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BAIRD, TEXAS.

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**Cottonwood Items.**

EDITOR STAR: I write you to say that the Cottonwood country has had a little rain of late.

The new Christian Church has a meeting in progress now, conducted by Elder Burnett of Dallas. The result is fifteen additions to the congregation. The Liberty Baptist also are holding a meeting, conducted by Elder J. J. F. Lockhart from near Abilene. No conversions to date.

The general outlook for a good crop is splendid. Of course the

corn crop is assured. The cotton stalk is going to be too big. Nearly every one thinking it would be a dry year (Cottonwood being strictly a prohibition precinct) left their cotton two thick and should thin it out yet. Sorghum, maize and all forage crops are good. Fruit is rotting in the orchard for the want of a market.

When I am sent to the Legislature I intend as soon as I am seated to offer an amendment to the school laws of Texas to place in the hands of the County Superintendent the power to appoint all school teachers,

as he, in his position, should know the qualifications of every teacher in the county that has taught the past year. He should be better able to judge a teachers' ability to handle a certain school than the trustees of the school. It would be a saving of much expense to the teachers going here and there trying to secure a position. As a general thing trustees either can't or won't give a teacher an answer and keep him thinking for two or three months that he can get the school and after all they will employ some stranger with a big list of

names as a recommendation, which is usually given to help them get a position not knowing whether they are qualified or not. One objection to young teachers is their lack of experience, but all teachers must teach their first school. One other trouble is they all want men to teach. They forget that there are more women and girls teaching in the great State of Texas than men. It is just like it is on the farm. One girl is worth two boys on the farm. KALAMITY.

The above communication was received last week two late for publication.

Big rank weeds growing in the side streets right up to Main street in Baird looks bad to newcomers and prospectors. Could we not induce our city dads to mow the weeds in the main streets and allys in town? THE STAR man is not appealing for aid in this respect as he has cut the weeds around his premises both at home and the office; so have some others, but most of our side streets look like a wilderness. A prospector would be afraid to venture far from Market street lest he get lost. Let us harvest our crop of weeds.

## BED ROCK PRICE ON LUMBER

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"FAIR TREATMENT TO ALL"--OUR MOTTO.

## R. B. SPENCER & COMPANY

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BAIRD, TEXAS



"As I neared the shore, it was seen that on its black deck stood the admiral of the fleet, together with his staff. They were met at the landing by a deputation of officers, both civil and military, who escorted them to the fort. No one can depict the expressions, half surprise and half inquiry, which overspread the countenances of this insignificant invading force. A party of less than ten men without arms was actually accomplishing the most remarkable conquest in all history.

"At the entrance to this city of masonry and steel, equipped with silent monsters of warfare, embodying all the latest and most formidable instruments of offense and defense, built to withstand the onslaught of the combined navies and armies of the world, stood the sullen, shamefaced officers of the vanquished garrison, the gilt of their full dress uniforms untarnished by powder or smoke, and shining garishly in a midday sun. There, drawn up in line, were men who would have fought to death and gone exultantly out into another world rather than face the disgrace which had been heaped upon them by an unworthy clique of superiors in office.

"The Japanese admiral advanced to the sacrificed but not defeated general and extended his hand, offering the commonplace courtesies of the day. There was no need of an interpreter, the head of the victorious force speaking the English he had learned at the United States Naval academy, in which he had been educated.

"Am I right, sir," he said, "in construing that white flag you raised as a sign of truce? And if that is so, I should like to be informed as to why at the same time you lowered the United States flag from the peak?"

"The general, choked with mortification, hesitated for a moment, and then found himself unable to express his relinquishment in words. He slowly withdrew his sword from its belt hooks, and held it, hilt foremost, toward the admiral, who seemed unable to realize that it was tendered in surrender. There was a moment's silence, in which he looked down at that trusty old blade of steel, never before dishonored by a conqueror's hand. He glanced inquiringly at his fellow countrymen, and then at the others, as if questioning their sanity.

"I regret to say, sir," the general answered, "that the flag was raised in surrender not only of this fortification, but of all military forces on the islands."

"The admiral gave a quick start of surprise and jubilation as the significance of this unexpected action dawned upon him.

"The total surrender of the Philippines?" he questioned, as if it was beyond comprehension that without further effort this island kingdom of the sea was tranquilly to be turned over to the first enemy who battered a challenge on its gates.

"The general, beyond words, nodded in confirmation. In a few quickly spoken sentences the admiral translated the details of the conversation to his compatriots.

"Goaded by the sneers and satirical exclamations with which this was greeted, the general broke into a sudden blaze of wrath, shook a clenched fist under the admiral's very nose, and in white heat exclaimed: 'Yes, it comes easy; but it's no fault of mine!'



They Ran Aloft the Rising Sun Emblem of Japan.

I'm obeying orders. If I had my way I'd have seen you in hell before this

happened. I would, so help me God!"

"As a signal to the waiting fleet, they ran aloft the rising sun emblem of Japan, while the discomfited officers of the United States retired to the barracks for the almost hopeless attempt of explaining the situation to the puzzled garrison. These were soldier like, quick moving, wiry men from the west, proud of their country and their crops, and were of the kind that could not understand dishonor through mere obedience to higher orders. They stormed and swore, and for a time it seemed that mutiny would spread throughout the fortress, man the great guns, tear down the flag of Japan and send hurtling masses of defiant steel out into the ranks of that force which had come upon them in a night and won an unearned victory. But they, too, were creatures of discipline, and in the end reluctantly accepted fate.

"The great armada slowly gathered way and crept forward almost beneath the towering walls of the silent forts. Boat after boat brought its load of marines ashore and discharged them on ground which in other wars had been stained with the blood of valorous men. Here on these beaches had stepped the armies of old Spain, coming as pioneers to battle with savage foemen. In former years the waters of this bay on another day in May had floated the vessels of brave Dewey's fleet, had rocked and quivered beneath the impact of his guns, and witnessed the raising of his victorious flag over the smoldering ramparts. And with such a history of glory behind it, the moon on this night rose over a land silent, conquered, and abandoned, as if it was of no more value than a tiny pebble cast into a tropical sea."

#### CHAPTER IV. The Harness of War.

A breath of summer swept over the land, giving promise of wealth of bloom and prodigality of harvest; but the plow stood idle and rusted in the waiting fields, the meadows went unshorn, and the crops, in which lay the riches of peace, unplanted. Everywhere was the growing din of anarchy and the stern clangor of war. A people who had never tamely bowed a head beneath a yoke, nor rebelled at just ruling, found themselves distraught in the whirling current of unreasonable tides which carried them out to they knew not what.

A tame yielding of territory over which their flag had once flown, an equally passive surrender of islands which had come to them of their own volition, seeking in the spread of the eagle's wings the shadows of security, and, last of all, as a crowning climax of folly, the sending of warships to neutral ports! From east to west, as the oceans run, from the border line of the north to that of the south, there swept over the great waiting nation a call to arms. No dam built by mortal man could have stemmed that rising tide of indignation save the one that was erected by the administration in the hours of its stress. News of it came unheralded as had all the ominous stories preceding it.

Even at the moment when an overthrow of the governing power at Washington seemed imminent, there flashed across the wires from governor to governor the quick and insistent demand for fighting men. In every armory was heard the resounding clash of rifles. A hundred thousand men, drilled for the emergencies of a country's need, sprang to their weapons like tensely strung warriors of old awaiting the pretor's command to charge. A country, which through days of defeat had seemingly slept, sprang into the harness of strife, as if electrified by the God of Battles. Simultaneously with the ordering out of all National Guardsmen and a further call for volunteers, which received instant response, every railway traversing the country was requisitioned by the war department.

Yet, in all this turmoil the destination of this suddenly mobilized and splendidly powerful army remained a secret. In vain the press of the country and its most influential citizens demanded knowledge; but not till the day when from all directions swarms of armed men sallied forth, was this information given. And as if blackened by a scourge of locusts, the Canadas awakened one morning to find that along 3,000 miles of border land were spread a line of soldiers, the most singular line of repulse ever stretched between nations. It was one of excommunication.

Not even the commanding officers as they took their stations knew the whys or wherefores of this most remarkable move, although their instructions were of the simplest, and were that under no circumstances were there to be acts of unfriendliness nor, even under provocation, movements of aggression. They were to stand as an insurmountable barrier between the United States and the dominion, prohibiting traffic, passage, and communication, and nothing more. No man might cross the border, and wires, which in days of peace carried from one country to another the news of the day, were cut and torn from their poles as if no further word might ever be transmitted through them.

Nor was this all. Wherever a cable touched on all the outer edges of this great land might be found soldiers in charge. Wireless telegraph stations were abruptly closed, prohibiting the use even of the air itself. Proclamations were issued, that instructions had been given for the perforation of any airships attempting outside communication, and the penalty of instant death was threatened any aeronaut who disobeyed this command.

From every seaport vessels of all nations, friendly or unfriendly, were summarily excluded. Protests from captains and from companies were ignored. The United States was suddenly blockading not only its own means of communication, but sealing its ports as well. No message might be carried in or out, and, as if fearing also for its southern border line, the soldiers of the regular army were placed there. The vessels of the navy which were in the home waters of the Atlantic were put on patrol duty, steaming up and down the eastern coast with the regularity of policemen on their beats. To the world at large the United States of America might never have been. The fabled Atlantis of old could have disappeared no more completely nor been cut off more effectually from intercourse with outside mankind than was the great American nation.

