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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD.  
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RESERVE 20,000  
TOTAL \$120,000  
A general banking business transacted in all  
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ONE OF THE OLDEST BANKS IN THE WEST.

# The Baird Star.

"The neither birth, nor wealth, nor state, but the 'get-up-and-get' that makes men great"

To County Subscribers.  
Is the date correct in your  
address on this paper? If not, is it  
our fault or yours? If our fault, no-  
tify us and we will correct it at  
once.  
THE STAR.

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## T. E. POWELL

Has all his mammoth stock in his large house: You ought to see what an immense stock he has, in fact he carries what you want and

**HIS PRICES ARE ALWAYS THE CHEAPEST. WHY? BECAUSE HE SELLS FOR CASH.**

His goods are not of the Shoddy kind and when his clerks tell you the article is good it is just as recommended, in this way he has by large odds

The Trade of the Town and Country.

**HE NOW ASKS YOU TO CONTINUE THE GREAT FAVORS YOU HAVE GIVEN HIM IN THE PAST.**

He now needs the trade, he has always had, to bring the bring the year 1897, up to the years that have past, so kind friend remember that

**HE SELLS GOODS CHEAPER THAN ANYONE ELSE.**

He wants to thank his many friends for coming to his assistance this fall, by paying him all they owed and for their continued patronage.

He says outside of a few--say I in loo-- all have paid him and continued their trade with him.

Now if you are one of these few

**CALL AND SETTLE, AS YOU SURELY WANT TO HELP HIM, AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT BY YOURSELF.**

And in a short time you will see T. E. Powell extending the helping hand to you again.

### COUNTY TEXT-BOOKS.

Almost every one who has given the subject any thought believes that it would be a grand thing if we had the same text-books in all the public schools throughout the state. But because one takes up the measure and pushes it through we still retain our old plan of doing the best we can and hoping some one will force upon us a reformation.

This long wished for reformation is not going to come unless it is brought, and it is not going to be brought until the teachers and patrons of the schools of Texas raise such a wailing cry of dissatisfaction and discontent as will arouse public interest from center to circumference, and from circumference to center of this great state, and we focus itself in the halls of the State House, and there reverberate and echo until the ears of our legislators will be so wearied, of its tender pleadings for justice, that they will rise and say, as it were with one voice, depart in haste it unto you as you have said!

But why should the people of Callahan county be deprived of the benefits of a system while they are waiting for many years, for the state to be worked up to a sense of the benefits of such a system.

The Callahan Co. Teachers Institute realizing the benefits to be derived from such a movement, passed resolutions favoring the adoption of County Text-Books, and took active steps in that direction. Now if the trustees of the Callahan county public schools will only co-operate with the teachers in this movement, Callahan will, before another year have done away with many of our almost worthless books and have in their stead a much better and a much cheaper system of books.

It is very evident that the greater

number of books we buy at the same place and at the same time the cheaper they can be bought and shipped.

Suppose a book dealer knows that twenty schools will buy their books from him; provided he will furnish them the books they need and at the prices they need. Then since he knows that each of the twenty schools will require the same kind of books, he can make an estimate of the entire number of books needed, and order enough at one time for all the schools, thus getting them very much cheaper than he could order ten or twelve different firms. He can order more than are needed he can hold them for another year instead of having to return them to the company or keep them at his own loss.

Since all the schools would be using the same books we could dispose of many of our second hand books, which would otherwise be to us useless.

Certainly no one can fail to see the financial economy of such a system. Some would probably think that the first year's expenses would be too heavy for the people while times are so hard. But I think not so. Under such a plan, suppose we contract with some company or companies to furnish the books for a period of five years. By doing so we could get them to take all of our old books off our hands and furnish new ones in their place the first year for 70 or 75 per cent off the regular price, and for the remaining four years furnish them much cheaper than we are now getting them.

The greatest reason why we should have a uniform system of text-books is, that we would have so much better texts for our children to study, and

for our teachers to teach. We hear people say, and I have heard teachers say, that one text-book is about as good as another; that the work done all depends upon the teacher; how now. Now, I am satisfied that a teacher who would say such a thing does not know that the mind has different powers and that those powers do not all become active at the same time in the child's life. Such a teacher could not tell perhaps, whether a child read by memory or intuition. He would not know whether his class in geography used the presentative, representative or thought powers. To such a teacher perhaps one text book would do as well as another, provided, it was the one he happened to have studied when he was in school.

But since this is an age of progress teachers like to have the most improved apparatus for performing their work. Where is the farmer who would hire a man to plow his land and give him a clam shell on the end of a stick with which to do it? He is no where to be found, and why? Simply because he knows that he could not afford it. That would be working against his own interests. The same way do many work against their own interest when they employ teachers to teach their children and give them some of the text books which find in some of our schools with which to teach them. Simply giving them a clam shell on the end of a stick.

