

The Baird Weekly Star.

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

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A SAILOR-SOLDIER.

THE ENERGY AND DARING OF YOUNG UNTEER GEN. WILLIAM NELSON.

A Naval Officer, He Volunteers on Land and Helps Hold Kentucky—His Work at Shiloh and in Bragg's Invasion—A Martyr to Discipline.

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HERE was no episode of the civil war more startling or more tragic than the killing of Gen. William Nelson, of the Union army, by his fellow-officer, Gen. Jeff C. Davis, at the Galt house, Louisville, 8 Sept. 29, 1862. Gen. Nelson was a soldier of whom the country and the army had great expectations, based upon what he had already achieved. He had made a record in the navy before the war. He was a hero in build and in mental caliber. His six feet four inches of frame carried gracefully 300 pounds, well distributed, and his brains and his culture gave just what was needed to complete a man of giant mold. Added to these were resolution and courage and an overmastering contempt for petty obstacles such as ordinary men stand, and gaze at a critical moment until they rise like mountains in the pathway. This quality characterized every act of his in his career in Buell's Army of the Ohio, and it was this, carried to the extreme in a crisis which certainly called for extreme measures, which led to the fatal affair with his brother soldier.

When Buell's army was on the way from Nashville, to unite with the remainder of Halleck's command on the Tennessee before the battle of Shiloh, the bridge over Duck river was in flames and the stream was at a flood. Some time was lost in constructing bridges, and, although two were nearly completed when the waters began to fall, Nelson put his division over by fording just as soon as his men could gain a footing. In this way he gained the advance of Buell's column, and the same impetuosity carried his division to the field of Shiloh on the afternoon of the first day of the battle, April 6, in response to Grant's appeal to come and "save the day to us."

Nelson, while marching to the rendezvous at Savannah, nine miles from Grant's camp, some days before, received word from Grant that he need not hasten his march, because there were no vessels at hand to put him across the Tennessee. Nevertheless, he had promised to be at Shiloh on Sunday morning. Halleck had a right to expect Nelson there at that time if he needed him, and he took no advantage of the leeway given, but pushed on, making a heavy march of ninety miles in less than six days, reaching Savannah on Saturday evening, the 5th. On Sunday morning, Halleck told Nelson that he would send boats to Savannah early the following week and bring the division to his own camp at Pittsburg Landing. Grant was acting as second in command to Halleck, who had not yet arrived. But on Sunday morning the sound of firing reached Nelson at Savannah, and it came from Grant's camp on the river, nine miles above. The distance by land was more than nine miles; the roads were numerous and intervened, and besides the floods had washed away the guide marks and wiped out the paths in many places. To move artillery on these routes would be impossible, but Nelson set his infantry in motion, got the best guides the region afforded and hastened on the scene of action. A forced march brought him to the river opposite the battle field and his advance brigade was in time to aid in repelling the last desperate assaults of the Confederates on that disastrous Sunday. For his services in this campaign, which included some of his most brilliant fighting on the 6th, Nelson was made a major general.

Several months after Shiloh the Union army of the west was compelled to retrace its steps and go to the defense of Kentucky. This was Nelson's native state, and it was owing not a little to his eloquence, influence and energy that the sentiment of secession had been repressed there in 1861 and Kentucky retained in the Union. Nelson received orders to repair to Kentucky, take command and organize against Morgan, Forrest, Bragg, Kirby Smith and Humphrey Marshall, who with separate Confederate commands were pressing in from different directions. The headquarters was in Louisville. Early in September Frankfort, Lexington and the whole "Blue Grass" region were in the possession of the Confederates and Morgan's daring riders were picketing on the outskirts of Cincinnati.

A new department of the Union army had been created, with Gen. H. G. Wright in command as Nelson's superior. Wright remained at Cincinnati, leaving Nelson to look to Louisville, the point toward which the heaviest columns of the enemy were pressing under Bragg and Kirby Smith. Buell's army had not yet arrived. In such an hour the fiery energy of Nelson burned

time before left the field on sick leave. He volunteered for the emergency, reported to Nelson and was entrusted with the organization of volunteer soldiers to defend Louisville. It was a critical time, Buell's army being still further away than the Confederates, and Louisville at the mercy of invading hordes. Some days after Davis had been installed in his work Nelson said to him:

"Well, Davis, how are you getting on with your command?"

"I don't know," answered Davis.

"How many regiments have you organized?" continued Nelson, not noticing the flippancy of his subordinate.

"I don't know," repeated Davis.

"How many companies have you?" asked Nelson, to which Davis replied in the same heedless tone, "I don't know."

"But you should know," said Nelson rising from his seat. "I am disappointed in you, Gen. Davis; I selected you for the work because you are an officer of the regular army, but I see I have made a mistake."

Davis now arose excitedly and said: "Gen. Nelson, I am a regular soldier and I demand the treatment due to me as a general officer."

After summoning a witness from an adjoining room Davis continued: "I demand from you the courtesy due my rank."

"I will treat you as you deserve," replied Nelson. "You have disappointed me; you have been unfaithful to the trust which I imposed in you and I shall relieve you at once." In a few seconds he added: "You are relieved from duty here and will proceed to Cincinnati and report to Gen. Wright."

"You have no authority to order me," said Davis. Pushed beyond endurance Nelson turned to his adjutant general and said: "Captain, if Gen. Davis does not leave the city by 9 o'clock to-night give instructions to the provost marshal to see that he is put across the Ohio."

This was taking the bull by the horns with a vengeance. Nelson's training had been on the deck of a man-of-war, where discipline is the first law and subordination a crime to be met with instant snuffing out by the most heroic methods. If ever this daring sailor and conscientious patriot had seen a time when the formalities of the service and the considerations due to rank should wait for greater things this was one. The value of an hour was simply incalculable, and many times twenty-four hours had passed since Davis entered upon his duties and he had nothing to report in the way of progress. There was something, too, behind his conduct which doubtless Nelson surmised, for it was evident that Davis had stood all alone on the ground that not Nelson but Wright was his superior officer.

Gen. Wright gave a new assignment to Davis and he left Louisville again. In a few days Gen. Buell arrived in the city in person, thus superseding Nelson, and Gen. Wright ordered Davis to return at once to Louisville and report to the new chief. But for this circumstance, very unfortunate, and it would seem uncalled for, the

venturous sailor-soldier might have lived to round out his career by brilliant leadership during the country's peril. The headquarters at Louisville were in the Galt house, and this into collision Nelson would be certain to come.

On the morning of Sept. 29 Nelson passed from the breakfast room to the main hall of the hotel, stepped to the clerk's desk and asked a question and turned about and leaned upon the railing of the counter to await the arrival of Gen. Buell. In turning he faced an assembly of people, military and civilians, among them Governor G. P. Morton, of Indiana, and Gen. Davis, who was in Morton's company. Davis went toward Nelson and charged him with having insulted him at their last meeting. Nelson told him to go away, but instead, evidently counting upon the moral support of his friend Morton, he pressed up and renewed the demand for satisfaction. Nelson, using an epithet of contempt, again ordered him away, adding, "I don't want anything to do with you." During this excitement Davis had been nervously twisting and rolling one of the hotel cards in his hand, and drawing near to Nelson he shot it into his face with a sharp snap of the thumb. This was met by a backhand slap on the face by Nelson with the demand addressed to Morton, "Did you come here, sir, to see me insulted?"

