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The Higher Life

True Laws.

Rev. Harris, Universalist.

The true laws of Christian growth is to look right forward doing the duties of today in the light of conscience and plan better things for the future.

Value of Training.

Rev. Larkin, Methodist.

Many of us underestimate the value of training. It is the trained hand, the trained mind, that counts in the hot competition of the present day.

Trusts and Combines.

Rev. Thomas, Independent.

The great world protests against the trusts and combines, and says that no monopoly has the right to own the coal of the land, nor the necessities of life.

The World's Burden.

Rev. Clarke.

God parceled up the world's burdens so much to each one and every man must bear his own burdens. In another sense we may bear the burdens one of another and grow sympathetic.

The Commandments.

Rev. Van Dyke, Presbyterian.

Christ lived up to the commandments, hence his power, and men who have lived up to them have led powerful lives.

Press Pleasantries.

"I am going to marry your daughter sir," said the positive young man to the father. "Well, you don't need to come to me for sympathy," replied the father; "I have troubles of my own."

The Hill County (Tex.) Record is the authority: "A new wrinkle is in the air. This time it is an attempt to graft strawberries with milkweed in order to get a plant that grows strawberries and cream. If this works, the next in order will be to fasten a refrigerator to the family cow in the hope of getting ice cream."

The Mobile News says an artist in that city painted a dog so natural that the animal had hydrophobia during the hot weather. He's the same man who painted a beer bottle with such skill that the cork flew out just as he was finishing it. And after he was married he painted a picture of his first baby so life-like that it cried, and his wife spanked it before she discovered the mistake.

A man went with his wife to visit a physician. The doctor placed a thermometer in the woman's mouth. After two or three minutes, just as the physician was about to remove the instrument, the man, who was not used to such a prolonged silence on the part of his life's partner, said: "Doctor what will you take for that thing?"

A newspaper man is an enemy to bulletin board advertising general principles, but there are occasions when a bulletin

board may bring better results than a paper. The editor of an exchange remarks that he observed one in front of a store in his city not long ago which read: "B 4 U Buy Pants Come in and C Ours." He went in and there was not a confounded male clerk in the store, so he bought a fan and walked out.

An old maid once lived in our town, so we heard it said, who, if you called a dress a gown, she would blush like poppies red. Her mind was neither frail or weak—her modesty was rare, of autumn trees she'd never speak because their limbs were bare. When night its sable shadows threw, she'd tumble in a swoon if the curtains didn't hide from view the man in the moon. She neversang a sacred song—a very modest whim: to think of one she thought was wrong because it was a hymn. A plumber caused her death one day—as the story goes—by asking her in a careless way to let him see her hose.

Watch For a Chill.

However slight at this time of year and in this climate, it is the forerunner of malaria. A disposition to yawn, and all tired out feeling even comes before chill. Herbine, by its prompt stimulative action on the liver, drives the malarial germs out of the system, purifies the blood, tones up the system and restores health. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

How many of our passengers stopped to think upon the fact that many more times water fell on the surface of our country during the forty-eight hours of our recent great rain storm, than it contained in all the rivers and lakes in the continent? Just figure out how much water was necessary to soak one square mile of dry, perished earth and vegetation, saying nothing of the mighty floods that rushed away through the streams and rivers, and you will begin to realize the magnitude of God's sprinkling can, as well as his wisdom and mercy and power in distributing this ocean of waters over the heads of the people and on the face of our fair land, almost as harmlessly as a gardner watering his flower beds!—Word and Works.

Some day the watches will move silently about your home. The shadows will lengthen into twilight of your departing day. Your arm will reach up to encircle some neck in a last clinging embrace. Your eyes will look up to catch the last tender message—unspoken because the heart is breaking. The heart that has served you so well will send out life currents with a feeble flutter. Lips always rich with words of love, will stiffen into silence beneath the parting kiss! And then?—Arms will be folded over the quiet heart! Loving fingers in their last tender ministry, will press lids over the sightless eyes. The one that loved you best will press a last kiss upon the pallid lips and then seal them for burial! What then? "The spirit will return to God who gave it." What then? Brother, sister, how will you meet your God?—Republic.

