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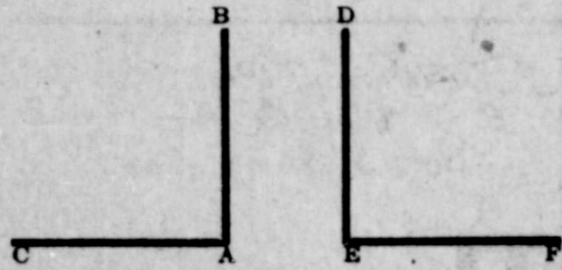
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IS IT AS BLACK AS WE PAINT IT?

SOME THOUGHTS ANENT THE FIRE.

The Mail is loath to believe that the fire in Merkel on the morning of October 15th, just one month ago, was of incendiary origin, and yet we have no proof to the contrary. The fire originated in the second story of the Warren building. The hall was unoccupied and the doors locked, but access to the building could have been gained through windows by little effort, and altogether this affords the only evidence from which to base the origin of the fire, however vague it may be.

Below we offer a crude outline of the business streets of the town before the fire:



A on the diagram is Warren's store, B the First National Bank, C Sharp's, D Dickson's, E West's and F Story's. These were almost solid blocks, and with the exception of E and three or four houses between A and C and two houses between E and D, the buildings are frame structures. Across the street from C is the Alsbrook Hotel and the streets running north and west from this building are crowded with frame buildings. All of these were in danger. At the rear of F is Burton-Lingo Co.'s lumber sheds and Dr. Leeman's residence, which were also threatened.

From the above diagram it will be seen that a blow—if blow it was—was aimed at the complete destruction of the town, and the only thing which prevented this result was the strong south wind which kept the heat and flames confined in a northerly direction. It is horrible to contemplate what a calm night would have accomplished; there would not have been a single store left in the town.

The fire originated at A on the diagram and swept everything north to B. Six houses in all were destroyed. Houses across the street in either direction were badly scorched, and at times it seemed as if all efforts to save them would be futile. In the face of these facts it can be readily seen that the fire originated at a point which endangered the entire business portion of the town, and many residences besides.

It is hard to believe that any man could be so devoid of human instinct and feeling as to be guilty of such a dastardly crime. It is a crime too horrible to contemplate, and it is best to draw a veil over the scene.

The effects of the fire are... Phenix like,

cleared away. New and better buildings will be erected on the old sites, larger and better stocks of goods will be carried by the unfortunate firms, and a greater amount of push and business enthusiasm will be utilized in bringing the town to its normal condition.

You can not keep a good thing down. Merkel is a good thing that will not be downed, and the efforts of other towns to profit by our misfortune will come to naught, as they deserve. The Mail hereby pledges its best efforts to the town. We lost everything, from a financial sense, but that only strengthens us to renewed efforts and a determination to do everything in our power to aid in the restoration of the burnt district. Put your shoulders to the wheel and push and pull with all the vim and determination at your command. It is no time for laggards. Friends of the town should not desert it in this crisis.

OUR RECUPERATIVE POWERS

The Star Store Co. with their usual pluck and while the roaring flames were greedily devouring their mammoth establishment, gave the word to their large force of clerks and in an incredible short space of time succeeded in saving upwards of \$2,000 worth of goods. In a few hours they had opened up in the Flemming building across the street, where they are now doing business. We have no knowledge as to their intentions for the future.

J. T. Warren energetically arose to every emergency and is now doing business in the Polk building. He has already received a large amount of goods, and his stock will be replenished as fast as possible. Mr. Warren has only rented his present quarters until January and it is possible that he will replace his old building, which went up in the flames, with a larger and better one, though we are not authorized to make this statement.

Fitts & Smith, the hustling dry goods men, hardly waited for the smoke to clear away before they left for the northern markets to buy new goods. They are now doing business in the Ferrier building with a brand new stock of up-to-date goods. The building occupied by them and owned by Mr. Telford will be rebuilt, we understand, at an early date.

The Merkel Mail building has been sold to Geo. S. Berry and is being rapidly rebuilt as fast as masons and carpenters can do the work. The former proprietors were unable to fix up the building and rather than see it remain idle they turned it into other and worthier hands. Mr. Berry is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of such valuable property and at the same time he should be commended for his loyalty and devotion to the town. The Mail has built

plant is new and up-to-date, and while it is not comparable to the old one, it is up to the standard.

S. H. Basham has moved his music store to the rear of the Largent building. His loss was comparatively light.

Andrew Hill, the barber, is on Front street, east of the postoffice and while his loss was very hard on him, he has redoubled his efforts and should be generously patronized.

Davis & Wood, the druggists, have ordered new goods and will occupy their same old stand just as soon as it is ready for occupancy. This is a good firm to do business with, and their recuperative powers should be commended.

A LIE NAILED.

