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BEGINNING FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th

We are going to offer our entire stock of Dry Goods at a big reduction so we can make room for new goods as Mr. Boydston and Mrs. Miller will leave soon for the Eastern market. Big Slaughter Sale on all Ladies' and Gents Low Cuts. We are going to price these goods so that they will be bound to go. Come and get what you want before the stock is picked over. One-third off on all Low Cut Shoes in the house.

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10 per cent off on all goods not mentioned. Cash will talk in this sale. We need the money.

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BURNT BRANCH LOCALS.

Aug. 7th.—There will be conducted at Victoria School House a protracted meeting this week under charge of Grandpa Hightower and R. P. Odom. We wish it success.

R. P. Odom marketed wheat at the Terminal the past week.

The road work spoken of in my last to the south of Cross Plains has been completed and is a good job, which was badly needed. All money spent on road improvements is a good investment and will return a hundred fold. I respectfully call the attention of our road overseer to the mud hole between the residences of Squire Drewery and Ed Odom. A hint is all that is necessary as he is a live man. Speaking of road improvements reminds me of the much needed claying on certain portions of the Cross Plains and Baird road, (Prairie Route.)

Some of my solicitous friends find fault with my way of expressing myself, "It takes so long to say so little etc." Now I and I alone am responsible for my ignorance; and if you don't like the blamed stuff don't read it. A long time ago The Star had an array of correspondents from different portions of the county and Uncle Bill asked the question, "Who can say the least, and make the most fuss about it?" and they all voted "Uncle Juan" except me and I didn't vote at all—I felt guilty you know.

Our little friend Vernon Speer was around in a full gallop ad-

tising the annual picnic of the Bayou which was pulled off Thursday. Vernon is a nice and polite little gentleman, and we wish there were more like him.

We are glad to learn that Jim Mauldin who has had a long seige of fever has entirely recovered.

Mexicans in abundance are passing being westward bound.

My friend the Review man told me that when it rained at the Terminal he would be out to see me, now this joyous thing has come to pass and we are hourly looking for Shields

Lieut. Governor Davidson says if the Pros try to block and retard legislation to read them out. We hope this may not be necessary as all so far as possible should pull together, pro and antis alike; but didn't the majority of the pros assembled at Austin have on the "war paint."

The picnic on the Bayou was pulled off in good shape near the McWhorter residence. I was unavoidably absent and as Kalamity Bonner said about the inauguration of Taft, "I could not go although I was especially invited to attend." Those Bayou folks never do things by halves. I have been in Texas nearly 65 years; and four years spent on the H. & T. C. R. R. in its early building way back in 69 and early seventies, the said four years was spent principally in dodging bullets and buckshot not particularly intended for me, but for the other fellow. I survived but these four years don't count you know, and as

I was going to say in all the long and dreary years I never saw a more kind hospitable and better people than reside in the Bayou country. There are no scrubs among them and I am the only scrub residing near them and they are not responsible "you know." And the women, God bless them, are the best looking and the noblest of God's creation. They are all my friends and I am proud of the fact. People from Baird, Oplin, Oakland, Pilgrim and last but not least, from the Burnt Branch county. In all about 200 good people assembled for a grand day of pleasure and they sure had it. There was an abundance of barbecued meat, fried chicken, pickles, good old fashion coffee, ice tea, ice cold lemonade, ice water, and all free. Didn't I tell you they would have it to a Queens taste and they did. Loog live these kind people.

R. P. Odom and family, O. D. Morrow and family, all that constitute the inhabitants of the Cutbirth ranch, Mrs. Brightwell and family, Mrs. Jno. Aiken, Mrs. H. Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Odum, and others to numerous to mention, all of the Burnt Branch country, attended the Bayou picnic Thursday and report the time of their lives.

"Juan"

Thrashing.

I will thrash cane and all other kind of seed, at my place just east of Baird, Saturday, Aug. 19th.

HARRY EBERT.

BAIRD DRILL TEAM WINS MEDAL.

Shipperley Guards, No. 1, of Holly Grove No. 570, Woodmen Circle went up to Sweetwater last Friday afternoon to compete for the gold medal offered by the W. O. W. Log Rolling Association. There were only two teams competing, the Sweetwater Guards and the Shipperley Guards, who won first prize, which consisted of the gold medal and a purse of \$40. Mrs. Estes, Captain of the Shipperley Guards, was also presented with a beautiful medal by Sweetwater Grove.

There was an immense crowd in Sweetwater attending the Association and to witness the competitive drills.

After being awarded the medal the Shipperley Guards were invited over to the W. O. W. Hall to put on the drill for the delegates there, which they did. The personnel of the team was: Mrs. Cora L. Estes, Captain; Mrs. Bertha Bowlus, 1st Leader; Mrs. Willie Brown, 2nd Leader; C. H. Mahan, Musician; Miss Jeffie Lambert, Mrs. Zoe Cook, Miss Eliza Gilliland, Mrs. Bessie Rains, Mrs. Maud Hawk, Mrs. Annie Stallings, Mrs. Lillian Ray, Miss Stella Jackson, Mrs. Lorena Price, Miss Laura Halsted, Mrs. Elmore Handley, Mrs. Sallie Cartwright, Mrs. Vida Austin, Miss Emma Shelburne. Others from Baird who accompanied the guards were: Mrs. C. M. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Halsted, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Aubary, Misses Alice, Verda and Vida Gilliland,

Mrs. R. D. White, Mrs. August Horn of Fort Worth, Mrs. Myrtle Eason, Mrs. Lula Walker, W. J. Cook, Bob Black, Misses Mulliken, Zulu Halsted, Clair Cook, Sallie Ebert, and Master Charles Mahan.

Uncle Billie Smartt, of Admiral, was in town yesterday.

Judge B. L. Russell and family returned a few days ago from a fishing trip on the Llano.

Dr. Poindexter has moved his office from Terrell's drug store to the old Cluett building.

Misses Pearl Berry and Manch Gilliland and Geo. Blakely visited Mrs. Ivy out north of town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyd, of Clyde, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McGowen Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. C. Abbott has sold his livery stable to Elmer Street. Mr. Abbott informs us that he will move to Eastland.

Clark Smith, of Admiral, was in town a few days ago and said crops of all kinds were suffering severely from the drouth in his immediate neighborhood.

Mrs. August Horn and daughter, Elsie after a few weeks visit with friends here, returned to their home at Ft. Worth, Monday. Miss Lucy White went home with them for a few weeks visit.

LOST.

A ladies satchel between Baird and Mahair, containing a purse with some money and notes payable to Ed Henderson. Please return to B. L. Boydston and get reward.

37-1 Ed Henderson.

C. W. Barr, of Cross Plains, spent a day or two in town this week and while here had his name enrolled as a subscriber to THE STAR. This makes five of the family now on THE STAR's subscription list, the largest of any one family in the county. Some of the family; including the late Ed J. Barr, one of the best men who ever lived in the county, have been regular subscribers to THE STAR for over twenty years, every one of them always paid in advance and we never lost a cent on any of them. Wish we had one thousand families like the Barr family on our list. We would have the finest country offices in Texas.

Accounts Due.

Those knowing themselves indebted to Lawrence Bowlus will please call at the old stand or see W. G. Bowlus on the street and settle up.

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Prof. R. D. Green and County Supt. of Schools Wiley Tisdale returned a few days ago from Austin, where they attended the Summer Normal at the State University.

THE DIVA'S RUBY

BY F. MARION CRAWFORD

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CHAPTER I.

There is a ruby mine hidden in the heart of the mountains near a remote little city of central Asia, unknown to European travelers; and the secret of the treasure belongs to the two chief families of the place, and has been carefully guarded for many generations, handed down through the men from father to son; and often the children of these two families have married, yet none of the women ever learned the way to the mine from their fathers, or their brothers, or their husbands, none excepting one only, and her name was Baraka, which may perhaps mean "Blessed," but no blessing came to her when she was born. She was much whiter and much more beautiful than the other girls of the little Tartar city; her face was oval like an ostrich egg, her skin was as the cream that rises on sheep's milk at evening, and her eyes were like the Pools of Peace in the Valley of Dark Moons; her waist also was a slender pillar of ivory, and round her ankle she could make her thumb meet her second finger; as for her feet, they were small and quick and silent as young mice. But she was not blessed.

When she was in her seventeenth year a traveler came to the little city, who was not like her own people; he was goodly to see, and her eyes were troubled by the sight of him, for the stranger was tall and very fair, and his beard was like spun gold, and he feared neither man nor evil spirit, going about alone by day and night. Furthermore, he was a great physician, and possessed a small book, about the size of a man's hand, in which was contained all the knowledge of the world. By means of this book, and three small buttons that tasted of mingled salt and sugar, he cured Baraka's father of a mighty pain in the midriff which had tormented him a whole week. He brought with him also a written letter from a holy man to the chiefs of the town; therefore they did not kill him, though he had a good Mauser revolver with ammunition, worth much money, and other things useful to believers.

