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BAXTER SPRINGS IN 1894.

The times are growing better right along. They have been close, awful close, but now in every branch of business there is a marked improvement and it is believed that by the first of the year times will be good again. Of course when the money market improves and things look brighter in the East capitalists will then begin to look for places to invest the money which they drew out of banks during the senseless scare and crisis through which we have just passed. Baxter Springs should be pushed to the front where these capitalists cannot fail to see her. We have superior advantages here which other towns in the West do not possess and once the Eastern capitalists discover these things our successful future is assured.

But probably the Southwestern Electric Railway would do Baxter Springs more good—more substantial good—than would anything else. The officers of that road have said that as soon as the money market becomes easier the road will be extended to Baxter Springs. They are enthusiastic over the proposition to build to this point and would have done so last year had not a senseless scare pervaded the country and tied up money which would have been used for this purpose. The officers see that they can realize a big interest on their money by building to this point because our annual reunions, beautiful parks, fine fishing and beautiful scenery attract thousands of people here annually who live along the proposed line of the road, and they know that these people would come here oftener if they had any such means of coming as the electric road would afford.

But as we started out to say, times are growing better right along and if we will only work together, throw aside all petty jealousies and ward bitterness we can put Baxter a long way ahead of where she is in 1894. Suppose we try it. What helps the town helps the whole town and what is the use of quarreling. Let's put our shoulders to the wheel and make the year 1894 the banner year for Baxter Springs.

Troy Chief: What a pride it is to a state to be represented by whole-souled men. Kansas for instance. The Calamityites of Harrisburg, Pa., just before the election, had Pfeffer go there and address them. The vote shows that the party numbers just 57 in that city. When he was ready to leave he had to pay a hotel bill of \$1.50. He whined, and kicked, and growled, but paid it, and started for the depot. Several of the men of his party hearing of the matter, followed and overtook him and proffered him the \$1.50. With the liberality and unselfishness of a great soul—he took it.

The World's fair management has \$1,862,487 in its treasury instead of the deficit of several millions which envious rivals once predicted would be the outcome. Chicago has fairly earned the honor of being the wonder of modern days.

The report of the secretary of the Kansas State Historical society, which has just been issued, shows that copies of 765 Kansas newspapers are received regularly at the rooms of the society. Of this num-

ber there are thirty-nine dailies, 668 weeklies, one tri-weekly, one semi-weekly, forty-four monthlies, five semi-monthlies and seven quarterlies. Twenty-seven papers have suspended since January 1, 1893.

Contracts have been let for a million dollar mill dam at Topeka, to be used for manufacturing purposes. We have a dam already built with a water power superior to anything that can ever be gotten out of the Kaw river, and we offer our power free to manufacturers. The dam lunatics of Topeka must be off their base to put a million dollars into something Baxter offers for nothing.

THAT BIG EDITION.

The following paragraphs are clipped from our exchanges and have reference to the big edition of the NEWS:

Columbus Advocate: The Baxter NEWS of last week came to us Tuesday in a new form, all at home print with new type. It was a neat paper.

Scammon Globe-Miner: The Baxter Springs NEWS issued a 16-page trade edition last week. It was a hummer and reflects much credit on the city and the publishers of the NEWS, Gardner & Smith.

Seneca Dispatch: The Baxter Springs NEWS of last week comes to us in a full new dress of late style type, enlarged and much improved, very handsome and newsworthy and a credit to the town and the proprietors. Long may it wave.

Chetopa Democrat: The Baxter Springs NEWS last week issued a special edition of 16 pages all home print. The paper was handsomely gotten up, and contained some valuable matter pertaining to the many good qualities of Baxter and surrounding country.

Weir City Tribune: The Baxter Springs NEWS comes to us this week in a new dress and 16-page form. It is a downright beauty and reflects great credit upon its enterprising publishers, Messrs. Gardner & Smith and upon the business men and town in general.

