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BARNEY'S TAXES.

The real cause of Barney Gibbs turning populist is to be found in a little proceeding in the District court at Dallas last week. Under laws perfected at the last legislature, Mr. B. Gibbs, Esq., has been forced to disgorge \$12,285 back taxes and he confessed judgment to that amount. He wept. When a man has been hit that hard by a democratic administration, is it likely that he weakens at the knees and abrades off to the populist—Whitesboro News.

After the News got off the above we thought we would try our hand at interviewing the boys on the subject of Barney and his Taxes. The first night—

"As Gibbs didn't have to pay taxes until he joined the populist, I suppose other demagogues don't have to pay taxes."

"An other. We expected he'd pay taxes and debts, too. Let a man govern in politics, and he is most likely to reform along the line."

One said: "Gibbs is very patriotic to pay twelve thousand to get out of the old party honorably, so as to be a subject for the new. He has surely brought forth fruit for repentance."

"I hope he be received into full fellowship."

The next had not heard of the tax.

"Has Gibbs agreed to pay some back taxes?"

"Yes," was answered.

"How much?"

"Over \$12,000."

"For several years back?"

"Yes, for 8 or 10."

"Didn't have to pay while he was a Democrat?"

"No."

"Then I'm going to join the demagogues—Chico Field."

On the substance of the King's reply is the reason he was a democrat. This is the way the editor of the Plot is intelligent not to know. It is a hard word to such day trippers to make political capital for your party.

There are the facts. Through the law the law the forced collection of taxes for the past few years had become almost impossible. This was because to shrewd lawyers and sharp-witted holders like Gibbs, but was generally known by the public. These men would let their prop-

erty be sold to the state and laugh in the face of the tax collectors. The last legislature passed what is known as the Colquett bill and under this law Gibbs and others have been sued in the courts for back taxes. This mind you, was before Barney stopped, but no doubt was the main cause of his conversion to populism. This is the truth and the Pilot knows it. Another thing, Barney never agreed to pay his taxes until he saw it was useless to fight the case, and he never talked about leaving the democratic party until that party passed a law that compelled him to pay his taxes like Bro. Bryant and others, then B. G. got mad and became a rabid reformer.

Just such men as Gibbs, by refusing to pay their taxes, forced the last legislature to raise the state tax to meet current expenses and pay off the deficiency (\$800,000.00 back tax due on land for the past ten years by such as Gibbs. Had this been collected no tax raise would have been necessary. Now comes the Pilot which praises Gibbs and condemns the legislature for doing what rich men like Gibbs forced them to do, by refusing to pay their taxes. Oh consistency there are a jewel, but never seen or practiced by some politicians.

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DEEP CREEK DOTS.

Feb. 28.—Mr. Harris of Deer Plains, son-in-law of Mr. Aycock of Baird returned the other day from Spangulau County where he went on a prospecting trip. He declares that he is now fully satisfied with the natural advantages of Callahan county for agricultural and even grazing purposes as compared with other portions of the once celebrated Adkins country.

For several months a greater number of horses died from what he commonly called blind staggers. The people and even veterinary books seem to be still at large as to the real cause of the disease, although generally it is ascribed to the feeding of rotten and musty corn. The fact is that very few animals when once attacked get over it and nearly all succumb in very short time. Ed Hite a young beginner lost his only work animal in this way the other day, also Mr. Moore, the mail-carrier reports the loss of one of his horses by the same disease.

Several weeks ago I mentioned that Tom Stratton of Belle Plaine had died on a ship of vacant land on Deep Creek and that he was erecting buildings, etc. The dwelling house has not yet been completed when last Monday night at about 11 o'clock it was discovered to be on fire. Messrs. Rowden and Smalley two of the neighbors who arrived first at the spot saw that not only the house was sacrificed but that also a pile of lumber, shingles, etc. at some distance from the burning. They succeeded in saving a few remnants of lumber but the biggest and best part of it is destroyed and all the work of several weeks with the material lost. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Stratton as he is a beginner and just tried to make a start. As he himself had not worked on the building for several days, as nobody was living in the finished house and no parties were near by grave suspicions are aroused to investigate and locate the incendiary.

