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### The Higher Life

#### A Bishop Who Stands by the Bible.

Rochester Union and Advertiser. Yesterday's confirmation service at Christ church in the morning was marked by a vigorous address by Bishop Walker of the diocese of western New York on the attitude which the church should take toward the Bible. Bishop Walker is one who holds consistently and unswervingly to the teachings of the book from the first to the last.

"I would impress upon you who have taken this great step in life the importance of study of the Bible," said he, "and I also desire to emphasize the importance of reference and careful study of all its teachings. Some, speaking from the pulpit even, would tell you that there are certain portions which are to be followed, and others which are not worthy of serious belief. I say to you that the Bible has stood the attacks of ages and stands today firm and unshaken. "Let the thought that those who have sought to belittle portions of the Bible have gone and are forgotten be the proof to you that it is divinely inspired. You should read and study it as a whole receiving into your innermost beings all the wealth of divine teachings which its pages contain."

Bishop Walker said that the New Testament is veiled in the Old Testament, and that the Old Testament is unveiled in the

new. He urged greater attention to the Old Testament and its doctrines.

#### Man Dependent upon God.

"God never intended," says the New York Examiner (Baptist), "that man should live independently of Him. The experiment has been tried millions of times, and has failed as often. The oftquoted saying of Augustine is profoundly true: 'Thou has made us, O God, for thyself; and our soul is restless for ever until it finds rest in Thee.' And the still older saying of Tertullian, to the same purport, is also true: 'The heart of man is naturally Christian.' The Psalmist, in his earnest longing, expresses the inspiration which springs from the same fundamental relationship: 'As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so thirsteth my soul, O God, for Thee.' Men refuse to recognize this creative relation to God and make their plans for business, for pleasure, for culture, for politics without taking God into their plans. He is not in 'all their thoughts.' But all to no avail, as the great volume of human history testifies through all the centuries. Man is supernatural, of kin to God, made to be His son and servant and companion. That is the significance of the incarnation, the atonement, the new birth from the Holy Spirit. In the full recognition of this relation to God is the coronation, the perfection, the blessedness of humanity—the New Testament meaning of salvation."

### She Risks her Life.

Miss Mary Pierson Eddy, M. D., Presbyterian mission at Beirut, who was born in the field where she is working and whose father and mother gave their lives to the cause, has just undertaken a difficult and dangerous enterprise by invading the most hostile and fanatical section of Syria. From the ordinary point of view it would seem both unwise and unnecessary for her to do so. When there is such an eager demand for her services among friendly communities throughout a greater part of Syria it does not seem good judgement for her to offer them where they are not only not wanted but where she is actually forbidden to go. But she takes a heroic view of her mission. She deems it her duty and considers it her privilege to act as a wedge in opening to American missionary work a hitherto inaccessible territory. It is her purpose, she says, to make American missionaries known and respected among the Maronites, who have refused to receive them for seventy years; to gain the confidence of the officials, the priests and the people, and open the way for education and evangelical work. It requires courage, determination and tact to accomplish this, and she has all three qualities in abundance beyond most women. Perhaps Miss Eddy is the only person living who could safely make the attempt without inviting martyrdom.

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# The Merkel Mail.

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Published Every Thursday.

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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

### DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

- For County Judge:  
D. G. HILL.
- For County Treasurer:  
J. H. THORNTON.
- For Sheriff:  
J. V. CUNNINGHAM.
- For Tax Assessor:  
C. C. JACKSON.
- For County Clerk:  
S. H. GARRISON.
- For County Attorney:  
T. A. BLEDSOE.
- For Tax Collector:  
BAYLOR CRAWFORD.
- For District Clerk:  
V. F. WOMACK.
- For Justice of Peace, Pre. 5, and  
Commissioner Pre. 2:  
W. W. WHEELER.
- For Hide and Animal Inspector:  
ROSS G. HALL.
- For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
T. F. COMPTON.

Admiral Wm. T. Sampson, of Sampson - Schley controversy fame, is dead.

All kinds of crops are looking well since the rains, and everything is promising.

Prices of foodstuffs are still soaring skyward—after leaving the producer's hands.

The "water cure" was a good thing for the people of this country, but, unlike the Filipinos, they are not full enough to disgorge.

A recount of the Eastland County primary election returns gives the instructions of the county to Hon. O. T. Maxwell for Congress. Judge Smith won the county by 45 votes, but Maxwell contested and a recount gave him a safe majority. Many illegal votes were polled.

Some seem to think that if the antis are successful in the forthcoming prohibition election it will license the sale of whiskey in Merkel, but this is a mistake. The Supreme Court has ruled that where a precinct had voted in local option previous to the county election that the adverse decision does not invalidate the precinct affair. Therefore, Merkel is in no danger from saloons.

Petitions calling for a county prohibition election are in circulation at every precinct, and the campaign is warming up fast. It is thought that the election will be held in July. Already the necessary number of signers have been secured and the petition will be presented to the commissioners' court one week from Saturday. Very little opposition has cropped out so far, but it is generally believed that prohibition will carry by at least 500 majority. Every man should see that no strife and dissension, other than the contest itself embodies, is engendered, and that hard feelings are kept down. The Mail will use what little influence it may have for the cause of prohibition, but we propose to abide the decision of the majority should the antis win out. All good citizens will do this. See to it that you do your duty.

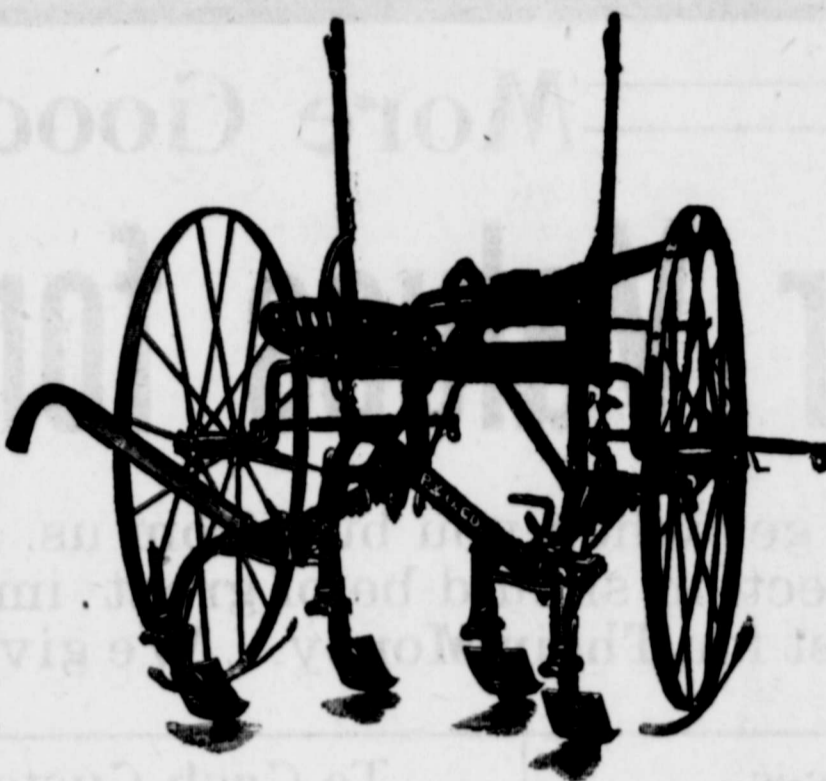
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## G. F. WEST

### PHILIPPINE LETTER.

#### Some Interesting Information About the Little Brown Men.

San Isidro, P. I., March 28.—This place is 70 miles northeast of Manila and is situated in a broad, fertile and beautiful river valley that extends far into the rugged mountains. It was the home of many Filipino generals, and a great deal of fighting was done in this province, but now everything is changed and peace reigns supreme.

