

The Baird Star.

NOTICE
Last week we sent out statements of subscriptions due in the county many have read, but a large majority have not. We give special favor that all try to pay up before Christmas the sooner the better. We have some payments to make which we cannot unless those who owe us help us out.

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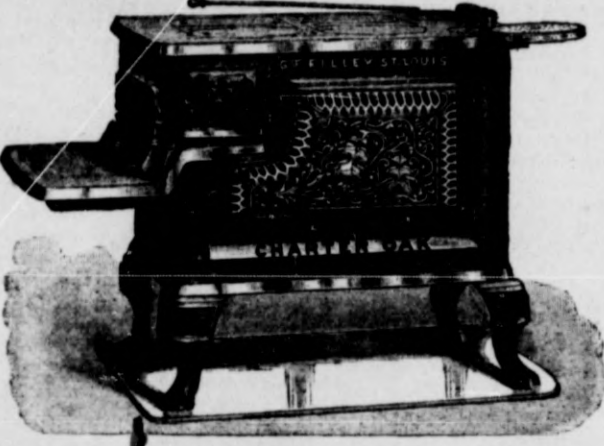
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS NOTES

Cottonwood Correspondence.

Write 1894.

We had a very pleasant time Christmas wrestling with la grippe.

Messrs. H. H. and S. S. Ramsey spent Christmas with their aged brother in Arlington.

Sam Strayhan and family returned Saturday from an extended visit at Albany.

Miss Blanche Ramsey is attending school at the Dallas convent.

Dr. Rust made a flying trip to Merkel last week.

Mr. J. A. Ayres had the pleasure of a nice ride from Eastland—ask friend Ayres the particulars, he delights to tell it, and the subject is such a delicate one that we touch it lightly—have him explain.

Joe Tisdale, Uncle Jimmy Mitchell, J. A. Ayres and a host of others, said to be ex-wet-ropers, are attending court in Eastland this week, 'scuse us neighbors.

Our popular deputy postmaster, and all round roust-about, W. P. Cochran, quits us this week. Anyone wanting a good, trusty clerk, who is faithful and honest, would do well to give him a job.

Capt T. J. Norrell has had a heavy attack of the grippe, but is up and about.

John Harris, of Callahan City, is attending the Yonley College here.

Mr. Editor, did you ever have la grippe? We used to call it Russian epizootic and the disease was not so bad, but since that fastidious Frenchman gave it a new name, the disease is very unpleasant company. Ye Loke felt like an iceberg was playing back gammon on his spinal column, and since the thaw we have pulled at our nose until it has ceased to be a pug and is now fast blending from a Roman to a Grecian. During our worst stages we were all the time wanting to take something, and it being Christmas we smiled and took something.

He who is so ignorant as to contend that printers' ink does not pay has only to refer to the Belle Plaine ad. for a teacher. The ad did not dry on the type before the right man called. Shake brother H. B.

What is the matter with Bro. Mc.? Christmas lasted until Saturday with him. He sent Tecumseh's mail here and our's may have gone to Hawaii for ought we know. We are not grumbling however, for mistakes often happen on holidays.

Messrs. J. B. Harris, J. A. Teague and son and Mr. Payne had a four cornered scrap Saturday evening, and rumor says that "Big Tree" wears the belt.

Cottonwood Merchandise Co. and the drug store are invoicing to-day.

Eq. Youge, of Baird, was attending our justice court Saturday.

Dr. Yonly gave the youngsters a party Saturday night and Mrs. Odom entertained the little ones. Christmas night Rev. Haslow gave the boys and girls a singing social. LOKE.

CALLAHAN CITY Jan. 1st. 1894.—Though I have been absent from the pages of correspondence for quite a while, I try again.

The rain straightened up the faces of many who were beginning to look gloomy over the prospect of a crop this year.

STAR. It will be of interest to a great many to know what about it.

Following the custom we gave Christmas week and returned home. The week was spent in visiting friends and attending some singing parties, and though we can't sing, we like to be where an effort is made in that direction.

School begins this morn' and we will have something else to do besides having holiday.

For fear we use too much space we close wishing all "A Happy New Year." A TEACHER.

Belle Plaine Budget.

BELLE PLAINE, Jan. 3.—The week between Christmas and New Year was given, as usual, to entertainments of every kind and description. There was on Tuesday a big dinner at R. E. Merchant's which united nearly all the members of the family and affinity living in town, and Cal M. seemed to detect for the first time what a lively and lovely daughter one of his cousins is blessed with.

Maj. Sam Cutbirth celebrated the holidays by a series of dinners taken with his married son and daughters. He opened the ball Tuesday at W. J. (Pomp) Cutbirth's proceeded Wednesday to E. C. (Cliff) Hill's and wound up the next day at Jasper McCoy's. The whole family including Mrs. Brown Seay, of Baird, and last but not least the "big" and "little" grandmas went along feasting and they had indeed a much enjoyed time.

The younger folks had their turn also. There was a dancing party Wednesday at John Bowen's on Deep Creek, which was followed on the next day by a big ball at Capt. Maltby's. Not less than thirty couples joined in the "light fantastic" and although there were about 100 people present, the arrangements for the supper were fully ample and highly satisfactory.

On Friday invitations were out for an entertainment at C. C. Seale's in honor of the Misses Magee who arrived Wednesday from Abilene on a visit to Mrs. S. Chris and his esteemed lady were the perfection of host and hostess assisted by Mrs. Fisher (why Mrs. F. I did not suspect that you danced?) and everybody enjoyed the whole affair to the fullest degree. Saturday night the "boys" displayed some fireworks in front of the Seale residence and volleys of thousands of firecrackers made the welkin ring.

Tom Stratton and family, of Tecumseh, spent the holidays with Mrs. A. M. Webb and returned Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Asbury was out in the neighborhood to summon witnesses for the celebrated case against Prof. Osborn.

Maj. Sam Cutbirth left Friday for St. Louis.

Ed Hart a nephew of Col. Larkin Hearn arrived from the Territory and tries to strike some bargains in the cattle trade.

Mr. E. Fride an engineer of Fort Worth is visiting his mother Mrs. Fride and sisters Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Palmore.

N. P. Seruggs has the contract for digging a well on the Dan Jones place and makes the dirt fly.

Calvin Merchant returned Monday to New Mexico where he is in charge of a ranch belonging to the Hansford Cattle Co. Calvin is a genial way gains him a good name. He is a good man and a true man. He is a good man and a true man. He is a good man and a true man.

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selected by my old comrades of Parson's brigade to make a speech. In the course of my remarks I referred to Mr. Davis' then recent visit to Montgomery and his speech at the unveiling of the Confederate monument there. I denounced the northern papers that had offered unkind criticism, and the southern papers that cowered before the storm of northern abuse and turning to a group of ex-Union soldiers who had gathered quite near the speakers stand, I said, "You boys know that every true Southern man loves Jeff Davis, and you think just that much more of us. Indeed you would despise us if we would in the hour of defeat turn against our chief, and as for the burning of Mr. Davis in effigy at Harrisburg Pennsylvania, we understand that. We know that there was not a respectable Union soldier in that "vile mob," and those old Union soldiers sprang to their feet and threw their hats in the air and yelled like Texans, and at the close of my speech they came to me and boastfully said "Well the "Rebs made more noise over your speech than we did, but it was just because there was more of 'em."

That Mr. Editor shows the difference between men and things. Sectional differences exist between the true men of the North and South. But a true soldier respects a soldier and a man respects true manhood. No true Northern man will abuse Jeff Davis and all true men of the North and South will respect his grave.

FELLOW TEACHERS.

Time is rolling around for the next Teachers institute and I wonder how many there are who are going to be there at the next meeting late in January.

As some of the teachers and Superintendent Carlisle have the object of the Institute to be the improvement of the teacher for his profession, it seems to me that, as the recommendation for holding these meetings comes from such authority as Supt Carlisle, the teachers ought to come together and discuss things pertaining to school management.

What would people think of a physician who had just come from the Medical College with his diploma, who would begin practicing his profession and continue for a number of years without keeping up with the medical world by taking and studying medical journals? (which is physicians' certain lines of the profession.)

Just so it is with all professions excluding school teaching. Let the teachers be prepared at the place appointed by the Supt., and be there on time and stay till it is over.

Some will say, I can't be there. Well, if you don't want to be there, you don't want to be a teacher.

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dared to tighten the check-rein and there's no one else to interfere."

"I know you are tired," said he, "I am ashamed to have a young lady row me. I beg, Miss Maggie, you will return at once."

"Not I," I replied, "and as to your being ashamed, I don't see that you have any occasion to be! I dare say if you had lived by the water you'd have learned to row, wouldn't you, now?"

"I rested my elbow on my knee, and supporting my chin on my hand, looked up at him curiously. He smiled as he answered."

"Can you drive? And oh, don't you love hunting?" I asked hastily; and not waiting for his reply, I informed him of my skill in both directions, and ended by challenging him to a race on the following day.

"But I am no horseman, Miss Ross," he said, as soon as I would give him time to answer.

"How stupid! What can you do?" I asked rudely.

"Insist upon returning home at once or we shall be overtaken by a storm. See! the moon is hidden and the clouds are grey."

"Pshaw!" cried I, with no attempt at concealing my impatience. "I'm glad I am not a fair-weather bird."

"And turning the boat toward the shore I rowed back in silence."

"Can I assist you?" he asked, jumping out and offering his hand.

"No, thanks," and bounding over the edge of the boat, I added: "I am one who helps herself."

He secured the chain, and we walked toward the house.

The acquaintance that opened thus ripened into a warm friendship, and my brother's tutor became the companion of my rambles, and, under my tuition, learned to row and hunt.