Satan entered the heart of Baraka, and she loved the traveler who dwelt in her father's house, for she was not blessed; and she stood before him in the way when he went out, and when he returned she was sitting at the door watching, and she took care to show her cream-white arm and her slender ankle, and even her beautiful face when neither her father nor her mother was near. But he saw little and cared less, and was as grave as her father and the other graveyards of the town.

When she perceived that he was not moved by the sight of her, she watched him more closely; for she said in her girl's heart that the eyes that are blind to a beautiful woman see one of three things: Gold, or power, or heaven; but her sight was fixed only on him. Then her throat was dry, her heart fluttered in her maiden breast like a frightened bird, and sometimes, when she would have tried to speak, she felt as if her tongue were broken and useless; the fire ran lightly along her delicate body, her eyes saw nothing clearly, and a strange rushing sound filled her ears; and then, all at once, a fine dew wet her forehead and cooled it, and she trembled all over and was as pale as death-like Sappho, when a certain god-like man was near. Yet the stranger saw nothing, and his look was bright and cold as a winter's morning in the mountains.

Almost every day he went out and climbed the foothills, and when the sun was lowering he came back bringing herbs and flowers, which he dried carefully and spread between leaves of gray paper in a large book; and he wrote spells beside them in an unknown tongue, so that no one dared to touch the book when he went out, lest the genii should wake and come out from between the pages, to blind the curious and strike the gossips dumb, and cast a leprosy on the thief. At night he lay on the roof of the forehouse beside the gate of the court, because it was cool there. Baraka came to him, before midnight, when her mother was in a deep sleep; she knelt at his side while he slept in the starlight, and she laid her head beside his, on the sack that was his pillow, and for a little while she was happy, being near him, though he did not know she was there. But presently she remembered that her mother might wake and call her, and she spoke very softly, close to his ear, fearing greatly lest he should start from his sleep and cry out.

"The ruby mine is not far off," she said. "I know the secret place. Rubies! Rubies! Rubies! You shall have as many as you can carry of the blood-red rubies!"

He opened his eyes, and even in the starlight they were bright and cold. She stroked his hand softly and then pressed it a little.

"Come with me and you shall know the great secret," she whispered. "You

shall fill this sack that is under your head, and then you shall take me with you to Egypt, and we will live in a marble palace and have many slaves, and be always together. For you will always remember that it was Baraka who showed you where the rubies were, and even when you are tired of her you will treat her kindly and feed her with fig paste and fat quails, such as I hear they have in the south all winter, and Frank rice, and coffee that has been picked over, bean by bean, for the great men."

She said all this in a whisper, stroking his hand; and while she whispered he smiled in his great golden beard that seemed as silvery in the starlight as her father's.

"That is women's talk," he answered. "Who has seen mines of rubies? And if you know where they are, why should you show them to me? You are betrothed. If you had knowledge of hidden treasures you would keep it for your husband. This is some trick to destroy me."

"May these hands wither to the wrists if a hair of your head be harmed through me," she answered; and as she knelt beside him, the two little hands held his face towards her very tenderly, and then one of them smoothed the thick hair back from his forehead.

"You are betrothed," he repeated, "and I am your father's guest. Shall I betray him?"

"I care nothing, neither for father, nor mother, nor brothers, nor betrothed," Baraka answered. "I will give you the riches of Solomon if you will take me, for I will have no other man."

"There are no rubies," said the stranger. "Show them to me and I will believe."

The girl laughed very low, and took from her neck a bag of antelope skin, no larger than her closed hand, and gave it to him with the thin thing by which it had hung.

"When you have seen them in the sun you will want others," she said. "I will take you to the place, and when you have filled your sack with them you will love me enough to take me away. It is not far to the place. In two hours we can go and come. To-morrow night, about this time, I will wake you again. It will not be safe to unbar the door, so you must let me down from this roof by a camel's rope, and then follow me."

When Baraka was gone the stranger sat up on his carpet and opened the small bag to feel the stones, for he knew that he could hardly see them in the starlight; but even the touch and the weight told him something and he guessed that the girl had not tried to deceive him childishly with bits of glass. Though the bag had been in her bosom, and the weather was hot, the stones were as cold as jade; and moreover he felt their shape and knew at once that they might really be rough rubies, for he was well versed in the knowledge of precious stones.

When the day began to dawn he went down from the roof to the common room of the fore-house, where guests were quartered, yet although there was no other stranger there he would not take the bag from his neck to examine the stones, lest some one should be watching him from a place of hiding; but afterwards, when he was alone in the foothills and out of sight of the town, searching as usual for new plants and herbs, he crept into a low cave at noon, and sat down just inside the entrance, so that he could see any one coming while still a long way off, and there he emptied the contents of the little leathern wallet into his hand, and saw that Baraka had not deceived him; and as he looked closely at the stones in the strong light at the entrance of the cave, the red of the rubies was reflected in the blue of his bright eyes, and made a little purple glare in them that would have frightened Baraka; and he smiled behind his great yellow beard.

He took from an inner pocket a folded sheet on which a map was traced in black and green ink, much corrected and extended in pencil; and he studied the map thoughtfully in the cave while the great heat of the day lasted; but the lines that his eye followed did not lead towards Persia, Palestine, and Egypt, where Baraka wished to live with him in a marble palace and eat fat quails and fig paste.

She came to him again that night on the roof, bringing with her a small bundle, tightly rolled and well tied up. He wrapped his blanket round her body, and brought it up under her arms so that the rope should not hurt her when her weight came upon it, and so he let her down over the edge of the roof to the ground, and threw the rope after her; and he let himself over, holding by his hands, so that when he was hanging at the full length of his long arms he had only a few feet to drop, for he wished to take the rope with him.

Baraka's house was at the head of the town, towards the foothills; every

one was sleeping, and there was no moon. She followed the stony sleep-track that struck into the hills only a few hundred paces from the last houses, and the stranger followed her closely. He had his sack on his shoulder, his book of plants and herbs was slung behind him by a strap, and in his pockets he had all the money he carried for his travels and his letters to the chiefs, and a weapon; but he had left all his other belongings, judging them to be of no value compared with a camel's bag full of rubies, and only a hindrance, since he would have to travel far on foot before daylight, by dangerous paths.

The girl trod lightly and walked fast, and as the man followed in her footsteps he marked the way turn by turn, and often looked up at the stars overhead as men do who are accustomed to journeying alone in desert places. For some time Baraka led him through little valleys he had often traversed, and along hillsides familiar to him, and at last she entered a narrow ravine which he had once followed to its head, where he had found it ended abruptly in a high wall of rock, at the foot of which there was a clear pool that did not overflow. It was darker in the gorge, but the rocks were almost white, so that it was quite possible to see the way by the faint light.

The man and the girl stood before the pool; the still water reflected the stars.

"This is the place," Baraka said. "Do you see anything?"

"I see water and a wall of rock," the man answered. "I have been here alone by day. I know this place. There is nothing here, and there is no way up the wall."

Baraka laughed softly. "The secret could not have been kept by my fathers for 14 generations if it were so easy to find out," she said. "The way is not easy, but I know it."

"Lead," replied the traveler. "I will follow."

"No," returned the girl. "I will go a little way down the gorge and watch while you go in."

The man did not trust her. How could he tell but that she had brought him to an ambush where he was to be murdered for the sake of his money and his good weapon? The rubies were real, so far as he could tell, but they might be only a bait. He shook his head.

"Listen," said Baraka. "At the other side of the pool there is a place where the water from this spring flows away under the rock. That is the passage."

"I have seen the entrance," answered the traveler. "It is so small that a dog could not swim through it."

"It looks so. But it is so deep that one can walk through it easily, with one's head above water. It is not more than 50 steps long. That is how I found it, for one day I wandered here



"That is the Passage."

alone in the morning for shade, when the air was like fire; and being alone I bathed in the clear pool to cool myself, and I found the way and brought back the stone, which I have hidden ever since. For if my father and brothers know that I have seen the treasure they will surely kill me, because the women must never learn the secret. You see," she laughed a little, "I am the first of us who has known it, since many generations, and I have already betrayed it to you! They are quite right to kill us when we find it out!"

"This is an idle tale," said the traveler. "Go into the pool before me and I will believe and follow you under the rock. I will not go and leave you here."

"You are not very brave, though you are so handsome! If they come and find me here, they will kill me first." "You say it, but I do not believe it. I think there is a deep hole in the passage and that I shall slip into it and be drowned, for no man could swim in such a place. I have but one life, and I do not care to lose it in a water-rat's trap. You must go in and lead the way if you wish me to trust you."

Baraka hesitated and looked at him. "How can I do this before you?" she asked.

"I will not go alone," the man answered, for he suspected foul play. "Do as you will."

