

# The Baird Star.

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

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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 1924.

NO. 2

## KIDDIES WILL CLEAN UP CITY

### The School Children Will Head The Purification Procession in Baird Tomorrow

The last time the City of Baird was thoroughly cleaned up and for a while made a Spotless Town, a large portion of the purification was done by the children of the Public School. They made a good job of it and, Deo volente, they'll make a good job of it tomorrow.

In obedience to Mayor McWhorter's proclamation, published in last week's Star, Superintendent J. F. Boren laid the proposition before his charges in chapel Monday morning, and he informs The Star:

"The boys and girls of the school, four hundred and fifty strong, unanimously promised to do their share on Cleanup Day to make Baird a Spotless Town!"

Three cheers for the kiddies! Monday morning the Mayor suggests that they begin the work of purification in the section of the city in which they happen to live, singly or in groups.

The grownup workers, under the direction of Foreman Hub Warren and his assistant, Cale Weldon, will do the heavy work and superintend the hauling away of the accumulated rubbish in the city's wagons. Tin cans, bottles, &c., should either be sacked or placed in some other receptacle easily handled.

It is hoped that the grownups will do their share in the Cleanup, but it is a safe bet that the kiddies, who are taught that "Cleanliness is akin to Godliness" in school and know all about the importance of universal hygiene, will really take upon their young shoulders the greater burden of the Cleanup.

God bless 'em!"

## ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS

Baird Lodge No. 271, I. O. O. F. has elected the following officers, who will be installed the first meeting in January:

Noble Grand: L. N. Weed.  
Vice Grand: J. A. Hornsby.  
Secretary: H. Schwartz.  
Treasurer: C. L. Dickey.  
Representative to Grand Lodge: L. L. Ford.  
Alternate: J. P. Walker.

## MARRIED

Mr. Ray Wilbanks and Miss Fay Eubanks, both of Putnam, were married Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7th 1924 at the Baptist Parsonage, Rev. Dick O'Brien, officiating.

## CARD OF THANKS

It is with grateful hearts we thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and many kind deeds during the illness and death of our wife and mother. We especially thank her neighbors for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

J. M. Cummings and family

A fellow named McGraw and two pals stole a Buick car in Abilene Tuesday night and McGraw started east with the stolen car. When he reached Baird at 10.30 p. m., Sheriff Charles E. Bray, pinched the pilferer, turned him over to the Taylor County authorities and restored the stolen Buick to its owner.

## NEW WELLS COME IN OLD WELLS ARE SOLD

Goodloe & Harris have brought in the Mrs. J. T. Davis well No. 2, good for 62 barrels, from a depth of 487 feet.

Moutray & Duffey have a 50-barrel well on the W. M. Isenhower farm.

L. A. Warren has sold his 20 acre lease on the Isenhower farm, including 5 wells, for \$30,000.

The Canyon Oil & Gas Co. sold a 120 acre lease in the Southeast Putnam field to the Godley Oil Co. for a consideration of \$25,000.

J. B. Morrison has brought in the Rutherford No. 3, good for 56 barrels daily.

## MRS. J. M. CUMMINGS DIED

Mrs. Sarah E. Cummings, wife of J. M. Cummings, died Saturday night, December 10th after an illness of about nine weeks.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, W. J. Mayhew, assisted by Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of the Baptist Church, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The pall bearers were: Ed Alexander, J. P. Walker, J. F. Boren, John Hancock, Robert Estes, T. B. Emmons, Ben Halsted. Interment was made in Rose Cemetery.

A pathetic incident of the service was a song, "Gone to Heaven I Know" sang by Mrs. George Thomas a daughter of the deceased, who requested her to sing it. It was a trying ordeal, but she complied bravely with her mother's request and sang the song through with her daughter, Miss Mattie Thomas, but came near collapsing as the song was finished.

Mrs. Cummings, whose maiden name was Crowell, was born Sept. 1, 1855, being 69 years old on her last birthday. She is survived by her husband and nine children, three sons and daughters, and a number of grand and great-grand children. All of her children were present except one daughter, Mrs. Henry Day, of Clarksville, who was unable to come. This is the first death to occur in the family. Mrs. Cummings was a good, Christian woman, a member of the Methodist Church, and her death is regretted by all who knew her. The children, with their families who were present were:

D. O. Cummings and family; Roy Cummings and family; Mrs. Cora L. Estes, and son, J. C.; Mrs. Fred Estes and family all of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cummings, and son, of O'Brien; Mrs. Howell Carr, of Old Glory; Mrs. Annie Smith and son, Paul Smith and wife, of Pecos. Friends from out-of-town who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schornick of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Cross Plains.

## NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Owners of dogs in the City of Baird are hereby notified that the 1925 tax on dogs is due January 1, 1925. Tax must be paid on all dogs maintained within the corporate limits, whether they are kept at home or allowed to run at large.

Dogs not wearing collars with the 1925 tax tag riveted upon their collars will be considered as unpaid, and such dogs will be humanely killed.

Chas. W. Conner,  
City Marshal.

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Mrs. Frank Parker of Cisco, was the guest last week of Mesdames Harry Berry and E. C. Fulton.

## McWHORTER WILL RESIGN

### As Mayor Of The City Of Baird Next Thursday Night And Tell The People Why

Mayor John Iley McWhorter, who is serving his second term as Mayor of the City of Baird, will chuck up the job and next Thursday night, at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, will formally tender his resignation as the city's Chief Magistrate.

Elsewhere in The Star will be found the following notice, signed by His Honor, apprising his constituents of his intention:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Baird, to be held at the City Hall, on Thursday, December 18, at 7 o'clock p. m., I shall tender my resignation as Mayor of Baird and give my reasons therefor. Those interested in this matter are invited to be present.

When questioned by a Star reporter as to his reasons for quitting the job, he declined to discuss his contemplated action.

"When Council meets Thursday night of next week," said he, "I will explain the reasons for my action, and I would like every citizen who can possibly get there to be present, for I fully intend to explain my action and the reason therefor. It is no more than right that the people who have twice elected me to the position I hold, should fully inform themselves as to my reasons for quitting the job.

Those on the inside declare that next Thursday night's meeting of the City Dad's will be a pretty lively session and all should be there to hear Mayor McWhorter's reasons for resigning that office.