MONEY TO LEND ON LAND

Have you notes on your land that you are going to be pressed on or unable to meet? If so, let us take them up and extend the payments for you? Or do you need money at all? If so, we have the money and will lend it to you if your land security and title is satisfactory to us. We lend on basis of 40 to 50 per cent of the actual cash value of the land, hardly ever over 40 per cent, unless the land is well improved and nicely situated, then we can go as high as 50 per cent. Our interest is 8 per cent payable annually, and the interest is what we are lending the money for, and for that reason we make no loans for less than five years, and really prefer ten year loans. All loans payable back by the borrower in annual installments along with interest. For instance on \$2,000 loan for five years, \$400 of the principal and interest is paid annually for five years, at which time the borrower will get a release in full, and on \$2,000 loan for ten years \$200 of the principal is paid annually with interest, and so, on any size loan. Of course, as the principal is reduced the interest is also reduced. We make no loans for less than \$500 and the larger the better it suits us. On all loans from \$500 to \$800 we charge the borrower a fee of \$25 for our services, and on all loans from \$800 up our fee is 3 per cent of the amount of the loan, which is to be paid to us, or retained by us, out of the loan. NO DEVIATION FROM THIS.

The borrower is to no expense except for getting up a complete abstract, which every land owner ought to have any way, and the cost of recording the deed of trust he gives and all other papers pertaining to the loan, which amounts to very little if your title is already up to date and perfect.

In case an applicant for loans declines to take the loan after applying for it, then and in such event, he (the applicant) will be charged with whatever expense we will have been to for him in the way of inspecting, attorney fees for examining his title, etc., but if we make the loan we bear these expenses ourselves.

No "red tape" at all about getting a loan, and it only takes a few days if your title is up to date and perfect. 200 acres of land is allowed each land owner as a homestead, on which we can't lend unless there is purchase money due on the land, which, if it is the case, we can take up and extend the payments all right. If your land is not any part of your homestead we can lend on it then whether you owe anything on it or not.

We have the money and are anxious to put it out, so don't hesitate to let us hear from you but it is much better for you to come and see us in person and bring your title papers with you, but if you can't do that, then write us the particulars fully and we will promptly take it up with you.

The Andy Long Ranch Land for Sale.

We have just had this noted fine body of land surveyed and cut up into small tracts which is now for sale and on very liberal payments. This land is in Fisher County, about 8 miles southeast of Roby, on the Clear Fork of Brazos River and surrounding the new town of Sylvester, on the Orient R. R., which is now most all graded north to the F. W. & D. Ry., and ready for the track on which trains will be running to Sylvester as soon as track material can be gotten and put down. Sylvester is almost "foreordained and predestinated" to be a town of 2,000 or 3,000 people within a very short time after the cars reach the place, and now a pointer to friends, and that is if you want to buy some good valley land near a good railroad town, then don't wait until this is all sold or picked over and the town is built up. Get in NOW on the ground floor and get the benefit of the increased value all along the line as the town and surrounding country improves and settles up.

This land joins on all sides of this new town Sylvester, and then it is only about 22 miles north east of Sweetwater, Texas, and about 45 miles north west of Abilene, which you can reach with but little expense or trouble even now by private conveyance, and it will pay you to get on the ground and get your choice of location and quality of land or town property at once. Our Mr. C. C. Compere is now located at Sylvester and can be found there most any day, and will be there until we sell the above described land; but as there is no postoffice yet at Sylvester, for loan in that territory or information regarding the above land, or about Sylvester property, you can write C. C. Compere, Roby, Texas, though it would be still better, however, for you to call and see him in person on the ground.

For Real Estate and Loans generally, write and call on us at our central office at Abilene, Texas.