At last he took a vacation of six weeks. John almost made me angry by wishing he would double it, but I missed him very much.

"What is the matter, Maggie?" inquired my father, as I came down from my room equipped for church on the third Sunday of vacation looking pale and miserable, with eyelids red from crying. "Are you sick?"

"Yes, sir," I answered, "my head aches."

That was a dreadful story, unless folks' hearts are lodged in their heads. So, father insisted on my remaining home. Accordingly, my head was bound up in vinegar, and I was nursed and petted all day. Thor-

Papa was willing, and to-day I am the proud and happy Mrs. Clifton.

Dear papa made him his partner in business, and it is very well he did, for my husband's salary as tutor would not have kept us out of the poor-house, all through my experimental housekeeping.

My hair is not so dark as it once was, nor my step so light, but my heart beats just as warmly at my husband's pleasant voice as it did eight-and-twenty years ago. I have not neglected to teach the accomplishments of my youth to my pretty daughters, but at their father's suggestion I have added that which was neglected in mine, and what I know will be so useful to them in the future.

"I think you are right, dear old boy," I said, as I leaned over the table at which my husband sat writing, and took his hand. "Men will be men, and women, women, for all time, and, as you say, Alice and Grace are happier than they know some of the duties devolving on them as women. Oh, it is very well you came as you did, or I should in all probability be climbing trees and playing ball, to-day."

"No, no, my darling—worse than that!" cried he. "I cannot bear to think of it. You might have been some other man's wife."

"Never, never!" exclaimed I; "I never would have loved any man but you. We were made for one another, or—" and both our voices said together—"we never could be so happy."

A SUDDEN RECOVERY.
 Mr. Ems Was Cruel Enough to Make Some Sweeping Assertions.

Mrs. Lucinda Ems was a good woman and a "church member," but not a perfect saint. She was quick with her tongue, but in all other respects was commonly a little behind-hand. When Mr. Ems' carriage was seen starting for church the neighbors knew it was about 10:45. Services begin at 10:37, and the Emses always arrive shortly before 11. Mr. Ems, it should be said, was by nature quick of movement and given to punctuality, says the Youth's Companion.

Mrs. Ems was an invalid—"a professional invalid," old John Hanson used to say when her case was mentioned.

If nothing else ailed her she was "rather run down." Sometimes she had a cold; at other times her appetite was poor. She was "never very strong, you know;" and there was no doubt that Dr. Turnbull esteemed her as one of his most profitable patients.

At somewhat regular intervals she took to her bed and made ready to depart. There was no uncertainty about it; the end was near. But hitherto she had recovered, and, as was perhaps natural, the neighbors and even her husband became used, after a while, to seeing her upon her deathbed.

She is dead indeed now, good woman, and her husband, too, but the townspeople still relate the manner in which she was once raised suddenly from what she had confidently spoken of as her last illness.

She had been in bed for three days, and, as she herself said, "was growing weaker every minute." She called her husband to her side.

"I am going, Benjamin," she said in a feeble voice. "Don't mourn for me too much. We shan't be separated very long. I shall be waiting for you on the other shore."

"Well, dear," said Mr. Ems, who saw nothing so very alarming in Lucinda's symptoms, "well, my dear, I hope you won't get out of patience waiting for me up yonder, but if the time seems long you can remember that in this world I always had to wait for you."

The unexpected retort gave the invalid's nervous system just the needed "jog." She sat up in bed the next minute, and in half an hour was in the kitchen.

Acted With Deliberation.
 "How are all the folks at home?" asked an "old friend of the family," upon meeting one of its younger members recently.

"All pretty well," remarked the youth. "Uncle Silas is dead, you know," he added, mentioning the name of a venerable and wealthy relation, who, succumbing to the inevitable at 90, had made him his heir.

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He Was a Woman.
 A rather strange case has come out in a suit over a will in the English court of chancery. The will has been in the courts for many years. It is executed by a Mr. Cullener, and leaves his property to his wife, and the claimant is a woman who has been masquerading as a man ever since 1886, when the testator died. Finding the property involved, and being under the necessity of making a living, she donned male attire, assumed a masculine name, and went to work as a plumber. Some years afterward, on account of some property consideration, she married, as a man, a relative of hers, and lived with her some time in the supposed relation of husband and wife.

How Divided.
 The official classification of French houses in 1868 showed that 158,000 were inhabited by the nobles and gentry, 583,000 by merchants and commercial people, 2,167,000 by "tradesmen," and 4,453,000 laborers and operatives.

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BAIRD, FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 1894.

Baird will issue \$10,000 worth of water works bonds.

Texas will not be Kansasized this year of ninety four.

Mrs. Mary Ellen had to walk the plank at last.

The Hillsboro Register was burned out last week. Bro. Fields has our sympathy in his misfortune.

Lewelling, Walt, Penmoyer. Ain't they a dandy trio? That their own states will repudiate them and their party at the next election is almost a foregone conclusion.

The silver question will yet knock the stuffing out of both the Democratic and Republican parties unless it is restored to its ancient prestige. This may be considered both a prediction and a threat.

The Houston Post recently issued a forty page edition, the largest daily ever issued in the state. The Post is rapidly forging its way to the front as one of the leading dailies of the South, and we are all proud of it.

Mrs. Lease says the Populist administration in Kansas is the most corrupt ever known in the history of the state. She ought to know as she has been mixed up with it from the beginning. This Kansas racket convinces us of one thing and that is that a Pop is no better than an average Democrat or Republican notwithstanding all their protestations of holiness.

Juan Hart of the El Paso Times is in Washington trying to get the United States to use its friendly offices in removing the boycott against his paper by the Mexican government. Most newspaper men are happy when they succeed in getting their paper boycotted because then every one wants to read it, but in this instance it claimed that more than half the Times circulation is cut off. THE STAR bets on Juan coming out first best in his contest with the land of God and Liberty.

They now say that its tariff agitation that prevents the good times from coming which was promised immediately on the repeal of the Sherman law. Oh ye humbugs and humbugged? How long will this infernal trickery last? Silver is dead and it can no longer be used as a scrape goat for the panic. It becomes plainer every day that President Cleveland was badly mistaken in his diagnosis of the financial situation. He laid all the trouble on silver and silver was slain but the gods were not appeased it seems.

It is a little late to extend the usual courtesies of the season to THE STAR's patrons, friends and exchanges, but last week we were laid up with the gripe and felt very little like judicious. With this excuse for our tardiness, we herewith extend to all the readers and friends of THE STAR including our exchanges a Happy New Year. May you one and all be happy. The past year has faded gently and joy and becoming year. The Press gang is happy.

WATER WORKS AGAIN.

It is an old and true saying that "when you least expect it then you get it." This was never more forcibly illustrated than in the case of our short comment on the proposition of Mr. Thatcher on the water works question, which called forth Capt. Powell's reply in last week's STAR. That we were going to provoke a discussion on the question or that we were in the least misrepresenting actual facts, or that we were treading on the toes of any one, much less Capt. Powell, never entered our thoughts, but it seems that we got into it all around.

We said in substance that Mr. Thatcher's proposition was the cheapest ever proposed. Capt. Powell comes back at us and asks if we ever heard of any proposition whatever to put in water works of any kind for the city? No, we never did exactly in that line, but Capt. Powell's question and rejoinder does not relate what we said about Mr. Thatcher's plan being the cheapest. It makes no material difference whether any proposition was so made to put in the water works for the city or for some individual or company. The question is as to cost of water to Baird. If Mr. Thatcher's plan is feasible (which we do not assert and which Capt. Powell denies) we still maintain that his plan is the cheapest. This was the idea we intended to convey. We are not boosting Mr. Thatcher's proposition, and if it is impracticable, as Capt. Powell asserts, we suppose the city council will thoroughly investigate the matter before they make a contract, at least they certainly ought to do so. Why did we say Mr. Thatcher's plan was the cheapest? Well, because we believed it was, and believe so yet; leaving out the question of practicability, which Capt. Powell and the city Dads can settle between them, this is no fight of ours and we beg to be excused. We propose only to notice Capt. Powell's article in so far as it applies to us individually.

Capt. Powell ridicules the idea of our "keeping posted" when we got things so badly mixed—from his stand point. Well, we did not say we "always" kept posted on such things, we said we "tried" to keep posted. Quite a difference you see, but did we get so far astray after all? The people of Baird pretty generally understand the propositions heretofore submitted, and we are perfectly willing to leave it to them to say whether we stated it correctly or not as to Mr. Thatcher's plan being the cheapest or some one of the various propositions heretofore submitted by Capt. Powell.

On July 27, 1891, the city council passed a resolution binding itself to enter into a contract with the Baird Water & Power Co., for a term of twenty years, agreeing to take 10 fire plugs for which the city was to pay \$600 annually. The B. W. & P. Co. failed to materialize and the action of the city council came to naught.

On June 28, 1892, nearly a year afterwards, Gen. James and associates made a proposition which was accepted and a contract entered into and a tax levied. In this the city agreed to pay \$1000 a year for two years for a certain number of fire plugs. Capt. Powell says this contract was conditional, that the company was limited to the sand beds west of Baird. We did not so understand it at the time, but on investigation we find that Capt. Powell is doubtless correct. We have not seen the contract, though Mayer Lane informs us that it is substantially as stated by Capt. Powell in his article.