## MAYOR J. I. McWHORTER TO RESIGN

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Signed,  
J. I. McWhorter,  
Mayor.

## BAPTIST LADIES' BAZAAR

All Baptist ladies and girls are requested to bring their articles for the Bazaar to Harvill's Confectionery, Friday afternoon or early Saturday, December 13.

We solicit articles suitable for Christmas presents, also cakes, pies, candies, etc. Don't forget the date—Saturday, December 13.

Callahan County had the first snow of the season, beginning Tuesday morning about 10 a. m. and continuing for several hours. The fall was light, probably about one inch. The thermometer at The Star office registered 28 above zero before sun-up Wednesday morning and by Wednesday night the snow had all disappeared and did not dampen the ground hardly enough to lay the dust.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer, of Burnt Branch, were in Baird, Monday.

## CHRISTIAN SIOUX INDIAN TO TALK AT TABERNACLE

Scott Sherdee, a Sioux Indian, from Montana, will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Tabernacle next Thursday night, showing the Indian paintings at Paint Rock, Texas, the Sioux outbreak, the Indian as a magician, and the Indian's conception of the spirit world.

Sherdee will graduate from College next year and will go as a missionary to the Indian tribes. His lecture is both interesting, educational and instructive.

The admission for adults to this lecture will be fifty cents and ten cents for children. Fifty per cent of the receipts will go the Tabernacle and is much needed to pay insurance and interest. The remainder will go to Sherdee, to help pay his college expenses.

Come out and help lift the Tabernacle debt and assist a worthy and ambitious Indian to get a Christian education.

## IN MEMORIAM—MARY E. O'SHIELDS

Mary E. O'Shields was born January 17, 1868. Departed this life November 16, 1924, aged 56 years, 11 months and 16 days.

We take this method of thanking the good people of the Oplin community for their kindness to us with our hearts sorely saddened by the death of our dear wife and mother. We thank you all and can never repay you for your kindness.

Tongue cannot tell nor pen describe how grateful we are to you. May the richest blessings of God rest upon you all as you travel on your way down the journey of life, and when you come to fold your hands in death, have a home at the right hand of God, is our prayer.

We again thank you for the beautiful flowers.

Signed,

W. D. O'Shields,  
Misses Dela and Lela O'Shields; W. L. O'Shields; Mesdames W. J. Grantham, Maud Poindexter, Alice Slaughter, Etta Poindexter.

## MAKE SOME ORPHAN HAPPY AND RECEIVE A BLESSING

Make some little orphan happy next Monday, December 15. The Buckner Orphan's Home Christmas Box will be packed at the Baptist Church. Don't forget this very important occasion, your privilege and duty.

Let us at least try to make this a never-to-be-forgotten Christmas to those children who have not the loving care of parents, as ours have.

If the committee has not asked you for a donation this season it is because they have been too busy.

Please say to yourself and your neighbor when you read this: "This is to you and me," for what do we celebrate Christmas for except in loving gratitude to Him who giveth all things?

## NOTICE TO BIBLE CLASS MEMBERS

We have been hindered from the Men's Bible Class Meeting at the Sigal Theatre on account of some repairs being made on the building, but next Sunday we expect to meet and we want fifty men and boys to be present.

We will study "The Fall of Man" and his expulsion from Eden, the entrance of sin into the world and related topics. Come.

The Teacher.

## NEW CITIZENS REGISTERED

### Births in Callahan County Registered At The Office Of County Clerk Respass

County Trained Nurse Miss Stella Carter reports to The Star a list of births reported during the month of November and by whom they were reported.

In this list you will notice births of children born as far back as 1915. Many of these mothers thought that their children's births were registered and yet many more mothers think that their children are registered and they haven't been.

It is easy to learn whether a child's birth is registered. The County Clerk will gladly look through the records to find your child's birth record and, in case it hasn't been reported, he will furnish you with a blank and instructions for filling out the same.

It is the duty of the physician or mid-wife who attends a birth to report the same, but in many instances this is neglected and, in this county, it is neglected to the extent that only 47 per cent of our births are reported.

Birth registration is of great importance to a community, especially as regards health work, for where the births are reported accurately you can tell what the percentage of still births and then find out, when possible, the cause.

It also helps the nurse to locate infants for conferences and other work. While these things are important, the value to an individual is more important, as in case of proving citizenship, settling inheritance claims, protection for foreign travel and many others, too numerous to mention.

While it is the physician's or mid-wife's duty to register a birth, it isn't wise to neglect to do this yourself, after you learn that it is necessary.

Follows a list of births registered at the County Clerk's office during the months of October and November just passed:

Perne Maxine Williams, born October 16, 1924; reported by Mrs. R. D. Williams.

William Harold Gray, born July 5, 1917; reported by Mrs. James Miller Gray.

Joseph James Tisdale, born June 19, 1915; reported by Mrs. Wiley Tisdale.

Wiley Clyde Tisdale, born October 13, 1917; reported by Mrs. Wiley Tisdale.

Frances Maude Tisdale, born November 22, 1920; reported by Mrs. Wiley Tisdale.

Thomas Lacey South, born January 6, 1921; reported by Mrs. C. B. South.

Carl Brent South, born December 23, 1922; reported by Mrs. C. B. South.

James Carlisle Hensley, born December 5, 1920; reported by Mrs. Carl Hensley.

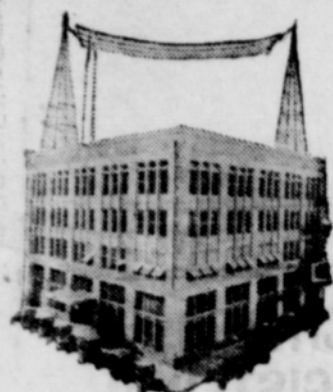
Merle Warren Gray, born June 16, 1924, reported by Mrs. James Miller Gray.

Elsie Lee Newell Gray, born January 11, 1919; reported by Mrs. James Miller Gray.

Manuel Levis, born November 23, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

—Cook, male, born November  
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### FOREIGN

Italy intends to re-establish fixed naval stations in South America and the Far East.

While Spaniards and Germans control the mercantile business in Costa Rica, all the hotel keepers are French.

