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# The Star.

IS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

What Did You Pay For it?  
**T. E. POWELL.**  
Has it for Less!  
WHAT IS IT  
**Dry Goods, Clothing, Ec.**

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## NEW YEAR GREETING!

Thanking our Friends and Customers for past favors and hoping that we may serve you better in the future. I wish you a Happy New Year.

**B. L. BOYDSTUN,**

### PALACE DRUG STORE.

We carry a full line of  
**Drugs, Patent Medicines, Etc.**  
Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Books,  
PERIODICALS, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.  
R. A. SPEER, Proprietor.

Baird, x x x Texas.

**NOTICE.**

The time for paying the past year's account is now at hand, and all who know themselves indebted to me will please come forward and settle at once. I have many heavy accounts to meet and must have the money to pay them.  
T. E. POWELL. 1-1t

**Land For Sale.**

W. T. Claiborn place 5 miles south-west of Baird adjoining my land. 160 acres, 40 acres in cultivation. Will sell at private sale with in the next few weeks.  
J. M. BRYANT, Administrator.

**Cord Wood Wanted.**

Five or six cords of wood green or dry at THE STAR office. If any want to pay their subscription to THE STAR in either cord wood or stove wood, remember we will always take it at the market price. Those who are owing us on subscription are requested to bring in wood or pay the money so we can buy wood. 46-4f

**Guaranteed.**

Plantation Chill Cure, tasteless and plain is guaranteed to be a permanent cure for chills and fever, dumb and third day chills, bilious and remittent fever, liver, liver complaint and jaundice, and to dispel malaria. Pleasant, any child can take it. Harmless, but sure. No cure no pay. Price 50 cents. Manufactured by Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co. For sale by Powell & Powell. No. 1

We will sell you a suit of clothes for \$8.50 that others get \$12.50. T. E. Powell. 1-1f

**\$10 REWARD.**

Lost pair mules, one black horse mule, 16 hands high, 7 years old branded I.M. on left shoulder, shod in front. The other a bay horse mule, 15 hands high, shod all round, about eight years old, no brand. I will pay ten dollars reward for delivery of said mules at my place near Tecumseh Tex. 1-2p J. C. ROGERS.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan }  
Taken up by J H Cunningham and estrayed before T A Jackson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 8. Callahan county, on the 2d day of November 1901, the following described animal:  
One bay horse 12 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, star in forehead, branded U on left shoulder, appraised at Ten dollars.  
If not legally proven away will be dealt with as the law directs.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 12th day of November A. D., 1901.  
W. P. COCHRAN, County Clerk.

### SANTA CLAUS Has Come to Town.

HE IS MAKING OUR STORE HEADQUARTERS.

Such another Collection of beautiful presents we never had before. Ladies and Gents Gold Watches, Ladies and Gents Plain and Set Rings, Watch Chains and Charms, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Sterling Silver Novelties, Toys Galore, Beautiful Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Shaving Sets, Photo Cases, Medallions, Work Box, Dressing Sets, Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, Banjos, The Best Eight Day Clock for the money in Baird, Dolls, yes lots of them, Doll Buggies and Go-carts, Vases, Statuary Etc. Etc. Come in and see our stock we can please both young and old.

If You Owe Us Please Settle - We Need It.



### POWELL & POWELL DRUGGISTS.

## NEW YEARS GREETING!

I desire to thank all my friends and customers for the liberal patronage given me the past year and to wish you one and all a Happy New Year. x x x x x x x x x

x R. PHILLIPS, x BAIRD, TEXAS.

### HOTEL SEAY BAR.

J. B. SEAY Proprietor.  
The Finest Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars. ALWAYS ON HAND.  
Sacramental Wine Always kept in Stock. Ice Cold Beer 5cts. a Glass.  
Baird, Texas.

Jno. W. Woods represents the old reliable Hartford Fire Insurance Co. If you want a policy that will make you feel safe like the Hartford, whose cash assets is over \$11,000,000 and losses paid since organization is over \$68,000,000. 52-1f

Get a good gun from Hadley & Summers they carry a large line of ammunition and sporting goods.  
Go to Wilson & Oliver for fresh salt hams, pure leaf lard, soap greese and head cheese. We also buy hides and furs. 53-4f

I have fresh yeast for sale. Mrs. E. K. Kane.

Meals at Hotel Seay 25 cents. 54-4f



# The Baird Weekly Star

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W. E. GILLILAND,  
Editor and Proprietor.

## Subscription Rates.

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Four weeks counted as one month, except when ads run three months or longer.

Local reading notices (in brevity body type only) 5 cents per line each insertion.  
No reading notices to run among reading matter in black type or larger or smaller type than regular body type will be received at any price.

Our rates are reasonable and will be strictly adhered to.

We make a specialty of handsome display ads, and press work on this star is acknowledged by experts in Texas. People can read ads in this star because the print is clean and clear. New material is being added nearest time. Try an ad this month and wait results.

## SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

### CHURCHES.

M. E. CHURCH, OUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night, Rev. W. W. Moss, Pastor.  
Sunday School at 11 a. m. J. H. Walker Superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night, Rev. J. Frank Leake, Pastor.  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Services 2nd and 4th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor.  
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meeting at 2 p. m. every Sunday. W. A. Barnhill, Elder.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. C. Gray, Supt.  
Services at Presbyterian Church 3 and 4th J. M. Brooks.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night, J. A. Ward, Pastor.  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. N. Rushing, Supt.

### LODGES.

BAIRD LODGE, No. 322, A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m.  
R. G. Powell, W. M.  
Geo. B. Scott, Secretary.

BAIRD CHAPTER, R. A. M. No. 182. Meets 3rd Friday night in each month.  
HARRY MEYER, H. P.  
B. L. RUSSELL, Secretary.

BAIRD LODGE No. 4, K. of P. Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome.  
J. E. Pace, C. C.  
H. SCHWARTZ, K. of R. S.

BAIRD CAMP No. 68, W. O. W. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall, 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month.  
J. A. H. WALKER, C. C.  
J. W. WOODS, Clerk.

BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night.  
J. J. ALLEN, N. G.  
H. SCHWARTZ, Sec.

ABILENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No. 27 Meets 2nd Monday of each month.  
J. H. PICKENS, E. C.  
C. W. ROBERTS, Rec.

BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. W. Meets First and third Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend.  
J. A. EMMONS, M. W.  
JOHN J. ALLEN, Recorder.

BAIRD LODGE No. 266 BASKERS UNION of the World meets in the Odd Fellows hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m.  
S. T. FRASER, President.  
J. H. COCHRAN, Sec.

CAMP ALBERT SNEY JOHNSTON, No. 10, U. V. Meets at Baird at 1 p. m. 4th, Saturday in each month.  
J. W. TRENT, Capt.  
J. H. W. LANE, Adjut.

B. C. Clemer, of Clyde was in town Tuesday.

Cliff Hill and family were in town Tuesday.

N. Circle was in town Tuesday on his way from the west.

Chris Johnson and Albert Batcher, of Teague were in town trading the latter part of last week.

H. C. Martin, Monroe Beach, Capt. I. T. Whitley and J. B. Smartt, of Admiral, were in town Monday.

R. J. Harris, of Admiral, attended the regular monthly meeting of Baird Lodge 522, A. F. & A. M. last Saturday night.

Capt. Hugo Foy, Corporal H. R. Trent, of Baird, and Sergeant A. G. Harral, of Dudley, students at the A. & M. College, Bryan, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Willie Lambert and Grandpa Hinds from the Bayou were in town trading Monday.

Miss Ruby Schwartz, from the Ursuline Convent, Dallas, Miss Mildred Tisdale, Patton Seminary, Dallas, Miss Florence Rushing, Seminary, Weatherford, and Miss Bessie Foy, State Normal, Denton, came in last week to spend the holidays with the home folks.

## The Reason.

A German professor who is given to great deliberation of speech and has never been known to increase its speed under the most compelling circumstances had an amusing experience in a restaurant not long ago.

The waiter had brought him raw oysters, and, to his dismay, he saw that the professor had apparently no intention of tasting them.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the German slowly, without raising his eyes to the anxious waiter. The man seized the plate and bore it out of sight in an instant. He was a new waiter, and it was with much trepidation that he laid the second supply of oysters before this discriminating patron.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the professor after one glance at the plate which had been set before him.

"I—I think you'd find them all right, sir," faltered the waiter. "I don't think there's anything wrong about them, sir." He looked miserable, having been told that the German was a frequent and valued patron of the restaurant and must be well and quickly served.

"I cannot eat these oysters," announced the professor for the third time, with the calmness of a chorus in a tragedy, "because as yet you have furnished me no fork."—Youth's Companion.

## The Public Taste.

Several kind workers pooled their efforts to insure the Waifs a happy holiday. They rounded up the little Hickies at a Mission and gave them a Free Show. Every Swipes in the Place was a Monday Night Gallery God, so the Church Talent was going against a knowing Proposition.

A pale young man with amber fire escapes sprang a line of Parlor Magic that would have queered even a Supper Show. The Bunch advised him to back off the Dump. When a Young Lady with Glasses tackled "Stabat Mater" on the Violin she broke her up with Cat Calls and told her to tear off some Rag Time. They bleated at the Amateur Electrician and acted Rowdy when a Stout Woman got up to read a Fairy Tale from Hans Christian Andersen. Then they began to yell for Mulligan and Hicks to come on and save the Show. Whereupon two pug faced Kids came forward and did a Hottentot Song and Dance with a Buck and Wing finish that killed them dead.

Moral.—The Waifs cannot be expected to lift themselves many Notches above the Public Taste.—New York Herald.

## A Testimonial Worth Having.

An inventor, having produced a wonderful hair invigorating fluid, sent a case of bottles to a bald editor, with a request for a testimonial. He got it in these terms:

"A little applied to the inkstand has given it a coat of bristles, making a splendid penwiper at a small cost. We applied the lather to a twopenny nail, and the nail is now the handsomest shaving brush you ever saw, with beautiful, soft hair growing from the end of it some five or six inches in length.

"Applied to doorsteps, it does away with the use of a mat; applied to the floor, it will cause to grow therefrom hair sufficient for a Brussels carpet. A little weak lather sprinkled over a shed makes it impervious to the wind, rain or cold. It is good to put inside children's cradles, sprinkle on the roadside or anywhere that luxurious grass is wanted for use or ornament. It produces the effect in ten minutes."—Collier's Weekly.

## Africans Wash, but Never Wipe.

Great attention is given in most of the African tribes to the care of the body. The teeth are cleansed with a stick which has been chewed into a kind of brush. The hands are washed frequently, not by turning and twisting and rubbing them together one within the other, as with us, but by a straight up and down rubbing, such as is given to the other limbs. This manner of washing is so characteristic that an African might be distinguished by it from a European without reference to the color. The sun is their only towel.

## The Earliest Cigars.

The earliest mention of cigars in English occurs in a book dated 1735. A traveler in Spanish America named Cockburn, whose narrative was published in that year, describes how he met three friars at Nicaragua, who, he says, "gave us some segars to smoke; \* \* \* these are Leaves of Tobacco rolled up in such Manner that they serve both for a Pipe and Tobacco itself; \* \* \* they know no other way here, for there is no such Thing as a Tobacco Pipe throughout New Spain."

## A Change.

"We must economize," he said peremptorily.  
"I'm so glad!" his wife exclaimed.  
"You take the announcement more good naturedly than usual."  
"Yes; it's pleasant to hear you use the plural pronoun. Ordinarily, when there is any economizing needed, you expect me to do it all."

## Quite Loud.

Tudor-Harris gets all his clothes ready made now.  
Sutton—So he told you too?  
Tudor—He told me nothing. He didn't have to.—Boston Transcript.

A white object can be seen at a distance of 17,259 times its own diameter in strong sunlight—that is to say, a white disk a foot across can be seen 17,259 feet away.

The Korans as a people are better developed physically than the Japanese. They are taller and mentally are liberally endowed.

## EAGLE COVE DOTS.

Dec. 18.—We are still having cold weather out in this part of God's moral vineyard. Friday and Saturday were both very cold days. Some say it was the coldest we have had in four or five years.

Matthew Gardner, one of Eagle Cove's young men, has just returned from the west where he has been with stock.