The girl took from her head the large cotton cloth with which she veiled herself, and folded it and laid it down on the rock by the pool; then she let her outer tunic of thin white woollen fall to the ground round her feet and stepped out of it, and folded it also, and laid it beside her veil, and she stood up tall and straight as a young Egyptian goddess in the starlight, clothed only in the plain shirt without sleeves which the women of

her country wear night and day; and the traveler saw her cream-white arms near him in the soft gloom, and heard her slip off her light shoes.

"I will go before you," she said; and she stepped into the pool and walked slowly through the water.

The traveler followed her as he was, for he was unwilling to leave behind him anything he valued, and what he had was mostly in the pockets of his coat, and could not be much hurt by water. Even his pressed herbs and flowers would dry again, his cartridges were quite waterproof, his letters were in an impervious case, and his money was in coin. When he entered the pool he took his revolver from its place and held it above the water in front of him as he went on. With his other hand he carried the sack he had brought, which was one of those that are made of Bokhara carpet and are meant to sling on a camel.

Baraka was almost up to her neck in the water when she reached the other side of the pool; a moment later she disappeared under the rock, and the traveler bent his knees to shorten himself, for there was only room for his head above the surface, and he held up his revolver before his face to keep the water dry, and also to feel his way, lest he should strike against any jutting projection of the stone and hurt himself. He counted the steps he took, and made them as nearly as possible of equal length. He felt that he was walking on perfectly smooth sand, into which his heavily shod feet sank a very little. There was plenty of air, for the gentle draught followed him from the entrance and chilled the back of his neck, which had got wet; yet it seemed hard to breathe, and as he made his way forward his imagination pictured the death he must die if the rock should fall in behind him. He was glad that the faint odor of Baraka's wet hair came to his nostrils in the thick darkness, and it was very pleasant to hear her voice when she spoke at last.

"It is not far," she said quietly. "I begin to see the starlight on the water."

The passage did not widen or grow higher as it went on. If it had been dry, it would have been a commodious cave, open at each end, wide at the bottom and narrowing to a sharp angle above. But the pool was fed by a spring that never failed nor even ebbed, though it must sometimes have overflowed the two had reached the pool. They came out from under the rock at last, and were in the refreshing outer air. The still water widened almost to a circle, a tiny lake at the bottom of a sort of crater of white stone that collected and concentrated the dim light. On two sides there were little crescent beaches of snow-white sand, that gleamed like silver. The traveler looked about him and upward to see if there was any way of climbing up; but as far as he could make out in the half darkness the steep rock was as smooth as if it had been cut with tools, and it sloped away at a sharp angle like the sides of a funnel.

Baraka went up towards the right, and the bottom shelved, so that presently the water was down to her waist, and then she stood still and pointed to a dark hollow just above the little beach. Her wet garment clung to her, and with her left hand she began to wring the water from her hair behind her head.

"The rubies are there," she said, "thousands upon thousands of them. Fill the sack quickly, but do not take more than you can carry, for they are very heavy."

The traveler waded out upon the beach, and the water from his clothes ran down in small rivulets and made little round holes in the white sand. He put down his revolver in a dry place, and both his hands felt for the precious stones in the shadowy hollow, loosening small fragments of a sort of brittle crust in which they seemed to be clustered.

"You cannot choose," Baraka said, "for you cannot see, but I have been here by daylight and have seen. The largest are on the left side of the hollow, near the top."

By the stars the traveler could see the pieces a little, as he broke them

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out, for one white rock collected the light; he could see many dark crystals, but as to what they were he had to trust the girl.

"Do not take more than you can carry," she repeated, "for you must not throw them away to lighten the burden."

"You can carry some of them," answered the traveler.

He broke up the crust of crystals with a small geologist's hammer and tore them out like a madman, and his hands were bleeding, for though he was a philosopher the thirst for wealth had come upon him when he felt the riches of empire in his grasp, and the time was short; and although he knew that he might some day come back with armed men to protect him, and workmen to help him, he knew also that to do this he must share the secret with the over-lord of that wild country, and that his portion might be the loss of his head. So he tore at the ruby crust with all his might, and as he was very strong, he broke out great pieces at once.

"We cannot carry more than that, both of us together," said Baraka, though she judged more by the sound of his work than by what she could see.

He lifted the sack with both his hands, and he knew by its weight that she was right. Under the water it would be easy enough to carry, but it would be a heavy load for a man to shoulder.

"Come," Baraka said, "I will go back first."

She moved down into the deeper water again, till it was up to her neck; and feeling the way with her hands she went in once more under the rock. The traveler followed her cautiously, carrying the heavy sack under water with one hand and holding up his revolver with the other to keep it dry.

"I begin to see the starlight on the water," Baraka said, just as before, when they had been going in.

When she had spoken, she heard a

heavy splash not far off, and the water in the subterranean channel rose suddenly and ran past her in short waves, three of which covered her mouth in quick succession and reached to her eyes, and almost to the top of her head, but sank again instantly; and they passed her companion in the same way, wetting his weapon.

"Go back," Baraka said, when she could speak; "the rock is falling."

The traveler turned as quickly as he could, and she came after him, gaining on him because he carried the heavy



Baraka Was Almost Up to Her Neck.

sack and could not move as fast as she. He felt his damp hair rising with fear; for he believed that, after all, she had brought him into a trap. They reached the opening and came out into the pool again.

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DIVA'S RUBY

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"You have brought me here to die," he said. "Your father and your brothers have shut up the entrance with great stones, and they will go up the mountain and let themselves down from above with ropes and shoot me like a wolf in a pit-fall. But you shall die first, because you have betrayed me."

So he cocked his revolver and set the muzzle against her head, to kill her, holding her by her slender throat with his other hand; for they were in shallow water and he had dropped the sack in the pool.

Baraka did not struggle or cry out. "I would rather die by your hand than be alive in another man's arms," she said quite quietly.

He let her go, merely because she was so very brave; for he did not love her at all. She knew it, but that made no difference to her, since no other woman was near; if they could get out alive with the rubies she was sure that he would love her for the sake of the great wealth she had brought him. If they were to starve to death at the bottom of the great rock wall in the mountains, she would probably die first, because he was so strong; and then nothing would matter. It was all very simple.

The traveler picked up the sack and waded out upon the tiny beach. He looked up rather anxiously, though; he could not have seen a head looking down from above if there had been any one there. There was not light enough. He understood also that if the men were going to shoot at him from the height they would wait till it was daylight. Baraka stood still in the water, which was up to her waist, and he paid no attention to her, but sat down to think what he should do.

The night was warm, and his clothes would dry on him by degrees. He would have taken them off and spread them out, for he thought no more of Baraka's presence than if she had been a harmless young animal standing there in the pool, but he could not tell what might happen at any moment, and so long as he was dressed and had all his few belongings about him, he felt ready to meet fate.

Baraka saw that he did not heed her, and was thinking. She came up out of the water very slowly, and she modestly loosened her wet garment from her, so that it hung straight when she stood at the end of the beach, as far from the traveler as possible. She also, sat down to dry herself; and there was silence for a long time.

After half an hour the traveler rose and began to examine the beach, feeling it with his hands wherever there was the least shadow, as high as he could reach, to find if there was any foothold, though he was already sure that there was not.

"There is no way out," Baraka said at last. "I have been here by day. I have seen."

"They will let themselves down from above with ropes, till they are near enough to shoot," the traveler answered.

"No," replied Baraka. "They know that you have a good weapon, and they will not risk their lives. They will leave us here to starve. That is what they will do. It is our portion, and we shall die. It will be easy, for there is water, and when we are hungry we can drink our fill. You will die first. You are not as we are, you cannot live so long without food."

The traveler wondered if she was right, but he said nothing. "If we had got out with the treasure," continued Baraka, "you would have loved me for it, because you would have been the greatest man in the world through me. But now, because we must die, you hate me. I understand. If you do not kill me you will die first; and when you are dead I shall kiss you many times, till I die also. It will be very easy. I am not afraid."

The man sat quite still and looked at the dark streak by the edge of the pool where the water had wet it when the falling boulder outside had sent in little waves. He could see it distinctly. Again there was silence for a long time. Now and then Baraka loosened her only garment about her as she sat, so that it might dry more quickly; and she quietly wrung out her thick black hair and shook it over her shoulders to dry it, too, and stuck her two silver pins into the sand beside her.

Still the traveler sat with bent head, gazing at the edge of the pool. His hands were quite dry now, and he slowly rubbed the clinging moisture from his revolver. Some men would have been thinking, in such a plight, that if starving were too hard to bear, a bullet would shorten their sufferings in the end; but this man was very full of life, and the love of life, and while he lived he would hope.

He still watched the same dark streak where the sand was wet; he had not realized that he had been so far from it till then, but by looking at it a long time in the starlight his sight had probably grown tired, so that he no longer saw it distinctly. He raised himself a little on his hands and pushed himself down till it was quite clearly visible again, and he looked at the rock opposite and up to the stars again, to rest his eyes. He was not more than a yard from the water now.

The place was very quiet. From far above a slight draught of air descended, warm from the rocks that had been heated all day in the sun. But there was no sound except when Baraka moved a little.