English is becoming the language of international intercourse, declares Dr. A. von Wilke, in an essay concerning the language of diplomacy. He says that French, in this field, is losing its dominance.

Dr. Shigeru Kusama of Tokio has announced that he has obtained a new cure for typhus and measles. The cure is effected with the virus taken from the kidneys of an artificially infected monkey.

General Primo de Rivera has been appointed High Commissioner of the Spanish Protectorate in Morocco, following on the resignation of General Alparra. General Rivera will retain the presidency of the directorate.

After a thorough investigation of government expenditures in Brazil, a commission has reported that total expenses should be cut 8 per cent and heaviest should be made in the Ministry of Transportation and Public Works.

Beneath a stalagmite floor in the caves at Tobryan, near Newton Abbot, Devon, remains of hyenas and footprints and potery indicating human occupation have been found. In previous explorations of the caves prehistoric remains of men and animals have been discovered, and also the tooth of a hippopotamus. The present explorers have failed to discover any further trace of the hippopotamus.

**U. S. Vice Consul Wounded**  
Belgrade, Jugo-Slovia.—Henry Dayton, the American Vice Consul here, was shot and seriously wounded at his home by a young woman who afterward killed herself by opening the veins in her forearms. The shooting occurred during an interview between Vice Consul Dayton and the woman, Anna Oasoupaits. During the interview, according to reports, she fired three revolver shots which entered the Vice Consul's neck, and then committed suicide. Dayton's condition is not serious.

**Bank Clearings Grow.**  
Fort Worth, Texas.—During the eleven months of this year already past Fort Worth bank clearings have climbed steadily up over those of the same period last year. Bank clearings of the first eleven months of 1924 are \$30,000,000 greater than those of the first eleven months of 1923, according to figures compiled by the Fort Worth Clearing House Association.

The "tailor-made" cigarette is the chief cause of forest fires—now ravaging timber lands in several Eastern States and eating into the Nation's resources on a more dangerous scale this year than ever before. This is the verdict of experts of the Forest Service here, who estimate that the loss by forest fires this year will be between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 higher than the normal yearly average, which is \$16,500,000.

## TEXAS CATTLEMEN APPROVE REPORT OF CONVENTION

Amendment Provides Separation of Live Stock Body From Agricultural Department.

San Antonio, Texas.—Texas cattlemen settled all differences existing over operation of the present tick eradication law in the final session of the conference called by Governor-Elect Miriam A. Ferguson for that purpose.

The report of the committee appointed to work out a plan and make recommendations for putting it into effect was adopted by the conference.

It provides for repeal of the present compulsory tick eradication law, and recommends passage of a measure providing for compulsory tick eradication by State appropriation.

At first there was some opposition to adoption of the resolutions without reservation, but pleas by influential members of the conference won the opposition over to acceptance to the full report.

The text of the resolution was read to the convention by J. E. Ferguson, husband of the Governor-elect, who served as chairman of the conference. He explained the various recommendations and then called on Jim Callahan, who spoke on features of the recommendations and answered questions.

The following is the text of resolutions adopted:

That the present law, in so far as the same provides for compulsory tick eradication, and eradication zones, be repealed.

All that portion of Texas not released be placed under quarantine.

That a law be passed providing for compulsory tick eradication by State appropriation, commencing at the Colorado River, and all the counties adjoining said river on the west and south, and the next adjoining tier of counties on the west be cleaned and released from State and Federal quarantine, etc., until the Gulf and the Rio Grande be reached.

Enact stringent criminal statute prohibiting shipping or driving into or along side of any clean area.

Enact stringent criminal statute to prohibit the owners of ticky cattle from drifting or permitting them to go into clean area.

Permit cattle to go to State markets for immediate slaughter on one dipping under official inspection, which inspection shall be provided for by law.

Permit cattle to be shipped into free State areas, and into quarantine areas for immediate slaughter, upon being cleaned of ticks and inspected by an authorized official of the Sanitary Commission, such inspection to be adequately provided for by law.

Provide for a system of local option eradication work at county expense in all counties that are at present under quarantine and not required to do compulsory eradication work under State appropriation.

The committee was composed of Judge A. W. Seeligson and H. L. Kokenot of San Antonio, William Wardell of Fort Worth, Caesar Kleburg of Kingsville, A. P. Borden of Pierce, Judge Victor Brooks of Austin, J. M. Callen of Menard, Ed Lasater of Falfurrias and Henry Edd of Hebronville.

## PEACE AWARD GIVEN TO VISCOUNT CECIL

Britisher Wins Prize of Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

New York.—Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, formerly Lord Robert Cecil, is the winner of the \$25,000 award made by the Woodrow Wilson foundation "for meritorious service of a public character tending to the establishment of peace through justice."

Viscount Cecil was chosen unanimously out of about 100 nominees, Norman H. Davis, president of the board of trustees of the foundation, said in announcing the award. The verdict was rendered in Boston Nov. 8, by the jury of awards, headed by Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard University. The Viscount said he would come to America with Viscountess Cecil to receive the honor at a dinner to be given at the Hotel Astor Dec. 28, the sixty-eighth anniversary of President Wilson's birth.

The award is the first made by the foundation, which was created to give annually a prize of \$25,000 to the person who appeared to a jury to have done most to further the late President's ideals for world peace. A fund of about \$300,000 raised by public subscription, furnishes the income for the award.

## Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

### Holiday Suggestions

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The State Department has issued a flat denial of rumors current in Geneva that the Washington Government was taking steps to convoke a disarmament conference in Europe.

There probably will be no inauguration ball at the White House next March, owing to President Coolidge's disinclination for such a function. It is expected the inauguration will be marked by simplicity and economy.

The application of the Brownwood North and South Railway Company will be heard before the Railroad Commission of Texas at Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 15, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced.

A new bid for Muscle Shoals, similar to that of Henry Ford, which has been withdrawn, is expected by Senator Underwood, (Dem.), of Alabama, and he has decided to withhold a bill under preparation for the time being.

Senator Edge (Rep.), New Jersey, author of the postal salary increase bill which was vetoed by President Coolidge, plans to bring the measure before the Senate at the approaching session in an effort to get it passed over the executive's veto.

President Coolidge asked for a specific program of timber saving in opening the first national conference on utilization of forest products. The Nation faces timber exhaustion, the President warned, and the situation must be met, he insisted, by diminishing waste and increasing the

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## DOMESTIC

It is estimated that half the treat-  
ments by radium are given free.