We are going to have a Christmas tree at the Pleasant View school house on Xmas night, Wednesday Dec. 25. Everybody invited to come.

Quite a number of people were in the city trading Saturday.

Will Evans, who lived on Mr. J. W. Miller's place this year, is moving to Jones county where he intends to farm next year.

Our school is getting along fine. We are going to have only one week vacation for Christmas.

Master Hezzie Miller, one of Eagle Cove's boys' ran away from home last Tuesday night. Have not heard from him since.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bub Gardner on Dec. 13, a girl. Bub says one girl is worth half a dozen boys.

J. D. Hayhurst, John Hayhurst, Lon Hayhurst and F. X. Prew went to Baird last Wednesday with cotton.

Come and see Santa clause at the Village of Eagle Cove.

Why go to Baird or Abilene for your Xmas presents, when you can get them from J. W. Miller's suitable for your fellow, your girl, your parents or your children. Come and see them. A RAGTOWN BUTTON.

## The Best Time.

The best time to cure a cough or cold is when you are first affected. A pleasant and sure remedy for sore throat, weak lungs, bronchial croup, coughing spells, etc., is Mexican Syrup for coughs and consumption. Be wise in time and keep a bottle in your medicine chest, always handy for immediate use. remembering the old adage, "a stitch in time, saves nine." It is a true lung tonic and sells for only 25 cents.

## Many Wonder.

Many wonder hows it that pin worms and stomach worms get into little children, or how a tape worm 300 feet long, can get in and exist and grow inside a man, as it sometimes happens. They may well wonder, for it is a great mystery. However, many know from experience that Mother's Worm Syrup will rid one of intestinal worms and greatly improve the health after the worms have been destroyed and expelled. It is absolutely a harmless remedy to take, and as it only costs 25 cents all should try it who suspect worms to be the cause of their ill health. dec.

## Mexican R ut Pills.

These pills, costing only 25 cents a box, are the latest vegetable discovery for cleansing, renovating, strengthening and regulating the liver and bowels. Better health invariably follows their use. dec.

## The Best Time.

The best time to cure pain is when you first feel it. Always have a bottle of Gooch's Quick Relief in the house. Cures external or internal pain, and costs only 25 cents. Cures cramps and colic.

## The Whole Body.

The whole body depends on good, healthy blood for its sustenance and strength. Nothing makes the blood so healthy and the nerves so strong as Gooch's Sarsaparilla. Read testimonials on wrapper. dec.

## Pile-line Cures Piles!

Money refunded if it ever fails. ANTI-AGUE cures Chills and Fever.

Remember I have a few bargains left in boots and shoes and gent's furnishing goods. It will pay you to investigate if you need anything in that line. J. H. Terrell. 1-tf

## An Evangelist's Story.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies, but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Powell & Powell. dec.

While they last, all the finest call-cops at 4 cents per yard. Come quick. T. E. Powell. 1-tf

The people were in town in droves Monday buying Christmas goods.

## NOTICE.

All knowing themselves indebted to the firm of H. E. (Club) Hadley are requested to call and settle the same at once. We have assumed control of the entire business and outstanding accounts of the above firm and wish to have them all paid up at once as we need the money. 48-tf HADLEY & SUMMERS.

## Men and Beasts.

I once had a trainer, an old Irishman, who had served in a British regiment in India and who knew the ways of tigers in every detail. He taught three of them to do more work in the show arena than I have ever seen done by tigers. I have seen him sitting down between two of them at rest times during rehearsals and examining their claws to see if any of them were sore or split. Any one who has ever tried that with even a house cat knows that it strikes the feline nature as an unwarrantable familiarity, but they never did more than show their teeth and whine, and that in half playful manner.

One day he got very drunk. I had never known him to transgress before. Before he was noticed on his return to the cage he had gone in with his tigers and fallen in a heap on the floor. The other keepers tried to take him out of the cage, but to have done so would have meant a bitter and bloody fight with the three striped ones. They guarded him all night in his drunken slumber. The next time he put them to work, however, they balked, and he could neither persuade nor drive them. They had ceased to trust him, or something of that sort, and his usefulness with them was at an end completely.—F. Bostock in Frank Leslie's.

## Trouble For the Tourists.

The poor Saxon "tourist"—what he may suffer in the Emerald Isle! There is a story on record of three Irishmen rushing away from the race meeting at Punchestown to catch a train back to Dublin. At the moment a train from a long distance pulled up at the station, and the three men scrambled in. In the carriage was seated one other passenger. As soon as they had regained their breath one said:

"Pat, have you got th' tickets?"  
"What tickets? I've got me loife! I thought I'd have lost 'dat gettin' in th' train. Have you got 'em, Molke?"  
"O! Begorra, I haven't!"  
"Oh, we're all done for, thin!" said the third. "They'll charge us right from th' other side of Ireland!"

The old gentleman looked over his newspaper and said:

"You are quite safe, gentlemen. Wait till we get to th' next station."

As soon as the train pulled up the little gentleman jumped out and came back with three first class tickets. Handing them to the astonished strangers, he said: "Whist, I'll tell you how I did it! I went along th' train. 'Tickets, please, tickets, please!' I called, and these belong to three Saxon tourists in Strand."

## St. Paul's.

"It is curious," says the London Chronicle, "how St. Paul's, although the first cathedral church in England that was built actually for the observance of the Anglican ritual, manages nevertheless to retain something of a foreign and a Catholic nature in the way it offers shelter to the tired passerby. Apart from the restless groups of sightseers, there are always plenty of people there who have gone in solely for the sake of its wonderful peace and quiet."

"They would have found neither, by the way, in old St. Paul's of the fifteenth century, for while mass was being said in one chapel, a funeral service in another, and so on, all sorts of commerce was carried on in the middle aisle, from the hiring of servants to the transaction of legal business."

"We have altered all that nowadays, and St. Paul's is the quietest spot in the noisiest city in the world."

## His Half.

An old Maryland colored man was summoned to court by the controversy over the ownership of a mule.

"Who bought the mule?" demanded the judge.

"Clem Smif and Ah each bought half ob him, sah," responded the old man.

"Where is Smif now?"

"He ain't nebbber cum down yit, sah. He went to curry his half when his half was in a bad humor. Now Clem's chillun wants to get deh fathes' half away from my half, en de half am dess half!"

"Stop!" roared the judge. "Dismiss the case."—Chicago News.

## Pens, Paper and Royalty.

Whenever the signature of an English king or queen is required in a visitor's book or elsewhere it is customary to provide a new pen, which is not used by the hosts or the other guests unless it be handed them by the royal visitor. Another point of etiquette connected with pens and paper is that a letter to a sovereign is written on thick white paper, on one side only, and is placed in an envelope large enough to contain the letter unfolded.

## Ahead There.

"I hope," said the drummer, "you were quite satisfied with my report for the past month."  
"Well," replied the head of the firm, "there was one part of it that really exceeded our expectations."  
"And what was that?"  
"Your expense bill."—Catholic Standard and Times.

## A Scott Pan.

Calling one day on a Miss Ferguson and observing a fine honeysuckle in full blossom over the door, Sir Walter Scott congratulated his friend on its appearance. She spoke of it as trumpet honeysuckle.

"Weel," said Scott, "ye'll never come out o' your ain door without a flourish o' trumpets!"

## A Distinction.

"I am told," said the friend, "that the manager you have left was paying you a fabulous salary!"  
"No," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "not fabulous; imaginary."—Exchange.

## HORSES WANTED.

We want horses or mares from 14 hands 34 inches to 15 hands 1 inch high 5 to 9 years old, broad chest, short back, good flesh, good action, clear of blemishes, broke to ride. No greys or light duns wanted. Will pay as high as seventy dollars according to quality. Will be in Baird on Saturday, Dec. 14th 21st and 28th. Alvord Bros.

Foy has the best school and ladies shoes in Baird. 1-tf

Make Weak Women Strong. I have taken your REMICK'S PEPSIN BLOOD TONIC. I know it is the best TONIC ever made. It will make even weak women strong. I cannot praise it enough. Mrs. O. D. Pickering, Onley, Ill. For Sale by Powell & Powell. 1-tf

Nothing would be more appropriate for a Christmas present than a good Kodak. J. H. Terrell has the only stock in town. 1-tf

H. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach, says, "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than anything I have ever taken. For sale by R. Phillips Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec.

J. H. Terrell has the finest and best selected and cheapest candles in town. He bought them especially for the holiday trade. 1-tf

## A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. Its a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50cts. Guaranteed. For sale by Powell & Powell. dec

## POSTED.

My pastures are posted and any one found hunting or fishing therein, will be prosecuted according to law. R. MACDONALD.

## A CHANCE TO GO HOME.

For your Christmas and New Year is offered by The Texas & Pacific Railway Company. This popular line which has always been most prominent in handling Holiday Excursions sell round trip tickets between points on their line in Texas and Louisiana and to points on other lines on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st, with return as late as January 1st at rate of a fare and a third trip. Also on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 31st, will sell round trip tickets to points in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana and Oklahoma, North and South Dakota, All Southeastern States and Colorado Springs Pueblo, Colorado and Mexico at a rate of a fare and a third for the round trip. These latter tickets to be limited to 30 days from date of sale. Choice of inviting routes will be offered and every politeness will be shown and every effort made by our employees to see that patrons are enabled to make their journey pleasantly and comfortably, and equipment cannot be equalled. For further information in regard to sleeping car accommodations, rates, etc., see any Ticket Agent or write H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Ft. Worth, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, The Texas & Pacific Railway Company, Dallas, Texas.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Dec. 13, 1901. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Mrs. R. J. Allen.  
Mr. Alex Brownlee.  
Miss Emma Hart.  
T. E. Hewey.  
Miss Sallie Jones.  
Ellis Ranson.

WM. McMANIS, P. M.

Boyles has a second hand surry for sale cheap. 1-tf

## BEECH'S SALOON.

—DEALS IN—  
Fine Whiskies, Wines, Cigars,  
AND ICE COLD BEER AT 5CTS. A GLASS.  
Only the best brands of everything in stock. 2nd door north of Sigal Hotel.  
Billiard and Pool Room First Door South

## R. B. Spencer & Co.,

LUMBER DEALERS.  
We carry a first-class stock of Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash, Cement, Posts, Etc. and can fill all orders promptly.  
Successors to S. M. MOON & CO.  
Baird, Texas.

## Staple and Fancy GROCERIES.

A. W. McFarlane,  
CROCERS.  
Queen of Panty Flour.

## SIX OF THE BEST IN AMERICA.

Others as Good, but None BETTER.

Scottish Union and National, Organized	1824
Orient of Hartford,	1867
Pennsylvania Fire,	1825
Fire Association of Phila.	1817
New Hampshire Fire,	1870
Philadelphia Underwriters, composed of Insurance Co. of North America and Fire Association of Philadelphia, organized	1792 & 1817

All of the above Companies settle on demand, I ask for a share of your insurance, offering you choice from Six of the best Co's. in the WORLD. Let me quote you rates, I know I can please you.  
JOHN TRENT, Agent.

## LANDS, LOANS, ABSTRACTS AND INSURANCE.

I have for sale some of the best and cheapest IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED FARMS in Callahan and adjoining counties.  
I can LEND YOU MONEY on land on long time with easy payments and at low rate of interest.  
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# MILES IS CENSURED.

### Reprimanded for Expressing Himself on the Schley Verdict.

### Secretary Root Told Him He Had No Right to Make an Expression and the Reprimand Then Followed—The Letters.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant General Miles has been reprimanded by the war department for expressing himself on the verdict in the Schley court of inquiry in which he commended Admiral Dewey for his verdict.

When an explanation was demanded by Secretary Root for the interview at Cincinnati, General Miles replied that the interview was merely his personal views and was not intended as any reflection upon the court. He told Secretary Root that he did not consider it was against any established law to so express himself.

This explanation was not satisfactory to the war department and so notified General Miles. Then General Miles sent Secretary Root the following:

"Headquarters of the Army, Washington, Dec. 21.—The Honorable the Secretary of War: Sir—Referring to my note of yesterday, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I desire to say that for several years a distinguished and gallant officer has been assailed by parties who have endeavored to write him and other high officials down, until finally he appealed against such assaults to a coordinate branch of the government granted him a court of inquiry, and as I understand it, they unanimously exonerated him from such epithets as coward, poltroon, etc., and their opinions were given to the public for the information of all citizens.