Presently she did not move any more, and when the traveler looked he saw that she was curled up on the sand, as eastern women lie when they sleep, and her head rested on her hands; for her garment was dry now, and she was ~~dropping~~ after the walk

and the effort she had made. Besides, since there was no escape from death, and as the man did not love her, she might as well sleep if she could.

He had been certain of the distance between his feet and the water's edge as he sat; it had been a yard at the most. But now it was more; he was sure that it was a yard and a half at the least. He rubbed his eyes and looked hard at the dark belt of wet sand, and it was twice as wide as it had been. The water was still running out somewhere, but it was no longer running in, and in an hour or two the pool would be dry. The traveler was something of an engineer, and understood sooner than an ordinary man could have done, that his enemies had intentionally stopped up the narrow entrance through which he had to come, both to make his escape impossible, and to hasten his end by depriving him of water. The fallen boulder alone could not have kept out the overflow of the spring effectually. They must have shored down masses of earth, with the plants that grew in it abundantly and filled it with twining threadlike roots, and they must have skillfully forced quantities of the stuff into the openings all round the big stone, making a regular dam against the spring, which would soon run down in the opposite direction. They knew, of course, that Baraka had led him to the place and had gone in with him, for she had left all her outer garments outside, and they meant that she should die also, with her secret. In a week, or a fortnight, or a month, they would come and dig away the dam and pry the boulder aside, and would get in and find the white bones of the two on the sand, after the vultures had picked them clean; and they would take the traveler's good revolver, and his money.

He thought of all these things as he sat there in the dim light, and watched the slow receding of the water-line, and listened to the girl's soft and regular breathing. There was no death in her dream, as she slept away the last hours of the night, though there might not be many more nights for her. He heard her breath, but he did not heed her, for the water was sinking before him, sinking away into the sand, now that it was no longer fed from the opening.

He sat motionless, and his thoughts ran madly from hope to despair and back again to hope. The water was going down, beyond question; if it was merely draining itself through the sand to some subterranean channel, he was lost, but if it was flowing away through any passage like the one by which he had entered, there was still a chance of escape—a very small chance. When death is at the gate the tiniest loophole looks wide enough to crawl through.

The surface of the pool subsided, but there was no loophole; and as the traveler watched, hope sank in his heart, like the water in the hollow of the sand; but Baraka sat on peacefully, curled up on her side like a little wild animal. When the pool was almost dry the traveler crept down to the edge and drank his fill, that he might not begin to thirst sooner than need be; and just then day dawned suddenly and the warm darkness gave way to a cool light in a few moments.

Immediately, because it was dry, Baraka stretched herself on the sand and then sat up; and when she saw what the traveler was doing she also went and drank as much as she could swallow, for she had understood why he was drinking as soon as she saw that the pool was nearly dry. When she could drink no more she looked up at the rocks high overhead, and

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GOVERNOR HAS OFFERED REWARD

Special Message Sent to Makers of the Laws.

FIFTY DOLLARS AMOUNT

He Also Urges the Legislature to Make an Appropriation For the Purpose of Apprehending Election Law Violators.

Governor Colquitt has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$50 for the "arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of fraudulent irregularities in the recent prohibition amendment election."

At the same time he sent a special message to the legislature urging it to increase the appropriation annually set aside for rewards to \$27,500. The appropriation made by the Thirty-first legislature for this purpose was \$7,500. Of this \$5,815.19 still remains unexpended, according to the message. In his message the governor says:

"The constitution of this state makes it the duty of the governor to see that all laws are faithfully executed. I am determined to employ all means and agencies at the disposal of the governor to investigate the alleged frauds and prosecute all offenders."

Further along he says: "It has been suggested that I recommend to the legislature an extra appropriation for the purpose of investigating violations of the poll tax and election laws and the enforcement of the same against offenders, and that if I would do so an effort would be made to raise an additional sum of \$10,000 from prom prohibitionists for the purpose of securing an enforcement of these laws. I do not believe that we should rely upon such public contributions, but if the law has been violated it is the duty of the governor to see that it is enforced. It is equally the duty of the legislature to furnish me with the means to enforce the same."

A copy of the reward proclamation was attached to the message.

The senate election investigation committee has secured the services of Hons. W. E. Hawkins and Cullen Thomas to assist without compensation in the inquiry.

YOUNG COUPLE DROWN.

Roland H. Stokely and Miss McDavid Lose Lives.

While Roland H. Stokely and Miss Bessie Marie McDavid were boating in Oak Lawn Park lake, a pleasure resort at Dallas, they started to exchange seats, causing the boat to tilt. Miss McDavid lost her balance and fell into the water. Mr. Stokely leaped after her. Neither could swim and both drowned.

Mr. Stokely was formerly a member of the News' reportorial force. He resigned over two years ago to enter the Cumberland Law school at Lebanon, Tenn., where he graduated with high honors. He recently returned to Dallas and was practicing law when he died a hero's death.

Miss McDavid was a talented reader and elocutionist and a resident of Lancaster, Dallas county.

Saved by Parent's Blood.

A Mr. Hudson of Hill county took his boy, six years old, to Waco for treatment. The boy had accidentally been poisoned and was greatly reduced in vitality. Blood was taken from the father's veins and transferred to the boy and the little fellow is fast recovering. In a few minutes after the transfusion a marked change for the better was observed.

Storm Derails Train.

Fifteen persons were injured, none seriously, when a Wichita Valley passenger train had several coaches near Penick, Tex., blown from the track. Over 100 passengers were in the cars, which a tornado picked up bodily, the engine, tender and baggage cars alone remaining on the track.

Four-Footed Chicken.

J. W. Campbell of Dallas bought a chicken from a farmer that possesses four feet. Two of them, the toe nails being fully developed, are upon the wings.

Profitable Burglarizing.

Burglars visited five houses upon as many farms three to five miles of Garland, Dallas county. Sugar, coffee, milk and other eatables were secured, also two shotguns a couple of suits of clothes and other articles.

Togo Welcomed.

Admiral Togo, who figured prominently in the Russo-Japanese war, on his arrival at New York was the recipient of numerous honors. President Taft and others entertained him at Washington.

Prominent Printer Suicides.

Just after returning home after his night work in the composing room of the Dallas News, where he was assistant foreman, A. F. Hess, his mind temporarily unbalanced, with a razor cut his throat. It occurred on Sunday and he expired at 11 o'clock that night. A widow and two children are left. Mr. Hess had been with the News since its establishment in 1885 and one of the best known union printers in the state.

ELECTION INQUIRY.

Three Separate Measures Introduced in Legislature.

Signed by Senators Vaughan, Coffey, Warren, Perkins, Townsend and others, a resolution was introduced in the Texas senate calling for the appointment of a committee of five to investigate the recent election. It was adopted—16 to 11. Vaughan, McNealus, Warren, Carter and Meachum are the committee. Meachum is the only anti and McNealus occupies a middle position.

Senators Murray, Watson and Hudspeth introduced a resolution calling for grand jury investigation in the counties.

Investigation will not be confined to the last election.

Senator McNealus declined to serve on the committee.

In the house Mr. Kennedy offered a resolution providing for a committee of nine—six to be state-wide—to investigate the election violations and also what part corporations took.

Senate resolution asking the governor to submit liquor regulation legislation was adopted.

Governor Colquitt asked Mr. Ball to submit evidence relative to frauds in the election and promised to retain Hon. Cone Johnson as special prosecutor. Mr. Ball declined, saying he was instructed to pursue a different course. Mr. Johnson notified the governor he would accept and was notified by the executive that "in case evidence is furnished me in good faith by Colonel Ball and his committee I will consider your services engaged, provided we can agree upon compensation."

According to the senate resolution the committee is authorized to administer oaths, swear witnesses, procure documents, papers, etc., and report its findings to the senate. It provides that the investigation shall be in regard to the amount of money spent by any association or persons in opposing the prohibition amendment; fraudulent use of poll tax receipts; frauds in the procuring of naturalization papers; any illegal voting; the alleged existence of any organization for furnishing or expending money to influence elections; to recommend remedial legislation.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

J. G. Le Gros has submitted an unusual question to Commissioner of Public Utilities Gason of Houston. He owns a little dog and wants to know if the street railway company has a right to collect a 5 cent fare for transporting it. If so, does the company become liable for damages to it. Manager Daly of the car company says when dogs are tenderly embraced in laps like babies no fare has been collected, but where owners insist on their occupying half the seat with them a 5-cent fare has been collected. Mr. Gason will confer with officials in other cities and amass data before attempting to lay down any rules governing dogs on Houston street cars.

Thomas J. Groce, the well known Galveston banker, departed this life at that city. Brooding over the death of his father, Browning Groce, eldest son of the late Mr. Groce, and vice president of the Galveston National bank, of which his father was president, was found dead in the barn in the rear of the residence. His throat was cut, but death was due to acid poisoning. Recently the bank was absorbed by the City National bank. Bank examiner say the affairs of the Galveston National bank were in a satisfactory condition.