Prof. J. I. Rawson who teaches the Spring Gap School and boards with Mr. E. J. Harris was called suddenly home yesterday evening by the arrival of Mr. Pie West, of Belle Plaine who brought the bad news that little George R had fallen from a ladder and fractured an arm.

Your correspondent had for several days a hard battle with his old friend asthma and feels not very much like venturing with that all important money question. But as you stated it right the rare questions which the executive committee has put before the voters to be decided by the next primaries will not do. I am under all circumstances for money on a safe and sound basis. Will one of the advocates

of free and unlimited silver please answer the following questions:

1st. Why is the Mexican silver dollar which contains better and purer silver than our own on this side of the Rio Grande only worth 52 cts. and a Mexican quarter only worth a dime?

2nd. Why is our American dollar with its inferior silver on the other side of the Rio Grande fully worth two Mexican dollars? H. B.

Answer to question 1st: Mexican silver is not a legal tender and only passes for its bullion value in the United States.

2nd. An American silver dollar does not circulate in Mexico at the ratio you name, except to a very limited extent. With an ordinary Greaser a dollar is a dollar whether Mexican or American. Silver is the unit of value in Mexico and everything is measured by that standard, i. e. the bullion value of the Mexican silver dollar. Hotels, banks and rail roads will accept American coin at the ratio you name because it is worth that in the United States and they have trade relations with this country while the Mexican money is not worth but 52 cents measured by our standard even in Mexico. Your question is an exploded chestnut, it proves nothing and settles nothing even if it could not be answered. The true explanation, however, lies in the fact that Mexico is on a silver standard and the United States on a gold standard. The silver standard has not hurt Mexico, but on the contrary she is making rapid advancement while every gold standard country on earth is practically on a stand still. I have not got time now space here to argue the questions now. But would like for you to answer the following questions:

1st. Compared with the price of all commodities has gold advanced in price in any place, declined in value in the last twenty years?

2nd. Will not a Mexican dollar at its present bullion value, 52 cts. buy

as much land, cattle, horses, sheep, corn, cotton, wheat and all kinds of farm products as it would twenty years ago when the bullion value was worth one hundred cents on the dollar?

I will give you as much space as you desire to answer these questions, but be as brief as possible, and further as I suppose the object is to enlighten the public and not simply to seek a partisan advantage on technicalities we must examine the prices of all commodities and compare the price now with the prices that existed twenty years ago. To show that one commodity has advanced or declined proves nothing. If I am not mistaken you will find this a tougher nut to crack than the Mexican dollar problem.

1st. I should be misunderstood I will say that I am not in favor of a silver standard, nor wedded to the 16 to 1 idea, but favors a double standard, of gold and silver at a ratio honestly adopted, that will maintain a parity between the two metals, but do maintain that you cannot adopt a correct ratio with silver barred from the mine while every dollar's worth of gold bullion is admitted free to the mints provided the miners would take it there. If anyone can convince me that a single gold standard is the best and only safe standard then I will renounce free coinage of silver forever.

EDITOR STAN.

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W. E. GILLILLAND, Editor and Proprietor



The Whitney boom struck a silver snag in Mississippi and got knocked out the first round, a-la-Maher.

THE STAR will follow the democratic flag so long as a shred of it is left, and anywhere except into the pop or republican camp.

"Time honored usages" are sometimes more honored in the breach than the observance, the convention system for instance.

A gold standard plank in the national democratic platform, would place every southern state in the doubtful column, one very good reason why no such foolishness will occur.

There are "sound money democrats and free silver democrats, but the best of all is a "sound democrat" who will fight for his party though thick and thin whether he agrees with it all the way through or not.

Conventions are more easily manipulated than a primary election and a minority always advocate a "convention." It is this reason—the "sound" money democrats' "spice a primary" election?

The Fitzsimmons-Maher fight came off in old Mexico opposite Elaguary a small station about 300 miles south of El Paso. Fitzsimmons knocked Maher out in the first round. Only about 300 people witnessed the fight.

Mrs. Lease, the noted Kansas populist orator, has gone to preaching. Trying to get forgiveness for the harm she has done in preaching populism so long. We hope she will succeed in rectifying the evil she has done.