About 600 years ago a man was  
beheaded in England for burning  
coal.

It is costing more than \$41 a min-  
ute to straighten out the tangled  
affairs of the late George J. Gould,  
as chief executor of the \$82,000,000  
estate of his father, Jay Gould, rail-  
road builder, according to an asser-  
tion made to the referee who is  
taking testimony in the investigation.

A middle-aged woman of apparent  
refinement is being held in a Brook-  
lyn hospital after being found by a  
policeman lying face upward in a  
field under a \$700 pile of \$1 and \$5  
bank notes. Her chest was further  
protected against the cold by \$700  
worth of Liberty Bonds and a bank  
book showing deposits of \$1,200 in  
the name of Minnie Griffin.

A sun-tanned Canadian voyager  
came unheralded to the New York  
barge office at the Battery recently.  
Forty-two days ago, George H. G.  
Smyth of Toronto, 33 years old, left  
Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova  
Scotia, in a fifteen-foot open canoe.  
He paddled 1,350 miles in salt water  
and claims to have set a record. The  
feat was performed on a wager.

American railroads saved \$932,-  
591,000 in operating expenses in 1923  
and passed along \$657,000,000 of this  
sum to the public in the shape of  
reduced freight rates. This state-  
ment was issued by the American  
Railway Association after the annual  
meeting at New York of its 193  
class 1 member roads. During the  
first eight months in 1924, accord-  
ing to the statement, the shipping  
public was saved another \$380,000,-  
000 through reduced freight rates.

Automobiles registered in the Unit-  
ed States in the first six months of  
1924 amounted to 15,552,077, an in-  
crease of 20 per cent over the same  
period of last year. There were  
registered during the first six months  
of this year 13,645,726 passenger cars,  
1,831,405 motor trucks and 74,946  
taxicabs, busses and cars for hire.  
It is estimated that before the end  
of the year the total number of all  
classes of cars in use on the streets  
and highways of this country will  
exceed 18,000,000.

George H. Pride, of the traffic  
planning and safety committee of the  
National Automobile Chamber of Com-  
merce, speaking for the convention  
of the National Safety Council, said,  
"Most of the automobile driving is  
careful and considerate. There were  
approximately 16,000 motor fatalities  
last year. The average annual mil-  
age of a motor vehicle is estimated  
at 5,000; apply this to the 15,000,000  
cars and trucks registered, gives a  
total of 75,000,000,000 car miles. From  
these figures it appears that there is  
a motor fatality on the average for  
every 4,000,000 miles of car driv-  
ing."

Wins High Stock Show Honor.  
Chicago.—Ford Mercer, whose father  
and mother can neither read nor  
write and who lives with his par-  
ents and thirteen brothers and sis-  
ters in a three-room shack in Wel-  
ton, Okla., is possessor of the Moses'  
Cup and selected as the most out-  
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The first concrete move to prevent  
publication of income tax returns  
was made recently by Representative  
Watson of Pennsylvania, a Republi-  
can member of the Ways and Means  
Committee, who announced he would  
introduce a bill to eliminate from the  
present tax law that portion cover-  
ing publication of the amount of tax  
paid by each person.

The 1923 output of natural gas  
gasoline, reported by the United  
States Geological Survey, amounted to  
\$16,226,000 gallons, with a value at  
the plants of \$77,268,000, the in-  
crease being 61 per cent greater  
than that of 1922 and more than  
double that of 1920. One hundred  
Texas plants were engaged in pro-  
ducing this character of gasoline,  
their combined output being 177,-  
765,000 gallons with an average value  
of 8.3c per gallon. In obtaining the  
gasoline, it is estimated that the  
Texas plants treated 114,000,000,000  
cubic feet of natural gas.

Completion of the Navy's two big  
airplane carriers through conversion  
of the battle cruisers Lexington and  
Saratoga, as provided by the Wash-  
ington naval limitation treaty, will be  
delayed beyond July 1, 1926, in the  
opinion of Rear Admiral J. D. Beuret,  
chief of the Bureau of Construction  
and Repair. "The present rate of  
progress is not satisfactory," Admiral  
Beuret's annual report states, "and  
the bureaus concerned are investigat-  
ing the steps necessary to avoid  
further delay."

A Federal law to prohibit the sale  
of Christmas trees is advocated by  
H. V. Berry of Fort Plain, N. Y., a  
delegate to the National Convention  
on Utilization of Forest Products. "It  
is poor practice to teach children to  
have trees at Christmas," he said.

The campaign for governmental  
economy resulted in the Interior De-  
partment turning back into the Treas-  
ury \$25,128,786, unspent from its last  
appropriation. Nearly all of this  
amount was saved in the Pension Bu-  
reau. It above turning back \$23,000,000.

The division of Oklahoma into  
three Federal judicial districts, known  
as the Eastern, the Middle and the  
Western Districts, is provided in a  
bill offered by Representative Howard  
of the Tulsa district. The State  
now has three Federal Judges.

The lumber industry continued to  
boom during the week ended Novem-  
ber 22, according to figures announced  
by the National Lumber Manufactur-  
ers' Association. Reports from 219  
of the larger commercial sawmills  
showed an increase in production of  
9,596,277 feet over the preceding  
week; shipments of 36,877,362 feet,  
and unfilled orders of 47,771,515 feet.

Washington headquarters of the  
Near East declared recently in a  
statement that more than 2,000,000  
Americans observed Golden Rule  
Sunday Dec. 7 to aid orphans of the  
Bible lands. President Coolidge, Sec-  
retary Hughes, thirty-five State Gov-  
ernors, members of the diplomatic  
corps here and heads of twenty-two  
foreign Governments, the statement  
said, endorsed the plan.

More than 37 per cent of a \$1,674,-  
970 budget the American Red Cross  
has provided for the fiscal year  
which will close next June 30, will  
be expended for services in behalf  
of disabled former service men and  
their dependents. This is exclusive of  
funds which will be used for a simi-  
lar purpose by individual chapters in  
nearly 3,000 communities, said a  
statement the organization just is-  
sued.