We make this statement cheerfully because unintentionally we did put the company in the attitude of breaking their contract with the city, which however, was not intended by us to cast any reflection upon the company of which Capt. Powell was a member, but the article was hurriedly written and the wording of the sentence is questionable.

complete system of water works in the city and furnish water to the city for 15 years for which the city was to issue its bonds for \$10,000, same to be turned over to the company to pay for the water-works for fire purposes only. This proposition was not entertained by the council. This we believe comprises the various plans proposed to furnish the city with water except to one now under consideration. The last two or three propositions mentioned are given as we got them from individual members of the city council and we suppose no one will dispute them. We simply enumerated the various plans proposed to show why we thought Mr. Thatcher's plan the cheapest for the city and the people of Baird who have to foot the bills.

In discussing this question of water works our sole object is to get at the facts, not to prove that Mr. Thatcher is right or that Capt. Powell is wrong, but that the people may get all the light possible. Capt. Powell doubts the practicability of Mr. Thatcher's plan, but says should it prove to be correct the work can be done for \$3000 less than Mr. Thatcher proposes. So much the better. Should this plan prove feasible according to Capt. Powell we can bring water to Market street and have \$3000 to extend mains in the east part of town. We say right here that Capt. Powell, in addition to being a large tax payer, is a civil engineer of acknowledged ability and integrity, and whatever he says on a question like this is entitled to great weight and we would not for a moment presume to set up our opinion against his, because we are not and do not pretend to be posted on engineering. This is one branch of the water system on which we have not "tried" to keep posted, because heretofore we have always depended upon Capt. Powell himself to look after that part of the business, and still have great faith in what he says, notwithstanding he turned loose Mr. Thatcher's 12 inch mud valve at us preparatory to a shot at Mr. Thatcher and Maj. Jones with the same instrument.

Capt. Powell says: "From all that I can make out of Mr. Thatcher's survey and my knowledge of the proposed canyon and the country, I do not think the plan feasible, the gathering ground for the water supply is too limited the soil is too porous, and for a gravity system the elevation is not sufficient to give us sufficient flow of water and overcome friction in the pipes. For I am certain that in dry times we will be out of water, and in wet times we will not need any. But all these defects are matters of scientific investigation, and if after thorough examination they are found not to exist, then is the time to go ahead and not before."

We said we would not discuss the feasibility of the Thatcher proposition. Neither do we, but would say in conclusion that the city council should at least note carefully what Capt. Powell says. Investigate and satisfy themselves thoroughly before a contract is entered into, because it would be a costly experiment should Capt. Powell's prediction prove true "after" the reservoir is built. It would be too late to remedy the evil then. We have waited a long time for water works and a few months delay now would not set us back so much as a fatal mistake at the beginning.

NOTICE.

To my customers: I know times are hard and money scarce, and for this reason I have been as lenient as possible, but I need money badly and I hope all who can do so will come in and settle up between this and the first of January. If you cannot pay all you owe me, pay as much as possible. Thankful for past favors, I am yours, Respectfully,
H. MEYER.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Sunday morning at the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, Mr. W. J. and Miss Mollie were married. Rev. W. J. Williams, officiating. The bride and groom were most of friends.

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NO. 3286.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$130,247 00
Over-Drafts, secured and unsecured.....	3,776 43
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	20,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	2,464 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	5,588 44
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....	7,600 00
Due from other National Banks (not Reserve Agents).....	7,781 05
Due from approved reserve agents.....	5,905 85
Checks and other cash items.....	644 01
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,100 00
Postal paper currency and cts.....	54 50
Specie.....	4,294 25
Legal-tender notes.....	4,600 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (3 per cent of circulation).....	1,125 00
Total.....	\$225,331 19
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	4,918 78
National Bank notes outstanding.....	22,500 00
Due to other National Banks.....	259 72
Dividends unpaid.....	40 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	35,529 10
Time certificates of deposit.....	29,298 69
Notes and bills re-discounted.....	12,224 90
Total.....	\$225,331 19

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan, ss. I, W. C. Powell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. POWELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Dec. 1893. FREDERIC LANE, Notary Public, Callahan county, Texas.

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Sir William Turner, the eminent anatomist of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, with the aid of a Glasgow shipbuilder, has been making some calculations as to the strength of a whale. The size and dimensions of a great whale stranded some time since on the Scotch Coast furnished the necessary data. This whale was 80 feet long, 20 feet across the flukes of the tail, and weighed 165,000 pounds. The Professor calculates that to attain a speed of 12 miles an hour, an ordinary whale, the animal would have to exert 145 horse power.

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T. E. Powell's men's \$4 shoe. Best shoe ever made. 49

City Meat Market will pay the highest prices for hides. 2f

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A full line of Furniture, never cheaper than now. Come and see prices, also a full stock of coffins, at Leo Stern. 22.

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The best Christmas or New Years present is some of Miller Bros. celebrated "aristo" Portraits. Next door South of Vaughn & Co. 3f

Have your picture made in the corner of a white silk kerchief for a present to your wife—husband—or "best girl" at Miller Bros. 3f

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When one stops at G. W. Ratliff Wagon Yard in Coleman City they always return. Reason, they are always treated square and fair. 3f

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Lost Dec. 13th 1893 one ten dollar bill between John Lees and Baird. The finder will please leave with Louis Boydston and be rewarded. R. M. Smith. 3f

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We want your trade. Our new goods are now in we and would be pleased to have you inspect our stock before placing your order's. Driskill & Norton. 44

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ORPHANS IN AUSTRIA

THE STIGMA OF PAUPERISM NEVER CROWNS ITS HELPLESS TOTS.

It is the Only Country in the World Where Foundlings Are Debarred From the Workhouse—Their Care Intrusted to the Refined and Wealthy.

There is only one country in the world where orphan children and foundlings are debarred from admission to the workhouse. It is in Austria, which maintains that to place the stigma of pauperism upon the poor little things is to handicap them later on in the race for life and bread, and thus to lessen their chance of ever becoming self supporting and self respecting citizens. That their reasoning is just is shown by the results. Whereas in Paris, London and Berlin the majority of children born in workhouses return years afterward to dis-thonor. In Vienna it is a most unusual occurrence for a foundling or an orphan dependent upon public charity to become in old age a charge upon the community.

In Austrian cities children of this class are boarded out in the families of workmen living in the suburbs at the expense of the municipality. But their care is intrusted, not to the workhouse authorities, but to gentlemen and ladies of leisure, fortune and respectability, who practically become the guardians of the little ones.

Their charge is a purely honorary one, and they are chosen as a rule by the burgo-master of the city or town from among the nobility, the retired magistrates, the half pay officers, the rich childless widows and wealthy old maid. They bear the title of orphan fathers and orphan mothers, and so honorable is the position regarded by the population that the mayor never experiences any difficulty in securing the services of a sufficient number of such official parents.

During the early youth of their wards the duties of these orphan parents are confined to visiting them at unexpected times and to keeping the people with whom they board up to the mark by showing them that the children have powerful protectors. Upon the official parent devolves the responsibility of deciding the special calling in life for which the youngsters show the most aptitude, the only stipulation made by the municipal authorities being that the boys should be taught some skilled labor or profession calculated to give them later on a chance of being able to support a wife and family and to lay by provision for old age. When these lads go out into the world, it is to their official parents that they turn for a character, and if evil days come to them they appeal to their official protectors for help.

It is an incalculable benefit for a boy who is just starting out in life to have a man of position to stand by him and to speak to the world in his favor, nor is there anything in connection between the two to ruffle the independence of the younger, for when once launched in life the elder stands to him simply in the relation of an old and tried friend, whose advice he may follow or not as he pleases.

With regard to the orphan or foundling girls, they are mostly trained for domestic service, which, however, they are not permitted to enter before the age of 14, and then it becomes the orphan mother's duty to investigate the character of the persons who propose to employ her, to see that she is well treated and eventually, when she marries, to find out about the man's reputation and to see whether he has the means of keeping a wife.

Usually it is from her own house that the marriage takes place, and at every turn the girl is made to feel the advantage of having a lady of rank to whom she can always appeal, who is bound to protect her, to defend her when wrongfully accused and to guard her as far as possible from evil.

Thanks to these orphan parents, hereditary pauperism in Austria has been practically stamped out, and there is much in the system that may commend itself to people on this side of the Atlantic. The condition of the pauper orphans and of the foundlings now dependent upon the public charity of this great metropolis would certainly be vastly improved and the future prospects of the little unfortunates rendered more promising were our leading citizens and their wives to follow the example of the people in similar standing in Austria, and to add a new and useful interest to their lives by assuming the honorary and honorable office of orphan parents.—New York Tribune.

A SILENT RACE IN FRANCE.

A French scientific journal gives particulars of a still race (course d'écluse) at Bordeaux, in which Aime Martin, a young man under 20, beat the record by covering 440 kilometers (about 273 miles) in 78 hours and 53 minutes. His suits were about 6 feet long and weighed over 16 pounds. His bare feet were not injured by the friction, and he suffered no inconvenience. Another race of portlanes—that is, women who carry burdens on their heads—was won by Margaret Pujol, 36 years of age. Her burden consisted of a basket laden with 45 pounds, and the course was 3 kilometers (about 3 miles), which she covered in 1 hour and 5 minutes.—Exchange.

Vowel Sounds Photographed.

Professor Hermann has succeeded in photographing the vowel sounds by speaking them into a phonograph, which reproduced them slowly. The vibrations were recorded by a microphone, which had a small mirror in the vibrating drum. A ray of light reflected from the mirror recorded its vibrations—that is to say, the vibrations of the vocal chords, on a traveling band of sensitive paper.

Many Places Which Contest the Honor. Their Claims.

For several centuries different cities of the Orient have contested with each other for the honor of being recognized as the midpoint of our planet. In 1888 a London geographer issued an elaborate work, in which he tried to prove the British metropolis to be the center of the landed surface of the globe. Jerusalem and Delphi, notwithstanding that neither is situated on or very near the equator, have for ages been the two main contestants in this great central city controversy.

