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The Star

"'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE GUT-UP-AND-GO THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

When in Need of... NICHE PRINTING. CO TO... The Baird Star Job Office.

One of Fortune's Greatest Favorites. There never has been another National administration in this country so clearly aided and favored by what is popularly known as "luck" as the McKinley administration. Mr. McKinley's star of destiny cast his lines in pleasant places and the goddess of fortune easily marked him for heroism.

The volume of money it gets now amounts to \$2,184,000,000 or a gain of about \$100,000,000 over the circulation of a year ago. The per capita now stands at a little above \$25. The government will run nearly \$70,000,000 more expensiveness, and it is calculated that at the end of the fiscal year this month, the treasury receipts will reach \$500,000,000.

Yea, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for indigestion or other ailments.

Five years ago business began to look up all over the world, after a long depression. We have not alone enjoyed prosperity, but now phenomenal trade has been maintained.

Hot Weather. "Gives relief to headache, stomach and bowel troubles. Taste Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the best regulator; a perfect laxative.—Powell & Powell."

About the weather: While the mercury here was up to 96 and 98, at Baird it was playing around 104, and at Brownwood it was toying with 108.

Some claim there is nothing real, and that all things are imaginary. Consequently if people imagine that they are living in a nice cool summer season while the mercury is trying to jump out of the top of the glass tube in the thermometers all over town, no one need dispute with them or say the "weather is hot"—at least not in Abilene.

Question Answered. Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world.

It is being generally known now that Johnson grass in its green stage will kill cattle. Since a report was published last week in THE STOCKMAN of several cases where cattle died from grazing on green Johnson grass, several cattle men report losses which they attribute to the same cause.

Notice. All persons indebted to the firm of S. M. Moon & Co. are requested to settle up. The undersigned has the books and notes of said firm who are anxious to close up the business.

THE SICK. E. Signal is still quite sick, but at last accounts was some better. Clarence Boyles is improving, and is able to be up about the house.

Methodist Revival. Revival services will begin at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. H. Leach of Okotoma, Miss.

To eradicate worms from the system give the child, plain, nourishing food and WHITE'S CHEAM VERMIFUGE. The result will be, the worms will disappear and the child become healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cents.

Our line of Summer shirts is the only line in West Texas. You will say so when you come and see.—T. E. Powell. 1047.

Last week we failed to mention a right serious accident that occurred in the T. & P. yards the previous week owing to a lack of information at the time. Young Rudder, son of W. H. Rudder, and a brakeman on the west end, by the name of Ayerhart, were in some way seriously hurt at night while coaling an engine.

The Doctor's Picture. The likeness of W. B. Caldwell, M. D. is on every bottle of genuine Dr. Caldwell's Poplin.

Mr. H. Schwartz returned Monday morning from Fort Worth. He informs us that Mrs. Schwartz is improving and will be able to come home in a week or so.

All the ladies who attended the picnic, will find a variety of face creams at Powell & Powell's Drug Store. 24.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE ROAD. In the beginning there was no roads. The unbroken forest was one vast hunting ground. The first highways were doubtless laid out by wild animals on their way to water or to salt licks.

We are told that two hundred years ago England had the worst roads in the world, because the passenger bringing on the roads alone were required to work them.

The French have probably the most efficient laws and regulations in the world for the building and repairing of highways. The Minister of Public Works has the general superintendence of the roads.

The national roads are paved like a street, having an average width of 24 feet. The departmental roads are 38 feet wide, and the military and cross roads are of variable width.

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the rich blackland counties of Texas if they could exchange highways with the lean Arabs and swartzy gypsies of the Saharaan wastes!

It seems that some misconstrued an editorial in THE STAR some time ago in which it was stated that we favored the issuance of more water bonds provided it would not cause an increase in our tax rate.

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LAND SALES. Sheriff T. A. Irvin sold the land, Tuesday, mentioned in THE STAR last week.

Ask Your Druggist for a free sample of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and booklet "Told by a Doctor." If he cannot supply you write Syrup Pepsin Co., Main and Charter Sts., Monticello, Ill.—Powell & Powell. July.

R. Phillips, DRUGS. BAIRD, TEXAS.

PALACE DRUG STORE. We carry a full line of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc. WALL PAPER. Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Books, PERIODICALS, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.

We Have Moved. To our New Brick Building just across the Street, where we will be pleased to have our friends call and see our line of Hardware, Vehicles, Stoves, Implements, Wire, Etc. A Select Line of Saddlery Goods. We do all kinds of tinwork promptly and Guarantee our Work, isn't that fair. WE HAVE THE FINEST LINE OF CUTLERY EVER BROUGHT TO BAIRD. R. E. Cub-HADLEY.

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THAT BLUE X. The blue X on your paper calls attention to the fact that the date on your paper shows that it is the subscription is paid for.

THE STAR is issued one day earlier this week in order to give you an opportunity to rest on the 4th. The change is only for this week.

The best and fairest way to settle the water question (after a sufficient supply is secured) is to put in water meters and let every one pay for what they use.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago the Declaration of Independence was signed. Not a single soul who participated in the signing of the document is living today.

Parker Shaw was defeated for congress in Dallas county by 3 votes last Saturday by Dudley W. Jones.

Attention is called to the communication on inside page under the caption "The Water Question" by Capt. W. C. Powell.

Fourth of July

FREEDOM'S ANNIVERSARY.

Platter the flag from school and street, Thrill the boys with drum and fife, Hear the din of their glee.

Let us now a triumphant cheer, And be proud to be great and small, For our dear free republic's day.

SPOOK'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

I don't know, Mauden, how we can ever learn any sort of a confession out of her," said Lawyer Darks.

How he did eventually meet the girl need not be related here. It was one of those coincidences--as we count the workings of events--that just happen every day.

It was the afternoon of July 3. On the stairs down which the two men had just descended crouched the small figure of a boy.

"PLEASE GIVE ME SOME MONEY. I WANT some more money," said the boy of a boy whose name I indicated about the age of 12.

The boy was emaciated to the last degree that one could hope to find him out of his bed, and his face was the color of chalk.

The lawyer's words concerning the cyclone and earthquake had been meaningless to the author of them, but they were not meaningless to Spook.

"Grandma" and that "grandma" claimed that that relationship existed between them; knew also that there had been of late rumors about the effect that Laura was not the old woman's granddaughter.

About a year previous Harry Marsden had come into possession of a fortune from an uncle, one Joseph Marsden, who had died in England.

Harry Marsden had been a miser, and as the nearest of kin known to be living, but that there was a possibility of the existence of a stepdaughter, the child of the uncle's wife by a former marriage.

Spook was stamped at his instant and tremendous success. He was a glib and grateful, but the man had

child had suddenly disappeared, stolen from her bed in the night while the stars shone south and no trace had ever been obtained as to her fate.

The certificate of her birth had also taken from the same office, for what reason was not known.

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walked heavily away. So he crossed to a store where fireworks were sold and invested the whole amount in fireworks.

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WHEN PATRIOTS REJOICE

Something About the Fourth and Its History

It is only 125 years since the Fourth was established, and the most wonderful era in the history of the world.

The reason of the breaking of the first was that it was too little, and its tone was too high and shrill.

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THE SPIRIT OF '76.

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When we were small little things, we were full of life, and we were full of life.

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