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The Star Store is the Fashion Center

In addition to the gathering of Fashionable Goods in a Progressive Manner, the Company demands that the same Close-Price Principle, which marks all its dealings in Staple Merchandise, must apply also to goods affected by Style. ∴ ∴ ∴

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Soft shoes for tender feet feel comfortable the first day; all kinds.

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Merkel Mercantile Co.

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To The Public:

Hereafter people wanting to buy exchange or make remittances to any point in the U. S., we have decided not to make any charges on anything amounting to \$50 or less.

Very respectfully,
The First National Bank,
By Geo. S. Berry.

We have the finest line of Carpets and matting ever shown in the town.

W. P. Browning & Co.

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements.

So Sweet and Pleasing in Taste!

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kan., speaking of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, says: "It has never failed to give entire satisfaction, and of all cough remedies, it is my favorite, and I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough or a cold; and it is so sweet and pleasing in taste." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles at Rust & Pittard's.

Try reading The Mail and see if you don't feel better.

The Higher Life

Blessing the Lambs.

From the Tablet.

The Church of St. Anges Outside the Walls of Rome was filled to its utmost limits by a large crowd, eager to witness the ceremony of the blessing of the lambs. At the conclusion of the mass, the little lambs were brought in and laid upon the altar. They rested upon damask cushions in separate baskets with their tuffy limbs tied up in red and blue ribbons. Their equanimity is usually disturbed by the ordeal of passing through the crowd to the altar, and they bleat a plaintive remonstrance against the rough usage to which they are subjected. Fragments of their gay ribbons are torn away and portions of their snowy fleece rudely plucked out by anxious people to carry away a souvenir of their benediction. This year, however, the crowd was more merciful and the little creatures were gently stroked as they were borne past.

After the blessing the abbot delivered the lambs to the first master of ceremonies of the Lateran basilica, who, as soon as the ceremonies was over, took them to the vatican to present them to his holiness. The holy father sent them immediately to the dean of Sacra Rota, who in his turn handed them over to the nuns of the monastery of St. Cecily in the Trastevere. They become the property of the nuns. About Easter they are shorn of their beautiful white fleece which

is given to the pope. His holiness commissions his prefect of ceremonies to have the wool woven into palliums which are blessed on the vigil of the feast of SS. Peter and Paul and then placed in an urn in the confession of St. Peter's basilica over the body of the apostle.

They are sent "de corpore S. Petri," the first sheppard of the universal church, to metropolitans to be worn as a symbol of their share in the plenary jurisdiction of the Chief Shepherd over the whole flock of Christ.

Has Read the Bible 117 Times.
From the Baltimore American.

Ambrose S. Ottey of Cecil county, Maryland, a veteran blacksmith, thirty-three years ago began a systematic reading of the Bible, and has succeeded in arranging an odd classification of its contents. After reading through the Holy Book 117 times, he knows how many times certain words and letters appear; how many verses and chapters there are; names that spell the same both ways; peculiar passages of scripture; the middle book, chapter, verse and line and other facts.

He says if you want to read the Bible through in a year you can do so in an interesting and instructive manner by reading three chapters every week day and five on Sunday. Or read two in the Old and one in the New Testament every week day and six in the Old and four in the New Testament every Sabbath, and you will then have read the Old Testament once and

the New twice in the year. He has computed the number of verses commencing with various letters of the alphabet as follows: a, 12,638; b, 207; c, 183; d, 177; e, 207; f, 1,797; g, 209; h, 1,164; i, 1,449; j, 158; k, 65; l, 411; m, 437; n, 961; o, 592; p, 149; q, 4; r, 127; s, 1,088; t, 5,286; u, 83; v, 37; w, 1,396; x, none; y, 356; z, 17. He has ascertained that the Bible contains 1,189 chapters, 31,198 verses, 773,697 words and 3,566,480 letters.

Perhaps you have a great mind; perhaps you have an eloquent tongue; it may be you have a large purse, and can glorify God and bless mankind with that; but perhaps you have nothing in the world but a kind, sweet smile. Then let that fall upon some poor life that has no smiles upon it. Remember that dew-drops glistening in the sun are just as beautiful as a rainbow.—Dr. Parkhurst.

The Great Dismal Swamp

Of Virginia is a breeding ground of malaria germs. So is low, wet or marshy ground everywhere. These germs cause weakness, chills and fever, aches in the bones and muscles, and may induce dangerous maladies. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malarial troubles. They will surely prevent typhoid. "We tried many remedies for malaria and stomach and liver troubles," writes John Charleston, of Byesville, O., "but never found anything as good as Electric Bitters." Try them. Only 50c. Rust & Pittard guarantee satisfaction.

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Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company. New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company. Fire Association of Philadelphia.

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I have a block of seven acres in Merkel, south side, which will be sold at a bargain. Good building place. If you are going to build and want plenty of room investigate this.

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Notary Public in office.

T. A. JOHNSON.

Office in First National Bank.

The Merkel Mail.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

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Office 31
Residence 37

If you know of any news item, we will consider it a special favor if you will report same to this office, either by person, letter or over the phone to either of the above number

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(All announcements under this head are subject to the action of the Democratic party.)

For County Treasurer:
J. H. THORNTON.
(re-election.)
JNO. T. TUCKER.

For Sheriff:
J. V. CUNNINGHAM.
(re-election.)

For Tax Assessor:
C. C. JACKSON.
(re-election.)

For County Clerk:
S. H. GARRISON.
(re-election.)

For County Attorney:
T. A. BLEDSOE.
(re-election.)
HARRY TOM KING.

For County Judge:
W. W. KIRK.
D. G. HILL.

For Tax Collector:
BAYLOR CRAWFORD.
ED DICKERSON.

For District Clerk:
V. F. WOMACK.
E. B. BYNUM.
J. A. CHAPMAN.

For Justice of Peace, Pre. 5, and
Commissioner Pre. 2:
J. J. MILLER.
(re-election.)
W. W. WHEELER.

For Hide and Animal Inspector:
ROSS G. HALL.

For Public Weigher at Merkel:
T. F. COMPTON.
T. D. WIMAN.
T. H. CHRISTOPHER.
W. H. BROWN.
G. W. DUNNING.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

An Interesting Letter From a Government Employee to His Sister in Merkel.

San Isidor, P. I., Feb. 21, 1902.
—Dear Sister: As you will observe, I have changed my location and also position since my last letter. I have been appointed postmaster of this town by the Civil Service Commission. This place is about 70 miles northeast of Manila and is a good town of about 25,000 inhabitants, situated in one of the richest Provinces in the Philippines. The pay is \$2,120 per year. I came up and took charge on the 13, and have been busily occupied since familiarizing myself with the routine work. I don't know how well I am going to like it, for I have not had time to think. If I quit I will come home on first transport, but if all works well I may stay till I can be transferred to the States. I resigned from the Manila police Feb. 13. Had a good easy time while there, but was glad to get away, as it costs so much to live there. Twenty-five dollars for board, five dollars for washing and everything else in proportion. I get more here and living is just about half. If my health holds out think I shall be very well contented.