The heading of this article expresses but small contempt for the crime with which it has to deal. We all know that Merkel has been dealt a severe blow, but we deny the charge that it is seriously crippled, or that it will take years for the town to gain back its lost prestige. These few remarks will suffice as an introductory to the article, which is a challenge to the person or persons who originated the reports current throughout the country, but mainly in Jones county, bearing upon the following claims: That exorbitant prices have been charged for goods here since the fire; that inferior stocks of goods are being handled, and that the cotton market is 50 points under other markets. This report was undoubtedly started by some party or parties who wished to make capital out of it, or else it emanated in the fertile imagination of some individual whose brain pan is too shallow to contain an intelligent thought. There are very few towns in Merkel's class in which larger or better stocks of goods are handled, notwithstanding the fire which burned six of our largest establishments. The Mail will forfeit \$100 to the party or parties who started this report, if they will establish this claim. This offer is open to all. We have no money to throw away, but our faith in the intelligence and integrity of the merchants of this town is so great that we have no fear of the consequences of the offer.

It is strange that God made some people so small that they are always ready and willing to profit by the misfortunes of their neighbors. Our misfortune was great enough without having it rubbed in through the circulation of such lies as these. We do not want the people to take our word for it, but we want to impress upon them the fact that Merkel is prepared to handle, satisfactorily, all the trade that comes her way. Come and see for yourself.

A CARD.

To the Friends of Merkel: On October 15th our little city was visited by a very disastrous fire, burning six business houses which were only partly covered. The losses of the were heavy,

GREAT

SACRIFICE SALE!

Of all Goods Saved from the disastrous fire. Our Stock is not complete, but we offer such lines of Goods as we have at heavy discounts.

Our Stock consists of Calicoes, Outings, Cotton Flannels, Domestics, Ticking, Cheviotts, etc. We have a complete line of Blankets and Comforts. A fair Assortment of Boots and Shoes, also a full line of Clothing and Pants for men and boys at greatly reduced prices.

The prices we make hold good as long as present Stock lasts. You should come early and get your share of these genuine bargains.

Appreciating very much the expression of sympathy from our friends and customers everywhere we are,

Yours truly,

THE STAR STORE CO

business and have bought brand new stocks of goods which are better than the old ones, because they are fresher and cleaner.

A town like this, while somewhat affected, can not give up, nor even think of doing so. We have one of the best towns in the state, surrounded, as it is, by a country unequalled for its fertility of soil and various resources, and while we do not expect a Chicago to spring up, nor are we looking for more railroads, we think our fair little city will always be found in the front ranks of progress and development. But we must have the unstinted co-operation of our friends. We ask the friends of the town to stay with us and under no circumstances go to other towns, because of the fire, to do their trading, when they can do as well, or better, at home. Merkel merchants can, and will, sell goods cheaper than the merchants of incorporated towns.

Come and investigate for yourselves and see if we are not correct. Your friends,
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

A man does not know how many real and true friends he has until the heavy hand of misfortune is laid upon him. On the other hand he has no idea that the world contains so many human birds of prey until the avenues of "good pickings" are open to them. The fire demonstrated these facts very clearly. There were men who

erty of their friends, while were others who, like vultures swooped down upon the scene impending destruction and fastened their claws upon everything within reach. Hungry ghoul, they are, without a shadow of sympathy or manly instinct in their make-ups. Why cattle are permitted to live and have their being is more than can tell. There is another kind who owe you and gladly pay it, "if had only been so fire." God forgive and show them the significant they are blot on humanity.

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OLD LADY...

Style,
Quality
Fit
and
Finish
are
what
you
want.

Where will we buy our Cloaks, Hats, Groceries and Dishes to-day? You need a nice dress and shoes, and I am going to get me a new Coat and a pair of Boots and the boys want an Overcoat."

"Why at Sharp's, of course. You know that's the best place to trade, and we have always found things just like they say and we'll go and load our wagon."

A TRIAL WILL CONVINCEN YOU OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THIS CLAIM

J. P. SHARP & CO.

Business follows the house that makes the lowest prices and that carry GOOD GOODS.

DR. JOS. H. WARNICK, PRES.
WM. H. DUNNING, CASHIER.

Jos. H. Warnick

BANKER

CAPITAL, \$15,000

DOES A GENERAL BANKING AND EXCHANGE BUSINESS.

Our vault equipment is modern in every respect. We are using the Mosler Patent Safe, with triple Yale Timer, affording the greatest possible security. It is our purpose to deal justly and liberally with all. Our patrons will receive every courtesy and accommodation within the range of prudent Banking.

Talk That Talks...

It's nice to do business with plenty of nice, new goods and plenty of appreciative customers. We have the

Right Goods at Right Prices!

Our stock of General Merchandise is complete, and we should be glad to show and price it to you.

J. O. HAMILTON.

MERKEL MEAT MARKET

D. M. CRAVEN, Manager.

Mutton and Sausage.

and courteous attention to all. Patronage Solicited.

ING & CO.

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Open Your Mouth

And swallow one. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets combines all the qualities of the best lipid chill tonics. Dose always ready. Dose always the same. No cure - no pay.

Miss Sudie White came in from Roscoe Friday. She will teach northeast of town this year.