Dr. Nasse a Norwegian, has discovered the North pole. Before he brags about his discovery too much he should be sure he has not made the same mistake that Capt. Kane did in 1841, who discovered the north magnetic pole and thought he had reached the true pole. Scientist say that it will be thirteen centuries before the north magnetic pole will again be at the point where Capt. Kane found it.

It has been the custom in this state for years to give a governor a second term, and there is no good reason why an exception should be made against Gov. Culberson. The writer did not agree with the young executive in all things, but we believe he is justly entitled to re-nomination. His administration has been clean and straightforward and he is entitled to the thanks and support of the people of Texas, and he will be nominated and elected to succeed himself.

THE STAR is not a Cleveland, a Sherman a Reagan or a Culberson democrat, but just simply a democrat, can't be anything else nor don't want to be anything else. The party is not perfect, this we know, but we don't expect to find a perfect party until human nature is changed. With all its imperfections it is the best party in existence. One thing certain we never expect to find a perfect party organized with a lot of malcontents who were not allowed to run the democratic or some other party and went out and set up for themselves because they could not get office in the old parties.

The representation in the national democratic convention should be based on the democratic vote of the states and not upon the representation in congress. The present plan is a fraud and a swindle. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have about 400 votes in the national democratic convention, twice as many votes as Texas and Mississippi, yet the first named states have not elected a democratic elector in nearly forty years, while the two last have never failed to elect democratic presidential electors. If the democratic states could make the platform the standard question

The pope will be forced to fight in the open this year and not on the still hunt plan adopted last year.

If you intend to be a candidate on the democratic ticket in this county it is about time you were letting the people know it. The county nominating primary will probably be held in April and not later than May.

The county Democratic Executive Committee will meet in Baird next Saturday. Let every committeeman be sure and attend. Party lines are going to be drawn closer than ever if possible by the people, and it behooves the democrat to see that his party is thoroughly organized.

There is danger ahead for the populist in Texas this year little dreamed of by them. Nature seems conspiring to defeat them. There is a good season in the ground, which points to a good crop, and good crops and good prices means death to populism. We'll bet that as soon as this is called to their attention that the populist in this county will begin to invest with Jupiter Pluvius for a drouth.

It is currently reported that Judge J. E. Thomas who was elected as an independent democrat, has formerly joined the populist. That is the way independent democrats usually go and in this instance we don't think the Judge had anything, as he was a populist at last election to all intents and purposes. THE STAR does not wish to misrepresent any one, and if the Judge has not joined the pops we will give him space in THE STAR to deny the report.

Gov. Culberson visited Washington last week to interview Secretary Morton about that quarantine line. After proper explanation, and the promise by the Governor that the state quarantine line would be protected, Secretary Morton agreed to restore the old line. The Morton line placed the entire state below the line and had it so remained meant ruin to the cattle industry in the Panhandle, and injury to the whole state. Gov. Culberson deserves credit for the active part he took in having the old line restored.

To the Buffalo Gap Messenger-Doctor, you are right about that game law. It is a fraud to put it in plain English, and cannot be justified upon any ground in the matter you condemn. If a pasture of less than two thousand acres should have its game protected one of over two thousand acres if just as much entitled to protection. Had my attention been called to the matter I certainly would have tried to have had all pastures placed on an equality before the law.

In looking over the House Journal I find that Jeff McLemore introduced a bill early in the session to remedy this injustice, but for some reason he withdrew the bill before an report was made by the committee to which it was referred. The Messenger is no doubt aware that there is a great deal of prejudice existing all over the state against large pastures or other enclosures, but that is no excuse for such a law being on the statute books. If the writer is ever so unfortunate as to break into the legislature again this is one law that he will try to have amended so as to make it apply to all alike, no matter how much such action might be opposed at home or in east Texas.

You hear many people talk about the way the populist party is growing. The populist all make extravagant claims in that line and democrats who do not take the trouble to investigate sometimes admit this. The populist press claim enormous gains all over the country, but they are careful not to name any particular state. The populist carried a few states in 92 and secured twenty-three presidential electors and elected twelve congressmen. In the election in 94 they lost about every state they had carried in the presidential election and lost five congressmen. Does this look like the party is growing as a national party? In the elections of 90 the populist suffered as badly as the democrat. The populist failed to carry a single state that of itself would not have been so bad for them, had they held their own in the states that went republican or democratic. This they did not do. The party went to pieces in Kansas, Colorado, Mississippi and nearly everywhere they lost in proportion fully as heavily as the democrats. The populist have undoubtedly gained some in Texas, solely on account of the division in the ranks of the democrats. If the democrats will stand together the populist gain will amount to nothing.