Many teachers have been sent to these islands and there are 12 here now. One of them is from Stephenville, Texas. They have great times trying to teach these little brown boys and girls to talk "Americano," as they say, which is to talk as we do. There are several tribes of these little boys, and often some of each tribe go to the same school, then there is great jabbering. If a little Spanish boy wants water he will call for aqua, if it is a Tagal boy he will ask for tubig, and if an Ilocano it is damme, and the same with the rest of the tribes. However, these little fellows are very smart and soon learn English, and when they meet an American they say good morning, and are as proud as little kings when they can talk to an American. If you meet a Spanish boy and he can't speak American he will say bueno dios, the tagal boy will say magundun arapo, and the Ilocano will say bugabalim—all meaning good morning. But they are picking up many of the ways and sayings of the soldier boys, such as "Hello, Jack!" etc. A Filipino boy is happy if he can get out in the rice fields with his old faithful carabou. Their wagons are two-wheeled carts and often nothing but a sled, and with the sled for a wagon and the carabou for a team everything is hauled to and from market. But with American teachers, it will not be many years till everything will be wonderfully improved.

All men and boys wear a white pair of pants, a white shirt and straw hat. Very few have shoes and they won't wear them. They wear their shirts on the outside of their pants. What would you

think of going to church where the men and boys were all bare-footed and with their shirttails out? It is a funny sight to Americans. The churches have no seats or chairs. Everybody kneels or sits down on the floor, and there is seldom a time that some are not in the church at worship during the week.

This is a great country for fiestas or, as we would call them, holidays—a time when everyone quits work and play, puts on his clean white clothes, washes his feet and has a good time. But they never forget, during these fiestas, to go to church and, kneeling before the altars and beautiful images of our Lord and Mary, His mother, and there offer up prayers of thanksgiving. This is not confined to grown-up men and women, but little boys and girls take as much interest as their fathers and mothers. It is both amusing and impressive to we who were raised in Texas and the west and are familiar with the ways of Protestants, to watch these people in their worship. When they enter the church they stop and kneel at the door and "cross" themselves, then rise, enter, proceed to the richly ornamented vessel, dip their fingers in the "holy water," cross themselves once more with the dampened finger, then kneel for services. Little children, hardly old enough to talk or walk go through the same services.

Another thing that we do not have in America: Everybody smokes either a cigar or cigarette. Men, women and children go about with either a big cigar or cigarette in their mouths all day long, and one of the first things a baby learns is to smoke. That looks bad, but they are raised to it and taught it for hundreds of years, and are not to blame. One good mark is that you seldom see a Filipino drunk. They don't drink. They are great people for selling produce, such as watermelons, tomatoes, onions, in fact nearly everything you can name. There is plenty of vegetables, fruit and melons the year round. Fine watermelons and roasting ears can be had every day in the year and what do you guess they call

a watermelon? Piquan, don't sound much like it, does it? We do not have any peaches or apples here, but we have mangoes, bananas, cocoa nuts and all kinds of tropical fruits. What would you think of great piles of cocoa nuts as large as a house, piled up all around, and the woods full of bananas, and all you have to do is to help yourself? There are no oranges here, but they are plentiful in and about Manila. At one place just below Manila there is nothing but oranges for 25 miles. All fruits are cheap, but bread and butter costs a little fortune. I would give fifty dollars for a jug of butter-milk, and have thought many a time of the good old "clabber cheese," and I would walk five miles for a glass of sweet milk, with corn dodger and a spoon. It makes my mouth water to think about so many good things.

I am coming home some of these days and I want you boys to have old "Pide" and "Speck" (is that the cows' names?) up and ready to milk, a jug of butter-milk in the well and some clabber cheese made, and when I get there I will tell you how well I don't like to live in the Philippines.

LONNIE L. HYER.

To Masters Henry and Emmet Counts.

Come and see our new mouldings. Latest styles.

W. P. Browning & Co.

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

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Is a greater power of digesting and assimilating food. For them Dr. King's New Life Pills work wonders. They tone and regulate the digestive organs, gently expel all poison from the system, enrich the blood, improve appetite, make healthy flesh. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Yes, you can get your money's worth, at the Fitts & Smith store, in dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, shoes, hats, or anything in the dry goods line.

The young people spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoople, yesterday.



### What this Boy's Mother Says

has been said by the mothers of many other boys and girls, regarding the wonderful curative and strengthening qualities of

### Dr. Miles' Nervine

HASTING, NEB.  
"Our little boy, Harry, had spasms for 3 years and we feared the disease would affect his mind. Though we doctored continually he grew worse and had ten spasms in one week. Our attention was directed to Dr. Miles' Nervine and we began its use. When he had taken the fourth bottle the spasms disappeared and he has not had one for five years. His health now is perfect."  
MRS. B. M. TRINDALL.

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### Rena

A brown thoroughbred trotter, 16 hands high, will stand the season at the Russell & Woodard livery stable. Terms: \$10, \$2.50 cash and good note for balance; cold insured or note becomes void. Ready for service May 12. 2t

Mrs. Hoople returned yesterday from a visit to her mother at Duncan, I. T.

Mrs. A. J. Leach has been quite sick, but is improving.

### PRICES THAT MEAN BUSINESS.

We are going to give you a chance to buy your spring suit of us. On any suit of men's clothing we will make prices, on Saturday, May 10, that will be the lowest prices ever made on new and seasonable goods. Saturday, May 10, at the Fitts & Smith store.



# Millinery..

Latest Styles,  
Newest Designs  
Most Stylish  
Effects

I can suit you  
in Price, Quality,  
and Style.

MRS. F. B. HOOPLE

### No Loss of Time.

I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for years, and would rather be without coffee and sugar than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no farther, and they are at work again this morning. — H. R. Phelps, Plymouth, Okla. As will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a single days time. You should keep a bottle of this Remedy in your home. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

### Resolutions of Respect.

To the officers and members of Merkel Lodge No. 355, I.O.O.F We, your committee, appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy for our worthy brother, Nr. E. N. Rust, and wife, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it proper to take from our brother his beloved son, Guy, who died so peacefully on April 29, 1902, having only lived about eleven years and six months, in which to brighten their home. His life was short, but his sufferings were long, as time can not be counted in a case of this kind, all of which he bore with fortitude that was admirable in one so young.

Be it resolved that the Merkel Lodge extend its sympathy to our brother and wife in this their sad bereavement, and that we take this opportunity to show our love and respect, and trust that they will reconcile themselves to the will of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," hoping some bright day to be one united family there.

Resolved further, that these resolutions be put upon the lodge records and one sent to our brother; also a copy be sent to

# Tired Out

"I was very poorly and could hardly get about the house. I was tired out all the time. Then I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and it only took two bottles to make me feel perfectly well."—Mrs. N. S. Swinney, Princeton, Mo.

Tired when you go to bed, tired when you get up, tired all the time. Why? Your blood is impure, that's the reason. You are living on the border line of nerve exhaustion. Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and be quickly cured.

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.

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S. H. Basham,  
J. J. Miller,  
G. H. Richardson,  
Com.

Plenty of corn at G.M.Sharp's.