I sometimes think if you all lived here or even near, I would be content, for there are many things that would make this a

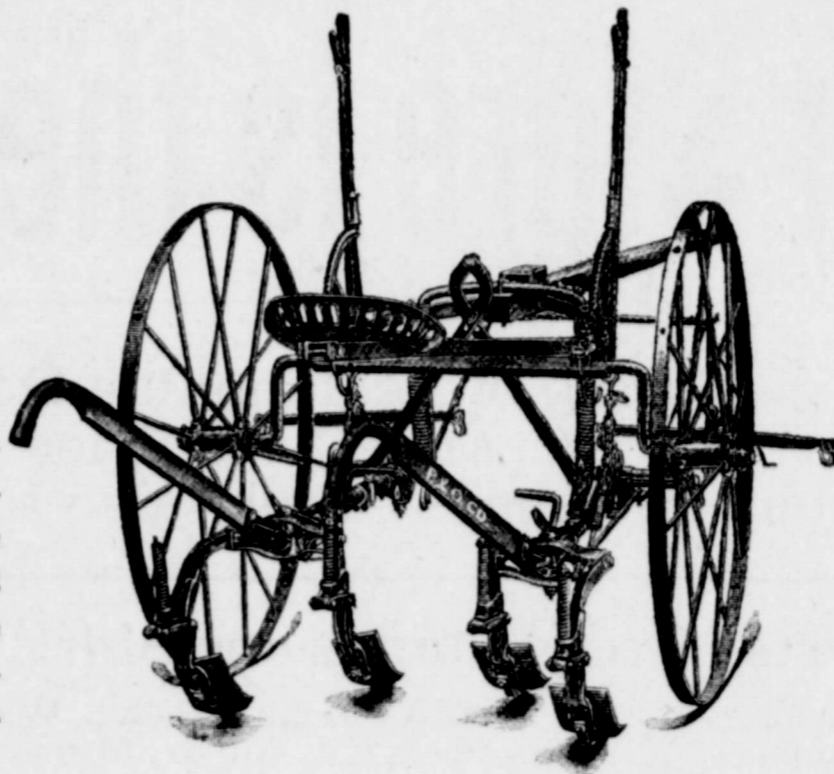
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Have no equals, as evidenced by their growing popularity. We've handled these goods for 10 years because they are what the successful farmer demands---THE BEST.



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G. F. WEST

fine place to live. We have no snows, frosts or blighting wintry blasts to house us up, but it is one continual spring the year round. Flowers known only to tropical climes are here in profusion, and rich, delicious fruits are plentiful the year round, and as I write this letter hundreds of acres of Navt (corn), variety some smaller than our corn, can be seen in all stages, from the tiny shoot just peeping from the earth to the full-grown and developed ear. Roasting ears are plentiful and this is the paradise of the garden. Vegetables are abundant, but of a poorer quality than in the States. Water melons grow every month of the year but, like the rest, are of an inferior grade, and through the entire list, except fruits, the same might be said.

Much of the fighting during the insurrections was up this broad, fertile valley. For miles and miles in every direction is one continuous "hacienda" or plantation, many of them gone to ruins from the effect of the insurrection. The farm animal here is the "Caraboa," a cross between a hog and cow, only they are about the size of a work ox, and an uglier animal you never saw. They were nearly all killed during the war, and the people have nothing with which to tend these plantations. Think I told you before about the habits of this animal. The reason I say they are like the hog is because they love to wallow in a mudhole the same as a hog. They have little or no hair and when they get warm the "humbre" must stop, take him out of the cart or sled and drive him to a water or mudhole and let him wallow. If he neglects this the beast will go mad, run away and tear up the stumps. They are a very slow, docile animal until they get mad, and then it's "clear out little ones." They are used a great deal in Manila for hauling freight but the American mule is fast taking their place. Only a short time ago we had one at the Police Station which went mad and ran out into a principal Plaza and we had to shoot him, taking 51 shots to kill him.

Well, enough said. When I

have time to look around some will tell you more about this part of the country. It is getting late and I will close for this time.

Lovingly, etc.,
LONNIE L. HYER.

Social Philosophy.

Poker keep more men awake nights than insomnia.

Nothing is so regular as the happening of the unexpected.

True patriotism does not depend on the size of one's country.

Kissing is said to be responsible for a good deal of heart trouble.

Taxpayers do not have to settle for the pavement made of good intentions.

Many a philosopher would be sidetracked if asked to define philosophy.

A man can take a day off occasionally, but his rent goes on just the same.

Swords and pens are all right in their way, but the pretty typewriter is more killing.

After fortune knocks at a man's door he may be able to prove an alibi—but what's the use?

A poor man who is a genius is dubbed a jack of all trades, while a rich one is noted for his versatility.

Many a good man goes around looking for trouble and the minute he meets it he has a hurry call in another direction.—Chicago News.

W. L. Harkrider has lost a fine milch cow, which died of some unknown disease. Hundreds of cattle have died in this section the past few weeks and the disease is baffling the skill of the most experienced stockmen. It is claimed by some that nearly all the cattle which died and are still dying, had ticks in their ears and this is said to be the cause of their death. But others hold to different views, some claiming poverty as the cause. The cattle dying are mostly those which have been fed cotton seed products throughout the winter.

The Mail is in receipt of a remittance from R. W. Conoway of Burnett, Texas, to keep up its weekly visits. His friends will be glad to learn of his continued prosperity.

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75c at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt entertained the young people Tuesday night.

All jewelry is good, bad or indifferent. The kind Ustick has is good—and cheap.

We have a nice line of Go-Carts and Baby Buggies.

W. P. Browning & Co.

A Good Time to Eat.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a square meal for 25c on primary election day, Saturday, April 12. Eat with them.

At Dye's carpenter shop.

For sale at a Bargain:—Our large iron safe.

The Star Store.

A New Firm.

We are pleased to learn that we now have in our midst a first-class wholesale and retail music store, under the firm name of Basham, Shepherd & Co. S. H. Basham, it is needless to say, has been in business here several years. He has done an immense business, having sold pianos and organs over a large territory, embracing many counties—in fact, he has had the largest trade in his line of any concern this far west. His success is due to the fact that he sold instruments at a reasonable price and dealt honestly and fairly with all customers. J. H. Shepherd is well known here. Coming to this country for his health several years ago, he was compelled to sever his connection with one of the largest wholesale music houses in the State, so is well prepared to take his part in the firm.