All itching diseases are embarrassing as well as annoying. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and permanently cure all forms of such diseases. Guaranteed. Price 50 cents.

Well Drilling Must Come Down.

I have reduced the price of well drilling to 40c per foot, up to 100 feet. I have first-class drilling outfits, which are paid for, and should be glad to figure with you on a well. I can also save you money on wind mills, pumps, etc. My stock is large and prices down to rock bottom.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Respectfully,
E. D. COATS.

There is probably no disease so distressing and annoying than piles. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is daily curing cases of years' standing of itching and bleeding piles. The cure begins on the first application, a little perseverance makes the cure complete. Price 50c in bottles. Tubes, 75c.

Don't Become Discouraged,

But use Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box.) Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see that it's "Purifier" and manufactured by the A. C. Simmons Jr. Medicine Co.

Dora Dots.

On account of the burn out nothing has been heard from Dora.

A fine rain fell at Dora on the 1st of November.

Wheat and oats are looking well.

Cotton picking is taking the day now.

R. W. Ground came in Saturday, the 2nd, from where he

where he

Herbine sweetens the breath, brightens the eyes and clears the complexion without the slightest ill effects whatever, and insures the natural bloom of health. Price, 50 cents.

See E. D. Coats for prices on well drilling.

Never try to coax a cold or cough, use the remedy that un-failingly conquers both. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the greatest specific for all throat and lung troubles. Price, 25 and 50 cents.

Ladies capes and skirts at wholesale cost at The Star Store.

Many people are suffering fearfully from indigestion or dyspepsia, when one single bottle of Herbine would bring about a prompt and permanent cure. A few doses will do more for a weak stomach than a prolonged course of any other medicine. Price, 50 cents.

All clothing, over coats and duck coats AT COST at The Star Store.

Well drilling is 40c per foot for the first 100 feet, one price to all. One man can have a well drilled as cheap as another. I make no difference in prices to any one. E. D. COATS.

For all fresh cuts or wounds, either on the human subject or on animals, Ballard's Snow Lintment is excellent; while for corn-husker's sprained wrists, barbed-wire cuts or sores on working horses, it cannot be too highly commended. Price, 25 and 50 cents.

FOR SADE—Good gentle family horse. Apply at The Star Store.

J. T. Warron, Pres.
S. F. West, V-Pres.
Geo. S. Berry, Cash.

The First National Bank

of Merkel

CAPITAL, \$30,000.

Surplus and Undivided Profits - \$1704.86

We guarantee satisfaction to our customers, and offer them the services of a reliable and conservative Banking Institution which is at all times willing to extend every courtesy consistent with sound business methods

We solicit your business

White's Cream Vermifuge removes the unhealthy tissue upon which worms thrive; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of body, where worms cannot exist. Price, 25 cents.

Liver Wrong—All Wrong.

It is impossible to have good health with a bad liver. It is nearly as impossible to have bad health with a good liver. It may be, as you think, that the stomach, the bowels, the kidneys or the blood causes your bad health, but the liver is back of every one of them, and in nine cases out of ten, if you correct the liver you correct...

Herbine

It is as sure to correct the liver as it is sure you have...

COMING TO THE FRONT AGAIN!

Merkel Will be Rebuilt Bigger and Better than Ever.

The report has gone abroad that the burnt district in Merkel would never be rebuilt and that only inferior stocks of goods are now offered for sale here. These and all other reports are erroneous, Merkel is not seriously crippled, and at no time has the people been imposed upon. We have merchants who are able to cope with any situation, however disastrous, and they are honest and reliable in every respect.

NOW LEND US YOUR EARS FOR A VERY FEW MOMENTS ONLY

At the outset we promised the people of this country a stock of goods second to none, and we kept that promise. But that stock "went up in smoke," so that we now have another, which is new and the best that money could buy. Our prices will be as low as you will find them anywhere. Goods are coming in on every train and our stock will soon be complete in all lines.

We ask the people--YOU--for their trade, and we promise to give you as much for your

money as you can get for it at any store in the west. We have a large stock of dress goods, shoes for everybody, just like we had before; clothing, underwear and one of the nicest lots of ladies' shirt waists and skirts ever offered on the market.

So come in and look around; it won't cost you anything, and like to show goods. A look will convince you that our goods are real values and our prices money savers. Remember, your money back if you are not satisfied.

FARMERS, BRING YOUR COTTON TO MERKEL AND GET THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR IT.

FITTS & SMITH,

SPOT CASH MERCHANTS.

THE MERKEL MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

Entered in the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

Subscription Rates.
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Three months25
Invariably in advance.

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Half column (9 inches) 4.00
One column (18 inches) 7.50
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Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Communications to insure publication must bear the signature of the writer, as well as the name of the place under which they write. This is required merely as a guarantee of good faith. Obituaries, Cards of Thanks, etc., are inserted at one-half the regular advertising rates. Positively no deviation from this rule.

