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..PROSPERITY..

COMES TO ALL WHO TRADE WITH US

There is something of interest for all in our complete Stock of Merchandise. Our house is full from floor to ceiling, and we are after your trade with prices that are bound to command your attention. We give below a few of the many genuine Bargains we are now offering. * * * * *

Staples

Good, heavy wght yard wide LL domestic at 3½c
Extra quality bleach domestic, 36 in. wide at 4½c
Good grade 9-4 sheeting Pepperell brand, 16½c yd
Mattress ticking, good quality, per yard 5c
Good quality full width gingham checks at 4½c
Dress gingham in stripes and plaids at 5c
Our pride X cotton flannel, others ask 5 to 6½c; we sell it for 4c
We offer the best cotton flannel ever shown for the money; heavy twill and long knap, 13 yds. for \$1. Others ask 10c for it.
Best qual., guaranteed, feather tick 12½c yd. Others want 15 to 16½c for it.
Standard brands calico, fast colors, 25 yds for \$1.

Table oil cloth, full width and fancy colors, only per yard 12½c
Heavy weight, "school boy" jeans, only per yard 10c
Big line of percales in light and dark colors, per yard, 6½ to 12½c
Pretty assortment of outings in plaids and stripes, 5 to 12½c

Woolen Dress Goods

We are showing an elegant line of woolen dress goods in all the latest weaves and colors—by the yard and in patterns. Also a very pretty assortment of woolens and silks suitable for waists.
Excellent quality black silk gloria, 46 in. wide, per yard 85c
Extra quality Pu De Soie silk, 22 in. wide, per yard only \$1.25
5 pieces solid colored silks to close out at, per yard, only 15c
This is less than manufacturer's cost.

Hosiery

We have the best line of hosiery in town, bought direct from the mills, in ladies', men's and children's sizes. Our boys' bicycle hose wear like iron. Try a few pairs.

Blankets

Good knap, full size 10-4 blankets only, per pair 45c
Heavy weight all wool grey blankets per pair, only \$1.95
Others will ask you \$2.50 for no better.
Heavy weight, all wool red twilled blankets, full 10-4, only per pair \$2.45
This is a regular \$3 blanket.
Bed comforts 85c, 1.25, 1.50 and \$2.00.
Better blankets in whites and greys, prices in proportion.

Clothing

All wool dark grey Mettons, best quality lining and trimmings, would be cheap at \$10, our price only \$7.45
California suits that others ask you \$12.50 for, we sell at \$9.95
Heavy weight brown and grey stripe wool suit worth \$6.50, our price only \$4.95
Boys clothing from 65c to \$5.00 per suit.

Shoes

Shoes of ours you will find all over the country. Besides beauty they have style, durability and

economy to recommend them. Our prices put them within the reach of all. People ask for them and then they tell their neighbors that our quality is the best and our prices the lowest in the city.
Men's solid leather grain shoes, the kind that others sell at \$1.50, our price is only \$1.25
Extra quality men's calf shoes in lace and congress, a regular \$1.65 seller, our price only \$1.35
Men's light weight calf boots, worth \$2.75, at only \$2.40
Ladies' glove grain shoes, usually sold for \$1.25, our price 95c
We have the best ladies' dango-la shoes in button and lace ever shown for the money. Only \$1.50
Full line misses' and children's shoes at rock bottom prices.

Groceries

We handle a well assorted stock of groceries and queensware. Our prices are always the lowest.

Weber Wagons

The Weber is King of the road, the best ironed, best painted and lightest draft wagon on market. It has been on the market for over 55 yrs. and thoroughly stood the test. Sold on liberal terms.

Space forbids our naming all the good things we have in store, but we guarantee the prices to be as low as the lowest and if any concern in their "zeal for business" quotes lower, we'll go 'em one better.

For Seasonable Goods and Reasonable Prices
Always Go To

The Star Store Company,
LEA... FLOW... CES...

A New
Furniture
Store...

WE ARE WITH YOU.....

WE WANT YOUR TRADE
FOR THESE REASONS

Because we have the stock to supply you the best.
Because our attention will insure you the best service.
Because one order is a step toward a permanent customer.
Because we can save you time and money.

China Closets, Book Cases, Folding Beds, Rolled Desks, Chiffoniers, Safes and Bed Room Suits. In fact, Anything in the Line of Furniture .. .

MERKEL FURNITURE COMPANY

ELLIOTT & MILLER, DEALERS IN WINDMILLS, PUMPS & WATER SUPPLY GOODS

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear, Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; a full assortment of Pumps Piping from 1-4 to 2 in. plain and galvanized, Brass Cylinders and Working Barrels from 2 to 4 in. We buy in car lots and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.

THE MERKEL MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN, Publisher.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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The call for 25,000 volunteers for service in the Philippines does not tend to emphasize the sentiment that the war is over.

As will have to hustle if she had that 2 1/2 million bale crop. It's coming in very fast and it now seems that a million bale crop will be the limit.

Ellis county woman who headed a midnight party into a batter-cake, decorated chromo for feminine few women can command muscle and the energy under such trying circumstances. It is doubtful, however, she could withstand the heat of a rat quite so heroically.

of corn on the hoof in the crib. That is a bushel in a fat porker bushels when sold in a wagon. Try the experiment.

Treasury officials are considering the placing of President Garfield's portrait on national bills. Since 1882, shortly after the death of President Garfield, \$5 bills have had no more than that of Garfield. The graving was adopted soon after the passage of act of 1881, giving national bank charters, and legislation along this line is expected by the coming

Congress, it is proposed to adopt the portraits of both President Harrison and McKinley on new issues, probably to distinguish the 5s and 10s.

Some romantic parents love to christen their infants with high-falutin' names. Religious parents search the Scriptures before the baptismal ceremony. Parents in search of a fortune will label their luckless babes with the surnames of the expected testator. But, nevertheless, the list of common English Christian names is a very small one. Out of every hundred fathers and mothers of male children some 84 limit their choice to 15 familiar names. The favorite name is undoubtedly William. In all ranks of society—in the peerage as in the workhouse—William is the commonest of male Christian names. Stop the first thousand men you meet in the street—no fewer than 170 are Williams. A long way behind come the Johns, closely followed by the Georges. Of every thousand men 94 are called John and 92 George. The next commonest is Thomas, which has 74 owners, while James has 72. Henry and Harry between them are 70 in number. Of these about one in four has received the name of Harry at the baptismal font. Following them come Frederick, with 57; Charles, with 48; Alfred, with 45, and Albert some ways behind with 31.

The chief secret of success is to remain cool, calm, and collected in every emergency of life. Napoleon's coolness, decision and ability made his success. Similar qualities served Washington, Lee and Wellington equally well. Generals, admirals, clergymen, lawyers and physicians must have at all times absolute control of themselves or failure inevitably awaits them. Dull men achieve more by coolness than brilliant men who lose their nerve just when it is most needed. Above all men, sailors most require absolute control of their nerves, for peril always confronts them at sea.

Make a gift of a diamond ring to a friend or loved one. We have a nice stock from which to make a selection.

Rust & Co.
Clarley Hogue
Louisiana last night.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

There are 136 divorce suits pending in the Navarro County District Court.

The appropriation bill passed by the Legislature toots up a total of \$5,753,640.62.

Former Senator Chilton declines to enter the race for governor.

A negro baby was born in a New Orleans hospital the other day which has two heads, two spinal columns, two sets of lungs, two stomachs, but only one set of intestines. It is still living.