Carl Junction, Mo., Standard: The Baxter Springs NEWS comes to us this week in an entire new dress of handsome type, sixteen pages of all at home print. While this is a special size, still the proprietors give notice that they have discarded their patent and will make it "all home" hereafter. The NEWS is a good local paper and we are glad to see it prosper.

Weir City Journal: The Baxter NEWS came out this week in such "chick" attire as would fairly take the breath from the most self-satisfied summer girl. The old girl not only has new "togging," but it is cut in the latest and most approved style and exclusively by home artisans; and her excellent health and wonderful growth have necessitated the use of double the cloth of former days. Long may this charming belle reign.

Oswego Independent: The Baxter Springs NEWS last week was the most healthy looking paper that has reached this office in a long while. Its editorial columns were not only teeming with facts concerning the advantages of Baxter Springs, but the advertising columns were overflowing with the advertisements of the live business firms of that town. The edition of that paper speaks volumes for the prosperity of Baxter Springs.

A Credit to Baxter.
Galena Times.

The Baxter Springs NEWS appeared last week in a complete new dress of handsome type, and celebrated the event with a sixteen-page edition, containing a large amount of nicely displayed advertising matter. The NEWS is a credit to Baxter, and speaks well for the enterprise and push of its proprietors.

Whatever may be the cause of blanching, the hair may be restored to its original color by the use of that potent remedy, Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Baxter Springs, Kansas, for the week ending November 29, 1893, which if not called for within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C.:

Pane, S L. Ewers, Frank
Spencer, Mrs C E Higgins, Mrs F
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised," giving date of list.
WM. MARCH, P. M.

For a sore throat there is nothing better than a flannel bandage dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will nearly always effect a cure in one night's time. This remedy is also a favorite for rheumatism and has cured many severe cases. 50 cent bottles for sale by McFadden & Price.

THE NAVY.

Interesting Summary of Herbert's Department.

MUCH MORE WORK REQUIRED.

Recent Additions Still Leave the Country in Bad Shape in the Event of Hostilities—A Moribund System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The annual report of Secretary Hilary A. Herbert is an interesting summary of the progress made in naval construction since the inauguration of the new American steel navy, with the result of replacing with high powered steel ships nearly all the old timber sides that made up the navy lists at the close of the war. The report shows that the total number of serviceable war vessels in the United States navy is forty-one, fifteen of which are armored. In addition there are sixty-four vessels on the lists, mostly wooden cruisers, tugs and antiquated monitors that are set down as unseaworthy for war purposes. Tables are given, showing the naval strength of the leading powers, and a comparison from them places the United States seventh in the rank of naval powers.

The delays experienced in building ships as a result of the failure of the steel companies to furnish the necessary armor is alluded to. Of 12,300 tons covered by the two principal contracts, only 1,949 tons had been delivered on the first day of March last. The great difficulties experienced by the armor makers have, however, all been overcome and deliveries of armor are now being made with satisfactory rapidity. Reference is made to the remarkable success of the steel makers in producing armor-piercing projectiles in this country, and it is said that they are equal, if not superior, to any such made at other places. A higher development of these projectiles has been made necessary by the discovery that they will not penetrate curved nickel plate at angles of 45 degrees.

The armor plate tests during the past year have in cases exceeded in severity any ever attempted, either in this country or abroad. The results have conclusively demonstrated the desirability of using the Harvey process for the armor of all vessels now under construction, and having induced the secretary to expect that all of the armor already ordered and not too far advanced should be treated by the Harvey process.

The department is conducting a careful investigation to ascertain what would be the effect upon the crew of a submerged boat of the detonation of a high explosive under water near by. It appears that the department is waiting for the result of the experiments with the fifteen-inch pneumatic guns now being constructed for the war department before proceeding further with the test of the Vesuvius. Should the war department experiments show these guns to be of little value for naval purposes, it would be in the interests of economy to transform the Vesuvius into a torpedo cruiser.