### Well Paid Barber.

When the Majestic was queen of the Atlantic she was the favorite steamer of J. Pierpont Morgan, gossips a New York writer. The barber on board was the financier's especial pet. For a shave the customary fee was \$25—when Mr. Morgan was in the giving vein. When the Morgan children went abroad they were placed in the care of this barbar, who at the same time was steward of the ship. The great general of industry would say: "Here, Charley, take good care of them," and when Charley had delivered the youngsters safe on the other side, or on this, he received as a pourboire the sum of \$250. Charles Wolf was his name. He may be on the Majestic today. He used to make more money than the captain, purser, chef and head waiter combined.

### They Know Why They Laughed.

At one of the last performances of grand opera in Philadelphia this winter two men, both foreigners, who were seated in the dress circle, attracted the attention of the occupants of one of the boxes by uproarious laughter during a touching love scene between the tenor and the prima donna, relates the Times. The opera was being sung in Italian, and the heroine, with her arms about the tenor's neck, seemed to be making copy protestations of affection. As there was nothing especially amusing in their actions, the boxholders could not understand the mirth of the two men, who were boisterous enough as to annoy all those around them. When the curtain went down a gentleman who had been in the box asked one of the foreigners what they had been laughing at. "You could not understand the words of the lady," was the reply, "she sang over and over again to her lover: "Don't turn around, your breeches have a rip in them. Don't turn around, your breeches have a rip in them."

### School Boys Gather Garbage.

Principal Small, of the Passaic, N. J., high school, has organized the boys of his school into a brigade. Squads are formed and after school hours are sent out in charge of the larger boys, to pick up paper and other waste, and rake the garbage where the regular street sweepers are compelled either to haul it away or stumble over it. Professor Small does not stand at the window and cheer the boys on. He loads a couple of huge ash cans on a wheelbarrow and trundles it by his own muscular power down the middle of the street, as a receptacle for the litter the boys pick up. Some of the parents object to this crusade, and have taken the matter to the city board of education.

### Of Eugene Field.

Mr. Slason Thompson, replying to certain family criticism of his recent entertaining "Study" of the life and character of Eugene Field, says: "You can no more find the true Eugene Field in his books than you do the true Dr. Johnson in his dictionary. In the estimation of no less an authority on the subject of biography than Edmund Gosse, nothing short of a miracle will save any biography of a husband that folly satisfies the dear delusions of his widow. I, for one, thank God that these delusions put an eternal limitation on the credulity of men and women writing the memoirs of wives and husbands."

### THE FACTS IN THE CASE

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The Republic,  
St. Louis, Mo.

### Missionary Rally.

The missionary rally, which was to have been held at the Methodist church last Sunday night, has been postponed until the night of the third Sunday in this month. The following program will be rendered:

Opening Song—The Kingdom Coming.

Scripture lesson, 96 Psalm—Miss Laura Herring.

Prayer by the pastor.

Quartette—Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Shell, Ed J. Leeman. Reasons why McKay decided to become a missionary—Alonzo Bickley.

Song—No. 14, Y. P. H. A triumph of faith in God as seen in the sinking of the well on Aniwa—Miss Allie Jennings.

Song—No. 34. Missionary work on Fiji Islands—Miss Mary Williams.

The responsibility of young people in the evangelization of the world—J. K. Pittard.

A brief survey of the missionary work of the M. E. church, South—H. C. Williams.

Song—From Greenlands Icy Mountains.

Collections for missions. Benediction.

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Your prescription will be looked after by a registered pharmacist.

All the best Magazines and periodicals handled.

Cool off at our Fountain.....

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### Gladstone's Diary Found.

A valuable "find" has been made by John Morley among Mr. Gladstone's voluminous papers, for the treasure is none other than a diary written up from an early period in Mr. Gladstone's career and apparently brought down to the close of his life. It is intimated that much of the contents is of too private and personal a character to permit unreserved publication while any of Mr. Gladstone's contemporaries are alive.

### The Greater of Two Evils.

"You are not sick, Job," said one of the friends. "You only think you are."

"Only think I am, eh?"

"Yes. It is merely a delusion."

"Well, then, all I've got to say is, I'd rather be sick than have this delusion."

And then poor old Job went exploring for a new boil that had just made its debut on the back of his neck.

### How "Doc" Smith Got His Title.

"Doc" Smith, the Republican boss of Southern Michigan, got his title in a peculiar way. He lives in Adrian. Some time ago he bought a farm near that city which was principally productive of dockweed. The neighbors began to speak of the farm as "Smith's dock farm." It was not long before the farm was known as "Dock Smith's farm," and after that the contraction to "Doc" was easy.

### Impartant Style.

Senator Blackburn is always oratorical and declamatory when in the senate, even when speaking on the most commonplace matters. The other day he made a motion to adjourn, speaking in his usual impressive way. After the motion had been carried, President Pro Tem Frye said to him: "Joe, I thought when you got on your legs that time that you were going to move that the president be impeached."

### Hasn't Education Helped Them?

The records of the male students Richmond, Va., who were graduated in the ten years, 1883-93, have now been added by the Richmond Reformer to those of the graduates of the past ten years. There were seventy men in the later period, eleven of whom have died. The others are found to be in various respectable occupations, doing creditably in the world. No criminals or paupers among the entire lot are reported. In view of these facts, the Reformer, an organ of the colored race, pertinently asks: "education spoils the negro?"

### New York's Heavy Taxpayers.

Frederick W. Vanderbilt heads the list of New York's wealthy men assessed for personal property. His assessment is a round \$2,000,000, which, at the prevailing rate of .0231 on the dollar, would make his next tax bill \$462,000. Those assessed for \$1,000,000 are William K. Vanderbilt, Alice G. Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. Still, these figures are not particularly illuminating as showing how much the persons thus taxed are worth.

### PRICES THAT MEAN BUSINESS

We are going to give you a chance to buy your spring suit of us. On any suit of men's clothing we will make prices, on Saturday, May 10, that will be the lowest prices ever made on new and seasonable goods. Saturday, May 10, at the Fitts & Smith store.

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J. V. West	1.00
Mrs. J. A. Leeman	1.00
Miss Mattie Comegys	1.00
R. B. Ustick	1.00
W. B. Mann	1.00
G. F. West	15.00
J. S. Barnes	1.50
Cash	2.85
R. A. Miller	1.00
Henry West	1.00
H. C. Burroughs	.25
J. M. Pate	.25
L. A. Matthews	1.00
J. O. Hamilton	3.00
Dr. Warnick	2.00
R. H. Collins	1.00
J. P. Sharp & Co	5.00
Cash	.25

### For Those Who Live on Farms.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns." Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

T. J. and C. M. Coggin accompanied a train load of cattle to Hall county, which left Colorado Monday. Millard will remain and look after them a few weeks.

# Cold ..Drinks..

We have a nice Ice Cream Parlor, and invite only the best trade.