Compere Brothers REAL ESTATE DEALERS AND MONEY LENDERS

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

At Panama, Columbia, by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Dr. Chas. H. Utter, a prominent physician, of Panama, Columbia, in a recent letter states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady sixteen years of age, who had a very bad case of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a study for me, but I thought of

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better; inside of three days she was upon her feet and at the end of one week she was entirely well." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

The International Tailoring Co., of New York and Chicago, are the largest and most reliable makers of men's clothing to measure in the world. We are the local agents for this famous house and have over 450 samples of their latest styles to show you.

The Star Store.

A Cure for Cholera Infantum.

"Last May," says Mrs. Curtis Baker, of Bookwalter, O., "an infant child of our neighbor's was suffering with cholera infantum. The doctor had given up all hopes of recovery. I took a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to the house, telling them I felt sure it would do good if used according to directions. In two days time the child had fully recovered, and is now (nearly a year since) a vigorous, healthy girl. I have recommended this remedy frequently and have never known it to fail in any single instance." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

'Phone the news to No. 31.

The Merkel Mail.

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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.

Skeleton Unearthed.

While making an excavation in his pasture, north of town, yesterday, C. P. Warren unearthed a skeleton of, presumably, an Indian or Mexican. It shows to have been under ground for years, and is reasonably preserved. When found the hands were straightened out by the body, but one leg was doubled under, which left the impression that the body had fallen backward, probably from a shot in the front, death being instantaneous.

In the 60's the surrounding country was a stamping ground for the Indians, who ranged from Elm on the south to Clear Fork on the north, and it may be that the long sleep of this particular Indian was started by a ball from some trusty rifle in the hands of a soldier or civilian.

The skull is on exhibition at Dr. Leeman's office and has attracted considerable curiosity.

NUBIA.

J. R. Toombs and E. M. Blackburn went to Abilene Friday.

There was an ice cream supper given at the home of Oscar Walker Friday night. A large crowd attended.

Misses Meda and Mae Rounsaville of Nolan visited Miss Lizzie Blackburn last week.

Miss Rhoda Leslie is visiting on the Divide this week.

Tom Toombs is reported up again and able to go to town.

A large crowd taken their dinners and went to the old Brandon place Sunday. The following couples were present: P. H. Watkins and Miss Meda Rounsaville, E. R. Watkins and Miss Rhoda Leslie, R. M. Davenport and Miss Mae Rounsaville, J. S. Toombs and Miss Lizzie Blackburn and T. T. Toombs and Miss Ola Walker.

Rosebud.

Rev. R. S. Heizer is threatened with an attack of typhoid fever, but was some better this morning.

One section of land about six miles north of Merkel for lease. See C. P. Warren or Joe Higgins at the Warren ranch.

...Buggies at a Bargain...

I have a large stock of Buggies on hand--too large, in fact, for the time of year--and have decided to make prices on them that will compel them to go. Parties wanting anything in the Buggy line will SAVE MONEY by buying them now, while this car lasts. I mean to SELL them and will NAME YOU PRICES that no one else will duplicate.

GEO. F. WEST.

Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

The city of Mexico is in an immense valley, and all the roads have to go down grade to reach it. The view as the train winds around the hills is very fine, the early morning sun reflecting from domes and steeples of the great city. At 6:30 a. m. we arrived at the large depot of the Mexican Central. A crowd of hacks await the passengers to take them to their homes, or to the different hotels. There are three kinds of hacks, each carrying a little tin flag near the driver's seat. The blue flags charge \$1.00 per hour, the red flags 75 cents, and the yellow flags 50 cents per hour. A half hour is half rate. A half a dozen "corgadores" rush forward to help us with our bundles; we select one and places us in a "red flag" hack accepting for his services 10 cents.

I notice as we start that a policeman standing by visits the number of the hack, the number of passengers and destination in a memorandum book, and it struck me as a very commendable custom in a city like this, where so many tourists and foreigners come that cannot understand the language and could easily be imposed upon.