"When I said that I had no sympathy with those who had endeavored to destroy the reputation of a high officer, who, like all other officers, regards his honor as more sacred than life, I had in mind and referred to those assaults against which the admiral had appealed for protection and justification, and certainly not to a coordinate branch of the government.

"I request that this note be laid before the president, and have no objection to it being made public. Very respectfully,

"NELSON A. MILES, Lieutenant-General."

The reprimand is contained in the following letter of Secretary Root to Gen. Miles:

"War Department, Washington, Dec. 21.—Sir: By direction of the president, I communicate to you his conclusions upon your course in the interview to which your attention was called by my letter of the 15th instant.

"Your explanation of the public statement made by you is not satisfactory. You are in error if you suppose that you have the same right as any other citizen to express publicly an opinion regarding official questions pending in the course of military discipline. The established invariable rules of official propriety necessary to the effective discipline of the service impose limitations upon the public expressions of military officers, with which your long experience should have made you familiar.

"Your duty is to express your opinion on official matters when called upon by your official superiors or in the due course of your official reports and recommendations, and not otherwise. The first article of the regulations governing the army of the United States provides:

"Deliberations of discussions among military men, conveying praise or censure or any mark of approbation toward others in the military service, are prohibited."

"This provision has been a part of the army regulations for at least half a century, and the highest obligation to observe it rests upon the officers, whose high rank should make them examples to their subordinates. Any other rule of action in the military service would be subversive of discipline. It would not be tolerated in any officer of whatever rank.

"The present facts are that for several years there has been an unfortunate and bitter controversy in the navy department—a controversy generally deplored, even by the participants, as tending to bring the service into disrepute at home and abroad and to destroy relations of mutual confidence and friendship between naval officers which the interests of effective service require.

"In this controversy the army has not been involved and no bar had been raised to that good feeling and friendly relations between the officers of the navy and the officers of the army, which is essential to the successful and harmonious co-operation of the two services in preparation and in action.

"A court of inquiry has been held on the matters in controversy and a report has been made, in which one member has dissented in some particulars from the majority, and the report was pending before the reviewing authority. At this point you, the lieutenant general of the army, saw fit to make a public expression of your opinion as between the majority and the minority of the court, accompanied by a criticism of the most severe character, which could not fail to be applied by the generality of readers to the naval officers, against whose view your opinion was expressed.

"It is no consequence on whose side your opinion was, or what it was. You had no business in the controversy and no right, holding the office which you did, to express any opinion. Your conduct was in violation of the regulations above cited and the rules of official propriety, and you are justly liable to censure, which I now express. Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War."

"To Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Headquarters of the Army."

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Congress adjourned Thursday until Jan. 6.

C. J. Devlin of Topeka, Kas., carries \$900,000 life insurance.

There were 265 failures in the United States the past week.

County judges of Texas will meet at Fort Worth in February.

The Sultan has banished 70 Turks to Hadalla, Arabia, as spies.

A baby only weighing 1 1/2 pounds was born at Wichita, Kas.

Louis Voeght, a German farmer, suicided at Taylorsville, Tex.

United States Senator Sewell is seriously ill at Camden, N. J.

Thomas Kelly, a prominent citizen of Kansas City, Mo., is dead.

Admiral Sampson's condition is reported critical at Washington.

The heaviest fall of snow in France in December fell Wednesday.

The citizens of Roscoe, Tex., are making war on bowling alleys.

The Royal Steam laundry at Smithville, Tex., burned Tuesday night.

Four cases of plague have occurred in the Philippines since October.

Sam Lind, a Chinaman, was robbed and murdered at Pauls Valley, I. T.

E. J. Mays, a grocer at Mineral Wells, Tex., made an assignment.

Charley Forbes knocked out Billy Rotechford in one round at Chicago.

Chicago is threatened with a coal famine with thermometer below zero.

Colonel John F. Hull and wife were murdered at Parsons, Kas. No clue.

Bull weevils have been killed by millions about Elgin, Tex., by the freeze.

Laurant Howard, an old actor and stage manager, died at New York City.

The epidemic of influenza is proving disastrous to horses at Columbus, Neb.

The value of the year's poultry and egg product in Kansas exceeds \$5,950,000.

Dr. John C. Mayfield, quarantine officer at Galveston, died at San Antonio, Tex.

Miss Belle McClinton, who was burned at Gatesville, Tex., died of her injuries.

In the eighth round George Gardner defeated Kid Carter at San Francisco.

Austin Rice and George Dixon fought 29 rounds to a draw at New London, Conn.

In the gales that swept the coast of Portugal Thursday 15 sailors were drowned.

Owing to a short crop pecans are selling in Texas cities for 20 cents a pound.

Oscar Gardner and Jack Whitaker fought 29 rounds to a draw at San Francisco.

John D. Rockefeller has made another gift of \$1,250,000 to the Chicago university.

Orange trees in the vicinity of Lake Charles, La., have been ruined by the recent cold.

One man has shipped over 60 carloads of persimmons from Duvall's Bluff, Ark.

Fire at Clarksville, Ark., destroyed the McConnell block, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Miss Holman of Indianapolis, Ind., will marry Marconi, the wireless telegraph inventor.

All the anti-trust suits against insurance companies in Mississippi have been dismissed.

A new infirmary costing \$30,000 is being built for St. Mary's academy, South Bend, Ind.

The 16-year-old son of B. B. Throop of Austin, Tex., died of lockjaw, the result of a wound.

The estate of the late Clement Studabaker, who died at Terre Haute, Ind., foots up \$2,000,000.

The Nonpareil hotel, at Helena, Ark., burned Friday. Loss \$100,000, with \$50,000 insurance.

The first building erected by Baylor University at Independence, Tex., has been destroyed by fire.

The anti-scalping ordinance passed by the city council of Houston, Tex., has been declared illegal.

Granite from Oklahoma will be used in the construction of the Rock Island railway depot at Chicago.

Ernest Fomby, a farmer living near Farmersville, Tex., suicided by cutting his throat with a razor.

Twenty per cent of the ballots cast in the last Kansas election were thrown out under the new law.

At Lewiston, Mo., the electric light plant had to be closed down on account of the scarcity of water.

Marconi claims messages can be sent across the Atlantic by his wireless system at one cent a word.

Suit has been filed against the Nacogdoches Compress company for violation of the Texas anti-trust law.

Rush orders have been sent to the cruiser Philadelphia to sail for Panama at once from San Francisco.

The annual debates between the state universities of Indiana and Illinois will be held at Bloomington, January 1.

The body of John Erickson, a Swede, was found floating in the bay at Sabine Pass, Tex. He fell from a dredge.

Willis Swofford, a negro, was given a life sentence at South McAlester, I. T., for the murder of William Young.

Fire at Devine, Tex., destroyed Little's grocery store and Duncan's livery stable. Total loss about \$2500, partly insured.

There is not a negro in the Fifty-seventh congress. This is the first time in 32 years that this has happened.

Fire at Terrell, Tex., destroyed 1800 bales of cotton and a storage room of the Shippers' Compress company. Loss \$75,000.

St. Joseph's hospital at Marysville, Mo., was partly destroyed by fire. No lives lost, but some patients may die from exposure.

Tobacco growers of Carroll county, Kentucky, have decided to organize, and if not offered satisfactory prices for their crops will manufacture the product themselves.

# ORIGIN OF XMAS FESTIVITIES

By G. L. Langdon.

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There are two reasons for Christmas feasting aside from the instinct which teaches us that the joy of holiday making is impossible or incomplete without good eating and drinking. One is that Christmas is the survival of one, or both, of two great pagan festivals; the other, that the mind of man in all times and conditions expressed rejoicing by the laden board and the brimming bowl.

Victory, good fortune, weddings, christenings, are celebrated today by dinners, as they have been for thousands of years, the practice undoubtedly coming down from that prehistoric time when the victory over the animal was the means of supplying the feast. We can find traces of it and its concomitant habit, giftmaking, in the book of Esther, where Mordecai says to his people that on the anniversaries of the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day, they should make them days of feasting and of joy and of sending portions one to another and gifts to the poor.

And what greater cause for rejoicing and the usual expression thereof could exist for the early Christians than the fact of the birth of Christ?

It is true that there were differences of opinion in the early church as to the date, or even the season of the year, when that all important event occurred. Clemens Alexandrinus tells us that it was kept by many Christians in April and by some in Egypt in the month Pachon, corresponding to our May, but long before the council of Nice had fixed the day, separating it from the Epiphany, a curious circumstance had operated to fix forever the observance of it in the European mid-winter.

Observing the course of the seasons and their relation to the growing or lessening length of the days, the Aryans inhabiting Europe had come to learn that at the winter solstice the decline of nature was over and that as the day lengthened she revived until a few weeks later she walked abroad gladsomely again in the green garb of spring. It was a fitting time for universal rejoicing. Nothing could be done afield. The bins and butts were still well filled and the cattle fat. It was also a time to remember the goodness of the gods; to make sacrifice as well as to feast.

Hence we find at the dawn of Christianity two great mid-winter festivals among the two most powerful branches of the Aryans of that period—the Saturnalia among the Romans on the south and the Thor feast of the Scandinavians. It is a curious fact that they appear to be identical as to time of observance.

In Rome and wherever Rome had ruled long enough to have planted her customs the Saturnalia was a season of sacrifice to Saturn of social equality and of riotous license. The slave in many households was permitted to become master for the week of the feasting, and his master executed the ridiculous orders which he gave. Buffoonery in street processions and in the homes was one of the chief elements of the festivity. Orgies indescribably formed another. Present giving was universal.

The sea kings called the season Yule (whence Yule), and they celebrated it in gorging and drinking, besides making sacrifice to Thor. Around a great blazing log, big enough to burn for the whole week of the gluttonous feasting, they hung the half bare ox bones in rude jest and passed the wassail bowl.

The primitive church found these pagan festivals institutions which it could not uproot, so it wisely adopted them, turning the sacrificial rites thereof into worship for the born Christ, stripping the feasts of their grossness sensuality, but letting much of their joyousness remain.

Besides the two great festivals mentioned, there was another observed at the same time by a large family of the Europeans—the Gauls, Gaels or Celts—which was similarly adopted by the church as she spread her teaching among them, but this had a far less influence than the other two upon the customs which have marked the celebration of Christmas down to the present time. The reason is that there was more of sacrificial rite and less of feasting in its celebration. From it, however, comes the kissing under the mistletoe, which with them was emblematic of the union of man and woman and of the union of mankind with God. From it also comes the Christmas tree, dear to the little ones, a survival of the hanging of votive gifts on their sacred pines.

But out of the other two great pagan festivals arose the principal form that the feasting took. Eating and drinking of the best, giving to the poor by right of their equality at that season, as well as the old mummery, practically abolished since Puritanism tried to suppress the festival utterly in 1647, are easily and directly traceable to those pagan orgies.

## THE PARASITE MISTLETOE.

"Oh, lady, give a luckless man  
A little Christmas gift!  
Thus spake the wand'ring with the can,  
Who longed to get a lay;  
The lady was a spinstar gay;  
Her wit was counted keen,  
She only gave the tramp a spray  
Of mistletoe so green.  
"Oh, lady, give a man a chance!"  
Rebellowed the weary wight,  
"I'd rather have a pair of pants  
Than any parasite!"  
EARLE HOOKER STOR.

# OLD SANTA IS REAL

BY HUBERT NORTHERN

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ONCE a clever Boston papa ceased to believe in Santa Claus. He had bought a slate and pencil and figured it out that the sleigh which would contain the toys that come to all the little boys and girls in the world would have to be as big as a house and that the span of reindeer that could pull it would be forty tons too heavy to drag it up the walls of the first house for the trip over the roof. Many other strange things did this wise man find out with the help of his slate and pencil, and then he added them all up and found the sum total to be that Santa Claus is a myth.

He joyfully told this to his little son, who was an advanced student of ancient literature. To his great surprise, his little son seemed very glad, and when the amazed parent asked him wherefore he thus explained: "My worthy father, because of certain occult demonstration afforded by a surreptitious glance or two into our kitchen last Christmas eve I was gratifying rapidly to the opinion that Santa Claus does not exist. The only explanation of the phenomenon observed consistent with his existence seemed to be that he could at once take the appearance of yourself, sir, and also of mamma, in your nightgowns and with your arms full of gifts for me, and this, too, while neither of you was in your own room. I established the alibi for you by a hurried visit. It is not to be marvelled at that my faith in Santa Claus received a severe jolt.