The Western National Bank of Midland has been organized with a capital of \$75,000.

Anarchists have bobbed up in San Antonio and the life of Mayor Hicks and other prominent citizens has been threatened.

There are 604 producing oil wells at Corsicana.

The American yacht Columbia won the international races and the cup remains on this side of the water. It has been held fifty years in America.

Complaints of the scarcity of stock water are coming in from the Territory.

State Commissioner of Agriculture Johnson estimates the cotton crop of the state at 2,450,000 bales, against 3,300,000 last year.

The scarcity of corn in Mexico has prompted the government to remove the duty from this commodity, in order that the poor people might secure cheap food.

Admiral Schley has reached the age limit and will retire from active service.

The Controller has made a new apportionment of the pension fund for Confederates this year. Under this apportionment the pensioners are to receive \$7.65 per quarter, an increase of \$1.50 per quarter over last year.

So far there are twelve towns working for the Girls' Industrial School, to be established by the state.

The Panhandle is the most prosperous section of the state this year.

They are having snows in the northern states.

The pecan crop is said to be short.

The Boers have made an appeal to President Roosevelt, through sympathizers in this country, in these words: "Please stop the shipment of horses and mules from New Orleans to Cape Town if possible. Please make England fight fairly in South Africa."

Live quail to the value of \$100 were shipped out of Indian Territory last year.

The daughter of Secretary of War is dead.

NO. 5661.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank of Merkel
At Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Sept. 30th, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$90,503.55
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,172.03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	15,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	956.25
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	6,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	6,620.04
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	1,084.36
Due from approved reserve agents.....	4,262.04
Internal-Revenue stamps.....	56.40
Checks & other cash items.....	1,120.37
Notes of other Nat'l Banks.....	1,195.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents.....	147.20
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz. Specie { 5,822.25 Legal tender notes { 4,000.00 Redemption fund with U.S. Treas. (5 per ct. of circ'n.	9,822.25
Treas. (5 per ct. of circ'n.	750.00
Total.....	138,689.49

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$30,000.00
Surplus fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	2,045.22
National Bank notes outstanding.....	15,000.00
Due to other Nat'l Banks.....	12.98
Individual deposits subject to check.....	74,565.13
Notes & bills rediscounted.....	15,566.16
Total.....	138,689.49

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss:
I, Geo. S. Berry, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Oct., 1901.
ISAAC N. TAYLOR,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.
CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. WARREN,
G. F. WEST,
C. M. LARGENT, } Directors.

A Fiendish Attack.

An attack who lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard's drug store.

A Thoughtful Mother Says.

That if you want your children to be courteous, you must treat them with respect.

That when it is necessary to administer reproof it should be given in private.

That they will invariably copy your manners, so you must take care that they are the best.

That you should be as careful of their feelings as you wish them to be of the feelings of others.

That most children are sensitive on this point; it injures their self-respect and they feel it acutely, though they are not able to express it in words.

That to tell a child in public that it has been rude or lacking in good breeding is as unwarrantable as it would be to tell a guest so.

That it is no excuse to argue that you are doing it for the purpose of making the child better and more thoughtful.

That this can be accomplished much better if you take the child aside at the first convenient opportunity and gently but firmly point out what the error was, and what should be done on the next occasion.

It is possible to callous a conscience by two rigid and this is a mistake. Two many mothers.—

of Mr. Lester,
Tuesday night
Wednesday

J. T. WARREN, Pres.
G. F. WEST, Vice Pres.
GEO. S. BERRY, Cash.

The First National Bank

...of Merkel.

Capital, \$30,000.

SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$1,704.86

We solicit legitimate business only. Speculative accounts are not desired. We give personal attention to the business of our customers, and all accounts, large or small, have courteous and liberal treatment, with strict confidence. We always have money to loan on good security. Valuable papers of our customers kept safely, free of charge.

Does a general Banking and Exchange business. Special attention to collections on ALL points. Exchange bought and sold.

We will appreciate your business and extend all accommodations consistent with sound and conservative banking.

Our bank is insured against burglary and robbery with the Bankers' Mutual Casualty Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, and all deposits made with this bank are absolutely safe.

By-Law 11 of this institution provides that "No active officer in the management of this bank shall be permitted to borrow any money, either directly or indirectly."

Hand this paper to your friend or neighbor and kindly ask him to scan its columns closely. Perhaps he will find something of interest to him in it.

"The Best is the Cheapest."

Not how cheap, but how good, is the question.

The Twice-a-week Republic is not as cheap as are some so-called newspapers. But it is as cheap as it is possible to sell a first-class newspaper. It prints all the news that is worth printing. If you read it all the year round, you are posted on all the important and interesting affairs of the world. It is the best and most reliable newspaper that money and brains can produce—and those should be the distinguished traits of the newspaper that is designed to be read by all the members of the family.

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St. Louis, Mo.

Aunt Lucindy

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her, says its fine for swellings, tooth-ache, colic, weak back and back-ache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty-nine grandchildren and ought to know what is talking about.

...Some Smart Man...

We Invite you to get our prices on
Dry Goods
Clothing
Shoes
Hats

A long time ago said that economy was the greatest of all revenues, which is the same as saying that saving money is greater than making it. We are holding out economy every day to our customers. Saving money on necessary purchases is Economy. Buying goods that wear and look well is Economy. Trading at a store that enables you to do these things is Economy. That's us.

Do you eat? Then visit our Grocery Dept.

J. P. SHARP CO.

Our Shoe Department attention because of the

High of Goods
and....
Small Prices

THE WEST TEXAS FAIR.

An Assured Success—Matchless Program of Entertainment.

To The Public:—

The directors of the West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene, Texas, Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are pleased to announce that all indications point to the biggest and best weeks Fair ever seen in the West. Reduced railroad rates have been secured and your nearest ticket agent will gladly furnish all desired information as to time limit, rates, etc. The Abilene local will be extended to Big Springs on Thursday and Friday evenings returning Friday and Saturday mornings thus giving first class accommodations for the school children Friday, and an opportunity for all to see the greatest roping contest of the year Saturday. The first prize for the roping contest will be \$100 cash. Second a \$65 saddle given by Kauffman Bros. third, bridle, blanket and spurs given by C. E. Welch.

The racing program will be the finest ever seen in West Texas and the string of racers now on hand and to arrive insures the most exciting week's racing ever pulled off in the history of the Fair.

The great and wonderful Creswell band of Dallas will delight the visitors with superb music. The Dallas Artillery Company's daily drills and camp life will be of great interest to all who feel interested in our nation's fighting power.

Many side attractions have been arranged for and the farm, orchard, garden, live stock, poultry, swine, and other exhibits will be large and complete. In a few words the West Texas Fair this year will please you in every way and you are earnestly invited to attend. The following is an outline of the program:

Tuesday Oct. 15th.—Opening day.—Grand street parade.

Wednesday Oct. 16th.—Civic society day.—Grand street parade in uniform.

Thursday Oct. 17th.—Old Settlers and Confederate Soldiers day.—Prominent speakers will be on hand.

Friday Oct. 18th.—Children's day.—Grand preparations have been made to amuse the children.

Saturday Oct. 19th.—Grand roping contest.—Big day for everybody.

The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Subscribe and quit borrowing.

Brain-Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Greene's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's special almanac.

For Busy Housewives.

Add a pinch of salt to coffee to give it a tone.

Sprinkle clothes with hot water and brush with broom.

Rub celery on the hands to remove the odor of onions.

Mix stove blacking with a little ammonia to prevent it burning off.

