

# The Baird Star.

Our Motto; " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UF-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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## To Our Customers

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We thank you for your past business and solicit a share of your business during the coming year of 1916.

Sincerely yours,

**B. L. BOYDSTUN**

### TICK ERADICATION DEFEATED.

In the election held Saturday Tick Eradication was defeated by a majority of about 240. Taylor County carried by a majority of 324.

There was much talk pro and con about what the cost to the county would be if Eradication won, some who favored the law claim that it would not cost the county anything; only those who had cattle dipped would have to pay; on the other some who opposed the law said it would cost the county twenty thousand dollars to clean out the ticks.

In the confusion most voters were

in doubt and the result was defeat for the measure.

Dr. L. J. Allen, federal inspector, in an interview published in the Fort Worth Record Monday said the Commissioners Court would have to provide expenses for dipping vats and to pay assistants to the Federal inspector. He said there was no law to force the Commissioners to provide for such expense. Evidently the law is worthless unless the Commissioners Court provides for the expenses for building dipping vats and pay for inspectors. We know of no law that will even permit the appropriation of county money to erad-

icate the tick.

We believe the ticks should be destroyed and no doubt they will be eventually, but there will have to be some radical changes in federal and state laws before this can be done.

To merely vote the law on a county does not give any protection to stock. The election has done some good, it will cause people to investigate the question and if the law proves satisfactory in other counties Callahan County should adopt it. We will have a fine demonstration as to the value and cost of tick eradication, in an adjoining county, Taylor, that

has adopted the law last Saturday.

There is evidently a lot about tick eradication that most people do not know, even the cattlemen themselves disagreed as to the real value of tick eradication.

If men, whose main occupation is raising and handling cattle do not agree as to whether or not it is best to kill the ticks, how is the average voter who owns neither cattle or ticks to decide what is best.

### SOCIAL EVENTS.

Miss Aline Capps was hostess to the "Kard Klub" last Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in playing Bridge. Dainty refreshments were served. Club adjourned to meet with Miss Freda Cutbirth.

R. A. Williams left this week for Roscoe where he will spend the holidays with his daughters, Mrs. Ed Lambert and Miss Mattie Williams. He will visit with his other children at different points before returning.

Harry Berry, the hustling Ford agent delivered cars to the following last week: Dr. H. H. Ramsey and Jim McFarlane, of Baird, Dee and Dick Young of Belle Plaine and Bert Taber of Clyde, Harry also received one himself.

### NOTICE.

The shooting of firecrackers, explosive and fire works of all kind on Main street is positively forbidden, and there will be several officers to see that this ordinance is enforced.

City Council  
H. Schwartz, Mayor  
T. E. Parks, City Secretary

### MRS. RUSHING DEAD.

Mrs. J. E. Rushing, widow of the late Hon. J. N. Rushing, died at her home Wednesday evening, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. M. Peebles, the pastor, and the body will be taken to Weatherford today for burial.

Mrs. Rushing died of cancer of the stomach, with which she had been affected for some time. Mrs. Rushing was born September 1st, 1843, died December 22d 1915, aged 72 years, 3 months and 22 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing made their home in Baird for many years, but several years ago they moved to Weatherford, where Mr. Rushing died. Mrs. Rushing came back to Baird to make her home.

Mr. Rushing was prominent as a banker and stockman and they accumulated considerable property. They had no children. It is with unfeigned sorrow that we have to record the death of Mrs. Rushing, widow of our long time friend, Hon. J. N. Rushing.

F. L. Walker informed us that he is expecting his brother, R. J. (Bob) Walker of Independence, Miss., to come and spend Christmas with him and relatives here and at Admiral. Mr. Walker says he has not seen his brother since 1876, thirty-nine years. Jim Walker of Texola, a twin brother of R. J. Walker, it is hoped will come home too and have the brothers all together once more, J. A. and J. P. Walker of Admiral are the other two brothers.



## Christmas Baking

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## ROAD BUILDING

CONTINUANCE OF GOOD ROADS

Strong Movement Throughout Country for Honoring of Old Trails—Memorial Lincoln Highway.