"No, sir," replied Morton, and Nelson walked away toward his room on the office floor.

Davis turned to one of his companions and asked for a pistol. His friend had none, but soon borrowed one and handed it to Davis. Nelson, meanwhile had gone as far as the door of his room, but falling to enter had turned back along a corridor running off from the main hall, and was distant a few feet from the latter at the foot of a staircase leading to Gen. Buell's room on the second floor. He did not try to explain his motive, but it is probable that he had determined not to fight with Davis and was on his way to report the circumstance to his chief. He reached the staircase, approaching it from the opposite direction, and was about to turn and ascend when Davis came rushing into the corridor from the main hall, pistol in hand, and stood face to face with Nelson at the foot of the stairs. The latter made no hostile movement, but Davis fired a shot and Nelson knelt on upstairs. He reached the second floor, and about half way between the landing and Buell's room he fell. Several spectators who saw the shooting followed Nelson up stairs, and when he fell they lifted him to the nearest room. Among these was the well known Kentuckian, Gen. Thomas L. Crittenden, who knelt over the stricken soldier and said: "Nelson, are you badly hurt?"

"Tom, I am murdered," was the answer. Subsequently he asked to be baptized, and within an hour after the shooting the lion-hearted soldier was dead. The ball had pierced the heart, or very near it, and though small had done a fatal work.

So passed away in his prime—he was 37—an American who might have fairly rivalled his great English namesake in winning the highest martial glory.

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THE LAKE RAIDER.

DARING CONFEDERATE ATTEMPT TO SEIZE THE NORTHERN BORDER.

John Y. Beall the Leader—Seizure of Two Lake Steamers by Confederates in Disguise—Plot, Motive, Failure and the Gallows.

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STRIKING instance of a brave man going wrong is presented in the case of John Y. Beall, who was executed by the military authorities at Fort Columbus, New York harbor, on the 25th of February, 1865. Beall was the chief promoter and the leader of the Lake Erie raid in 1864.

Beall was a young Virginian and had been wounded early in the conflict. As master in the Confederate navy he for some time led a daring life as a "swamp Angel" on the lower Potomac, destroying Union commerce on Chesapeake bay and contiguous waters. While engaged in this work he planned a lake raid, but failed to get his government to sanction the project until 1864, when the northwestern Confederate movement, of which Jacob Thompson was the head, made it fit in with the necessities of the Canadian conspirators. Thompson and his gang wanted a foothold on Union soil near the northern border. One of their cherished plans was an uprising of the notorious Sons of Liberty at Chicago, during the Democratic national convention in August, 1864. This was a fiasco, and Thompson turned his attention seriously to the lakes. About this time Beall arrived at Sandusky, O., with authority to proceed on his raiding enterprise. Thompson had prepared the way for him by a careful investigation of the lake defenses, through an emissary located at Sandusky—Capt. Charles H. Cole, formerly of Morgan's rangers. Cole was supplied with means to start a party of such men as officials as might be of service to the Confederacy, and he finally concluded that the control of the lakes could be secured by the capture of the gunboat Michigan, the sole defender of the waters, and the liberation of the Confederate prisoners at Camp Daniels, Chicago, and at Johnson's Island, in Sandusky bay. Thompson gave Cole authority to capture the Michigan, and appointed Beall to aid him. It was arranged between Cole and Beall that the former would remain at Sandusky and cooperate by bribing some of the navy, a Southern fugitive in Canada, by having escaped from Union captivity at Fort Delaware a short time before, and eighteen Confederate soldiers of similar history. The party took passage on the Philo Parsons, a lake steamer running between Detroit and Sandusky. Considerable ingenuity was displayed in carrying this force without causing suspicion.

Barley was the captain of the boat, and secured passage for himself and three friends, who were to join him at Sandusky, Canada. Sandusky was not stopping place, but the vessel was sloped up alongside the dock and Barley's friends, Beall among them, sprang on board. At this moment a crowd of over twenty passengers, there were sixteen more of the party, two of them carrying an old trunk tied with a rope. Everything went on usual during the day until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the boat was four miles from the Ohio shore.

The captain had gone ashore at a landing near Detroit, leaving the boat in charge of the clerk, Ashley. Ashley was standing in front of the office on the main deck, and without a moment's warning he was surrounded by the party with drawn revolvers, who threatened to shoot him if he offered resistance. Simultaneously Barley, followed by a number of men, approached from the forward part of the boat, leveled a revolver at Ashley and said: "Get into that cabin (ladies' cabin) or you are a dead man." Ashley complied, and two men with revolvers took their stations at the door as guards. Then the old trunk, which lay on the deck in plain view, was opened and Barley's men armed themselves from its contents with revolvers and hatchets. Barley commanded the lower deck. Meanwhile Beall, who had been in conversation with the mate at the wheel, drew a revolver on the officer and said: "I take possession of this boat in the name of the Confederate States."

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The scene now changes to Union soil. On the night of the 15th of December, 1864, the engineer on the eastern bound express train on the Erie railroad near Buffalo and Dunkirk saw a railroad rail across the track, in front of his engine, and had time to reverse and strike the obstruction at reduced speed and without severe damage. The next night two policemen at the New York Central depot in Niagara City, arrested two suspicious men who were about to take the cars for Canada. Beall was one of them, and though he made some attempt to deny his identity he was sent to New York city and accused of the lake raid and of the attempt at train wrecking. Ashley, the clerk of the Philo Parsons, and one of the passengers named Weston, and also a confederate in the attempt on the train, identified him and furnished ample evidence for a case.

The train wrecking enterprise was doubtless a last resort by Beall to secure funds for the prosecution of his plans on the lake. Five men were engaged in it—Col. Martin and Lieut. Headley, of Morgan's command; Beall, a lad named George S. Anderson, who had seen service in the Confederate army and was a refugee in Canada, and another, unknown. Anderson was a volunteer train raider, and stated in his testimony that the four—Martin, Headley, Beall and himself—rendezvoused at Buffalo some days previous to the attempt of Dec. 15. Martin was the chief, and on the night of the 15th the rail was placed before the train by the enterprise party. The explanations made to Anderson, who seems to have been looked upon by the others as an innocent, enthusiastic helper, was that the express car was to be robbed of a large amount of money. The party lay hidden near the track when the train struck, and seeing that the damage was only trifling they hastened to Buffalo and secreted themselves. Subsequently it was arranged to cross Suspension bridge on foot and reach Canada, and there await a train on the Great Western road for Toronto.

Martin, Headley and the unknown set out alone, but Beall, who was with them at the time, remained behind to hunt up young Anderson, who had somehow strayed from his companions. While the two, Beall having found the lad, were awaiting the train at Niagara City the arrest took place, purely on suspicion.