Representative John (Rep.) South  
Dakota, chairman of the World War  
Veterans' Committee, now is rank-  
ing member of the Indian Committee.  
Whether he will resign the chair-  
manship of the Veterans' Committee  
and head the Indian Committee is un-  
certain. Should he retain the Vet-  
erans' Committee post, Representa-  
tive Leavitt (Rep.), Montana, will be  
ranking member of the Indian Com-  
mittee and would likely be offered  
the chairmanship.

A model for the heavens made re-  
cently for the University of Munich  
contains lights so arranged that the  
miniature sun, moon and stars move  
exactly as the celestial bodies do  
relatively to the earth.

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The Legislature will convene in about four weeks and many things will demand attention; but one thing the entire State is interested in is tax reduction. Our State Government costs too much and cannot pay its debts right now.

The next Legislature will have much the same problems that all Legislatures have, that is: How to give the State an efficient government without taxing the liver and lights out of the taxpayers.

Then there is the penitentiary, roads and road hogs that will come in for discussion. Travel on public highways is unsafe from two sources, the road hogs and hijackers. One who can travel a few hundred miles without having trouble with one or the other of these pests, is in luck. It is becoming more dangerous every day for any one to travel alone on all of our great highways. Reckless drivers, thieves or highwaymen are liable to tackle them any moment.

Once in a while some Smart Alicks get an idea in their thinkpots that they are bigger than the political party with which they happen to be affiliated, and they start out to smash things.

Roosevelt tried this, but, with all his popularity, failed; but polled enough votes to defeat his party and put it out of power for eight years.

LaFollette got the same bug in his bean and made a disastrous fizzle of things. Roosevelt received a much larger vote, both popular and electoral than President Tait, the regular nominee. Roosevelt proved himself so strong at that election—1912—that there never was any talk of disciplining him or any of his followers.

On the other hand, LaFollette made such a complete failure that he and his main followers have been fired out of the Republican party. Nothing succeeds like success, we are told, so nothing fails like a political failure, as LaFollette can testify.

Leon Trotsky, who, with Lenine, emeshed Russia in a sea of Bolshevism, is about to reap the result of his sowing. Seeing the folly of his half-baked theories of government, he is trying to get-back to a practical, commonsense idea of government, but the radical element, that has fattened on Russia's misrule won't have it, and Trotsky will have to go, if he has a head on him to go anywhere. Lenine is dead and Trotsky is as

good as dead. Robespierre, Marat and Danton, who overthrew the French monarchy and caused the Reign of Terror in France, all died violent deaths at the hands of the very political machine they built up to perpetuate themselves in power. Trotsky, and others like him in Russia, will have to go too, in good time

**A GROUCH THAT STICKS**

Our esteemed friend Editor L. B. Russell of the Comanche Enterprise, who espoused the candidacy of Doctor Butte, is taking his dish of crow like a good sport, but he is making an awful face over it.

However, his congratulation of Dr. Butte as a good sport, seems to be a trifle premature, as the Doctor refuses to admit that he is dead—defeated—after the Democratic party in Texas has mashed him flatter than a West Texas horned frog.—The Baird Star.

Brother Gilliland looked in the glass and saw the reflection of his own phiz. Absentmindedly, he imagined it was mine, forgetting that the tremendous reduction of the hitherto brutal Democratic majority in Texas had given him the allover and distorted his own features with a grouch that won't come off.

As to Dr. Butte, all he has said was that he wanted a fair count, and that he is entitled to that in even an overwhelming Democratic majority. If Brother Gilliland had been in Dr. Butte's place wouldn't he have demanded the same thing? Conceding a majority, does not condone violation of the election laws, and if they have been violated, they ought to be exposed regardless of majorities.

I shall never apologize to the Democratic party of Texas for voting for Dr. Butte under the circumstances. He is a gentleman and a scholar, but perhaps is wanting in the other qualification that used to be associated with the expression—for the benefit of the rising generation, explaining that the other words were "and a jug of good whisky." Brother Gilliland knows all about it.

Dr. Butte's only fault is that he ran as a nominee of the Republican party instead of as a Democrat. Considering that the nation has been governed by the Republican party 48 out of 68 years, and still lives and prospers, that ought not to be too grievously charged against him.—L. B. Russell in Comanche Enterprises of November 20, 1924.

The head line on the above is by Brother Russell. We do not think that the reader will have any difficulty in locating "A Grouch That Sticks." Our candidate won, Brother Russell lost, hence the grouch.

The Democratic majority this year was not decreased, as compared with other hotly contested State elections, but actually increased, and we have the record to prove it.

As to fair elections, we always favored them, and in our more than forty years experience as an election officer, at various times and places, we never had any suspicion that any election officer had any desire to perpetrate a fraud, though some of the elections in which we held various positions on the election boards, were exciting and feeling ran high.

We believe that if the truth could be revealed, Texas is freer from election frauds than any State in the Union. Why? Because the election officers are selected by Democrats and in this part of the State the very best men are selected—men known for their honesty and integrity.

That election frauds in Texas have occurred we have good reason to believe, but they are very rare, despite all the fox fire indulged in by defeated candidates.

As to whether Brother Russell will ever be called on to apologize for voting for Dr. Butte is a matter for his home people to decide, but will say this much: We hope that his political lapses this election will be overlooked for the good he has done in the past.

As to Dr. Butte being a gentleman and a scholar, we do not deny, but he was the Republican nominee for Governor of Texas, while a lady—a good Christian woman, a te-

totalier all her life, was the Democratic nominee.

Brother Russell states the case explicitly when he says that Dr. Butte ran on the wrong ticket—Republican. That is all we ever claimed and that is the best reason that any one can give why no Democrat should have voted for him.

The election is over, so let us bury our hammers long enough to see what the good woman we Democrats have elected Governor will do. If she fails—well, that will be a misfortune to her and to the State. Then Brother Russell and the balance of the knockers can get busy; but listen, we have faith that she will not fail. There is too much at stake, both for herself and for her friends, for her to do anything wrong intentionally. That she will make some mistakes is likely; that she will be criticised, whether she does or does not deserve it, is also probable.

No other Governor was free from mistakes, and all of them were criticised—some of them unmercifully, for their official acts. Let us treat the first woman Governor of Texas with more consideration than the men, because she deserves more consideration.