The new firm, we learn, will handle a large line of various makes and styles of pianos and organs from the best factories in America, shipped direct to them. At the present they have eleven men selling instruments in various towns. This enables them to buy goods in large quantities, and they of course get the lowest possible prices. This is a great advantage to those wishing to buy instruments. They have the goods and intend to sell them at reasonable prices, giving just and honest treatment to all, and any favors consistent with sound business principles. All goods will be fully warranted and every warrant made good by them without expense to the purchaser.

Postmaster Palmer

of So. Glen Falls, N. Y., describes a condition which thousands of men and women find identical with theirs. Read what he says, and note the similarity of your own case. Write to him, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for reply, and get a personal corroboration of what is here given. He says regarding



L. D. Palmer.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure:

"I suffered agonizing pain in the left breast and between my shoulders from heart trouble. My heart would palpitate, flutter, then skip beats, until I could no longer lie in bed. Night after night I walked the floor, for to lie down would have meant sudden death. My condition seemed almost hopeless when I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, but it helped me from the first. Later I took Dr. Miles' Nervine with the Heart Cure and the effect was astonishing. I earnestly implore similar sufferers to give these remedies a trial."

Sold by all Druggists on guarantee.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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And want your trade and promise to give you the best values possible for your money. Our stock is COMPLETE IN EVERY RESPECT, and we are prepared to take care of your trade,

BOTH CASH AND CREDIT

When in Merkel don't fail to come and see us. You'll find us next door to Dickson's.


THE GLOBE.

THE DEPENDABLE STORE, ===== Merkel, Texas.

A Nearly Fatal Runaway

Started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Ornerl Franklin Grove, Ill., which defied doctors and all remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Just as good for boils, burns, bruises, cuts, corns, scalds, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Old hunters say
The **MARLIN**
has so many things to commend it. The top of the action is always closed, the mechanism the most simple, the finish elegant, the form attractive. It seems to throw its bullets a little more accurately and plant them with a little more force than any other rifle. For deertake a 38-55 or 30-30. 120-page catalog, 300 illustrations, colored cover by Remington, for 3 stamps.
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NEW HAVEN, CONN.



A Valuable Medicine For Coughs and Colds in Children.

"I have not the slightest hesitancy in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to all who are suffering from coughs or colds," says Chas. M. Cramer, Esq., a well known watch maker, of Colombo, Ceylon. "It has been some two years since the City Dispensary first called my attention to this valuable medicine and I have repeatedly used it and it has always been beneficial. It has cured me quickly of all chest colds. It is especially affective for children and seldom takes more than one bottle to cure them of hoarseness. I have persuaded many to try this valuable medicine, and they are all as well pleased as myself over the results." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

League Program.

APRIL 25.

- Opening song.
- Scripture reading and prayer.
- Song.
- Roll call, answer by literary quotation.
- Recitation—Duncan Browning.
- Reading—Comer Clay.
- Song.
- Recitation—Ross Jennings.
- Reading—Sue Browning.
- Duet—Maud and Lydia Counts.
- Paper—Carrie Hargrove.
- Recitation—May Williams.
- Song.
- Sketch from reading course—Luther Heizer.
- Reading—Kate Barnes.
- Closing song.

Wields a Sharp Ax.

Millions marvel at the multitude of maladies cut off by Dr. King's New Life Pills—the most distressing too. Stomach, liver and bowel troubles, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, jaundice, biliousness, fever, malaria, all fall before these wonder workers. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Near the Head of the List.

Seventy-three years of married life is almost the record and it is held by an old couple in Fairfield, Ia. These aged lovers were married January 22, 1829, and they have lived together continuously ever since. The unusual part of the case is that the have never been separated even for a day since the words which made them one were spoken. They are Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hunter. Although Mr. Hunter is 91 and Mrs. Hunter is 89 years old, both are remarkably well preserved. They are perfectly happy and contented and expect to live to celebrate their diamond wedding.

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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.

W. J. Dulin is one of the many new subscribers to The Mail this week, as is also T. H. Spears, both of whom are good men and will be a valuable addition to the list.

The editor was agreeably "April fooled" Tuesday evening by the arrival of a 11-pound boy at his home. Mother and babe doing nicely and the editor—well, he's slowly recovering.

Says We Ought to Save More.

Simeon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, associate justice of the supreme court of Yale law school, spoke on Thursday evening before the Hartford Workingmen's club, on "Saving and Spending," and made some interesting remarks. He said that a single man earning \$1.50 a day should lay by 25 cents a day and should not get married until he had \$100 saved up. He said there was a general tendency to spend more money than necessary. Judge Baldwin said the American native is spending too much money in eating and furnishing the home, and although the nation is much richer, people are not saving as much in proportion to income as they did fifty years ago.

WINCHESTER

FACTORY LOADED SHOTGUN SHELLS
"New Rival" "Leader" "Repeater"

If you are looking for reliable shotgun ammunition, the kind that shoots where you point your gun, buy Winchester Factory Loaded Shotgun Shells: "New Rival," loaded with Black powder; "Leader" and "Repeater," loaded with Smokeless. Insist upon having Winchester Factory Loaded Shells, and accept no others.
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Big Cut In Lumber Yard!

We have moved and remodeled our old sheds, erected a new one in center of yard and have filled all with a bran new stock of Lumber, Shingles, Sash Doors, Brick, Lime, Cement Building Paper, etc.

This cut has widened our yard driveways all around, which enables us to serve as many more of our customers at the same time with the best material ever brought to Merkel.

Our Lumber is of all dimensions—short, wide and long. Thick, but dry and bright, these things it takes, you know: To make your home good tight and strong—It is to your interest to buy of Burton-Lingo.

BURTON-LINGO CO.,

Lumber Dealers

J. S. Barnes,

Manager

Weak?

"I suffered terribly and was extremely weak for 12 years. The doctors said my blood was all turning to water. At last I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and was soon feeling all right again."
Mrs. J. W. Fiala, Hadlyme, Ct.

No matter how long you have been ill, nor how poorly you may be today, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine you can take for purifying and enriching the blood.

Don't doubt it, put your whole trust in it, throw away everything else.

\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

Ask your doctor what he thinks of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He knows all about this grand old family medicine. Follow his advice and we will be satisfied.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

For the Annual Reunion Confederate Veterans to be held at Dallas, Texas, April 22 to 25, inclusive, 1902, the Texas & Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets from stations on its line in Texas at exceedingly low rates, in fact at lower rates than have been announced to Dallas for a long time.

Tickets will be on sale from points in Texas, also Shreveport and Greenwood, La., on April 21, 22 and 23, 1902, limited for

return to leave Dallas April 26, 1902.

Any one of our agents will be glad to arrange for sleeping car accommodations and explain to you any points connected with the trip, or we will be glad to have you write direct to us for further information.

H. P. Hughes, E. P. Turner,
T. P. A., G. P. A.
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Buy "Topsy" Hosiery.

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Good Clothing.