Add a few drops of ammonia to the blueing water to whiten clothes.

Add a little sugar to the milk to prevent it sticking to the vessel while boiling.

Add one or two tablespoonfuls of sugar to strong tumblers when cooking.

Place an apple in the bread and cake boxes to keep bread and cake moist.

Mix a little corn starch with salt before filling the salt shaker, to prevent its clogging.

Sprinkle grated cheese over oatmeal porridge instead of sugar and eat with cream.

Make a splendid furniture polish by taking a wine glass of olive oil, one of vinegar and two tablespoonfuls of alcohol; apply with soft cloth and polish with flannel.

A Magazine for College Men.

The Business Side of a Great University, by President Harper, of the University of Chicago, is the opening article in the College Man's Number (October 12) of The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia.

Theodore Roosevelt, Harvard '80 is the title of an entertaining paper on the President's college life, by his friend, Owen Wister. Other strong features of this number are short stories by Max Adeler, Jesse Lynch Williams and Frank Norris, and a page of droll "Nature Studies" by Oliver Herford.

This number will be of unusual interest to all college men.

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Buy your corn, oats and bran from G. M. Sharp.

We Can't Tell a Lie.

When we say there is no shaking bottles, no licking of spoons, no faces when Cheatham's Laxative Chills Tablets are used. 25 cents. no cure—no pay.

Watches, clocks, rings, brooches, etc.—an up-to-date line at right prices.

Rust & Pittard.

Our New Fall Goods

Are Coming in Daily
Our Stock is Complete

We call special attention of our customers to these strong points

**Large Stock of Goods,
The Latest Styles,
Lowest Prices.**

Please call and see our New Line
It's a pleasure to show our Goods

J. O. HAMILTON

S. W. SHEPPARD

**Groceries,
Vegetables,
Country
Produce and
Fresh Meats.**

OUR STOCK NOW is complete and everything new and fresh. Goes as low as the low. Try us this month and see if you don't get better service for less money than ever before. Free and prompt delivery to any part of the city.

THE MERKEL MEAT MARKET

D. M. CRAVEN, MANAGER.

BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE

The Abilene Fair will open next week. Better go down and enjoy yourself.

Mr. Bok's Advice on Marriage.

A young man recently wrote to the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal asking: "What have you to say, squarely and fairly, to a young man of twenty-nine about to marry?" In the October Journal Mr. Bok uses adage for his answer. Its salient points are these: That a man should make a woman of his choice his chum, as well as his wife; that he should show her the highest consideration as well as love her; that he should remember that he owes his wife to her mother, and treat his mother-in-law with respect, at least; that he should keep his wife informed as to his income; that he should give her a regular allowance and that he should have his life insured in her favor. And above all, that when a young man marries he must remember that he leaves a world of self and enters into a world of another self.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Henderson Grimmett, of this place, was stricken with partial paralysis and completely lost the use of one arm and side. After being treated by an eminent physician for quite a while without relief, my wife recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and after using two bottles of it he is almost entirely cured.—Geo. R. McDonald, Man, Logan county, W. Va. Several other very remarkable cures of partial paralysis have been effected by the use of this liniment. It is very well known, however, as a rheumatism, sprains and pains. Sold by Rust & Pittard.

School books and school supplies, maps, and the latest for home reading.

Rust & Pittard's
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The Only Exclusive DRY GOODS HOUSE IN MERKEL.

Fitts & Smith

To supply your wants in everything that is new and up-to-date in the Dry Goods line. We have the largest Dry Goods ever shown in this part of the country, and at the lowest prices ever placed on new and seasonable merchandise. We are new people here, having only been in Merkel a few months. Our trade has been far better than we expected. Now we are here to do business with you and will give you money's worth. We are never underbought or undersold.

Shoes! shoes! Shoes!

There is where we are fixed. We have shoes for everybody and they are the best. If they are not as represented, bring them back and we will mend them for you. This will prove to you that we think them good. Remember, we sell as we advertise—your money back if you want it.

Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

We have the best stock of Clothing ever shown

Youths' and Children's Clothing.

To see them you will certainly appreciate the nice assortment we have.

2 piece suits from 75c to \$5.

3 piece suits, in youths with long pants, sizes 13 to 19, from \$3 to \$8.50.

We can certainly show you the nicest line of Shirts, Collars, Cuffs and Ties, mens and boys underwear in cotton and wool. See the fleece lined suits we sell at \$1—they are great values.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Goods

Ladies Skirts from \$1 to \$10; all the latest styles. Ladies Shirt Waists in Percales, Flannels, Silks and Velvets. We show the greatest line of the above goods ever brought to this town. They range in price from 40c to \$5.

In knit goods in cotton, wool and satines at prices cheaper than you could buy material and make 'em.

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets.

Bring Other Fellow's Prices With You; We'll Duplicate the Goods and Discount the Prices!

is country. Our suits for men range in prices from \$4.95 to \$20. We can fit the stout or the slim if we can't give you a genteel fit we don't want to sell you. We should like to show you some of the best patterns you have ever seen and at less money than you would think they could be sold for.

Dress Goods.

We have everything new that we could secure. Many things in new weaves. We can show you as fine a line of Dress goods as you will find in larger towns and at less money than they will ask you for cheaper goods. An elegant line of new silks and satines, plain and figured, and every piece new. To appreciate these novelties is to see them and hear the price.

FITTS & SMITH

We show you some of the handsomest things you will see again soon. They are the latest in style and we have made the prices in line with the times. We want to show them to you. Childrens Reefer Jackets, the thing for a school jacket, and they are so cheap that all can afford to buy them.

Ladies' Capes and Jackets.

A nice Cape with fur-trimmed collar for \$1. We have a fine stock of plush capes. Ask to see them. It don't cost anything to look at goods in our store.

Ladies' and Misses' Underwear.

Union suits at prices from 35c to \$1.50. We've a large stock of these goods in cotton and wool.

THE MAIL

ED J. EEMAN,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Advertising Rates Reasonable.

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Three months......25

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When you hear an individual speak lightly of his home paper for publishing some item of news from the calendar of just ascribe his utterances to lack of business astuteness or dullness of comprehension. Mail is so persistently raked at the coals for this so-called sense that we long since ceased to grieve over it, but when a desire for the suppression of a news item, in which the public is directly interested, leads to harsh criticisms and unkind words, seemingly for the purpose of injuring the paper, we naturally feel like registering a vigorous kick. People do not think that a newspaper is a business institution which must be conducted on business lines and that it largely depends for its success on the quantity and quality of news dished out. The Mail never aspired to be a scandal monger, neither is it a "spleen bag," but when a crime is committed we are expected to give a detailed account of the same. We fail in this duty if we do not. Again, when a crime is committed, we are expected to cover it up, or to be silent. Morality mentioned in connection with politics loses its savor. The two, like oil and water, will not mix.

patronage of the paper. People don't think that the news will be scattered through the channel of gossip, or that there are other newspapers which are sure to hear the story and give it, perhaps in an enlarged form, to their readers. There are many things happening almost every day, which come under the head of news items, that we should be glad to suppress, mainly for the regard we hold for some one, but duty and a sense of the business responsibility incumbent upon us demand their publication. The Mail strives to treat everybody fairly. We try not to show partiality, but it can not be expected that we give every little local or news item that floats around. Least of all should we be accused of giving prominence to crime, while neglecting to chronicle the pleasures emanating from the same home. We take great pleasure in saying nice things about every one, but it need not be expected that we will jeopardize our own business interests merely for the gratification of a chosen few. We give the same prominence to every crime, whether committed by a country jay or a town guy, and if ill feeling or malice is engendered we are sorry—that's all.