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Professor Kennamer's attempt has been very successful. As head of this department Professor Kennamer has a direct influence in the ru-

ral and city schools of West Texas. He directed the Geography Division of Nolan County Institute. His advice to teachers has been generally well accepted.

At the business session of the Texas Geography Council at San Antonio, on November 28, Professor Kennamer was elected Permanent Secretary of the organization. He was the only permanent officer elected during the session. Dr. Brown of the East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce, being elected President for a term of two years.

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## PERSONALS

Miss Hilda Albin left last night for Comanche, to visit her sister, Mrs. Lewis, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth and Mr. and Mrs. Olan B. Lidia made an automobile trip to Fort Worth, the first of the week.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, superannuated Methodist minister, was severely injured when an auto truck in Abilene collided last week. He is recovering. Rev. Mr. Stutts is well known in Callahan County, and his friends here are sorry to hear of his mishap. Modern city life is too swift for old folks.

Dog owners are officially notified elsewhere that the 1925 tax on their animals is now due and should be paid before the first day of January. This tax must be paid on all dogs maintained within the corporate limits of Baird, whether they are kept at home or allowed to run at large. Get your license paid and thus make sure that Canine Executioner Boone Williams doesn't send him to Dog Heaven.

### THANKS!

Another "Thanksgiving Day" has passed and with it many opportunities that were not utilized to express the thanks of a grateful soul. Because, perhaps, that soul was not grateful enough. It may be, in some instances, that the gratitude was there, but the habit of expressing it was absent.

Some of us condescend, once a year, to say "Thank you, God!" with our lips and gobble up every blessing in sight, with the thought that it is our due.

"Thanks!" is a word that partly expresses the attitude of a grateful heart. Partly expresses a PART of that attitude. An effective and not unselfish way of expressing that attitude, would be to cause someone else to give thanks, by giving to him. Other words, "it is more blessed to receive" thanks for some gift of value or service than to give thanks. That is another way of saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

To the many friends who have remembered me with a letter expressing a genuine gratitude, I wish to say: It brings me much joy indeed to get your messages of hope and encouragement and the kindly mention of whatever of services I may have rendered you. With the many already on my desk and those you have posted and are on the way, together with my work, make it impossible to reply to all of you separately. Many counties and other States are represented and much time would be required, therefore I ask the privilege of making this a letter of thanks to all of you for your kind words and ask you to write again. I love your letters and the memory of you.

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16	12:30 a. m.	12:35 a. m.
WEST BOUND		
1	7:15 p. m.	7:25 p. m.
3	3:30 p. m.	3:40 p. m.
5	4:35 a. m.	4:40 a. m.
15	3:35 a. m.	3:40 a. m.

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**WILL FORWARD NOTE**

Washington Surprised at Prospect of British Inquiry in Debt Funding Situation.

London.—The British Government, it is stated in official quarters, is expected to address a note to the American and French Governments in the course of the next few days requesting those Governments to inform Great Britain what steps have been taken or are anticipated in settling the French war debt to the United States.

Such inquiries, it was stated, were natural after the recent statements made both in France and in the United States regarding preliminary negotiations to such a settlement, as Great Britain not only was uninforming of such steps, but never has been approached on the subject of any settlement of the French war debts to the British Government.

France's debts to Great Britain amount to \$23,000,000 lbs. compared with 798,000,000 lbs. owed by France to the United States. It is pointed out that Great Britain has a right to expect, seeing the sums are almost identical and were obtained for the same cause, that the British Government receive the same treatment from France as any other nation in this tangled problem of inter-allied debts.

The British financial minister is necessarily bound to follow public opinion largely in the matter of debts, it is stated, and Great Britain's action in this particular case is guided by what the man in the street thinks and wants.

While it is everywhere admitted that the United States is under no sort of obligation to amend the British terms in any case, there is manifest expectation that if France is accorded better treatment, Great Britain will be similarly considered. There also is a growing insistence that, if France should pay the United States, she must also pay Great Britain.

Washington.—London reports that the British Government expected to address an inquiry to Washington and Paris asking information regarding the funding of the French war debts to the United States have been received with marked surprise by officials in close touch here with the debt funding situation.

It was said authoritatively that no intimation had come from London or from British Embassy quarters thus far indicating that the London Foreign Office proposed to take such a step.

**TEXANS ARE MENTIONED  
 FOR FARM BOARD**

R. D. Johnson of Houston and A. C. Williams of Fort Worth Indorsed.

Washington.—Appointment of a member of the Federal Farm Loan Board to take the place of M. L. Corey, resigned, is expected shortly after President Coolidge's return from Chicago, it is indicated in administration circles. Both Senators from Texas and members of the State delegation have indorsed R. D. Johnson of Houston, brother of Representative Luther Johnson, while A. C. Williams of Fort Worth, connected with the War Finance Corporation here in an advisory capacity, has the backing of Frank W. Mondell, member of the corporation and former Republican leader in the House.

Mr. Johnson is treasurer of the Texas Farm Land Bank at Houston, where he had been for seven years, formerly residing in Corsicana.

President Coolidge and Mr. Mondell, who may go into a Cabinet portfolio after March 4, have conferred several times over the vacancy, and considered the claims advanced in behalf of Mr. Williams, who is recognized for his ability in assisting the War Finance Corporation in valuing cattle for loan purposes. The president is said to be impressed with the need of a practical cattleman on the board. Mr. Williams was formerly assistant secretary of the Texas-Southwestern Live Stock Association.

**Raises Cotton in City Block.**  
 Midland, Texas.—Doc Wesson of Midland gathered over \$120 worth of cotton off a regular sized city block of land owned by Ralp Barroa

**LIVE STOCK RATE  
 HEARING IS SET**

Rail Commission To Take Up Matter At Fort Worth January 21.

Austin, Texas.—By orders just issued the Railroad Commission fixes Jan. 21, next, in the United States Court room in Fort Worth as the time and place for hearing the petition of Fort Worth stock interests and cattlemen generally for a revision of the live stock rates in Texas with a view of effecting reductions and equitable adjustments.

Original notice of hearing in this case was issued last July and the case has been postponed from time to time, until the present order was made.

The commission issued notice of hearing in Austin for Dec. 9 to consider the matter of increasing the minimum weight on cement plaster, carloads, from 25,000 to 60,000 pounds from Agatite, Acme, Plasterco and Pyramid to Dallas, Fort Worth and other points.