Anderson's testimony undoubtedly swore away Beall's life. He was arraigned on two charges, violation of the laws of war and acting as a spy. His defense was that he had been justifiably seized at war, and, if confined in his attempt on the gunboat Michigan and the Johnson's Island prison, the plea might have had weight. But every circumstance likely to weigh in his favor, his education, his noble bearing, his manly conduct toward the captives on the Philo Parsons and the Island Queen, was lost sight of in the appalling railroad horror that had been planned with such cool deliberation and with no purpose evident other than robbery—robbery at the sacrifice of scores and hundreds of innocent lives.

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passengers, including thirty-two unarmcd Union soldiers, and crew as prisoners to the Philo Parsons. The boats remained here until they agreed to invade the Confederation passengers and crews of both vessels were sent ashore and the Philo Parsons, with her Confederate crew, steamed toward Sandusky, the Island Queen lashed alongside. It was night, but the moon shined and the hapless passengers saw from their island refuge that the Island Queen was soon set adrift that the Island Queen disappeared in the shadowy distance.

Beall bore his vessel directly for the gunboat Michigan and approached within cannon range. Now for the shore end of the plot. Cole had agreed to invite the officers of the Michigan to a late banquet in Sandusky, to bribe the engineer and have him hold a carouse with the crew on board; also to have a few daring leaders among the Confederate prisoners on Johnson's Island awaiting the attack on the Michigan, ready to arouse the mass of their comrades and make an outbreak at a given signal, a cannon shot by Beall through the officers' quarters on the island. A preliminary to all of this was to be a rocket signal sent up on shore by one of Cole's aids, as an announcement to Beall that everything was ripe for the finishing blow. This signal failed to appear. The Confederate leaders at the prison were alert, awaiting Beall's announcement by a cannon shot that he had successfully boarded the Michigan. Beall acted. Cole's announcement that the Michigan's crew, which outnumbered his force five to one, had been "fixed" and made comparatively helpless for defense. When the hour passed and no signal appeared Beall began to calculate his chances of success as things stood. His vessel was run so close to the gunboat that he could hear voices on board of her. If the plot had been discovered he might expect a hostile demonstration from the Michigan. As the moments passed and no movement was made on the gunboat he decided to risk everything, boarded her at all hazards and strike for Johnson's Island at a venture. In this crisis an unlooked for event dashed his high resolves suddenly to the ground. The crew of the Philo Parsons met his orders with a mutinous protest against further proceeding. The absence of the shore signals was interpreted by them as a warning that the plot had been discovered. A spokesman of the party brought forward a protest written on the blank side of a bill of lading found on the boat and signed by seventeen out of eighteen of his men. It read:

ON BOARD THE PHILO PARSONS.

We, the undersigned, crew of the boat aforesaid, take pleasure in expressing our admiration of the gentlemanly bearing, skill and courage of Capt. John Y. Beall as a commanding officer and a gentleman, but believing and being well advised that the enemy is already apprised of our approach and is so well prepared that we cannot by any possibility make it a success, and having already captured two boats, we respectfully decline to prosecute it any further.

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ILLIAND, Editor and Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1890.

Mr. M. Moore withdrew from the race for Attorney General because his county instructed for Charley Brown.

It must have a county fair in Caldwell county this fall. If you will not do it in the enterprise you can at least speak a good word for it.

W. L. SARGENT, editor of the Ray-ner Lasso is a candidate for District Clerk of Stonewall county. The Lasso hopes Sargent will lasso enough votes to secure the office.

Two little boys of John Goodson were washed out of a wagon and drowned in a swollen stream while returning from a barbecue on the 4th of Jacksonville Tex.

The Anson Western recently issued a large special edition descriptive of Anson and Jones county. It was a credit to the publishers and will result in great good in that county.

W. A. HUFFMAN, principle owner and business manager of the Fort Worth Gazette, died last week. In the death of Walter Huffman, Fort Worth one of its best friends, and most able workers.

It is none of THE STAR'S business to say it would like to see the Richard Hubbard elected to office. He already has a national reputation and would at once take among the leading Democrats of the state.

MISSIONIST tell us that twenty states have commissions, but how they always refer to the commission success. Is it true that the commission is a failure in the other twenty-four states?

CHARLEY Culberson has a walk over for Attorney General, McCulloch for State Treasurer, McCall for Comptroller and W. L. McGaghey for Land Commissioner, all seem to be in the lead for their respective offices and we hope they will every one be nominated.

We warn the Democrats of Comanche county to be on their guard. A full fledged county ticket may be expected when then the Alliance meets again.—Comanche Chief.

You are undoubtedly mistaken Frank, the Alliance is "non-partizan."

The Brownwood Bulletin says it has interviewed Mr. Rogan, candidate for the legislature, and finds that he agrees with the Bulletin on every important issue. Then it is safe to say that Mr. Rogan is a genuine Mugwump.

EVERY precinct and county convention held last Saturday instructed for Hogg. "The gray eyed man of destiny" is getting there on thereabouts. True he has lots of votes to get yet to secure the nomination, but it is only a question of a few days until he will get them, unless the tide turns.

SAY Gilliland, what do you think now about West Texas going solid against Hogg?—Rayner Lasso.

THE STAR thinks it likely Hogg will carry a few western counties, after all. A fellow is liable to guess wide of the mark sometimes, Sargent, and be perfectly honest too.

HALL says he is not in the gubernatorial race for his health, as he stands very little showing of getting even a dozen votes in the convention the question is what is he running for? He certainly does not expect to capture the nomination with the vote of Jeff Davis county.

THE Fort Worth Gazette says THE STAR was so busy fighting the Gazette that it left the fence down in its own county. From a look at some of the names in the list of delegates elected to the county convention we are inclined to agree with the Gazette, that the Democratic fence in this county is "very much down." THE STAR, however, is not to blame, for it warned the Democrats in season and out of season that men who were heretofore active enemies of the party would seek to control the primaries. The warning was unheeded, and the vote of this county will be cast for Hogg for governor, whereas, if the Democrats had turned out as they should have done and none had been allowed to vote except those who had proven themselves Democrats in the past, such a thing as instructing for Hogg in this county would have been impossible. THE STAR is not aware that it has been fighting the Gazette. The Gazette, however, is running with a badly mixed crowd, and it may be possible that it got hit with a shot that was intended for the union abolitionists.

A COUNTY fair association was organized at the court house last night. Active work will begin at once to hold a county fair this fall.

THE STAR will probably not have to "eat crow" on some of the candidates for state offices. That grand old Texan, Henry E. McCulloch, for instance, is leading in the race for state treasurer, and John D. McCall, too, is almost sure to be his own successor.

THE Waco Day says it is possible that Mr. Hogg will be glad to receive the support of the very men that are now opposing him, before the campaign is over. It is possible but not probable as those who favor his nomination would in most cases vote for him regardless of what platform he may run upon.