During the annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Texas, held at Fort Worth, Peter Radford of Parker county was elected president. He received 96 votes. A. S. Harper of Delta county and Tony Hill of Hill county 29. P. F. McCormick was re-elected vice president unanimously. C. Smith was elected state secretary-treasurer and J. L. Armstrong state organizer and lecturer.

James H. Conlin, fifty years old, at one time vice president and general manager of the Chicago, Rock Island and Mexico railroad, a short line, acquired since by the Rock Island, was found dead in a room at El Paso with a bullet in his heart. Both his wrists had been cut with a sharp instrument in an evident effort to sever the arteries. The wounds appeared to be several days old.

Seated in the trolley at Austin of an automobile Miss Maud Carroll of San Antonio and D. E. Rich of Galveston were united in marriage. Justice of the Peace Johnson officiating. The car was obtained for this particular purpose, and after driving to the courthouse, where the license was obtained, they got the justice, and while all three were seated in the car the words were pronounced which made them man and wife.

As the result of a quarrel about a horse near Preston, eighteen miles northwest of Denison, Will Bogue was shot and instantly killed. John Wilson, another negro, jumped on the horse over which the argument took and crossed Red river, going into the Washita river bottoms.

Boll worms and boll weevil are said to be doing considerable damage in the Waco section.

Will of the late Henry Brashear, the vice president of the South Texas National bank, a financial institution at Houston, leaves his entire estate, valued at \$700,000, to his widow, Mrs. Maggie Brashear.

Railroads at Houston will put down over 1,000 bale and cement crossings.

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Say! How would Col. Crawford and Cullen F. Thomas look riding with Senator Bailey in the Ball band wagon.

The Federal Government has started an inquiry "what is beer?" Why that is dead easy; it is what the pros tried to run out of the State but failed.

Gov. Colquitt is receiving lots of advice about what he should submit to the legislature, but we notice that nearly all, if not all, the advice comes from those who opposed him last year and will oppose him next year.

It looks like Tom Ball's gubernatorial boom has struck several snags right at the beginning. The Bailey issue is the worst snag yet.

How much representation has the anti-prohibitionists of this representative district got in the House of Representatives? How much have they in the Senate?

The initial number of the Ranger Record by J. M. Fryar has been received. THE STAR wishes the new paper success.

THE STAR has been offered a page of plate matter free express prepaid by each of the large plate concerns of this country to boom Woodrow Wilson for president.

Senator Johnson, editor of the Hall County Herald says the antis are whipped to a frazzle all over the state, that they are cowed and defiant.

begun and he is right. The antis will make a fight next year that will make the past fight look like thirty cents, and the State House at Austin will either have more pros or less.

The legislature investigation at Austin of the late election is one of the boldest schemes by a political party or faction to boost itself at the expense of the people ever concocted in Texas.

The pros claim fifty thousand majority in the Democratic party in Texas and have made some antis believe it. Just how and on what grounds the pros make such claim we do not know.

Senator W. A. Johnson, of the Memphis Herald, writes his paper that the antis are whipped to a frazzle all over Texas and that they are cowed and sullen while the pros are enthusiastic and confident.

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finish until the legislature is all pro or all Democrats--no, we meant to say anti. The Democratic party is or is not in favor of prohibition and sumptuary laws, and the sooner the question is settled the better.

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Fine young Jersey cow, now fresh. See Mrs. Wallace. 36-1f

PRO BOLTS CAUCUS; SAYS EFFORT MADE TO CREATE OFFICES.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Austin, Aug. 5.—H. Pat Leach of Limestone county, prohibitionist, made his first speech on the floor of the house of representatives Friday night.

He accused them of having "no sincerity," of attempting to retard legislation, of attempting to create offices for nine prohibitionists, between now and the next legislature, and of trying to take care of a bunch of politicians who "couldn't take care of themselves."

Leach always has voted with the prohibitionists and is a man whose sincerity on any question is never questioned, by pro or anti. He usually contents himself with voting and saying nothing.

When he arose to speak last night, after many speeches by pros and antis, and one local optionist, on the subject of investigation, he was evidently physically unable to repress his feelings longer.

"I advocated statewide prohibition in my county," he said, "and I voted for it. Then came the cry from our headquarters of 'Fraud! Fraud! Fraud!' Gentlemen, I doubt, if the election had been a dry majority of 1000 votes there would have been any cry of fraud."

"The election settled the question. I did not come here as a pro or anti, this special session. I came to serve my people, as a democrat. My people are both pros and antis."

"What did I find in Austin? A caucus to retard legislation by the pros. It was behind secret doors. If it hadn't been for the secret caucus the pros would not have had a majority to vote for this investigation."

"I was invited to the caucus. I resolved to go, and stay in if you took reason in. You have failed to take reason in, and I am going to stay on the outside with reason. Just one instance of how you have forsaken reason—you would not have this committee work only in Texas. You would have it go to hell for the soul of a dead nigger, who is said to have had thirty poll taxes on him when the train struck him caused his death. Gentlemen, since I have been a member, the pros have certainly been going to extremes. This is one of them."

"You have to my mind displayed some of the greatest follies that a set of men could have displayed. You asked for submission. You got it. You asked for a special law to protect you at the ballot. You got it. You said if you got that law you would be satisfied. Now you won't use that law. I don't believe you were sincere. You don't mean what you said. I have come to think that you don't mean anything except to take care of a few men who can't take care of themselves in politics."

"If you want to retard prohibition send your committee out and over the state. But I'm not going to vote for you to do that—I did it come to this legislature to create an office for nine pros of the legislature that they might have office between now and the next legislature."

"As for the Nichols amendment to investigate the members of the legislature and their election. I would be ashamed to vote for it."

Would Stop Liquor Shipments.

Representative Sheppard today introduced a bill designed to prevent the interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors into prohibition communities. The bill makes these liquors a special class of commodities and deprives them of interstate character when they arrive within the State of destination and before delivery to consignee.—Houston Post Special.

We notice the pros in the legislature at Austin endorsed this bill, which shows the pros are more candid in stating their real sentiments after the election than before. They told the people before the election they could send out of the state and

get all the liquor they wanted if prohibition was adopted. THE STAR warned the people that the pros would not permit interstate shipments of liquor if the pros could prevent it.

POLITICS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Gov. Vardaman, of Mississippi, beat the whey out of his two opponents for the senate, last week. The legislature defeated old Vard, but he carried his fight to the people and won.

We believe the constitution should be amended giving a commission of five men elected by the whole state, power to fix the appropriation for the state when the legislature fails or refuses to pass the appropriation bills at the regular session, as the legislature of this state has been doing for several years.

Another thing, we favor an amendment fixing a regular salary for members of the legislature at say, one thousand dollars a year and no mil-

age or extra pay allowed for any called session. Make these changes and if necessary make the salary one thousand dollars for the term and no mileage allowed for called sessions and we would have few called sessions and the members would always find time to pass the appropriation bills to prevent our commissioners from fixing the appropriation bills. A very few men fix the appropriation any way and the average member has little to do with it.

The Brownwood Banner mentioning a squib in THE STAR "That now the election is over let us take up the big dam proposition," says prohibition is considered by some as a dam proposition, and so it is. Without intending to use profanity it is both a dam and a damn proposition.

Don't forget the Laundry dates.

Advertisement for The First National Bank of Baird. Text: 'It is the duty of every man to protect his Family with a BANK account'. Includes an illustration of a family and a list of officers and directors: J. B. Harmon, Pres.; Henry James, V. Pres.; B. L. Russell, Cashier; W. S. Hinds, Asst. Cashier; Wesley Turner, Asst. Cashier; J. F. Dyer, Tom Windham.

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WILL D. BOYDSTUN
BAIRD, TEXAS

Program For Junior League.

Program for Sunday, Aug. 13.
 Sub.—The Law of Forgiveness.
 Leader.—Kate Lee Clements.
 Scripture Lesson by Leader.—
 Matt. 6:14-25, 18:21-22.

Song. Prayer.
 Reading of minutes.
 Recitation.—Elizabeth Webb.
 Bible Drill.

The Life of Moses.
 Roll Call. League Benediction.

Don't forget the Laundry date.
 36-4t.

H. Windham and little son, Hilery of Tecumseh, were in town the past week.

Miss Pearl Berry spent several days in town this week, the guest of Miss Manch Gilliland.

Geo. B. Scott visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Scott, at San Angelo, the latter part of last week, returning home Sunday.

Miss Lillian Phillips, Stephenville is visiting her aunts, Mesdames S. L. Driskill and B. F. Austin and Miss Addie Day.

John Couch, who is now making his home with his son, Jeff Couch, at Sweetwater, was in town on business the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White and little sons, Braden and J. L., are spending this week on their ranch on the Hubbard.