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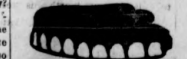
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.
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FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
 W. R. McDERMOTT.

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STRAYED.
 One red, white faced yearling bull, branded J. O. on left side. Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by G. W. SEARSON, R. G. POWELL, or THE STAR OFFICE.

GIVEN AWAY.
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NOTICE.
 The accounts of James & Johnson have been placed in my hands for collection. All knowing themselves indebted to said firm will please call at my office, settle and save costs. J. R. YONCE.

FRANK DORSEY KILLED.
 Frank Dorsey, cashier of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, was shot and instantly killed in the bank at this place Tuesday evening by two robbers. Frank Dorsey lived in Baird for a number of years, book-keeper for J. L. Lea & Co. also correspondent of the Dallas News and Fort Worth Gazette, and went from here to Wichita Falls to accept a position in the bank in which he was so fondly nursed. His many friends here heard of his death with profound sorrow.

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CITY ELECTION NOTICE.
 Baird, Tex., Feb. 26 1896.
 By order of the City Council notice is hereby given that on the 1st Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1896, an election will be held in said city for the election of a Mayor and three Aldermen to serve said city for ensuing year. Mr. J. H. Tetters, presiding officer of said election.

DEMOCRATIC CALL.
 I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic County Executive Committee, of Callahan county to meet at Baird on Saturday, March 7th, at the Court House at 10 o'clock p. m., to make such arrangements as may be deemed necessary for the coming campaign. This is a very important meeting and of extra request every member of the committee to be present.

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NOTICE SUBSCRIBERS.
 If you owe THE STAR anything on subscription you may expect to find the bill in next week's paper. Pay up before the postal inspectors come to all that trouble. You can pay it and we really need it.
 DIED.
 Ludlow, the eldest son of J. L. McLaughlin, superintendent of the County Jail, was thrown from a horse last week and fatally injured. He lingered until Wednesday evening, Feb. 26, when he died. THE STAR deeply sympathizes with the bereaved parents. The remains were entered at Clyde Thursday.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.
 On the 8th of January Governor Culberson issued a Commission to the undersigned, appointing them members of a committee to solicit contributions for the purpose of selecting and presenting an appropriate testimonial from the people of this State to the Battleship "Texas".
 This action on the part of the Governor was suggested by the fact that a testimonial of some kind has been customary in all cases where the cruises of the Navy have been made in our cities and battleships after states. Each city and state so honored has presented the vessel with a handsome silver service, or some other testimonial, and Texas should not hesitate to take like action, especially as the battleship named for her is the grandest ship in the Navy, and the first one ordered for a state.
 In order to render the subscription as near as possible representative of all of our people, this Committee has decided to address itself by circular to one or more citizens in each city and town in the state, asking them to solicit subscriptions in their place and acknowledge for a limited sum as a contribution to the fund to be raised for the object indicated.
 It is assumed by this Committee that the object of this subscription will be deemed sufficiently worthy and patriotic to interest the best sentiment of our people, and attain the object easily, without taxing anyone more than a mere trifle.
 Hoping that our efforts to carry out Governor Culberson's intention and accomplish an object that is to redound to the credit of Texas, will meet a hearty co-operation on the people, we are,
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 R. A. FRISKE, Dallas.
 Ed. ROTAN, Waco.
 FRANK HAMILTON, Austin.

Tom Wadham, of Tecumseh, was in town Thursday.
 W. T. Wheeler, from Putnam, was in the city Wednesday.

What about the telephone line, can't somebody take it in hand.
 Harry Meyer made a business trip to Dallas and Pecos, W. Va., this week.
 Mr. Griffin from near Cottonwood, was in the city Wednesday.
 Geo. Dean is now at his old post ready to serve the public at his trade.
 Dr. H. H. Ramsey, Ed. Wristen and Chas. Rurkup are having rock side walks put down. If others would follow this good example it would greatly improve the look of our city.

The wind roared round to the north Tuesday and blew a regular gale for several hours. Sand, dust, old papers and tin cans went south at a rapid rate and a person had hard work to cross the streets at times.