William Simpson of the London Society For the Exploration of Palestine tells us that Herr Schick has sent home drawings of the spot in Jerusalem which is supposed by some to be the exact center of our world. This interesting place is in the Greek church, nine feet to the right of the reliquary containing what purports to be the crown of thorns worn by our Saviour, the first nail that was driven through his right hand and the blood which he shed on that memorable occasion.

It is written in the Psalms, "God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth." This can only refer to the scenes of the passion and of the holy sepulcher. The midst or spot of the earth must, therefore, be sought in that vicinity. The belief that the center of the earth is at Jerusalem is very ancient, for it is alluded to by St. Ephrem in his reference to Noah's prayer over the bones of Adam. St. Ephrem says, "And Noah buried Adam's bones in the middle of the earth." A certain round stone in the temple of Delphi is also spoken of by the ancient writers as being the "navel or center of the earth."

Orestes takes refuge there when pursued by Eumelinides. Pindar also makes mention of the exact location of the center of the world, and Pansanius, like Herr Schick, also had the pleasure of beholding the only genuine central hub of our planet. He, however, locates it at Delphi instead of at Jerusalem. "It is made," he said, "of white stone, smooth and polished, and is no doubt the middle point of the world."—Philadelphia Press.

A Mean Trick.

A lawyer defending a promissory note went to lunch, leaving his books and citations on the table in the courtroom. The opposing counsel sneaked back into the room and changed the places of all his bookmarks. In the afternoon the lawyer, taking up his books, referred the court to his authorities. His lordship noted every volume and page carefully and took the case under consideration. In rendering his opinion he said:

"I was inclined after hearing argument of counsel for defendant to nonsuit plaintiff, but I find, after referring to the authorities quoted by counsel, none of them bear on this case, and I am led to think that the gentleman has been willfully trying to insult the court. He has referred me to an action of an Irishman who sued the proprietor of a monkey for damages for biting him to a case of arson, one of burglary, two of petty larceny and three divorce cases, none of which bears on an action to recover on a promissory note. Perhaps the grossest insult to the court is referring to 'Duckworth versus Boozeman,' an action charging defendant with breach of promise. Judgment for plaintiff with costs."

The lawyer never knew what the matter was and to this day thinks the judge was out of his mind.—Pearson's Weekly.

Fined a Dead Man.

Down in southwestern Texas, just about midway between Houston in the east and El Paso in the west, and very near to the Rio Grande, the Southern Pacific railway has built over the Pecce river the highest bridge in the United States. Just before this bridge was finished one of the workmen fell from it and was of course killed.

The county judge was brought from Langtry, the town nearest to the bridge, to hold a "crownor's quest." The judge arrived with a great concourse of people, all anxious to serve on the jury. Proceedings were begun by examining the body of the dead man. Upon this were found a loaded revolver and \$40 in cash. Perceiving this, the judge said:

"There ain't nothing to do about this case, gentlemen of the jury. The man's dead, and it's perfectly plain how he met his death. But what I want to know is, what was he doing with that gun? That's against the laws of Texas. He ain't here to explain, but because a man takes it into his head to put on wings and mount to the skies is no reason why the great state of Texas should be defrauded. Law is law and justice is justice. I fine him \$40 for carrying a deadly weapon."

It is needless to say that the fine was paid.—Harper's Magazine.

The Gallows Plant.

During the middle ages the botanists, or old "herbalists," gave currency to many curious stories concerning the growth, form, etc., of mandrake or May apple, which finally resulted in its being given the name of "gallows plant." The pseudo-scientists of that time declared that mandrake would grow in no other place except upon which some terrible crime had been committed. The roots were formerly supposed to bear a strong resemblance to the human form and are figured in the old "Herbale" which lie before me as I write, even distinguished as to sex, the female of the plant having long hair; the male, heavy beard.—St. Louis Republic.

Older Than He Was.

"I say, boy," remarked a tourist to a youngster, "what's the name of that hill yonder?"

"Dunno," replied the lad briefly.

"Don't know? Lived here all your life, yonder, and don't know the name of the hill yonder?—It is called 'Older Than He Was.'"

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AL NEGRO DANCE.

WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER ONE IS DYING.

Al Hill of Belcher, Takes Morphine at Fort Worth and Barely Escapes with His Life—Junker Fennell Horribly Mangled by a Train.

COLUMBIA, Tex., Jan. 2.—A difficulty occurred at negro dance Saturday night between E. N. Williams and one Lemon Gayle about places on the floor. Gayle, his brother, London, and Bob Early began shooting. London Gayle killed a negro boy, Eli Waddy, and another boy standing near Isaac Scott, crying out, "London Gayle has killed Eli." Gayle turned and saying, "What is that to you?" shot the boy with a Winchester, killing him instantly. A number of shots were fired. When the smoke cleared away it was found that the two boys were dead, a woman dying and since dead, Lemon Gayle fatally wounded, a man shot in the hand, another in the arm and several others with minor injuries. London Gayle has been captured and jailed. Lemon Gayle will die. It is reported that Early has been captured. All parties colored.

Narrow Escape.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 2.—Officers Moseley and Watkins found a man between the Fort Worth iron works and the Texas and Pacific track in an apparently lifeless condition Saturday evening. On removal to the city hall life was found not to be entirely extinct, and the city physician was summoned. His trouble was morphine poisoning and so nearly had the deadly drug done its work that hours were required for resuscitation. He said: "My name is Al Hill, and I live at Belcher, Tex. My wife died three months ago, and I have four children there. Since her death I have been very low spirited and have been drinking to excess. I felt very badly and bought and swallowed a dose of morphine. I did not intend to kill myself, but from what they say I guess I came pretty near it." He is now out of danger.

Negro Shot.

COLMESNEIL, Tex., Dec. 30.—Late advice from Jasper are to the effect that John McQueen shot a negro at that place Saturday night. The negro, Wash Cawley, disputed McQueen's word and started toward him with a knife, when McQueen snatched a pistol in Cawley's face. Cawley then reached for an ax, when McQueen shot him in the side, the ball passing through his body and emerging near the left nipple. The negro may recover.

Too Much Laudanum.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 28.—Yesterday morning Mrs. H. C. Rawlins gave her 6 months old baby boy a dose of laudanum to put him to sleep, he having been unwell during the night. There was only a very little in the bottle and it was very strong. As the child did not awake during the day Mrs. Rawlins sent for physicians, who did all in their power to save the little one, but in vain. He died at 1 o'clock this morning, never having waked. The family live on north Harwood street.

Shotgun and Pistol.

BELLEVILLE, Tex., Dec. 27.—Monday evening John Rogers, a colored man, became involved in a difficulty with two white men, Frank Prestage and Bill Hollin. Rogers used a shotgun and Prestage a sixshooter. Prestage was shot in the arm and shoulder. One of the shots from the pistol of Prestage missed the mark and struck Hollin, the friend of Prestage. Hollin's wound proved fatal and he died in a few hours. Prestage is reported doing well. The negro is in jail.

Unknown Dead.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 30.—Last night the body of an unknown man was removed from the infirmary to an undertaking establishment. He was found yesterday by the police in a semi-conscious state and taken to the police station. City Health Officer Laredon says that death resulted from too much morphine. No papers could be found that pointed to his identity. He is about 50 years old, is a heavy man with blonde hair and whiskers.

Waller County Robbery.

HEMPSTEAD, Tex., Dec. 30.—Thursday night Sheriff Sterling received a letter from County Clerk N. A. Cuney, who resides at Sunnyside, fifteen miles south of here, stating that his store house was entered by burglars Thursday night and the safe opened and robbed of \$1700 and the building then fired. There is no clew to the perpetrators.

Grand Jurors Fined.

SHERMAN, Tex., Jan. 2.—District court convened its midwinter term Friday morning. A large number of grand jurors failed to answer, and were fined and cited to appear with answers why they failed to answer why they failed to appear.

Horribly Mangled.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Jan. 2.—Junker Fennell, a boy about 12 years of age, was run over and horribly mangled by a freight train in the Southern Railway yards. No one seems to know what happened, but it is

ALL OVER THE STATE.

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Frenzied by jealousy, Charles Roberts, a soldier of San Antonio, whipped out a razor and cut the throat of Josie Wilbur in a box at a variety theater recently. The woman, who was one of the employees of the theater, was seriously injured. Roberts then slashed his own throat in a horrible manner, and is not expected to live.

Miss Louise B. Rice while crossing Washington avenue at the intersection of Seventeenth street at Galveston recently, was thrown down by an electric street car and so badly crushed and mangled that she died from the effects of her injuries three hours afterwards.

The railroad commission report is in part in the hands of the printer. The aggregate of casualties in the past year on the roads in Texas is 180 killed and 1712 injured. Of the killed only five were passengers.

W. S. Graham of Wiley, Collin county, while on his way to visit relatives at Fort Mills, S. C., recently, has been found dead near Birmingham, Ala. It is said that he jumped from the train.

There was a regular knock-down and drag-out fight in Carvajal & Lackey's saloon at Floresville on Christmas day, but no one was seriously hurt. The parties were all Mexicans.

A DeWitt county farmer bought 500 turkeys at 40 cents each, hired some boys and drove them to San Antonio and sold them for \$1.50 each, or \$450. He made \$150 clear on the transaction.

By order of Judge McCormick Receiver Spence of the Austin Water company has issued receivers' certificates to the amount of \$18,750 for the payment of interest on the company's bonds.

Roger Davenport and Bunyan Stoker, Jr., two boys fought with knives recently near Breckenridge, Stephens county, and the Davenport was seriously cut. Stoker is in jail.