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# The Merkel Mail

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### CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

The rains have come in time to "save the country." This is a fact, however irrelevant it may sound, and for various and sundry reasons. Two weeks ago the ground was dry and parched, all vegetation was backward and the "blues" had a good hold on the people—more particularly on those not used to the vagaries of this western country. What the result might have been is a serious conjecture, for fully twenty-five per cent of the population of this country are "new comers." When a country falls down on itself to the extent that the people lose confidence in it, simply because they have not been here long to "catch on," it is a serious calamity, and one which is liable to result disastrously. The old settlers never allow themselves to become discouraged. They are used to the west and come to realize its susceptibility to any kind of weather in the shortest possible space of time. The country has often exceeded their expectations and only a few times has it proved recreant to the trust imposed in it, which has established a confidence that nothing short of a severe drouth can shake. Had the rains held off a few days longer, which is not unusual at this time of the year, a few people would have become discouraged and the inevitable result follows. They would have pulled up stakes, gone to their wife's kinfolks and given the west a colored orbit. Such a result could but have proven a set-back on the backbone of the country. But the timely arrival of generous rains has arrested this serious calamity. The country has redeemed itself.

The condition of the country at this time is such as will warrant a strict confidence in it. Crops of all kinds, though backward—which is often a blessing—are promising and there is no reason why this should not be the best crop year the people have ever enjoyed. Last year crops were short, but it is hardly ever the case that two short crops come together. Therefore, the people generally are greatly encouraged and the country will soon blossom as the rose. It is still grand old Texas and the glorious Merkel Country.

The bankrupt law is a menace to good government. There should be a law to protect the debtor from unscrupulous creditors, but he should not be allowed to use this law as a cloak for dishonesty. It was not intended that a man could cancel his debts by taking the bankrupt law, but such is the case nevertheless, and herein lies its influence for evil. It was the intention of the

law that a man should be protected only so far as will enable him to meet his obligations without too great a sacrifice. A debt is honest whether cancelled by law or misfortune, and an honest man will make every sacrifice to meet them as they come due. Recourse to the bankrupt law should be the last effort.

Sweetwater still has a superfluity of enthusiasm over the building of the Orient Railroad, work on which, it is claimed, is moving off nicely. The Mail sincerely hopes Sweetwater will get that railroad, but we can't bolster her up with any fond words of encouragement. We feel an abiding interest in the success of the road, because some Abilene parties bought up a couple of leagues of land in the wilds of Fisher County expecting to make a city out of it—when the railroad came. Hurry up, before this illusion is dispelled.

The people have no right(?) to register a kick, to be sure, but it is right that they should know what benefit they will derive from the ship subsidy steal. They are perfectly willing to contribute the little matter of \$200,000,000 to the poor millionaire ship-owners, but they would like to know the whys and wherefores of such a demand upon their exchequers.

A man in Zapata County holds a monopoly on the county's finances. He is at present County Judge, County Superintendent, postmaster, Justice of the Peace, and at each session of District Court acts as foreman of the Grand Jury. He is a young octopus and comes within the pale of the anti-trust statute.

Reports have gone out from Stamford to the effect that a deal has been closed for the extension of the Wichita Valley Railroad from Seymour to that place. This road has been built several times on paper. Stamford will have a cinch on the "Sorghum Belt" the next time you hear from her.

The operations of the beef trust have raised the price of beef eighty per cent., while beef cattle have gone up only ten per cent. But the west is not kicking, because the high price of beef has no terrors for us. As a producer, we are interested only in the high price of beef cattle.

There is a settled satisfaction among the people over the bright outlook for the country in the way of farm and stock interests. Everything is promising and the people have responded with a grin of satisfaction. A little rain can work wonders in the human breast.

Greenville has again hugged prohibition to her bosom, as well as all of Hunt County. Hunt was formerly a prohibition county, but voted whiskey in two years ago, and the election last week showed that the people had grown wofully tired of the green-eyed monster.

Colorado has succeeded in dumping one or two of her saloons on Sweetwater, just to show that she doesn't give a snap for the Orient. Colorado never really loved Sweetwater, anyway, and is perfectly willing that she should have her cast off garments.

The ship subsidy graball act has been silenced for political purposes until the elections are over. This is one of the wiles of Republicanism.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

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G. F. WEST, VICE PRES.  
GEO. S. BERRY, CASHIER.  
C. M. COGGIN, ASST. CASHIER.

YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

West Texas can pull off more different kinds of weather in the shortest space of time of any country on this mundane sphere. Thursday night we had a three-inch rain and the following day pulled off an amateur sandstorm. This is diversion with a big "D."

Saloon men are organizing in an effort to retard the growth of the prohibition movement in this State, but it is hardly probable that it can be checked in its forward march. Texas is destined to be all in the prohibition column.

Dallas is making big preparations to entertain the general conference of the M. E. Church, South, which convenes there this week. This is an international affair and next in size to the Confederate reunion.

Smith and Dean broke even for Congressional honors last week, the former carrying King and the latter Tom Green counties. And yet Bre'r Dean will not be able to deliver the goods.

Merkel was one of the first town to respond to the cry of the needy from Glen Rose. That is a compliment within itself, and our large hearted people should be proud of it.

Congress is now engaged in cross questions and crooked answers, with no hopes of coming to an agreement on Cuban affairs.

It is ten to one that the saloons don't contribute to the entertainment of the delegates to the Methodist conference in Dallas.

Grass has grown fully an inch since the rain of a week ago, and the poor old cow is simply bulging out with satisfaction.

The April showers are mingling their refreshing influence with the fragrance of the May blossoms.

The State has recovered \$297,921 from the First National Bank of Austin, which leaves \$100,000 yet due.

The croaker has once again been made to realize the error of his way.

There are about 3,200 patients in the three State Lunatic Asylums.

And in every instance the people pay the freight.

There is joy and gladness in the air.

### ECHOES OF THE RAINS.

#### REPORTS FROM THE FARMERS OF THIS SECTION.

All Are Jubilant Over the Outlook—Rains Were General and it is a Good Season

Last week's rain was pretty general, in some places amounting to almost a waterspout, while in others only light sprinkles fell. The hail wherever it touched was

CAPITAL, - \$30,000  
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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.

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very disastrous, but crops were not far enough advanced for it to do any material damage.

The upper end of the Canyon and the Divide around Dora got no rain to amount to anything, but Sunday night's rain caught them full in the face.

Up around Trent and Eskota a heavy rain fell Wednesday night. Three miles south of Trent at T. L. Stevens' farm the hail cut a wide swath through the country. This section was also blessed Sunday night.

W. H. Norris, who lives four miles west of town, had 25 acres of cotton mowed down by the hail; good rain also. R. J. Hannah, adjoining farm, had very little cotton up, but his ten acres of corn was riddled by the frozen bullets. He thinks the corn will come out and says the rain was a gully-washer.

Mr. Rotan, who lives on Salt Branch northeast of town, reports the hardest rain since last September. No hail in that section.

There was very little rain due north of town. Jones County was touched only in the southwest corner.

The rain was heavy at every point between here and Roby. Sweetwater got no rain, neither did Colorado.

W. P. Moore, eight miles south in the Canyon, reports a good rain and considerable hail. All of the Canyon was generously blessed Sunday night.

The bridge at the Sears crossing, northwest of town, was

washed away, as was also the bridge in front of J. S. Bickley's. Mr. Bickley reports the hardest rain, time of duration considered, that he has seen in four years. All of these places were visited Sunday night.

C. M. Largent has been peculiarly unfortunate, having been blessed with only a small shower. He had a fairly good rain at his house, but the dust was barely laid in the north end of his pasture. Ed Compton, a mile west of him, reports a fine rain.

J. M. Hays says Salt Branch is good and wet, both rains having visited that section, but just a mile or two north of his place, in Jones County, the rain was very light. Mr. Hays says he has the best season for a year.

C. L. McNees, five miles southeast of town, got a good rain Wednesday, which is the third rain the past few weeks for him.