A NOVEL and interesting attraction at the Texas State Fair this year will be a series of vocal concerts participated in by not less than five hundred voices collected from every section of the state. The arrangement for this feature is in charge of Prof. James Howie, a musician of state wide repute. He requests all ladies and gentlemen who join the "Choral Union," the organization to furnish these concerts.

THE Cleburne Chronicle wants to barr out the Union Laborites, et al., from taking part in primaries to nominate county candidates. If the Union Laborites, nonpartisans and anything-to-beat-the-Democrats, are good enough Democrats to vote in the primaries for Mr. Hogg, for governor, we would like to ask the Chronicle why they should not vote for county candidates also. Suppose we change an old familiar adage thus, "what is grease for the hog ought to be an excellent 'sop' for the pig."

THE Hogg and commission craze will run its course and die a natural death, just as all such fads usually do. The craze will very likely elect Mr. Hogg governor, but it is possible that the commission amendment may be defeated. If the election was to come off within a week or a month from now the amendment would without a doubt be adopted, but it is a long time till the election and the sober second thought of the people may have time to assert itself. Should Mr. Hogg be elected, and the amendment adopted, it is more than likely he will be unable to meet the great expectations of the enthusiastic commissionist. What then?

(Communicated.) At the Baird precinct Democratic meeting on Tuesday 1st inst. Judge W. H. Clett was elected chairman and Frank Dorsey Secy. Thirteen delegates were appointed to the County convention on the 15th inst. all of whom are for Hogg for Governor. It was hardly thought that Baird precinct would go for Hogg, but it appears that it was the case that it did. The people have some friends there.—Cottonwood Prodigal.

We would like to know if the Prodigal, or it's "communicator," intends to insinuate that all who oppose Hogg in Baird, are enemies of the people?

THE demagogue never had a better opportunity to display his cheek than in the present campaign. He is out in the highways and byways, on the stump in the sanctum and even the pulpit, ranting and roaring as the champions of the dear people against "corporate power" He and his kind are friends of the people the other side is composed only of railroads attorneys and tools monopoly. If he is not already a candidate he will be before the election. The demagogue is in every party but generally attaches himself to any movement that is popular. Destitute of principle, he will advocate anything or any man to be on the popular side, and if a candidate will agree to any thing to secure votes. He does not hesitate to denounce all who oppose him his side as "herelings" destitute alike of principles and honor. He is a general nuisance that effects the body politic and he must be borne just as people have to endure the small pox, measles, etc.

Caddo Peak Democratic Primary. The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock, p. m. July 1, 1890, by J. W. Aiken, chairman. B. A. Odell was elected permanent chairman, and W. E. Gibb, secretary. Moved and carried that we elect one delegate and one alternate, to the county convention to be held at Baird, July 15, 1890, at 12 m. R. M. Hudson elected delegate and T. S. Mills alternate. The delegates were instructed as follows: For Governor, Jas. S. Hogg; for Lt. Governor, Geo. C. Pendleton; for State Treasurer, H. E. McCulloch; for the legislature, B. R. Webb. Moved and carried that the delegate go un-instructed as to other state officers. Moved and carried that we endorse the course of S. W. T. Lamborn, and ask for his renomination. Moved and carried that a copy of these proceedings be sent to THE BAIRD STAR, and Cottonwood Prodigal for publication. Adjourned sine die.

W. E. GILBY, Sec'y.



Belle Plaine College will be reopened September 17, by President, I. M. Onins.

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Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Feed.

Dr. Gilbert M. Humphrey, an Englishman who has been investigating the skeletons in old graveyards, calls attention to the remarkable preservation of the teeth of these remains of British ancestors. He finds that the teeth of the modern man have deteriorated shockingly. It is not hard to understand. Moderns live on soft bread and sloppy foods and do not exercise their teeth. The farther away from the monkey tribe we travel the poorer our teeth are growing.

Proud and happy ought to be the contractors who built the latest addition to our new navy, the cruiser Philadelphia. On her trial trip she made more than twenty-three miles an hour over a forty mile course. She is a splendid vessel, painted gray, as a cruiser named for a Quaker city ought to be. Her contractors, the Crumps, will receive a premium of \$100,000 for exceeding their requirements. The new cruiser Baltimore was up to this time the fastest war steamer of her size in the world, but the Philadelphia will exceed even the Baltimore in speed.

Be Gay. It makes all the difference in the world. A summer hotel proprietor told a newspaper correspondent that his class always preferred young people to old in their houses. Old people were cranky, fussed over their meals, flew into rages and scolded the servants. They were so apt to be gloomy, too, that it was like a funeral in the house to have them around. Young people made a racket, to be sure, and broke things and were out late nights, but there was one thing about them that covered many shortcomings. They were always good natured—at least nearly always.

For the same reason young people are preferred everywhere. The cares and crosses of life have not yet struck in on them. They are sunny and jolly; they bubble over with gaiety. But this well spring of gaiety is not necessarily an attribute of youth. There are old people who remain till the end of their lives as merry and light of heart as the youngest among their children and grandchildren. They have not come to think so much of their own stomachs and physical comforts that they can no longer see the fun in the world. Such old people as these are welcome everywhere. Whatever misfortune comes they can see the ludicrous side of it and laugh. Besides that they have had experience enough to know that the heaviest griefs cannot last forever, so they wait serenely till the trouble is over. A merry heart is perennial youth.

Heligoland. Germany's new acquisition in the North sea is a mile long and one-third of a mile wide. In size it is not a great acquisition, and will become less as time goes on, for the action of wind and wave is fast wiping out Heligoland. Its whole population, English official residents and all, does not exceed 2,000. The native inhabitants of Heligoland are among the most interesting people of modern times. They are Frisians, a Germanic race who have kept their blood almost pure from classic times to the present. They are large lugged, healthy, strong, slow, handsome, too, and of more than average size. They live to be very old, 80 or 90 being no unusual age with them. The ancient Frisian language is here preserved in its greatest purity, and it resembles the old Anglo-Saxon more than any other tongue. Still the Heligolandians speak German also and often Danish.

The men are fishermen and seamen, leaving the women to do all the agricultural work, which is not heavy, since vegetables are the main crop. Small as the island is there are numerous flocks of sheep, which are kept over winter by feeding them on fish. The encyclopedia says so.

An ornithologist who has studied and painted the birds of the miniature island says he has found there birds from every part of the globe, even from Australia and South Africa. They had been driven to this rocky refuge by storms.

Although the island has belonged to England since 1807, German is the language taught in the schools, but the islanders seem sublimely indifferent to the matter.

We are requested by Judge I. M. Onins to announce that he has secured the college buildings at Belle Plaine, and that he will re-open the college with a full corps of teachers, Sept. 17. Spring clothing at Powell's.

BEAUTIFUL SUMMER GOODS!