At Abilene recently Willie Fullwiler found a cannon firecracker and touched it off. The fingers were blown off his right hand, necessitating amputation of the hand.

Dr. E. T. Terrell, treasurer of Mitchell county, was found dead in his office a few days since. His death was from natural causes. He leaves a wife and three children.

Late rains in the vicinity of Kimball, Bosque county, have made small grain crops look very promising. Farmers are breaking land with a rush for next year's crop.

James Grant of Thurber, Erath county, has been arrested charged with sending threatening letters through the mails. He gave an appearance bond of \$1000.

A thief entered the East Dallas Baptist church Christmas night while those present were enjoying a Christmas tree, and stole a valuable overcoat and other articles.

The governor has pardoned Wes Matthews, colored, who was convicted some time since at Dallas, of burglary. He is a cripple for life, having been shot while in the act.

Nero Zukick's horse run away with the cart at Galveston recently, and he was thrown under the wheels, receiving injuries from which he died a few hours afterward.

A suit to forfeit the charter of the Taylor, Bastrop and Houston railroad has been instituted at Georgetown before Judge Morris of the twenty-sixth district.

The attorney-general disapproved the issue of Kimble county court house bonds because the tax levy was insufficient to pay interest and sinking fund.

At Belden, Morris county, recently George Warnaga accidentally discharged a pistol, the ball passing through his hand, causing a painful wound.

Dallas is the only town in Dallas county, and Waco is the only one in McLennan county that have saloons. Local option is gaining rapidly in Texas.

John F. Newcomer, who left his family at Fort Worth fourteen years ago, has just returned. He had not heard from them nor from him.

The 123 bales of cotton damaged at the recent-compress fire at Austin have been sold to Dr. Iglehart by Adjuster John S. Aldehoff for \$2100.

The postoffice at Flatonia, Fayette county, was blown open with dynamite one night recently and robbed of a number of registered packages.

Tom Thorik, a well-known and respected citizen, of Chico, Hamilton county, committed suicide by taking morphine a few days ago.

Dr. R. P. Jones, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for killing Capt. W. G. Veal at Dallas in October, 1892, is still in jail. His case has been before the court of appeals for nearly if not quite a year, but as yet there has been no action taken.

Bea Willis took his sweetheart, Miss Minnie Moore, out riding at Danglerfield, Morris county, recently. He killed her and then killed himself. They were cousins and engaged to be married, but the families on both sides objected.

An unknown man was run over and killed between Troupe and Omen on the International and Great Northern road recently.

The proposed issue of \$16,000 of court house bonds by Ward county has been approved by the attorney-general.

Two hundred pretty girls, graceful children and handsome men make up the cast of the butterfly fete at Fort Worth.

H. T. Clark of Baby Head, Llano county, recently shipped 900 pounds of dressed turkeys to Dallas and Galveston.

The Seth Thomas clock company will put a \$1700 clock and bell in the tower of the Federal building at Dallas.

The volunteer fire company of Tyler received a \$20 check for its services rendered at the fire on Christmas night.

Just before Christmas Gov. Hogg pardoned twenty convicts, the board of pardons having recommended the same.

Moore Tucker, a little boy at Rockwall, cut his toe off a few days ago while exercising at the wood pile.

The ladies of San Antonio have started a soup kitchen. The nominal sum of 5 cents a meal is charged.

The recorder of Corsicana recently had six common 'drunk and down' cases before him one morning.

Salem Curtis was shooting cannon firecrackers near Merkel, Taylor county, and had his hand badly hurt.

R. M. Porter, alias 'Big Jack,' has been arrested at Sherman charged with passing counterfeit dollars.

Two overcoats were stolen from dummies before two different stores in Fort Worth one day recently.

'Buddy' Hollis got into a cutting scrape at Duffau, Erath county, recently and was cut in the arm.

The Policemen's Benevolent Association of Dallas recently gave a ball, which was a great success.

Twenty-four couples were granted license to wed in Washington county in one week recently.

Two Brenham darkies made a ring and fought with their fists to a finish. Both were arrested.

Bryant Hooks, at Crockett, while intoxicated was thrown from his horse recently and killed.

Waco has raised \$27,000 towards the building of a Presbyterian orphanage at that place.

The Texas Midland railway company has extended their line from Garrett to Ennis.

All signs hanging across the sidewalks in Fort Worth have been ordered removed.

John W. Hogg, a brother of Gov. Hogg, has been appointed postmaster at Decatur.

The State Froshinn society will meet in Houston the last week of April next.

The Texas and Pacific is building a new fourteen-stall round house at Longview.

Some cruel wretch stole a Dallas policeman's ax, saw-buck and saw recently.

J. A. Sample has been adjudged insane at San Antonio. He was a bookkeeper.

The Fort Worth jail has sixty-eight prisoners in it, forty-five of whom are white.

Trust deeds, assignments and attachments are quite frequent now in Texas.

One sportsman killed 1600 ducks this season at Haynes Bay, near Victoria.

There have been shipped from Wharton 150,000 pounds of pecans to date.

A good rain has lately fallen in Nolan county and wheat is fine.

The San Antonio jockey club has arranged a two days' program.

An ostrich farm is to be added to the attractions of San Antonio.

A school building to cost \$9000 will be erected at Liberty soon.

The young folks of Rockport are enjoying 'tacky' parties.

The Dallas county court house is to be lighted by electricity.

The most popular man in Texas just now is the tax collector.

The San Sabas presbytery is opposed to female elderships.

Houston people ate watermelons on Christmas at \$1 each.

Greenville has driven the variety shows out of town.

Corsicana wants electric street cars and a natatorium.

Dallas pays over \$21,000 a year for electric lights.

TABERNAL SUPPLY

TALMAGE PREACHES A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

Christ the Star That Lights the Human Race to a Glorious Destiny—"I Am the Bright and the Morning Star"—Rev. 22:16.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—In the Brooklyn tabernacle to day, a great audience assembled to participate in the Christmas services. Standing before the organ, festooned with Christmas greens, this sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Talmage, after the throng had sung: "The Star of Bethlehem," Text, Rev. 22:16, "I am the bright and the morning star."

This is Christmas eve. Our attention and the attention of the world is drawn to the star that pointed down to the caravanary where Christ was born. But do not let us forget that Christ himself was a star. To that luminous fact my text calls us.

It seems as if the natural world were anxious to make up for the damage it did our race in furnishing the forbidden fruit. If that fruit wrought death among the nations, now all the natural products shall become a symbol of blessing. The showering down of the wealth of the orchard will make us think of him whom Solomon describes as the apple tree among the trees of the wood; and the flowers of tangled gien and cultured parterre shall be the dew-glinted garland for the brow of the Lord Jesus. Yea, even the night shall be taxed, and its brightest star shall be set as a gem in the coronet of our holy religion.

Have you ever seen the morning star advantageously? If it was on your way home from a night's carousal, you saw none of its beauty. If you merely turned over on your pillow in the darkness, glancing out of the window, you know nothing about the cheerful influence of that star. But there are many in this house to-night who, in great passes of their life, some of them far out at sea, have gazed at that star and been thrilled through with indescribable gladness. That star comes trembling as though with the perils of the darkness, and yet bright with the anticipation of the day. It seems emotional with all tenderness, its eyes filled with the tears of many sorrows. It is the gem on the hand of the morning thrush up to signal its coming. Other stars are dim, like holy candles in a cathedral, or silver beads counted in superstitious litany; but this is a living star, a speaking star, an historic star, an evangelistic star—bright, and brilliant, and triumphant symbol of the great Redeemer. The telegraphic operator puts his finger on the silver key of the electric instrument, and the tidings fly across the continent; and so it seems to me that the finger of inspiration is placed upon this silver point in the heavens, and it thrills through all the earth: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Behold I am the bright and morning star." The meaning of my text is this: as the morning star precedes and promises the coming of the day, so Christ heralds the natural and spiritual dawn.

In the first place Christ heralded the coming of the creation. There was a time when there was no order, no beauty, no light. No wing stirred. No word was uttered. No light sped. As far as God could look up, as far down as he could see, there was nothing. Immense, the solitude. Height and depth, and length, and breadth of nothingness. Did Christ then exist? Oh, yes. "By him were all things made that are made; things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth." He led forth Arcturus and his sons. He shone before the first morning. His voice was heard in the concert when the morning stars serenaded the advent of our infant earth, when, wrapped in swaddling clothes of light, it lay in the arms of the great Jehovah. He saw the first fountain laid. He saw the first light kindled. That hand which was afterward crushed upon the cross was thrust into chaos, and it brought out one world and swung it in that orbit; and brought out another world and swung it in another orbit; and brought out all the worlds, and swung them in their particular orbits. They came like sheep at the call of a shepherd. They knew his voice, and he called them all by their names. Oh, it is an interesting thought to me to know that Christ had something to do with the creation. I see now why it was so easy for him to change water into wine; he first created the water. I see now why it was so easy for him to cure the maniac; he first created the intellect. I see now why it was so easy for him to hush the tempest; he sank Gennesaret. I see now why it was so easy for him to swing fish into Simon's net; he made the fish. I see now why it was so easy for him to give sight to the blind man; he created the optic nerve. I see now why it was so easy for him to raise Lazarus from the dead; he created the body of Lazarus and the rock that shut him in. Some suppose that Christ came a stranger to Bethle-hem. Oh, no! He created the shepherd, and the sheeps they watched, and the hills on which they pastured, and the heavens that overarched their heads, and the angels that chanted the choros on that Christmas night. The hand, which was afterward nailed to

night." Hall, Lord Jesus, morning star of the first creation!