"But your conclusion revives my ancient belief and puts it on a sure footing. You have discovered that Santa Claus is a myth. Hurrah for the real, true Santa Claus, king of myths! Hereafter I will believe in him, hope in him, adore him!

"You appear astonished, parent, but perhaps that is because you do not understand myths. There is nothing so real as a myth. When I say that Helios rides across the sky in a golden



"YOU APPEAR ASTONISHED."

chariot every day, preceded by blushing Aurora, it is as true as if I say that the sunrise follows dawn in all the lands of the earth. When I say that Hiawatha wrestled with the corn and threw him and buried him only to see him rise again, I but speak of the familiar industries of reaping and sowing and of the sprouting of the new plant in its time.

"A myth is a folk tale describing well through personification the attributes or offices of the abstract. Yes, papa, write that down. Let us now apply the deduction to Santa Claus. "Santa Claus' office is to bring toys, sweetmeats or more useful gifts at Christmas. His attributes are generosity, benevolence, care for dependents. That office is actually filled; those attributes display themselves. Therefore, according to myth law, Santa Claus really lives and acts his useful and popular part.

"With a hint or two as to the manner of doing it, I will allow leave you to pursue the study further. You will find it fascinating. Observe that Santa Claus comes out of the frozen north. That is as if you would say that the impulse of Christmas giving proceeds from the coldest heart at this season. Note that he drives reindeer, pleasing spectacle for the mind's eye. It is as if you should say that he seeks to make his guise or his gifts unusual, for the better enjoyment thereof. Consider that he comes down the chimney; toward the warm hearth of the home; that is a lesson to the children. Christmas gifts shower on the warm hearted and loving.

"Father, I have only to add that I am warm hearted and loving. You will pardon me if I now go into the library and write a chapter of my book on the truths of mythology."

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**NEW YEAR'S GREETING.**

THE STAR desires to thank all its friends and the public, generally, for all favors shown during the past year, and takes the opportunity to wish you one and all a happy New Year.

**Christmas gift.**

A Merry Christmas to all.

If THE STAR has an enemy on earth we are willing to forgive and forget this Christmas tide.

Most country papers take a lay off Christmas week, but THE STAR has not missed an issue in fourteen years. We do not have time to lay off.

Peace on earth and good will to man sang the angels nineteen hundred and one years ago, when Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world was born.

From the way President Roosevelt rounded up Gen. Miles for expressing an opinion favorable to Rear Admiral Schley, there is very little hope that he will interfere in Schley's behalf.

J. A. Beall, of Ellis county seems, from last reports, to have defeated S. P. Skinner for congress in the primary Saturday. The primary was held to see which of the two should have the endorsement of Ellis County as a candidate before the democratic district convention for congress.

**OKARIDGE.**

As I have not seen anything from here, I thought I would let the people know through the paper that we are still among the living.

Since our school started we are looking up some.

Mr. Nickle is trying to kill all the timber on his place. He started a well got down until it commenced to get dark and quit for fear he would break through on China and have another row.

We have a blacksmith shop close to the church. So all you farmers, here is the place to get your plows repaired. Patronize home industry. They say Mr. Richmon can fire them right.

Our school is getting along fine. You can pass the school house now without being gazed at, or seeing a dozen heads pop out at the windows. The children say Mr. Tate has never run to the door to see who is passing. They say they are going to kill all the birds for they tell on them. Somebody said he had a switch, but the children won't say. They don't want to know anything but lessons.

We are going to have a Sunday school. A few people met at the church last Sunday and made up money to buy literature, and they say we are to have song books also. There will soon be Sunday School and preaching twice a month. Revs. Tate, Lovvorn, Young will look after the moral and spiritual interest of the community, hence we expect better times.

Next we want a postoffice. Who will offer his services?

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Mr. John D. Hopson, of Stephens county requests THE STAR to announce that he is a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. Hopson is now and has been county attorney of Stephens county for six years. Mr. Hopson will visit our county early in the New Year, and we bespeak for him a favorable consideration.

**FLORIDA LETTER.**

HAMPTON, FLA., Dec. 16, 1901. EDITOR STAR.—Well, old friend, and all, I have not forgotten you, so will drop you a line once.

I have spent the most pleasant summer of my life and am now enjoying the winter. It has been colder than common for this time of the year, have had a little ice several times and it is cold today. The natives say it "belongs to be" this way to harden up the fall growth of the orange trees so they won't freeze out in February. All have great hopes of them bearing next year. A great many have ripe ones now. This country is going to boom if they do not freeze out this winter.

Syrup making has passed by. I had fine luck; used a 50 gallon kettle put in a furnace. Sweet potatoes yielded well in spite of the wet spell, and winter gardens are in full sway. The razor back is fat in the pinder patch.

I am sorry to learn that old Callahan is in such bad shape, with feed so high. One glorious thing about this country is that they don't feed cattle on the range; they say it kills them. Nobody puts up feed for cattle. Some few milk one or two cows through the winter and feed them on garden refuse bran and cassara. They raise big fields of velvet beans and fatten beeves in them. By the way! I would like to hear how those beans showed up that I sent to several parties. Just put it in THE STAR. I have saved a nice lot and will send some next year if they did well. The people turn the cattle out the first of August and they all go to the range, use them to cowpen the land. The last pen is put in sweet potatoes and winter garden. Cattle go with farming here. The biggest farmer has the most cattle.

When a man is out of work on the farm he can always get something to do to bring in money. A man need not be idle a day. If you people had the "Public works" like they have here a bad year would not hurt so bad. The work is scattered all through the country too, but there is always a cry for hands for the native has about all he wants without work.

You may not believe this is a better country than that, but I wish you would come and see, then you would stay, could not get rid of you at all. You ought to enjoy sitting around a big pine knot fire, and not bake your shins and freeze your back like I know some of you do, and dread each warm day as the forerunner of a blizzard. I can feel for you all and wish you was here, and it is my honest opinion that some of you wish so too.

Some stockmen from Iowa are here starting ranches. One company has ten thousand acres under fence and are using Herefords to grade up with. Some parts of the state has fine grass and some of the people are making bermuda pastures. It grows most all the year.

I have not had a doctor in the house this year, so I ought to be proud. Some parts of the state is sickly just like it is here, but you can tell it by the looks of the people. In through here is considered the the healthiest part of the U. S.

I wish some of the people would write a letter to THE STAR. It is pretty dry reading sometimes, but I will send up my renewal for fear you quit sending it.

I hope that the coming year will be prosperous and that it will be many years before such another one comes to try men's souls. May you all enjoy a beautiful Christmas and look forward to a better place than even old Callahan.

I often sigh for the sight of an old familiar face and place, and hope to see some of you here some day. With best wishes for all I will close for fear of the basket.

W. F. PALMORE.

**A Card of Thanks.**

We desire to return our most profound thanks to the many friends who, by acts of kindness and words of sympathy, gave us assistance in the recent sad trial through which we have been forced to go.

Especially do we wish to thank the members of the church for the kindness rendered, and the faithful physicians who made every effort in their power to ward of the fatal messenger. May He who watched with sorrow, and rewards more graciously than lies in our power, remember and bless them.

A. COOKE AND FAMILY.

The finest shoe on earth, made by Edwin Clapp. Sold by T. E. Powell only. 2-1f

**Around The World IN 80 MINUTES.**

—At The—

**Athletic Hall, SAT. DEC. 28.**

The Great Comedian and Character Actor,

JOHN THOMPSON,

Who is without an equal—and an artist perfected by experience—will appear and introduce his "Star Troupe" of comic characters, in his original

VAUDEVILLE COMEDY.

Everything in the show is Funny. Every Character is Funny. All the songs are new and Funny. Even the Music is Funny.

ADMISSION 35c and 50c.

**DIED.**

On the morning of the 23d death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooke and claimed from the unbroken family the lovely young form of Miss Bulah. She had been an uncomplaining, silent sufferer for sometime, but with her bright, sunny nature she ever wore a happy, cheerful face, and her many friends were shocked to hear of her critical condition a few days ago. Sunday night she realized the end was near and called the family around her bed, and talked as calmly as if she had been planning for the pleasures of another day upon earth. Instead of her departure to her beautiful home beyond the river of death. She gave minute directions about everything concerning her burial, admonished her brothers to live faithful christian lives and sent many personal messages to her friends, and when she was too weak to speak longer passed quietly away at 6:45 in the morning.

We indeed sometimes talk of "untimely deaths", of the young being removed too early from spheres of usefulness, but surely, God is wise in all works, and even amid our tears, gathers the sweetest "flowers in their seasons" and sanctifies and lifts heavenward the very hearts that break at their farewell.

Oh, beautiful thought! that death is not destruction, but a gathering of "mortals to immortality" and why, then, should our hearts be sad? When such mortal loveliness is called away to a life of immortality, and triumph over death and decay.

"When our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave, We should not weep, but learn to count this life A prelude to the one beyond the grave And thus be happy for them, not distressed But lift our hearts with love to God and smile. And we, anon, life tired ones will rest, If we will hope wait—a little while" \*\*\*

**Attention Ex-Confederates.**

Capt Trent says do not forget the meeting tomorrow at the Court House at 11 a. m.

**MEYER'S STORE ROBBED.**

Sometime last night, Thursday, thieves entered Harry Meyer's hardware store and carried away a lot of guns, pistols, knives, razors and cartridges to the amount of about \$150. The work appears to have been done by a lot of greenhorns, as experts would not have done several things they did.

A pipe, piece of tobacco and a cigar were found in the store. The thieves must have spent sometime in the store. It was reported that Sheriff Irvin had arrested a suspicious character a short while ago.

**NOTICE.**

THE STAR is issued on Friday in place of Thursday this week in order to give the force a lay off Christmas day. The paper will be issued Thursday next week as usual.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We desire to return our heart felt thanks to Uncle Henry Jones for a large, fat turkey and a bountiful supply of nice groceries with full directions how to cook and prepare the same of the finest Christmas dinner we have had for many years. Uncle Henry knows how to treat the old 16th Missouri Infantry for he belonged to the 15th Texas Cavalry, Co. E. Grandbury's Brigade, and was in many hard fought battles. We wish also to thank Uncle Tom Norrel, a good old Confederate soldier, for a fine turkey, and to W. E. Mayes for a nice supply of children's goods.

JOHN & MACK WILSON.

Mrs. Inkman and children of Big Springs spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Fletcher.

This has been a sad Christmas to several families in Baird.

Mrs. B. N. Leonard is visiting her mother at Corsicana leaving Bert to batch it out by himself.

**Her Marriage Dot.**

The Emperor Joseph II. was in the habit of walking about incognito. One morning he went into a coffee shop and asked for a cup of chocolate. He was plainly dressed and the waiters, being ignorant of his rank, insolently refused it, saying it was too early.

Without making any reply he walked out and went into a little coffee house hard by and asked for a cup of chocolate. The landlord answered that it should be ready in a moment.

While he waited for it he walked up and down and was conversing on different subjects when the landlord's daughter, a very pretty girl, made her appearance.

The emperor wished her good day and observed to her father that it was high time a flower in full bloom should marry before it faded.

"Ah," replied the honest old man, "if I had but a thousand crowns I could marry her to a fine young man who is very fond of her! But, sir, the chocolate is ready."

The emperor called for a pen, ink and paper. The girl ran to fetch them, when he gave her an order on his banker for the thousand crowns.

**A Unique Request.**

Among the experiences that helped a now prominent attorney to emerge from the condition of a homeless barister he tells the following: One day a miserly old fellow came to him and asked that the young attorney draw up a will.

"How much cash have you?" was the first interrogation. "Waal, I dunno," responded the client; "somewheres nigh on to \$30,000, I reckon."

"How do you wish it divided?" "I want my old woman to have \$15,000, and you can say that I give and bequeath \$5,000 to each of my three children," said the old man, unloading himself of the legal phrase with much gravity and deliberation.

"What else do you wish to say?" "Say that to each of my several nieces and nephews I also give the sum of \$5,000."