We still hold the fort in men's and boys' Clothing. All good dressers come to us for their Clothing, Neckwear, Underwear, Shoes, Shirts, Gloves, Hats, etc. We're leaders in Quality and Price.

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Remember: One Price, Spot Cash. Your money back if not satisfied.



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They are unquestionably the best shoes on the market to-day.



A large line of Dress Goods. All the latest patterns and newest shades.

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The Fitts & Smith Store.

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 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.

IS IT FAIR?

The candidates for county offices were assessed \$10 each for campaign purposes, among which was the printing of tickets. It was the understanding among the candidates that the printing of these tickets was to be let out to the various papers in the county and a committee of three was appointed to attend to the matter. Mr. J. J. Stallings of Merkel was placed on this committee. It was to have been called together about ten days before the election, but no call has been issued. Instead the tickets were printed without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Stallings. The Mail was utterly ignored, not even being asked to bid on the printing of the tickets. Who assumed the authority for the printing of the tickets we do not know nor do we care, but certain it is that he or they violated every sense of common fairness. The Mail at one time was the

only county paper that fought the battles of Democracy and it has always been in the thickest of the fight when a fight was necessary. Merkel at that time was the banner Democratic box in the county, hence the reader can draw his own conclusion. The candidates and the people generally spoke in no uncertain terms here Saturday and the action of those who assumed the responsibility for the printing of the tickets is roundly condemned. In all candor we ask, is it right or just? If malice or envy is at the bottom of the affair, then we have nothing further to say, but in justice to ourselves and to the people of Merkel we demand an explanation on the part of those concerned.

Merkel has been faithful in all things, but the "worm is liable to turn."

Stephens County has two candidates in the field for district offices, one for the Senate and one for Attorney, and she really expects to land both of them. Taylor County also has a candidate for Attorney. Taylor's delegation will go to the Senatorial convention uninstructed. Therefore, Stephens County had better look a "leetle oudt" how it urges other counties not to throw their votes away on Hardwicke for District Attorney. Jones County has a full hand.

There is considerable talk just now of incorporating the town. Merkel is big enough, broad enough, old enough and dirty enough to demand something of this kind, but it is doubtful if such a move would be advisable at this time. Let's sorter take things easy for awhile.

IN MERKEL.

The morals are the best
 In Merkel;

There is no time for rest
 In Merkel;

The people are cunning,
 The candidates are running,
 There is no need for gunning
 In Merkel.

The trustees are restful
 In Merkel;

The teachers are successful
 In Merkel;

The banks are full of money,
 The bees are making honey,
 So get in the procession, sonny,
 In Merkel.

The churches are beautiful
 In Merkel;

The Christians are dutiful
 In Merkel;

The men are all witty,
 The women are all pritty,
 We will soon be a city
 In Merkel.

The doctors cure the sick
 In Merkel;

The merchants are slick
 In Merkel;

We have many new comers,
 The town is full of drummers—
 In fact, we are all hummers
 In Merkel.

The windmills are pumping
 In Merkel;

Garden sass is humping
 In Merkel;

The chief beverage is Peruna,
 It makes a fellow most loony
 And likewise very spoony
 In Merkel.

The boys are quite neat
 In Merkel;

The girls are very sweet
 In Merkel;

So stop all your racket,
 Put on your fighting jacket,
 If a head dissents crack it
 In Merkel.

There are two or three candidates who have not seen fit to ask the support of the voters of this end of the county through the columns of The Mail, and we hope the people will remember them next Saturday. Merkel is the strongest box in the county. It should be of enough importance to command passing notice.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals has applied the decision of the Supreme Court in the Illinois anti-trust statute to the Texas statute, which holds that the law is unconstitutional because it exempted livestock and agriculture. This knocks the law higher than a kite.

Every man owes a debt to his country for the protection of life and property. The best way to pay this debt is to help elect the best men to office. The administration of public affairs should be in competent hands.

When it is considered that the steel trust admit having earned over \$111,000,000 last year, the enormity of the steal can be imagined. And this is the infant industry that is busily sucking the public teat.

Taylor County objects to being classed in the Jones column for Congress. We will exercise that prerogative to the queen's taste when the proper time comes. In the meantime we will saw wood, if you please.

See that your premises are kept clean and avoid the possibility of disease germs which are common to filthy localities.

When poverty comes in at the door love meanders away back and sits down.

A New Tin Shop

and Galvanized Iron Works.

Patronize home industry, and buy your Tinware, Well Casing, Well Buckets, Guttering, Spouting Roofing, Flues, Ventilators, Rain Proofs, Galvanized Iron Cisterns, Filters, Stock Tanks—in fact, everything usually kept in a first class Tin Shop. Repairing a Specialty.
 Yours for Business,

J. R. REGISTER.

James K. Jones was turned down by the people of Arkansas. Now listen for the yell that this was a blow at Bryanism.

Farm work is moving along nicely. Seemingly, the farmers are trying to get as far ahead as the dry weather.

Jeff Davis is still Governor of Arkansas. Arkansas knows a good thing when she sees it.

Saturday tells the tale in this county. It will be a chilly time for some of the candidates.

The best man for the place should receive our votes in the primary Saturday.

Everything comes to him who waits, including corns and carbuncles.

Truth prevails in the end, but a lie always leads in the stretch.

The district candidates have given Merkel the go-by. Good.

Navigation up Salt River will be a hard job this dry weather.

CASH IS KING!

And Happy is the Man that
Pays as he Goes.

Prosperity will soon bless his home, but the man who buys his goods on time and has to pay CREDIT PRICES, can never prosper only when the Country is blessed with a bountiful harvest. Now we expect to sell every \$'s worth we can for SPOT CASH, and we'll make you prices that no credit concern can afford to meet. We have new goods arriving daily, and we propose to show you that we mean exactly what we say.

WE ARE CLOSING OUT OUR STOCK OF MEN'S CLOTHING AT COST!

Come see the prices we make.

Some fine Granites, formerly \$15. our price now \$10.50

Blue serge suits worth \$15 cost price only \$9.35

Flannel suits, coat, vest & pant, cost price \$6.35

A nobby Melton suit worth \$10 cost price \$6.35

Young men, now is the time to get some of the biggest values you have been offered in many days. Our clothing is all new, not an old suit in the lot and was bought of one of the best clothing houses in America. We guarantee it to be just as represented. Your money back if dissatisfied.

New Shirts, Collars and Ties, and some big values in Men's Underwear. Genuine rubber seam drawers at only 50c

The best man's or boy's Hat at \$1.00. The Liberty Bell Hat, in white, black or brown, every one guaranteed. at \$1.50.

Men's Hosiery in all the fancy colors from 10c to 35c. You want to see them, boys, they're warm.

Ladies' goods, new Shirt Waists in all latest styles, prices from 50c to \$4.00, and some of the prettiest waist patterns, just 3 and 6 yards in a piece.