DRESS GOODS.	CLOTHING.	FURNISHING GOODS.
This department comprises all the latest and most novel effects in Silks, Brocades, Henriettas, English Mohair, Brilliantine, Embroidered and Side Stripe Robes, Challies Wash goods—such as Satines, Gingham in fancy plaids and stripes, black, striped and checked Lawns; white plaid lace, organdies, challies. Nets in every design.	In Clothing and Furnishing goods this season we have made an extra effort. As to selection and make it is nearer perfection than ever before. On our counters will be found beautiful fabrics, chaste patterns designed by artists and guaranteed to fit. Extra size suits and pants. This department being so complete we rarely fail to fit or suit you.	This season we have given extra care and attention to this department, and this summer show more nobby and stylish goods than have ever before been brought here. White and colored shirts, silk shirts, collars and cuffs, handkerchiefs, nobby line of plain and fancy Hose, kid gloves, neck-wear, children's shirt waists, jewelry, etc.

New Summer Goods Arriving Every Day.

BOOTS AND SHOES.	CURTAINS.	HOSIERY.
Our line of ladies' and gents' fine shoes is full and complete. We can offer you all that is stylish, durable and cheap. In this department our prices will be found as low as you can buy the same goods in Dallas or Fort Worth. Remember we have all our fine goods made to order. It will pay you to buy your shoes from us.	An elegant line of lace curtains, scrims, bed sets, pillow shams, bed spreads, in white and colors. Our line of table damasks is unsurpassed, we have all grades in white, bordered, snow drop, variegated, Turkey red, both foreign and domestic.	We invite your attention to our hosiery department, where you will find a complete assortment of lisle thread, solid cotton, regular made ladies' French fast black, warranted not to fade; ladies' brown balbrigan, ladies' fancy, in all colors. Children's fast black. Also an elegant assortment in colors.

J. D. BOYDSTUN.

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Offers his professional services to the people of Clyde and vicinity, and promises to answer all calls promptly. 30 Im. pd.

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(Local surgeon for Texas & Pacific Railway company). Office with Baird Drug Co. Office days Tuesdays and Saturdays.

K. OF P. INSTALLATION.
Deputy Grand Chancellor J. E. W. Lane installed the officers of Baird Lodge No. 47 at the Court House last Thursday night. The Court room was pretty well filled with people to witness the public ceremonies.

Miss Willie Gillespie and assistants rendered some excellent music for the occasion. See resolution.

J. E. W. Lane, D. G. C., read an address explaining the origin and objects of the order.

The Grand officers were escorted to the Court house by Ivaohoe Division No. 15 U. R.

The following is a list of officers for the ensuing term:

E. E. Solomon,	P. C.
W. C. Powell,	C. C.
W. C. Whitley,	V. C.
G. B. Eley,	P.
Ph. Schwartz,	K. of R. S.
T. J. Dean,	M. E.
W. M. James,	M. F.
W. C. Strube,	M. A.
Ellis Richardson,	I. G.
Jesse Poole,	O. G.

Capt. Robt. S. Goss, Comandant of the Military Department of the Fort Worth University, formerly a Professor in Belle Plaine College, was shaking hands with his numerous friends in Baird this week. THE STAR is pleased to learn that the Captain is doing well in his new field.

Among the leaders of American thought and American finance who have promised to visit the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition this fall are ex-President Cleveland and wife, Senator Carlisle, Jay Gould, John H. Inmann and others, in addition to the correspondents at Washington of the leading daily papers of the Union.

W. A. McLAURY.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
CLYDE, TEXAS.

W. A. McLAURY.
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New Grocery,
McLAURY & DEAN,
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Dry Goods, Notions, Boots,
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R. PHILLIPS,
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Paints, Oils, Patent Medicines, Stationery, Perfumery, Toilet Soap. 11-90. Physicians prescriptions carefully compounded.

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E. FRUEN & MAX.
THE BAIRD CHOP HOUSE AND RESTAURANT.
Open day and night. | Front Street. | The best the market affords.

Will M. Buell,
HOUSE - SIGN - AND - CARRIAGE - PAINTING.
All work done with neatness and dispatch.

THE WHITLEY HOUSE
W. C. WHITLEY, Proprietor.
The table supplied with the best the market affords. Board and lodging. Rates reasonable.

Go to the **OFFICE SALOON** for your **NINE YEAR OLD KENTUCKY COMFORT WHISKY.**
J. B. MAXWELL, Proprietor, Baird, Texas.

OLIVER'S MEAT MARKET.
L. O. OLIVER, PROPRIETOR.

Fresh meats of all kinds always on hand. Give me a call when you want good meats.

Market street. First door south of Ph. Schwartz.

THE PALACE SALOON
J. B. SEAY, PROPRIETOR.

1 Shiloh's Consumption Cure
This is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of Cough, Croup and Bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price 10c, 50c, and \$1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or back lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by R. Phillips. 29-ly.

3 Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. A marvelous cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth, and Headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal Injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price 50c. Sold by R. Phillips. 29-ly.

Silk shirts and all kinds of shirts a Powell's.

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LOCAL.

All pay locals must be in this office by noon Wednesday, to insure insertion.

Reading matter ten cents a line, first insertion, five cents for each subsequent insertion. Locals run among purely reading matter ten cents each insertion. No reduction or discounts allowed foreign advertisers after this date, June First. 26cf.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Strayed by J. P. Cuthbert, before A. T. Young, J. P. Callahan county, May 7, 1890, one sorrel mare 15 years old 14 1/2 hands high, branded black J and thus on left shoulder. One sorrel yearling colt, roan brand. One sorrel yearling colt, and one sucking colt. I. N. JACKSON, Co. Clerk. 28-14.

Strayed before E. K. Kane J. P. Callahan Co., June 11, 1890 by James Hart. One yellow horse with black mane and tail, white hind feet, 14 hands high 4 years old, near on inside of right foreleg, and branded thus L on left shoulder. One yellow horse, with white face, 14 1/2 hands high 3 years old, branded V A N on left thigh. I. N. JACKSON, 27 4t

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rates: State and District offices, \$10; County, \$5; Precinct, \$2.50. For names on ticket \$1, which can be paid at any time before tickets are printed. Announcements must be paid for in advance.

For Sheriff.

- J. T. PURVIS.
- W. L. JONES.
- L. E. McCAMMON.
- J. W. JONES.

Assessor.

- J. N. C. GREATFOUSE.
- R. J. ESTES.
- T. J. NORRELL.

Co. & Dist. Clerk.

- F. P. SHACKELFORD.
- I. N. JACKSON.
- J. M. HOUSTON.

Treasurer.

- JOHN. H. SURLS.
- C. ESTES.
- E. M. NORTON.

Inspector.

- J. E. PACE.
- W. C. ASBURY.

Co. Judge.

- E. E. SOLOMON.

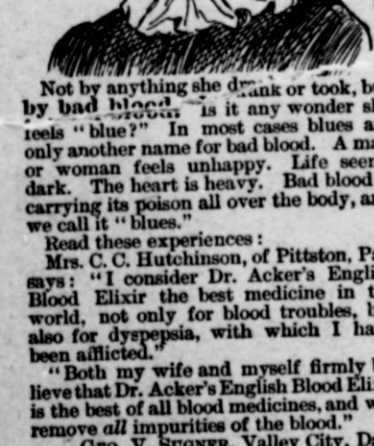
Co. Attorney.