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of a new era in a Christian soul. Sometimes we come to passes in life where all kinds of tribulations meet us. You are building up some great enterprise. You have built the foundation—the wall—you are just about to put on the capstone, when everything is demolished. You have a harp all strung for sweetest accord, and some great agony crushes it. There is a little voice hushed in the household. Blog eye closed! Color dashed out of the cheek. The foot still. Instead of the quick feet in the hall, the heavy tread of those who march to the grave. Oh, what are people to do amid all these sorrows?

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of millennial glory. It is night in China, night in India, night in Siberia, night for the vast-majority of the world's population. But it seems to me there are some intimations of the morning. All Spain is to be brought under the influence of the gospel. What is the light I see breaking over the top of the Pyrenees? The morning! Yea, all Italy shall receive the gospel. She shall have her schools, and her colleges, and her churches; her vast population shall surrender themselves to Christ. What is that light I see breaking over the top of the Alps? The morning. All India shall come to God. Her idols shall be cast down. Her temples of iniquity shall be demolished. What is that light I see breaking over the top of the Himalayas? The morning. The empurpled clouds shall gild the path of the conquering day. The Hot-tentot will come out of his mud hovel to look at the dawn; the Chinaman will come up on the granite cliffs, the Norwegian will get up on the rocks, and all the beach of heaven will be crowded with celestial inhabitants come out to see the sun rise over the ocean of the world's agony.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of heaven upon every Christian's dying pillow. I suppose you have noticed that the characteristics of people in their healthy days are very apt to be their characteristics in their dying days. The dying words of ambitious Napoleon were: "Head of the army." The dying words of poetic Lord Byron were: "I must sleep now." The dying words of affectionate Lord Nelson were: "Kiss me, Hardy." The dying words of Voltaire were, as he saw one whom he supposed to be Jesus in the room: "Crush that wretch." But I have noticed that the dying words of Christians always mean peace. Generally the pain is all gone, and there is great quietude through the room. As one of these brothers told me of his mother in the last moment: "She looked up, and said, pointing to some supernatural being that seemed to be in the room, 'Look at that bright form. Why, they have come for me now!'"

Why, it is a star. It is a star that out of its silver rim is pouring a supernatural light into that dying experience. And you say, "What is it that you are looking at?" She says, "It is a star." You say, "What star is it that seems so well to please you?" "Oh," she says, "that is the morning star—Jesus!" I would like to have my death-bed under that evangelistic star—I would like to have my eye on that star, so I could be assured of the morning. Then the dash of the surf of the sea of death would only be the billowing up of the promise, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." All other lights will fail—the light that falls from the scroll of fame, the light that flashes from the gem in the beautiful apparel, the light that flames from the burning lamps of a banquet—but this light burns on and burns on. Paul kept his eye on that morning star until he could say, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." Edward Payson sent his eye on that star until he could say, "The heaven of heaven fan me." Dr. Goodwin kept his eye on that evangelistic star until he could say, "I am swallowed up in God." John Tennant kept his eye on that evangelistic star until he could say, "Welcome, sweet Lord Jesus—welcome eternity." No other star ever pointed a mariner into so safe a harbor. No other star ever sunk its silver anchor into the waters. No other star ever pierced such accumulated cloud or beckoned with such a holy luster.

I would God that if my sermon to-day does not lead you to Christ, that before morning, looking out of the window, the astronomy of the night heavens might lead you to the feet of Jesus.

Hark! hark! to God the chorus breaks,
From every host, from every arm;
But one voice, the Savior speaks
Is the word of Bethlehem.

How He Gained It.

A Devonshire farmer went to London to see the sights. While walking down the Strand he saw a card in a tavern window bearing the inscription, "Devonshire cider sold here." The old man's heart warmed toward his native beverage, he entered the public house and called for a "plum" cider. The liquor being drawn he placed it to his lips and half emptied the measure, putting it on the counter with the remark that it was "very good stuff." A cockney standing by, thinking to raise a joke at the farmer's expense, said, "Say, mate, do you know how that cider was made?" "No," said the farmer, "I do not."

"Well, it was made by the London brewers," said the cockney.

"Then," said the farmer, "I shall never drink it again."

The Baird Star.

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BAIRD... TEXAS

GREAT BILLING is to have a world's fair in 1896 or 1897. The fact that the colossal show in Chicago was made a success has become the international show business immensely in several countries. But Chicago pluck does not grow on every national bush.

SOME evidence that a suicide club exists in San Francisco has come to light. The matter is not to be especially deplored. It is difficult to conceive how anybody would be long to such an organization could devote himself to any more useful purpose.

DIRECTOR HOLDEN of the Lick observatory was recently choked by a lusty carpenter till almost black in the face. Unfortunately no record was made of the stars, so unless the choking improved his manners the good it accomplished is not plain to see.

THE 5,000 horse-power dynamo propelled by Niagara water power, it is promised, will begin whirling on the first of next February. This will be the largest dynamo in the world. The next largest is the one that propelled the intramural railway at the world's fair, and that had but 2,100 horse-power.

THE late Judge Billings of New Orleans bequeathed \$70,000 to Yale for a professorship of English literature. This is a good kind of bequest to make a college. It is a good thing for a college graduate to appreciate Homer and Plato and Lucretius, but a shame for him to understand these ancient writers, and be ignorant of Shakespeare and Milton.

E. TITTONSON, a pottery mold maker of Trenton, Pa., was dissatisfied with the shape of his nose, and so had the fleshy part removed and replaced by a new nose built of the flesh taken from his forehead and neck. The new nose is wholly satisfactory. Football players should make a note of Mr. Tittenson's address. They may want to communicate with his physicians some day.

From accounts that come by the way of England of the situation in the Balkans, it seems that the low mercury hasn't chilled the ambition of Russia. It is today's intelligence that the bear declines to hibernate quietly, but continues to growl and show symptoms of a purpose to start for Constantinople. When the shaggy animal stirs, there is commotion in every European capital.

In France at this moment the empire is in the lead. Everything is Napoleon. Men are talking about Napoleon, writing about Napoleon, holding up Napoleon and Napoleonic methods as the best of all things for that country. Plays on Napoleon's career, on episodes of Napoleon's life, on periods and personages of the first empire are coming out one upon another in the theaters; and the worship of the house of Bonaparte is once more a live issue.

REPRESENTATIVES of manufacturing interests are as thick around the door of the ways and means committee room at Washington as flies on a molasses barrel. Only a few of them get inside the door. Nearly every interest affected by the bill, and that means every interest in the country, has a representative there now, and as the senate may make changes in the bill they are likely to camp in the capitol all winter, and will probably see the traces burst forth into leaf next spring.

A NEW kind of grip, said to be more infectious than that which prevailed two or three years ago, has made its appearance in Europe. Its attacks are very sudden, with severe pains through the body. The prostration is often so great that the sufferer cannot stand. The disease usually attacks the eyes and throat. It is not reckoned so dangerous as the original grip, but is more infectious. The attendance in parliament has been cut down by it, and the mortality from lung diseases has doubled in London within the past few weeks.

WHEREAS there are, in the towns of this country, hundreds of able-bodied men starving for food and willing to do anything honest to earn enough money to get meals and a bed, there are children who are doing far more work than their strength justifies. With a large number of the former doing no work at all and many of the latter doing far too much, it is evident that there is something out of joint. Excessive labor for children is atrocious at all times. Now would be as good a time as any to force a vigorous crusade against it, giving those children who must work reasonable hours and to stop the work thus left to those who so sadly need it.

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WORK IS MAPPED OUT

CONGRESS TO BEGIN THE LONG TERM SOON

It is Not Yet Decided When Debate will Begin on the Tariff Bill, as the Hawaiian Resolutions of Inquiry Precedence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Congress will reconvene tomorrow. It is probable that the senate will get down to close business application during the week, and some of the most experienced observers of the senate, under circumstances similar to those which will surround that body when it reconvenes, freely predict there will not be a quorum any part of the week, and, therefore, no important business will be undertaken until Monday, the 8th. Senators generally feel there is little they can do in the way of promoting legislation until the house shall act upon some of the measures before it. The senate calendar contains 104 reported measures, but there is less than half a dozen of these that will require any great amount of consideration. The most important bill on the calendar is the federal elections bill, and it is possible it may be taken up during the week. The programme in the house for the coming week is not definitely arranged, but it is possible the tariff and Hawaiian questions both will figure. The tariff debate will begin as soon as the house convenes Wednesday. Democratic members of the ways and means committee have not yet decided upon the limits which will be set upon debate, but the leaders seem to believe it ought not to run more than two weeks, four days for general debate and ten days for debate under the five minute rule.

Wether Mr. Wilson, who is to open the debate, can speak Wednesday depends on whether or not the Republicans insist upon a full reading of the bill before the debate begins. Inasmuch as the formal reading of this bill was dispensed with when the McKinley bill was considered, the Democrats do not believe an objection for dispensing with the reading of the Wilson bill will be interposed by the Republicans. At the very outset of the tariff debate, however, it will be antagonized by Republicans, who will come forward on the Hawaiian matter. Boutelle of Maine served notice that as soon as congress reconvened he would call up the resolution he introduced and which he maintained was of a privileged character. The question as to its privileged character was held in abeyance by the speaker to be decided upon formally when it came before the house. It order to prevent embarrassment on this point it is practically decided by the Democratic leaders to allow the Hawaiian matter to be brought up in the shape of the McCreary substitute for the Hitt resolution Friday and give that day and next Saturday for its consideration.