Wednesday night's rain amounted to almost a cloudburst in the neighborhood of the Calvert and Hutson farms, east of town.

The general complaint is that Wednesday night's rain fell too fast to make a season, but the rain of Sunday night, which averaged nearly an inch in town and was seven hours in falling, has made a fine season, though in some places it was better than in others. Altogether, there can be no dissatisfaction, for the season is ample for all present needs—in fact, we have a better season than for a year or more.



#### Remember.

The photo buttons and medallions that we sell are the best grades—will not turn—and at greatly reduced prices.

Leeman & West.

#### A Mammoth Excavation.

The Merkel Gin Company is making a mammoth excavation at its gin near the stock pens. It is 16 feet in diameter and the same number of feet in depth, and when completed will be walled and plastered. It is intended as a storage tank for Beaumont oil which the gins will use for fuel this fall.

Let some of the school boys figure out how many gallons of oil the tank will contain when full.

We have a splendid assortment of drugs, chemicals, family medicines, toilet and fancy articles. Prices are right. Call on us, we will treat you well and appreciate your patronage. King & Co.

The many friends of Millard Coggin will regret to learn that he has severed his connection with the First National Bank for a few months, his ranch interests demanding his attention at this time. T. A. Johnson will manipulate the books in his stead, and all who know Tom will congratulate the bank upon securing his services.

Mrs. Brian and children, whose husband and father died a few days ago, left last week for the old home at Gober, Fannin Co., Mrs. Brian having disposed of her half section of land near Trent to her husband's brother, Mr. Aaron Brian. Deceased left a life insurance policy, and other property, which places the family in easy circumstances.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Weatherford, will be in Merkel May 10th. 2t

#### Meeting Closed.

The series of services conducted by Elder L. A. Dale the past two weeks was brought to a close Monday night. There were several reclamations and much spiritual good has been accomplished. Elder Dale was earnest and zealous in his discourses and the meeting can but be fruitful of good results.

An organization took place Sunday evening and the church starts out with a membership of nineteen. Regular monthly services will be held hereafter.

Rev. Lee Scarborough will, it is reported, begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist church on Monday after the third Sunday in this month.

Mrs. Nobles was a pleasant caller Friday and advanced her subscription a year. The Mail has some good friends among the ladies.

Mr. Aaron Brian of Trent is a valuable addition to The Mail's subscription list.

D. W. Godwin was in the city Tuesday.

#### Notice.

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve ice cream at the Story building on Saturday evening, May 10, commencing at 4 p. m. and also at night.

Everybody cordially invited.

Dr. T. S. Hollis, Dentist, will be here May 28th and 29th to remain only two days. 3t

D. M. Senter has treated his house to a coat of paint and made other improvements, which greatly enhances its looks as well as value.

## THOMSON'S BIAS-GORED



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The Thoroughbred for	\$3.00
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You don't have to be a judge of Hats to buy intelligently here. Price and quality conform at this store.



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.

Buy your Grain, Hay and Salt from G. M. Sharp, the only exclusive Grain Dealer in Merkel. 2t

Capt. and Mrs. Carouthers, who had been visiting Mrs. Carouther's sister, Mrs. Baker, left Friday night for their home at West Point, Miss.

A. H. Herring and wife visited in the city Friday evening.

Have you a sweet tooth? If so, try Dairy Cream, Chocolats Peans, Peaches and Tomatoes and Cocoa Honey Strip Candies. There are none better. King & Co.

Editor and Mrs. Max R. Andrews were among the excursionists Friday.

#### Dallas Merchants Coming.

Last year the wholesale business men of Dallas visited North Texas and the Territory, and this year the delegation will include in its itinerary the Texas & Pacific railway, stopping and spending an hour at each town. The delegation will arrive here on the morning of the 13th, and will remain from 8 to 9 o'clock. These men will be royally received at every stopping place. Merkel should not let this opportunity of showing its greatness slip by. Some provision should be made for their entertainment while here, and there is but little time in which to make such arrangements. What are we going to do about it?

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

#### A Delightful Excursion.

One of the most delightful excursions ever made to the town was that of the special train which came up from Abilene Friday evening. The party consisted of about 50 members of the Christian church of Abilene who came up to assist in the rally held by Elder L. A. Dale. The train was the regular "bob tail" which runs into Abilene, the management having been prevailed upon to make the run on here, returning immediately after arrival. The party, which numbered 55 all told, was a merry one, and the town was turned over to them. Services were held at the Presbyterian church, and the party returned to Abilene on the night train.

Wanted—To pay cash for a good milk cow. 2t S. A. Chenault.

C. M. Largent shipped a car of yearlings to Chicago Friday. They had been fed all winter. It was one of the best carloads that has been shipped from here in a long time.

The rain of last week was very heavy on C. M. Coggin's ranch in Fisher county. Millard says grass seemed to grow a half inch in one night.

Carbon and dog poison at King & Co.'s.

Felix G. Thurmond, attorney of Colorado, was in the city Saturday.

Quite a number of Abilene's young people drove up to view the city Sunday.

#### Keep This.

Give us your orders for photo buttons, medallions, color work, etc. We can also finish your kodak work. Prices cheapest. Leeman & West.

#### A Note of Prosperity.

A reporter of The Mail caught a glimpse of Tax Assessor Jackson's books while at Abilene Saturday. He had arranged the names of taxpayers in a way that showed all who had rendered homes last year, as well as those who did not, and then in different form he had the names of those who have acquired homes since last year. We were unable to get the exact number, but it was something over 150, showing that that number of renters have bought homes since last year's crop was gathered. Nor did this number include the new comers.

This is an indication of the prosperity of the country, and shows that Taylor county has experienced a wonderful growth. There are fewer renters in this county than any other county we have any knowledge of. Serfdom is very far from our people. Now let them practice economy and a few good crop years will place them on an independent footing.

I. S. Allen will extend his telephone service to Stith, northeast of town. This will give Merkel rapid communication with nearly every community in her trade territory.

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

Yes, we've cigars. King & Co.

#### Reveals a Great Secret.

It is often asked how such startling cures, that puzzle the best physicians, are effected by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Here's the secret. It cuts out the phlegm and germ-infected mucus, and lets the life-giving oxygen enrich and vitalize the blood. It heals the inflamed, cough-worn throat and lungs. Hard colds and stubborn coughs soon yield to Dr. King's New Discovery, the most infallible remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's.

For a short time I have decided to drill wells and take stock in payment for the work. If you want a well drilled let me figure with you, for I will save you money. 2t E. D. Coats.

#### Two More Good Rains.

Sunday evening was ushered in with the regulation sandstorm, and about dark a slow, gentle rain began to fall, continuing the greater part of the night. It was just such a rain as we have long needed, amounting to almost an inch and wetting the ground to a generous depth. This rain was general, from Odessa on the west to Dallas on the east.

Monday night witnessed another inch rain, possibly more, which also seems to be general. Neighboring towns got the blessing, and all of Merkel's trade territory was submerged. At Mr. Largent's ranch on the north the fall was heavy, which is an indication that Jones County is also in the lucky column. Sweet-water and intermediate points all report good rains.

These two rains were the best for farm purposes that have fallen here for over a year. The ground is thoroughly soaked. As this page is put to press, Tuesday morning, there is every indication that the blessing will be prolonged indefinitely.