- B. L. RUSSELL.
- ALDEN A. BELL.

County Surveyor.

- M. R. HAILEY.

SHE WAS POISONED!



Not by anything she drank or took, but by bad blood. "Blue" is it any wonder she is only another name for bad blood. A man or woman feels unhappy. Life seems dark. The heart is heavy. Bad blood is carrying its poison all over the body, and we call it "blue".

Read these experiences:

Mrs. C. C. Hutchinson, of Pittston, Pa., says: "I consider Dr. Acker's English Blood Elixir the best medicine in the world, not only for blood troubles, but also for dyspepsia, with which I have been afflicted."

"Both my wife and myself firmly believe that Dr. Acker's English Blood Elixir is the best of all blood medicines, and will remove all impurities of the blood."

Geo. V. SEGNER, Valley City, Dak.

This grand Elixir is sold by druggists in all parts of America. It is a pure, honest medicine; not a cheap sarsaparilla. Try it to-day.

For sale by R. PHILLIPS.

Musical Entertainment.

Among the prime factors for the elevation and refinement of our daughters, there is nothing that excels instruction in music. Miss Willie Gillespie came among us about three years ago as a teacher of piano and organ music, and has successfully advanced her pupils and greatly endeared herself to our people during her stay among us.

Miss Gillespie will close her third month's term next Thursday, 17th, with a public musical entertainment at the Court House, to which cordially invites her patrons and the public. Doors open at 8 p. m.

who has been taking the Cottonwood and triet, came in last completed his work. enthusiastic in his of of the county. the county is most excel- crops are in a

TALK UP THE COUNTY FAIR.

T. J. Norrell is in town working on the tax rolls.

Car of fine flour. Yonge & McDermott.

Don't forget the musical concert next Thursday night.

Rev. R. F. Dunn returned, Monday, from the District conference at Cisco.

Rev. R. R. Raymond and wife stopped over in Baird Monday, on their way to Anson from the District conference.

Window shades at Powell's.

H. B. Price has a street sprinkler going in regular city. Hurrah for the town marshal.

Louisiana syrup and sugar at Yonge & McDermott's.

John Crawford has accepted a situation with Mackechny, grocer, at Abilene. Sorry to see you leave us, Johnny.

Barrel lard at Yonge and McDermott's.

J. W. Brown has been tendered the agency of the Express company at El Paso. He has accepted and will leave at once.

We have been so crowded with work that it has been impossible for us to go after locals for the last three weeks.

French satine at Powell's.

Hon. J. N. Browning candidate for the Legislature, announces that he will speak at the Court House at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Blue ribbon shoes at Powell's.

Sam Webb, bachelor like, was one day behind the delegates in returning from the District conference. He got in Tuesday.

Trunks very cheap at Powell's.

H. Buchen is trying to interest the people of Baird in a county fair. THE STAR will do as much as anyone in Baird or Callahan county, according to ability, to start the enterprise. Let us have the fair, by all means.

Pickles cheap at Yonge & McDermott's.

S. H. Gilliland of Trickham and Master Raymond Ratliff of Coleman city, came in last Tuesday and went up to Abilene on the evening train.

Straw matting. T. E. Powell.

Mont Somers our old foreman and job printer, now working at Abilene was in yesterday, and assisted us by sticking some type.

Summer underwear at Powell's.

French gingham, Algareens Drab De Venis, etc. Powell.

Yonge & McDermott have moved into the building formerly occupied by the First National Bank. This is one of the most desirable stands for business in Baird. They have purchased the building.

Mesdames Tucker and Garrett, of Putnam were in town Monday and Tuesday soliciting subscriptions to build a Christain Church at Putnam.

A mistake was made last week in the account of the death of Jas. S. Utley. He was killed on the 22d of June and not May as published.

Mr. Thos. I. Edwards, County Commissioner of Lee county, Texas, living near Lexington, passed through town Monday on his way home from Dickens county where he has been to look after Lee county's school land. Mr. Edwards has lived in, what is now Lee county, for over forty years.

We are glad to see any forward move that will add to the general welfare of Baird, and now announce that we have in full operation a corn and feed mill, right in Baird, only two blocks from THE STAR office.

Our friends from the country may now when bringing in "a Dollar of our daddies" to pay for THE STAR can bring a turn of corn and have it made into good new corn meal by our worthy townsman, J. B. Hensley.

Belle Plaine College which has been closed for the last twelve months will be re-opened Sept. 17, 1890, by its former President Judge I. M. Onins. Let us all do what we can to make it a success. THE STAR will do what it can to further the good work of education in our midst, by advertising the college in every way possible.

Wedding suits at Powell's.

Wm. Stewart, John Simpson and R. E. Richards all of Tecumseh were in town Monday. They informed us that four miles of the Jones & Hearn pasture fence in Taylor county, was cut last Friday night. This makes the third time this fence has been cut.

Carpets at Powell's.

Tell the people that Belle Plaine College will be opened Sept 17, 1890.

MATRIMONIAL.

J. P. Hirschkercher of Anson and Miss Clara Welsen of Baird were married yesterday at the residence of the brides father. Judge E. E. Solomon officiating. The newly married couple left for Anson yesterday evening.

Oh what a Cough.

Will you head the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourself if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c., to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves croup and whooping cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lumbago, side or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster Sold by R. Phillips.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Try the pure barrel lard at Coppin & Driskill's.

Large lot of sugar just received at Coppin & Driskill's.

Coppin & Driskill, have the largest assortment of tobacco in Baird.

Call and see our lace dress patterns. J. D. Boydston.

Greatest variety of parasols in town. J. D. Boydston.

Hides and furs of all kinds wanted. J. L. Lea & Co.

All kinds of Salt at Lea's.

Full line of coffins. L. Gould.

Fine imported Havana Cigars at Office saloon.

You will always receive kindest attention at Office saloon.

Pickles cheaper than ever at Lea's.

Bran, Cotton Seed & other feed cheap at Lea's.

Furniture cheap at Gould's Furniture store.

All kinds of candies and nuts, cheap, at Lea's.

Car of fine salt just received at Coppin & Driskill's.

Sixty grain white wine vinegar at Coppin & Driskill's.

Stone crocks, jars, churns and water coolers. Harry Meyer.

Just received an elegant line of silverware suitable for wedding presents, etc. Harry Meyer.

You can always find the very best Kentucky Whiskies at the Office saloon. Call and see for yourself.

Dry goods and notions at lowest prices. Moon & Crowder.

The best molasses and vinegar, very cheap, at J. L. Lea & Co's.

Curtain poles to arrive this week. L. Gould.

Floor paint all colors at Baird Drug Co.

New invoice of pipes at Coppin & Driskill's.

New styles of window shades at Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Highest cash price paid for corn and oats by J. L. Lea & Co.

Flax fiber buckets, wash pans, chamber pails. Harry Meyer.

New invoice sugar house syrups and sugar at Coppin & Driskill.

Cheapest line of parasols in the market just received. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

When you want a town lot in Baird or a home in Callahan county call on D. RICHARDSON, Baird. 49-6m

Ice cream freezers. Harry Meyer.