Broken lives may be seen in every direction, if we but look around us. They are lives that have fallen into decay, but which ought not to have been lived in vain—pitiable, forlorn lives that should have been full of beauty, goodness, of holiness. And these miserable burdened lives, that drag along, held nothing but madness for the revenues of the world seem to be so to the

more pain, may it not be possible that then some city of refuge will be opened to the poor bewildered soul?

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

We are very grateful to all who have so nobly come to our rescue and by their liberality enabled us to re-establish The Mail, which was destroyed by fire on October 15. Without your kind assistance it would have been a hard matter indeed to rise from the ashes, for the fire left us without a dollar.

Many subscribers have paid their subscriptions one, two and even five years in advance, and the merchants have been more than liberal. From the bottom of our heart we thank them. But there are others with whom we have been very lenient in the matter of their subscriptions, and we must insist on a prompt response to this appeal. Send in what you owe at once. We need the money badly—in fact, we MUST have it.

To the Taylor County News and Colorado Stockman, who kindly offered us the use of their respective plants, we are especially grateful.

As the twig is bent so is the strong man inclined—to get up suddenly.

The farmer who has fair luck with his crops has about as much

President Roosevelt has set apart Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving day, and recommends that the people observe the day in humbleness and prayer. Some people may say that they have nothing to be thankful for, but this thought should be far from our real feelings. While the people of Merkel have suffered pecuniary losses and have been prostrated by grief of various kinds, they still have minds and talents left and these, if rightly used, constitute the sum total of man's happiness. The Mail is especially thankful that it has friends who sympathize with it in its misfortunes and rejoice in its prosperity. More than this, we are thankful for the loyalty which these same friends have shown in rallying to our support, which has enabled us to partly replace The Mail and continue its publication. Perhaps your friends have not been quite so loyal to you, but their friendship is just as strong and as lasting as ever, and for this you should be truly grateful. There are many things that should call forth our gratitude to God. Merkel and her people have suffered, but the calamity could have been greater. Then let's give thanks.

The two sessions of the Legislature cost the State \$81,743.

The moral effects of a short cotton crop are surprising. This seems a broad assertion, but it is a fact nevertheless. Last fall at this time drunkenness was rampant in the town. That was a year of plenty. This fall the crops are short and consequently, very little drunkenness is to be seen.

The money

morality suffers. On the other hand, when crops are short, we feel like God has laid His chastening hand upon us, and we naturally give more attention to our conduct. Therefore we readily see that prosperity is not conducive to piety. There is a valuable lesson to be learned just here.

Until all the soil is cultivated from Texas to Alaska, it is not worth while for an able bodied young man to be anxious about gaining a livelihood.

The Legislature of New Jersey has at last realized the importance of ridding its state of the nest of anarchists, and drastic measures looking to the suppression of the growing evil will be employed. Defining anarchy and enforcing just laws against the practice are hard problems. In dealing with the offense we must be careful lest we encroach upon free speech, and thus deal unjustly with the masses. There should be restraints on Legislative enactments, also.

No one can estimate the effect of a single worthy deed, still less fix any limit to its influence. One effort to encourage the despairing, to lift the fallen, to help the helpless, to educate the ignorant, to promote happiness or welfare in any manner, is productive of results far beyond anything that was hoped for or intended. The influence for good on those who are thus aided and the degree to which it reacts upon others and extends to future generations are utterly incalculable.

The saloon to which any man may take his wife and daughter, says an eminent writer, is the

ted. This is defined as a decent saloon, but it is doubtful if the present generation will live to see such a change in the moral status of the country. If it is also doubtful if a saloon could be maintained along decent lines for any length of time. Just so long as whiskey is permitted as a beverage, will it be the ruling factor in the degeneration of humanity.

There is still plenty of room in the West, and particularly in the Merkel Country, for those who have a taste for agriculture and do not mind the exercise.

While it is perfectly true that there is plenty of room at the top of the ladder, the earnest struggle for the lowermost rounds render it hard to find foothold anywhere.

There are four widows of presidents of the United States now living, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. McKinley. All except the last named receive a pension of \$5,000 a year, voted by congress. No doubt the next congress will make a like provision for Mrs. McKinley.

A short time ago the Breckinridge Democrat accused The Mail of offering apologies for the "hop jointists" of this place. We had a good-sized roast prepared for the Democrat, but it was baked too brown in the fire. The Mail made no excuse; we merely stated that if hop ale was an intoxicant it had not been proved so in this county. We never run across an excuse for the use of any kind of

Merkel

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could be expected to live in look- at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the kidneys, purify the blood and cure rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

Bring your cotton to Merkel, buy your goods at Merdel, help us to rebuild Merkel. We will give you as much for your \$ \$ \$ as any town.

Fitts & Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook, who live 12 miles north of town, are rejoicing over the advent of a son at their home. This was their 19th child.

Window glass, all sizes and the right prices at Rust & Pittard's.

It is rumored that the Texas & Pacific railway may soon put on a double through passenger train service to El Paso, but there seems no foundation for the rumor. This is one longed for condition that is slow of materialization.