Not Settled Yet. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—When the majority members of the committee on ways and means come together again it is said a decision will be reached as to what kind of income tax will be agreed upon. It is probable that other matters pending before the committee, and largely dependent upon that proposition, will also be agreed upon or prepared for adjustment. The committee will have to decide upon two reports submitted by the sub-committee on internal revenue, one by McMillin and Bryan in favor of a tax on all incomes, including individuals, and the other by Montgomery in favor of a tax on corporate investments. It is proposed by the first plan to make a 2 per cent tax upon all incomes of \$4,000 and upward, yielding (estimated) \$30,000,000. There is yet some disagreement over the rate of the tax upon inheritances, but the difference will be easily adjusted. The inheritance tax will be extended only to personal property, as it has been found impracticable to have real estate included. It is estimated that \$10,000,000 will be derived from this source. A tax of \$1.50 per 100 on cigarettes and 6 cents per pack on playing cards will yield \$500,000,000, in all \$45,000,000, which several members of the committee think is all that is needed to be provided for legislation at present. There was some talk that during the holidays the Democrats opposed to the bill would organize to secure its defeat, but it does not now look as if anything would come of it.

Another Blue Book. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The first volume of the blue book, the official biennial register of all of Uncle Sam's employees is expected to be issued next week. It consists of about 1200 pages relating to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government. Its publication has been detained several weeks owing to the pressure of work at the government printing office. The second volume consists of about 1400 pages devoted exclusively to the postal service. The latter volume is expected to be issued in March or April.

To Limit Debate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The ways and means committee has agreed on the limit they will put on the debate on the tariff bill in the house. Mr. Wilson will ask, and the committee on rules will grant the request, that the debate shall be limited to two weeks. There will be four days given to debate under the five minutes rule. There will be loud complaints, but the committee is determined to put the measure through quickly.

Hawaiian Investigation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The senate committee on foreign relations began the investigation of Hawaiian matters today. It is presumed that the investigation will take the shape of an inquiry into the conduct of Stevens at the time of the revolution and Blount with the possibility of going into the question of recognizing the provisional government, and also an investigation as to the regularity of Blount's appointment.

Cleveland and Gresham. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Little credence is given to the reported disagreement between President Cleveland and Secretary of State Gresham. They are at present together on a shooting trip down Chesapeake bay.

That Hanging Law. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The proposals are during the present week that the available cash balance of the treasury will reach a figure lower than has ever been recorded in its history. At the close of business Saturday the balance, as stated on the books of the treasury, was \$90,487,268, and it is generally expected that it will fall below \$90,000,000 during the week. The total balance on the 1st instant was \$95,199,616, showing a reduction during the month of 712,348. The loss, however, has been more largely upon the currency balance than upon the gold reserve. The marked excess of expenditures over receipts, it is now believed, will show a deficiency in the revenues at the close of the calendar year or approximately \$37,000,000.

With Closed Doors. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The air of mystery assumed by the senate committee on foreign relations in its Hawaiian investigation gives the impression that Mr. Morgan's resolution, under which the inquiry is held, is merely a cloak for a much more important inquiry than any as to the alleged irregularity of our diplomatic relations with those islands. There is reason for believing that, while presumably the present question for information bearing upon the conduct of Stevens and Blount, there will be an effort at the same time to obtain any information which will in the first place prove the capability of the islands for self-government, and second the desirability of annexing these islands at some time in the future. It is understood perfectly by members of the committee who might have this in view that there is no hope of annexing the islands under the present administration, but those who favor this disposition of the little kingdom do not intend to be swerved from their purpose by the fact one administration is opposed to this course. Senator Morgan, who is chairman of the committee, has been careful about expressing an opinion upon the Hawaiian question, manifesting a disposition to say or to do nothing which would appear extra judicial, but he is known to be a firm believer in the wisdom of attaching the island to this country as a part of it just as Alaska is at present attached, and the fact that he has very recently introduced a bill in the senate providing for a form of government for any acquired territory lends plausibility to the supposition that he is looking forward to possibilities far beyond anything included in the resolution under which the committee is authorized to conduct its present hearing.

HIS OWN DESTROYER.

AWFUL WORK OF A DRUNKEN OMAHA MAN.

He Comes Home Crazed With Whisky, Beats His Wife, Sets Fire to the House, Cremates His Family and Himself. Eight Lives Lost.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 2.—At 2:30 Sunday morning fire was discovered in the two-story front dwelling house at 514 South Fourteenth street. Although in the business district and within easy call of three engine houses, the house was beyond saving. When the company reached there the roof fell, exposing the interior of the place to view. Three corpses were seen in the fiery pit. The house was occupied by John Cummings, a saloon keeper. The bodies were those of Cummings, his wife and their 3-year-old child. The fire was the work of Cummings' own meanness. He went into the room and deliberately dashed the coal oil lamp against the bed in which his wife and baby were sleeping and watched them burn. Before he could escape he was overtaken by the flames and burned himself.

These facts were gleaned from Tommy Fox, a 11-year-old boy, who with his aged parents lived in the building. He says Cummings came home at 2 o'clock and began abusing his wife. Fox says Cummings threw the lamp on the bed and then shut and locked the door. The boy ran to give the alarm. W. M. Nathan, who lived next door, says he heard Mrs. Cummings scream: "My God! my baby is burning up," and then heard a blow and a heavy fall. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fox, the aged couple who lived in the building, are missing and are supposed to be in the debris. The awful deed is thought to have been the result of a drunken frenzy.

Eight Lives Lost. VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 2.—Saturday evening the pumping station of the Indiana gas company's pipe line at East Chicago was blown up and will probably result in the death of at least eight persons. While workmen in the station were engaged in repairing a leak in the pipe the escaping gas took fire from a lantern which they knocked over and in a moment an explosion took place which tore the iron building to pieces and threw the workmen in every direction. Some were thrown fifty feet from the building and were horribly burned. One of the injured men, after regaining consciousness, put his hands to his face when the flesh dropped off, also the hair from his head. He then ran a quarter of a mile, shut off the main pipe and then fell in a dead faint. The pipes were torn up and the escaping gas blazed up over sixty feet. It is thought that at least eight of the injured are fatally burned.

Charles Banks Hanged. WARRENSBURG, Mo., Dec. 30.—Charles Banks was hanged here yesterday. On August 29, 1892, he murdered in cold blood the Palmer. Both men were colored gamblers, expert in fleeing men of their own race. Banks had overawed the local darbies, asserting that he was fresh from Texas and was gory with the blood of a dozen men, etc., and entered into a game of craps with the aid of the local "crappers," Palmer. Palmer won all of Banks' money and the latter took bloody revenge. Banks came from Texas, where he was known as "Bloody Ben," to Sedalia in July, 1892. He had lived in Temple, Sherman, Marshall, Dallas and San Antonio, where he had made for himself a reputation as a terror. He had a record of six victims.

Says It is a Lie. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—Col. Breckinridge arrived last night from Washington. In response to a query regarding the reported compromise the colonel said: "The report that there will be a compromise of the suit is a lie out of the whole cloth without a thread of truth. There has been no communication, no negotiations or settlement, nor have I an idea where the plaintiff is now. As far as I am concerned there has not been at any time the slightest foundation for the report."

Killed in Runaway. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 30.—At Springdale, this state, Mr. Stringfield of Huntsville, Ark., who with wagon and team had gone for his daughter, who was coming home on the train, was instantly killed by being thrown from the wagon while the team was running away. A day or two before Mr. J. B. Craig was killed at the same town in a runaway, and on Saturday last Wm. Butler was killed.

Barry-Connor Case. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Mr. Ellison, a lawyer of Dallas, is here as the counsel of W. C. Connor in the mayoralty case. He is trying to get the case before the supreme court. So far there are no papers or orders in the clerk's office of the supreme court bearing on the case, and Mr. Ellison is taking very little. Nothing is known of his progress in his work. He has left for home.

Shot Her Divorced Husband. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Daniel Healy, for two years divorced, tried to call on his ex-wife to wish her a happy new year. She didn't want him, and finally to prevent him entering the house, fatally shot him.

To Face the Penalty. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—Prendergast, the murderer of Carter E. Harrison, will be hanged for his crime. The verdict of the jury has said it

Run Down by a Loaded Handcar

D. T. ALLYN'S SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON THE B. & M. R. R.

His Escape, Sickness and Recovery. Pluck, Paralysis—A Railroad's Ingratitude.

(From the Wallace, Neb., Herald.) Last summer, D. T. Allyn of this place, worked for the B. & M. R. R., as a section hand, on the section extending east from Tecumseh, the county seat of Johnson county, Nebraska. On the 2d day of July he met with an accident that nearly cost him his life. He and five other men were working a hand car in front of which was a push car. Mr. Allyn was standing on the front part of the car, with his back towards the direction in which the car was being run, just as the two cars came together, the foreman ordered him to step from the car on which they were riding onto the push car, and at the same time signaled another of the men to apply the brake, which slackened their speed enough to cause a gap of a few feet between the cars.

In stepping back to comply with the order he fell upon his back in the middle of the railroad track and the car, with its load of five men, tools and water keg, in all weighing fully a ton, passing over him. A rod on the under side of the car caught his feet and doubled him up so that his feet struck his face. As he rolled over, the bull-wheel struck his back and inflicted the injury that came so near proving fatal. The car was raised from the rails and thrown off the track. He was carried to town and Dr. Snyder, the B. & M. R. R. surgeon at Tecumseh, was summoned. Afterward Dr. C. C. Gafford, Dr. Yoden and Dr. Waters, all of Wymore, Neb., were called in consultation, but they could afford no relief. About the 1st of October he became paralyzed from his waist down. The sense of feeling entirely left his legs, which became drawn one across the other. Dr. Livingston, of Plattsmouth, Neb., the head physician of the B. & M. R. R. system, was summoned to treat the case, but finally informed his patient that he could not live to see July, 1893. He had not the means to pay the expenses of a law suit against the railroad company, but the company's attorneys very willingly compromised the claim for damages by paying him \$2,000. His condition continued to grow worse, the excruciating pain in his back never ceasing, until upon the recommendation and by the request of a lady friend, Mrs. W. G. Swan, of Tecumseh, Neb., he began taking Pink Pills for Pale People. To the Herald reporter he said: "I had no more faith in them than I would have had in eating a handful of dirt." He commenced taking the pills on the 2d day of February, taking one after each meal, and in ten days time, to his surprise and intense delight, the pain began to leave him. For seven months he had suffered continuously, and his joy when relief came can be imagined but not described. He continued taking the Pink Pills until the fore part of May. About the middle of March he could go about his ordinary work without any inconvenience. He considers himself entirely cured and feels as well as he ever did, except that his back is not as strong as it was before he was hurt.