Our destination was the "Hotel Colisea," and after winding through streets, some paved with cobble stones and others with cement as smooth as a floor, dodging street cars of all descriptions, and bumping against vehicles of all kinds in the crowded streets, we were finally landed "bag and baggage" in the "patio" of the hotel. We were nearly an hour on the way from the depot, and I strangely suspect "John" had taken us around to some parts of city not on the route, so he could collect fare for a full hour.

The hotels, although not up to the standard of hotels in the north, are still very good, and their charges are reasonable. Very few of them have restaurants attached. Their charges being for room, light and attendance, ranging from \$1.50 to \$6.00 per day, Mexican money. Near by are

restaurants where you can get a very good meal for 75 cents, or on the European plan, where you pay for what you order.

The city of Mexico, the capital of the Mexican Republic is in the District Federal, similar to the District of Columbia in the United States. It is distant from El Paso 1,224 miles, and although the city is in a valley, it is 7,350 feet above sea level.

The first city was built by the Aztecs about A. D. 1196. The lakes in the valley must have been much larger than they are now, as the city was built of reeds and straw and was on several islands, but at the time of Cortez it was a well built city of stone, and the different canals were crossed by draw bridges. (See

Merkel High School

Fall Term Opens Sept. 1

Thorough Instruction. Give us your patronage, and thus help to build up your school.

CECIL E. EVANS, Prin.

Prescott's conquest of Mexico).

May 22.—After breakfast we start out to see something of the city. Our first stopping place was the Cathedral, and it was 10 a. m. Mass. We enter at the front and find comfortable seats. Most of the people were sitting or kneeling on the floor, facing the altar where several priests in rich vestments were reading or praying. This is called the "Altar del Perdon," and is adorned with statua-

ry and several nice paintings. In any ordinary sized building the congregation would have looked large, but in this immense sanctuary the number of worshippers seemed small.

Two of the largest organs on the continent are on each side of the choir. The singers and organist could not be seen from where we sat. The music and singing were grand. The singing and chanting were in Latin.

Two rows of eight massive pillars support the vaulted roof and beautiful dome. Although these pillars are very large, the height and design prevents them from looking clumsy, but graceful and elegant.

At the close of the services we started to make a tour of the interior, when we came to a much larger congregation in a sanctuary in the centre of the building, that we had been entirely ignorant of, as we could not see it from where we had been sitting. This audience chamber is well supplied with handsome pews. A large number of images supporting lamps were on the railings and divisions of the seats. This altar was handsomely gilded, and had a large number of images and paintings. It looked more modern than the "Altar del Perdon," but was more flash in its decorations and less interesting.

Along the sides of the building are a number of chapels with altars, dedicated to different Saints. One on the west side is dedicated to "San Felipe Jesus," a Mexican Emperor. Iturbide is buried here and several Archbishops are buried beneath the floor. The heads of Hidalgo, Allende, Aldama and Jiminez, are buried beneath the Altar of the Kings. Hidalgo was the Washington of Mexico. The exterior is even more interesting than the interior. The front is covered with carvings, statues, pillars and bas-reliefs.

The building measures 387 feet from north to south, 177 feet from east to west, and the interior height is 176 feet. The tower on each corner of the front are "203 feet 6 six inches high," a number of fine bells are hung in the tower. In the west tower is one called "Santa Maria de Guadalupe," nearly 17 feet in height, and worth

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 deer take a 38-55 or 30-30. 125-page catalog, 300 illustrations, colored cover by Remington, for 3 stamps.

MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO.
NEW HAVEN, CONN.



\$10,000. It was placed in position in 1792. The building stands on a platform 490 broad.

R. B. Reeves of Rio Vista, will begin a Masonic school in Merkel on Monday, Aug. 18, to continue as per agreement, both day and night. All are requested to take a part.

J. A. LEEMAN, W. M.

Ralls' Perfect Face Paste cures all skin eruptions; also removes pimples, freckles, etc. Sold by Burroughs & Mann.