We have the largest stock and nicest selection of Christmas goods ever displayed in the town. Make your selections now while the stock is comparatively unbroken.

Rust & Pittard.

See Dr. T. S. Hollis, Dentist, on Nov. 18 and 19, in regard to your teeth. City Hotel.

In the case of J. C. Brown vs. W. W. Simpson—suit for the possession of cattle—tried in justice court here last week, a verdict was rendered for plaintiff.

The Mail congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Otho Williams upon the birth of a daughter, which happy event occurred two weeks ago.

NOTICE.

Dr. T. S. Hollis will be at Merkel Nov. 18 and 19—the last trip for this year—and can be found at the City Hotel.

Mesdames Lincecum and Wilson of Decker were shopping in the city Tuesday. Mrs. Lincecum and Miss Hall were pleasant callers at The Mail office.

W. E. Fletcher has left his books and accounts in my hands for collection, and I would appreciate a prompt settlement of same.

I. N. Taylor.

G. B. Brown has bought a half interest in the Abilene Steam Laundry and took possession last week. His family will soon move to Abilene, we regret to learn.

W. E. Fletcher moved his family to Meridian last week. Smith & Billings purchased his grocery business.

A. C. Coker has moved his family back to De Leon, whether permanently or not, we are not prepared to say.

160 acres of land, adjoining the town, for sale. See H. C. Warren.

"Last winter an infant child of mine had croup in a violent form," says Elder John W. Rogers, a Christian Evangelist, of Filley, Mo. "I gave her a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and in a short time all danger was past and the child recovered." This remedy not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the first symptoms appear, will prevent the attack. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as an adult. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Cheapness without worth is high priced. We give you value with price.

J. T. Warren.

The market has been flooded with sweet potatoes the past week, the prices ranging around the dollar mark. Raising potatoes is a profitable occupation.

10 per cent discount from regular prices on all jewelry in stock, until the holidays are over. Every article sold under a guarantee.

Rust & Pittard.

R. E. Tracy shipped out 21 cars of cattle Tuesday. Twenty cars of the cattle go to Hall county, where they will be put on feed, and the remaining car to Chicago. The cattle were in fair shape and they will no doubt fatten rapidly. But all cattle at this time are in about the condition that they should be at the opening of spring.

We have a complete stock of Hamilton-Brown Shoes; every pair new and up-to-now.

J. T. Warren.

Rev. R. S. Heizer preached his last sermon of the conference year and left Thursday night to attend the annual conference. It is generally hoped that Bro. Heizer will be returned here for another year's work. He is universally liked by the people.

DRESS GOODS. A new shipment now on the way and will be on sale by Saturday. Don't fail to see this lot of new novelties.

Fitts & Smith.

W. W. Johnson was down from Trent yesterday and paid for The Mail several years in advance. We should like to thank each one of our subscribers, separately, for the many evidences of their sympathy and the aid extended us, but lack of space prevents. From the bottom of our heart we are grateful to them.

We are receiving new goods almost every day. Monday morning's express brought in a lot of new jackets. See them. They are quite pretty.

Fitts & Smith.

Rev. A. P. Lowery of Corsicana sends expressions of sympathy to the fire sufferers in Merkel. Rev. Lowery will be remembered as the evangelist who held a meeting here last summer.

We are making extremely low prices on Seth Thomas clocks. They are bargains at the prices asked.

Rust & Pittard.

A charter was recently filed at Austin for the Merkel Ginning and Press company, capital \$10,000. The incorporators are J. T. Warren, J. T. Warren, and Alec Harris and

... are the best. ... large stock and ... & Pittard.

Announcement

It affords us great pleasure to announce that we have opened for business again, since the disastrous fire Oct. 15.

We are now located with a line of General Merchandise, as before, in the Polk building, one door east of the Largent corner, where we shall be very glad to get a share of your business.

Our stock is new and up-to-now in every respect.

We are in a position to GIVE YOU as much for your money as any one.

J. T. Warren.

Luok in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm. Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Vt. got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that wholly cured a horrible fever sore on his leg. Nothing else could. Positively cures bruises, burns, felons, ulcers, eruptions, boils, corns and piles. Only 25c. Guaranteed by Rust & Pittard.

T. A. Johnson was in Abilene Tuesday.

Now is the time to buy your flour for winter. J. T. Warren is selling 500 lbs. Peace-Maker for \$10.

I. S. Allen has been seriously ill for several days, but his friends will be glad to learn that he has taken a turn for the better.

Our stock of clothing is getting more complete every day. Some bargains for men, boys and children at Fitts and Smith.

J. J. Pettus was down from Sweetwater Sunday, and The Mail had the pleasure of a handshake with him.

J. B. Bowden and brother of Brown county passed through the city en route west, Sunday. Mr. Bowden formerly lived here and the meeting with friends was very pleasant.

We have our own delivery now and can get goods out as soon as ordered. Try us.

J. T. Warren.

The tea given to the I ... Mrs. Ferri ... & Pittard.

Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.