Whatever criticism and surprise had been caused among other powers by the abandonment of the Philippines and the Hawaiian islands was outdone by this latest move. Never before in the world's history had a nation enforced complete isolation upon itself, withdrawing within its shell as does a turtle when assailed. Hitherto it had been the custom of a people attacked to maintain an outward seeming of uninterrupted commerce and unimpeded communication. No modern government had yet had the temerity to shut its ports to friendly nations, scorn intercourse with them, and trust to its own resources for support and maintenance. Protests from friendly powers were unheeded or unavailing, because after a few days there was no possibility of conveying such remonstrance to the officials at Washington.

In the capital itself representatives of foreign nations, hearing of this embargo on the ports, stood upon their rights and demanded either their dismissal or the free and uninterrupted passage of their communications. Some of the more importunate ones were politely told that they might take their departure at any time they deemed fit; but were given warning that it must be within 48 hours or they would not be permitted to pass the border line. These discomfited diplomats either hastened to the nearest harbor, embarking upon the last steamer leaving, or chose to remain within the country.

The maritime nations of Europe, aghast at what they termed the insolence of the United States, discussed means of bringing her to book and compelling her to open her roadsteads; but found a lack of unanimity as to method. Great Britain, jealous of Germany, but fearing a swift onslaught from the kaiser's realm, hesitated to take the initiative and thus leave her own coasts exposed to attack. France, with the memory of an earlier war, remained passive. Russia, smarting under the recollection of her own defeat, refused to take any steps which directly or indirectly might aid Japan. And the smaller nations awaited a leader.

England was placed in the most peculiar and trying position of all. The last official utterance of the United States to a foreign power had been to her, in the positive assertion that, come what might, she of all nations need have no fear of being embroiled, and that under no circumstances need she apprehend war with America.

The English ambassador, who was one of the last to take timely advantage of his opportunity and seek a temporary residence in Montreal, tabled his country a frank admission that the policy of the United States was completely beyond his comprehension, and that whatever of the situation might be known from personal observation would be explained by his secretary, Guy Hillier, due at any moment in London. The ears of Europe were therefore open for such communications as might be imparted by this young man, who for the moment became of paramount importance. Thus it was that Hillier, arriving at

the Liverpool docks, found himself the center of all interest. A swarm of newspaper correspondents, more or less distinguished in their profession, sought interviews; but, warned in advance by wireless telegraph, he declined all conversation. The wharf was black with people, who anxiously craned their necks to catch sight of the man who was expected to elucidate the greatest mystery of the age. A guard of constables formed a hollow square round him and forced their way up the long, tunnel-like shed leading to the train which was to convey him to London.

When he had gained his seat in a compartment reserved for his use, and the train whirled away past neatly-walled farms, prosperous villages and great cities, he wondered at the strange trend of events which had thrown him so prominently into the foreground. He smiled in irony as he reviewed his own actual knowledge of the situation, and realized how little he had in the way of information in comparison with what he was expected to divulge.

At Euston station he was escorted to a carriage, and whistled a soft note of surprise as he recognized on the panels the prime minister's coat of arms. Plainly he was to be subjected to what in America he had heard called the "Third Degree." Surreptitious nods were interchanged by a crowd of loungers, and such comments as "That's him!" and "E's the bloke w'ats goin' to tell us about it!" floated to him as the footman slammed the door behind, mounted the box and whipped the team into a gallop.

He was ushered into the sacred precincts of the prime minister's private chamber, and found awaiting not only that important person but the foreign secretary, and a lord of the admiralty as well. The ponderously sealed packet from his ambassador was torn open and read aloud. It contained the following startling statement from his perturbed and irate superior:

"I have the honor to inform your lordship that I am in a country evidently inhabited by maniacs. I have painstakingly sought a logical explanation for the acts of this government, and frankly admit that I am unable to understand either its attitude toward his majesty's government, its proposed plan of campaign, or what the effect of this war will be upon other nations I have been persistently refused any intimation as to what has taken place or is intended. In a personal interview with his excellency, the president of the United States, I have been positively informed that his country will under no circumstances permit any demonstration against Great Britain, but that it may become necessary to suspend intercourse for a time. I cannot tell what is meant by this, nor would he give me further information. The attitude of the administration, backed up by congress, is that of supreme egotism and self-sufficiency, despite the position taken by the people and the press, as shown in newspapers which are sent herewith. In view of the uncertainty of the situation, the enigma presented by the United States government's attitude, and the threat that within 48 hours all exchange of communication will be suspended, I deem it wise to suggest that his majesty hold himself in readiness to make an overpowering naval demonstration in these or Canadian waters, if need should arise. I am sending this by my secretary, who can answer any questions of a more pertinent nature as well as I could."

The letter, written in the crabbed hand of the ambassador, was slowly read aloud, those present straining their hearing that no word might be lost, and at its conclusion they sat dumfounded.

"You were there, I believe," said the prime minister, slowly swinging back and forth in his swivel chair, and addressing the secretary, "when the news of the surrender of the Philippines was received?"

"Yes, your lordship."

"What excuse had the government to make for such unwarranted action?"

"None whatever."

"Do you mean to say that they suffered without protest or defense the surrender of a fortification which cost millions of pounds, was adequately equipped and able to repel successfully the attack of such a fleet as Japan sent against it?"

"Yes, they even accepted it complacently."

From round the room came murmurs of amazement, while the rustle of newspapers showed the anxiety of those present to glean what information they could be perusal. Losing their phlegmatic air of self-possession and casting official dignity to the winds they bombarded Hillier with questions, which in the main he was unable to answer. The voice of the stately lord of the admiralty rose above the others in a sudden, insistent petulant question.

"Do you know anything else worth while?" he asked.

"No," answered Hillier, "I have no knowledge other than that which I have given to you, which in itself was gathered elsewhere than from an absolutely silent and secretive gov-

ernment. The prime minister, as if recognizing their informant's plight, in a friendly tone of voice said: "Mr. Hillier, I presume you are tired after your journey and would like to rest before any further discussion of this subject. I would suggest that you go to your chambers and return here tomorrow."

"What sense is there in his returning?" came the angry question of the lord of the admiralty, as the secretary bowed himself out of the room. "He doesn't even know, I presume, that Japan is already sending every available ship she has against the western coast of America as fast as steam will carry it."

Sending an invading fleet against an apparently passive country in some part of which was the woman he loved! This thought reiterated itself through Guy's mind as he passed down the corridor and out into the din and movement of the street. Where could she be now, he wondered, and what of her father? Insane, perhaps, and incapable of offering her protection of which she would stand so sadly in need in case of Japanese success. The words of a letter which he carried in his pocket, and which to him was of more importance than the dispatches he delivered, constantly recurred to him:

"It is always within the realms of possibility, when war is on a land, that friends may never meet again. If such should be our case, I pray that you will remember this, even up to the last—I loved you."

In the dusk of early evening an army of countless men and women hurrying to the trams, the tubes and the buses, swept past him ignorant of his misery. What was war to them in a country thousands of miles across a sea and in which perhaps there was none bound to them by ties of affection? The United States might isolate itself by sea and infringe itself behind cordons of soldiers; but he would go back! Yes, he would find a way to pass all their barriers and gain the side of the woman who merited his protection through her avowed love, and in this, her hour of need, seemed crying out to him across the uttermost spaces of the world, beseeching him to return—only to return!

#### CHAPTER V. In Secret Paths.

Nippon, the home of the Samurai, in her adoption of newer methods, had not permitted her secret service department to remain in ancient form. Modeled on those lines which had made the intelligence bureau of Russia one of the most effective in the entire world, and profiting by the publicity given to nearly every movement of importance in the United States, she was minutely informed of all that had been and was taking place in the country she hoped to overcome. She had depended upon this knowledge as a valued factor for the subjugation of the American colossus, not foreseeing that a country capable of closing its doors to the world would also find means to circumvent foreign agents. To the last minute she relied upon her emissaries in nearly all the larger cities of America under the direction of Count Seigo.

Away back in the time of the Tokugawa Shogunate, when the almost invincible leader Seigo was an idol to the youth of Satsuma to be toppled over only in the civil war of 1877, his son was being educated in a leading American university. The downfall of the father practically exiled the lad in the United States until family and political influence had time to reassert itself, when by progressive steps he gained the good graces of his government and was given responsible positions in affairs of state. His knowledge of the American political situation was complete and accurate, and no man was better informed on the strength and weakness of the republic.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

#### NOTICE.

I will pay \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of stealing any horses, mules or cattle belonging to any citizen of Callahan County.

2-tf T. A. IRVIN, Sheriff.

If you have a bicycle, sewing machine, graphophone, gun, pistol, typewriter or anything in that line that needs repairs bring it to us. Baird Machine Co., Harry Berry, Mgr. 25-tf

Men's Oxfords at prices never before heard of at H. Schwartz, 33-tf

Good four room house, situated on front street about three blocks west of Hotel Seay, for rent by 32tf The Baird Lumber Co.

## CHAFIN HEADS TICKET.

### Prohibitionists Nominate Him as Presidential Candidate.

### WATKINS RUNNING MATE.

Rev. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis a Close Second For First Place, Nominated as Vice Presidential Candidate, but Declined the Honor.

The Prohibition national convention was called to order at Columbus, O., by Chairman Jones of the national committee.

R. H. Patton of Illinois, introduced as temporary chairman, vigorously denounced Taft and Bryan and the old political parties.