If the teachers are expected to accomplish the best results they must have the best books with which to perform their work, just as much so as any one in any other profession must have the best tools, books or instruments for the attainment of the highest results. E. S. T.

### "PAY AS YOU GO."

From and after this date all accounts due THE STAR for advertising and job work by regular customers, will be made out promptly on the first day of each month. All transient advertising and job work must be paid for in advance. Short settlements, 'tis said, makes long friends. This may or may not be true; but we are going on that plan hereafter, and every account due us for advertising, job work or subscription will be made out and presented on the first day of each month. For more than six years we have been paying spot cash for every sheet of paper used in THE STAR office for STAR or job work. In order to keep up we are forced to collect closer than formerly and think monthly collections will be more satisfactory all around. THE STAR, Baird, Feb. 6, 1897.

### NOTICE TAX PAYERS.

Books will be closed Feb. 15, 1897; forced collections will begin. Will make levy on personal property first. J. W. JONES, Collector Callahan Co.

### REVIVAL.

Revival services begin at the Methodist church to-night (Feb 6), lead by the pastor. An earnest invitation is extended to everybody. Services at 8, and 7 p. m.

### A SAFE RETREAT.

MR. CASEY.—When I die be sure and bury me in a Jewish cemetery. MRS. CASEY.—Why is a Jewish cemetery? MR. CASEY.—Because it is the last place in the world the devil would look for an Irishman.—B.

### WEDDING PRESENTS.

Following is a list of presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gartner: Mrs. Blackburn, water set; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Stallings, water set; Miss Tommie Froment, cake plate; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meyer, gold sugar shell; Mr. and Mrs. Dugan, silver pickle cator; Dell and Maggie Jones, berry set; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth, silver tea spoons; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson, tea set; Madeline Bowman, pickle dish; Herman Bowman, salt and pepper stand; Mr. and Mrs. A. Horn, lamp; Miss Ella GRIFFLAND salt and pepper stand; Miss Della Cutbirth, cake stand; Willie and Fred Cutbirth, silk handkerchiefs; Mr. and Mrs. Froment, glass tea set; Mr. and Mrs. John Laird, berry set; Miss Ida Chance, water pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shultz, lamp; Mr. and Mrs. A. Wieck china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz, counter pane and table cover; Mrs. F. Bowman, counter pane; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones linen table set; Miss Annie Bowman, pair linen towels; Miss Mary Bowman, pair linen towels; Mrs. E. K. Kane, wash stand set; Eddie Wieck pair linen towels; Mr. and Mrs. C. Young, rocking chair.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Services at Episcopal Church every 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday 10 o'clock a. m.

### WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.

MARRIAGE.—I told him that I would not consent to marry him until he had redeemed his past. EVELYN.—Why? Has he that in back, too?

### Ballard's Bone Linctament Will Cure

Neuralgia. It will also cure Lame Back, Sore Throat, Wounds, Sprains, Rheumatism, Cuts, old Sores, Etc., it will cure your back-ache. Sold by Nelson & St John.

### DUDLEY NEWS.

Feb. 3rd.—The "Grip" seems to be holding sway in this country, at the present. Several of our citizens are sick with this dread disease.

Uncle Jimmie Smith, who has been quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas, is now on the road to recovery.

We have had plenty of cold weather, snow and mud, we will now be glad to see some sunshine.

Dr. Richardson will soon have his new house completed—we do not know whether he wants a house keeper or not.

Miss Phierbia Caddenhead is attending Prof. Turner's singing school at Tecumseh.

Jake Price, of Abilene, is visiting his uncle, D. M. Thomas. Jake says he is going to leave here and go to Cuba, but we don't think we will have to grieve after him.

The candy party at Mr. E. E. Martine Tuesday night was largely attended. All report a splendid time and lots of candy. The party was given in honor of Messrs. James Nichols and Bob Richardson. Brown's Jew.

### \$500 REWARD.

By a resolution unanimously passed at a regular meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties a standing reward of \$500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or illegal branding of any cattle or horses belonging to any member of said association.

Attent. J. B. CRYSTON, Pres. F. R. BELL, Sec.







# I - INVITE - YOU

To Examine my Stock of Implements, Hardware, Etc.



## BUCKEYE DRILL.

I am better prepared to supply your wants in drills and cultivators this season than ever before. We have in stock the Buckeye and Standard Cultivators, Double Shovels, Georgia Stocks and Steel Shapes. You should by all means call and see them.



When in need of wire netting, call at my store and get McMullen's, it is the very best on the market.



## PLANTERS.

We handle the Canton, Empress, Standard, Champion and Disc.

## HARROWS.

We keep in stock a good assortment of Disc Harrows, Steel Harrows and Wood Harrows.