Lawns and Dimities, all latest patterns and lowest prices.

All the newest things in embroideries, insertions to match.

Laces at prices from 1 to 5c yd.

Best ladies' bleach summer vest you ever saw at 5c.

Linen Skirts, Crash Skirts, and many other attractive things to show you if you'll drop in.

MILLINERY

Having secured Mrs. Daniel as trimmer, I can now guarantee fashionable up-to-date Millinery. Come and examine the goods and prices.

MRS. F. B. HOOPLE.

at the Fitts & Smith store.

We still want your trade. We will treat you well and will sell you goods as cheap as they can be sold in any town in Texas. Come in to see us. We'll be glad to see you, glad to show you our goods and glad to price them to you.

AUSTIN FITTS,

At the FITTS & SMITH SPOT CASH STORE, - - - MERKEL, TEXAS.

"Grandma" Rawlins Dead.

Mrs. E. J. Rawlins, better known as "Grandma," died Friday morning after a lingering illness of several weeks duration. Her death was due to no special disease, but the span of life merely run out and the tired body crossed over the river peacefully and quietly.

Grandma Rawlins was a typical character, peculiar in many ways to people of this day and time, but universally loved by all. She was in her 88th year. She belonged to a distinguished and wealthy family of Tennesseans, who were prominent in the affairs of the State, and up a few years ago held considerable stock in the Chattanooga Medicine Company and other valuable property at different places. She was reputedly wealthy, but during the past ten years many reverses fell to her lot and so far as known only a small property remained, which is willed to a nephew and niece who lived with her. Her peculiar ways and quaint mannerisms made her an object of interest wherever she went, but behind all that throbbed a heart susceptible of great emotions and worthy aspirations.

The body was shipped to Dallas, the old home, where it was laid beside her husband who preceded her. Peace to her ashes.

3 pound Standard Tomatoes
10c per car.

J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Harkrider visited in Abilene last week, returning home Sunday.

Miss Eva Martin spent last week visiting friends at Dora.

School Matters.

The school board held a call meeting Saturday for the purpose of electing a superintendent for the Merkel Public School. Several applicants were on file, learn, among them being Prof. C. E. Evans of Anson, who was unanimously the choice of the board. It is difficult to overestimate the value of a good superintendent. He must possess the requisites of concentrated thought and action; he must be proficient in school management, and above all he must possess the happy faculty of patience and forbearance. In Prof. Evans, we believe we have secured a man who is head and shoulders above any competitor for the position. In fact, he is acknowledged one of the leading educators of the west—a pleasant, amiable person, a brilliant scholar and a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word.

The Mail commends him to the people. He has held this same position in the Anson schools for seven years, and we feel sure he and his excellent family will receive a warm welcome from the people of this school district.

Now let's hasten the projected school building. No other elections were made by the board.

Waived Examination.

G. R. Pettis, charged with the murder of Frank Baccus, was brought before Justice of the Peace J. J. Miller Saturday and waived examination. He was remanded to jail without bail to await the action of the grand jury at the September term of District Court. Hundreds of people were on hand to attend the trial.

Attorney Wagstaff was in the city Saturday.

The Mail's 'phone is 31. If you know any item of news, or if friends or relatives are visiting you, or if you are going or have been off on a visit, please let us know. It will be a great favor.

Milo Maize and Red Top Cane seed at

J. T. Warren's.

Saturday was candidate day in Merkel. The expression, "one couldn't stir with a stick without hitting a candidate," was a very appropriate one.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tom King were visiting in the city Saturday.

M. C. Lambeth was up from Abilene Saturday. He was agreeably surprised at the many improvements made here during the past four years.

A young girl walked into a Merkel hardware store, the other day, and modestly asked to be shown some hose "What length—twenty-five or fifty feet"—politely inquired the young clerk. "My goodness, young man," she replied, "do you think I am a telegraph pole?"

T. J. Parton has forty acres of feed stuff up and growing nicely, but says the continued dry weather is making it look just a little bit sick. He has planted a great deal of cotton also, expecting rain by the 15th of this month. We hope he will get it.

For Sale—Cooking stove, dining table, iron bedstead, all as good as new. See

S. W. Sheppard.

Prof. C. E. Evans of Anson was visiting in the city Saturday.

Children's Coughs and Colds.

Mrs. Joe McGrath, 327 E. 1st St., Hutchinson, Kan., writes: "I have given Ballard's Horehound Syrup to my children for coughs and colds for the past four years, and find it the best medicine I ever used." Unlike many cough syrups, it contains no opium, but will soothe and heal any disease of the throat and lungs quicker than any remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

Go to G. M. Sharp's for your bran, oats and wheat chops.

J. J. Stallings and Geo. S. Berry attended the meeting of the executive committee at Abilene Monday.

When you want grain or any kind of field seed, see G. M. Sharp.

Joe Elliott was up from Arlington last week looking after his cattle, returning home Monday.

Call on G. M. Sharp for cane seed.

R. E. Tracy was in from the ranch Monday and remembered The Mail with a silver dollar which seemed as large as a cart wheel. The Mail has the best list of subscribers of any paper in the county, and we are proud of them.

McDonald Jumpers for working men. They save shirts as well as washing.

J. T. Warren.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wims, just a few weeks old, died Saturday night after a few hours' sickness. The burial took place at the Merkel cemetery Sunday evening.

A Physician Writes.

"I am desirous of knowing if the profession can obtain Herbine in bulk for prescribing purposes? It has been of great use to me in treating cases of dyspepsia brought on by excesses or overwork. I have never known it to fail in restoring the organs affected, to their healthful activity." 50c bottles at Rust & Pittard's.

Buy your Grain, Hay and Salt from G. M. Sharp, the only exclusive Grain Dealer in Merkel.

Mr. J. L. Banner, who purchased the Phillips farm northeast of town last fall, is a new subscriber to The Mail. He is one of our very best citizens and we appreciate his support very much.

You can exchange eggs for dry goods or groceries at J. T. Warren's.

J. R. Pee has the thanks of The Mail for cash on subscription. Mr. Pee is another subscriber who never allows himself to get behind with the printer.

McDonald Overalls fit like Sunday pants.

J. T. Warren.

I. S. Allen has just completed a long distance line to Cross Roads, north of town. This gives Merkel telephone communication with a greater part of the surrounding country, which should be of material help in the progress and development of the town.

Look at our French Balbriggan Underwear at \$1.00 a suit. No better made for the money.

J. T. Warren.

Cures Sciatic Rheumatism.

Mrs. A. E. Simpson, 509 Craig St., Knoxville, Tenn., writes, June 10, 1899: "I have been trying the baths of Hot Springs, Ark., for sciatic rheumatism, but I get more relief from Ballard's Snow Liniment than any medicine or anything I have ever tried. Enclosed find post office order for \$1.00. Send me a large bottle by Southern Express." Sold by Rust & Pittard.