C. S. Boyles returned to Cross Plains Monday, after spending a few days with his family. Mrs. Boyles and the children will move to Cross Plains in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Driskill, Misses Bess Franklin and Nan Bell and Homer Driskill and Shine Phillips enjoyed moonlight supper out north of town Tuesday night.

Mr. Ed Coppins and Thomas Moon left Tuesday night for Minneapolis, Minn., on a visit to Mr. Coppins' daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Yoakum.

LOST:—On July 22d, a bracelet; catch bad, between the Airdome and W. D. Boydston's residence. Finder please return to Anna Faust, 36-2

Misses Winnie and Lollie Windham, of Oplin, were in town the first of the week. Miss Vida Gilliland went out home with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Windham, of Oplin, left last Friday morning for Kennett, California, where they will make their home. We wish them every success in their new home.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

Mrs. Frank McGraw entertained Monday night in honor of her nephew, Harry Parry, of El Paso, with a watermelon party.

Mrs. Fred Greenrock entertained Wednesday night in honor of her guests, the Misses Newberry and Stewart. The most interesting feature of the evening was a guessing contest. One hundred articles were placed on a table and the guests were allowed to walk around the table then go into an adjoining room and in three minutes write down the name of the articles seen on the table, a prize being awarded the one writing the most names. Miss Lottie Stewart was awarded the prize. Ice cream, cake and punch was served. Those present were:

Misses Willie, Eunice and Katie Newberry, Amanda and Lottie Stewart, Lulu Cutbirth and Evalyn Schwartz, Messers Norred, Bell, Hall and Franklin.

For Sale or Trade.

320 acres of good black prairie land, under four and eight wire fence, in Coryell county, five miles from Coperas Cove. Will cut the tract in half if desired. For particulars see or write Don C. Carter, Box 158, Baird, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis, of Admiral, were in town Tuesday.

Let me write your tornado insurance. Only the best Companies represented. J. Rupert Jackson. 37-1

Joe Crutchfield and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Admiral, were in town, Tuesday.

See J. Rupert Jackson for all kinds of insurance. 37-1

Mrs. J. S. Hart and Mrs. Wesley Turner spent a couple of days in Abilene the first of the week.

Money to loan on improved farms and ranches. See J. Rupert Jackson, Baird, Texas. 37-1

Misses Jennie Harris and Lillian Robertson, of Admiral, were shopping in Baird, Tuesday.

L. S. Brindley, formerly editor of the Callahan County News, but now living at Crowell, was in town the first of the week.

Money to loan on improved farms and ranches at the lowest rate of interest that can be obtained anywhere 37-1 J. Rupert Jackson.

Mrs. Black, of Admiral, mother of District Clerk Bob Black, was quite sick the first of the week. Bob took Dr. Powell down to see her Monday.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Price McFarlane and children were in town, last Friday.

Miss Annie Mae Wristen is visiting in Abilene, this week.

Miss Alice Cutbirth returned Saturday from a visit to Ranger.

Mrs. C. B. Snyder was in from the ranch, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones are visiting in Fort Worth.

Miss Carroll Hurst has returned from a visit to friends at Clyde.

R. E. Nunnalley, of Abilene, spent Sunday with friends in Baird.

Miss Bernice Foy returned home Monday from a visit to Stamford and Abilene.

Judge Russell and family and H. C. McGowan have returned from a trip to the Llano country.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dawkins returned Tuesday from trip to Galveston and other points.

Miss Eva Gilliland returned home yesterday from a visit to relatives at Post City and Tulla.

Mrs. E. M. Cross and Miss Mary White visited in town the

Miss Inez Franklin left Tuesday for a visit with friends at Henrietta.

Miss Werdna Dinwiddie returned yesterday from a visit to friends at Sabanno.

Misses Carter and Adams, of Cottonwood, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott.

Jim Dennis, of Moran, left Sunday morning for Duster, where he will be gone for some time.

Mrs. Eugene Melton, of Cross Plains, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gunn.

Mrs. J. S. Hailey and children came home Thursday from a months visit at Ft. Worth and Decatur.

Mrs. Louis Hutchison, of San Marcus, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Flores, at Belle Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hensley and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulton returned Wednesday from a trip to Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Estes and little son, J. C. Jr., left Tuesday for Galveston.

Capt. J. W. Jones and Robert Estes made a trip to Galveston the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Williams visited Mrs. William's father at Sweetwater the latter part of last week.

Lon and Clyde Dennis, of Moran, were in Baird Saturday.

Misses Corinne Barringer and Maune Work are visiting at Cross Plains this week.

Eldon Boydston, manager of B. L. Boydston's establishment at Cross Plains, spent Sunday with the home folks.

Mrs. Thos. D. Dawkins and son, Malloy, of Austin, arrived Tuesday on a visit to relatives here and at Admiral.

Miss Addie Largent, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Jones for sometime, returned to her home at Fort Worth, the first of the week.

Misses Rexie Gilliland and Kathleen Howell returned Friday from Abilene, where they attended the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Whitehurst, of Woodson, returned home last Tuesday after a weeks visit to their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Cross.

Mrs. C. M. Mills, who attended the W. O. W. meeting at Sweetwater on her return home to Baird, stopped off in Abilene and spent Sunday with her old Missouri girlhood friend Mrs. W. O. Kemper, on North Eighth and Cedar Sts.—Abilene Reporter.

Removal Notice.

On account of lack of floor space, I have moved my office to the Chett building next door north of Blackburn's office. Office hours from 9 to 12 and 2 to 6, morning and afternoon. Respectfully,
 DR. POINDEXTER.

Mrs. Owen Wright and little daughter, Charlie Laurie, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mills for sometime, returned to their home at Fort Worth, yesterday.

Mrs. Louis Hutchison, of San Marcos, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Austin, left Tuesday for Abilene to visit friends. Mrs. Hutchison was formerly Miss Kate Stratton, of Belle Plaine.

Misses Willie and Eunice Newberry, of Weatherford; Miss Katie Newberry, of Mingus, and Misses Lottie and Amanda Stewart, of Putnam, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenrock.

Frank Austin went to Fort Worth Wednesday night to meet his father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Austin, who have been spending sometime with their daughter, Mrs. Emma Santee, in Oklahoma. Rev. and Mrs. Austin's many friends here will be glad to see them again.



If you have never had a bank account you cannot understand the feeling of independence and happiness that comes with the possession of one. A great writer has said that many people with good incomes are more unhappy than beggars because they live beyond their means. If you have never had a bank account you realize the truth of this assertion and cannot understand the feeling of independence and and unhappiness that you may so easily enjoy.

The Home National Bank of Baird
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 T. E. Powell, Cashier
 F. L. Driskill, Asst. C. Will C. Franklin, Asst. C.

SALOON BILL IS INTRODUCED

It Would Prohibit the Giving of Free Lunches.

SIX TO SEVEN THE HOURS

Governor Submits a Second Message Asking the Repeal of Automatic Tax Law—Regulation Submission Desired.

In the Texas house Representatives A. M. Kennedy of McLennan and Fitzhugh Hill of Denton, local optionists, who opposed in the recent campaign statewide prohibition, introduced a measure asking for liquor regulation along several lines. Resolution said the house did not "attempt to dictate or coerce the governor," but stated it came as a "courteous request."

Legislation requested would forbid the giving of free lunches in saloons, make the "open" hours from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m., raise the annual license to \$750 and prohibit saloons and breweries from contributing or promising to contribute to campaigns. Resolution was referred.

A concurrent resolution was introduced in the senate and house asking Governor Colquitt to submit liquor regulation. In the senate it was referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures and in the house to the committee on liquor traffic.

The seventeen pro senators signed the concurrent resolution, introduced in the senate by Senator Vaughan, urging Governor Colquitt to submit the liquor regulation measure, similar to those that were introduced in the house.

The Vaughan resolution also asks legislation to prohibit breweries in Texas from contributing to campaign expenses. It asks for further amendments to the Terrell election law to guard against fraud in elections, especially as to fraudulent issuances of poll tax receipts.

Governor Colquitt submitted another message to the legislature in which he presented these additional subjects:

1. Passage of a bill providing for payment of deficiencies growing out of the administration of public affairs.

2. The repeal of the automatic tax law and a law providing for the fixing of the ad valorem tax rate for general revenue purposes and for the maintenance of the public schools of state. The governor maintains that the automatic tax law is unconstitutional and that the taxes levied and collected thereunder have been unlawfully done.

"The legacy of expense and insufficient revenue which we have inherited from the last administration and legislature," says the governor, "is due to the manipulations of revenues and the unwarranted exercise of legislative power by the executive department."

INSANE PERISH.

Fire in an Asylum Is Attended With Awful Results.

Fire broke out in one of the main buildings of the insane asylum at Hamilton, Ont. There were in the building at the time the fire was discovered, and it was only an excellent trained fire-fighting force and superb coolness and bravery among nurses and attendants under Dr. English that averted a more frightful loss of life than eight fatalities.