"Hold on, sir; this is a work of supererogation. You have already disposed of all your money. How are they to be given the sums you specify?" "Gol darn 'em, let 'em work for it, as I did!" came the answer.—San Francisco Wave.

**Under a Mistake.**

The stranger stepped up to the hotel register and wrote his name thus: "Gabriel Plunkett, Squibnocket, Mass."

The stranger immediately behind him then stepped up, looked at the name, smiled somewhat incredulously and made this entry himself: "Israel Snodgrass, Snohomish, Wash."

Then the two men glared at each other. "Think I'm kiddin', do you?" "Trying to make fun of me, are you?" "Biff!"

"For heavens sake, gentlemen," agonizingly exclaimed the hotel clerk, "stop! You are under a misapprehension. I know both of you and know those to be your real names and the real names of the towns you are from!"

By strenuous efforts he succeeded in separating them, and a few moments later they were apologizing profusely and insisting with much vehemence on treating each other.—Chicago Tribune.

**The Scales on the Hair.**

If you look at a human hair under the microscope, you will find that its surface is formed of successive overlapping scales. The bristles of the hog bear much resemblance to the human hair, though their diameter is greater and the tilelike scales are much finer. Sheep's hair has much coarser scales. It is owing to the existence of these scales that a schoolboy is able by a peculiar process to tell which is the tip and which the other end of a hair rolling it between his finger and thumb. Thus manipulated, the hair always travels in the direction of the base because the edges of the scales prevent it from going the other way.

**Canada's Banking Business.**

The banking business in Canada is on a different plan from that in this country. The headquarters of most of the banks throughout the Dominion is in Ontario, either at Hamilton, Kingston or Toronto. Each bank has its central office, generally in one of the cities named, and as many branches as it cares to maintain in different parts of Canada, some of these branches being as far distant as Dawson.

**Time's Changes.**

"Diogenes was a great man," said the contemplative person, "and yet he had no use for money. He was content to confine his possessions to a single tub."

"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "a tub might have been all right in those days, but what a man wants now is a bar!"—Washington Star.

**There Were No More Complaints.**

A certain Benedict was in the habit of troubling his father-in-law with complaints about his wife's behavior. "Really, this is too bad," cried the irascible old gentleman one day, on hearing of some of his daughter's delinquencies. "If I hear any more complaints I will disinherit her."—London Telegraph.

**A Banister.**

Junior Partner—I see you have engaged a new assistant. Is he a good salesman? Senior Partner—Good salesman! Great snakes! I had to send for the police to prevent him from talking me into taking him into partnership!

**The Good of China-ware.**

The appearance of your table has much to do with the success of your meal. Chinaware makes the table more attractive, and really whets the appetite.

We have here those pretty special pieces which please a hostess and her guests alike. Some cost a great deal others only a little. See our nice toilet sets.

**We Recommend**  
 The Implements and Vehicles we sell and we place our name back of them: Yellow Kid and Hancock Disc Plows—Weber Wagons.  
**HARRY MEYER.**

We buy our goods direct from Eastern manufacturers in car-load lots and not from Texas jobbers. We give our customers the benefit of the savings. Come and see. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f

A car load of Jno. Deer plows just received at Hadley & Summers.

**FRESH BREAD.**—Will have Rye, Graham, Vienna, Cream and Plain bread every day. GEO. S. HARDIN. 38

A nice line of parlor lamps very cheap at Hadley & Summers.

If you want full weight and full measure get Mastic Mixed Paints. R. Phillips. 49-1f

We have a car load of the finest cook and heating stoves ever brought to Baird. Hadley & Summers.

**Fire and Tornado Insurance.**

Insure with such companies as the Hartford Continental of New York, and Citizens. The best and strongest companies in existence. Jno. W. Woods, Agent. 52-1f

Regular meals three times a day. Lunch counter open day and night. Hotel Seay. 33

Boys wagons at cost Hadley & Summers. 52

Beever and Hudes' is the best pear burner made. See Wise & Hadley, Baird, Texas. 46-St

Bring the babies to the gallery before 4 o'clock in the evening. Swafford

Big line of Harness and Collars very cheap at Hadley & Summers.

**To The Trade?**

We do not claim that we are "the only pebble on the beach," As some do; meaning, that we are the only people in town who handle

**- FURNITURE -**

but we do claim to have

**A First-Class, Up-to-Date Stock,**  
 Equal, if not Superior to any stock of Furniture ever displayed in Baird.

A Careful Look through our stock is all that is needed to convince you that our goods are of a worthy, dependable character and Our Prices Unquestionably the Lowest in Baird for goods of equal merit. Come and see for yourself.

Yours for Bargains,

**J. T. SANDS,**  
 Opposite T. E. Powell's, Baird, Texas.



**T. & P. Ry SCHEDULE.**

**EAST BOUND.**  
 No. 6. departs.....1:20 a. m.  
 No. 4. departs..... 10:43 a. m.

**WEST BOUND.**  
 No. 5. departs..... 2:50 a. m.  
 No. 8. departs..... 3:25 p. m.

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**E. R. SARTOR**  
 Physician and Surgeon.

Office at R. Phillips' Drug Store.  
 BAIRD, TEXAS.

Bring that wood you promised on subscription.

Herman Bowman came in the west to spend the holidays with his mother.

Boy's suits; handeomest Christmas gift of all. Powell has the best and cheapest, suit worth \$7.50 sell at \$5.

Miss Eliza Gilliland and little sister Manche, returned Monday from a few days visit with relatives at Abilene.

Hamilton & Brown American Lady, the handsomest dress shoe in town. Get you a pair at T. E. Powell's 2-1f

Mrs. Frank Mayes, of Eastland, came up Monday night to attend the funeral of Miss Bulah Cooke.

Holiday trade has picked up considerably the last few days.

Miss Della Triplett and Miss Leetic Christian are spending the holidays with the home folks at Abilene.

"Say Mr. A., where did you get that suit? Perfect fit, good goods and worth \$16?" "At T. E. Powell's, of course. He sells them for \$11. 2-1f

Mrs. May Burns and children of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Rudmose.

The neatest present for a lady is a pair of kid gloves. Go to Powell's and get your choice out of one thousand pairs. 2-1f

Misses Lena and Lerona Rosamond, of Hico, attended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Bulah Cook, Tuesday. They returned home Wednesday.

We handle the John Deer plow, the best in the world. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f

Miss Dora Warren left last Saturday for Mineral Wells to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Warren.

If you want a handsome overcoat call early at T. E. Powell's. 2-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Morgan, of Fort Worth, spent Christmas, day with Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Rudmose. They returned home Thursday morning.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party.' Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by R. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam. dec

Dr. Clarence Cook, of Waxahachie, came in last Friday to attend the bedside of his sister, Miss Bulah He will remain a few days with his parents before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Paylor, of Fort Worth, came in Monday to spend the holiday with Mrs. Paylor's mother, Mrs. Rudmose. Several of Charley's friends did not recognize him, hid as he was, behind that mask of Boer whiskers.

Geo. S. Harden is spending Christmas with the home folks at Tyler.

Miss Mary Harris, of Sweetwater, is visiting Misses Grace and Maude Whitley.

Mrs. Mittie Barclay and children, of Putnam, spent Christmas with H. J. Lambert and family.

J. R. Price, who has been at work moving Sharp's cattle to pastures near Stamford, came in last night and his wife and little daughter, who have been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland, will return to their home at Tecumseh with him today.

Master Fred Speer is home for the holidays from Dallas where he is attending school.

**DEATHS.**

Miss Bulah Cook who has been in ill health for a year or more died at the residence of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooke Monday morning. Miss Bulah was a most estimable young lady and loved by all. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and a devoted christian. On her death bed she expressed her unwavering faith in her Redeemer, and gave minute instructions for her funeral.

It is hard to give up our loved ones but it is a consolation to know they are prepared for death.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the parents brothers, and only sister who are left desolate by the death of their beloved daughter and sister. Sorrow not as those who have no hope of life beyond the grave.

Miss Bulah gave ample proof that she is with Him who said "Fear not I am with thee," and again, "Lo, I am with thee always, even unto the end of the world."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Mayes of Eastland former pastor of the Baptist Church at Baird. After the services at the church the remains were interred in the Baird Cemetery.

Felton Davis died Wednesday evening after a brief illness. He was recently confined at home for several weeks with slow fever but recovered and went to work at the depot. A few days ago he was taken seriously ill and while the world was rejoicing and celebrating the birthday of Christ, the soul of Felton Davis winged its flight to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Felton was raised in Baird and was a good boy from his youth. He was born Nov. 3 1876, consequently he was 25 years old last November. He was a member of several Fraternal orders. He was buried by Baird Lodge No. 47 K. of P. yesterday evening.

We extend sincere sympathy to the mother, who is thus left alone in the world.

Latest, newest and nobbiest line of newware to arrive at Powell's this week. Get one for a Christmas gift.

**Racket Store Not in It.**  
 Best of chinaware being sold at bottom prices. It will pay you to see our line before you buy elsewhere. We will save you money. Yours for trade. J. T. Sands, opposite T. E. Powell's dry goods store. 8-1f

T. E. Powell has a few more handsome \$8. suits, worth \$12. Call and see. 2-1f

The firm of Hadley & Summers is bran new and so is their stock. We have an immense line and think the people know what they want, and we think we have it. Come and see. Hadley & Summers. 3-1f

The largest line of men's hats ever shown in Baird. At any price you want. T. E. Powell. 2-1f

**COMING DEC. 31,**

On Tuesday evening Dec. 31st at the Athletic Hall Miss May Stewart and her excellent company from the East will appear in a fine production of Romeo and Juliet. Miss Stewart has been before the public as an artistic interpreter of classic roles since her debut at the Coates Opera House, Kansas City, in '92. Among her greatest successes is Juliet. Physical beauty added to emotional power, and an intellectual grasp of the character of this ill-fated heroine makes Miss Stewart's delineation a work of art.

Few actresses carry so rich and elegant a wardrobe. In fact, the play is artistically costumed throughout. Miss Stewart is assisted by Mr. Pietro Sosso, as Romeo, and Mr. L. B. C. Josephs, of New York City, as Mercutio. The stage is under the personal supervision of Mr. Josephs. The verdict passed along the line is that this company presents a beautiful and worthy interpretation of Shakespeare's great love tragedy.

**They Are Going ast.**  
 Only a few more folding beds at the Sand's furniture house to be sold at bottom prices. Who will be the next to get one of these bargains. 2-1f

John Trent represents the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co.

Have you a cold? A dose of BAL. LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips.

We havn't many gent's furnishing goods left, but what we have go at cost. Come and see. J. H. Terrell. 48

Jack Jones. T. E. Powell.  
**Hotel Seay Barber Shop**  
 (YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.)

**The Bottom Has Fell Out OF PRICES ON Hardware, Tinware, Saddles, Harness, Stoves, Wagons, Buggies, Etc.**

We would be pleased to have you call and inspect our stock and get our prices. We have received a car Buggies, Road Wagons and New Moline Wagons, and can give you good goods at close figures. All kind of Farming Implements always in stock.

**Hadley & Summers,**

**A Good Cough Medicine.**  
 From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.  
 "I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for two months, and it has affected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it."—W. C. Weckner. This is the opin on of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited as was Mr. Weckner. This remedy is sold by R. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, dec.

Hamilton-Brown shoes are thebest. T. E. Powell is the only agent for the new goods. Come to headquarters. 41

A large line of the very best buggies at Hadley & Summers. Call see them.

If you want a first class meal served at all hours for only 25 cents. Go to Siegal's. Come and be convinced. 26

Is your subscription to THE STAR out? If so send us the money or if not wanted any longer notify us, but don't forget to pay up when you do so. 34-1f

Meals 25 cts. at Hotel Seay Restaurant. 33-1f

T. E. Powell is the only one in Baird who has all the latest styles in Hamilton-Brown shoes. No old stock Don't buy old stock when you can get the latest styles from T. E. Powell only. 41-1f

A car load of Moline Wagons just received at Hadley & Summers.