Your will never go to heaven with words of scandal protruding from your mouth.

American ingenuity has again demonstrated its superiority over the English product.

Cover the faults of your neighbor with the mantle of charity and draw down the curtain over his acts.

Morality mentioned in connection with politics loses its savor. The two, like oil and water, will not mix.

The marriage of Gov. Bob Taylor ought to have been a prosy affair done up in rhetorical verbiage.

Roosevelt has reached the height of his ambition, but it is doubtful if he appreciates the pesterings of the pie hunters.

The Legislature has packed its traps and gone home. Viewed in the light of an oratorical contest it was a howling success. But 'nuff said.

This is the time of year for turnip greens and "sich like" and pretty soon the "spare rib" season will be upon us. Both crops are amply large.

Lanham is pretty good gubernatorial timber, but it is doubtful if a western man could be elected to the office. He seems to be the leading aspirant, however.

There is a disposition throughout the State to make the idlers and loafers go to work. The sooner the better for the entire country, for idleness is the father of crime.

Small pox is essentially a cold weather product and is most common to filthy locations and surroundings. Is Merkel filthy? Not so bad as other towns, but we could be cleaner.

It has not been long since a law making pistol "toting" not only a finable, but a jailable offense, was passed. Do you ever hear of a man getting a full sentence for this crime? or has the law been repealed?

Just when the country settles down to the conviction that the Philippine war has been brought to a termination, then it is that we are ruthlessly distributed by a reported massacre from the seat of trouble.

Fighter Crane has announced that, although he goes against the wishes of his friends in doing so, he has decided not to enter the gubernatorial arena. Perhaps one solar plexus blow had the effect of taking the kinks out of his self-conceit.

There's glory enough in this old world for all of us. The act of doing one's duty under any and all circumstances should be a taste of glory sufficient for the most aspiring mind. A noble life well spent is a heritage which all of us can hand down to posterity.

Parents make a great mistake in criticising people in the presence of their children. This fact was brought very forcibly before The Mail the other day, when a youthful version of some unjust criticism was expressed in our hearing, which emanated from the family hearthstone.

The name of John H. Reagan, the venerable Texan, is being mentioned in connection with the governorship. Judge Reagan is the greatest living Southerner, the only surviving member of the Confederate cabinet and a man tried and true. To round out his career in the gubernatorial chair would be a fitting reward for his distinguished service to the country.

Perhaps never before in the history of the State has such a vigorous war been waged against vagrancy, especially in the cities. The result is that idlers and petty thieves have been driven to the country to ply their nefarious trades. Crime in the rural districts has been more common this year than formerly and this should lead to the rigid enforcement of the vagrancy law. The country is the very worst place for idlers.

The high prices of feed stuff, combined with the scarcity of grass, has caused a great rush of cattle to the markets and, in consequence, the price of beef cattle has gone lower and lower. In the face of this fact it is reasonable to suppose that cattle will go clear out of sight next season. Those who have the feed and the grass and are prepared to hold their cattle until spring will find themselves the possessors of some very valuable stuff.

A movement is on foot in Washington to change the name of the Philippine Islands to the McKinley Islands, in honor of the martyred President. It is all rot, sentimental rot. The Filipinos have already been robbed of their independence and to take their birthright away from them would be a great crime. McKinley left to the world the priceless heritage of a good name, an honorable and useful life, and nothing more is needed to perpetuate his memory for generations to come.

Texas is short a million bales of cotton this year, still there is enough to go round. A 2½ million bale crop means that, divided equally among the masses, every man, woman and child in the State is entitled to two-thirds of a bale, or about \$25 per capita, which is no small thing when the value of other crops are considered and apportioned out. Add to this the productions of coal and iron and oil and the numerous trades and industries and we will bring prosperity in close range to the State, if not actually in our midst. The greatest loss, however, is in the feed crops, which is a serious calamity to farming interests and will cut a wide swath in the existing prosperity. It will be a hard matter to keep the plows running on full time next year, in some parts of the State.

I make no extra charges for delivering groceries and the cost of delivery is not added to your bill. Remember this.

S. W. SHEPPARD.

Friday and Saturday were both ushered in by Sand storms, but the wind changed to a norther Sunday.

Several new houses have recently been built in the Johnson addition. It is hard to keep in touch with the building boom.

Buy New Idea 10c patterns at The Star Store Co.

Mrs. Dr. Leemrn left Monday morning for Galveston to attend the grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Allen and little daughter are taking in the fair at Dallas.

Buy your corn, oats, bran and salt from G. M. Sharp, the only exclusive grain dealer in the town.

The tearing down of the Thornton frame building on front street marks the passing of an old land mark. It was among the first, if not the very first, business houses erected in the town. But old land marks, however much we may regret their going, must give way to the demand for more modern structures.

To make good biscuits use Peace-Maker Flour and Gainsville Lard.

J. T. Warren.

The two stone business houses owned by J. H. Thornton have been completed and they are beauties. The masons are putting the finishing touches to Warnick's bank building, which must be seen to be admired.

Our stomach is our best friend. A baking powder named Perfect is the next.—J. T. Warren.

From the number of rattlesnake victims reported in neighboring papers, it is evident that these poisonous reptiles are more numerous this year than common. Parents can not be too careful with their children, especially those driving out to the country on pleasure excursions.

I want all the chickens, eggs, and butter you have for sale and will pay the highest market price for them.

S. W. SHEPPARD.

Many a man has overtaken success only to find it travelling hand in hand with disappointment.

We Have It For Less

The Star Store Co.

It is more than a year ago that the Globe of Abilene established a branch in this town.

ONES GALORE.

Abilene Can "Hello" Three Lines.

W. H. Kley of Roby has sold his place and Sweetwater telephone to Mr. Webb of Colorado. Mr. Webb has filled the space between Colorado and Texas.

Mr. Webb connects with the western long distance system. Good service is now guaranteed as far east as Weatherford.

In the meantime C. W. Roberts of Abilene has constructed a line between Abilene and Merkel.

Mr. Roberts will connect with local system at Big Springs. At that point he will construct line on west, possibly as far as Weatherford.

Mr. Roberts, with the old line owned by the Star Store Co. and West, gives us different lines in operation. It does seem as if the time should now be first.

F. B. Hoople in from Crosby county has

NEW GOODS

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We are ready on a larger scale than ever before.

THE GROWTH...

of our business has shown the necessity for a larger and more complete stock.

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your needs with the Largest, the Newest and the Most Fashionable stock of merchandise to be had in the markets.

OUR STOCK...

will be complete in a very few days and we shall be glad to show you whether you buy or not.

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J. T. WARREN

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Anderson, J N
Burlison, M W
Baker, Ferdinand
Bowen, J B
Barnes, Wm
Burk, John
Cashaw, John
Davis, Mrs Belle
Fulton, W A
Hall, A L
Jones, Byron
McMarty, E W
McGehee, Sam
Presler, P M
Scott, J B
Slope, Jas
Saliness, Abran
Walker, W A
Williams, Elx

Above is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Merkel and if not called for will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 1st. Persons calling for same will please say advertised and give date of advertising.

M. R. WITT, P. M.

Go to S. W. Sheppard for your groceries.

Charley Hogue came in from Louisiana Friday.

Bray Breeches for working men, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Largent and little daughter visited the fair at Dallas last week and are spending this week with relatives in Collin county.