Women were easily moved, but the men were in a perilous position. The fire broke out on the fourth floor in section D, where the violent insane are kept. Most of the men, guarded by attendants, moved down three flights of stairs and out of the fire zone in an orderly procession, but a score, that were driven into a frenzy by stifling smoke and the excitement of a fire at midnight, fought off their rescuers in a desperate fury. Three of them, after being carried down to the second floor, broke away and fled back to the blazing corridors. One patient had to be knocked senseless and was then dropped into a life net.

Burglar Locked in Car.

Unable to get out or to get rid of his loot, a negro arrived at Palestine, Tex., scaled in a box car. He was discovered and tropped by trappers at Longview. He said two white men were helping him rob the car, but they escaped the trap.

Texas Acquitted.

H. L. Robertson of San Antonio, a Pullman car conductor, shot a couple of negroes, fatally wounding one, on a special troop train, was tried at Atlanta, Ga., and acquitted. According to Robertson, the negroes attacked him after being reprimanded for not cleaning the car.

Storm Damage Large.

A rain, hail and wind storm that raged in Abilene, Tex., and vicinity did about \$150,000 damage alone in the city. Wind blew sixty miles per hour for a few minutes. Government gauge showed three and three-fourths inches of rain. Four miles from the city T. A. Milner was killed, a barn falling on him.

No Free Wool.

By one vote senate defeated the free list bill of house. Senator Bailey was the only Democrat voting with Republicans.

MRS. ELMER E. BLACK.

New York Woman Who Is Devoting Her Life to the Cause of Peace



PRO ACCOUNT FILED

By the Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League.

Dr. J. H. Gambrell, superintendent of the Texas Anti-Saloon league, has filed with County Judge Young of Dallas county a statement showing all the receipts of that organization for the period between Jan. 1 of this year and July 22, the date of the recent prohibition election. In a letter that accompanies the report the doctor says that he does not know that the law requires the organization to file such a report, inasmuch as the league was not charged with handling the recent campaign.

The report shows that the grand total receipts between the dates above mentioned were \$9,637.29 and that the expenditures in the same length of time were \$6,467.98, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,229.31. The report is made in quarterly form and shows at the beginning of the present year in the bank there was \$493.28.

Expenditures were as follows: Salaries, \$1,436.90; commissions, \$2,891.68; Home and State, \$66.25; postage, \$363; miscellaneous, \$20; rent, \$150; bank exchange, \$11.75; general printing, \$545.85; refunds, \$89.65; office supplies, \$31.55; expense, \$274.19; American Anti-Saloon league, \$200.

Balance was expenditures for various items.

Those who received the larger part of the salaries were Dr. Gambrell, \$750.10; D. Jones, \$257; M. Wells, \$231; and J. Dixon, \$192.50.

TELEPHONES HE IS SHOT.

Chicago Found in a Dying Condition in Saloon.

"I'm shot, shot, 'Central!" These words were heard over the telephone wire by an operator in the Monroe Street exchange of the Chicago Telephone company about midnight. She then heard the sound of a falling body and several crashes, indicating the hanging of the receiver against the wall as it fell from the hand of the wounded man. She at once notified the police station that someone had been shot at one of two addresses where there were telephones on same party line.

One of these addresses was that of Matthew Strong's saloon, and there the police found John Dolzall, the bartender, lying unconscious upon the floor near the door and apparently in a dying condition. The cash register had been broken open and its contents taken away.

Two Wreck Fatalities.

The New York and St. Louis fast train on the Baltimore and Ohio railway was wrecked three miles west of Salem, W. Va. Engineer T. W. Dunnington of Grafton was killed instantly and fireman James A. Huber of the same place was so badly hurt that he died shortly after being taken to a hospital at Clarksburg. Passengers were shaken up but not injured.

Summer Widowers Dine.

A "summer widowers' dinner" for those unfortunates whose wives have gone to the country or elsewhere to spend the summer was given at the Dallas Golf and Country club. It was one of the most novel affairs ever taking place in Texas and largely attended. The official announcement of the melancholy (?) feast was as follows: "Tremendous sensation! 'Summer widowers' dinner, Saturday, Aug. 6, Dallas Golf and Country club. Feed the canary; put the cat out; write your wife and come around to the club at 7 o'clock and join the lonesome bunch for dinner. (Bachelors and sympathizers not excluded.) An attempt at cheerfulness is expected. A song, a joke and a cigarette will be furnished free with each course."

For Selling to a Minor.

Comptroller Lane forfeited the license of Schulze & Buss, retail liquor dealers of Victoria, Tex., because, it is alleged, the firm sold liquor to a minor. The firm has thirty days to dispose of its stock in bulk. This action was taken by the comptroller under a provision of the liquor law.

CHAIRMAN BALL ON THE STAND

Offers Nothing That Is Direct in Character.

SUBMITS PRO EXPENSES.

In His Judgment It Is immeasurably Worse For Saloonists to Contribute to Campaign Funds Than Corporations.

In his statement before the house election prob committee Chairman T. H. Ball of the prohibition committee said there existed an immediate necessity for further safeguards for the ballot. He decried the large amounts contributed to campaign expenses by individuals and corporations, and he believed \$5 was a large enough sum for any individual or corporation to be permitted to expend in the interest of the election of any candidate or candidates.

Replying to the question whether it was worse for saloon keepers to contribute to campaign funds than for corporations to do so he said that it was immeasurably worse, although corporation contributions were certainly bad enough.

In the opinion of Chairman Ball Texas is much in need of a law providing for publicity of campaign expenditures before elections are held. He suggests one publication a month before election and others from then on at intervals of one week. Stringent laws seeking to punish "big game" individuals and concerns who seek to procure violations of the election laws are needed, he said, and he would go after the men higher up and give to the voter minimum punishment who becomes a victim of the debaucher.

Chairman Ball submitted a statement of receipts and expenditures of the pros as obtained at Houston headquarters, as follows:

Salary and office help, \$2,557.45.
Rents, office and furniture, \$745.15.
Postage, \$986.44.
Telephone, telegraph and express, \$1,144.62.

Literature, printing and stationery, \$5,706.39.

Traveling expenses and speakers, \$539.10.

Newspaper subscriptions, \$50.05.

Furniture and fixtures, \$204.87.

Publication of official statements, \$151.25.

The house and senate committees decided to meet separately.

By a vote of 90 to 30 house passed the committee substitute for the house concurrent resolution and substitute No. 1 asking Governor Colquitt to submit recommendations for stricter regulation of the liquor traffic.

Representative Hill of Denton testified before the senate committee. He said he was a prohibitionist, but opposed the amendment because he discovered the anti-Bailey men sought to thus down the senator.

Representative Cox said he only received expense money in the campaign. W. H. Gray, a Houston attorney, declined to testify, claiming the committee had no right to question him. Senator Watson also refused to testify.

WATER TANK FALLS.

One Man Killed and Others Are Badly Injured.

Lee Hewett, an iron worker, was so seriously injured after being crushed by a water tank at St. Paul's sanitarium, Dallas, falling seventy feet that in a few minutes. Four other men were badly injured, but not fatally. A brother of the dead man, J. A. Hewett, was injured about the head and arms.

The men were putting up new steel braces to replace the old ones that held up a 12,000-gallon tank at time of the accident. There was only about two feet of water in the tank.

The noise caused by the tank falling was heard some distance.

Just before he died Mr. Hewett requested to be baptized and a sister connected with the sanitarium performed the sacrament.

Awful Charges.

J. M. Adkins called at the county attorney's office in Dallas and filed two charges of criminal assault with that official against G. W. Bowers of Eagle Ford. According to the statement made by Mr. Adkins to Assistant County Attorney Charlton the alleged offenses were committed on his two daughters, Myrtle and Mattie, aged eleven and fourteen years respectively. According to Mr. Adkins Bowers is postmaster at Eagle Ford and also runs a general store at that place. Adkins rents a residence from Bowers.

Joseph Parry Dies.

Joseph Parry, known as "the father of irrigation" and founder of the asphaltum bed in the interior mountain regions, died at his home in Ogden, Utah, aged seventy six years. With one of the Mormon wagon trains he crossed the plains. Mr. Parry was the father of twenty-three children and fourteen, together with one of his wives, survive him. He had forty-nine grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Reapportionment Bill Passed.

The reapportionment bill as passed by both houses of congress provides for an increase from 301 to 433 in membership of the house of representatives.

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We carry a full and complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries. In fact we have the largest stock of groceries to be found in Callahan County, and guarantee them to be pure and fresh. We also carry everything in the Feed line, such as Hay, Bran, Chops, etc.

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We can supply your every need in the Furniture line from the simplest single piece to the most elaborate outfit. In Art Squares and Rugs we are well stocked with the latest patterns. We also have a nice line of Draperies, Lace Curtains, Shades, etc.

We can also supply your needs in anything in Farming Implements, Buggies, Harness Poultry Netting, any width, Shelf Hardware stoves, Paints, Enamels, Varnishes, Floor Stains, etc. Tin Work and Plumbing.