Notice of hearing in Austin for Dec. 9 was also issued at the instance of the S. A. & A. P. Railway Company to readjust the rates on riprap stone, carloads, from Olga and Beckman to Corpus Christi, and also the petition of the Dittlinger Lime Company of New Braunfels for a similar readjustment on stone from Dittlinger to Corpus Christi. Proposed rates would be 6 1-2c per 100 pounds on rock weighing up to 200 pounds and 7 1-2c on that over 200 pounds. The benefit of the reduction is to accrue to the municipality of Corpus Christi account the riprap breakwater now under construction at that point.

**Turkey Shipments Large.**  
 Clarksville, Texas.—Turkey shipments prior to Thanksgiving were unusually heavy at Clarksville. Local produce men report shipments of around 100,000 pounds.

**Britons Fight to Save  
 Historical Monuments**

London.—Modernizing English towns at the expense of historical monuments is being condemned throughout the country by civic societies and persons interested in keeping together the glory that was England's.

The post-war unrest is particularly shown in smaller towns, where the authorities are destroying buildings and other historical monuments to make wide roads, parks and other necessities of modern municipal planning.

The secretary of the society for the protection of ancient buildings has addressed a protest to the prime minister and will seek to have a bill against allowing the destruction brought before parliament.

Several famous buildings have been destroyed during the last year, it is stated in the letter to the premier, including the sixteenth century courthouse at Barking.

The society is also endeavoring to limit the destruction of ancient bridges which is going on over the country to meet the needs of the present-day heavy traffic.

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lands, while the tracts in Dallam  
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## ECONOMIC POLICY IS FAVORED BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

President Decries Embarking On Any  
New Large Expenditure  
Program.

Washington.—Congress was inform-  
ed Tuesday by President Coolidge in  
his annual budget message that pres-  
ent estimates point to a surplus of  
revenues over expenditures of \$67,  
884,489 for the present fiscal year  
and of \$573,743,489 for the fiscal year  
1926, but he advised against any  
further tax reduction until definite  
results from the present tax law are  
known.

"If we continue the campaign for  
economy we will pave the way for  
a further reduction in taxes," the  
President said. This reduction can  
not be effected immediately. Before  
it is undertaken we should know  
more definitely by actual operations  
what our revenues will be under our  
present tax law. But the knowl-  
edge of our revenue under the ex-  
isting law will avail us nothing if  
we embark on any new large expendi-  
ture program."

The President recalled his rec-  
ommendation for a reduction in  
taxes, and said that thus far in this  
fiscal year previous calculations of  
the results had been borne out. He  
declared a revision of the estimates  
for 1925 showed that receipts for the  
current year should approximate \$3,  
534,053,308, and compared these with  
the estimates for the next fiscal year,  
transmitted in the budget, showing  
probable cash disbursement by the  
Treasury of \$3,267,551,378, which will  
include some funds appropriated, but  
not all expended, in the current year.

In analyzing the estimates submit-  
ted, the President said:

"For the national defense the es-  
timates amount to \$549,000,000, which  
is \$29,000,000 less than the amount  
available this current fiscal year.  
These figures do not include non-  
military items of the War and Navy  
Departments. This reduction is made  
in accordance with my belief that  
we can have adequate national de-  
fense with a more modest outlay of  
the taxpayers' money. Further study  
may point the way to additional re-  
duction without weakening our na-  
tional defense, but rather perfecting  
it. This Nation is at peace with  
the world. We no longer have in-  
ternational competition in naval  
construction of major units. We are  
concerned primarily with maintain-  
ing adequate preparedness. We  
should have adequate preparedness in  
1926 within the limits of the amount  
recommended.

"Aside from the important factor  
of training personnel our national de-  
fense is largely an industrial problem.  
Today the outstanding weakness in  
the industrial situation as it affects  
national defense is the inadequacy  
of facilities to supply air service  
needs. The industry in this country  
at the present time is dependent al-  
most entirely upon Government busi-  
ness. To strengthen this industry  
is to strengthen our national defense.  
For the air service of the army and  
navy and the air mail service, the  
estimates, including contract authori-  
zations, amount to \$38,945,000. This  
contemplates an expenditure with the  
industries of \$18,287,000 for the pro-  
curement of airplanes, engines and  
accessories. The remaining \$20,658,  
000 is for maintenance, operation, ex-  
perimentation and research. The  
amount of \$38,945,000, however, does  
not include all that will be available  
for this service in 1926. Amounts con-  
tributing to the air service carried  
in other estimates, and usable war  
supplies will make a total availability  
conservatively estimated at \$65,000,  
000.

**Asks About System of Signals.**  
Fort Worth, Texas.—Fort Worth's  
electric traffic signal system is at-  
tracting widespread attention, as is  
evidenced by a letter received by the  
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce  
from the Chamber of Commerce of  
Altoona, Pa., requesting a detailed  
description of the system.

**Ambassador Sheffield Ill.**  
Mexico City.—American Ambassa-  
dor Sheffield is seriously ill here and  
his physicians are contemplating an  
operation to remove gallstones. This  
information was given out from an  
authoritative source to discredit the  
vague rumors that have been flit-  
ting about the capital that the Am-  
bassador's was a "diplomatic" illness.

**Italian Reservists Arrive.**  
Galveston, Texas.—The Italian na-  
val tanker Urano, with 125 Italian  
naval reservists on board, has arrived  
in port from Italy. The Urano will  
spend a week here before loading  
off for the Italian navy.

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## PRESIDENT'S POWER TO PARDON AT STAKE

Attorney General Stone Made His  
First Argument as Head of the  
Department of Justice.

Washington.—For the first time in  
the history of this Government the  
Supreme Court has been called upon  
to rule directly on the question of  
whether the President of the United  
States has the power to pardon in  
contempt of court cases.

This point, which has divided legal  
authorities for years, has come up  
in the case of Philip Grossman, Chi-  
cago, charged with selling liquor  
illegally. President Coolidge pardon-  
ed him after the Federal District  
Court in Northern Illinois had de-  
clared Grossman in contempt for  
violating an injunction ordering his  
place of business closed. The Dis-  
trict Court challenged the President's  
right to thus set aside the punish-  
ment inflicted to uphold its decrees  
and carried the case to the Supreme  
Court. A decision will be handed  
down sometime in the near future.