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LOCAL NEWS.
 When in a hurry take THE STAR.
 First an ad in THE STAR and prosper.
 Gardening is now the occupation of the day.
 W. L. Henry's shop will soon be ready for work.
 Wm. Stewart of Tecumseh was in town last Saturday.
 J. L. Wood, of Putnam, was in town on business last Monday.
 Clint Pace is having a building built on Front street east of the City Hotel.
 A load of stone wood is needed very much at THE STAR office. Bring us a load on subscription.
 I am going to start a second hand store. I want to buy anything you have to sell. LOUIS NICHOL. 1236
 D. M. Thomas of Dudley was in town last Saturday to attend the meeting of the populist committee.

OLD PAPERS.
 For Sale at THE STAR office
 T. E. Powell, Louis Boydston, of Baird and R. P. PATTY with Hart & Co. of Big Springs, left Friday night of last week for St. Louis, to buy goods.
 R. F. Gursey has sold his feed store to N. F. Rudenose. Charley Burns, see learn will run it, true this means that Charley is going to quit railroading.
 Mr. J. H. Daugherty of St. Louis, is out on a visit to relatives, and to look after his ranch interests in this county. He is the guest of Capt. Lea and Robt. Macdonald north of town.
 A. L. Jobe from Putnam was in the city Tuesday. He informs us that he has made arrangements with his creditors to resume business. See his ad in this issue and when in need of anything in his line give him a call.
 Account of the Texas Cattle Growers Convention to be held at Ft. Worth March 10th, 11th and 12th, one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale March 7th, 8th and 9th limited to return March 20th. F. S. GAGE.

THE STAR unintentionally omitted last week to announce the arrival of a nine pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Abrey. Mother and child doing well, and the father as well as might be expected under such trying circumstances.

Prof. J. H. Wood, who has been teaching school in the Harg neighborhood closed his school last week and has returned to Baird. Mr. Wood will engage in the practice of law, and has opened an office in Judge Clift's building. See his card in this issue.
 W. R. McDermott announces this week for Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. McDermott served as tax assessor of this county for a number of years. He made a good officer, was a worthy man and will serve the people honestly and faithfully. The people will honor him with this office.
 Charley Burns met with rather a serious accident last week. Charley fires on a freight engine west, and near Toxas an explosion of gas occurred in the fire box, blowing the door open. Charley was in the act of throwing more coal in the furnace at the time and the flames struck his full in the face. The lower part of his face was badly injured but fortunately his eyesight was not injured. It was a pretty bad burn but he was glad it was no worse. He will soon be able for duty again.

DEMOCRATIC CALL.
 I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic County Executive Committee, of Callahan county to meet at Baird on Saturday, March 7th, at the Court House at 10 o'clock p. m., to make such arrangements as may be deemed necessary for the coming campaign. This is a very important meeting and of extra request every member of the committee to be present.

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
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 C. W. H. Moore, Treas.
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 All accounts are past due and all parties owing us will please come in and settle up at once, as we are needing money very bad. Vaughn & Co. 81f
 Baird Chapter No. 441 O. E. S. meets on the first and third Monday nights at Masonic Hall. All cordially invited. Mrs. ALEXANDER CROSS W. M.

The City Meat Market wants your meat trade and will get it if the best meat in town, full weights every time, fair treatment and no over charge will do it. 201f

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 We will kill nothing but cattle that have been full fed from this time until spring. You will get no better meat anywhere than at our place and our Sausage maker is the best one ever in town. City Meat Market. 10
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WHAT POPULISM IS.

Prof. Buck, a populist lecturer who is endorsed by the poppy executive committee of this county, says populism in the United States is the same as nihilism in Russia, socialism in Germany and communism in France. Let us see what he means. The encyclopaedia Britannica defines a nihilist as one who disbelieves in any permanent improvement in the social condition or progress of man; particularly a member of a secret association which is devoted to the destruction of the present form of government (Russia) without any hope or definite theory of substituting another. Webster says nihilism means "nothingness," socialism, "a new state in which there is a community of property among all the citizens" and communism "community of property among all the citizens of a state; a state of things in which there is no individual or separate rights in property." And because the professor believes these things he believes "our civilization is an infamous failure."—Johnson County Review.