#### Notice.

Dr. T. S. Hollis, Dentist, will be here May 28th and 29th. Be sure to have your teeth examined. Special attention to children's teeth. 3t

#### Special Sale for One Week.

We have a few of the latest copyrights, regular \$1.50 sellers, which we will sell during the next week for \$1.20 each. See the list below:

Kim.  
In the Name of a Woman.  
Captain Ravenshaw.  
The Eternal City.  
She Stands Alone.  
Richard Carvel.  
Richard Yea and Nay.  
Lazarre.  
The Right of Way.  
The Crises.  
Call before they are picked over.

Rust & Pittard.

T. F. Brantly was in from Quanah this week.

Prof. Sewell left Friday with the car of cattle shipped to market by C. M. Largent. Mr. Sewell will visit his wife and parents in Missouri a couple of weeks.

The past ten days have been very pleasant ones for Dr. Addison, his father having spent the time with him. He leaves tonight for his home in West Tennessee.

Call at this office if you have lost a pair of spectacles.

Vol Martin was down from Roscoe this week.



# 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.

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### TOWN and NEWS

### WEEKLY BUDGET OF HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY....

#### ABILENE.

Quite a number of Abileneites attended the services that were being conducted by Elder Dale at Merkel last Friday evening. They were cordially received by the good people of Merkel and were shown all possible courtesies. All report a pleasant trip.

Garnett Jones and Miss Lila Reed were married here Sunday afternoon, Elder S. J. Vance of the Christian church officiating.

L. A. Dale has returned from Merkel and reports that the meeting there was a success. Twenty additions to the church were reported.

Heavy rains have fallen at Abilene the past week.

A number of the West Texas Fair directors met Saturday evening and transacted routine work. President John Bowyer presided while W. H. Craig acted secretary of the meeting.

After adding a number of new directors the following committees were appointed for the year:

Executive committee—Judge D. G. Hill, W. H. Craig and C. C. Jackson.

Premium committee—Geo. W. McDaniel, J. W. Evans, H. A. Tillett, E. N. Kirby and Cort Donnell.

Advertising committee—Max R. Andrews, J. W. Evans and C. C. Jackson.

Privilege committee—C. C. Jackson, Max R. Andrews, H. A. Tillett and H. O. Wooten.

Racing committee—D. G. Hill, W. H. Craig, John Bowyer, Jim Gibson of Sweetwater, and Brown Seay of Baird.

Committee of grounds—John Bowyer, J. H. Pickens and Major Buck.

It was decided to hold the fall meeting just after the Dallas fair and October 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 were the dates selected, which according to our opinion is the proper time.

Now that the time has been selected for the fall meeting it is the duty of every citizen of Taylor to go to work for the success of the fair and let no opportunity pass without saying a good word for it. Assist the directors in every possible way, by which means you will materially lighten their burden. None of them are paid for their ser-

vices and it is quite a sacrifice on their part to take up the work.

#### DORA.

S. W. Hampton went to Nubia Saturday.

Alfred Hood was up from Hylton Saturday.

Henry Porter went to Nubia Saturday.

No preaching Sunday.

G. B. Slogers was up from Valley Creek Sunday.

Sam Billingsley went to Nubia Sunday.

Jim Porter was up from the Canyon Sunday.

R. D. Brandon, Mr. King. A. M. Clark and Milton King went to Sweetwater Sunday.

R. A. Linn and I. E. Lowe went to Sweetwater Sunday.

A nice rain fell at Dora Sunday night.

People have begun to plant cotton since the rain.

Another fine rain fell Monday night. Kat Klaw.

#### NUBIA.

Well, the first is, the old Canyon has been gloriously blessed with one more good rain, and it looks like it is going to continue for a while.

The Holiness meeting is still progressing nicely. Bro. Friar was called to Abilene to see Luke Hughes who was struck with paralysis.

On account of the wind and rain there was no preaching Sunday night.

Lou Ella Hunter was the guest of Lizzie Blackburn Sunday.

Pearl Hunter visited Sallie Toombs Sunday, and also Lula Miller.

Miss Rhoda Leslie and Lon Watkins were down from Merkel Sunday, remaining till Monday.

Ed Blackburn and wife visited the former's parents Saturday.

Tom Toombs visited at T. J. Walker's Sunday. Oh, Tom! have you washed your face yet?

I will close. Come on, Blue Eyes. Rose Bud.

W. W. Wheeler has a letter from Baird, stating that his son-in-law, W. L. Johnson, has a well defined case of smallpox. Mr. Wheeler's little daughter, Maggie, is there and he feels some uneasiness, but as the case is of a mild form and the family have all been vaccinated, it is thought that the danger is slight.

#### Spring Ailments.

There is an aching and tired feeling; the liver, bowels and kidneys become sluggish and inactive, the digestion impaired, with little or no appetite; no ambition for anything, and a feeling that the whole mind and body needs toning up. The trouble is, that during winter, there has been an accumulation of waste matter in the system. Herbine will remove it, secure to the secretions a right exit, and by its tonic effect, fully restore the wasted tissues and give strength in place of weakness. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

#### Hansbrough's Indian Story.

Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota tells a funny story of an Indian on the Devil's Lake reservation. The Indian had paid a white man some money and wanted a receipt. In vain the white man told him that a receipt was unnecessary. "Me must have paper to show owe white man nothing," said the Indian. "Why?" "If me go to heaven," replied the Indian, "good Lord ask Injun where is receipt, and what Injun going to do then? Injun can't go all ovr hell looking for you." The white man wrote the receipt at once.

#### A Church Member Since '74.

Dr. James M. Ludlow, now pastor of the Munn Avenue Presbyterian church of East Orange, N. J., received Theodore Roosevelt on confession of faith into the Collegiate Reformed Dutch church at Forty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, New York, on December 2d, 1874, during his pastorate there.

#### A Matter of Color.

"What do yez want of the mistress of the house?" demanded Norah, belligerently blocking the door. "I want to get her subscription for the blue book," replied the solicitor.

"An' r'what is a blue book?" "It's a book containing the names of people who move in society."

"I'll take wan meself," said Norah, after a moment's reflection, "if yez'll have it bound in grane."

#### Irish Emigrants.

The capacity of Ireland for sending out emigrants has been one of the marvels of the world. During 1901 the island sent out 39,870 emigrants, or nine in every 1,000 of population, of whom 80.5 per cent were between the ages of 15 and 35. Even this large total is some 7,000 smaller than that of 1900.

'Phone the news to No. 31.

#### Sciatic Rheumatism Cured After 14 Years of Suffering.

"I have been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism for fourteen years," says Josh Edgar, of Germantown, Cal. "I was able to be around, but constantly suffered. I tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved, and in a short time cured, and I am happy to say it has not since returned." Why not use this liniment and get well? It is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

#### A Bit Particular.

"The Caldwell Old Maids' Club" is an organization formed in Caldwell, N. J., by sixteen young women from 16 to 30 years old. They pledge themselves to marry no man who uses tobacco or liquor in any form, who dances, plays cards, pool, billiards or games of chance in any form; who stays out after 10 p. m., or who does not go to church at least once on Sunday.

#### Appropriate Marshall Memorial.

The purchasing of the home of Chief Justice John Marshall in Richmond, Va., is contemplated for the purpose of erecting thereon a proper court house as a memorial of the federal government to the great chief justice, as well as a proper home for the judiciary of which he was such an ornament.