Joe Elliott and wife of Arlington, former residents, are visiting in the city this week.

When in town make our store your stopping place, whether wanting to buy or not.

Burroughs & Mann.

Mrs. G. F. West, who has been sick for the past three weeks, is resting nicely this week.

Rev. A. A. Baker, assisted by Rev. Jake Hodges of Mineral Wells, is holding a successful revival meeting at Hodges.

The Tabernacle is nearing completion and will be ready for use by Sunday.

To each and every friend who so kindly gave assistance and showed sympathy during our recent bereavement, we tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

T. B. Garoutte and children.

Miss Ola Armstrong of Risir Star, who taught music here past two years, is visiting in city.

We are able to offer the Texas Stock Journal, or the Texas Farm Journal, in connection with The Merkel Mail, at \$1.50 per year for the two papers. This is less than three cents per week for the two. The Journal is the standard Stock and Farm publication of Texas, and with The Merkel Mail, you can not buy any more valuable literature for the money. Let us hear from you with an order under this clubbing offer.

All Were Saved.

"For years I suffered such untold misery from bronchitis," writes J. H. Johnson, of Broughton, Ga., "that often I was unable to work. Then, when everything else failed, I was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. My wife suffered intensely from asthma, till it cured her, and all our experience goes to show it is the best croup medicine in the world." A trial will convince you it's unrivaled for throat and lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's.

Link-Bradley.

Mr. John Link of Jones county and Miss Lilly Bradley, of this place, were married at the residence of the bride's parents Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. L. R. Scarborough of Abilene, officiating. The groom is a prosperous young farmer, while the bride was one of our best girls, a devoted Christian and the possessor of many womanly graces. The Mail joins their friends in sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Miss Nora Crim of Alvord, is visiting the family of W. P. Thurmond.

Miss Lucille Miller, a popular lady of Dallas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, and will spend some time here.

W. P. Thurmond left Sunday night for St. Louis to lay in a full stock of goods for the Merkel Mercantile company.

Otis Osborne and Miss Jessie Forester were married at Aspermont last week. Miss Jessie formerly lived here and has many friends who will wish her much happiness.

Mrs. Henry Herring visited the editor's family last week. She left Monday to join her husband at Bisbee, Arizona.

Miss Dota Garoutte has been employed as private tutor to the children of a wealthy family in Concho county and will take up her duties September 1. She has few superiors and The Mail congratulates the family upon securing her services.

G. C. Sanderson, a prominent banker of Ennis, was here Friday visiting the family of W. W. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler was raised by his uncle, Mr. Sanderson's father, and the meeting was naturally a very pleasant one.

Borax washing compound 6 pounds for 25c at Chenault's.

There are some complaints of boll worms near town, but the farmers agree that they are not doing any damage. Only in this immediate vicinity have complaints been made.

Mr. R. H. Collins says that his old home, Red River county, is almost entirely under water, he having received a letter to that effect last week. Great damage to crops, especially in the low lands, has been wrought, and the waters will foot up into the thou-

JULY CLEAN-UP SALE

ON

WASH SKIRTS and SLIPPERS You will be on the Safe Side of Satisfaction if you take advantage of this sale

The season is advancing, and we want to be relieved of all summer goods on hand :-: :-: :-:

Note the Savings Offered:

WASH SKIRTS.

- No. 1040. Fancy Suiting, assorted colors, were \$1.75, now.....\$1.35
- No. 1014. Duck, solid colors, were \$1.50, now..... 1.15
- No. 1026. Fancy Covert, nicely trimmed, were \$1.75, now..... 1.35
- No. 1025. Good quality Crash, elegantly trimmed, were \$2.00, now..... 1.60
- No. 1023. Crash, braid trimming, were \$1.50, now..... 1.15
- No. 1036. Linen, open work trimming, were \$2.00, now..... 1.60

SLIPPERS and SANDALS.