**T. E. Powell**  
**Has it for less!**

**Rev. Irl R. Hicks Not Dead.**  
 Notwithstanding a widely current rumor that the Rev. Irl R. Hicks was dead, he never was in better health, and never did a harder and more successful year's work than that just closing. He has just completed his large and splendid Almanac for 1902 and, with his staff of able helpers, has brought his journal, Word and Works, justly forward into international reputation. For a quarter of a century Mr. Hicks has grown in reputation and usefulness as the people's astronomer, and forecaster of storms and the character of coming seasons. Never were his weather forecasts so sought after as now, his timely warning of a serious drouth this year having saved the people from loss and suffering. Millions of bushels of wheat were harvested through his advice to plant crops that would mature early. The American people will certainly stand by Prof. Hicks, when it costs them so little and the benefits are so great. His fine Almanac of 200 pages is only 25c, and his splendid family journal is only one dollar a year including the Almanac. Send to WORD AND WORKS Publishing Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo., 52-1f

**This Will Interest Many.**  
 To quickly introduce B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm), the famous blood purifier. Into new homes, we will send absolutely free 10,000 treatments. B. B. B. quickly cures old ulcers, scrofula, painful swellings, aches and pains in bones or joints, rheumatism, catarrh, pimples, festering eruptions, boils, eczema, itching skin or blood humors, eating, bleeding, festering, festering sores and even deadly cancer. B. B. B. at drug stores \$1. For free treatment address Blood Balm Co., Atlanta Ga. Medicine sent at once, prepaid. Describe trouble and free medical advice given until cured. B. B. B. cures the most deep-seated cases, after all else fails. B. B. B. heals every sore and makes the blood pure, rich. Try it. dec.

Moore's Pills are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamp Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Biliousness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poison produced from malarial poisoning. No Quinine. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co. No 310 North Main Street St. Louis Mo 28-1f

While in the Eastern markets I bought over \$25,000.00 worth of goods which with the \$25,000.00 worth al ready on hand will give you a \$50,000.00 stock to select from. Surely you can find what you want out of such an immense stock. Call and see. T. E. Powell. 41-1f

"W. B." corsets are the best fitting corsets made. T. E. Powell sole agent.

**THEY ARE THE BEST.**  
**SHIRTS**  
 They have the test of time well stood.

**UNIQUE**  
 (TRADE MARK)  
 They Fit correct, the make is good.

**THEY SELL THE BEST.**  
**SHIRTS**  
 For sale by T. E. POWELL, Baird, Texas

Get the best "Security" stock and poultry powders, 25c, 35c, 50c and \$1 packages at Powell & Powell's.

**Li Hung Chang's "Souvenir."**  
 When Li Hung Chang was in Paris, he went to visit the Credit Lyonnais and showed lively interest in its halls, its stairs, its safes and the room where the bonds of the last city of Paris loan are kept. He was first shown bonds of 500 francs and 1,000 francs and then of 5,000 francs. Taking them in his hands, he scrutinized them, exclaiming frequently, "Joli, joli!" Then he finally thrust them in his pocket, saying, "Souvenir de Paris!" The governor of the Credit Lyonnais went to the minister of foreign affairs with a list of the bonds and asked what he was to do. It was agreed that it would not do to ask Li to give them up, and the foreign office refunded his "souvenir de Paris!"

**Firearms in Russia.**  
 As an illustration of how closely everything is watched in Russia, take their system of registering firearms. When a weapon of any kind is purchased a permit must be secured from the local authorities. The name of the man who makes the purchase, with the number of the weapon, is recorded. If the purchaser ever wants to dispose of the weapon he must notify the authorities and cause the transfer to be recorded on the books of the firm which sold it.

**He Had the Requirements.**  
 Wife—What are some of the requirements necessary to make a successful poker player, my dear?  
 Husband (thoughtfully)—Well, a man must be cool, calculating, crafty, deceitful, selfish, sly and have a touch of meanness in his disposition.  
 Wife (shocked)—I shouldn't think you would care to play with such people.  
 Husband—Oh, I nearly always win!—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Voice Traveling.**  
 Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand canyon of the Colorado, where one man shouting the name Bob at one end his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is eighteen miles away. Dr. Young records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard at a distance of ten miles.

**He Was the Only One.**  
 "Did they have a goat when you joined the lodge, Dozer?"  
 "M'm—well, they had a scapegoat."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Monster Eels.**  
 Many of the islands of the western Pacific have in their streams and lakes large numbers of eels of immense size which seldom are used as food by the natives, who seem to have a horror of the snakelike creatures. The eels of Strong's group, one of the Caroline group, are peculiar in that they hibernates regularly and seek for their place of hibernation the loftiest places which they can find.

These eels sometimes will climb mountains 2,000 feet high and select the summit as the place for their winter's rest. They select or make a depression in the soft, moss covered soil and fit themselves into it snugly, remaining for months at a time absolutely motionless and inert. Sometimes the eels are covered with moss or vegetable debris and at other times they are found exposed to view with their broad, flat heads doubled back upon their bodies. After their season of rest upon the mountain tops the eels wriggle their way down to the valleys and, plunging into the rivers and lakes, begin to feed upon the crawfish, for which crustacean they have a fondness which is shared by the natives. These eels are excellent eating, but nothing will induce the natives to touch them, alive or dead.

**Relieved.**  
 It was a long ride through a desolate and dangerous country, and the politician sought to relieve the monotony by philosophic musings on his recent victory and embarrassments that even success brings.

"Hold up your hands!"  
 The stagecoach gave a lurch and stopped. The ray of light that shot into the vehicle turned the spattering rain into myriads of evanescent gems.

"What do you want?" asked the politician, with a firmness that showed that he had faced danger before.  
 "Your money."  
 "Here it is."  
 "Your watch and diamond ring."  
 "They are yours."  
 "I must say you're good natured anyhow," said one of the highwaymen.

"Not at all. Are you sure that's all you desire?"  
 "What in thunder did you think we wanted?"  
 "I was afraid"—and the politician's voice trembled a little—"you wanted an office!"—Philadelphia North American.

**Insect Pests in Brazil.**  
 I should take a small gang of practical coffee planters from Ceylon with good digestions to be not afraid of chigoes, ticks and Berne flies, to say nothing of the dear little mosquito. The writer had extracted during four years in Brazil no less than 200 chigoes from underneath every toe nail of both feet.

Of all the vile insects on earth the Berne fly is the worst. She lays her eggs inside your flesh and hatches three very ugly insects an inch long with three rings of bristles round the body and with sharp nippers. They take about six weeks to develop under your skin, then commence to turn somersaults just when you want to go to sleep after a hard day's work in the sun.

The natives of Brazil adopt a novel way of extracting the brute when full grown. They tie on a piece of raw pork and the Berne comes out of your skin and takes a header into the piece of pigskin.—Ceylon Observer.

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**He Had the Requirements.**  
 Wife—What are some of the requirements necessary to make a successful poker player, my dear?  
 Husband (thoughtfully)—Well, a man must be cool, calculating, crafty, deceitful, selfish, sly and have a touch of meanness in his disposition.  
 Wife (shocked)—I shouldn't think you would care to play with such people.  
 Husband—Oh, I nearly always win!—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Voice Traveling.**  
 Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand canyon of the Colorado, where one man shouting the name Bob at one end his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is eighteen miles away. Dr. Young records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard at a distance of ten miles.

**He Was the Only One.**  
 "Did they have a goat when you joined the lodge, Dozer?"  
 "M'm—well, they had a scapegoat."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Dec. 21, 1901. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Mrs. Nana Brown.  
 Mrs. H. F. Dechard.  
 W. H. Holcott.  
 W. L. Jones.  
 Mr. M. B. Munnus.  
 Mrs. M. W. Newton.  
 Mrs. W. B. Smoot.  
 Mrs. Minnie Sanders.  
 WM. MCMANIS, P. M.

We carry a full stock of California blankets. T. E. Powell. 2-1f.

I want your trade and will treat you right. T. E. Powell. 2-1f.

**An Evangelist's Story.**

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies, but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Powell & Powell. dec.

Remember I have a few bargains left in boots and shoes and gent's furnishing goods. It will pay you to investigate if you need anything in that line. J. H. Terrell. 1-1f

**NOTICE.**

The holder of fire policy No. 4, of Home Insurance Company of New York, will confer a favor upon said Company by delivering this policy to Mr. L. L. Blackburn, Agent Baird, Texas, in order that he may procure a copy of same for company, as this policy is missing and can not be found and has never been reported or accounted for to company by their former agent, Mr. J. H. Peters.

Any refusal to comply with above request on part of the holder of said policy will render same null and void and we will not recognize any claim thereunder whatsoever.

LEON DARGAN, STATE AGENT.

DECEMBER, 1901.

Johny Fraser is up after a three or four weeks spell of slow fever.

**LOOK AT DATE.**

Look at date on your paper. All subscriptions ending in December expired with last issue. 2-1f

If you owe The Star now is the time to PAY up. \$

**COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN**

**Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.**

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, constricted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and coughs and bronchial afflictions. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most professional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—Mrs. Mary R. Melendy, M. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by R. Phillips, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam

**FRESH BREAD.**—I will have Rye, Graham, Vienna, Cream and Plain bread every day. GEO. S. HARDIN. 38

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and all sores of every kind, apply BAL. LARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by R. Phillips. dec.

If you want any Fire or Cyclone Insurance, see John Trent. 48-1f

**Saw Death Near.**

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persisted use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Powell & Powell's. Trial bottles free. dec.

See John Trent for insurance. He has the strongest agency in the West, representing such Companies as Phoenix Aetna, Fire Association, Scottish Union & Co. 48-1f

Doils that walk, Doils that talk, Call you Mama and Papa too at Foy's. 50-1f



# STILL AGAINST SCHLEY

### Secretary Long Decides With the Majority of the Court.

### The Secretary of War Holds the Court Could Not Enter into the Question as to Whom the Battle of Santiago Belongs.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Long has disposed finally of the Schley case, so far as the navy department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry.

He approves the findings of fact and opinion of the full court.

He approves the majority opinion where there is a difference in the court.

He holds the court could not have entered into consideration of the question of command at the battle of Santiago.

He accepts the recommendation that no further proceedings shall be had.

The secretary also declined the application of Admiral Sampson's counsel to enter upon an inquiry into the question of command, and notified Admiral Schley's counsel of that fact, as the reason for declining to hear them on that point.

### Macley Refuses to Resign.

New York, Dec. 21.—Edgar S. Macley, whose connection with the Schley case led President Roosevelt to request his resignation as special laborer in the navy, has refused to resign and has made a formal demand for trial by usual naval procedure. He avers that his case came under the civil service law and that he could not be dismissed without formal charges, trial and conviction. The request for his resignation was sent to him by Rear Admiral Barker, commander of the navy yard at Brooklyn, and he replied at once by letter, formally setting forth his position. In discussing the case Macley said:

"The president cannot have me dismissed under the law, as I see it. I do not see how he can force me out. I am protected by the civil service laws enacted by congress, whose enactments the president is bound to execute. I do not know positively, but I believe my position under civil service furnishes me complete protection so long as I violate no rules of the service, and that I have not done and I have so stated in my letter to the commandant in answer to the request for my resignation. No, I did not say that the president is as bad as the czar of Russia.

"I have done nothing more than write the commandant and ask that charges be preferred against me, and I will do nothing more just now.

"I have not been suspended, and am working here, as I have been doing for fifteen months. I have tried to do my duty here, and have broken no rules and shall simply stand by my rights, more for the principle of the matter than anything else, for my position here pays me very little and is chiefly valuable because of the experience and information it affords me as material for my books."

Rear Admiral Barker has forwarded Macley's letter to Washington.

The request for Macley's resignation reads as follows:

"Navy Department, Washington, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Barker, Commandant of Navy Yard, New York: Sir—I am directed by the president to ask Edgar S. Macley, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation. Very respectfully,

"JOHN D. LONG, Secretary."

Secretary Root was designated to make public the request of Macley's resignation after a conference with the president.

### Craze Declines Treasury Portfolio.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Governor Craze of Massachusetts has declined the treasury portfolio tendered him by President Roosevelt. It is officially announced that he had declined for business and domestic reasons.

### Tendered to Governor Shaw.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A tender of the office of secretary of the treasury to succeed Lyman Gage has been made to Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, but no response has been received from Governor Shaw to the inquiries sent him. At the white house no information on the subject is obtainable pending a definite authorization of the fact that a successor to Secretary Gage has been obtained.