#### "Uncle Remus" and Others.

"Of 'David Harum,' which has passed the 600,000 mark, Mr. Henry C. Appleton, of D. Appleton & Co., who was in Atlanta the other day, said to Frank Stanton: "The stories to the effect that Mr. Westcott did not write all of this book are false. No one else wrote a line of it. As the manuscript came to us, David Harum did not figure until one-fourth of the book had been read. One of our readers, Mr. Riply Hitchcock, suggested to Mr. Westcott that the 'hoss' trade be put in the front and he concurred in the suggestion. This is the true story of how David was introduced to the public." Speaking of books ton said: "'Uncle Remus' is a that 'hold their own,' Mr. Appleclassic. There is a steady demand for it. It's one of the old friends who never wears out his welcome."

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#### Stand Like a Stone Wall

Between your children and the tortures of itching and burning eczema, scaldhead or other skin diseases—How? why, by using Bucklen's Arnica Salve, earth's greatest healer. Quickest cure for ulcers, fever sores, salt rheum, cuts, burns or bruises. Infallible for piles. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

#### Good Prices for Some Pictures.

Eighty pictures from the Matthiessen collection were sold in New York at auction last week for \$112,505, and several prices were noteworthy: the highest sum, \$13,000, was for "Arabs Crossing a Stream," by A. Schreyer; "The Awakening of Love," by Diaz, brought \$10,000; Rosa Bonheur's "A Normandy Horse," \$7,200; "A Gypsy Mother," by L. Knaus, \$7,200; "Officer Ordering an Advance," by Detaille, \$7,100; "Castle and Forest, Lombardy," by Corot, \$6,200, and paintings by Renouf, Vibert, de Neuville, Henner, Dupre, Troyon, Geerome, Mauve, Muller and Lessi received fair prices. A portrait of the pope, by Lenbach, went for only \$600.

#### Fastest Train in the World.

The fastest train in the world is now that between Paris and Calais, connecting with the channel boats to England. It is scheduled to cover the distance of 184 1-2 miles in three hours, with a four-minute stop and slow speed while passing through Calais.

#### No More Psalms for Boers.

The British governor of Bermuda has ordered that no more pamphlets of psalms, published by the American Tract Society, be circulated among the Boer prisoners on the island, because, as he says, the psalms of David would give hope to the Boers and keep alive their fighting spirit.

#### Wrote His Own Funeral Oration.

Judge William Cole of Talcott, of Valparaiso, Ind., recently completed his own funeral oration. It is in verse and is to be read by Judge Wm. Johnson at his burial.

#### The Youngest Governor.

The youngest governor in the Union is the newly inaugurated governor of the state of Washington, William McCroskey, aged 28, who recently succeeded ex-Governor Rogers. Mr. McCroskey, who is a native of Tennessee, is a son of Rev. Solon McCroskey, a Methodist clergyman. He was graduated at Grant university at Athens.

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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.  
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- Gibson, Henry Lee.
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- Moore, T. W.
- Powell, C. L.
- Ruffin, Jim.
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**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.

**Leeman & West.**

We have a nice line of Go-Carts and Baby Buggies.  
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Surrounded by proper companions, and given proper instructions and encouragement, the boy seldom goes wrong. It is when away from home influences that he mixes up with gay and unscrupulous companions, whose recklessness and impudence dazzle his youthful mind, and he attempts to imitate him. First a sip of wine, a cigarette, a midnight lunch, some more wine, and then his initial trip to disreputable places where vice is given golden varnish and misery is arrayed in silks and satins. That's the way the boy starts, and unless his better nature enables him to break off, he'll go the same way and have the same old finish. Let us warn you, boys, to shun evil companions as you would a rattlesnake. Their good opinion is worth nothing. To be acquainted with them is a disgrace. Pass them as you would a man with the smallpox—hold your breath and go on a dead run. You can not handle filth and not absorb more or less of its stench. You can not associate with a disreputable character and remain respectable. You can not do wrong and be happy.—Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Browning, of Auburn, Ky., are visiting the former's brother, W. P. Browning, and will spend several weeks here.

**THE JONES COUNTY PRIMARY.**

**Hardwicke Carried the County for District Attorney. Jones for Congress.**

About 1,400 votes were polled in the Jones County primary, held Saturday. Following is the result:

Treasurer, Robbins; Railroad Commissioner, Hornby; Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeal, Ocie Speer; Congress, Dan M. Jones; Representative, W. J. Bryan; Senator Twenty-Eighth District, W. L. Grogan; District Attorney Forty-Second District, A. S. Hardwicke; County Clerk, J. D. Pickens; Sheriff, W. S. Swan. Other candidates had no opponents.

**MEN'S NECKWEAR.**

We have some new things in this line, excellent quality and latest styles. The prices are always right at the Fitts & Smith store.

Mrs. W. J. Bowie of Abilene was visiting her sister, Mrs. Berry, yesterday.

F. G. Shell and Asa Sheppard leave today on a prospecting trip through the plains and New Mexico, headed for Colorado. They will be absent several weeks, and The Mail hopes they will find the fountain of perpetual wealth.

J. G. King, of Hill County, a brother-in-law of A. R. Sanders, of Dora, who has been prospecting here for a couple of weeks, called on The Mail yesterday. Mr. King is favorably impressed with the country and will probably move out in the fall. He is a very pleasant gentleman.

The Southern Baptist convention, one of the largest denominational gatherings held in the South, will convene at Asheville, N. C., next week.

The Mail stated, last week, that the little child of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parton died Friday morning and was buried Friday evening, when we should have stated that the burial took place Saturday evening. This error was overlooked by the proof reader, and we hasten to correct it.

John Elliott received a telegram from Hood county last week stating that his father was dangerously ill and the family left Friday night to attend his bedside. The Mail hopes they will find him on the road to recovery.

T. J. Dudley was up from Abilene Monday.

**Cures When Doctors Fail.**

Mrs. Frank Chiasson, Patterson, La., writes June 8, 1901: "I had malaria in very bad form, was under treatment by doctors, but as soon as I stopped taking their medicine the fever would return. I used a sample bottle Herbine, found it helped me. Then bought two bottles, which completely cured me. I feel grateful to you for furnishing such a splendid medicine, and can honestly recommend it to those suffering from malaria, as it will surely cure them." Herbine, 50c bottles at Rust & Pittard.

**Bank Money Orders.**

Bank money orders are issued by all banks, for any amount, and may be cashed at any bank in the United States. No limit to the time in which they will be paid; they are good always. No limit to the number of endorsements or transfers. They are good everywhere, and will be received by merchants and business men anywhere, the same as cash, and can be deposited in any bank at their full face value. All business men, jobbers, wholesale houses, mail-order houses, and newspapers prefer them. They are paid on demand. If lost, duplicate will be issued on application, no delay, no expense. No written application required in purchasing a Bank Money Order. The money is paid immediately upon presentation. They are absolutely safe.

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**Holds Up a Congressman.**

"At the end of the campaign," writes Champ Clark, Missouri's brilliant congressman, "from overwork, nervous tension, loss of sleep and constant speaking I had about utterly collapsed. It seemed that all the organs in my body were out of order, but three bottles of Electric Bitters made me all right. It's the best all-round medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter." Overworked, run-down men and weak, sickly women gain splendid strength and vitality from Electric Bitters. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Rust & Pittard.

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**Whooping Cough.**

A woman who has had experience with this disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops.—Jessie Pinkey Hall, Springville Ala. This remedy is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

**MEN'S FURNISHINGS.**

Everything that is wearable and correct for men. We now have more to choose from, and they are prettier than any we have had for some time.