The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rake made of ten penny nails, and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and five minutes later the pain had disappeared and no more suffering experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Gainesville Lard and Hams are good enough. Try them. J. T. Warren.

Miss Laura Herring is visiting her mother at Abilene, who is on a visit there and has been quite sick for several days.

T. J. Coggin has been dangerously ill for two weeks, a repetition of his old trouble of a year ago. He is better, however.

The Merkel Telephone Exchange have fitted up quarters in the West building, just east of the postoffice. A new switchboard has been received, the wires have been tightened and straightened out, and the exchange will be in operation by the latter part of the week. The telephone service has been greatly

Beaumont Oil for Ticks.

Oil from the famous Beaumont wells has entered a new field of usefulness which will no doubt enhance the value of that product very materially. It is being extensively used by stockmen in this section for ticks on cattle and it is learned that the remedy is an excellent one. One application is all that is necessary to kill the ticks, and the result is almost instant death.

The oil is merely poured or rubbed on the parts where ticks are visible. Some of them die and drop off immediately after the oil is applied, while others hang on for a day or two, but in every instance death is sure.

The use of the oil for this purpose is becoming general, and several shipments have been received at this point and distributed among the stockmen and farmers. Its use is preventive, which should be to the favor of the large and small country.

"If ... upon

**J. HILL,
BARBER.**
Agent, Model Steam Laundry of
Abilene.

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nish abstracts of title and transact all other
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dially invited to attend.
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NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

*Mr. Stewart
Mr. Stewart
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Mr. Stewart*

In Fisher County.

Roby Banner.
There are enough pumpkins in
Fisher county for everybody to
have pumpkin-pie on Thanks-
giving.

The rain on the night of the
first was the first general rain
Fisher county has had in a long
time, but it was a good one. All
over the country, so far as we
have been able to learn, the
streams have been up, the tanks
are full and a splendid season in
the ground for sowing grain. It
will be a great benefit to the
country.

Justice Hambricht matched a
game with a pole cat. They
played three innings and the
score stood 9 to 0 in favor of the
skunk. The squire received a
shower bath of pure skunk-a-lo-
rum and retired to private life
for a few days until he could get
rid of that peculiar odor which
goes with every skunk fight. He
can work this week by wearing a
clothes pin on his nose.

We desire to impress upon our
readers everywhere that the ad-
vertisements contained in this
paper are not inserted merely as
space-fillers. It is a well estab-
lished fact that if the only good
they accomplish for the pub-
lisher was the money received for
them, newspaper advertising and
newspapers would long since have
disappeared from the busy marts
of the world. Advertisements
are intended to convey news—
news that will help people to buy
and sell intelligently, and in do-
ing this they should add to the
value of the paper to those who
subscribe for it. So if you find
your local paper a dull, common-
place affair—not worth the dollar
you pay for it and you happen to
be a skeptic on advertisements—
keep up with our local advertis-
ers for a while. If you don't get
some benefit we'll knock off the
price of your subscription and
look upon you ever afterwards as
either a fool or a liar.—Magnolia
(Ark.) News.

The Hop Joints are Gone.
The entire time of the county
court for the past week has been
devoted to the trying of the cases
against the hop ale dealers of
this place and quite a number of
Hico's citizens have been over to
Hamilton the greater part of the
week. We understand that the
first two cases tried resulted in
conviction and a fine of \$75 and
20 days in jail were imposed.
The rest seeing the jig was up
began to work for a compromise
and finally an agreement was
reached wherein each hop ale
dealer and their clerks signed an
agreement to close their joints
and never so long as the town
was Pro. sell any more hop or to
work for a man that was in that
kind of business or to rent their
houses to any one for that pur-
pose. Consequently the hop
joints are all closed and every-
thing quiet along the Potomac.—
Hico Vedette.

It is generally agreed here now
that local option can be enforced
as every "hop joint" in this place
is closed and the proprietors are
under contract with the State's
Attorney to refrain from the busi-
ness any more so long as local
option is in force in this precinct.
It has been a hard fight but the
law got the best of it. Parties
pleaded guilty to some of the
cases and the others are held up
under the agreement. This in-
cludes every dealer in such goods
and their clerks.—Italy News-

Cats and Diphtheria.

The health authorities of Stark
county, Ind., have adopted an
unusual method of controlling an
epidemic of diphtheria by order-
ing the killing of every cat in the
infected district. The disease is
epidemic in nearly every section
of the county. Cats have been
found to be suffering with the
disease in its most virulent type,
and the epidemic is attributed to
this source.

This is the second order which
has been issued by the health
officers in this county ordering a
wholesale slaughter of felines.
An epidemic a year ago in that
county, which brought death to
many homes, sprung from cats
inoculated with the disease.

For catarrh and colds in the
head, Hunt's Lightning Oil is a
sure cure. A few drops taken
internally relieves and cures
cramp colic, cholera morbus and
such troubles. Guaranteed.
Price 25 and 50 cents.

A hundred years was too short
a period for the age of Old Tes-
tament saints and too long a
period for New Testament saints;
hence the word century is not
found in the Bible.