For health sake and good bread use the baking powder named Perfect, for it's as pure as chemistry can make it.—J. T. Warren.

F. B. Hoople in from Crosby county has

Buy Gainsville Lard, Hams and Breakfast Bacon.

J. T. Warren.

The strain of telephone work is so great that "Central" finds himself saying "Hello" when he kneels down at night to say his prayers.

Mrs. Jeanette F. Hecox.

Representing the Consedine Skirt & Corset Co., of St. Louis, will be in Merkel Oct. 14, to remain one week. Mrs. Hecox's goods are too well known to need recommendation; and ladies who desire the nicest and best things in tailor-made goods should examine her fine lines of samples before supplying themselves in her line.

We ought to clean up the town before the chilling blasts of winter swoop down upon us. We escaped the dangerous epidemics last winter, but we may not be so fortunate this year.

The crowd in town Saturday was not unusually large, but an immense quantity of goods were sold.

Buy McDonald Overalls and Jumpers.

J. T. Warren.

Wheat sowing is progressing slowly, owing to the inability of farmers to plow their land. A good rain would result in many acres being sown—in fact, the crop will be a record breaker if the rains come in time.

White's Cream Vermifuge is a highly valuable preparation, capable, from the promptitude of its action, clearing the system in a few hours of every worm. Price 25c at Davis & Wood's.

Buy your groceries from us. Our prices are the lowest. We deliver goods promptly.

The Star Store Co.

The familiar figure of Frank Hogue was seen on the streets this week. He arrived from Louisiana Friday and shows his keeping.

Fresh lot of Cox & Gordon Hams, Breakfast bacon and lard just received.

The Star Store Co.

Miss Kate Gardner of Shackelford county is the guest of Mrs. John Elliott.

The Mail congratulates Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wallace upon the birth of a little daughter the 7th inst. Sam is, seemingly, the happiest man in town, and Grandpa Allen is not far behind him.

Old Fashioned Open Kettle Molasses at 60c per gallon.

J. T. Warren.

Burton-Lingo Co. are enlarging their lumber yard and doubling the capacity of the sheds, an improvement which at once shows the rapid strides of the firm.

Craven & Tubb are sole agents for La Julietta 5c cigar. 4t

SCHOOL LANDS—2½ million acres for homeseekers, at \$1 per acre; \$16 cash, balance in 40 years, will buy 640 acres in West Texas; 2,560 acres on same proportionate terms; how to secure same, list of lands on market, land law and full particulars, 50c stamps, STANDARD, San Angelo, Tex.

The most stubborn cases of bronchitis succumb to Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25 and 20 cents at Davis & Wood's.

Ladies, I have secured from factory the pure baking powder named Perfect and will sell it for 25 instead of 50c a pound oz. guaranteed.—J. T. Warren.

We all have desires of our own which we hope to gratify, rights of our own which we wish to maintain, pleasures of our own in which we rejoice, woes of our own over which we grieve. But it is only the thoroughly selfish man—if such there be—whose feelings stop here. To a greater or less degree we transfer them to others; we desire for them what we wish for ourselves; we are glad in their gladness; sorry in their distress, indignant at their wrongs, anxious to meet their wishes and promote their welfare. This is true sympathy.

Impure baking powder causes a sallow skin and indigestion. Use the pure brand, Perfect, and protect your stomach.—J. T. Warren.

Married.

PETTUS-BRADFIELD—At the residence of J. J. Pettus, Wednesday evening, Miss Leo Bradfield to Mr. Frank Pettus. Rev. Ward officiating.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only the employees of the Sweetwater Mercantile Co. being present. The bride has not long resided in Sweetwater but has endeared herself to all by her sweet and amiable disposition.

The groom is one of our most prominent business men, and has the esteem of all who know him. The happy couple will be at home to their friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fultz.—Sweetwater Review.

Frank's marriage was an agreeable surprise to his friends here, all of whom join The Mail in sincere congratulations.

We Have It For Less

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S. M. Wheat has sold his farm on Salt Branch to J. C. Stephens of Rising Star. This is one of the best farms in the country, well improved and in a high state of cultivation, and will make an ideal home for the purchaser.

G. M. Sharp will make it to your interest to buy your feed stuff of him.

Tot Causes Night Alarm.

"One night my brother's baby was taken with croup," writes Mrs. J. C. Snider, of Crittenden, Ky., "it seemed it would strangle before we could get a doctor, so we gave it Dr. King's New Discovery, which gave quick relief and permanently cured it. We always keep it in the house to protect the children from croup and whooping cough. It cured me of a chronic bronchial trouble that no other remedy would relieve." Infallible for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's.

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Over the River.

afternoon sun lay bright on the weather-beaten old se. Under the trees and along the fence by the gate a number of horses were hitched. Their owners, in decorous black and with serious faces were gathered in little groups about the yard, talking in subdued tones about their friend and neighbor, the old man who lay, with such a peaceful look on his face, in the front room.

"The last of the whole family" said one, meditatively. "Two sons,—fine boys they were, too,—Mary, the daughter, then their mother, and now the father. Death is always sad, but somehow this seems sadder than usual."

"The very thought that was in my own mind," replied his neighbor. "The town won't seem natural without a Moulton it it. I hate to think of the old house being closed—the last member of the family gone out of the door for good. It is uncommon sad."

Perhaps the same thought had come to all of the old friends and neighbors. Something of it must have been in the heart of the old pastor when he rose to say the words expected of him.

"Friends, neighbors," he began, "it was my privilege years ago to know a family of five who lived on the banks of a beautiful river—father, mother, daughter and two sons. They loved each other with more than ordinary affection, and their home life was happiness itself. But by and by, as was inevitable, there came a break in the family circle.

"The daughter married. She moved away to a home of her own, but it was in the town which stood just across the river—a larger, finer place than the little village where the old people lived, and the new house stood upon a hill in sight of the old one. The rays of the setting sun were reflected from the windows at evening like a personal message and after dark the lights shone across. So the nearness made the separation easier to bear.

"Then, in time, the elder son went out to make a home for himself, and he, also, found it in the town across the river. The father and mother missed his strong presence and helpful ways; but they heard constantly of his growing prosperity and happiness; they had but to look out across that little stretch of water to the other town to feel how near he was; and they gave thanks that the distance was so short.

"Then the call came for the younger son. The elder brother wished him to take a place in his business and share his home, and the parents could not say no.

"For a few years the father and mother lived in the old home alone, but it grew more and more lonely. The sight of the three empty chairs at the table and the three vacant places around the evening fire became unbearable. And they were getting old, too, and unable to work as they had done. So finally the day came when it was decided that they, too, should give up their home and move across to the town on the other side, to be with their children.

"I saw the old house after they had moved. I looked through the staring windows into the vacant rooms, and thought of all the beauty and richness of the life which I had known there, and the silence and emptiness which marked the place now. It saddened me; but as I turned, I caught the sunset light through a window on the other side of the river; and I looked further up the

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stream, I could see the roof of another house nestling in the trees, the home of the two sons. It was now also, as I knew, the home of the parents. The family was reunited. Did it matter that the old house was deserted? Shall we grieve because our old friend has been joined again to his own?"—Youth's Companion.

We handle all kinds of Rugs, and at all prices.

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Took His Advice.

After she had been married six months she went to her old bachelor uncle, who believes that a matrimonial alliance is voluntary acceptance of slavery.

"Suffering from the conjugal yoke, hey?" he replied to her presentation of afflictions.