### Paying Money for Schley.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Treasury department has issued a warrant in favor of Rear Admiral Schley for \$3334. His share of the prize money due him for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago, July 3, 1898.

### Resigning Vice Admiral Grade.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A bill has been introduced in the senate by Mr. Denton, providing the grade of vice admiral of the navy and promoting Admirals Sampson and Schley and Captain Clark of the Oregon to that rank.

### Canal Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Hopburn Niangua canal bill was favorably reported to the house and the house agreed to consider it January 7 and thereafter until disposed of. The house then adjourned to January 5.

## BYSTANDERS SHOT.

### They Are Wounded in a Fight Between Two Men and Officers.

Dahart, Tex., Dec. 24.—Late Sunday evening Deputy Sheriff John L. Sullivan received a telegram from the section foreman at Texoma requesting him to arrest Tom Myers and Al Timmerman upon a charge of murder. Accordingly he went to the Rock Island depot at 11 o'clock Monday morning and stationed himself at the window of the paymaster. A long string of men was lined up in the hall, each waiting to get his check cashed. Myers and Timmerman were in the line, but no one knew them. When they presented their time checks to the paymaster, this gentleman leaned over and remarked to Sullivan:

"These are your men." Sullivan threw down on them and ordered them to hold up their hands. One of the men apparently made an attempt to draw a gun, and the shooting began with John L. Sullivan and another man on one side and Myers and Timmerman on the other.

The hall was full of people, and when the smoke cleared away Gus Bock, a bystander, was found dead and Paul Hininger, another bystander, mortally wounded. Myers, one of the men wanted, was shot in the chin.

A jury of inquest exonerated Sullivan from blame. Sheriff E. Morris of Texline is here and has the prisoners in charge.

### Katy Extensions.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 24.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company has filed a charter to build three extensions in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The main line to run from Guthrie to Stevens, 1. T., length 125 miles, and a branch from this main line to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas at Wyback, 1. T., length 80 miles. The entire cost of the extensions will be \$10,000,000 and the principal places of business will be at Guthrie, St. Louis and New York.

### British After More Oil Wells.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 23.—The representative of an English syndicate who refused to give the names of ten ten-completed gushers in this field and the trade is to be closed by January 1. It is believed here that he is representing the Roche-Stuart people of London, who are a negotiating with the Hoge-Swain syndicate for a portion of its holdings. The price fixed on the gushers is not published, but a gusher was sold this week for \$25,000.

### Employees Must Speak Spanish.

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—The government has finally issued the long contemplated order that all railway employees in contact with the public shall be able to speak Spanish in such manner as to be able to deal directly with the passengers and public in general. This order will principally effect Pullman car employees. It is believed that many accidents of late have been due to the inability of trainmen to speak Spanish, causing a misunderstanding of orders. The order takes effect Jan. 1 next.

### Important Places for Negroes.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The president will make the following nominations: Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, of St. Joseph, Mo., to be minister to Liberia. J. C. Dancy, collector of the port of Wilmington, N. C., to be recorder of deeds for the district of Columbia, vice Henry P. Chesham, whose term of office soon expires.

### Both new appointees are negroes.

### Family Almost Wiped Out.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 24.—Word has reached here of a terrible holocaust that occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson county, Saturday. The home of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death, another probably is fatally burned, and four others are seriously burned and injured.

### Dr. Bayles Dead.

New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. George Bayles is dead at his home in Orange, N. J., aged 65 years. In 1890 Dr. Bayles was a delegate from the New York Academy of Medicine to the international medical congress in Berlin. He was post surgeon at Fort Hancock during the Spanish-American war.

### Shooting at Waeelder.

Gonzales, Tex., Dec. 24.—A telephone message was received here from Waeelder that Bud Holloway had been shot through the stomach and is in a critical condition. Sheriff Fly has been summoned to Waeelder.

### President Valentine Dead.

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 23.—John J. Valentine, president of the Wells Fargo & Co.'s Express, died at 1:50 Saturday morning. He has been ill for some time and his death had been expected for several days.

### Texas Postoffice Burned.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The postoffice at Ridgeway, Tex., was burned with all its contents Monday morning. The postoffice at Elson, O. T., was robbed Saturday. No particulars are given.

### Long Will Not Resign.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Long's attention having been called again to reports that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet, he again said there was not a word of truth in the report.

### Three More Victims.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Three more of the workmen who were victims of this explosion at Singer-Nimick plant of the Crucible Steel company, died Sunday. These deaths make the total four.

## MACLAY DISCHARGED.

### He Is Summarily Dismissed from the Navy Department.

## REFUSED TO RESIGN.

### The President Takes the Matter in His Own Hands and Directed the Discharge, Despite Rules of the Civil Service.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Secretary Long has discharged Egard S. Macley from his position in the Brooklyn navy yard, Mr. Macley having refused to resign when requested to do so.

Mr. Macley is author of a naval history, which in its last volume sharply criticises Admiral Schley and denounced him as a calliff, poltroon and a coward, and on which it is alleged that both Secretary Long and Admiral Sampson read proofs before the issue was printed.

Secretary Long's action was taken by direction of the president and followed a conference between the president and the secretary who took to the white house with him a letter from Macley in response to the request for his resignation sent by the secretary last Saturday.

In this letter Macley submitted that he could not be removed or be compelled to resign without definite charges being made against him and without having an opportunity to answer those charges.

Although the civil service rules give employes in the public service the opportunity of answering charges that may be preferred against them the president exercised his prerogatives in the present instance and directed Macley's removal, it being held that the latter was aware unofficially if not officially of the reasons which actuated the executive in taking the course determined upon.

Secretary Long says the action taken would dispose of the case finally.

### Negro Arrested for Murder.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 25.—Sheriff Baker has returned from Corsicana, having in custody a negro who he arrested in Navarro county on a charge of murdering J. M. McDonald and wife in their camp on the Brazos river, 12 miles below Waco, last October. The family made a living by catching fish. The murderer attempted to burn Mrs. McDonald's body after shooting her. He also nearly murdered the little son of the McDonalds. The boy recovered and is now in Dallas. He has been sent for to pass upon the identity of the accused negro.

### Sale Confirmed by Court.

Galveston, Dec. 25.—In the case of the Massachusetts Loan and Trust company vs. the Citizen's Electric Light and Power company of Houston, an order has been filed with the clerk of the United States court confirming the sale of the property of the defendant company. The sale was made Dec. 11, 1901, by Special Master John Grant, and the confirmation proceedings were held before Judge David E. Bryant in chambers at Sherman. The property was sold to George C. Hollister for \$240,000, who was the only bidder.

### Killing at Beaumont.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 25.—W. F. Steinman, of the firm of Wainey & Steinman, architects and builders, shot and killed J. A. Kinney, a carpenter, who had been in the employ of the Steinman's firm. The shooting occurred when the sidewalk was being thronged with people and it was fortunate that no one else was struck by one of the four shots fired by Steinman. The trouble between the men is alleged to have grown out of a settlement for work done by the carpenter.

### Fell into the Fire.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Richard and Mary Lewis, colored, who reside on Big Sandy, a few miles east of Marlin, came to town Tuesday to trade, leaving several small children at home. All the children except a cripple child, 3 years old, were in the yard playing, when the little crippled one fell into the fire and was burned to a crisp before the other children came into the house.

### Killing in Florida.

Jasper, Fla., Dec. 25.—Henry Norman, a negro, employed in a sawmill, shot and killed another negro at Avoca, in Hamilton county, at a negro festival.

### Near Avoca a Negro Named Roundtree cut the throat of another negro named Lee, killing him, and shot and seriously wounded Joe Lee, father of the man killed.

### Hurt Celebrating Christmas.

San Antonio, Dec. 25.—Hugh Duncan, a 10-year-old boy, was seriously injured while celebrating Christmas. He had a coat pocket full of loose powder and was firing concon crackers, when a spark fell among the powder, which caused a terrific explosion, setting fire to his clothes. He was horribly burned, and his condition is critical.

### Noddy Port Seized.

Calcutta, Dec. 25.—The British punitive expedition has razed Noddy fort in South Beluchistan, which has long been a stronghold of a fierce band of outlaws. The latter held out until the fort was demolished by guns. About a dozen men were buried in the ruins, 5 other were killed, 14 wounded and 63 captured. The British casualties were 3 killed and 8 wounded.

## WILL RAISE SUGAR CANE.

### All State Convicts Will Be Used on State Farms Hereafter.

Austin, Dec. 23.—Governor Sayers, announces that the penitentiary board has at last definitely decided to purchase the Clemens farm of 2500 acres and to erect thereon a sugar mill to cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000. The plantations owned by the state now comprising 8000 acres, are to be devoted solely to the raising of sugar cane and convict labor to be employed in the mill. This will remove all convict labor from railroads and other contract employment. The mill will be built next year.

### Tragedy in Smith.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 23.—Edward Glaze was shot and instantly killed Thursday near Noonday, in this county. Albert Jones is charged with the killing. Jones and Oscar Thomas were having a row over some real estate and Jones interfered as peacemaker. In an hour or two Glaze was found dead. Jones and Glaze had had a previous difficulty. Jones and Glaze were brothers-in-law. Thomas is also a relative of both men. All of them are well known in Smith county. Officers have gone to the scene.

### Double Killing.

Burnet, Tex., Dec. 24.—Dr. F. M. Simcock went home Saturday and fired his pistol several times. Constable James W. Murray went to him and tried to quiet him. Dr. Simcock shot Murray twice and the constable shot twice at Simcock. The result was that both fell mortally wounded, within a few feet of each other, neither speaking a word after the shooting. Both men stood well. Mr. Murray leaves a widow and family. Dr. Simcock leaves a young widow and baby. The men were friends and neighbors.

### Morris Sentenced.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 23.—Thomas A. Morris, convicted at the March term of the district court of murder in the first degree and given the death penalty by the jury, was summoned by Judge L. B. Cobb and the date of execution set for Jan. 31, 1902. Morris stated that he thought his trial was not fair, and that he should have had a change of venue.

### Physician Kills a Physician.

Texas, Dec. 24.—At Fort Lynn, Ark., 21 miles south of here on the Texarkana, Shreveport and Natchez railroad, B. H. Oliver shot and killed Dr. C. E. Newton, using a shot gun and firing both charges into Newton's body. Oliver surrendered to the officers and was lodged in the Miller county jail at this place. He asserts that he was compelled to shoot Newton in order to save his own life.

### Girl Kicked to Death.

Call, Tex., Dec. 24.—Miss Bradley, a daughter of Thomas Bradley, who lives at Salem, about eight miles from Call, was thrown from a wagon Saturday and kicked to death. Her neck was broken, either by the fall or the horse's hoof. She was dead when her father got to the wagon, which was only a few hundred yards from where he was at work.

### Given Twenty-Five Years.

San Antonio, Dec. 22.—Henry Thomas, the negro charged with attempting to criminally assault Mrs. L. A. Ashford several weeks ago, was tried and found guilty and his punishment assessed at twenty-five years in the penitentiary. He is yet to be tried for alleged assault on Mrs. Lucy Kaper.

### Two Men Shot.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Dec. 24.—In Ben Bennett's restaurant on Main street a shooting broke too place Sunday. Ben Bennett and Jake Deboard were shot. Bennett through the left shoulder and Deboard through the left thigh. Eleven shots were fired. Physicians think neither is dangerously wounded.

### Woman Badly Burned.

San Antonio, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Helen Stapleton, while heating irons on a charcoal furnace, whisked her skirt against the live coals, and before she knew of her danger the skirt was all ablaze. She was badly burned about the face and body, and it is feared she cannot survive.

### Killing on a Ranch.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 23.—A difficulty at Williams' ranch Green Bowles, son of John Bowles of this city, was shot and killed. Lam Williams, who received some bruises about the head, has been arrested charged with the killing.

### Mexican Murdered.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 23.—Two Mexicans, Marcos Cardenas and Pedro Ortiz, engaged in a quarrel in New Laredo, Mex. The result was that one killed his friend by sticking a knife through his heart.

### Life Sentence for Murder.

Clarksville, Tex., Dec. 23.—Jim Wilburn, a negro, was given a life sentence here for the murder of another negro several months since in the eastern part of the county.

