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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1888.

VOLUME NO. 2

With this issue, we begin the 2nd Volume of THE STAR. On the 8th day of Dec. '87, the first number of this paper was issued under not the most favorable circumstances. The country was then suffering from a severe drouth, and every kind of business was prostrated. The Callahan County Clarendon, after a checkered career of about seven years, was, if anything, on the decline, and Baird, at that time, presented anything but an inviting field for another paper.

However, the venture was made. The material, subscription books, and good will (and a great deal of ill will, as events since have shown) of the Callahan County Clarendon was purchased, other material added, and the new paper started.

We made one promise only, and that was that we would try to issue a paper that would be a credit to the town and country. We are willing for any fair minded man to be the judge as to whether or not we have fulfilled our promise.

The subscription list of THE STAR in the county is more than twice the number of the Clarendon had.

During the last year, we have, unfortunately, lost four subscribers on account of something that appeared in the paper—not a bad showing, if we made only four men, out of over five hundred, mad enough to stop their paper.

We did not expect to please everybody, and, considering the fact that so many think that a paper should never contain anything that does not exactly coincide with their particular views, we are really surprised that we have succeeded so well.

While we have not made enough to retire from active business (we frequently retire to get out of the way of our creditors), yet we have no room to complain, for, if we have made nothing, we have lost nothing, and, under the circumstances, we are satisfied.

The only promise we make for the future is that we shall ever strive to make each succeeding issue better than the preceding.

In conclusion, we desire to thank our subscribers, and others, for their kind assistance in making the paper even what it is.

THE STAR is indebted to the business men of Baird for their liberal advertising patronage, during the past year, and it is a source of pride to the publisher that, in all his business intercourse with them, not a single item has been disputed or objected to in any bill presented.

While the business men of the town favor us with their patronage, it shall be our object to work for the interest of the town and country, and to bring to Baird the trade to which it is justly entitled.

We publish the president's message to congress, on first page. Read it, if you are not a Democrat read it twice.

An official statement shows that two-thirds of the employees in the Department at Washington are Republicans.

Cleveland's plurality over Harrison is 98,280 of the popular vote as compared in 1884 of 62,683 over Blaine. Not such a bad defeat after all.

Old Howdy Martin is bound to have a sensation of some kind. Last week he put a head on the newspaper correspondent who started that gas story on him about a year ago.

C. B. Killgore is on hand again in Congress with his "object." Killgore and Howdy Martin are yet destined to shed undying glory, or shame upon Texas, it is hard to tell which. There is such a thing as a man making an ass of himself, but neither Killgore or Martin seem to have looked at it in this light.

The Fort Worth Gazette came out in a new dress, last Saturday, and is greatly improved in every respect. The Gazette has also moved into its new building, added a magnificent "web perfecting press," and everything necessary in the general make-up of a great daily, and it can now take its proper place among the leading dailies of the country.

The Callahan Federal Invites the Democratic Federal office-holders to step down and out. Human nature is the same the world over, and a Democratic office-holder is no exception to the rule. Like Davy Crockett's man, they will not take a hint from any one except the old man's (Harrison's) boot vigorously applied to the lower extremity of their anatomy.

The Progress, at Coleman, Wilks & Aten, litors and proprietors, is the latest journalistic venture. It is a good paper, and is a credit to Coleman. We hope it will meet the fond anticipations of its publishers.

If Coleman can sustain two such papers as the Voice and Progress, it is certainly a good town.

We welcome the Progress to our exchange list.

The Voice says there has not been a business failure in Coleman within the last three years. This is very good, but Baird can show even a better record—there has not been a business failure in the town for six years.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3d, 1888.

At noon to-day, Speaker Carlisle formally declared the opening of the second session of the Fiftyeth Congress. A few seconds later, Senator Ingalls performed a like service for the Senate. There were many vacant seats in both Houses, but the most of them will be occupied in a few days. On Wednesday, in accordance with the vote of the House which broke the celebrated dead-lock of the last session, the Direct-tax bill, which has been passed by the Senate, is expected to be taken up. No filibustering is expected, and it is probable that the bill will be passed, but there are many people here who believe that the President will veto it. In the Senate, if Senator Allison has his way, the tariff bill will be taken up this week, but owing to the Republican opposition, this may not be done.

Ever since the election there has been much curiosity as to what Mr. Cleveland would do after he goes out of office. I can gratify this curiosity: Early in the Spring, it is, at present, the plan of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland to leave for Europe, where they will stay for an indefinite period. Further than that, nothing is settled.

Owing to heavy payments made by the Treasury, the public debt shows an increase of about \$11,000,000 for the month of November. The largest single item was the quarterly pension payment of \$23,000,000.

Washington is to have a circle named in honor of General W. S. Hancock, upon which the Society of the Army of the Potomac will erect a handsome statue to his memory.