Sixteen ounces of satisfaction in every pound of Peace-Maker Flour at

J. T. Warren's.

Isaac N. Taylor, lawyer of Abilene, was circulating among friends here Saturday.

Irving Jennings left Sunday night for Hereford, Texas, he having been promoted to the management of a lumber yard at that place. Irving's friends will be glad to learn of his rapid promotion and hope for his continued success.

Hand Wanted.

Farm and ranch hand wanted. Inexperienced hands need not apply.

Sam Butman,
Nubia, Texas.

A large crowd, among which was quite a sprinkling of ladies, greeted the aspirants for County Judge at the Ferrier Hall Saturday night. The set-to was quite spirited, but good feelings prevailed throughout and public sentiment was about equally divided between them. The only question to be considered in this race, it seems to The Mail, is the fitness of the candidates for the office. Personal intrigue are below the issue. County affairs are of too much importance to be overshadowed by our personal feelings in the matter.

Buy "Topsy" Hosiery.

J. T. Warren.

The Democratic primary to be held Saturday is a white man's primary strictly. The judges will challenge the vote of every man who has in the past affiliated with other parties, and illegal voting, which is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500, will be carefully looked after. The pledge this year is more binding than formerly. It requires that a man must be a Democrat and in voting the ticket he must pledge himself to support not only the nominees of the primary election, but ALL NOMINEES of the DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

What Tortoise Shell Is.

Ladies who carelessly jab a tortoise-shell comb through their hair do not, perhaps, realize what suffering the "production" of tortoise-shell causes.

What is known as "tortoise-shell" consists of the thin outer scales which overlie the shell of a species of sea turtle.

The shell process consists in spreading dried leaves or grass evenly over the back and then setting them on fire.

The heat causes the shell to separate at the joints, but does not injure it.

A large blade is then inserted horizontally between the laminae which are gently pried from the back.

Many turtles do not survive the process, but most of them live and get a new covering, just as a man will grow a finger nail in place of one he may lose.—Philadelphia Record.

If the wind holds out we can still expect to enjoy the whirling clouds of dust for some time yet.

HAMILTON and BROWN

MAKE

Ladies and Childrens Oxfords & Slippers

Old Ladies' Home Comfort, \$1.25 to \$2.00

Ladies' Sandals, = = 1.00 to 2.00

Children's Sandals = = .60 to 1.50

Ladies' Oxfords = = 1.25 to 1.75

These are made up in the Latest
Styles and you will find them to be
Honest Goods at Honest Prices.

J. T. WARREN

==THE PRICE MAKER.==

The War In South Africa..

Cuts No Ice at This Store.

Our sympathies are for the people of this Country. We realize the fact that you have had a short crop year and must buy goods **CHEAP**; therefore, we have reduced the prices on our goods in every department. Come in and see us and inspect our goods. We will save you money on everything you buy at this store.

J. P. SHARP & CO.

TOWN and COUNTRY.. NEWS

WEEKLY BUDGET OF HAPPENINGS THROUGH THE COUNTY....

ABILENE.

News is a very scare article this week.

The Fife meeting is the center of attention. Two able sermons are delivered each day and much good is being accomplished. Can't say just how many conversions there are but the number is large. Mr. Fife is a very plain spoken man and delivers his sermons in a business-like manner but very convincing. The meeting will last two weeks. Yet All who could should hear him one time anyway.

United States court was in session here Monday and Tuesday and the way Judge Meeks grinds out business would make a police judge turn green with envy. Dick Tate who got a little too gay with the postoffice at Tuscola was given three years in the penitentiary for his conduct. Bob Tollett got too anxious to possess some of the earthly riches and passed a \$2 bill for \$18 more than its face value and will serve the government two years as his reward. Will Clifton for the same offense will serve "Uncle Sam" for one year and one day. A number of civil suits were continued while others were dismissed and court adjourned Tuesday afternoon. The three convicted men were bound together by the ties of a chain and led off to Atlanta, Ga., this morning.

Judge Hill was called to San Angelo the first of the week to attend his mother who is reported very low.

Judge and Mrs. J. V. Cockrell celebrated their golden wedding at their home here Monday evening and were honored by a large number of guests, who called during the course of the evening to congratulate them. Judge Cockrell is about 70 years of age and was born in Mississippi and married to Jane Douglass April 7th, 1852. He was a colonel in the Confederate army and served with distinction. He moved to Texas in 1864 and has resided here continuously since then. He served as judge of the 39th district and in 1892 was elected to congress from the "Jumbo" and retired voluntarily in 1897 and has lived a retired life ever since. Judge Cockrell is a brother of U. S. Senator Cockrell of Missouri. Mr. and Mrs.

Cockrell are blessed with five children and thirteen grandchildren.

The political pot down this year has quit sizzling and gone to boiling.

A camp of the sons of Confederate veterans was organized here Monday night.

DORA.

(Too late for last issue.)

Rev. Heizer preached a nice sermon at Cross Roads last Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Miss Lizzie Blackburn has been visiting S. H. Leslie's for several days.

There has been quite a scare about the small pox.

Jim and Sam Toombs went to Sweetwater Sunday, returning Tuesday with a load of dry goods.

Mr. Bronseum and wife went to Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Thene Snow is improving very fast. She is at her father's house.

There is now an artist at Nubia. Come and have your beauty struck.

APPLE BLOSSOM.

NUBIA.

Miss Nettie Hawkins went to Merkel Friday.

Several of the young people enjoyed a candy breaking at Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins' Friday night.

Jasper McCoy and T. C. Jenkins went to Sweetwater Saturday.

Several of the young people enjoyed a croquet party at Mr. and Mrs. B. Jenkins Saturday evening.

I. E. Lowe and daughters, Misses Mattie and Alice, went to Nubia Saturday.

The young people report a royal time at Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Beall's Saturday night.

Preaching Sunday morning by Rev. Friar of the Holiness faith. Singing Sunday evening at I. E. Lowe's.

Several people left Sunday evening for Sweetwater.

H. H. Luckett came in Tuesday from Midland. He reports his stock doing well.

Kat Klaw.

Aguinaldo Talks of Himself.

Aguinaldo is living in comfort on the banks of the Pasig River, in the suburb of Malacanan, and some Americans have complain-

ed that he is treated better than he deserves. The house compares favorably with that of Governor William H. Taft, which is about half a mile farther up the river. Beside a guard of American soldiers to protect Aguinaldo, there are several servants to attend to the wants of himself and family, for the Filipino leader has with him his wife and children, and his mother-in-law. It is the first time for nearly three years that they have been together.