"No, uncle, from the conjugal joke," for she would not humor his prejudices.

"Same thing," with a hardening voice; "but I require details before giving advice."

"Well he is a practical joker of the worst sort. He delights to slip salt into my tea, wake me out of a sound sleep by playing burglar, send anonymous letters threatening to burn the house down; tell me that he has failed, and that the poorhouse stares us in the face; swears that the house is haunted; anything to scare me and give him a laugh."

"Of course, marriage makes a brute of a man and a fool of a woman. But don't you be a soft little silly. Go right back at him with his own weapons. Mix glue with his shaving soap. Dust the inside of his underclothing with red pepper. Put sand in his

shoes. Change his best hat for one two sizes larger. Pretend to fall in love with some other fellow. Keep him in hot water, day and night. I guess that will hold him."

She acted on this advice. The husband thrashed the uncle. The wife holds that he did just right, and now there is a prospect that they will live happily ever after.—Detroit Free Press.

Any flour will make good bread with Perfect Baking Powder. It's the poor cook's friend—J. T. Warren.

Pointed Paragraphs.

An ill-fed waiter makes an ill-fed guest.

A milk bill should be made out on cream-laid paper.

Some outwardly handsome people are deformed on the inside.

Men attribute their overstrained mental condition to brilliancy.

All the world's a stage—but the encores are few and far between.

When looking for moonshiners the revenue officer goes on a still hunt.

Every time the very young man who owns a boat gets a new girl he changes the name of his boat.

The average woman has but few speaking acquaintances; most of them are listening acquaintances.

Some men have no desire to reach the top of the ladder as long as there is a woman at the bottom of it.

The man who never had to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow doesn't begin to realize what a good time he is having.

A woman always makes up her mind about a thing before she asks a man's advice, and if he happens to agree with her his reputation for wisdom is forever established.—Chicago News.

To those who are in debt to me: I have placed your notes with The First National Bank for collection. Please settle part, if not all, of these accounts, as I am badly in need of money.

E. D. COATS.

Sweetwater Sweets.

From the Reporter. Vice-President W. W. Sylvester and Chief Engineer Paret of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, passed through Monday morning enroute to Mexico on business connected with the road.

A young man by the name of J. W. Dyer was arrested by Sheriff McGaughy Sunday morning just as he stepped from the east bound train. Dyer is wanted in Somerville county to answer a charge of seduction.

H. M. Haskew has sold his interest in the hardware business to his partner, Wm. Berry. The hardware business is continued under the name of Berry Hardware Company.

J. F. Johnson, and little son, who was bitten by a rattlesnake two weeks ago, were in town Monday, the boy having almost entirely recovered from the effects of the bite. In giving Mr. Johnson's remedy for snake bites last week we made an error in stating that he gave a teaspoonful of alum every hour for five hours—he only gives one dose of the alum.

The finest line of all wool Carpet samples in town.

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Roby Reports.

From the Banner. Sam McCombs has his phone line from Clairmont to Dickens completed, and will extend from Dickens to Matador.

W. N. Nabors was in from his place near Taopi Saturday with

DR. JOS. H. WARNICK, President.

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a load of good corn which he unloaded at \$1 per bushel.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Simmons who was burned about two weeks ago is getting along very poorly and the chances for his recovery are very unfavorably.

Milt Goode and Ben Cooper returned Saturday from New Mexico, where they went some time since with a bunch of horses. They found a fine range, plenty of grass and water, and left them on the lead waters of the Canadian.

District Attorney W. E. Ponder came in from Snyder Wednesday. He informed the Banner that the R. W. Scott murder case had been transferred to Calhoun county for trial by agreement of attorneys.

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NUBIA NEWS.

News scarce. Preaching at Xroads Sunday by the evangelist, Mrs. Huchins. Preaching at Center Point by Rev. J. G. Cooper.

A crowd of Nubia boys—Sam and Tom Toombs and Hutson and Lon Watkins—went to the Dallas Fair, returning Monday. Looks very much like rain this morning.

Tom Tucker was in Nubia Monday.

Mrs. Maggie Blackburn is very sick this week.

I wonder if Rufe Davenport has found his ticket yet?

Oscar Walker and wife visited W. M. Clark Sunday.

ROSEBUD.

Read the paper.

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Phone No. 101 for ice, the best on the market. The Abilene product is the best, lasts longer and goes further. Free delivery.
D. M. CRAVEN

The Merkel Gin Co. will still gin your cotton and pay you \$6; extra for your seed.

DORA DOTS.

A good rain fell Monday night. Singing at Mr. Linn's Sunday evening.

J. M. Bryson is taking in a fair at Dallas this week.

I. E. Lowe is hauling lumber to build a house.

A. W. Cook and Albert Elliot went to Merkel Tuesday.

R. A. Linn went to the nat Wednesday.

S. W. Hampton went to Dal Wednesday.

KAT KLAWS

A heavy rain fell at Dora vicinity Monday. This insure still larger acreage of wheat that section and will make winter pasturage.

What's Your Face Worth?

Sometimes a fortune, but not if you have a sallow complexion jaundiced look, moth patches blotches on the skin, all signs of liver trouble. But Dr. New Life Pills give clear rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard store.

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A WORD to the wise ought to be sufficient, and as all business men, if successful, are wise, it therefore follows that they are the people—not the farmers—that should keep constantly in mind the word

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You do the wise act—lots of Printing. We will do the rest and the—Printing. The result is you've got a tasty job and satisfaction, and we've got a living. If the one word is not sufficient, all around, get our prices and examine our work before going elsewhere.

Print everything in our printing line.

A Typical South African Store.
O. R. Larson, Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which can be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied Chamberlain's remedies. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. Of these, within the past twelve months, no less than fourteen have been absolutely cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This must surely be a record." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Corn! Corn! Corn!
2 cars just received at G. M. Sharp's.
Mr. C. L. Brown of the Canyon, who called around and paid his subscription to The Mail last week, remarked that he had always gotten his money's worth out of the paper. Mr. Brown has been calling around every year for twelve long years, having started in with the birth of the paper, and we are grateful for his kind words.

Caesar Conquered Britain

Malaria was conquered by Simons' Liver Purifier (tin box.) Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

Mrs. Johnson of Baird is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

J. L. Tubb is making an addition to his residence.

A beautiful line of wall paper. Prices range from 12½ to 60c per roll. Look through our stock.

Rust & Pittard.

If you have any worn furniture that needs upholstering, consult the Merkel Furniture Co.

I would appreciate a prompt settlement from those who owe me for blacksmithing. I am very badly in need of the money.

J. C. Watkins.

Mrs. J. L. Tubb will begin a private school at her residence Monday morning, October 14th. Send your children to her. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Sam Eason slipped off from his wife and took in the Dallas Fair Sunday.

Heaven Help Us

In our troubles, but use Hunt's Cure for itch, tetter, ring worm, itching piles and eczema. Guaranteed.

Paying the Printers.

The following subscribers have remembered The Mail, since last issue, by paying their subscriptions. Get your name on the roll. We are grateful for these remembrances:

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| T. D. Wiman, Merkel | \$1.00 |
| N. Harrison, " | 1.00 |
| J. C. Calvert, " | 1.00 |
| J. W. Hampton, " | 1.00 |
| T. A. Johnson, " | 1.00 |
| E. J. Glover, " | 1.00 |
| J. C. Tucker, " | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Ella Ford, Graball, by N. Harrison | 1.00 |
| E. Burroughs, Italy, by H. C. B. | .25 |
| M. W. Hampton, Ohio, by J. W. H. | 1.00 |
| J. A. Brown, Potosi | 1.00 |
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Blackleg Vaccine...