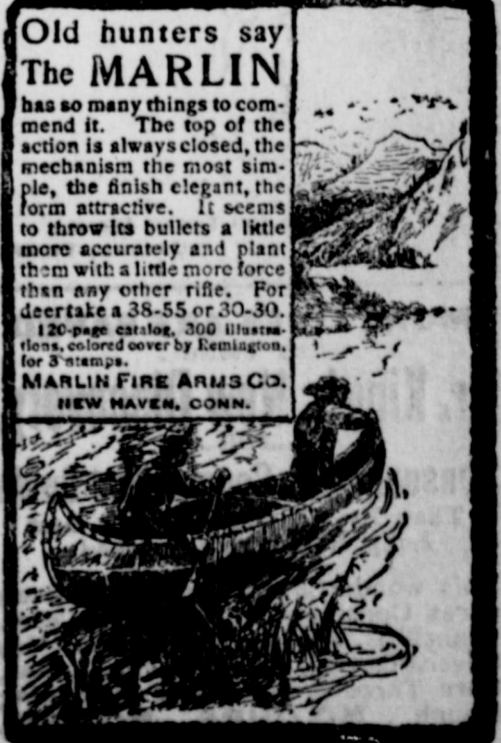
The Fitts & Smith Store.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**

J. L. Mann has purchased the interest of Dr. King in the drug store formerly owned by King & Co., and the firm name will hereafter be Burroughs & Mann. We propose to carry a complete stock of drugs and everything pertaining to a first-class drug store, and it is our aim to treat all patrons fairly and courteously and give them value for every dollar invested with us. We assume all indebtedness of the old firm and all outstanding accounts should be paid to us. We thank all for past favors and solicit a continuance of their valued patronage.  
H. C. Burroughs,  
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Mr. Bob Linn and Miss Sanders, two popular and worthy young people of Dora, were to have been married last night.

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**"Theodore" and "Leonard."**

General Leonard Wood burst through the doors of the reception room at the White House the other morning while President Roosevelt was conferring with several United States senators, says a Washington correspondent. "Hello, Leonard!" shouted the president as he jumped up and rushed toward his friend. "How are you, Theodore?" exclaimed the governor general of Cuba, as the two clasped hands and slapped one another on the back. "You are looking first rate," said the president, after backing off to make an inspection. "Never felt more fit in my life. And you seem in fine condition." "Oh, I'm in my best form," said the president. "I see you are busy now, Mr. President. I will go over to the war department and pay my respects to the secretary of war and the adjutant general. This afternoon I will return for you and we will have a great walk. We will walk thirty miles." "No, sir," returned the president promptly; "we will not walk thirty miles. When you return we will walk forty-two miles—exactly forty-two miles. Mind you, not an inch less." There was a hearty laugh all around. After a few more words with reference to engagements, General Wood left. At the appointed hour in the afternoon the President of the United States and the governor general of Cuba started out for their long tramp. They were gone until nearly dusk, and while they may not have covered the forty-two miles, they certainly went a goodly distance.

**Where Water Was Scarce.**

Miss Flora Shaw, the well known correspondent of the London Times, was once traveling through Africa in a bullock wagon. The sun was blazing, the bullocks were slow, the dust was indescribable. She was making for a frontier town, where she anticipated the comforts of a bath. At the entrance to the place, Miss Shaw, worn out, dusty and irritable, found herself confronted with the ordeal of a public reception. The officials read her a welcome; she was as civil as she could be; then she bolted for the hotel. She gave but one order, "Hot water, quick!" She sat on the edge of the bed and waited. Some minutes passed. At last a black servant entered with a tin vessel, in which there was something steaming. Seizing it, Miss Shaw poured out a milky, odoriferous liquid. She turned to the servant for an explanation. The hotel was very short of water; as a distinguished guest a point had been stretched for her. They had sent her the water in which the fish had just been boiled.

**A Roof Garden for Vegetables.**

Mr. Prato, a New York candy-maker, lives in a five-story house in West Twenty-fifth, and grows vegetables for his family in a beautiful garden on the roof. Prato's house is cool in the hot months, while the homes of his neighbors are sweltering. In his garden he grows lettuce, celery, peas, beans, tomatoes, radishes, asparagus and some flowers. The roof is flat and constructed of cement, surrounded with an ornamental parapet with sloping coping. Earth is retained in rectangles of two-inch beams, eighteen inches wide and set on edge, leaving spaces for walks. Over the radish beds is a framework of yellow glass, Mr. Prato produces fat, crisp radishes. Red glass is placed between the sun and the asparagus bed, the effect of the red rays being a remarkably strong, quick growth. If insects appear at any time they are disposed of by blue rays.

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**A Prophecy of 1834.**

The Motor World reprints an interesting old picture, drawn in 1834, and intended as a more or less serious pictorial prophecy of what would exist 100 years later. The sky is filled with airships of various kinds, none of them, apparently, as practical as that of Santos-Dumont. On the roads automobiles are flying in all directions, some of the models being strikingly like those of today. In one corner is represented a man with a van on which there is the sign, "Walk up; Walk up! Rare exhibition to be seen here! A live horse, supposed to be the very last of the race!" Even the houses, stores and public buildings are on wheels.

**Faithful to His Vow.**

Martin Stiefel of Brooklyn was 70 years old. Some weeks ago his wife died, and as she was being lowered into her grave the old man in a choking voice called after her, "I will be with you soon." Every day, rain or shine, he has carried flowers to her grave, and remained beside it for several hours. Last Monday he made the trip for the last time. As he was laying the offering on the mound he fell forward and never moved. When the attendants lifted him up they found that he was dead.

**They All Saved the Seeds.**

One of Secretary Shaw's stories was repeated in the capitol cloak rooms in Washington the other day. "A friend of mine," said Governor Shaw, "gave a dinner once to some rural gentlemen from Iowa. He furnished them with the best of everything, terrapin and canvas-back duck. The climax of the feast was a watermelon, into which had been emptied two quarts of champagne. When the farmers began to eat the watermelon they smiled and smacked their lips and ate again. Then, of one accord, they slipped into their pockets a handful of the seeds. They wanted to raise some of the same kind of melon on their own farms."

**The Cautious Maid.**

"So you wish leave to get married, Mary. I hope you have given the matter serious consideration." "Oh, I have, sir," was the earnest reply. "I've been to two fortune tellers and a clairvoyant and looked in a sign book, and dreamed on a lock of his hair, and been to one of those astrologers, and to a meejum, and they all tell me to go ahead, sir. I ain't one to marry reckless, sir."

**Small Pay for a Good Thing.**

Everyone is familiar with the hook eyelet now commonly used on boots and shoes. The man who invented it could dispose of it only by selling the complete title to his patent to a shoe company. Even the shoe company did not fully appreciate the value of the invention which they had acquired, for the hook and eyelet was regarded as an eccentricity and would require expensive machinery in its manufacture. It is said that the inventor realized but \$600 for his hook and eyelet.

**Unoccupied Field.**

An old schoolmate of Senator Mason met him on the street in Washington one day last week and asked him what he was doing. "Why, I am in congress now," replied Mr. Mason. "Yes, I know,; but what are you doing?" "Oh, I am trying to make a living in an honest way," said Senator Mason. "Well, you shouldn't have much trouble," observed the schoolmate. "I don't think you encounter the slightest competition."

'Phone the news to No. 31.

**All in One**

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