Charles Scanlon of Pittsburg was permanent chairman.

For president, Eugene W. Chafin, Chicago.

For vice president, Aaron S. Watkins, Ada, O.

The above ticket was nominated by the Prohibitionist national convention, both men being chosen unanimously. The full endorsement of the convention was not, however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken. On the first two ballots Mr. Chafin did not show a great amount of strength, receiving but 195 out of 1,983 votes on the first, and 376 out of 1,987 on the second ballot. His nomination was practically assured, however, when the roll call began for the third ballot. His own state, which had voted largely for Daniel R. Sheen of Peoria, and the New York delegation, followed by those of Indiana and Wisconsin, came over to Mr. Chafin, and on the third ballot he received a total of 636 votes.

The strongest competitor of Mr. Chafin was Rev. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis, who received 274 votes on the first ballot and 418 on the second, and a comparatively small vote after it was evident that the nomination of Mr. Chafin could not be prevented. The convention up to this time had run smoothly, and without the slightest friction. It was decided to make Mr. Palmore the vice presidential nominee, and he was named by acclamation. He declined to accept the office, however, and persisted in his attitude despite the strong urging of his friends.

The convention, finding itself confronted with the necessity of naming another vice presidential candidate, and many of the delegates being anxious to catch the early night trains for their homes, became involved in a deep parliamentary tangle.

The rules were several times suspended, and the suspensions immediately revoked. Finally it was decided that Professor Aaron S. Watkins of Ada, O., should be named by acclamation. There was no opposition to him at the moment, and Chairman Charles Scanlon was on the verge of declaring Professor Watkins the nominee, when delegates from various parts of the hall broke in with a flood of motions, counter-motions, amendments and suspensions of the rules. An extended debate followed, which finally resulted in the restoration of the rules and a ballot for the vice presidency. Three men were named, Professor Watkins, T. B. Damaree of Kentucky and Charles S. Holter of Indiana. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Professor Holter of Indiana. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Prof. Watkins by an overwhelming majority, and he was immediately thereafter, upon motion of the Kentucky delegates, made the unanimous choice of the convention.

Both the presidential and vice presidential nominees are candidates for governor in their respective states on the Prohibition ticket.

Eugene W. Chafin, who heads, is a native of Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and for some years practiced law there. He was at one time candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the Prohibition ticket, and was this year placed in the running for the same position in Illinois.

The platform is probably the shortest on record, containing about 500 words.

When nominations for president were called for J. H. Woertendyke of Los Angeles presented the name of F. F. Wheeler of Riverside, Ca.

Colorado yielded to Texas, and Charles S. Pierce of the latter state placed in nomination Rev. J. E. Cranfill of Dallas. The mention of Dr. Cranfill's name was received with much applause, as was the statement of Mr. Pierce that his candidate had done much for the cause of Prohibition in the south.

I. L. Pickett of Kentucky named Rev. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis.

A. G. Wolbenberger of Nebraska offered the name of E. W. Chafin of Chicago.

A. L. Manierre of New York was named by Dr. C. H. Meade of that state.

"North Carolina," called the clerk. "North Carolina yields to the District of Columbia," came the reply, and a cheer went up as Mrs. Carry A. Nation, who represented the District, was seen making her way to the platform. She declared at the outset that the candidate must be a man who does not use tobacco, as well as one who is a Prohibitionist. She named no candidate, and was finally called to

order and forced to conclude abruptly.

Seconding speeches were made, W. C. Swingle of Texas making final remarks for Dr. Cranfill.

The ballot resulted: Wheeler, 72; Cranfill, 28; Sheen, 184; Palmore, 273; Tracy, 195; Chafin, 193; Manierre, 103; O. W. Stewart, 61; G. R. Stewart, 7; Scanlon, 1.

Dr. Cranfill arose and withdrew in favor of Palmore.

The second ballot was without result.

The third ballot resulted: Chafin, 636; Palmore, 415; Tracy, 7; Manierre, 4; Sheen, 12.

Dr. Palmore immediately made a motion declaring the nomination unanimous, and it was carried with a cheer.

#### Platform.

The Prohibition party of the United States, assembled in convention at Columbus, O., expressing gratitude to Almighty God for the victories of our principles in the past, for encouragement at present and for confidence of early and triumphant success in the future, makes the following declaration of principles and pledges their enactment into law when placed in power:

One—The submission by congress to the several states of an amendment to the Federal constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation or transportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes.

Two—The immediate prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes in the District of Columbia, in the territories and all places over which the national government has jurisdiction; the repeal of the internal revenue tax on alcoholic liquors and prohibition of the interstate traffic therein.

Three—The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Four—Equitable graduated income and inheritance taxes.

Five—The establishment of postal savings banks and the guaranty of deposits in banks.

Six—The regulation of all corporations doing an interstate commerce business.

Seven—The creation of a permanent tariff commission.

Eight—The strict enforcement of law instead of the official intolerance and practical license of the social evil, which prevails in many of our cities, with its unspeakable traffic in girls.

Nine—Uniform marriage and divorce laws.

Ten—An equitable and constitutional employers' liability act.

Eleven—Court reviews of postoffice department decisions.

Twelve—The prohibition of child labor in mines, workshops and factories.

Thirteen—Legislation basing suffrage only upon intelligence and ability to read and write the English language.

Fourteen—The preservation of the mineral and forest resources of the country and the improvement of the highways and waterways.

Believing in the righteousness of our cause and the final triumph of our principles, and convinced of the unwillingness of the Republican and Democratic parties to deal with these issues, we invite to full party fellowship all citizens who are with us agreed.

#### Triplets Pass Away.

In the Lutheran cemetery at Newton, N. Y., Adolph Liepold's companions have dug graves and three coffins were lowered into the graves side by side. They were Liepold's three children, triplets who died, one after the other, within a period of three days. Three little granite slabs will be set up.

The father of the three dead children is a gardener in the cemetery. With his wife, Elizabeth, he lives at Middleville. The children were born on Jan. 19.

The heat of the last few days made all of them ill. Olga died on Tuesday, Wilhelmina died a day later and Thursday morning Fredrica breathed her last.

When Liepold goes back to work in the cemetery it will fall to his lot to keep the graves of his three children green, as they are buried in that part of the cemetery.

#### Large Contract.

Largest contract got by San Antonio for outside work is that of paving the streets of Havana, Cuba, with asphalt, which calls for \$11,000,000, and which has been awarded to the Uvalde Asphalt company, of which J. H. Briggs of this city is the president. The work is to begin in ninety days.

"When the people read about you getting a \$11,000,000 contract they at once get it into their heads that there is a job for about \$10,000 a year waiting for them," says Mr. Briggs. "Why, you have no idea how many people there are ready to tell you how to do the job and offer advice. Mr. Briggs will employ no labor at San Antonio.

#### Romance Behind Suicide.

At Chicago behind the recent suicide of Lillian Watkins, the theosophist, a romance, blighted by "curse of blood," has developed. It was supposed

the girl was an East Indian baby. Her mother worked and gave her a good education. The couple separated so the girl could mingle with white people. Lillian became engaged to Thomas Kennedy. When the girl told her secret Kennedy left her, and married another girl. Two weeks ago Kennedy suicided, leaving Lillian \$15,000. The coroner's jury found Lillian killed herself because of despondency over Kennedy's death.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION

### —OF THE— FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD.

At Baird, in the State of Texas, at the close of business July 15, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$141,421 07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,892 66
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,000 00
Stocks, Securities, Etc.	
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,614 90
Other real estate owned	5,300 22
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	1,633 77
Due from State Banks and Bankers	494 44
Due from approved reserve agents	9,347 60
Checks and other cash items	305 81
Notes of other National Banks	812 00
Exchanges for clearing house	
Frac't'l paper cur'cy nickels and cts.	92 55
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	5,951 00
Legal-tender notes	6,000 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	450 00
Due from U S Treas'r, other than 5 per ct. redemption fund	
Total	\$210,316 13

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus Fund	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	679 24
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000 00
Due to other National Banks	70 12
Due to State Banks and Bankers	299 79
Due to approved reserve agents	
Rent Account	
Dividends unpaid	120 00
Individual deposits subject to check	92,004 90
Demand certificates of deposit	
Time certificate of deposit	11,406 58
Certified Checks	
Cashier's checks outstanding	942 72
Notes and bills re-discounted	11,602 78
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	17,300 00
Liabilities other than those above stated	
Total	\$210,316 13

STATE OF TEXAS, } ss.  
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN, }  
I, B. L. RUSSELL, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1908.  
W. H. CLIBETT,  
Notary Public, Callahan county, Texas  
CORRECT—Attest:  
HENRY JAMES, } Directors.  
J. B. STOKES }  
ED. S. HUGHES }

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION

### —OF THE— HOME NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD

At Baird, in the State of Texas at the close of business, July 15, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$122,988 37
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	17,889 74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	330 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	17,928 65
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	5,776 01
Due from State banks and bankers	
Due from approved reserve agents	3,370 08
Checks and other cash items	815 13
Notes of other National Banks	1,165 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	364 90
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$15,829 00
Legal-tender notes	4,000 00
U. S. Certif's of Deposit for legal tenders	19,829 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	225 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per ct. circulation	
Total	211,681 85

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus Fund	7,500 00
Undivided profits	768 02
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Due to other National Banks	3,262 58
Due to State banks and bankers	
Due to Approved reserve agents	
Dividends unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check	89,669 77
Time certificate of deposit	13,481 48
Cashier's checks outstanding	
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	34,500 00
Notes and bills re-discounted	
Total	211,681 85

STATE OF TEXAS, } ss.  
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN, }  
I, T. E. POWELL, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1908.  
W. H. CLIBETT,  
Notary Public Callahan Co., Texas  
CORRECT—Attest:  
H. W. ROSS, } Directors.  
S. L. DRISKILL }  
HARRY MEYER }

See L. L. Blackburn for Fire, Tornado and Hail Insurance. 32-4

Here's where prices take a tumble  
H. Schwartz. 33-1f.