"When I was young," said Aguinaldo, in reply to my question concerning his early experience, "I had to make my way in the world, and, like other Filipino boys, I found that it isn't always easy to get a meal when one is hungry. When I had a chance to go into the house of a priest as a servant, I lost no time in taking advantage of the opportunity. It was a good place for me. I picked up a good deal of Spanish there, and soon able to read and write. I think I also learned something of the terrible condition of these islands. I know that at an early age I felt the misery of our people, and determined to do something to change things. When I came to Manila and saw the government officials living in luxury, and thought of the wretched natives almost starved, my blood boiled and I resolved to devote my life to uplifting the Filipino people. It was an unselfish determination, whatever newspapers may assert to the contrary. I have never known any other ambition except to work for the salvation of these islands; and, although I have not accomplished what I hoped, I do not feel that my efforts have been in vain.

"My people have been faithful. Most of them are loyal to me, even yet. I have enemies, of course. I would think myself of small account if ever myself were to praise me or be indifferent to my faults. Even in my darkest hours I have been uplifted by the kindness of devoted friends and devoted followers. Most of them would be faithful even unto death, and I have dozens of leaders whom I could trust. If I ever again have a part in the life of these islands, my future would not be altogether dark, for I have many precious experiences to look back upon and to be thankful for."—Harry Steele Morrison, in "Success" for April.

The dry weather is holding on with bull dog persistency.

A Doctor's Bad Plight.

"Two years ago, as a result of a severe cold, I lost my voice," writes Dr. M. L. Scarbrough, of Hebron, Ohio, "then began an obstinate cough. Every remedy known to me as a practicing physician for 35 years, failed, and I daily grew worse. Being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for lung consumption, coughs and colds, I found quick relief, and for last ten days felt better than for two years." Positively guaranteed for throat and lung troubles by Rust & Pittard. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Pointed Paragraphs.

The early suburbanite catches the rain.

Many a game leg is the result of a football game.

Only a fool goose would tackle the golden-egg business.

Women are jealous of echoes because they get in the last word.

Truth prevails in the end, but a lie always leads in the stretch.

People seldom tell you how much or how little they think of you.

The calendar maker has a good deal to do with numbering our days.

The average man's intentions are several laps ahead of his actions.

One woman never really knows another woman until their children quarrel.

The drum major sees more of the procession than the drum major does.

The dentist has a pull that is calculated to fill the politician's heart with envy.

When poverty comes in at the door love meanders away back and disappears.

A bachelor sees the only certain thing about women is their uncertainty.

Perhaps the longevity of the ancients was due to the fact that they had no cookbooks.

In order to be a first-class theorist a man must have perfect confidence in his imagination.

Before calling a man a fool pause and reflect what he could call you without jolting his veracity.

While there are hundreds of books on sale telling how to acquire wealth, probably not one of the authors could draw \$4.98 out of a bank on his personal check.—Chicago News.

Look at our French Balbriggan Underwear at \$1.00 a suit. No better made for the money.

J. T. Warren.

DRUGS..

EVERYTHING NEW!

I have opened up a stock of Pure, Fresh Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, Wall Paper, Sundries, Etc., next door to First National Bank, and invite the patronage of all.

All Prescription Work is done by a Registered Pharmacist, insuring best results

Nicest line of Druggists' Sundries in the town.

F. M. DAVIS.

Groceries...

I have purchased the Smith & Davis stock of Groceries, which has been added and is now most complete. I am in a position to save you money on your monthly bill of supplies.

Give me a trial order.

'Phone 39...

C. E. DAVIS

THE FACTS IN THE CASE...

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The DAVIS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS gives the facts in the case

SPECIALLY EDITED...

If you'll read The News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not hap-hazard go into The News' make-up.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED...

You need THE MERKEL MAIL, because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need The News, because it gives you all the State news. The Merkel Mail and The Semi-Weekly News one year for only \$1.75, CASH IN ADVANCE. The News is promptly stopped at expiration of time paid for. Subscribe now.

Come and see our new mouldings. Latest styles.

W. P. Browning & Co.

Fine watch repairing is the kind you want. That's the kind Ustick does. Guaranteed.

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Preserve this list.
If at any time any subscriber feels that he has cause for complaint, if he will kindly report it to me it will have prompt attention. We appreciate your patronage and will take pleasure in giving you the best possible service.
I. S. ALLEN, Man.

Mrs. J. A. McMaHan of Abilene is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed J. Leeman, and incidentally keeping tab on that new nephew.

Farm Implements...

If you want to know what kind of Implements are THE BEST, call on W. H. DICKSON. He has handled the Bement goods for over 12 years, and they have stood the test. The are unquestionably the BEST. Call and see me and I will take a delight in explaining their merits.

W. H. DICKSON

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, and if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office May 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.
Barton, T L Barrett, J H
Barrett, Mrs Eula Brown, J R
Cunningham, J C Elliott, Arthur
Hightower, T P Mathish, John
McGiboney, Mrs Nellie
Privett, Miss Julia Shelton, J W
Smith, Miss Moriland
Walraven, James

Good for Rheumatism.

Last fall I was taken with a severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures, I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I had seen advertised in the South Jerseyman. After two applications of this remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle, was completely cured. Sallie Harris, Salem, N. J. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Camp Organized.

Camp Abilene Sons of Confederate veterans was organized on Monday night with 50 members, Tom Bledsoe being elected commandant, C. C. Buck, adjutant, and R. A. Childress surgeon, the object of the organization being to cherish the memory of the Confederate dead, to assist in preserving the history of the Lost Cause, and to assist in supporting indigent Confederates.

Camp Abilene Sons of Confederate Veterans will attend the reunion at Dallas in body and most cordially invites all Sons of Confederate Veterans of Merkel and surrounding vicinity to join with them as this is an opportunity which they will probably not have again for years to come. Special arrangements are being made for transportation, a special train has already been promised, and special coaches for this point have been asked for. The time and date of departure will be given to the public later.

Tom Bledsoe, Com.
C. C. Buck, Adjt.

The merchants have gone into an agreement to close their respective places of business at 7 o'clock, p. m., Saturday's excepted, beginning April 14th, and continuing until further notice. Let the people keep this fact in mind so that the agreement can be strictly enforced.

GOOD ADVICE.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases, and their effects; such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after eating, Low Spirits etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75c. Two doses will relieve you. Try it at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

THE CONFEDERATE REUNION

The Dallas News to Print a Mammoth Illustrated Edition on That Occasion.

On Wednesday, April 23, The Dallas Morning News will issue the largest paper ever printed in Texas. It will be fully equal to the great Confederate Reunion taking place in Dallas at that time.

It will contain a magnificent historical account of the reunion, and many special articles peculiarly appropriate will be printed.

There will be hundreds of illustrations in fine half tone, and to meet the demand The News has just installed its own photo-engraving plant.

There will also be a splendid illustrated write-up of Dallas, besides special articles exploiting the resources and advantages of Texas in general.