- American Lady, Patent Leather, were \$2.50, now only.....\$2.15
- Isla, Patent Leather Sandals, were \$2.00, now only..... 1.50
- Children's Patent Leather, 6s to 8s, were 85c, now only..... 70c
- " " " 8s to 12s, were \$1.00, now only..... 80c
- " " " 13s to 2s, were \$1.25, now only..... 95c
- Try a pair of our gents Patent Leather Colt Skin Shoes, worth \$5.00 at..... 3.00

If you don't know shoes, you have to depend upon the reputation of the shoe. We carry Hamilton & Brown's.

J. T. Warren.

DR. E. B. GILBERT
SPECIALIST

PRACTICE LIMITED TO THE EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

Permanently located at Abilene; will be in Merkel at Hornor's drug store every Monday.

Miss Mabel George of Eskota was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Corrigan, Sunday.

Judge J. H. Beall of Sweetwater, is a candidate for District Judge to succeed Congressman Smith. Judge Beall is the best timber in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke W. Harkrider of Abilene, were visiting in the city Sunday.

Rev. L. R. Scarborough began a protracted service at the Baptist church Sunday night. He is laboring zealously and earnestly, much interest is being manifested and the meeting no doubt will be fruitful of good results. The town is ripe for a spiritual awakening.

J. M. Powell, who lives on the river north of town, says the rains have been ample, in fact, Noodle was higher by two feet than at any time before during his residence of twenty years on his pleasant place. He had about twenty-five acres of cotton and feed stuff ruined by the flood. Another rain soon, he says, would help grass and the feed crop, but would injure cotton.

Golden Sheaf and Superior Flour at Chenault's. Every sack guaranteed.

E. W. T. Compton left last week for Portales, N. M. He will locate there if an opening presents itself.

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.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company is now operating dining cars on trains 5 and 6 between Jefferson, Texas and St. Louis, Mo.; also on Iron Mountain train No. 4, between Arkadelphia and St. Louis. This will give north-bound passengers on train No. 6, which is the fast "Cannon Ball," the benefit of dinner and supper and those on No. 4, breakfast and dinner on the cars.

The cars are the latest pattern. Have electric lights and fans, choicest tableware and the most modern conveniences in general. The cuisine is incomparable and meals are served a la carte. This service is a great improvement over the Old Station Eating Houses and you are respectfully invited to give it a trial.

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Notary Public.

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For Sale—Two good lots, desirable location, fenced, a well. Must go quick. Enquire at this office.

Merkel Camp No. 719, W.O.W.—meets every second and fourth Saturday night in each month at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

G. E. Comegys, C. C. John Elliott, Clerk.

J. B. Winship of Fisher county was in town Monday buying salt and other groceries from Chenault.

All straw hats, ladies' waists and skirts at actual cost at the Star Store.

NOTICE.

Our Photo Gallery will be open for work two days (Friday and Saturday) in each week until further notice.

Barnhill & Wife.

A Worm Killer.

J. A. J. Montgomery, Puxico, Wayne Co., Mo., writes: "I have little twin girls, who have been bothered with worms all their lives. I tried everything to relieve them which failed until I used White's Cream Vermifuge; the first two doses brought four worms from one of them, the next two doses, twelve, one of them measuring twelve inches; the other child was only relieved of four worms. It is a most excellent medicine." White's Cream Vermifuge is good for children. It not only destroys worms, it helps the child to perfect growth, wards off sickness, 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Fine assortment sweet pickels at Chenault's.

Ladies, try our Tripple strength Flavoring Extracts, they cannot be beat.

Burrqughs & Mann.

Elder Bedichek of the Christian church will begin a protracted meeting at Cross Roads, in the Canyon, on Tuesday night after the fifth Sabbath in August. Everybody cordially invited.

Alec Harris and Sam Hunt spent Saturday in Roscoe, where they were in consultation with the business men with the view of putting up a gin.

Presbyterian Meeting.

Rev. A. A. Baker, assisted by Rev. B. M. Taylor of Paris, Tex., will begin a meeting at the tabernacle on Saturday before the fourth and continuing over the fifth Sabbath in this month. All christians are cordially invited to take part in the meeting.