Women and Jewels.

Jewels, candy, flowers, man—
that is the order of a woman's
preferences. Jewels form a mag-
net of mighty power to the aver-
age woman. Even that greatest
of all jewels, health, is often
ruined in the strenuous efforts to
make or save the money to pur-
chase them. If a woman will
risk her health to get a coveted
gem, then let her fortify herself
against the insidious consequen-
ces of coughs, colds or 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 dis-
ease from the system. It is not
a cure-all, but it is a certain cure
for coughs, colds and all bron-
chial troubles. You can get Dr.
G. G. Green's reliable remedies
at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's
Special Almanac.

Anson Affairs.

Register.
Prof. M. P. Williamson and
Miss Effie Hopkins were united
in the holy bonds of matrimony
on last Sunday at 4 p. m., Rev.
J. H. Edmonds officiating.

At the Methodist church at
Truby, Texas, at 8 o'clock p. m.,
Thursday Nov. 5, Mr. W. B.
Hampton of Anson, and Miss
Lina Belle Cranston of Truby,
were united in marriage.

J. H. Naler returned from Ar-
kansas last Sunday. He is well
pleased with the country and
bought him a farm, apple or-
chard and a spring. He expects
to move thither in the Spring.

Last Sunday a young man,
Almuth Harlow by name, visited
at Mr. J. B. Scott's three miles
southeast of Anson, and after
eating a hearty dinner, remark-
ed that he must go home as he
lived fifteen miles away. He
then walked into an adjoining
room, sat down and began but-
toning his coat preparatory to
starting, when suddenly he
sprang to his feet, fell forward
on his face and was dead in a
minute. From what we learn
he never spoke after falling.

At best life is but short. Do
not make it shorter yet by rank
neglect of that cough of yours,
when one bottle of Simmons'
Cough Syrup would cure you

ED S. HUGHES & CO.
Hardware Implements
Abilene, Texas

S. W. SHEPPARD

Groceries
Vegetables
Fruits
Country
Produce
and Fresh
Meats, etc.

We sell almost
everything afford-
ed by the market,
and sell at reason-
able prices. Come
to us for your gro-
ceries.....

Bargains..

ARE AWAITING YOU IN THE

Furniture Line

We have a fine line of Rockers, Fancy
Tables, Folding Beds, Side Boards, Iron
Beds, Springs, Bed-Room Suits, Window
Shades, Rugs, etc.

These goods are going to be sold if low
prices are any inducement.

W. P. Browning & Co.

Blackleg Vaccine...

We are agents for Pasteur and
Parke Davis Blackleg Vaccine,
and can supply almost any a-
mount, wholesale or retail, at
any time. Call on us for any-
thing not obtainable at home.

Bass Bros. Drug Co.

ELLIOTT & MILLER

DEALERS IN

Wind Mills, Pumps and Water Supply Goods

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back
Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; full
assortment of pumps, piping from 1/4 to 2 in., plain and gal-
vanized, cylinders and working barrels from 2 to 4 in. We
can make Fort Worth prices on anything

READ - T E M P

10 DAYS OF SPECIAL PRICES ON NEW Seasonable Merchandise

We expect to make this the greatest 10-day sale we have ever had in the sale of Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery and Shoes since we have been in Abilene.

Below we give you some prices that are the smallest possible to be made, but we make them and will stand by them.

When we placed the orders for most of these goods we were supposed to have the very finest of crops. Since then crops have been cut short, and now cotton is falling every day, and we have decided it is best to commence to unload.

DRESS GOODS

Half wool Dress Goods.....6½c
Half wool Dress Goods, better grade.....10 to 15c
All wool Dress Goods.....\$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c

LADIES' CAPES

Cloth Capes.....35c to \$1.50
Plush Capes.....\$1.25 to \$4.00
Jackets for Children.....50c to \$1.50
Jackets for Ladies.....\$10, \$7.50 and \$3.50

STAPLES

Good Outings at.....8½c, 7½c and 4c
Good Domestics.....6c, 5c and 4c
Calico, the best.....4c and 5c
Cotton Checks.....5c, 4c and 3c

MILLINERY GOODS

During this 10 days we will sell you Millinery Goods at about one-half the usual price.

CLOTHING

We offer you during this sale, Black Granite and French Black Worsted, the kind of suits to get married in, suits we have been selling for \$18, at.....\$12.50
During this sale we will sell all our \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$15 Clay Worsteds, Fancy Worsteds, Serges and California suits at.....\$10.00
We throw together for this sale all our \$8.50, \$9 and \$10 suits and make you the very low price of.....\$7.00
We sell our \$6.50 suits for.....5.00
We sell our 5.00 suits for.....3.60
Boys' long pant suits, the \$7.50 line at.....5.00
Boys' long pant suits, the 6.00 line at.....4.00
Knee pant suits \$1, 1.25, 1.50 up to.....3.00

FURNISHING GOODS

Geo. P. Ide & Co. shirts, "The Gold" \$1.50 and \$1.75 shirts, this sale.....\$1.20
"The Silver," the \$1.50 shirt, at.....1.00
"The Eagle," the \$1.00 shirt, at.....75c
The 75c line of shirts at.....50c

We have not got space to give you prices all over the house, but if you will come and see us we will make you special low prices on every article in the house. We want to price you. Come and see us first, get our prices and then when you go to next house you'll know whether its cheap or not.