Representative McMillan, who is a member of the House committee on Ways and Means, thinks it probable that an attempt will be made to pass a bill embodying the internal revenue features of the Mills' bill. He thinks the changes proposed would give a much needed relief, and that they would cut off half of the frivolous prosecutions under the law as it now stands, and that the collection of the revenue would not be impaired in the least.

Secretary Whitney's annual report is a very interesting document. He gives the status of the Navy as it will be on the 1st of March, 1889, and compares it with the Navy of March 4th, 1885. He then states that when the unarmored cruisers, already contracted for, are completed that the United States will rank second among the nations in the possession of that most useful class of vessels. But the most striking part of the report is that relating to the finances of the Department. In this connection, the Secretary says: "It is gratifying to be able to report, as will be seen from the following table, that, notwithstanding the expenditures for the new Navy, in the last three years, the reductions in other directions have made the total expenditures of the Department less for these three years than for the three years ending June 30th, 1884, the ordinary expenses of the Department having been reduced over 20 per cent." The table mentioned by the Secretary shows that the expenditures for the three years, ending June 30th, 1884, were \$47,979,397, and for the three years, ending June 30th, 1888, \$46,830,630. This is a plain statement of unvarnished facts, and shows, in a manner that even the dullest can comprehend, the difference between democratic economy and republican extravagance. Secretary Whitney's report makes a highly creditable showing for him, and amply proves the claim long made by his friends that he is the best Secretary of the Navy that this country has ever had.

Who will receive the complimentary democratic nomination for Speaker of the House? is asked quite often at the Capitol. The only two men mentioned are Speaker Carlisle and Mr. Randall, and the former is certain to receive the caucus nomination, although Randall will get a much larger number of votes than people who only see the surface of things would suppose possible. Mr. Randall has almost recovered his health, but, as a matter of prudence, he will not regularly attend the meetings of the House for some time yet. As he lives near the Capitol, this will not impair his usefulness.

The republican canvass for the Speakership of the next House is rapidly developing into a sectional fight—the East against the West, and, as the East has only one candidate, Reed, of Maine, the West is divided among four—Cannon, of Illinois, Burrows, of Michigan, and McKinley and Butterworth, of Ohio. It looks now as if the East would win, but a combination among the Western men may change the result. There is a rumor here that Blaine is trying, in an underhanded way, to beat Reed, whom he dislikes very much.

It is noted as a sign of the times that everyone here seems to think that it is only a question of time when Mexico and Canada will be part of the United States. The only difference of opinion seems to be in the length of time which is likely to elapse before these highly important events take place.

PATENTS GRANTED

to citizens of TEXAS during the past week, and reported for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

Alfred F. Bernard, Weatherford, Apparatus for loading wagons. Peter L. & W. Irady, Hearne, Cotton gin. D. M. McRae, Bruegerhoff, & W. H. Tobin, Travis Co. Railway rail fastening.

SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS

AT

R. Phillips,

Druggist, Baird.



Xmas Goods in endless variety. Call early and get first choice.

1888.

SANTA CLAUS.

After having resolved himself into a committee of the whole, has unanimously settled upon the BAIRD DRUG CO'S STORE for his HEAD-QUARTERS, during the present Holiday season.

He has made a thorough inspection of their well-filled store, and having satisfied himself regarding the quantity, quality, beauty, and durability of their goods, unhesitatingly issues the following proclamation:

Know all men, women, children and other folks, by these presents greeting:—That after having carefully examined and priced the many goods kept in stock and constantly arriving at the Baird Drug Co's Store, I do hereby proclaim, that as the holidays are upon us, and whereas a good Providence has smiled kindly upon us, and while we older children have been thus blessed, it is therefore meet that we remember the little ones and make them realize that they live in a Christian land, and let us make them happy. In buying your goods at my Headquarters you not only please them, but you save money by getting full value received for investments. It is not only the children that should be remembered, but your wife, husband, sister, brother, father, mother, uncle, aunt, mother-in-law—all expect to be remembered.

Whereas I have conferred with the manager of the Baird Drug Co, and he informs us that they have laid in the best and cheapest stock of holiday goods ever offered to my subjects in this part of my existing domain. For the benefit of those who cannot see for themselves, I herewith append a partial list of what there is to be seen. Here are presents for all, from the little infant to the hoary-headed sage and at prices to suit all.

As you walk into the well-arranged store, the polite, affable Bob Kinsey, assisted by Master Tom Fraser, will take pleasure in showing and selling you the goods. They will call your attention to a magnificent display of hanging and stand lamps—the finest ever brought to Baird.

They will show you a large line of Photograph and Autograph Albums that would astonish the natives, both as to beauty and cheapness.