See Burroughs & Mann for anything in the drug line.

Anson Western-News.

Miss Abbie White of Roscoe, is in the city visiting her friend, Miss Nora Witt.

Postmaster W. R. Witt of Merkel, visited his brother, Tom Witt of this city, the first of the week.

John Sears, proprietor of the Goodwin ranch near Merkel, was here looking after business Tuesday.

Mrs. Edgar Boaz entertained a party of friends in a delightful manner Thursday, at a course dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale went to Merkel Monday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Knox Pittard. They returned home Tuesday.

Miss Adrjan Witt, a sweet young lady of Merkel, spent several days here this week, the guest of her cousin, Miss Nora Witt.

Prof. Cecil E. Evans and family moved to Merkel this week, where they will reside in the future, Prof. Evans having accepted the principalship of the Merkel High School. The people of Anson regret very much to give up the professor and family, but the good wishes of all go with them.

Martin Martindale, who was placed in jail here about two weeks ago, charged with horse-stealing, is again a fugitive from justice.

He made his escape yesterday about 12 o'clock, by breaking a hole in the west wall of the jail; a piece of scantling about three feet long, which he had managed to get hold of in some way, was the tool he used in working his way to liberty.

After leaving the jail Martindale mounted a mule belonging to a farmer and left town in the direction of the Shinnery.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

We have moved into the big corner building formerly occupied by the Globe, where we should be pleased to have you call on us when in Abilene. We will make it to your interest to do so.

ROLLINS & YOUNG.

The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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

The weekly press of Texas is to be commended for the promptitude with which it has turned down the advertising proposition of the whiskey trust. It is safe to say that every paper among which The Mail is pleased to be counted, could have used the money which the acceptance of this advertising assured them in advance of insertion, to great advantage, and some of them were tempted by pressing debts to sell out. In the main, however, the proposition was turned down. While The Mail is a losing game at this time and the \$25 which was assured in advance looked as big as the proverbial thirty cents in a crap game, the proposition was headed straight-way toward the waste basket, and if there were any regrets that this coin found not its way into our empty exchequer, the thought that we had a duty to perform partly alleviated the regret of "it might have been." We lost the money, but retained our self-respect; the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker must be stood off again, but our editorial columns are free of objectionable matter. The proposition covered a stated number of lines of anti-prohibition matter tending to show the failure of prohibition in states and localities where it has been tried, and contained no "objectionable feature." It takes lofty courage for a newspaper man to spurn a cash proposition, but we can enumerate three score or more who have the courage of their convictions and have refused to sell out to the whiskey trust.

The most plausible remedy for the trust evil is to place all articles manufactured by the trusts on the free list. The evils of high protective tariff are exemplified in the following: "A Nebraska farmer who recently visited his old home in Sweden, was very much surprised to find that the McCormick binder was selling in Sweden at \$65, while the very same kind of a machine costs the American farmer from \$125 to \$150. Thus we see the evil of high protective tariff."

It is claimed that 200,000 people in this state fail or refuse to pay their poll tax every year. This means a loss of \$200,000 to the school fund, besides will prevent, to a great extent, "repeater voting." For these reasons the constitutional amendment making a poll tax receipt a requisite to the exercise of suffrage should carry unanimously.

In Michigan married women are not allowed to teach in public schools, the presumption being that they have visible means of support. The position is given to young girls who have to earn their own living, which shows the justness of the law.

The first local option case since prohibition went into effect in Parker county, June 5, was disposed of in the county court at Weatherford last Thursday. A plea of guilty was made and a fine of \$25 and twenty days imprisonment was assessed, and yet prohibition does not prohibit.

The legislators of Texas should be paid a reasonable competency and then demand labor commensurate with the pay. Texas laws will never stand the test as long as the influence and vote of a legislator can be purchased with a free pass and free lunch.