Go to Boydston's and get some of those cheap lawns 32-1f

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Give us a trial we will appreciate your order and will deliver your goods promptly to any part of city.

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Hill & Hill,—bonded—per gallon	\$5.00
Casco,—bonded—per gallon	4.50
Guckenheimer,—bonded—per gallon	5.50
Dixie Rye,—case goods—per gallon	4.00
Bond & Lillard—case goods—per gallon	4.00
McBrayer—case goods—per gallon	4.00
Mellwood—case goods—per gallon	4.00
Texas Club—case goods—per gallon	4.00
International—barrell goods—per gallon	4.00
International—case goods—per quart	1.25

All original packages. Money must accompany all orders, and they will have prompt attention.

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## HALSTED BROS.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1908

Entered at the postoffice at Baird, Tex., as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,  
Editor and Proprietor.

**Subscription Rates.**

One year.....\$1.00  
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The election of Williams will be the finest vindication of the Terrell election law that could happen.

The primary next Saturday, especially for governor and attorney-general promises to be about as warm as ever pulled off in Texas. Let every democrat vote.

The primary Saturday and all the fun for this year, in Texas, will be over and after we have explained how Campbell failed to come again; or how the Cumby blacksmith failed to hammer his way in, or this or that candidate failed to land, we can get down to business and cut down some of the gigantic weeds in our streets.

We publish in this issue an extract from a circular issued by Attorney General Davidson. Read it, ponder and think over it. The time is too short to attempt to refute all the slanders circulated against Judge Davidson. In the battle for principles, right, law and justice men count for naught, principle everything. There is without doubt one of the deepest laid plots ever concocted in this State by the trusts and combines to overthrow Davidson and put in his place a man who it is believed will let these pirates alone. If the people could see and realize what is going on behind the scenes in Texas today to down a faithful officer, Dick Wynne would not carry a county in Texas; but the people do not realize the fight being made against their own interest. With a great show of loyalty to the people some of the leading daily papers of Texas are seeking to nullify the anti-trust laws of this State. If successful it means that the Waters-Pierce Oil Company will go scott free. Henry Clay Pierce, a fugitive from Texas justice, will never be convicted. The stakes are high, and no doubt money is being spent like water to accomplish Davidson's defeat. The trusts don't want him. As evidence of this, every representative of these combines are fighting Davidson. THE STAR does not charge that Dick Wynne has made any deal with the outfit because we do not know, but we do know that every leading attorney for the trusts in Texas are for Wynne and against Davidson, and many of them are making speeches for Wynne, also Campbell. John Henry Kirby, the millionaire lumberman and reputed head of the Lumber Trust in Texas, is campaigning for Wynne and bitterly denouncing Davidson every day in his paper, the Austin Statesman. If Wynne is elected he will owe his election to the assistance of such men as Kirby, and it is reasonable to suppose that his official acts will to some extent, at least, be influenced by them. This means that the trusts will have no trouble from the attorney-general for the next two years. Who is Kirby? He is as before stated, one of the wealthiest lumbermen in Texas, the friend and associate in business with Henry Clay Pierce. He is also the bondsman for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. It is easy to see why he wants a friend in the attorney general's office because in the course of a year or two that oil case will be decided and Kirby might need a friend in that office badly to escape liability on that bond. Do you want such a combination as this to control the politics of Texas? No you don't. Then vote for Davidson.

Remember that old Confederate, W. L. Davidson, for Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals. He is an able conscientious judge and deserves re-election. Some of the pro leaders have marked him for defeat because he did not always decide according to their views, but all concede his honesty, integrity and ability. He ought to be re-elected by the largest majority ever given a judge of our higher courts.

The streets belong to the town and the town authorities should cut out the weeds and require property owners to clear the side-walks. Is there not some law to require property owners to build side-walks in the resident district? If not, can't one be passed? Not expensive walks, but a reasonable amount of sand and gravel at a few dollars cost to each property owner would make a wonderful improvement. It is useless for a property owner here and there to build side walks when his neighbors will not spend a nickel to even cut the weeds down along side or in front of their property. We want a united effort on side walk improvement, and nothing but law will do it. Appeals to city pride count for but little, as past experience shows. Wake up! Have't you all slept long enough?

The Attorney-Generals' fight is not between Davidson and Wynne, it is a fight of the Standard Oil and kindred interests to defeat Davidson just as they defeated Attorney-General Morrett in Ohio, and for the same reason. Both have prosecuted the Standard Oil Company or some branch of that trust. The people of Texas will not likely permit a faithful official sacrificed to satisfy the Standard Oil Company as Ohio did, and probably Ohio would not permit it now since the piratical practice of the Standard Oil Co has become a National scandal by its infernal practice, and bribery of politicians who sell themselves to serve the devil in the form of these corporations. Dick Wynne has already said he would not use the evidence furnished by Gruett in the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. case. If Wynne is elected and the Supreme Court should reverse the Waters-Pierce Oil case this means that the Company will escape the payment of that fine entirely, because without the evidence furnished by Gruett it will be impossible to convict the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. Do you want to elect a man who will allow this Trust Company to escape because he is so prejudiced against the present Attorney General that he will not use the only testimony available to convict the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., which has for ten years rode rough shod over the laws of Texas? If you don't then vote for Davidson, the man who has incurred the wrath of the Standard Oil and kindred trusts because of his successful prosecution of a branch of the Standard Oil Trust, is the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

Honestly now man to man what did Tom Campbell ever do to entitle him to election in the first place? A corporation lawyer and lobbyist, made his fortune out of the railroads; lost his job; turned against the corporation and has a nightmare everytime a corporation is mentioned. He promised to exempt the homestead from taxes, yet he increased the taxes on same. He promised an economical administration yet his administration is the most extravagant in the history of Texas. More new offices have been created under his administration than all the administrations combined from Culbertson to Campbell. It is a fight between the tax-eaters and tax-payers, as lots of people see it and that is why the people are turning to Williams, a man too poor to spend sixteen dollars much less sixteen thousand dollars like Campbell to be elected governor,

**DAVIDSON SCORES HIS ENEMIES.**

"Any ruffian can indulge in slander, falsehood and vulgarity. A campaign of abuse unsupported by justice, truth and reason is one that appeals to hate and passion, and must necessarily fail.

In my Corsicana speech I pointed out to you the conspiracy between the Standard Oil Company, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the Kirby Lumber Company, to capture and control this department of government.

My opponent proclaims that it is his proud boast that he never went back on a friend.

His friend, John Henry Kirby, is now on the stump for him. Kirby owns the Austin Statesman, a sheet that is a disgrace to Texas journalism and wholly without influence in the city of its publication. It is a common saying in Austin that "If you see it in the Statesman, you know it ain't so."

I have pointed out to you how these combinations are dominating the industrial life of Texas. They are not friends of the wealth producers of this State. I have challenged their right to plunder the people, and they have ordered my political destruction.

The laws are made for your protection; if they are not enforced, you are at their mercy; in giving battle to the monopolies and enforcing these laws, I am fighting your battles and seeking to protect your industry from those who would despoil you. This is why I am so viciously assaulted. They searched my official record; they saw suit after suit tried and won; they saw that out of all the cases tried in the Supreme Court of the United States I have lost but one, and then by a divided Court standing 5 to 4; that I had filed a motion for a rehearing in that case.

They saw that I had collected in fines and penalties enough to pay the entire cost of this department since I have been at its head, and have a judgment pending that will run it free from cost to the tax-payers for forty years to come.

They saw that my record compared favorably with that of all my predecessors, and could not be truthfully assailed. They then determined that I should be attacked, regardless of truth and fair dealing, and that my good name and character should be destroyed, but they cannot accomplish this, for my character is not of their making or destruction. My life is registered in a home where for thirty years I have lived. My official record has become a part of the history of this State, and the good people of Texas who chose me as their chief law officer will stand by me and justly resent these low and false attacks made upon a faithful servant.

Men of Texas, listen. A tripple-headed monster has arisen from its lair in Texas, each head has a tongue—one in Austin, one in Houston and one in Fort Worth. I have uncovered it, and in its fury it is emitting its poison to overthrow your better judgment and render you helpless. I know their methods and understand their hypocrisy, and I appeal to all patriotic citizens of Texas to join me in this great fight for right and preserve for your children the glorious heritage won at the Alamo and at San Jacinto.

I told you at Corsicana that they would continue to resort to the basest end to bring about my defeat. The columns of their organs have since teemed with falsehoods and misrepresentations. I shall not dignify their slanders with special notice, but will briefly show you how desperate they have become and how little regard they have for the truth.

