end to all this. Federal court judges, in the future will be as careful in avoiding encroachment upon the jurisdiction of State courts as they have been careless to the contrary in the past."—Waco Examiner.

State Taxes Soon Due.

[Austin Statesman.] The first of January is near at hand and the attention of all having property liable to taxation under the state laws are to the following paragraph from article 4746 of the new laws, that reads thus: "If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law until the first of January next succeeding the return of the assessment roll of the county to the Comptroller the collector of taxes shall by virtue of his tax roll seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property, belonging to such person, as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together with all costs accruing thereon." This new law compelling in fact the payment of two sets of taxes in one, and the same year coming at this time of general business depression, fails, and must fall very hard, upon all, not excluding some of our best fixed business people. But unfortunately it is the law; and must be enforced, and warning of impending trouble unless these taxes are soon paid, is thus and hereby given.

Don't forget Ogley's celebrated Baking Powder, guaranteed to be equal to Price's, Royal or any other. Try a can.

We are head quarters for stationery, pens and ink BAIRD DRUG CO.

Christmas in Pine Holler.

"Wal, I'll be gosh all swizzled an' eternally Hornkersogged of this haint pesky low mean an' cur'us!"

For two months Jed Simpkinson has been forcing a goose for Christmas. Forcing a goose is simply stuffing it, or, in other words, if the goose will not eat its fodder, the fodder must be forced down his throat. Under this peculiar process a goose will assume gigantic proportions, and have a liver as large as a boxing-glove. Of course it is cruel and not natural, but as Jed had only one goose, and wanted that goose to go as far as possible, it was excusable.

"I'll be goldermed if I don't have a goose in spite of 'em!" ejaculated he, as he rammed his fists into his pockets, and walked away from the empty goose pen in disgust. "Em in his case meant coons; coons meant colored people, and colored people meant niggers. Deacon Johnson and his large and growing family lived in the immediate neighborhood; hence it was easy for Jed to arrive at a possible conclusion concerning the disappearance of the prize goose.

When Christmas day dawned in its yearly splendor of tin trumpets, dauby taffy, good cheer and hot toddy, Jed went to his sister's house and ate his goose as every other bachelor should do who has a sister.

There was a sound of merriment in the Johnson household, and Jed's conscience pricked him as he wended his way towards the humble cabin with slow cautious steps.

"Am I doin' de proper caper! Ought I to spile all their fun? If I wasn't forcin' a goose an' they wasn't coons they would not have a Christmas goose. Gold dern it all! Now, if the deacon'd only come an' t'ole me as how he wanted a goose to sorter round up the day, why, I'd ha' done sum h'avin' among the n'yabors an' got him one. What I hate is the pesky underhand way the deacon took to skin me out'n my goose. I recon I'll finish up this job arter all."

Jed reached the rear side of the cabin and peeped in. The candle upon the table gave out a weak, sickly light and made the shadows dance in grotesque shapes along the patched ceiling and floor.

"Coons allers eats their goose arter dark. 'Cause why? 'Cause they does, that's all," softly murmured Jed as he climbed up the gently sloping roof and drew himself up by the side of 'he chimney.

The great big eye-balls of the young Johnsons stuck out like peeled onions as they ranged themselves around the festal board. The amicable, dusky old sponse with her greasy, shiny face oozing smiles of good cheer, stood at the head of the table, knife and fork poised in hand, waiting for the good deacon to finish his long-winded blessing ere she commenced a post-mortem onslaught upon the goose. And the deacon, he was the personification of awe and holy inspiration as he stood up with hands folded meekly over his vest, and face upturned:

"De good Lo'd an' Moses will buff witness dat I am an humble sinner, and not wuff noticin'. O, Lo'd I am a sinner, but dis yer goose—"

Thud! A brick fell down the chimney, sending a shower of coals out upon the floor.

"Massy sakes 'live, Johnning! It an wa'nin'. Flutter yo, selfs, children, and stamp out dese coals," cried the dusky sponse. After the coals were stamped out the black flock once more prepared for business.

"Notwithstandin' dat we hab al ready had a warnin', I ax de good Lo'd to sen' his angel Gabriel t'ertake my affidavit dat I tank Mistah Simpkinson fo' dis goose—"

Bang! Another brick.

"Hurry yo' pray'r, Johnsing, er de chillern won't hab no appetite fo' de blessed Christmas goose," cried Mrs Johnson, as she raised the knife.

"I am mos' frew, lub chillern, yo' jess keep yo' eyes 'pon the yarthquake while yo' fodder 'splains dis goose bizness to de good Lo'd. O, Lo'd, I seen de goose growin' fat an' stron' an' my poe' ole mouf did yearn fo' dat bird. I rassel 'gin de temptashun an' weep hot tears fo' rest; but de mo' I rassel de mo' I get weak. Den I took de goose—"

Bif! Another brick, followed

by a deep, ghostly voice cut short the good deacon's words.