California soap at Coppin & Driskill.

Corn and cotton hoes, shovels and spades. Harry Meyer.

Galvanized iron wash tubs, and wringers. Harry Meyer.

A full line of colognes and Florida waters, elegant and cheap. Baird Drug Co.

Garden rakes, hoes, spades and shovels. H. Meyer.

A nice assortment of straw hats at J. D. Boydston's.

Straw hats for ladies, misses, gentlemen and boys, at giving away prices. Call and see. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Coppin & Driskill have a lot of boneless hams. Get some.

We will receive, in a few days, another car load of flour, meal and bran. Every sack of flour guaranteed first-class. Coppin & Driskill.

Shoe Polish at Coppin & Driskill's.

Our stock of clothing is complete and we are prepared to meet competition. J. D. Boydston.

The Baird Drug Co. has Ruddy harvest machine oil, Boston coach oil, castor machine oil, lard oil, neatfoot oil and Eureka harness oil, all at a cheap price.

Coppin & Driskill have first grade flour of all brands and will not be undersold.

A full line of undertaker's goods always kept on hand. We also have ladies' and gents' burial robes, metallic caskets, etc. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Don't forget that we are still in business, and as for goods, we have a full line of everything. Prices! Well we can certainly interest you without a doubt, for we sell low down as everyone can testify. Come to see us you will be convinced. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Rubber boots, first class goods. Cheap. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

The finest bottled pickles in the city at Coppin & Driskill's.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The BEST SALE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or no money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

For Sale by Baird Drug Co.

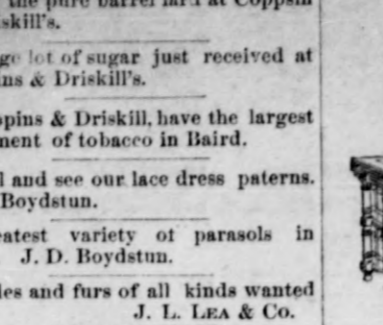
A new lot of furniture just received. More coming soon. We also keep a full line of coffins, from the smallest to the largest. Metallic caskets always on hand. Also ladies' and gentlemen's burial suits. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Free School for Blind Persons.

At Austin there is a large free school for the blind children of Texas where they can pursue all studies of the ordinary schools and besides, if they have a talent for it, can study all branches of music. They may also learn how to make brooms, mattresses and pillows and to bottom chairs with cane or rattan. Girls can learn to sew by hand or machine, and do crochet and bead work. The buildings are large, roomy, and well furnished. No charge will be made for board, tuition, washing or use of books and instruments—everything is free. Clothing and railroad fare will be provided for those who are unable to furnish money for those items. Please address.

DR. FRANK RAINERY, Superintendent.

THE FIGURE '9'



Those who have been betting on the census will have soon an opportunity to lose their money or win the other fellows, as the case may be.

Freyinet, the French minister of war, regards hypnotism as so dangerous that he has forbidden all army surgeons to employ it in their practice or even to experiment with it.

Aluminum, the beautiful metal of the future, is steadily diminishing in price and increasing in quantity. It is now only \$1.50 to \$2 a pound and 8,000 pounds a month are produced. Aluminum is one-quarter as heavy as copper.

Justin McCarthy has many good words for the Prince of Wales in the North American Review. He says: "So long as we are to have an heir to the throne I do not think we could find any one better able to conduct the business of the position than the Prince of Wales has shown himself of late years."

It is a serious matter to be very famous. Gladstone has been invited to attend the meetings of the Peace Arbitration society in London. He replied that he would give the invitation the most favorable consideration in his power, but all that he said was liable to be "overinterpreted." Overinterpreted is a good word. Perhaps that is what is the matter with the poems of Robert Browning.

The old education stuffed a boy's head with the contents of books, which he forgot as soon as he entered practical life, having no use for it. The new education teaches him facts by means of real objects, trains his hands to use tools and his eye to measure distances. Through physical culture his body grows stronger and handsomer while his brain and hand are getting their education. When he starts in to earn his own living he is equipped all around.

Edwin Arnold.

A loss to Europe was the departure from its shores of Sir Edwin Arnold, and he shows no disposition to return. It was generally conceded that he was to be poet laureate of Great Britain in case of Tennyson's death, but it is doubtful if even this bribe would tempt him back to his native land.

Oriental restfulness has an unspeakable fascination for the greatest living British poet after Tennyson. In India Sir Edwin learned the infinite charm of living and not hurrying. The charm is on him still, apparently a spell of enchantment that will last him the rest of his life. At Tokio he has taken up his residence, we are told, permanently. He has been admitted intimately to circles jealously guarded from foreigners heretofore. To the poet who had lived the bustling, grinding life of western nations it was like entering paradise. The childlike nature of the upper classes of the Japanese, their gentleness, graciousness and politeness, delighted him.

On arriving at Tokio from America last year Mr. Arnold set himself at once to learn the Japanese language. So apt a scholar was he that in six months he was able to converse fluently with cultivated Japanese people. The Japanese, on their part, were no less delighted with the poet than he was with them. He, too, was a revelation to them, for to them western peoples were only bullying, bloodthirsty nations that sought to get the better of them in trade. In some ways travelers say the Japanese are more genuinely civilized than we are. In his seclusion among these gentle, polite people his best and greatest literary work will be done by Edwin Arnold, who himself seems an oriental soul that strayed into a western body.

Remarkable Swimming.

Probably the most remarkable swimming feat on record was performed by a girl under 16 years old, at the time of the wreck of the Australian steamer Quetta, which went down Feb. 28.

Miss Lacy and her sister, aged 13, were on their way to England to be educated. When the girl felt the steamer going down she hastened to the cabin to bring out her sister. The gentleman in whose charge they were told her to save herself and he would take care of her sister. They were then on deck and the vessel was sinking. Miss Lacy never saw either again. The ship sank suddenly and carried her down, down into unfathomable depths of water. She thought she was drowning, but came to the surface at length in the midst of a frightful, struggling crowd of sheep and Cingaleses. They were fast pressing her down again, when she was dragged upon a raft by the ship's purser.

He could not swim, and she tried to swim alongside the raft and drag it with her to land which she saw, apparently about two miles away. She could not do it though, and so struck out boldly for the land alone, hoping to get food and water and rescue both. She knew she could swim two miles. But the land was farther away than that and she could not reach it. Still she kept swimming bravely. When exhausted she turned upon her side or her back and floated. The sun poured down with torrid heat. To avoid sunstroke she plunged her head frequently under water.

Thirty-five hours after the wreck of the Quetta Miss Lacy was picked up by a boat from the Albatross. She was on the raft with the purser twelve hours; the rest of that fearful time she was swimming alone in the water. When rescued all her clothing was gone, and her body was burned black with the sun.

The Model City.

In his "Review of Current Events" in The Cosmopolitan Murat Halstead gives us his idea of the model city of the future. Since New York is governed by a corrupt ring, since she is badly built and modern improvements cannot be put under her streets without blowing them up, he proposes to move out and leave her as she is, and build a new city elsewhere. The spot he proposes is Staten Island, where there is room, water from all the great waterfalls and safe.