They published that I approved an application for the issuance of a million dollars worth of bonds by the

J. B. STOKES President HENRY JAMES V. P. B. L. RUSSELL Cashier  
W. S. HINDS Assistant Cashier

**The First National Bank of Baird**  
Capital Stock \$50,000.00

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Galveston Terminal Company, which was represented by Kleberg & Neethe of Galveston; that I was influenced to do so because my name was carried in that law firm. They said, "Mr. Neethe was attorney for the Galveston Terminal Company when that company made application for permission to issue a million dollars of bonds. Mr. Davidson's department, at Austin, approved the application, and Mr. Neethe's client got just what it wanted."

The facts are that no such application was ever made to my department. I never knew that any such application was made to any department until they published the falsehood. The facts show that such an application was made to the Railroad Commission of Texas, the only body which has power and whose province it is to pass upon such matters—they finding the company, under the law, entitled to issue the bonds, granted the application. My department has nothing to do with such matters, yet they deliberately published and circulated the falsehood knowing it to be false, and undertake to create the impression that I have been unduly influenced therein.

Will a fair-minded public support such a campaign of falsehood and misrepresentation?

R. V. DAVIDSON.

Friends of Gov. Campbell tell you that Williams is a "nobody", that is he has never done anything to justify the belief that he has the ability to make a good governor. That is the only argument used. They cannot deny that Williams is an honest, upright man and a democrat dyed in the wool. No, they cannot deny this because his neighbors all testify to his good character. They did try to make it appear that Williams could not carry his home box, but his neighbors have exploded that claim too. Now the sole reliance of Campbell's friends is to ridicule Williams by trying to make it appear that he is an ignoramus. What a pitiable sight to see such underhanded, unmanly methods of the governor of Texas to defeat an humble citizen. Oh he is nothing but a blacksmith they tell us. Horror of horrors, it is too bad. We'll bet the old Confederate Captain (for he commanded a company in the Confederate army during the Civil war) never owned a suit of broad cloth, or a pair of silk hose in all his life. According to the silk stocking, plug hat crowd this is enough to condemn the old man. THE STAR is willing to risk the old man and hopes he will be elected. Because a man is merely a mechanic who works at his trade or a farmer who works his little farm does this put them out of the pale of the elect for the office of governor? Must we let the high-toned slick politicians alone dispense the pie? Here is where the shoe pinches; the politicians are afraid of the "Village Blacksmith" because they may lose some good fat jobs. Don't be deceived. The old blacksmith has sense enough to make as good governor as Campbell; if he has not, the people of Texas are to be pitied, surely.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

NOTE:—Announcement fees for all District and County offices \$10.00 payable in advance.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the Democratic primary:

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

42d District composed of the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Taylor:

- THOMAS L. BLANTON,  
of Albany.
- J. T. HAMMONS,  
of Eastland.
- D. G. HILL,  
Of Abilene.
- J. H. CALHOUN,  
of Cisco.

For District Attorney.

- W. P. MAHAFFEY.
- W. L. Grogan.

For State Senator 28th Dist.

- W. J. BRYAN.
- R. C. CRANE.

For Representative 103d District.

- J. T. TUCKER.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

For County Judge.

- C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL.
- W. R. ELY

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

- T. A. (Al) IRVIN.
- W. A. MCGOWEN.

For Tax Assessor.

- T. J. NORRELL.
- R. F. (Frank) BENNETT.
- M. W. UZZELL.

For County & District Clerk.

- Geo. B. SCOTT.
- J. H. (Joe) SHACKELFORD.

For District Clerk

- C. W. (Wilburn) TAYLOR.

For County Treasurer.

- W. E. (Eugene) MELTON.

For County Attorney

- R. L. ALEXANDER
- J. R. PRICE

For County Superintendent.

- R. D. GREEN.

For Commissioner Pre No. 1.

- W. A. HINDS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2.

- W. K. KUYKENDALL.
- PHILLIP YOST.
- WORTH WILLIAMS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3.

- Geo. ANTHONY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4.

- J. G. (Jack) AIKEN.
- J. A. COATS.

For Constable Pre. No. 1

- J. W. FARMER.
- W. C. ASBURY.

Campbell will flood Texas this week with speakers in an effort to stem the disastrous Williams flood that threatens to overwhelm his administration in complete disaster. May the right triumph.

The weeds in places have so encroached upon the side walks in the resident part of town that nothing but a cow trail is visible. Can't property owners get up enough pride energy, or anything to cut the weeds on the sidewalks and then we will appeal to the City Council to clean up the streets and alleys. Let us do something to destroy the weed forrest in town.

## T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

### EAST BOUND

Arrives.  
No. 4. Through train, Mail. 11:15 a. m.  
No. 6. Mail ..... 12:50 a. m.  
No. 8. Ft Worth local, no mail 9:45 a. m.

### WEST BOUND

Arrives.  
No. 5. Toyah local, mail. . . . 4:10 a. m.  
No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail. 4:00 p. m.  
No. 3. Through train, no mail 7:10 p. m.  
J. B. HARMON, Agent.

## PERSONAL

J. C. Barringer has returned from Rockwall.

Miss Brillhart, of Abilene, is visiting Miss Maude Wilson.

Tom Tipton, of Eula, attended the ball game here Friday.

Miss Myrtle Boydston is visiting in Sulphur Springs.

**Born**—To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, July 19th a boy.

Mrs. Jesse Day of Eastland, is visiting Mrs. A. R. Day.

Mrs. Ed Wristen, of Mineral Wells, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Patti Walker, of Dallas, is visiting Miss Corinne Barringer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillen Simmons, of Big Springs, were here Saturday.

N. H. Coleman and Tom McClure spent Sunday with friends in Clyde.

Miss Bertha Stuart, of Strawn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. D. Boyd.

Mrs. Alice Rhodes who has been visiting Mrs. L. M. Hadley, has gone to Rising Star.

Mrs. W. E. Hunter, of Ft. Worth, spent last Saturday in Baird. She was enroute to Big Springs.

Miss Ruby Edwards, of Abilene, came down Saturday to attend the Reunion.

Allen Shackelford, of Ft. Worth, came in Sunday to spend a few days with friends here.

George Carter has returned from Dallas and Galveston, where he has been on an outing.

Misses Cornell and Willie Boydston have returned from a visit to Dallas.

Miss Arvin of Cottonwood, was the guest of Miss Mable Tisdale Tuesday.

Miss Emma McBeth and Frank Woodward of Clyde attended the Reunion here Saturday.

C. W. Merchant and granddaughter, Miss Seay of Abilene, attended the Reunion.

R. E. Nunnally was on the sick list several days last week, but is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pippen left Wednesday for Dothan for a few days visit to Mr. Pippen's brother.

Miss Audra McFarlane, who has been visiting Miss Irene Seay for sometime, has returned to her home at Sherman.

Rev. Geo. M. Oakley, President of the Texas Female Seminary at Weatherford, preached at the Presbyterian Church Sunday night.

Jim Kimble, of Oplin, was in town a few days ago, and while here called at THE STAR office and had his name enrolled on our subscription list.

Judge B. L. Russell, T. E. Powell, W. D. Boydston, Geo. B. Scott and Henry Lambert were among the Bairdites who attended to barbecue at Oplin Wednesday.

Misses Maudie McFarlane, Alice Floyd and Willie Gilliland, who are attending the Abilene Normal, came down Saturday to attend the Reunion.

Miss Dora Buckels returned home Wednesday from a months visit with friends at Oak Cliff. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Givens. Mrs. Jones will go to Howard county the last of the week to visit relatives.

F. S. Bouchette, of Clyde, is helping in B. L. Boydston's grocery store this week.

W. P. Kershner has returned from Dallas, where he attended the Elks Convention.

Mrs. M. M. Terry and children are visiting Mrs. Terry's parents at Granite, Okla.

John Trent, Jr. of Pecos county, is visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. John Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Street and Mrs. B. W. Vaughn are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Mills at Dalhart.

The Baird Band wish to thank the Clyde people for the courteous treatment given them while playing an engagement at the picnic.

**Residence For Sale**—My place in West part of town for sale at a bargain if sold at once. Geo. A. Clements. 344f

The Band Boys and Fire Boys will serve ice cream today, Friday, at Hick's Confectionery. A band concert will be given this evening and tonight. Everybody attend.

Lots of old timers were here Saturday, among them we noticed Hugh Moore, W. B. Ellis, J. W. Merrick, John and Gabe Smartt, Bob Harris, Joe Crutchfield and others.

Henry Taylor, an old citizen of this county, later of Taylor county, spent Saturday here at the Reunion. Henry for most of the time for twelve years has been a morterman on the street cars at Ft Worth. It is a considerable change from cow punching to morterman, but Henry says he made it all right.

### Poll Tax Receipts.

Election officers request THE STAR to notify all voters to bring their poll tax receipts tomorrow. Don't neglect this.

### HORSE WANTED.

Will exchange lumber for a good horse. Must be a good buggy horse, and work anywhere.

R. B. Spencer & Co.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who so kindly assisted us during my recent illness.

Mrs. Cora Pippen.

### Voters For Williams.

Mr. Chamlee, the jeweler at Powell & Powell's drug store, took a poll on the governor's race of fifty-seven voters at the reunion here Saturday. He gives the result as follows:

Williams 37; Campbell 8; non-committal 12. Mr. Chamlee is an old acquaintance of "Democrat Bob" and is an enthusiastic supporter of his. He says he took the vote just as he encountered the men without knowing how they stood, and in fact, did not know many of them personally. Give Campbell half of the non-committals and this gives about 3 to 1 for "Democratic Bob". Give him all the non-committals and Williams has near 2 to 1 and that is the way many claim Callahan county will go.