## QUEENWARE.....

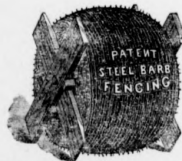
I have the completest line of queensware, lamps, house furnishing goods, etc.

### STOVES....

I handle only the best stoves to be had. I keep constantly in stock a full line of

**OUR LEADER.**  
**STAR LEADER.**  
**BUCKS BRILLIANT.**  
**CHARTER OAK**

When in need of a good stove, be sure and examine my stock.



## BARB WIRE.

I handle the following celebrated brands of Barb Wire.  
**BAKER.**  
**WAUKENGAN.**



## CONTON CLIPPER.

I have in stock the following well known brands of walking plows; Avery, Moline, Keystone, Garden City Clipper.

## SULKEY PLOWS.

I handle only the very best, which are; Solid Comfort, Conton Clipper Tricycle, Rock Island, Avery's Invincible, Disc Plows.

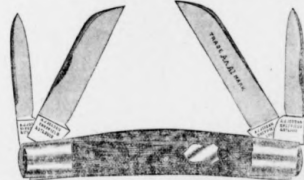


## WIND MILLS.

Of all the Wind Mills manufactured the Aermotor is considered the best. I keep in stock this mill and fixtures Buy only the best.



We handle  
**BAIN AND MITCHELL**  
 Wagons.



## CUTLERY.

My line of Cutlery is complete and consists of a large assortment for pocket and table cutlery, scissors.

I will during '97 carry the largest and most select stock in my line. My prices are low and I assure you I will appreciate your trade. Call and examine my stock.

# Harry Meyer,

**Baird,**

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**Texas.**

CHICASAWS OBJECT.

THEY PROTEST AGAINST THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHICASAW NATIONS AND THE CHOCOWAS.

The United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have signed an agreement...

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Chickasaw Indian delegation, sent here by that tribe to protest against the agreement...

Washington, Feb. 2.—This was committee suspension day in the house...

Mexico News.—President Hampton, of the Mexico Cuernavaca and Pacific Railway, invited the Christian Workers...

The last session was presided over by Rev. Dr. John W. B. Phillips...

A telegram from Merida, state of Yucatan, announces that on Thursday...

Injured on a Ship.—The West India steamship Tampoon, that went to sea Sunday morning...

Mr. Ezell, from Texas, had his right arm broken in two places and was injured about the chest...

The fishing schooner Mattie J. Hamblin, from Camptoch for Mobile...

Lithiankaia in Washington.—Sixteen Lithiankaia paid a visit to Rev. Cleveland yesterday afternoon...

Wants to See a Wife.—About all the money she has two five hundred dollar notes...

At Chicago, the Henry Sears company, wholesale cutlery and hardware...

Chicotee Interests Improving.—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2.—An official investigation of the Orange Judd Farmer indicates that the turning point in the long and serious depression...

The Nicaragua Bill

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At the request of Mr. Hill, senate bills introduced in the senate...

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The Proposed Treaty With Great Britain.

The American people are familiar with the fact that there is now before the United States senate...

The high contracting parties agree to submit to arbitration...

All pecuniary claims or groups of pecuniary claims...

Each of the high contracting parties shall nominate one arbitrator...

The person so selected shall be president of the tribunal...

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United States to appoint a judicial officer of such state or territory...

Territorial claims in this treaty shall include all claims to territory...

If in any case the nominating bodies designated in articles three and five...

The time and place of meeting of an arbitral tribunal and all arrangements...

This treaty shall remain in force for five years from the date at which it shall commence operation...

The present treaty shall be duly ratified by the President of the United States...

Norway. Either of the high contracting parties, however, at any time...

Any controversy which shall involve the determination of territorial claims...

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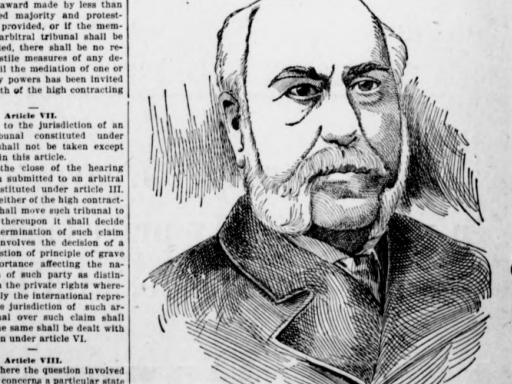
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RICHARD OLNEY, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE.



SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE, THE BRITISH MINISTER AT WASHINGTON

FACTS ABOUT MILK. It is the solid matter in the milk that gives it its value...

It Was a Desert. A mother was carrying her little boy with her geography when they came to the word "desert"...

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BLASTS FROM THE RAM'S HORN. Determine every day to do your prayers best and leave the result with God...