No state in the nation is richer in road traditions than the state of Maryland. Much of its early history might be written from the records in which road construction, maintenance and litigation figures. Some of the roads of Maryland are of ancient and honorable antiquity, and where these can be perpetuated—under conditions of modern transformation, the state is thereby engaged in preserving



Ancient Highway in Maryland.

valued traditions while giving sanction to the established use of roads that have been traversed a century or more, says Baltimore American. There is a strong movement the country over for the honoring of the old roads and trails. This is manifest in the movement that contemplates a memorial highway to Abraham Lincoln. The Old National Turnpike has clustering about it traditions of history that have been transformed into literary lore under the magic pens of essayists and poets. In the far West agitation for the preservation of the old trails is gaining in strength, and the Old Oregon, and the Old Whiskey and other historic trails that date back to times immemorial will doubtless be preserved as far as possible and, where obliterated by the path of progress, will be marked. Thus the trails followed by the red men from Canada even down to Central America will in time be made matters of record and reverence.

While sentimental and practical considerations may not always be embraced in the conclusions of the good roads commission, yet these should be and doubtless are considered together in so far as the commission has enlightenment and understands the sentiment of the communities affected. But the main proposition is that the people of Maryland are a unit for the continuance of the good roads movement. Baltimore has been greatly advantaged by the construction of paved streets from the country line, over roads that enter the city. It has deep interest in the prosecution of the good roads work for the benefit of the agricultural communities of the entire state. The traffic and transportation advantages are immense, while the state is thereby elevated in the view of the country at large. Let the good roads work go on.

### CONTROL OVER LOCAL ROADS

State Highway Departments Should Be Given Some Measure of Supervision Over Thoroughfares.

The realization has become quite general that, in order to render maximum service, state highway departments should be given some measure of control over the construction and maintenance of local roads. For this class of roads an amount exceeding \$160,000,000 is expended annually, with comparatively little result to show in the form of improved road mileage for this great outlay. The state of Iowa has met this situation by placing all the road work in the state under the direction of the state highway department.

Traffic is increasing so rapidly as to cause excessive wear upon the roads, especially in the vicinity of congested centers of population. This results in a heavy annual maintenance cost, averaging in the large eastern states not less than \$750 per mile per annum. Many experiments have been made in the effort to devise types of road which can be maintained at relatively low cost. Thus far, aside from the cheaper forms of construction, the states are depending upon the various forms of bituminous macadam, concrete, and vitrified brick road.—Yearbook United States Department of Agriculture.

### WHITE BLOSSOM

By NEVA WINIFRED TISDELL.

Madge was half way across the pasture when the herd, reposing in the shade of the sheds, were aroused by their leader, who had caught sight of the dainty but color-flaring red sweater that Madge wore. In an instant the drove was in a stampede. Madge discerned her danger. She was light-footed, but with an apprehensive glance behind her she saw that long before she reached the fence the maddened animals would have overtaken her.

"Help!" she screamed in urgent terror, as she made out a figure lining the fence near the gate.

It was Doctor Drury. Agile, alarmed at the deadly peril of the defenseless girl, he had vaulted the fence in an instant. He was at her side, picking up a stray long handled shovel that lay in his path as he ran.

"For the gate—do not delay a moment!" he gasped breathlessly.

She obeyed him, he was glad of that. Now he nerved for the inevitable conflict. She was fast gaining safety—the rest did not matter to him. Whack! Clang! A great roaring-sullen, but full of meaning, and the leader of the herd halted. That shovel blade raked their horns, swept their dripping nostrils, dazed them, brought the hot blood streaming into their eyes, blinding them.

They pressed upon him, however. Twice he was floored and nearly impaled. Then again he was upon his feet and then his one weapon—broke!

It was all up with him, he fancied, but then he was lifted up by a bronzed powerful arm and two minutes later found himself over the gate, safe, his rescuer, a half-breed, who sat in his saddle grim, unmoved, with a glad gentle light in his savage eyes. "You, Neetah! panted Drury, recognizing the man.

"It is well," said the other with simple dignity. "I pay a little of what I owe. See—White Blossom, she is sick."

Madge was seated, pale and swaying, on a hummock. Drury hurried to her side. He supported her gently, with the words:

"It is all over."

"I feared—for you!" she fluttered, and then, as he helped her along the road, both became more composed and natural.

He had not seen her since, but the memory of her sweet grateful smile lingered. He heard that she divided her time between the town and some relations thirty miles away. He hoped to meet her again. It was the theme of his thoughts day and night.

Neetah was his great friend. When the young doctor had first settled at Moosehead, the half-breed had come to town to report his wife dangerously ill at their cabin, twenty miles away. None of the other physicians would go. Drury obeyed a human impulse and won the undying fealty of Neetah. After that Neetah, whenever he came to town, would bring honey, skins, wild fruits, always a gift from his grateful wife.

One night the doctor was aroused by a sharp summons at his office door. He opened it to confront Neetah, terribly excited.