ESTRAYS.

Strayed before J. P. Callahan Co., Texas by W. F. Coats July 1st 1890. One work ox 6 years old branded K— on left side and R O B on left horn and marked over slope in the left and under slope on the right. I. N. JACKSON, Co. Clerk. 31 4t

Strayed before E. K. Kane J. P. Callahan Co., Texas by A. W. Howell July 11th 1890, one sorrel mare branded W I on left shoulder about 6 years old 14 hands high. I. N. JACKSON, County Clerk.

Advertise in THE STAR.

Curtain poles at L. Gould's.

Bush or briar hooks. Harry Meyer

Willow chairs at Schwartz'

New potatoes cheap at Lea's 2t

Ice cold soda water six days in the week. Baird Drug Co.

Get your White Rose and Clarette soaps at Coppin & Driskill's.

Ladie's hats at Moon & Crowder's.

Laudreth's garden seed, sold by the Baird Drug Co., are the best in the market.

Large lot of extracts, jellies, preserves and pickles at Coppin & Driskill's.

Don't fail to see our new line of ladies and children's shoes. Foy & Richardson.

Moon & Crowder have something to say about lumber too. Read their card.

I have just received from California fine Old Port Angelica and Sherry wines. Office saloon. J. B. Maxwell, proprietor.

A few more roomers wanted at the Central house. Rooms well furnished. Rooms kept especially for transients at 25 cents per night. Rooms to let by week or month.

Just got in our new supply of gentlemen and boy's hats. Come and see them. We will please you in style and price. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

We can fit you up in any kind of yellow pine lumber. Also sash, doors, and moulding at prices reasonable and solicit your trade. Moon & Crowder.

You can hardly miss the opportunity of calling at the dry goods house of Ph. Schwartz & Bro. and examine their tailor-made clothing. Perfect fit guaranteed. Prices very cheap. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

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NOTICE TO LUMBER BUYERS.

Give us a show at your lumber bills. We will do the best we can. It may be that we can sell you your bill as low as those who are trying to drive us out of the business. It was for the benefit of the county as well as ours, that we started the sale of lumber, and if you think it is right to give us a chance at your bill we will appreciate your kind favors, by dealing with you on the square. Very Respectfully.

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Centralization of Crime.

In pursuing its researches into the regions of crime and criminals the Fa investigating committee of the New York senate called into its presence Police Inspector Williams, a shrewd strong headed officer, who advances some theories that set many persons thinking. Inspector Williams' theories based on long experience of fighting crime, is that a few dens of iniquity, low drinking places must be allowed to flourish in all great cities in order to protect respectable poor people.

A certain per cent. of community, happily growing smaller with the advance of a higher civilization, drops yearly into the criminal classes. Criminal they will be until the end of the chain unless a miraculous intervention saves them. Drive them from one local and they will go to another and pour in with their hideous presence. They sink away into the poorer districts of a city. They haunt certain corners and saloons by a law of attraction that is hard to explain. Inspector Williams believed these dens should be allowed to remain in the said neighborhoods, for there the criminals would hide themselves in mass, and there the police would find them when they are wanted. The keeper of the den would deliver them up, since his living depended on it. Inspector Williams said he had thus endeavored to centralize the crime in his district, and he knew where to find thieves and toughs when he wanted them. There were streets and neighborhoods of very poor people in the district, but they are honest and worthy, and by this means he kept criminals from their midst.

Speaker Reed has courage, there is no doubt of that. For many years successive congresses have been trying to remove the pie and photograph fiends from the corridors of the house wing of the Capitol. Down at the west door one vender sold wedges of dyspeptic yellow pie; up in the beautiful halls themselves of our temple of liberty others sold photographs of congressmen, and there was none who had the grit to cast them out up to this time. But now, by peremptory order of Speaker Reed, they go, even the quaint old dame with the side curls, who was as much of a curiosity as the statue of Washington engaged in a baseball match with Columbus on the east front. But the little old girl was almost as game as Speaker Reed himself, and her possessions had to be removed by force before she would leave the spot. After she is dead she will doubtless haunt that corridor.

Patti expects to keep her birdlike voice till she is 70 years old, and it seems as if she would do so. Going over on shipboard the last time from this country she caught cold, and was not able to sing a note. That was not many weeks ago. The doctors—those wise fellows—said with exceeding care she might possibly get her voice back again, but even then it was not certain. Yet a few nights ago Patti gave a concert at Albert Hall in London, and the cable tells us that this wonderful golden voice is "fully restored." Patti has beaten the doctors.

The Pacific railroads ought to use their best endeavor to liquidate their obligations to the government. The interest on bonds issued in their aid still costs the United States some millions a year.

A little metal is as dangerous as a little learning sometimes. A card photograph fell into the switchboard of a telegraph instrument. Instantly the switchboard caught fire, the machine flashed blue and the lights went out. The photograph had a small gilt edge, and it had come in contact with the two ends of the wire. Just the amount of metal used in that gilt edge was sufficient to connect the circuit and set the switchboard on fire.

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Strayed before E. K. Kane J. P. Callahan Co., June 11, 1890 by James Hart. One yellow horse with black mane and tail, white hind feet, 14 hands high 4 years old, near on inside of right foreleg, and branded thus L on left shoulder. One yellow horse, with white face, 14 1/2 hands high 3 years old, branded V A N on left thigh. I. N. JACKSON, 27 4t

ATTENTION BRIDGE BUILDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners court of Callahan county will, on August 11, 1890 let contract to build wood bridge across Turkey creek on Cottonwood and Cross Plains road. Main span 48 feet long. Plans and specifications on file in clerks office. Court reserves right to reject any and all bids. By order of the court.

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It is the true molder of public opinion. No stereotyper, of course.

For hot weather: Take a bath every day, keep good tempered and don't get into a passion.

Two fatal, however, so far.

The Columbus exposition will have a feature differing from any other world's fair yet held.

During the fiscal year ending June 30 the national debt was diminished more than was expected.

The awful heat in the Northwest. The temperature in the Mississippi valley has been the highest ever known.

Chicago, being the largest place, of course suffered most.

But the awful mortality reports tell a story that cannot be misunderstood.

Of those whom the sun struck down in his fury the hapless animals suffered most.

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Railway Men in Politics.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, whom many believe to be squinting in the direction of the presidential nomination in 1892, makes his appearance as an author in The North American Review and gives information about the railroad man in politics.

Mr. Depew says that now in no state does a railway as a corporation take part in politics. All that went out with the entrance of Commodore Vanderbilt into the railway business.

At the close our great American orator says he does not believe there are two states in the Union where a railway man running for office would be cut by any considerable portion of his party.

A well known woman physician says she keeps herself in perfect health by occasional days of entire fasting.

There is no red tape at all about the method for appointing the World's fair national committee under the law.

The Esquimaux is disappearing from Greenland, the genuine pure blood, tall-candle-eating Esquimaux, that is.

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