### Cattleman Curtis Dead.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 24.—Wm. R. Curtis, one of the best known cattlemen of Texas, passed away here Sunday morning about 9 o'clock from wound received by accident several weeks ago.

### Hanging at Houston.

Houston, Dec. 21.—Henry Randall, a negro, was hanged here for the murder of a negro. The execution took place inside the county jail in the presence of about 200 people.

### Highest Price for a Seat.

New York, Dec. 24.—A seat on the New York stock exchange sold here for \$75,000. This is the highest price ever paid.

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### ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan. Reported by H. D. Williams, County Commissioner. Proctor No. 2 on Nov. 15, 1901, the following estray: one bay horse, about 14 hands high, branded FIE connected with bar above, on left thigh, harness on left shoulder, standing in neighborhood of Adm. If not proven away will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office in Baird, this 9th day of Dec. 1901. W. B. COCHRAN, Clerk County Court. By J. H. Cochran, Deputy 8-41.

### Food Changed to Poison.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c at Powell & Powell, dec.

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### EXCURSION RATES.

On Dec. 21st 22d and 23d, the Texas & Pacific will sell Holiday Excursion tickets to points in the Southeast, via: East of Mississippi River, including Memphis and New Orleans, on the south of a line drawn from Memphis via Illinois Central Ry to Central City, Ky, thence to Somerset, Ky, thence to Corbin, Ky., Bristol, Tenn., and Pennington, Va., thence along the North state line of North Carolina to the Atlantic Ocean, also to points in the state of Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Rate, one and one-third fare for the round trip. Return limit, 30 days from date of sale. J. B. HARMON, Agent.

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TO COUNTY SUBSCRIBERS.

I am sending out statements on subscriptions past due, and we earnestly request all who are in arrears to pay up without delay.

I have obligations to meet the first of January that compels me to call on all those owing me to pay up. After Feb. 1st every subscription over two years in arrears will be discontinued unless payments are made or satisfactory arrangements are made to pay them.

Long time accounts due a paper are due more to carelessness than anything else. The amount is small and people don't regard small accounts as of any importance, but they are the whole thing with the printer, because all his accounts are small, but when put together amount to considerable.

W. E. GILLILAND.

Maclay says he knew two months ago just what the verdict in the Schley case would be. Did Secretary Long give out the information to those on the inside that he had selected a majority of the Court that would convict Schley.

Secretary Long approved the findings of the majority of the naval Court and disapproved the minority report by Admiral Dewey. The manner of the approval and the haste with which he placed his endorsement thereon shows his hostility to Schley.

The following advice given by an exchange to "Jolly Gieis" is too good to be lost: You won't find the royal road to beauty if you hunt 6000 years. To have a thirteen inch waist and to blonde your hair and to wear clothes that simple hurrahs at the passers-by—why, that's not beauty!

The office will be open one hour in morning after the distribution of the night mails, and one hour after the evening mail is distributed.

COMMENDS TEXAS' SENATORS.

Texas Farmer. While no enterprise since the beginning of this government has been of more import to the South, and especially to Texas, than the construction of the Nicaragua canal, Texas Farmer congratulates both Texas senators on their opposition to the treaty. It is a "tub thrown to the (British) whale" by a party believing in close alliance with royalty.

A SHORT SERMON ON HAPPINESS.

Happiness is a habit. No person is truly happy who works and holds money, building for the future only. You must get happiness out of every day. For if you are irritable, restless, nervous, cranky, and impatient, waiting for the time when you will be on Easy street, you are forming habits that will soon be fixed, and when you have affluence you will find you can't be happy.

This little preachment is addressed to the people who are discontented with their work and their environments. To those who have the "hard luck faces," to those who give up easily, brace up and cash in happiness now. Don't say, "I have nothing to make me happy;" it is not so. Happiness does not require money. Happiness comes only through making those around you happy, and you can do that by sharing your brother's burden, by cultivating a cheerfulness even though it is feigned. Resolved not to get angry. Do not roast any one. Do not speak a cross word. Do what is right. The world looks and is better if you are kind and sympathetic. And get the happiness habit.

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D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns beware of counterfeits. Powell & Powell, dec.

T. S. Tabor will succeed F. L. Ray as day operator at the depot on the first of January, when Mr. Ray will join his family at Lindale. Mr. and Mrs. Tabor have many friends in Colorado who are pleased to have them locate here. Mr. Ray, the retiring operator, has been stationed here a number of years and his departure from Colorado is generally regretted.—Colorado Clipper.

SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILES.

Mails from the night trains, No's. 5 and 6, is received at the P. O. at 5:30 a. m. for distribution. Mail for No. 4, the morning train, is made up at 9:23 a. m. Mail for No. 3, west bound, is made up at 2:45 p. m. Mail for the night trains, No's. 5 and 6, will close at 8 p. m. The mail for Admiral, Caddo Peak and Cross Plains leaves at 6 a. m. and is due at 7:30 p. m.

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An Awful Disappointment.

"The most disappointed man I ever saw," said a Baltimore financier, "was a poor wretch who was about to be hanged in one of the northeastern counties of Maryland. I happened to be there about the time and accepted an invitation to witness the execution. This fellow's lawyers had been working hard to save his neck, and there seemed to be some possibility that he might be reprieved. The time set for the execution arrived, however, and the sheriff made plans to carry out the execution. The march to the scaffold had begun, and the prisoner was about to mount the steps when a messenger arrived, waving a telegram in his hand. The procession was at once stopped, and the sheriff took the telegram, but saw that it was addressed to the condemned man. He handed it to the fellow, who, trembling with hope, tore open the envelope. He cast his eager glance at the message, pale and let it drop from his hand. The sheriff picked up the paper, read it, and the march to the scaffold was resumed. In a few minutes the man who had hoped for a reprieve was in eternity. The message was from some minister who had become interested in his case. It told him to trust in the Lord and he would be saved."—Washington Post.

An Evening Call.

"I called on Perkins last evening," remarked Mr. Brown. "Did you have a pleasant time?" inquired Mrs. Brown. "Very. Perkins was beating his wife when I went in." "What?" "I say Perkins was beating his wife, but of course he stopped when I came in." "Well, I should hope so." "I begged him to go on, but he said some other time would do just as well." "You begged him to go on?" "Why, yes. I didn't want to spoil the fun, you know." "Oh, you brute! Do you mean to say that you could have looked calmly on while he beat his wife?" "Certainly. Why not?" "I thought you had at least a spark of manhood left. I suppose you will be beating me next." "Yes; I think I could if you would play cribbage with me." "Play cribbage?" "Yes; that is what Perkins and his wife were doing."—London Telegraph.

Got His Price.

"Away over on the east side of the city," said a New Yorker, "lies the shop of a well known butcher, who rejoices in the euphonious and suggestive name of 'Four Cent Miller.' He sells meat in smallest quantity to his customers, and, as the coin of the realm in that locality is principally conspicuous by its absence, there is a constant effort to beat him down in price. The other day Miller and a would-be customer all but came to blows over a pound of so of pork chops and the discussion finally culminated in Miller intently demanding: 'Well, why don't you go to Smith (a rival butcher) if you can get them cheaper?' 'Because,' explained the customer 'Smith hasn't got any.' 'Oh! said Miller, 'is that so? Well, when I haven't got any my price will be 4 cents, too, but while I have they cost 7 cents. See?' 'The customer saw and purchased.'—New York Tribune.

Alaska's Inhospitable Interior.

In the vast and almost unknown interior of Alaska the climate is arctic. The winter is of eight months' duration, dry and, excepting certain restricted localities, entirely free from wind. The temperature descends as low as 80 degrees, with a mean of perhaps 40 degrees. Ice forms in the rivers and lakes to a thickness of eight feet and more. Summer extends over four months. During its earliest month high winds prevail. The balance of this short season is mild and the temperature pleasant, rarely exceeding 80 degrees. The snow and rain annually precipitated is about 12.9 inches.—Era.

An Owl's Toes.

It is alleged that taxidermists are careless in the mounting of owls. In museums and elsewhere our wise eyed friends are set up with three toes in front of and one behind the perch on which they are seated. One who has observed the habits of the booters maintains that this is incorrect and that no living owl ever places three toes in front of his perch. How is this?—New York Press.

Nearing the Finish.

"How long has the minister been preaching?" whispered the stranger who had wandered into the church and sat down away back. "About thirty years, I believe," replied the other occupant of the pew. "That being the case," rejoined the stranger, "I guess I'll stay. He must be nearly done."—Chicago News.

Strange Misapprehension.

Borus—How do you like that last poem of mine? Naggus—First rate. It's so restful, so soothing, don't you know. Borus—Restful! Great Scott, man! It's an epic! Naggus—Good heavens! I thought it was a lullaby!—Chicago Tribune.

His Good Wife.

Dr. Price—Your husband's trouble is melancholia. Now, you'd help him materially if you'd only arrange some pleasant surprise for him. Mrs. Sharpe—I know! I know! I'll tell him you said he needn't bother about paying your bill till he feels like it.—Philadelphia Press.



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DOG LOST.

A black dog with some white and brown about head and feet, about half grown, had red string around neck when lost. Answers to the name of 'Pat.' Lost in East Baird Friday evening, Dec. 6th. Finder will please return to STAR office or W. E. Gilliland's residence.

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If you have any news give it to THE STAR. We cannot always know what you know if you do not tell us.

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CROSS PLAINS LOCALS.

Dec. 24.—Hello! Mr. Editor. They say to-morrow is Xmas day, and that old Santa is coming to-night heavy loaded and will meet all his friends at the school house.

Brownwood, to spend the holidays. Mr. Oscar Williams the young man who has been sick for several months out at Dressy, quietly passed away last week. Oscar held on to life like a brave soldier for a long time but had to give it up at last.

Refuse of the Universe. "It was a Beothuk Indian legend that when God made the world he swept the universe of the refuse and cast it into the sea, and when the white men came from the rising place of the sun they called the heap Newfoundland and chose it for a dwelling place."

PROGRAM.

Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting of Callahan County to be held with the Baptist Church at Turkey Creek in Callahan county commencing on Thursday night before the Fifth Sunday in December 1901.

WEDDINGS.

ENOCH—MAGEE Mr. Ed Enoch and Miss Katie Magee were united in marriage by Rev. W. W. Moss Pastor of the M E Church, South, last Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Franklin.

Meerschmum Cost In Making. A fire in a pipemaker's shop the other day spoiled the proprietor's stock of meerschmum and incidentally disposed of the idea, common in most kers' minds, that this commodity is very expensive.

Control Your Temper. There are three reasons why one ought to control his temper, and the first is self respect. When one loses command of himself and throws the reins upon the neck of passion, he may have for the moment a certain enjoyment in the license, but there must surely come a reaction of regret.

Woodworms Can't Stand Benzine. Woodworms can be destroyed in books and woodwork by benzine. Books are locked up in a cupboard with a saucer of benzine. The insects, as well as their larvae and eggs, soon die off.

Amusing Superstitions. If you count warts, you will increase their number, or to handle a toad will cause warts. If two persons wash in the same water or dry their hands on the same towel, they will shortly quarrel.

The Shrew. The shrew was originally the shrew mouse, which, when her young were helpless, would fight desperately in their defense, and so well known was the courage of this little animal, which would even go out of its way to seek an enemy at times when the nest needed protection, that the word became applied to a woman who was ever ready to seek a quarrel.

He Objected. "No, sah, Mistah Doctahman," objected the gentleman of color—"no, sah; doan' yoh go ahead en vacuumate dat ole 'ooman er mine. Doan' yoh do hit. Des plunk dat air stuff in my bofe arms, but doan' 'ix huh so she gwine hab er so'e arm en ca'n' ten' ter de white folks' washin', kase ef yoh do I'ze 'phintedly got ter go ter wuk!"—Baltimore American.

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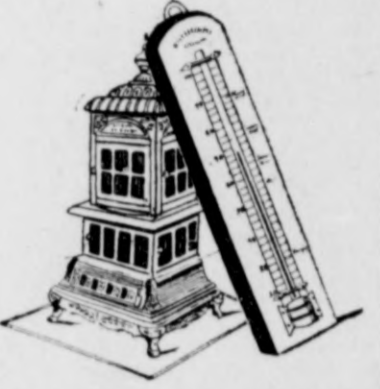
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