"You love White Blossom," blurted burst forth the Indian. "I save her—for you."

"What does this mean?" murmured the astounded Drury.

Then Neetah became voluble. He had discovered young Leighton and a group of his outlaw familiars discussing a raid on the ranchhouse where Madge was alone. Leighton was bent on bearing her away, an unwilling bride. Neetah detoured. He had come upon Madge alone on the steps of the house. He had made no explanation. He had caught her up and despite her struggles had brought her here.

"You will be her chief—to fight away Leighton," spoke Neetah, and Madge blushed, and Drury blessed the timely incident that made him her protector.

Mounted on horses, with Neetah armed to the teeth, a trusty guard, they rode not to the ranchhouse, but to Moosehead. There Drury placed the imperiled girl in the hands of her friends.

How he cherished those hours of the twenty-mile jaunt, each moment giving them a closer acquaintance! Before it had ended, Madge knew that the blunt declaration of Neetah as to the estimation in which she had been held by the young physician was true.

"No more ranch risk," pronounced her father decisively, the next day. "You will be safer at home, my dear. Look in on the folks while I am away, Doctor Drury, will you? although I do not think that daring Leighton will trouble us again."

If Leighton meditated it, he waited too long, for within a month Madge and the young doctor were engaged and half a year later they were man and wife.

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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)  
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### LESSON FOR JANUARY 2

#### THE ASCENDING LORD.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 1:1-14.  
GOLDEN TEXT—When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.—Eph. 4:8.

More and more we are convinced that the great trouble with Christians is that the life of Jesus for them closes with the gospels. We seem to fail to comprehend that he is living today as much and even more than he was nineteen hundred years ago. The Book of Acts is a continuation of the Gospels (v. 1), and is yet a closed book.

I. The Proof of the Resurrection, vv. 1-3. (1) Its reality. No better proved event is recorded in history than the resurrection (see I Cor. 15:4-8); it stands absolutely unchallenged. The all sufficient proof was that during "forty days" his disciples had talked with him concerning the kingdom. Note, it was only his disciples who beheld, his enemies never saw him after Calvary. (2) Its burden. Just before his ascension Jesus (v. 2) gave his disciples definite instructions, commandments (Matt. 28:19, 20, etc.) (a) to tarry in Jerusalem, (b) to be clothed with power, (c) to go forth and to proclaim or herald his gospel. During those intervening days of waiting for the endowment with power they alone knew the gospel and men were perishing, which gives point to the necessity of receiving the spirit before undertaking the work of witnessing.

II. The Promise of the Father, vv. 4-8. Read carefully Joel 2:28, Isa. 44:3, and compare with Luke 24:49, and also the words of the Baptizer, Luke 3:16. (1) To receive the Holy Spirit is an obligation upon all, they were "charged not to depart from Je-

rusalem" (v. 4) (See also Eph. 5:18). (b) The reception is to be preceded by repentance for sin, though the confession of sin and the acknowledgment of Christ as Savior is only possible through the spirit (I Cor. 12:3). (c) With the spirit comes power, authority (v. 7). This power is of God, it is spiritual, it is not "temporal" nor of the church. The kingdom is a spiritual idea (Luke 17:21) and the vice-regent of that kingdom is the Holy Spirit. The program of Jesus is "spirit-filled men as witnesses" and "beginning at Jerusalem." This promise of Jesus (v. 8) suggested to the disciples the restoration of Israel to its place among the nations and in his reply he intimates that such is a possibility (see Isa. 1:25-27, Ezek. 36:23-28, Hosea. 3:4, 5, Joel 3:16-21, Amos 9:11-15), but in a most emphatic manner he tells them that of that hour God has reserved to himself the knowledge (Matt. 24:36, Mark 3:22). When they were to receive the kingdom he does not tell, but when they should receive power he tells them plainly, viz: when the spirit should come upon them. The spirit is not for mere happiness or gratification, but comes upon us for usefulness (see 4:8-12, 31, 33, 5:32, 9:17, 29) and that beginning at home, in Jerusalem, then to the ends of the earth. A spirit-filled Christian or church is a good home missionary and foreign evangelist as well. Finishing his message, he lifted his hands and in benediction he ascended on high, and this act has ever since been continued. His ascension is a blessed historical fact, fully attested and deeply significant. He ascended to lead captivity captive, to appear in God's presence for us in our behalf and to prepare a place for us that where he is we may be also (Heb. 9:24, John 14:2). His presence now on high guarantees our presence there hereafter (John 12:26, 14:3, Rev. 3:21).