There have been about fifty con-  
tempt pardons in American legal his-  
tory, but it happens that none were  
appealed on grounds which brought  
the question of the President's power  
up directly for final review. This  
decision will be a landmark in Fed-  
eral jurisprudence. The District  
Court, in challenging the President's  
authority, insists that the court  
should have the power to enforce  
its own decisions and that the only  
way it can do this is by inflicting  
sentence for contempt. If the Presi-  
dent is at liberty to set aside such  
punishment, the court is denied its  
only method of compulsion, it is  
argued. Attorney General Stone  
made his first argument as head of  
the Department of Justice in this  
case, representing President Coolidge.

**Drouth Dries Up Pastures.**  
Brownwood.—It is very dry here.  
The rainfall for the past eleven  
months in this area was 23.24 inches.  
Pastures are drying up and water  
for stock is getting scarce.

**To Curb Speed of Ambulances.**  
Fort Worth, Texas.—Demand for an  
ordinance controlling the speed of  
ambulances in this city follows a  
collision Sunday in which an am-  
bulance carrying an injured motorist  
crashed with a small sedan, in which  
five persons were injured. A youth  
whose skull had been fractured in  
another accident, died soon after the  
second crash. John Alderman, Parks  
and Fire Commissioner, wants a  
city statute, prohibiting an ambulance  
from speeding on city streets.

### FOREIGN

Reports are current in Amsterdam  
that Czecho-Slovakia has instructed  
its representatives at London to dis-  
continue negotiations for a loan.

Premier Stanley Baldwin, now liv-  
ing at No. 10 Downing Street, will  
sell his \$90,000 home for \$40,000  
ready cash, a realty firm announces.  
The Government of Ecuador has  
contracted with a Hungarian, giving  
him the privilege of installing a can-  
ning plant anywhere in the Repub-  
lic.

The sale by auction of the late  
Sarah Bernhardt's seaside estate on  
Belle Isle en Mer, off the Brittany  
coast, is announced. The property,  
includes a chateau, three villas, a  
farm and a good deal of shooting,  
into lots.

Capt. Eldridge, a British driver, pi-  
loting a 300-horsepower Italian car,  
has made a new world record for  
ten miles. He made the distance in  
4 minutes 56.49 seconds, which is said  
to be 2.37 seconds better than the  
old record. His average speed was  
122.15 miles an hour.

It took 189 Paris policemen to  
make Luis Martin, a taxicab owner,  
to pay his income tax which amount-  
ed to \$2. Expenses of collecting the  
same, \$16, plus the policemen's time,  
Martin mobilized his friends and  
barricaded himself in his home, but  
finally surrendered and paid.

So tremendous has the traffic con-  
gestion in Paris become, owing to  
the 40 per cent increase of automob-  
iles since 1922, that the police au-  
thorities here are considering abol-  
ishing all street crossings on frequented  
thoroughfares and building instead  
foot bridges which pedestrians will be  
obliged to take. In some cases the  
bridges will be supported by tunnels,  
but owing to the construction of most  
Paris streets the latter solution is  
not available in most thoroughfares.  
All horse traffic is to be forbidden  
in main streets between the hours  
of 10 o'clock in the morning and  
6 o'clock at night.

Until recently Death Valley, Cali-  
fornia, where a temperature of 134.1  
degrees in the shade was registered  
at Greenland Branch on July 10,  
1913, was considered the hottest place  
on the earth's surface. According to  
the quarterly journal of the Royal  
Meteorological Society, this record  
has been broken at the Italian settle-  
ment of Azizia, in the semi-desert re-  
gion of North Africa, about twenty-  
five miles south of Tripoli, where a  
properly sheltered thermometer rose to  
136.6 degrees.

Bernado Gastelum has resigned as  
Minister of Public Instruction. He  
is the first Cabinet member to take  
this action in view of the coming  
inauguration of President Calles, and  
it is expected that other Ministers  
will follow suit, permitting Gen.  
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while the subscriptions reached \$36,000. It is expected that this amount will be raised to more than \$40,000 by the student body before the holidays.

The occasion was celebrated in the afternoon by a parade through the streets of Abilene, led by the new Simmons Cowboy Band. The parade was a spectacle to Abilene and vicinity, because of the spirit and enthusiasm manifested.

Banners, bearing slogans for the drive, were piercing in their effect upon the bystanders. The slogan of the Seniors was especially effective. It was: "Simmons University on our 1925 Diplomas!"

### NEW CITIZENS REGISTERED

Concluded from first page

26, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

— Lockley, female, born November 24, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

— Batley, female, born November 20, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

Doris Evelyn Barr, born November 12, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

— Coffman, female, born November 6, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

— Atwood, male, born November 3, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

Lucille Ross, born November 3, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

Dora Alice Owens, born November 1, 1924; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

H. L. Hays, Jr., born October 4, 1921; reported by J. H. Bailey, M. D.

Lewis Byron Wingo, born February 16, 1924; reported by Mrs. Gertrude Wingo.

Gradamae Elizabeth Respass, born November 7, 1924; reported by R. L. Griggs, M. D.

James Lewis Wingo, born November 10, 1920; reported by Mrs. J. P. Wingo.

Margaret Catherine Jones, born November 7, 1924 (stillborn); reported by A. R. Hays, M. D.

— Wright, female, born November 1924.

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Inspired by a speech delivered by Professor L. Q. Campbell, said to be the most brilliant ever heard in the halls of Simmons, backed by the courage and optimism of President D. Sandifer, the drive for cam-

paign pledges was begun before those in authority were aware of what was taking place.

The plan was merely to announce the drive, it was said, and appoint committees and representatives to present the movement to the various student organizations. But announcement of several one thousand dollar gifts from members of the student body, quickly followed by pledges of five hundred and lesser denominations, convinced President Sandifer that the time was hot for the striking.

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Huge canyons were cut down in a few centuries by the torrent of water, and numerous cata-racts, some of them higher than the Niagara falls, created. The giant among these waterfalls was 400 feet high and formed a river, in places three miles wide, which cut a canyon more than 1,000 feet deep. The situation, the professor asserted, has never occurred anywhere else on the earth.

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