Evans at Liberty. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—A report from Fresno says Chris Evans, the noted bandit, has just escaped from the jail. City Marshal Morgan attempted to arrest him and was shot, but not dangerously wounded. Mrs. Evans went to the jail with a loaded pistol and commanded the jailer to open the door and let Evans out. The jailer complied. Evans was recently convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Deputy United States Marshal Wilson in the famous fight at Simpson's Flat, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

A South Dakota Tragedy. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28.—News received yesterday afternoon from Lennox, thirty miles southwest, that a terrible tragedy was committed at the farm house of William Yant Tuesday night. Mel Baldwin, a son-in-law of Yant, had been denied the house on account of his ungovernable temper, and Tuesday night, with a 32-caliber revolver, fired at Mrs. Yant. Three bullets took effect. Baldwin passed out of the door and shot himself, falling dead. Mrs. Yant is in a critical condition, but may recover.

Broke the Record. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Francis J. Dews, the Chicago brewer, received word at New Orleans that his child was dying here, and, chartering an Illinois Central train, the tracks were cleared and Mr. Dews and his wife were whirled over the 1000 miles at a rate of a mile a minute. He paid \$1000 for the trip and broke all records between New Orleans and Chicago, making the run in twenty-five hours and thirty minutes.

Preference to Married Men. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 28.—Gov. Lowelling issued a circular to the police commissioners of the six metropolitan cities of the state yesterday urging, in view of the present financial stringency and the possible suffering of the people, that they give employment to the heads of families in preference to single men as far as practicable. He does not urge the discharge of single men, but when changes are made he thinks it advisable that this be kept in view.

Shot in Alabama. TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 27.—The governor has ordered two companies of militia to Wildwood and is quelling a negro riot. The riot was from the scene is to the effect that eleven negroes were wounded, four killed and four captured.

A Horrible Death. In Ashantee parricides are tied hand and foot to stakes driven in the ground near a large ant hill. The ants are then irritated by sticks thrust into the entrance of their workings, and guard is set at a distance to prevent robbery and the prisoners left to be eaten alive. In forty hours nothing is left of the victims, whose bones are scattered about.

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LOCAL NEWS.

BAIRD, FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 1894.

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Have you got it now?
Eighteen hundred and ninety four.
Did you swear off on the first?
R. A. Speer was in town Wednesday.
Judge J. E. Thomas went to Dallas Wednesday.
Fred Linder will move to his new residence this week.
Mr. J. R. Johnson of Dallas was in town Saturday on business.
Mrs. Harry Meyer and Miss Sallie Gould have both been quite sick.
Mrs. W. E. Hunter and Miss Clara Ruhrop are visiting in Big Springs.
Charley Wilson of The Cottonwood Prodigal was in town last Friday.
Miss Laura Merrick spent part of the holidays at her home South of Clyde.
Wristen & Crowe have dissolved partnership. See change in advertisement.
C. A. Ruhrop is with his brother Alfred in Big Spring who is reported very sick.
Miss Mattie Summers spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Cleburne.
Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Boydston who are visiting relatives in Alabama are expected home next week.
Mrs. J. A. Rushing and Miss Jennie Rushing of Abilene are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rushing.
Maj. Wristen, of Abilene, has been in town several days this week looking after his business here.
R. Phillips and children are visiting Mr. Phillips' father at Jewell, Eastland County, this week.
Joe Lea traveling for the N. K. Fairbanks Co. has been transferred to California with headquarters at San Francisco.

Elmer Pool, foreman of THE STAR office, went to Weatherford last Saturday on business and returned Monday.
Mr. Harry Cook our efficient assistant postmaster made a business (?) trip to Cisco Saturday, returning Sunday.
Mr. Dick Kane and bride arrived Friday. We learn that Dick and his mother and J. R. Leach will move to Fort Worth.
R. J. Harris and T. B. Morgan were in town Wednesday buying plow points etc preparing for the spring campaign.
Dan Dean, T. E. Powell and Julius Norton went to Colorado City last Sunday to attend Court in the Yates case.
The weather so far this winter has fooled the oldest weather prophets in the country. The weather continues mild and beautiful.
It is reported that S. L. Ogle has a notion of going back into the grocery business. We never heard Mr. Ogle say so, however.
Some people have no business of their own consequently they have a great deal of time to devote to the affairs of their neighbors.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Sigal returned last Friday from Fort Worth where Mrs. Sigal has been under medical treatment for several weeks.
Christmas passed off at Baird without any one we believe getting seriously hurt with fire works. We are lucky, for few towns can say as much.
E. Sigal says he wants to trade his town property for grazing land. Here is a chance for some one who wants to move to town to make a good trade.
Mr. P. E. Bock Supt. of the Weatherford Mineral Wells and North-western railroad with headquarters at Weatherford was in Baird Wednesday.
Prince Bob Foy who has been on the passenger run East for some time has taken the Weatherford short run which puts Mr. Mr. Jno. Jay on engine 226.

Silas Youngblood will move his wife and mother to Fort Worth soon. He having been put on as hostler in the round house at that place.
We discontinue THE STAR to a good many addresses this week. Several more names will be dropped next week unless they pay up before that time.
Prof. Chatfield says the Public School will open next Monday provided the teachers are recovered from the gripe. Most of the teachers Prof. Chatfield included, have recently had a bout with the Russian monster.

John Couch died at Pauls Valley, I. T. the latter part of last month. He leaves a wife and three children, besides a number of friends and relatives in this county to mourn his loss.
We noticed John Rice out a day or two ago for the first time in a week or more. He had his head all bandaged up and on inquiry we learned that he too common with the balance had been laid up with the gripe.
A large assortment of bed room suits, side boards, wardrobes; in fact, everything in the furniture line can be seen at my store. Prices are made low to suit the times. LEO STERN, 214 Successor to H. Schwartz.

The west bound passenger train Monday evening had to return to Baird from about one mile east of Clyde on account of blowing a brace bolt out of the boiler head over the fire box door of engine 105 slightly scalding Engineer Hadlock and fireman Soldon. Had not fireman Soldon been leaning on his box for a moments rest in all probability he would have been struck and killed by the bolt head. All the steam and water blew out of the engine in about five minutes. The grade being steep the train rolled back to Baird and engine 41 was soon ready, only causing an hours delay to the train.

Cottonwood Business Locals.
Go to St John's for pure drugs at regular druggist's prices.
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Chamberlains medicines and the old reliable eye water at St. John's drug store. R. A. St. John. Cottonwood 48
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CELEBRATED "ARISTO" PHOTOGRAPHS,
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IN THE WORLD.

First Door South of VAUGHN & CO. BAIRD, TEXAS.

Several ads are missing from THE STAR this week. The usual January streak of economy has struck some of the boys. Most of them will come back in a month or two.
The less ads we have the more room we have for reading matter. So we guess our readers won't kick; still it is a little rough on us, for it does not pay quite so well.
H. Windham and Oscar Jones shipped 150 fat steers to market this week. They ought to realize good prices for they were a splendid lot of steers finest, perhaps ever shipped from Baird.
It is reported that Dr. J. D. Windham of Tecumseh has the mumps. It don't look hardly reasonable that one could go through as much as the Doctor has in past life and get a case of this disease at this late day.

The campaign promises to open up early in Callahan county this year. THE STAR is promised an announcement for a candidate for a county office soon. The city of Baird elects a mayor, board of alderman and a city marshal in April. Trot out your candidates THE STAR is ready for the ball.
The Rainfall for 1893.
County Surveyor Hailey has kindly furnished us with the rainfall in Callahan county for the year 1893, which is as follows:

January	3 1/2
February	4 1/2
March	1 1/2
April	3 1/2
May	3 1/2
June	2 1/2
July	2 1/2
August	6 1/2
September	2 1/2
October	2 1/2
November	1 1/2
December	1 1/2

The Cottonwood Prodigal recently had an article about politics and business. The Prod seems to think some of the Callahan county business men have quit the Prod on account of its politics. This may be true, but we do not believe it. THE STAR is Democratic and published right at the county seat and all things considered has no more advertising patronage than the Prod. If men are not able to advertise in their home paper it is hardly reasonable that they would advertise in those outside. The Prodigal has no room to grumble any more than any one else. Times are hard and you can't convince some business men that that is the time to advertise.

A Pleasant Evening.
Last Tuesday evening several couple of our young people were honored with a very pleasant social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hinds. Innocent games and pleasant conversation was the order of the evening until the proper hour arrived when all were served to elegant refreshments. It was indeed a pleasant evening, and will long be remembered by those present who were: Misses Emma Austin, Ada Cook, Emily Teeple, Beulah Cook, Hattie Black, Anna Hinds, Genie Baron, and Maud Buckels, and Messrs. Will Boydston, Jim Stone, Frank Buckels, Ben Stone, George Dean, Tom Stone, Jas. Gray, Louis Stellman and Elmer Pool.

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