III. The Present Place of Jesus, vv. 9-11. While he talked with his disciples he ascended even as Enoch walked "and was not" (Gen. 5:24, Heb. 9:28, R. V.). The query most naturally have arisen in their minds, "When shall we have another interview with him?" As that question arose behold two were near to answer (v. 10) and their answer was a practical one: "Why stand looking into heaven?"

There are times to gaze and times to act. Now is the time to be fulfilling his command (vv. 4, 12) and not to be lost in wonder and speculation. But to cheer their hearts these men in white gave them, and us, a wonderful promise, viz., Jesus is coming back, visibly, personally (the words of the original text are very plain and positive) and, as he was received in the clouds, he will come in a cloud.

This promise is and has always been the great hope of the church (Titus 2:13).

IV. The Place of Prayer, vv. 12-14. The disciples were bidden to tarry, to tarry at a specified place, Jerusalem, and to tarry at a specified place for a particular purpose, viz., "power." They obeyed. The empowering blessing can only be received through obedience (Acts 5:32). The time of waiting was not idly nor listlessly passed, for it was spent in prayer.

Jesus is yet, and shall ever more, be doing and teaching for and through those who love him, who look for his glorious appearing.

Next Sunday's lesson is the record of the answer to their prayer.

### HOLY GRAIL MERELY LEGEND

Green Crystal Vase Found by Baldwin I in Ruins of Cesarea Is Only So Called.

Few places are more absolutely cities of the past than Cesarea. Some one has spoken of the remains of its ancient glory as the "ruin of ruins." The medieval town which was twice rebuilt by the Crusaders covered scarcely a tenth of the area occupied by the city as St. Paul knew it, and the ruins that we see today are chiefly the relics of the medieval city, which was itself built out of the ruins of the ancient city.

What a rich quarry Cesarea has been for other city builders is shown by the fact that, though it has been drawn upon for all these centuries for marble and granite and sandstone, it is not yet absolutely exhausted, but still affords building material for the peasants of the vicinity.

The green crystal vase which was found here when Baldwin I, the great Crusader, captured the city at the beginning of the twelfth century, says the Christian Herald, gave rise to the

story of the Holy Grail, which has inspired so many legends and poems, for Baldwin and his followers believed that it was the one that was used at the Last Supper by our Lord, when he gave his disciples the cup of wine and said: "Drink ye all of it; this do in remembrance of me."

### NIGHT'S BEAUTY IS HIDDEN

Few Artists Have Been Given the Ability to Depict Its Proper Glory and Majesty.

One of the perpetual regrets of painters is the unattainable beauty of night. Whistler's successful Nocturnes are of early twilight.

The later hour, when the world's vast shadow weighs on us, seems unrealizable in paint.

Even Crome, perhaps the greatest master of nightfall pictures, could not go beyond the twilight.

The perfect medium for darkness was discovered by Turner, whose set of engraved Moonlights are among the most precious works that man has made.

There are but about a dozen engraved and printed by the master. They so far transcend his colored drawings, from which they were derived, as to prove that black and white can conjure up the spirit of night more potently than color.

But they are not ordinary mezzotints; they are creative rather than reproductive; no one but Turner could have done them, nor could he have communicated their secret to his engravers.

### New Ears for New Music.

Few laymen appreciate to what an extent musical esthetics is a matter of psychology. We ordinarily assume that music "expresses" by some divine charm, that the composer who sighs of love has "discovered" the proper musical statement of love's emotion. But musical materials are not discovered; they are manufactured. It is by habit and repetition, not by intuition, that we come to accept chords of dissonance. The major and minor third of the old music is very sweet because it is very familiar. The new bald colors of futurist music are ugly because they

are strange. Our ears contain more formulas, so to speak, for the chords and scales that have been ground into our consciousness by frequent hearings. When we hear a new piece of music it must agree with them to some degree, else we feel uncomfortable. Now, these formulas, though they thrive on variation, hate negation. So if the new music negates them entirely, as futurist music does, there is no entente possible. Our ears will not serve our purpose. We must become familiar with the new style.—The New Republic.



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Dars lots of good ole picking  
In the pumpkin an de hawg  
But gimme what yer ketches  
Wid de good old possum dawg."

—News.

Did you ever see a nigger who didn't like to hunt, and was particularly fond of possum, like a white man for Christmas turkey.

Will Anderson, who lived on one of Dick Cordwent's places, had the misfortune to lose his house and entire contents by fire, Saturday, besides about \$60 that was in said structure. Hard indeed on a poor man, but his kind neighbors are coming to the rescue.