Prof. Buck is the Hill county pedagogue and in the same breath he denounced the Democratic faith and announced office on the populist ticket. He is one of the idols of populism in Hill county and is counted good populist authority.—Comanche Chief.

HE HAD LEARNED TO PRAY.

As illustrating the extraordinary impression which the character of Stonewall Jackson produced upon the men who served under him, the New York Evangelist some years ago produced an anecdote related by the president of a New York bank, who had returned from a visit to the Shenandoah Valley, where he enjoyed the companionship of Gen. Beauregard. The two men found themselves at nightfall in a wild and lonely place, with no house except a scanty cottage by the track-walker on the railroad. There, as a last resort, they took shelter.

The unexpressed look of every thing was completed when the track-walker came and took his seat at the head of the table. A bear out of the woods could hardly have been rougher than he, with his unshaven beard and unkempt hair. He looked like a border ruffian, the bank president thought.

He took his seat, however, he rapped on the table, bowed his head and began to pray. "And such a prayer!" exclaimed the narrator, "so simple, so reverent, so tender, so full of humility, penitence and thankfulness."

At the first opportunity the New Yorker whispered to Gen. Jordan "Who can he be?"

"I don't know," was the reply, "but he must be one of Stonewall Jackson's old soldiers."

And so he was. As the three men walked out of doors after the New Yorker, after a few questions about the country, said:

"Were you in the war?"

"Oh, yes," said the Virginian with a smile, "I was with Old Stonewall."

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ORGAN CONTEST.

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Old subscribers will be allowed 20 coupons on each dollar paid on old account or for renewals since Jan. 1 1896.

A special certificate will be given subscribers for premium votes to save time in counting and the necessity of giving one coupon for each vote.

REMEMBER NOW, no one is entitled to any votes as a premium who paid on subscription prior to Jan. 1st. But this offer dates from and after Jan. 1st 1896. We gave the Gazette as a premium to all subscribers between Sept. 1 '93 and Jan. 1 '96 and under no circumstances will any be allowed premium coupons on subscription paid prior to Jan. 1 1896.

3rd. To every subscriber living out of the county we will give 15 votes as a premium. NOTE THE REFERENCE: We give 20 votes for each yearly subscription of \$1.00 in the county and 15 out of the county. The cash must accompany the order in every instance. To be plain about it our object is to increase the circulation of THE STAR in the county by securing cash subscribers.

We will select three disinterested persons to count votes, who will guarantee absolute fairness and impartiality in giving the result. No one in any way connected with this office will be allowed to vote in the contest. So far as we are concerned we guarantee two things. First to conduct the contest fairly and impartially, and second, award the organ to the young lady receiving the highest number of votes.

Read the instructions carefully and mail in your votes whenever you desire.

Nomination for candidates are now in order.
Make communications brief and to the point when intended for publication.
W. E. HILLMAN,
Editor & Proprietor.

ORGAN CONTEST.

The name of each candidate and number of votes each has received up to the hour of going to press each Friday evening will be published weekly in this column.

CANDIDATES.
Nellie Phillips, Baird 257
Fina Blair, Putnam 182
Leura Rita Lambert, Pease Bayou 96
Lolla Lee, Clyde 96

The populist executive committee met in Baird last Saturday. We understand that they have called a convention to meet at Baird May 1st to nominate a full county ticket. The pops say they will not endorse or nominate any candidate who does not come out and endorse their platform and say he is a populist right in the middle of the road. That is right and we admire their spunk. Judge Thomas is the only one we have heard mentioned as the pop candidate for judge; C. Cummins, Lee McCannon and Bow Ivy for sheriff; Charley Willson for clerk; T. S. Mills for tax assessor; John Treat for county treasurer. THE STAR predicts that the following ticket will be nominated by the populists: County Judge, J. E. Thomas; Sheriff, Lee McCannon; Clerk, Charley Willson; Treasurer, John Treat; Tax Assessor, T. S. Mills; County Attorney, J. F. Meyer; Surveyor, J. H. Shafer; Public Weigher, J. J. Shafer; Inspector, not known. THE STAR does not know that all the above gentlemen are candidates, but supposes any of them will be willing to sacrifice themselves if they are nominated.

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