You will see a most elegant display of handsome wax, China, bisque and negro Dolls.

There are beautiful Music Rolls in plush and beautifully ornamented.

You will see Picture Frames of all kinds and varieties, suitable for any parlor.

French plate Mirrors, fine, durable and cheap.

Dressing Cases, Shaving Cases, Gloves and Handkerchief Cases in plush, Glove and Handkerchief Cases filled with elegant note paper and envelopes.

Beautifully colored Angora Wool Dusters.

Playing card and visiting card cases. Ladies' traveling bags and ladies' and girls' hand bags, very cheap.

There is an elegant display of vases, beautiful mugs of various descriptions, fine statuettes, and cups for those who wear a moustache and for those who do not.

There are shaving mugs, little mugs and large mugs, without end.

If you want a fine magic lantern, you have but to call for it and it magically appears.

Their line of perfumes is extensive and elegant, and after a thorough use of their extra toilet soaps, a few drops will make you as lovely and fragrant as the rose.

If you would call your friends to tea they have sweet-toned bells to call them with.

In the stationery line they have anything and everything you could wish, including many kinds of plain and fancy writing papers, envelopes, a large variety of pens, stylographic pens, fountain pens, also a large variety of pencils.

They will by special arrangements with a wholesale Chicago jewelry house, display an entire new line of triple plate and solid gold jewelry, which will be offered through the holidays, at astonishingly low prices. All unsold on 1st of Jan. must be returned, hence you see we have no old stock left on our hands and can and will give you the benefit of exceedingly low figures. The line will be plain, solid and

BAIRD-HOTELS.

WHITLEY HOUSE,

Front Street, Baird, Tex.

The table always supplied with the best the market affords.

Board and lodging, rates reasonable.

W. C. Whitley, Proprietor.

THAT FIGHT

The Original Wins.

C. F. Simmons, St. Louis, Prop'r M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine, Lot 'd No. 1 in the U. S. Court EXAMINER J. H. Zelin, Prop'r A. Q. Simmons Liver Medicine, Lot 'd by Zelin 1868. M. A. S. L. M. has for 47 years cured Indigestion, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Liver Azetitia, Sour Stomach, Etc. Rev. T. B. Humes, Pastor M. E. Church, Adams, Tenn., writes: "I think I should have been dead had it not for your Genuine M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine. I have sometimes had to substitute 'Zelin's stuff' for your Medicine, but it don't answer the purpose."

Dr. J. H. Graves, Editor The Jubilee, Memphis, Tenn., says: "I received a package of your Liver Medicine, and have used half of it. It works like a charm. I want no better Liver Regulator and certainly no more of Zelin's mixture."

Correspondence.

TECUMSEH, Dec. 8th, 1888.

It is still raining out here.

There are fine prospects for good crops the coming season.

A girl at Joe Stone's.

John Simpson had his right foot mashed pretty badly, the other day, by a wagon wheel running over it.

Uncle George Martin butchered his three pet pigs, the other day. The total net weight of the three pigs was nearly 550 pounds. Hogs are good property.

Rocky Thomas is shaking hands with his old friends here. O. K.

Notice.

All accounts made with us are past due, and we need money. Come forward and settle, at once, and let us square our books during this month.

Very Respectfully,

MOON & CROWDER.

The Fort Worth and Rio Grande railroad is making preparations to extend west of Granbury at an early date.

Notice to Tax Payers.

It seems that many are not aware that taxes must be paid by January 1st, instead of March 1st as heretofore. The last Legislature changed the law, fixing dates of payment as stated, and our readers will do well to remember it, and not be caught napping.

Tom Powell will fill you

cheaper than any

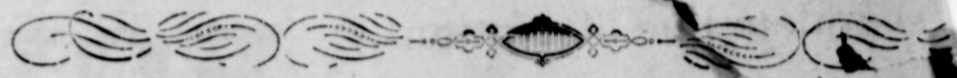
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Such as Dry Goods, No Boots, Shoes, Hats, Tru Valises, Jewelry and Groceries.

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HEAVY AND BUILDERS' HARDWARE

And examine our large stock

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I am Agent for the justly celebrated SUPERIOR COOKING STOVES with 10 guaranteed for 10 years, also keep in stock the MOHAWK and ALABAMA cook stoves, also deal in

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By FERGUS W. HUME.

Serial in No. XLVII of THE STAR.

CHAPTER XXV.

WHAT DR. CHINTON SAID.

His resolution taken, Brian did not let the grass grow under his feet, but rose over in the afternoon to tell Madge of his intended departure.

The servant told him she was in the garden, so he went there, and, guided by the sound of merry voices, and the silvery laughter of pretty women, soon found his way to the lawn tennis ground.

"I got a letter last night," he said, turning his face away from her, "and, as it's about some important business, I must start at once."