The Spencers and Mrs. Brightwell visited at the home of Jno. W. Aiken on Sunday last.

Our new Methodist minister preached at Burnt Branch Sunday evening and at Dressy in the morning.

Jno. W. Aiken visited his son, Jack, at Cross Plains, Sunday.

Willeford, the blacksmith at Dressy, is doing good work and gets a fellow off on time.

Heavy frosts at night and when the sun comes out looks like we had a good shower.

There was quite a crowd of Bayou people aboard autos Terminal bound, Sunday.

Hall, Spencer, Brightwell, Arthur Young and others of the Bayou country shipped cattle to Fort Worth last week.

Ed Edom, Mrs. Payne Hightower, McCord and others are soliciting subscriptions for the unfortunate family of Mr. Anderson, who lost their all in a recent fire. This is the second rent house our friend, Dick Cordwent has lost by fire.

The stubble land in these immediate parts is now all turned. Lee

Payne being the last on the wind up I forgot little John Aiken who like a cow's tail is always behind.

Herman Aiken moveth out today preparing his land for spring oats

On our experimental farm, Uncle Bill, we have 15 acres and if we don't get it turned good and deep, it will be 3 years since it had a dose, but still we have raised very good crops.

"Sell a bale of cotton and buy your good wife a Christmas present" Good advice.

"A London editor lets it be known that England will never permit Germany to capture America. Thanks awfully.

"Congress expects to be busy several months helping the people to rule and getting out the Congressional Record" and doing around right sharp.

Ford, Bryan & Co., who constitute the "Peace Commission" have received notice from the belligerents that they amount to blamed little in this affair. In other words they might as well stay on this side of the great deep." Great God how the self constituted mighty have fallen.

Ere this is presented Christmas will have come and gone and we will be face to face with 1916. We wish the whole Star force, readers and contributors a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. And ask God's richest blessings on you one and all; and in a special manner on Uncle Bill, and ask in return from you only this: And when by your bedside you kneel down to pray, remember me Bill, in your prayers.

There's a saying: "Crop sold and money spent," but I think the goober man has finances on hand.

McCord, the hog man, took a load of the porkers to Cross Plains and sold to Frank Bryson who is dumping a car on the Fort Worth market

Uncle Tom Henson says: "When I want hogs I want them, but just at

this time I am full up, come later on Gen. Goodman and "Juan" closed a deal for a couple of shoats, Monday.

"Hello Uncle Tom, how's everything," as I hailed my battle scared friend, Uncle Tom Norrell, and thus he answered, "I never talk for publication, especially to you" when in in the army you, through your goodness of soul, tried to stretch your blanket for three, and you have kept up the same racket ever since," and off he went like a bullet he used to send after the blamed yankees.

No announcements as yet, suppose they think we are only one termers and the office is ours by precedent But you fellows will at least have to shell out \$10.00 each to the various newspapers of your constituents.

Gen Hudson bought a small bunch of mixed stuff from Squire Drewery

Next Saturday Eradication election and as Uncle Bill refused to enlighten us, we hoosiers will have have to "shut our eyes and go it blind," but I hope the measure will be enacted. A prominent cow-buyer was interrogated on the tick eradication question. "Dama the ticks! When I buy a cow I buy her ticks and all."

The horse market is dull and low, and unlike King Richard it is not "My Kingdom for a horse! My Kingdom for a horse!" They are really cheaper and we are not unhorsed."

Monday will be Trades Day at the Terminal and Saturday the meeting of a few of that small remnant of the "Grandest Army" that ever marched to music. Amen.

Dear Uncle Tom Norrell is sick with lagrippe.

Peanuts have gone skyward since all are sold, you know.

Glad indeed that Mrs. J. T. Gilbert is almost restored to health.

John Harrell and the Review man explodeth. Two hogs in X Cut country net weight 1128 lbs.

I won't have a "drop" Christmas without Uncle Bill sends us a "nog" by Parcel Post, or may be so the Review man, don't give blame which and "Uncle Jimmie" not to be slighted either. And now to all, a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with God's blessings on you all.

"Juan."

I have several applications from parties wanting land in Callahan County. If you want to sell or trade, see or write me. Phone 11. C. B. Holmes, Baird, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. W. Monroe request THE STAR to extend in their behalf their sincere thanks and grateful appreciation of the message and expressions of sympathy sent them in their recent and bereavement on the death of their little son which occurred while Mrs. Monroe and children were on a visit to relatives down near the coast, recently.

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