### Baird vs Big Springs.

Big Springs came down to play Baird three games of ball last week, beginning Thursday. The first day Baird won 8 to 0. The second day the game stood 2 and 2. The last day Big Springs won by 5 to 3. In contrast to the treatment which the Baird boys received at Big Springs the Baird boys paid all the expenses of the Big Springs boys and say they gave them enough money to ride out of town like gentlemen. And furthermore you will not find in THE STAR any roast of the Big Springs boys or any other team that honors our town by playing here. This is in striking contrast with the treatment given the Baird boys by the unwarranted attack made upon them by a reporter in the Big Springs Enterprise in reporting the game at that place. Some towns and especially some local papers, consider it the proper thing to do to flay alive every ball team that visits their town. You have never seen anything of the kind in THE STAR and never will. If we had the space this week we would publish the article from the Big Springs paper, but we are over run with primary matter for this week and several columns in type are crowded out.

# It Pays

To investigate before you buy. We have not only the largest stock but it consists of the best brands of goods on the market. We buy our goods in large quantities for cash, that's why we are able to sell cheaper than our competitors. Try us with your next order.

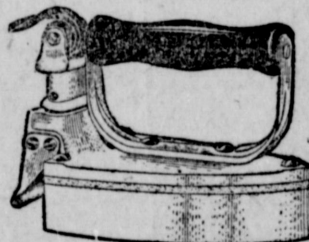


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### Confederate Reunion.

The Reunion at Baird Friday and Saturday was a pleasant affair, and while the crowd was not so large as last year perhaps, still there was plenty to eat and fun and enjoyment by old and young. The weather was fine though rather warm.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank each and all who assisted us in our play, "The Old Virginia Hermet" on last Friday night. Our little mite will not be much, but it will be a tribute of respect "to the girls you left behind you" for these ladies were the ones you left behind.

John B. Gordon Chapter, U. D. C.

## AN OLD MAID

Once there was an old maid who said she did not need to marry. She had a parrot that swore, a monkey that chewed and a cat that went out nights. But the Old Maid needed a Bank and YOU need one, Try

"The Old Reliable" progressive, commercial, conducted along modern, as well as conservative lines.

"The Bank that Does Things"

## The Home National Bank of Baird

### Putnam Dots.

The farmers are busy marketing their wheat, which is bringing about 90 cents a bushel.

I have never seen as much fruit and vegetables brought to market as has been brought here lately, and the fruit is simply fine. J. H. Surles sent Col. L. S. Thorne and W. H. Abrams of Dallas, each a crate of peaches last week and they said they

were as fine as they had seen this year.

Eld. W. A. Mason and wife are here and will remain for a month to drink the Putnam mineral water.

Eld. J. J. F. Lockhart, of Abilene will begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in August.

More Anon.

Miss Carrie McCoy is visiting Miss Lenora Franklin.

# HORROR AT HACKENSACK

## George Eberhardt Accused of Murdering Aunt.

### ALSO SHOOTING HIS COUSIN

#### Takin<sup>g</sup> His Recently Arrived Austrian Kinfolks to a Lonely Section of a New Jersey City Young Man Charged With Killing Relative For Her Money.

Hackensack, N. J., July 20.—The body of Mrs. Ottilie Eberhardt, a well-to-do Viennese widow, was found on a railroad track in a lonely section of Hackensack, N. J., early Monday.

At first it was believed the woman had been struck by a train and killed. Subsequent investigation, however, revealed that she had been murdered and her body placed upon the track. As a result of that investigation the police are now searching for August Eberhardt, the dead woman's nephew, who importuned Mrs. Eberhardt to come to this country and bring with her her little fortune of \$2,600 and twenty-year-old daughter, whom August promised to marry.

On Saturday Eberhardt, his aunt and her niece took a trolley ride into New Jersey and after leaving the car Eberhardt told them he had lost his way. A storm broke and during the crash of thunder the woman stumbled and fell, crying: "I have been struck by lightning." As she fell by the side of the track, Miss Eberhardt says she saw a pistol flash coming from behind a car on a siding nearby and then a second and third. Several other shots were fired, one striking the girl on the bridge of the nose, the blood from the wound half blinding her. The girl ran down the track until a cottage was reached and she was taken in and cared for.

## LARGE INCREASE.

### Hale County Valuations Go Up Hundred and Fifty Per Cent

Austin, July 20.—County valuations sent Monday to the comptroller show a large increase. Hale county reports an increase of 150 per cent, jumping from \$2,500,000 to \$3,600,000. Wilbarger county increases from \$6,000,000 to \$9,000,000, and Foard county adds \$1,500,000 and Walker county advances \$1,000,000.

Among the gross receipts payments received by the state were those of the Galveston Brewing company, which pays on \$75,000; Bush & Co., Dallas, \$166,000; Beaumont Ice, Light and Refrigerator company, \$27,000; Dallas Gas company, \$47,000, and Fort Worth Light and Power company \$52,000.

State Health Officer Brumby has returned from visiting west Texas towns and reports much typhoid existing in many of them, due to lack of waterworks and sewerage and carelessness in care of wells and creeks.

### Lightning Takes Negro's Life.

Crandall, Tex., July 21.—Will Fullford, a negro, was killed by lightning. The negroes had preaching near Bois d'Arc lake Sunday and Fullford came to town that night to bring some women home, two women riding in buggy and Fullford horseback. He left town in a buggy, leading a mule behind about 9:30 o'clock, during the heavy rain and thunderstorm to return to his home near the lake. That was last seen of him alive.

### Fire Does Much Damage.

Paris, Tex., July 21.—Fire broke out in the saloon of J. D. Stewart at DeKalb and before the flames were stopped \$12,000 worth of property was consumed. Three buildings of the Reed estate and one of Mrs. S. L. Moore were consumed, with much damage to others. H. L. Morris, the Racket store, S. C. Minnick, and Ralph Burns all sustained heavy losses by removal of merchandise. No theory is advanced as to the origin of the fire.

### Poor Girl Left Fortune.

Fort Worth, July 21.—Dispatches were received here from the State National bank of Cedar Rapids, Ia., inquiring the whereabouts of Josephine O'Neill, who just has been left a large fortune by her grandfather, who died a few days since. The girl formerly was an inmate of the Tarrant county poor farm, but left some time ago and the authorities are trying to find her. She is heiress to \$500,000.

### Was Weatherford Man.

Fort Worth, July 21.—The man killed at North Fort Worth Sunday night by a Rock Island train has been identified as Charles Thompson of Weatherford. He leaves a widow and one child. A foot of Thornton caught under a tie. An engine crushed him to death. His body was thrown twenty feet.

### Burned to Death.

Abilene, Tex., July 21.—Jaques De Ville, one of the oldest residents of Taylor county, was burned to death at Buffalo Gap. His mind has been feeble for a number of years and he lived alone. When discovered by neighbors he was burned beyond recovery. He was a Frenchman and very little is known of his relatives, his wife hav-

ing died a number of years ago.

### Lightning Kills Melon Gatherer.

Corsicana, Tex., July 21.—While gathering watermelons Monday afternoon John McCage of Angus, a prominent citizen and farmer, was instantly killed by lightning. His wife, who was near him at the time, was not hurt.

### Prize Protest Filed.

Waco, July 21.—It is stated by W. W. Seley that a protest has been filed against the decision of the Elks in failing to give Waco the first prize in the parade at Dallas. Formal protest has been made.

## RECORD ATTENDANCE.

### This Claim Made by the Citizens of Dallas.

Dallas, July 17.—Never, probably, in the history of Texas was there a greater gathering in any city than that of Thursday at Dallas. Trains from every direction were loaded, and during the progress of the Elks' parade fully 125,000 persons witnessed it. All along Ervay, Commerce, Main and Elm streets, the thoroughfares traversed, the sidewalks were a mass of humanity. At the dinner hour, also at supper time, never before were eating places so taxed.

The parade, which was over four miles long, was constantly cheered. The day was clear, but despite the heat the long march programmed was carried out to the place of disbanding.

The costumes evoked applause continually. Austin lodge got first prize for the best uniform, Mineral Wells second and Waco third. The members of the Austin lodge were arrayed in red coats, white hats and white shoes. The Mineral Wells "Hello Bills" was mounted on donkeys, while the Waco Elks had a splendid imitation of a sternwheel steambot navigating the Brazos, cotton bales, etc. The Bonham lodge had a billy goat painted purple. Two persons terming themselves flood relics represented Jamestown, Pa.

Walla Walla, Wash., had one member, who wore an immense hat.

The lodge from Colorado Springs, Col., was attired in Holland costumes in honor of Bro. Holland, one of their members, elected grand exalted ruler.

For those coming over seventy-five miles having the greatest number in line Waco got first prize, Austin second and Houston third.

Fort Worth got first prize for having the greatest number in line, Sherman second and Corsicana third.

The Sherman Elks were arrayed in college gowns and caps and were accompanied by two beves of beautiful young ladies.

There were about 20,000 persons in line.

There were a number of bands and "Dixie" was the chief melody rendered. The Wichita, Kan., band, though from Colorado Springs and the Ada Butler band, the latter composed entirely of women, attracted much attention. The Ada Butler musicians were in two automobiles, which went abreast.

For the best decorated hotel the Oriental was awarded first prize and the Elite for the best adorned restaurant.

For the best decorated building first prize was awarded the Dallas News.