It will be the aim to make it the finest paper in all particulars, ever printed in the Southwest.

The demand for it will be unprecedented, and will tax the great capacity of the presses of The News to the utmost in getting it out.

It is important that those who wish copies of the paper should send in their order in advance so as to be sure to get them.

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Respectfully,
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County Attorney, Grimes County, Texas.

Stamp Photos.

We have secured the plates of the Chicago Photo Co. All who had stamp pictures taken can now have them made at 10c per dozen. Leave orders with H. West.

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Conjuror's House.

Mr. Stewart Edward White has just completed for the Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, a stirring serial story of love and adventure in the Northwest. The tale is entitled Conjuror's House. A Romance of the Free Forest. The scene is laid at an isolated outpost of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the characters are a devil-may-care young soldier of fortune, the old rector and his beautiful daughter. This fascinating story will begin in The Saturday Evening Post for April 19.

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time has been wasted the collector
usually waxes impatient, and
snatches the ticket out of the pas-
senger's hand, who promptly sum-
mons the company for assault, and
obtains damages.

The President Getting Stout.

President Roosevelt takes as
much exercise as he can, but he is
getting stout rapidly, having gained
about fifteen or twenty pounds in
the past six months. Formerly he
lived a great deal in the open air,
but since his elevation to the presi-
dency he has been unable to do so,
and to this deprivation he attributes
the condition which strains the
buttons of his frock coat.

The Versatile Kaiser.

Emperor William, of Germany,
can talk fluently in six languages.
He has written a play and con-
ducted its rehearsal. He has writ-
ten a public prayer and conducted
a choir. He can cook his own din-
ner, can play chess, paint pictures
and draw caricatures. He has
learned engineering and studied
electricity. Though he can use
only one arm he can shoot game
for hours at the rate of two a min-
ute. He has over a hundred titles
and is an admiral in three of the
biggest navies. In twenty-five
years he has shot 23,000 head of
game. He changes his dress a
dozen times a day, has a dozen
valets, and his wardrobe is worth
\$500,000.

"Cipher" in the Psalms.

Apropos of the Shakespeare-Bacon
controversy a correspondent of
the London Telegraph satirically
comes forward with the theory that
Shakespeare may have written the
Psalms. In Psalm xlvi, he found
that by counting forty-six words
from the beginning you arrive at
the word "shake," and by counting
forty-six from the end (omitting,
of course, the exclamation "Selah")
you come to the word "spear." These,
conjoined, make up the name of
the poet, and he asks
whether they do not form a secret
cryptogram?

"Snake" in the Letter Box.

A Washington letter carrier
opened a letter box the other night,
stuck his hand in and then dashed
madly down the street shouting,
"A snake! A snake!" A police-
man stopped him, and together they
went back to investigate. They
looked into the box and saw the
supposed snake coiled on top of a
bunch of letters. The policeman
poked it with his club. It did not
move. Then he grew bolder and
pulled it out. The snake was a fat
string of sausages.

Havana, Havana.

Havana is much better off than
New York and many other Ameri-
can cities, and better than London
and a large number of foreign
capitals, with respect to smallpox.
Cuba's foremost community has
not had a single case of this dis-
ease for many weeks and it is also
free from yellow fever.

Won Kokomo's Appreciation

The city council of Kokomo,
Ind., has voted a gold medal to
Frank Watt, a Panhandle engineer,
for bravery. The local lodges of
the Order of Odd Fellows and Red
Men also voted medals and cash to
him, although Wyatt is not a mem-
ber of either order. Wyatt left his
engine at the natural gas explosion
last week and carried four women
out of burning buildings, rushing
through a mass of flames to rescue
them.

When Senator Bacon Quit Skating.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, is
clean shaven and baldheaded. Once
when a young man he wore long,
flowing sidewhiskers. When the
roller skating craze of fifteen or
twenty years ago struck Georgia,
Bacon was the crack skater of his
town. One night, relates a Wash-
ington correspondent, he was out
on the floor of the rink making
fancy figures, when two amateurs,
hand in hand, bore down on him.
He tried to get out of the way, but
couldn't. The two skaters bumped
into the embryo senator. One
caught hold of his whiskers on one
side and the other took a grip on
the other side. Yelling with pain,
Bacon tried to shake them off, but
they clung to him until all three
went to the flood together. Bacon
got up, took off his skates, went
home and shaved. Since that time
he hasn't worn a skate or a whisker.

Ohio's Antietam Monument.

The state of Ohio is to place a
monument on the battlefield of An-
tietam, in recognition of the parts
played therein by ex-President
Hayes, as colonel of the Twenty-
third Ohio regiment, and William
McKinley, who was an aid. The
exact location of the monument will
be where Aid McKinley stood dis-
tributing supplies to exhausted
troops at the front in the thick of
the fight.

Odd Damage Suit.

The prosecuting attorney of Na-
trona county, Wyo., has entered
suit against 175 citizens of Casper,
that state, for damages aggregating
\$100,000. The citizens circulated
and signed a petition asking that
he employ an assistant in a murder
trial, and he alleges that his per-
sonal reputation was thereby dam-
aged in the sum named.

"Boss" Shepherd Rich Again.

Alexander R. Shepherd, who for
three years was at the head of the
government of the District of Co-
lumbia and who spent \$40,000,000
in improving Washington, is re-
turning a millionaire. When he
left in 1879 taxpayers called him a
"boddler," and charged all sorts of
corruption. Many of these citizens,
some of whom were almost bank-
rupted by his lavish expenditures,
now say Mr. Shepherd's work will
stand as a monument to him. It is
admitted that but for his indomit-
able will Washington would not be-
today the beautiful city it is. Shep-
herd went to Mexico practically
penniless, but was fortunate in min-
ing ventures. He is 67 years old.

A Jap's Old Superstition.

A superstitious man, one Um-
ataro Nagal, living at Akasaka-Ku,
in Japan, lately built a stone pillar
about twelve feet high and six feet
wide, costing 1000 yen, in the
premises of the Shoumji temple, at
Tokio, in memory of the rats which
were recently hunted and destroyed
wholesale throughout the city in or-
der to prevent the spreading of the
pest. He was said to have been
disturbed at night by horrible
nightmares, in which he was chased
and tortured by thousands of these
rodents. He attributed these night-
mares to the spirit of the rats.
Hence the penitential pillar.

Deficient in Edwards' Times.

In connection with the news from
London that the price of good win-
dows commanding the coronation
procession of Edward VII has gone
up to something like \$365, someone
who has looked it up notes that at
the coronation of Edward I, the
price of a seat was half a farthing;
in Edward II's time a whole farth-
ing was required; to see Edward
III cost a halfpenny. A good seat
for Edward IV's procession cost
twopence, and for Edward VI the
price was fourpence. There is a
big jump between VI and VII.

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