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- " Children's Cough Syrup
- " Chill and Fever Tonic
- " Cod Liver Oil Emulsion
- " Compound Extract Sarsaparilla
- " Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites
- " Cramp Bark Compound
- " Dynamic Tonic, Dynamic Tablets
- " Eczema Ointment
- " Family Liniment
- " Itch Ointment
- " Barkspur Lotion
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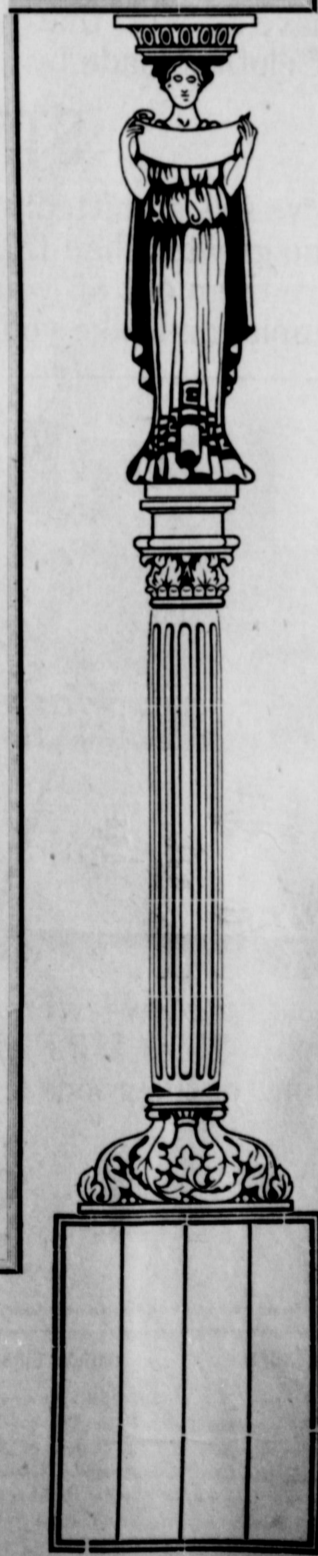
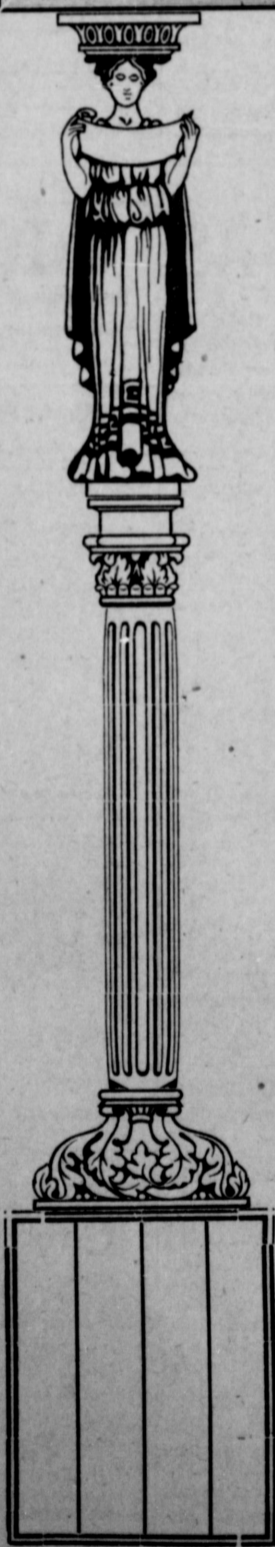
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MOLLIE DARLING.

Won't you tell me, Mollie darling,
That you love none else but me?
For I love you, Mollie darling,
You are all the world to me.
If you love me, Mollie darling,
Put your little hand in mine.
Take my heart, sweet Mollie darling,
Say that you will give me thine.

REFRAIN.

Mollie, sweetest, fairest, dearest,
Look up, darling, tell me this:
If you love me, Mollie darling,
Let your answer be a kiss.

Stars are shining, Mollie darling,
Through the mystic vale of night;
They seem laughing, Mollie darling,
While fair Luna hides their light;
No one listens but the flowers,
And they hang their heads in shame.
They are modest, Mollie darling,
When they hear me call your name.

I must leave you, Mollie darling,
Tho' the parting gives me pain;
When the stars shine, Mollie darling,
I will meet you once again;
Good-by, Mollie; good-by, loved one;
Happy may you ever be.
When you're dreaming, Mollie darling,
Don't forget to dream of me.

—Old Song.

Misses Combora and Lillie Moon,
of Eastland, visited their mother a
few days last week.

Don't forget the laundry dates.
37-4t.

Capt. J. W. Jones and Robt.
Estes went to Galveston Saturday
night from Coleman accompanied by
Col. McCord of the latter place.

For Sale:—Good span of work
mules. Ed. Wristen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Mr.
and Mrs. W. T. Hensley returned
Wednesday, from Galveston, where
they spent several days.

We will pay top prices for good
fat cattle. Frank Krogull, City
Meat Market. 31

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Holmes, of
Cross Plains came up Tuesday and
Mr. Holmes returned home Tuesday
and Mrs. Holmes will spend a week
or more with relatives in Baird.

When you want fresh beef, phone
26, Wilson's Meat Market. 12tf

Mrs. Browning, mother of Frank
Browning and Mrs. M. M. Terry, Jr.
came in Friday to visit her children.
Mrs. Browning was a passenger on
the Wichita Valley train, which was
blown off the track north of Abilene
Thursday night, and was right badly
bruised up.

ICE.

Phone 47, W. T. Hensley's for
ice. Mose Franklin. 16tf.

Mrs. T. B. Hadley was called to
Big Springs last Friday by the se-
rious illness of her sister, Mrs. Mer-
cer, who died Sunday night. Mrs.
Mercer was well known in Baird,
having been a frequent visitor to her
sister here. The remains were taken
to Kauffman, the old home, for bur-
ial. Mrs. Hadley returned home
Tuesday morning.

Wanted—all the fat cattle in
Callahan county. Phone or call at
the Wilson Market. 10tf

CARD OF THANKS.

Uncle Mac Wilson requests THE
STAR in his behalf to extend his
sincere thanks to all of his friends
who assisted him in his recent illness
and he wishes especially to thank
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert for their kind-
ness and unremitting care for him,
and he says he believes but for them
he would not have recovered.

Wanted—Washing, 25c per doz.
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See law card of County Attorney,
W. A. Shields in this issue. Re-
member him when you have any law
business.

Birds of a Feather.

The man who was trying to become
an expert canoeist was discoursing on
his canoe.
"What do you think I've named it?"
he asked.
They knew not.
"The 'New England Conscience.'
"Why?"
"Because it's almost always upset."

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Furnishes pure and healthy
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very best material on the
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MISS PEARL HATCHETT

Teacher of Piano.
Studio Opens September 4th.
Loc. _____
_____ later.
_____las, Tex.

THE NEWS SUSPENDED.

The Callahan County News, the
prohibition paper, has suspended
publication, but possibly only tem-
porarily. J. L. Sullivan, who last
had charge, threw up the job last
week and quit. D. S. Davenport,
of Abilene, came down the first of
the week and we heard had made or
was about to make a contract with
Mr. H. W. Ross, who owns the plant,
to continue the publication, but
whether the deal was closed we did
not learn.

Miss Pearl Hatchett, of Hillsboro
will begin a music class here Sep-
tember 4th. See card in this issue.

BAIRD'S FIRST BALE.

Sam McClendon, of Admiral, got
in with the first bale yesterday, with
A. T. Young, of Belle Plaine a
close second. Both bales were gin-
ned by the Baird Gin Co., up town.
We did not learn what the cotton
sold for before we went to press yester-
day evening.

The old freight depot has been
treated to a fresh coat of paint that
makes it harmonize with the new
brick passenger depot. They ex-
pect to have the new building com-
pleted in about two weeks. Baird
now has one of the handsomest de-
pots on the T. & P. West of Fort
Worth.

FALSE ALARM OF FIRE.

While ginning the two first bales
of cotton yesterday one of the
belts began to slip and raised a
smoke, and a fire alarm was sounded
which caused considerable excite-
ment in the east part of town for a
few moments. The first news was
that the round house was on fire
then the gin.

"Hog" Jackson, formerly of Belle
Plaine, now living at Sonora, with
his niece, Miss Oda Kane, of San
Angelo, is visiting Mrs. M. C. Ber-
ry out on the Berry farm.

We call attention to the new ad
of B. L. Boydston on first page.

MARRIED.

Mr. Walter Edwards and Miss
Maggie Dixon were married Sunday
morning, August 6th, 1911, at 10:30
o'clock. Rev. J. J. Hendrix officiat-
ing.

L. N. Dalmont, of Plainview, is
visiting his son-in-law, H. B. Tatum
near Belle Plaine. He reports crops
looking fine in that part of the state.

The Callahan County Baptist As-
sociation is being held with the
Baird Church this week. There are
quite a number of delegates and
visitors in attendance.