### Fun Prevailed.

Dallas, July 17.—Main street, from Harwood to Lamar, was a mass of humanity Wednesday night. It was roped off at 8 o'clock and given over to pedestrians, not a vehicle or car being allowed on the thoroughfare. Conservative estimates place the number of people at 40,000.

At 9 o'clock came the climax of the fun. The street was brilliantly illuminated and everybody seemed bent on having a good time. Cowbells, soap boxes and tin basins were utilized as noise producers.

Elks and college boys, after having swooped down upon their unsuspecting victims, joined hands and executed war dances around them. Passing further on, other crowds gathered about the little groups of men and women, rattled their cowbells and sang "Ringling the Bells for Mary," or anything else that happened to strike their fancy. There were many grotesque costumes and Merry Widow hats, Japanese parasols and various other burlesques were much in evidence.

### Negro Cut in Two.

Dallas, July 18.—A young negro, a scrubber for the Santa Fe railway at its local depot, known only as Tom, in attempting to board a Rock Island engine about to pull out of the Santa Fe yards, fell beneath the wheels. The body was cut squarely in two above the waist and the fingers of the left hand severed. The lower part of the body was rolled and mangled.

### Blows Off Top of Head.

Houston, July 17.—J. C. Witt, aged forty, manager of the Postal Telegraph company here, committed suicide at 1 o'clock Thursday morning by shooting himself twice with a pistol. One bullet penetrated his breast and the second entered his mouth and blew off the top of his head.

### Expires in Half an Hour.

Waco, July 17.—Curtis Lee Taylor, aged seventeen, died in thirty minutes after being struck by a San Antonio and Aransas Pass switch engine. The

Taylor, a leading lawyer.

### Found Dead in Field.

Goldthwaite, Tex., July 17.—Terrell Adcock, aged thirty, was found in his field in the eastern part of this county. His death was caused by gunshot wounds. A widow and children survive.

### Superintendent Long Resigns.

Dallas, July 17.—After a service of fifteen years Superintendent J. L. Long of the public schools has resigned. He becomes president of a Dallas publishing company.

### Enters Honolulu Harbor.

Honolulu, July 18.—The Atlantic battleship fleet entered Honolulu harbor at 11:20 o'clock Thursday morning.

### Infant's Corpse Found in Alley.

Chickasha, Okla., July 17.—The corpse of an infant was found in an alley.

### Working Full Time.

Denison, July 17.—Katy shop force is now working ten hours per day.

### Young Lady Drops Dead.

Greenville, Tex., July 21.—Miss Bernice Gee dropped dead.

## MILNER'S PREDICTION.

### Williams' Nomination Likely to Cause Republican Governor.

Austin, July 18.—Agricultural Commissioner Milner declares that the Democratic nomination of Williams for governor might result in the election of a Republican governor in Texas. He believes that before the November election sentiment now favorable to Williams would take a somersault and a big flop be made into the Republican column.

The adjutant general has issued orders for rifle competition between officers and men of Texas National guard, to be held at Camp Mabry, July 28 to 31, to select the Texas rifle team to compete in the national match at Camp Perry, O., commencing Aug. 24

### BONES EXHUMED.

### Those of Negro Lynched Thirty-Nine Years Ago.

Bremont, Tex., July 18.—The Polish Catholic people, in digging the foundation for their new church, dug up the bones of a man whom it appears was killed about the place where the church is located.

It is remembered a white man was found dead in 1869 about the place indicated, and some days later a negro came to the prairie hunting a gray pony that was running here, and found the pony and went hence. Some weeks after a clew was obtained and pointed to the negro as the murderer, when later the negro was found in Falls county and brought back to the place where the man was killed and hung to a post oak. He first admitted that he followed the man from Owenville and killed him while nooning under a tree. He took his horse and saddlebags and left his pony. There were but few people here then. The bones of the unknown have been buried again.

## JOURNALIST PASSES AWAY

### Henry Ryder Taylor Departs This Life at San Antonio.

San Antonio, July 18.—At a local hospital Henry Ryder Taylor died. Cancer of the stomach caused his death. Mr. Taylor, who was fifty-six years old, was an Englishman by birth. For many years he worked as a reporter and editorial writer on London dailies. When a boy, he was for a time private secretary to Charles Dickens.

Mr. Taylor came to Texas twenty-seven years ago, and for twenty years was on the editorial staff of the San Antonio Daily Light. He was also a contributor to a number of magazines, and acquired considerable of a reputation as a writer of verses.

### STARTLING SNAKE STORY.

### Serpents Fiercely Fight and the Victor Swallows Vanquished.

Paris, Tex., July 18.—While C. A. Rainey, living north of Caviness, was in his pasture getting a load of wood his attention was attracted to a bunch of weds shaking a few steps away, and discovered a king snake and a coachwhip engaged in combat. The king snake was four and a half feet long and the coachwhip was a foot longer. Suddenly the king snake seized its enemy by the back of the head, and quick as lightning tied itself in a knot about the coachwhip's body. After constricting it a while it began to swallow the coachwhip, commencing at the head. When it had swallowed as far as it was hollow inside there was at least a foot of the coachwhip's tail sticking out of its mouth.

Mr. Rainey returned two hours later and found the king snake still wagging its head from one side to the other in an effort to complete the feat of swallowing the coachwhip entire. Mr. Rainey says that the coachwhip was not only longer, but was larger around than the king snake.

### Five Cars Piled Up.

Midland, Tex., July 17.—An east-bound Texas and Pacific freight train

was "LTSWA" from "LTC" track here by running into an open switch, thrown by unknown persons. Engineer Brigham Young suffered a broken leg and a Mexican is missing and is believed to be dead under the train. The engine was overturned. Five cars of fruit are piled up. The train was carrying several cars of silver and copper bullion from Mexico to New York.

### Publishers Protest.

Austin, July 17.—The railroad commission has received a protest from a number of Texas newspaper men against the horizontal increase of 10 per cent in freight rates on white paper entering the state. A meeting of newspaper owners was held at Fort Worth and the protest drawn up at that city. The commission cannot act because all shipments of paper come from interstate points and in carload lots.

### Maps Not Yet Received.

Austin, July 30.—The railroad commission says that the reported receipt of maps for distribution in the state is incorrect; that the maps have been contracted for, but not yet shipped and it is not known when they will be shipped. If they ever are received copies will be sent to those who have sent money for postage.

### Pierced With a Bullet.

Dallas, July 18.—In the saloon of Charles Kaufman Abe Moskowitz of Fort Worth was shot by a pistol bullet and instantly killed and Bernard Dworkin of the same city wounded in the left side. Kaufman was jailed.

### Succumbs to Injuries.

Houston, July 18.—Earl Ward, a youth, who had both legs crushed at Hempstead by a locomotive, died in a Houston sanitarium.

### Catches Large Carp.

San Angelo, Tex., July 18.—In the main Concho river east of here, M. V. McDaniel caught a twenty-pound carp.

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Cleburne, Tex., is to have a creamery.

Conway, Ark., will soon have a \$35,000 school building.

Felix M. Shaw, a prominent ranchman, died at San Antonio.

An unknown negro was found dying at Dallas. He soon expired.

Near Brownwood, Tex., a strong flow of gas has been struck.

Nearly 10,000 Fort Worth people witnessed the Elks' parade at Dallas.

Thousands of crates of tomatoes are being shipped from Humboldt, Tenn.

J. T. Jones, Jr., a visiting Elk from Jackson, Tenn., died suddenly at Dallas.

Soldiers of the New Mexico National guard are in camp at Leon Springs, Tex.

Thomas Matthews, a little boy, drowned in the Salt Lake City reservoir.

Count Boni de Castellane has instituted suit to secure his three children.

During June twenty-eight carloads of hogs were shipped from Marlow, Okla.

A 25,000-bushel elevator is to be erected on the 101 ranch, near Bliss, Okla.

B. F. J. Davis took poison by mistake for medicine at Mangum, Okla., and died.

Senator Bailey writes a Sherman friend that he will soon return to Gainesville.

Evening Chapel, the new African Methodist Episcopal church at Dallas, cost \$12,000.

By vote of five to one Muskogee, Okla., voted \$350,000 water and storm sewer bonds.

While bathing in the Washita river near Anadarko, Okla., Tiny Topley, a boy, drowned.

During the annual Marathon swimming race in the Chicago river Al G. Freeze drowned.

John Fitzgerald, twenty-two years superintendent of the St. Paul, Minn., workhouse, is dead.

Near Bellevue, Tex., Henry Mays, a boy, was thrown from his horse and his skull crushed.

Harris Walton, a negro, was killed at Austin. Algie McCulloch, his brother-in-law, surrendered.

Marion Connell was jailed at Birmingham, Ala., on charge of murdering his wife near that city.

The body of an unknown man with his skull crushed was found in a cabin near Forest Grove, Ore.

Three hundred passengers from Bremen, Germany, arrived at Galveston on the steamer Hannover.

More workmen are employed in the Rock Island railway shops at Shawnee, Okla., than ever before.

A washout on the farm of J. W. Finch near Cheyenne, Okla., uncovered three human skeletons.

In a runaway at Stillwater, Okla., four persons were hurt. The horse was so badly injured he died.

Katy railway's creosoting plant at Greenville, Tex., employing nearly 100 men, has resumed operations.

The third large oil well in forty-eight hours has been brought in three miles south of Muskogee, Okla.

L. J. Smith, several years editor of the Tulsa, Okla., Indian Republican, died in California of consumption.

An automobile was struck by a train a mile from Columbia City, Ind., and six occupants of the former killed.