Probably the most important chapter in the report treats of the naval policy of the country. He says that our navy has not yet come up to the standard; that our navy shall be as effective when compared with others as that which the country possessed before the era of modern improvement, and when our seaports were deemed to be, as they certainly are not now, amply provided with fortifications fully up to the requirements of the age. The secretary says we now have building only four vessels which can properly be denominated first-class battle ships. The cruisers and gun boats we now have built and are building constitute an efficient fleet. "They can destroy merchant ships," says the secretary; "they can fight vessels of their own class, but they can not meet armored vessels with any reasonable hope of success, and in time of war, scattered abroad over the high seas, they would be if we sent them against an enemy's commerce, they would leave our unfortified sea coast, with all its cities, absolutely without reliance, except upon our four first-class and two second-class battleships, seven coast defense vessels and two little torpedo boats."

The secretary says that no one can value economy more highly than he does, but that safety of the country, its honor and its dignity, must rise above every other consideration, and the programme of authorizing the building of at least some vessels at each session of congress ought not to be interrupted now. Therefore, he recommends that the construction of at least one battle ship and six torpedo boats be authorized by congress at the coming session. The secretary again calls the atten-

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Lawrence LL Muslin.....	4 ¹ / ₂ c per yard
Entire stock of Prints.....	5c per yard
Entire stock of Dress Gingham.....	7c per yard
Entire stock of Staple Check Gingham.....	6c per yard
Entire stock of 10-4 Pepperell Br'n Sheeting.....	18c per yard
Best brand Carpet Warp, all colors.....	21c per lb.
15-inch all linen Crash.....	5c per yard
Standard Shirtings.....	7c per yard
25 pieces Worsted Dress Goods, worth 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c for.....	18c per yard
HOPE BLEACHED MUSLIN.....	7c per yard
LONSDALE MUSLIN.....	9c per yard

We are offering great bargains in all kinds of CLOTHING and have the best stock in Baxter Springs to select from. Don't fail to give us a call for a good wearing, honest made Boot or Shoe at rock bottom prices.

J. M. COOPER.

tion of congress to the alarming state of the personnel of the navy. He points to the evils which result from retarding promotions, so that men have passed the line of life without acquiring knowledge of responsible duties or having had the opportunity to assume the control of a man-of-war. This important branch of the public service now suffers from two great evils.

First—A large proportion of officers of the line of the navy, at a time when mind and body ought to be at the best, are serving in the lower ranks without command and the habit it begets.

Second—No method now exists whereby the government can get the very flower of its personnel into those positions where they can be of good service to the country, in consequence of which a dull, mechanical movement takes the place of healthy progression, led by merit and fitness.

He recommends that the number of enlisted men and boys in the service be increased by 2,000 men, also that the enlisted men of the navy be allowed to become citizens of the United States without forfeiting their continuous service in the navy. The report closes with the estimates for the next fiscal year which amount to \$27,885,914. The estimates for the same purpose for the current fiscal year amounted to \$24,471,498.

Notice of Wage Reduction.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 1.—Notices have been posted at the W. D. Wood rolling mills at McKeesport ordering a 10 per cent reduction in the wages of all employes, including the heads of departments and in the offices. The

wages of laborers will be lowered from \$1.40 to \$1.30 per day. The Wood company has tried to hold out but finds that the demoralized condition of trade compels them to reduce salaries.

DECLARED A SWINDLE.

An Insurance Commissioner Uses the Tar Brush on the Order of Solon.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 1.—Insurance Commissioner Lupert has just completed an official examination of the books of the Order of Solon, and in an interview he pronounced the whole scheme a fraud and declared the men who conducted it knew, and have known from the day of its inception, that they never could carry out their contracts in good faith. The constitution and by-laws of the order have been grossly violated, the books and accounts loosely kept and its affairs badly mismanaged.

Montana Bankers Indicted.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 1.—The United States grand jury has returned indictments against President H. F. Batchelor, Assistant Cashier C. L. Merrill and Director C. R. Middleton, of the Stock-growers' national bank, of Miles City. Batchelor is charged with embezzling \$70,000. Also against George F. Carey, cashier, and A. Machione, assistant cashier of the Livingstone national bank, and Will Hanks, president of the Merchants' national, of Great Falls. There are five indictments against Hanks.