"The goose is cursed." The knife and fork fell from Mrs. Johnson's hands. The children fell back and the deacon flopped down again on his knees and clapped his hands and begged for mercy from the just wrath of Heaven. Then all was silent for a few moments. A rap fell upon the door.

"Go, lub; I dasn't. P'raps it am de Debil!"

"Den yo' go yo' self. Deacons am good an' de Debil skip when de good man come."

"Lizy Jane, wou'd yo' please go?"

"Not fo' ten dollars, Deacon."

The deacon rose and went 't' the door. When he opened it he started back. Jed Simpkinson!

"I don't want to int'ruct you, deacon. I jess dropped in to say that I meant the goose for you. Good night, an' Merry Christmas."

"Glory to de Lo'd. Lub, cut in ter de bird, fo' de curse am riz."

And in short order the Christmas goose assumed the bare, bony form of a skeleton feast.—Ex.

Wit and Wisdom.

The most a rascal will do for a living is to "do" other people.—Pica-yune.

The haughty young lady can not deny that she is maid-en vain.—Merchant Traveler.

Stars are now looking for supports, and it is a wise precaution; for if the fall of the year.

The favorite hymn of the pious electrician—"I'm going home to dynamo."—Boston Transcript.

The man who essayed to "collect his thoughts" did not make a very large deposit at the bank.

A polite way of dunning a delinquent is to send him a bouquet of forget-me-nots.—Golden Days.

When two men start out with the understanding that they are to get full they decorate the town with ill-agree work.—Merchant Traveler.

Many of the car wheels now used are made of paper. Here's a chance for some more tall talking about paper circulation.—Yonkers Statesman.

An Irishman was asked for his marriage certificate. He lifted his hat, revealing a large scar on his head, evidently made by a flat iron. This evidence was to the point.—Ex.

If you look about you will see men who are wearing life away in feverish anxiety for fame, and the last we shall ever hear of them will be the funeral bells that toll them to their early graves.—Anon.

Jones—"Have you ever heard from your wife since she has been in the country?" Smith—"I got a (hic) letter this morning. She cautions me to be very careful about drinking (hic) ice water." Jones—"You are careful aren't you?" Smith—Very, (hic) very careful."

Political magnate (from the West, to waiter at Fifth avenue hotel)—"I say, I want a bottle of champagne, and be quick about it."

Waiter—"Dry, sir?"

Political magnate (very indignant). "Never you mind whether I'm dry; you bring that champagne."—Ex.

Hotel Clerk—"No, sir, we can't accommodate you. You have neither baggage nor money."

"I know I haven't, but I came to town in a freight car and there is considerable coal dust in my hair."

"Well, comb it out carefully and that'll do."—Nebraska State Journal.

Traveler (to negro)—"Will that dog bite? Doan know, sah; better come in an see. Dog ain't had much 'sperience. Traveler (gets over fence and dog bites him)—"You trifling rascal, you— Negro—Said dat I didn't know. Er yer axes me now I can tell yer. I l'vles dat he will sorter bite."—Arkansas Traveler.

"I should really like to write something that could be read after I am dead," said a literary man who had had little success with his recently published works.

"Well, what's the matter with your writing your will?" replied a friend.

"I see that it is read after you are gone."—Yonkers Statesman.

Judge—"Of course, you have an excuse ready." Prisoner—"I have, your honor. I was full, but it was for medical purposes. Whiskey is good for snake bites." Judge—"Were you bitten by a snake?" Prisoner—"No; but your honor, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Judge—"I see, I see. But you should have consulted yourself to the ounce. I fine you ten dollars for prescribing medicine without a diploma."

Manager of Opera—"Mr. Editor, your paper says that our company should be suppressed, that respectable people would not patronize it, and that the ballet is disgraceful! Yes, sir, and I can't retract a word I have said." "Who wants you?" "Here is twenty dollars and tickets for your family. When a man treats me white I appreciate it. Whooper up some more."—Nebraska State Journal.

A well known minister was sent to the South from New Jersey, to labor among the colored people. They received him with many demonstrations of joy, and at the first meeting which he held, one colored preacher prayed for him with great earnestness thus: "O, Lord, bless this here brudder what's come from de Norf to preach de gospel to us. Noint him wid de kerosene of salvashun and set him on fire.—Ex

It takes a heap of lodge-ice for a man to convince his wife that he had any business down town at that time of night.—Merchant Traveler.

Hon. C. Edwards Lester,

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