WE ARE AGENTS FOR PASTEUR AND PARKE DAVIS BLACKLEG VACCINE and CAN SUPPLY ALMOST ANY AMOUNT, WHOLESALE or RETAIL AT ANY TIME. CALL ON or WRITE US FOR ANYTHING NEEDED NOT OBTAINABLE AT HOME.

Bass Bros. Drug Co. Abilene

We have some extra fine suits, wardrobes, etc., on which we will make big discounts. Now is your time to get something attractive and durable at rock bottom prices. Merkel Furniture Co.

G. E. Comegys is at Dallas this week, seeing the sights.

A simple remedy for warts is a dram of saycylie acid with an ounce of collodion in a bottle which has a tiny brush run through the cork. Apply this mixture to the warts twice a day and in a few days they will dry up and fall off.—October Ladies' Home Journal.

Kit and keg mackerel at Shepard's—fresh.

District Court.

Court has been steadily grinding away this week, principally on the criminal docket.

The first thing Monday was the completion of the case of Mrs. M. E. Sayles vs. W. T. Campbell of Lampasses and Howard Bland of Taylor. The case was given to the jury Monday afternoon and was in their hands until Wednesday noon when they were dismissed by the court without a verdict. The case was a very stubbornly fought one from start to finish. J. M. Wagstaff represented the plaintiff and Fred Cockrell and Judge Fisher of Beaumont the defendants.

The case of State vs. Frank Morley for assault to murder was tried Wednesday afternoon and the jury returned a verdict of guilty Thursday morning assessing his punishment at confinement in the state penitentiary for a period of two years and three months.

The case of Amanda Wells was called Thursday morning and a special venire of 80 men summoned. A jury was secured and the case went on trial, returning a verdict of not guilty rendered Saturday morning. The woman is charged with poisoning her husband last spring.

Charley Kennard under habeas corpus proceedings, was examined as an accessory with Amanda Wells in the poisoning of her husband, and was placed under five hundred dollar bond. Application for removal of disabilities was heard, and the applicant James Graham Lowdon, was granted full citizenship for all purposes except for voting.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, the case of A. M. Sheppard vs. J. A. Faucett, trespass to try title, occupied the court, being given to the jury at half past 2 p. m.

District Court will adjourn next Saturday, by limitation.—Sentinel.

Miss Loretia Trent returned to her home at Eskota after spending several days as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hutcheson.

County court convenes next week, with a full docket of gambling cases. The boys will cough in a hurry.

The Commoner

Mr. Bryan's Paper

The Commoner has attained within six months from date of the first issue a circulation of 100,000 copies, a record probably never equaled in the history of American periodical literature. The unparalleled growth of this paper demonstrates that there is room in the newspaper field for a national paper devoted to the discussion of political, economic and social problems. In the columns of The Commoner Mr. Bryan contributes his best efforts and his review of political events as they arise from time to time can not fail to interest those who study public questions.

The Commoner's regular subscription price is \$1.00. We have arranged with Mr. Bryan whereby we can furnish his paper and The Merkel Mail together for one year for \$1.50. The regular subscription price of the two papers when subscribed for separately is \$2.00.

Land For Sale.

320 acres of land, with good house lots, wells, and barn 2½ miles south of Merkel, for sale—\$12.50 per acre.

MRS. E. J. RAWLINS.

Miss Willie Bigham is reported seriously ill with slow fever.

Mr. J. C. Tucker reports a heavy rain at his place in the Canyon, Monday night. It barely laid the dust in Merkel.

I am sole agent in Merkel for Mocha and Java Coffee Java Blend Coffee Fancy Blend Coffee Golden Blend Coffee

The best high-grade Coffee on the market. S. W. Sheppard.

The Wrong End.

An aged, gray-headed negro, mounted bareback upon an equally ancient-looking mule, whose ears flopped abjectedly at every step, was laboriously steering weatherbeaten steed through the streets of an Arkansas town, when, coming opposite the post office, he decided to stop and enquire for mail. After some maneuvers resembling those of a sidewheel steamer, the old negro got the mule turned around and headed for a telephone post, but at this juncture progress was abruptly terminated by a dead balk on the part of the mule; with ears rigidly pointed forward at the telephone post, he tilted farther and farther back at each dig of the negro's bare heels in his sides, until his legs stood at a perilous angle, and finally began to back. A group of men standing in a doorway of a store opposite saw the difficulty, and one of them, a prominent lawyer, called out:

"Say, old man, you'll get there quicker if you head him the other way."

"Dat's all right, boss," was the ready answer, spoken in all sincerity and gravity; "but dis is de end what I wants to hitch."

A negro resumed his path with the mule.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR.

"Something New Under the Sun."

All doctors have tried to cure CATARRH by the use of powders, acid gases, inhalers and drugs in paste form. Their powders dry up the mucous membranes causing them to crack open and bleed. The powerful acids used in the inhalers have entirely eaten away the same membranes that their makers have aimed to cure, while pastes and ointments can not reach the disease. An old and experienced practitioner who has for many years made a close study and specialty of the treatment of CATARRH has at last perfected a treatment which when faithfully used, not only relieves at once, but permanently cures CATARRH, by removing the cause, stopping the discharges and curing all inflammation. It is the only remedy known to science that actually reaches the afflicted parts. This wonderful remedy is known as "SNUFFLES, the Guaranteed Catarrh Cure," and is sold at the extremely low price of one dollar, each package containing internal and external medicine sufficient for a full month's treatment and everything necessary to its perfect use.

"SNUFFLES" is the only perfect catarrh cure ever made and is now recognized as the only safe and positive cure for that annoying and disgusting disease. It cures all inflammation quickly and permanently, and is also wonderfully quick to relieve Hay Fever or Cold in the Head.

Catarrh when neglected often leads to Consumption—"SNUFFLES" will save you if you use it at once. It is no ordinary remedy, but a complete treatment which is positively guaranteed to cure Catarrh in any form or stage if used according to the directions which accompany each package. Don't delay, but send for it at once, and write full particulars as to your condition, and you will receive special advice from the discoverer of this wonderful remedy regarding your case without cost to you beyond the regular price of "SNUFFLES." It "Guaranteed Catarrh Cure."

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Is practiced, but don't swap off Hunt's Lightning Oil for a worthless article. Ask your druggist or merchant for a free sample bottle.

We handle the New Royal Sewing Machine. A ten year guarantee with each machine. W. P. Browning & Co.

John Brown has his paper to Potosi, where he will teach term of school.

A statement of the First National Bank will be found in this issue, which you are invited to read. It is a good showing shows the bank to be on a safe and conservative basis.

Dizziness, loss of appetite, flatulency and nausea are all connected with dyspepsia or indigestion. Herbine will prompt relief. Price 50c. Davis & Wood's.

In the Parker County Court Monday N. J. ... judgement for W. W. Simpson for alleged false Plaintiff sued for ... The suit granted in ... weeks ago

OUR COTTON SEED.

Shall You Make It Go The Furthest?

The question of making our available feed supply serve necessities this winter is a serious one and the Reporter took it up with the oil mill managers of Abilene which resulted in the arrangement explained below. There are many herds of cattle small and large that must be helped through the winter to prevent serious losses, and every bundle of feed, every bushel of corn, every bale of hay and every bushel of cottonseed should be made to go as far as possible.