Much property was destroyed by an earthquake in Chile and other South American countries, but no lives lost.

W. L. Boise, a prominent citizen of Portland, Ore., has been arrested on charge of the embezzlement of \$6,000.

Seated on his porch at Slainersville, W. Va., James Chapman, a merchant, was assassinated by an unknown person.

Mrs. C. C. Wood, mother of Sheriff Wood of Tarrant county, Texas, died at Fort Worth. Deceased was a pioneer.

Episcopal Bishop Brooke of Oklahoma is holding confirmation services at New York during the illness of Bishop Potter.

With his head beaten to a pulp Henry Bangs, a night watchman, was found at Alameda, Cal. Two arrests were made.

Suffering from the extreme heat R. T. Huffman dived through a window of a Memphis negro restaurant. He was slightly hurt.

By a lamp explosion at Madisonville, Tex., the little son of George Hagar was burned to death and two other boys seriously hurt.

Darius Eatman, a professor in Columbia university, New York City, while boating near Oxford, N. C., was drowned. His craft overturned.

While plowing near Goldthwaite, Tex., Terrell Adeock was shot five times and killed. Led Green, eighteen years old, was taken into custody.

At one shipment James Crawford of Purcell, Okla., forwarded to a packing company at Houston, Tex., 566 hogs. They filled seven cars. He received \$8,600.

Maine Democrats, in session at Bangor, nominated Obadiah Gardner of Rockland for governor and Everett M. Mower of Augusta for state auditor.

R. R. Werder of Kansas City, a souvenir seller, was found in an unconscious condition at Dallas, soon expiring. He was found near the Elks' dome.

One of the two secondary agricultural schools the Oklahoma legislature provided for will be located at Tishomingo. That city donates 100 acres.

During the Elks' parade at Dallas some unknown person hit Miss Jessie Worthington of Grand Prairie in the head, inflicting a gash two inches long.

At Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Charles Schlem administered paris green to her three children, and also took some. The little ones were soon corpses. The mother was taken to a hospital in a dying condition.



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I make this last public appeal to you for your vote next Saturday. I have worked hard, fairly, honestly and conscientiously for this office, and my election now depends upon your vote. The result means more to me than it does to my opponents. They have all been unusually favored with public gifts already, and both Judge Calhoun and Judge Hill are in affluent circumstances, and do not need the office financially. My claims are superior to theirs. Judge Calhoun has held this office now for six years; notwithstanding that it is the joint gift of five different counties, he and his brother-in-law, Conner (one Eastland county family) have held it now for eighteen years. Will you give him a life tenure? Judge Calhoun is wrongfully attributing the decreased jury expenses to his own credit, when everyone familiar with the facts knows that it is solely due to the scarcity of litigation during his two terms of office. You jurymen who have attended his Court well know that he is very slow, and lacks the executive ability necessary to dispatch business promptly. Out of the twelve Felony cases tried by him in Taylor county, the Appellate Court affirmed only two, reversing and sending the other ten back for a second trial. You men of experience know what this means. After the jury at Baird gave Joe Davis a life sentence, Judge Calhoun set their verdict aside and granted a new trial, because skillful attorneys made him believe that he had committed error, and since which time important letters have been lost, and the chances are that Davis will now evade punishment. He allows those attorneys who are his strong personal friends to impose upon him. This fact is beyond controversy, and is indisputably shown by the compromise settlement he made in the nine felony cases against Savage, wherein Savage had four indictments against him in Shackelford County, and five indictments against him in Callahan County, all for theft of cattle, each a penitentiary offense, and in the face of the fact that Savage fled to Mexico, went under an assumed name, when caught offered the officer \$250.00 to let him escape, acknowledged to the owner of the cattle that he stole them, and paid the owner for said cattle. In the face of all this, Judge Calhoun allowed said defendant to plead guilty in one case in each county to the offense of "Driving cattle from their accustomed range," and fined him \$50.00, accepting such pleas and fine as a full settlement of said nine felony cases, and now

Judge Calhoun pleads ignorance as his excuse. Ought not a District Judge to know what transpires in his own Court? Ought he to make a wholesale settlement of nine felony cases for one defendant, at one time, and in two Courts, without first acquainting himself with the facts? Ought he to ignorantly grant the District Attorney's motion to dismiss nine cattle theft cases in such a wholesale manner, without making some investigation himself, especially when said Judge had been before the Grand Jury and had advised them in regard to said indictments, at the time they were found, the District Attorney being absent from Court at the time? It is not the severity of the punishment which prevents crime, but the certainty of punishment. If you want crime suppressed, let criminals know that just so sure as they violate the law, just so surely will they be prosecuted and punished, and let the law be applicable to everyone alike, without special privileges and dispensations to the rich and prominent. Remember too, that Judge Calhoun has never yet had the courage to declare his position on the Bailey question. Should a Judge be afraid of public sentiment?

Now as to my other opponent: Judge D. G. Hill has already held public office for 24 long years. Moreover, Abilene has the idea that she must furnish the brains for every office in the District. Abilene has had the last three District Attorneys, and will have the next one, as her three candidates are the only ones running. Abilene has out a candidate for every District office in the gift of the people. Are you honest, just and unselfish voters going to quietly submit and permit this injustice? Judge Hill too was afraid of public sentiment for he refused to vote in the Bailey Primary. It is also a well-known fact that Hill is an Anti-Local Optionist and an Anti-Prohibitionist. No matter how you stand on these questions yourself, you will agree with me, that we ought to have on our District bench a sober, non-drinking judge, hence do not condemn me because I never use liquor in any shape. I can and will give an Anti-Prohibition question the same fair and impartial trial in accordance with the law of this State, that I would the other side, and I would do my duty in each case, regardless of public sentiment and everything else. What more could anyone ask, unless you expect something to which you are not entitled to under the law? I am 36 years old, in the prime of life, and can and will give you good, honest, energetic service. Those who know me say that I am qualified, competent and worthy of the office. Do not join the world in pushing a young man down. Help him to help him-

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NOTE.—Judge Hill in a letter to I. N. Jackson dated April 17th and published in THE STAR May 1st by permission of Judge Hill, very clearly stated that he was opposed to Bailey, but declined to take any part in the campaign. The charge that Hill is anti-prohibitionist is true, but we do not see why that should disqualify him or any other anti holding office. The editor has known Hill, Calhoun and Hammonds, the two former intimately for a quarter of a century, and if either are "drunkers" as the term is understood we never heard of it. This much in the interest of a "square deal" as neither of Mr. Blanton's opponents will have opportunity to reply in THE STAR before the primary.—[EDITOR STAR.

### JUDGE CALHOUN'S SERVICES.

Beginning with crowded dockets in several counties I promptly reduced the petit jury expenses of every county of the District an average of 25 per cent during the years I have served you below what they were before then and your dockets have been cleared every term of Court.

Our District Judges on an average, have about one-half of their appealed cases reversed. Judge Lindsey had 15 affirmed and 15 reversed for this District during his four years work. Following him I have had 10 out of 12 criminal cases reversed in Taylor county and for the entire District 16 out of 24 criminal cases reversed and three fourths of my civil cases affirmed so that for the entire District I have had 54 cases affirmed and 32 reversed and one affirmed in part and reversed in part.

There are about ten cases on appeal not yet passed upon. There were appeals from 87 cases in about four years of my work and they indicate that I had more than twice as many contested cases as Judge Lindsey for the same length of time, yet I saved one fourth of the petit jury expenses, and have granted only four new trials in five and a half years.

No attorney imposes upon me, and any intimation that my friends or the rich people do so is only a slander.

Mr. Blanton criticizes my allowing the Jim Savage cases dismissed, and allowing compromise verdicts recommended by the District Attorney and his assistants and says I ought to know what the testimony was in these cases. That is not my duty. Every attorney knows that the District Judge is to try cases, not look up evidence or consult the witnesses, and no conscientious attorney should make such statements. I acted on the recommendation of the District Attorney and his able assistants, and all District Judges have so acted.

I did not try to make capital or try to ride into office on Senator Bailey's merits, but nearly every interested person in the district including Mr. Blanton, knows that I voted for Senator Bailey. Respt.

J. H. CALHOUN.

The new Postoffice fixtures have arrived, and are being placed in position in the Home National Bank building. The office will be moved as soon as the fixtures are put up.

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R. A. St John spent Saturday in town circulating among his old friends "Saint" has sold out his drug business at Cisco and says he is just going to slash around and take things easy for a short time. "Saint" is too much of a hustler to stay out of business long, especially as politics will quiet down after tomorrow. He was accompanied by his little son and daughter.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the P. O. at Baird Texas, for the week ending July 20, 1908. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Mr R. E. Black, Mr. J. A. Baker Mr. Will Huddleston, Mr. Alf Martin Miss Maude Nelson, Mrs. Alice Osborn, Mr. J. F. Price, 3.

J. V. McMANIS, P. M.

If the politicians control the next administration, which they will do if Campbell is elected, they will see to it that the Terrell law is so amended that no common clod hopper like Williams can give them so much trouble and uneasiness as he has. The idea of a man unknown outside of two or three counties stampeding an entire administration. It is the funniest sight ever seen in Texas, and we really enjoy it no matter how the fight ends.

W. K. Boatwright was in town Tuesday. He says he is just taking a good rest while Mrs. Boatwright is visiting in Johnson county.

When you see Powell think of drugs. 10-tf