"I don't think it will be long before we follow," answered Madge, thoughtfully. "Plans have been made at the end of the week."

"I'm sure I don't know," said Madge, pettishly. "Is no rest, and never seems to settle down to anything. He says for the rest of his life he is going to do nothing but wander all over the world."

There suddenly flashed across Fitzgerald's mind a line from Genesis, which seemed singularly applicable to Mr. Fitzgibbon—"A fugitive and a vagabond thou shalt be in the earth."

"Everyone gets these restless fits sooner or later," he said, idly. "I believe I'm in one myself. That puts me in mind of what I heard Dr. Chinton say yesterday."

"Yes, I believe it is a pleasant place," said Brian absently, unconsciously quoting Talcott, "but we all lose our way to it in the end."

"At that rate we won't lose our way to it for some time," said Madge, as they slipped into the drawing room, and she stepped down the broad and gleaming stairs, after the usual and gloire outside.

"What! Fitzgerald," he exclaimed in a hearty tone, as he held out his hand. "I am glad to see you."

"I let you know I am living, don't I?" replied Brian, his fair face flushing as he reluctantly took the proffered hand. "But the fact is I have come to say good-bye for a few days."

"Ah! going back to town, I suppose," said Mr. Fitzgibbon, lying back in his chair and playing with his watch chain. "I don't know that you are wise, exchanging the clear air of the country for the dusty atmosphere of Melbourne."

"My facts are all visible ones," said Felix, bravely leaning to the contrary. "They're all created on some point of order."

"If you go on like that in the house," said Fretzly, "I'll have you out of it."

"What! they'll never have an entertaining entertainment till they admit ladies," observed Paterson, with a quizzical glance at Julia.

"While every one was laughing at this remark, Fretzly took the doctor's arm and walked away with him. "I want you to come up to my study, doctor," he said, as they strolled toward the house, "and examine me."

"Why don't you feel well?" said Chinton, as they entered the house.

"Not lately," replied Fretzly. "I'm afraid I've got heart disease."

"The doctor looked sharply at him, and then shook his head. "Nonsense," he said, cheerfully. "It's a common delusion with people that they have heart disease, and in nine cases out of ten it's all imagination, unless, indeed," he added, "suddenly the patient happens to be a young man."

"Ah! I suppose you think I'm safe as far as that goes," said Fretzly, as they entered the study, "and what do you think of my case?"

"It's amusing," replied Chinton, taking the seat, Fretzly doing the same. "That's all I say on about it, though, mind you, I think there are more mad people at large than the world is full of."

"I'm afraid," said Fretzly, "that I'm not a mad man, but a man who has a very real and very serious illness."

"I don't know," said Chinton, "but I believe there are many people like that in the world, people whose lives are one long struggle against insanity, and yet who, long, talk and walk with the rest of their fellow-men, evidently as gay and light hearted as they are."

"Half the numbers and suicides are done in temporary fits of insanity," said Chinton, "and if a person looks over anything, his impetuous nature is sure to break out sooner or later, and, of course, there are cases where a perfectly sane person may commit a murder on the impulse of the moment, and regard such persons as mad for the time being, but, again, a murder may be planned and executed in the most cold blooded manner."

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Are we a nation of liars, thieves, cheats? If not, what is the meaning of the universal suspicion which poisons every brother's cup? Why these checks in street cars, these mechanical contrivances in barrooms, these private detective agencies? You remember what a hubbub was created years ago when conductors were compelled to wear massive medallions, with intricate mechanism, supposed to show exactly the number of fares taken. They looked like so many Japanese ornaments about them. The directors suspected that the conductors were stealing, and every time the conductor pulled his spring, that rang the bell, he challenged public scrutiny, and company suspicion came to every mind.

I buy a ticket from here to Boston, and pay in advance. I pay \$5 for my ticket, and \$1.50, or whatever, for a seat in a drawing room car. It should be sufficient for the journey, but the conductor pulls out my ticket and my other ticket to the porter in charge of the drawing room car, who takes my ticket and punches it in three or four different places. I settle down to read my paper or my book, and along comes the drawing room conductor, who takes my ticket and punches it in three or four different places. I take my paper and punch my ticket, and another conductor comes at Worcester, and he has to punch the ticket. Then they come along again and take up the tickets.

Conductors were supplied by ingenious mechanics with little arrangements by which, while pretending to register, barkeepers, by collusion with conductors, can, if they wish, defraud their employers. This week one of our railroad auditors tramped over a line by which fares collected on steam railways were retained by conductors, they having duplicate slips furnished them with conductors, can, if they wish, defraud their employers. This week one of our railroad auditors tramped over a line by which fares collected on steam railways were retained by conductors, they having duplicate slips furnished them with conductors, can, if they wish, defraud their employers.

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