Rollins & Young

THE YELLOW KIDS

The Finest Disc Plow on Earth, Have Arrived.

A Carload of LANSING and BIBLE WAGONS!

Strictly High-Grade and Reliable in Every Respect. Prices Right.

When in need of a first-class Stove, don't forget the

Painted Bridge-Beach stoves

led in Carlots by

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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.

Subscription price, \$1 a year. Any newsdealer, newspaper or postmaster will receive your subscription, or you may mail it direct to

The Republic,
St. Louis, Mo.

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 Green'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 favorite remedies at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Special Almanac.

B. F. Mallory, formerly a merchant of this place, but now a ranchman of Kent county, was in the city last week and shipped a car of horses to his ranch.

To The Public.

Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a severe cough and cold and feared I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold and the pains in my chest disappeared entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, Ralph S. Meyers, 64-Thirty-seventh St., Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Two days only—this trip Nov. 18 and 19—is all that Dr. J. T. S. Hollis will stay. See him and have your teeth fixed. At City Hotel.

Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives perfect protection against all throat, chest and lung troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Rust & Pittard. Price 50 and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Wind mills, pumps, pipe, etc. I can put you on any

A Big 12 Days Selling ALL OVER THE STORE.

Regardless of the short crop our volume of business has been getting larger and larger. You know the above statement to be true. You have seen it with your own eyes. Most of you have been here many a day during this dry summer when our store was crowded until you could hardly pass through. We've been increasing this business partly by special sale methods—selling the "come-back-again-kind" (satisfactory kind) of merchandise at prices that were sure to win—at prices lower than we could afford to sell if it did not gain us some friends.

The trouble about our one and two days specials was that we had more than we could wait on properly in such a short time, and now we hold a 12 days special sale, thus giving plenty of time to buy without being in a jam.

The main object of these special sales is to advertise the store and we appreciate a look as much as a sale. Drop in and look leisurely through. We will try to make your visit both pleasant and profitable enough to induce you to repeat it often.

Sale is Now Going on and Will Continue 12 Days.

The Bee Hive is sure to be the Busiest Store in Abilene for next 12 Days

ATTRACTIVE DRESS GOODS

There's a brightness in our stock of Fall and Winter Dress Goods that can not be described on paper. The colors are unusually pleasing. All up-to-date.

New Waistings.

These fabrics are especially adopted for ladies shirt waistings. English flannelette fleeced back in the beautiful new waist styles, 12½c quality at 8½c
Venitian cloth in handsome shirt waist styles, worth 16½c a yard, special price 12½c

New Percales.

Here is a lot of the prettiest percales we have seen any season, and they are regular 10c to 12½c qualities. We offer them at this special sale, per yard 7½c
We have a lot of the 7½c percales in good variety of styles. We will sell them the next 12 days at 5c

Dress Goods.

Part wool dress goods worth 10c a yard 7½c
All wool dress goods, the usual 20c grade, this sale 12½c
Finer grade wool dress goods regular 25c value, this sale 15c
Thirty-five cent grade wool serge, this sale 19c
Fine all wool serge, a good 75c value, per yd 48c

Silk Remnants at Half Price.

We have sold a good deal of silk this fall for shirt waistings and we have now 35 or 40 remnants which we will close out at exactly half price. All new fall styles; two to 4½ yard pieces.

The Most Wanted Corset very much Under Price

Here is a group of worthy corsets including that popular straight front, also the French shapes. Just as perfect in fit, just as durable, just as comfortable as any corset at any price. We do not believe you can buy one elsewhere that will please you better even at \$2.00. Our very special price for this sale is 95c
We have a regular \$1.25 grade made in the same beautiful and fashionable shapes as those above. Our special price 59c

Ladies' Capes.

We haven't room to give a lengthy description but will give you an idea as to how the prices range. The prices range from a 35c for a 50c cape on up to \$3.15 for a good \$5 cape. We have them at all the between prices and every cape except those for 35c are reliable cloth and put together in a trust-worthy manner and stylishly trimmed. This applies to those from 75c up. We have the children's jackets in the latest styles, rightly priced.

House Furnishings.

Good heavy stovepipes well riveted, worth 20c a joint; special price 12½c

Granite Wash Pans.

Made of steel and well coated with the best quality of enamel—not chipoff kind. They are the regular 35c quality for 15c
Best quality in tin wash pans the regular 5c size at 2½c
Best quality of tin pie plates always 5c, our special 2½c

House Brooms.

Regular 35c quality, this sale 18c

Dishes.

Fine English decorated cups and saucers, excellent values at \$1.25 per set, 12 days sale

We wish we had to tell you all the pretty dishes special price going at below ask you

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