Knowing that cotton seed in its crude state is an expensive food, we investigated authorities and present the result below:

The component parts are given thus.

One ton of seed weighing 2,000 lbs contains dirt, trash, sand, etc., about 100 lbs

Crude cotton seed oil, (has no nutriment) about 250 lbs

Making total foreign matter about 350 lbs

Leaving an actual nutritive material only 1,650 lbs

Now, the Abilene Cotton Oil Co. makes the following proposition to the farmers:

For every ton of cotton seed delivered to them in Abilene or any of their gins 1,000 pounds of hulls and 1,000 pounds of meal, which from reading the extract from reports attached, is worth as much as two tons of crude or raw cotton seed. In other words the mill will do a custom business, grinding your seed for the oil in it and returning you an equal amount of meal and hulls.

A farmer with five tons of cotton seed can sell half of it, get as much nutriment from the other half, and give his neighbor a chance to save his stock. He thus doubles the value of his cotton seed with only the trouble of delivering it at any one of the company's gins, taking a receipt for it, presenting receipt at the oil mill, where he will get and for pound for hulls and cotton seed meal, in equal parts. seems to us that this opportunity to double the feeding value of their seed is one that our farmers will jump at. Is a ton of meal and hulls worth double that of a ton of seed?

COTTON SEED MEAL AND HULLS COMPARED WITH WHOLE COTTON SEED.

The Tennessee Experimental Station in Bulletin No. 2 on:

"The National Use of Feeding Material" issued April, 1893 gives together with many other materials the composition of several of these foods most commonly used in this country, and then gives the basis of three cents

per pound for digestible fat, the same for digestible protein and five-eighths of a cent for carbohydrate, finds the following valuable table of relative values:

	Crude Protein	Crude Fat	Carbohydrates	Value Per Ton
Mixed Meadow				
Hay	3.6	1.1	43.4	8.42
Whole Corn	8.2	3.4	67.5	15.38
Oats	8.1	4.1	44.7	13.50
Corn Meal	5.3	3.5	59.3	12.68
Wheat Bran	12.0	2.8	44.5	14.44
Whole Cotton Seed	10.2	16.4	3.09	19.82
Cotton Seed Hull	2.2	1.2	33.5	6.46
Cotton Seed Meal	35.3	19.9	20.1	30.23

Those figures are significant and easily understood, but it must be kept in mind, that in addition to the amount of the various food elements contained, there is also to be considered their availability. This is particularly true in cases of whole cotton seed. For while it is extremely rich in food elements, will be noticed that the proportion of fat and carbohydrate is so large as compared to the protein that there must necessarily be a large waste of fat in feeding. How then can these valuable food constituents be utilized? The question is at once answered by a glance at the elements of Cotton Seed Hulls and Cotton Seed Meal; the one rich in carbohydrate the other supplying in magnificent liberality the valuable protein, with a sufficiency of fat to balance the ration. This naturally brings up the question whether the farmer may with economy exchange his seed for an equivalent in feeding material in the more available form of Hulls and Meal, and freed from the more objectionable preponderance of fat. Upon this point that standard agricultural journal, "The Southern Farm," of Atlanta, Ga., in its issue for Nov. 15th, says in reply to a Correspondent:

"One ton (2,000 lbs) Cotton Seed contains—

Of Nitrogen	61 lbs
Of Phosphoric Acid	20 lbs
Of Potash	23 lbs

One ton (2,000 lbs) Cotton Seed Meal contains—

Of Nitrogen	163 lbs
Of Phosphoric Acid	65 lbs
Of Potash	49 lbs

Allowing that the farmer carries his seed to the mill and gives oil as toll, he should carry back with him the resulting product, in meal about 750 lbs., and about 900 lbs. of hulls.

It is a common question whether this is a profitable exchange for the farmer.

It is an accepted fact that the oil has no value as a food. It is pure carbon, and beyond supplying a little temporary heat has no other effect.

But undoubtedly a farmer can feed more economically in using meal and hulls than in feeding merely the raw seed.

In exchanging the seed for the meal the farmer does not dispose of any of the valuable elements—nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid. The 750 lbs. of meal contains within a small fraction all the nitrogen that was in the ton of seed.

What price, then, should cotton seed command when cotton seed meal is held at \$16 per ton?

The 750 lbs. of meal from the ton of seed, at 75c per 100 lbs	\$6.00
Add 900 lbs. of hull from this ton of seed, at 15c per 100 lbs	1.35

Cash value of the ton of seed \$6.97

At these relative values the mill would get the product of oil (30 or 35 gallons) to pay for the cost of grinding. At \$1.00 per gallon this would give \$36 to \$37 margin to cover

expenses and profits.

Whether this is too much for the mill is a question we can not answer. If called upon for an opinion we would say that it is not, from the fact that we would rather have the 750 lbs. meal and 900 lbs. of hull, either for feeding or fertilizing purposes than the original ton of seed. It is easier to adjust a ration with the separate materials. A safe and proper ration of cotton seed meal for milch cows depends somewhat on the size of the animal. At some of the experiment stations 6 to 7 lbs. has been fed without bad effect."

Remember, the Abilene Mills gives more than the "Southern Farm" here calculates—viz: 1000 pounds of meal and same of hulls.

Don't forget that all authorities agree that the oil, which our mill proposes to take as toll for grinding your seed, has no value as a food product.

The Mill has no axe to grind in this matter, is not remotely interested in the oil mill, but is vitally interested in showing readers how to get the most possible out of their crops and in seeing all the cattle owned by farmer and stockman getting through to grass in the spring.

Women and Jewels.

Jewels, candy, flowers, man—that is the order of a woman's preferences. Jewels from a magnet of mighty power to the average woman. Even that greatest of all jewels, health, is often ruined in the strenuous efforts to make or save the money to purchase them. If a woman will risk her health to get a coveted gem, then let her fortify herself against the insidious consequences of coughs, colds and bronchial affections by the regular use of Dr. Boschee's German Syrup. It will promptly arrest consumption in its early stages and heal the affected lungs and bronchial tubes and drive the dread disease from the system. It is not a cure-all, but it is a certain cure for coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's special almanac.

Thousands of the most stubborn and distressing cases of piles have been cured by T a b l e r ' s Buckeye Pile Ointment. It never fails to cure. Price 50c in bottles, tubes 75c at Davis & Wood's.

Roscoe Rumlings.

From the Herald.

W. Z. Harris sold his home here to J. S. Cordill, the consideration being \$600.

V. Martin and family moved yesterday into the new cottage just completed by D. T. Wardlow.

Col. Marion Zellner was here Monday to receive three cars of white face cattle, and two cars of horses, that he had shipped from Coleman county.

Stepped Into Live Coals.

"When a child I burned my foot frightfully," writes W. H. Dads, of Jonesville, Va., "which caused horrible leg sores for 30 years, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured me after everything else failed." Infallible for cuts, burns, scalds, sores, bruises and piles. Sold by Rust & Pittard at 25c.

Nature can only feel the flame of life with the food eaten which is digested. Herbine will reinvigorate a weak stomach, and so improve digestion as to insure the full bloom of health. Price \$6 to \$7 margin to cover

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For all fresh cuts or wounds, in either the human subjects or in animals, as a dressing, Ballard's Snow Liniment is excellent; while for sores on working horses, especially if slow to heal, or suppurating, its healing qualities are unequalled. Price 5 and 50c at Davis & Wood's.

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No Hair?

My hair was falling out very and I was greatly alarmed. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor and it stopped falling at once."—J. A. McVay, Alexandria, O.

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