Fort Worth has a divorce mill which turns out a vast amount of grist. It is said divorces are becoming more common every day. This has been the case since 1897, when the law was changed to allow parties to testify in their own behalf.

No county in the state has brighter crop prospects than Taylor county, and the yield of farm products will be immense. Cotton and feed crops, which will make prosperity in any county, are very promising at this time.

The Mail is in receipt of a lead pencil and button from the Dallas Fair management. The date this year is September 27 to October 12, and it is to be bigger and better than ever.

The Nebraska prohibitionist have nominated a full state ticket. Unlike the Texas product, the platform contains but one plank, which deals exclusively with the liquor traffic.

Mr. Bryan asserted that he is not hunting the Presidential nomination, but will not turn it down if it is thrust upon him.

The per capita apportionment for school purposes in Texas this year is \$4.80, an increase of \$1.30 since 1896.

The Plague of the Prairie Dog.
 The prairie dog has several mortal enemies which, when not interfered with by man, usually serve to hold its numbers in check. Most inveterate of these are the coyote, the badger and the black-footed ferret. Their methods of attack differ widely.

The coyote sneaks up to the border of a colony, hiding behind straggling tufts of vegetation. He approaches when the animals are in their burrows and strives to reach some object behind which he can hide and lie in wait until some unwary inhabitant comes out to feed, when by a quick rush it may be headed off and caught. The badger usually drives his prey into its burrow and then deliberately digs it out. He is for one of his size, one of the most powerful animals in the world; his fore-claws are long and strong and his sense of smell is highly developed. On sniffing a prairie dog in his hole he simply bores down to his victim, which has no possible means of escape.

The black-footed ferret is built like a weasel, and, though much larger, is small enough to enter and travers freely the burrow of the prairie dog, so that he is able to pursue them to the ends of their holes and capture them with absolute certainty. He is, therefore, one of their most relentless and terrible enemies, and if sufficiently abundant, would quickly exterminate all the inhabitants of the largest colonies.

Your attention is called to the "ad" of Compere Bros., of Abilene, on first page. Read it carefully.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

J. T. WARREN, PRES.
 G. F. WEST, VICE PRES.
 GEO. S. BERRY, CASHIER.
 T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER.

YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

CAPITAL, - \$30,000
 SURPLUS, - \$ 6,000

The detail of Accounts receive the personal attention of an officer of the bank. We guarantee prompt, accurate, and economical service, and as liberal accommodations as are warranted by the account and prudent banking. Correspondence and personal interviews invited.

Report on Cotton.

The monthly report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the average condition of cotton on July 5 to have been 81.9 as compared with 84.7 on June; 77.2 on July 25, 1901; 76 on August 1, 1900; 84 on August 1, 1899, and a ten year average of 82.8. The condition in the principal states is reported as follows: North Carolina 86, South Carolina 88, Georgia 83, Florida 84, Alabama 77, Mississippi 80, Louisiana 81, Texas 77, Arkansas 92, Tennessee 95, Oklahoma 94 and Indian Territory 95.

The roses bloom but a season, yet they come again. It is thus with our joys. We grow and labor and suffer, catching the fragrance and fruits of happiness just enough to keep from being commonplace. If the rose bush were all blossoms always, there would be nothing about it to admire. If our life was all joy where would be the comparison, and without comparison the gratification? Barring the shade and the shadow there would be one unvariable desert, an evanescent nothing of joy.—Exchange.

WHY PAY \$75.00

For a Range When You Can Buy

...A MAJESTIC...

for from \$20.00 to \$30.00 less?
 Ranges we sold in Abilene and Taylor County ten to twelve years ago are still in use. A better Stove for less money is WHAT WE CAN SELL YOU.

ED S. HUGHES & CO.,
 Abilene, Texas

The Merkel High School.

Some Pertinent Suggestions Which Patrons Should Ponder Over.

Below we produce a page from the catalogue of Merkel High School, which is full of meat and should be digested by every patron of the school. Parents too often make the mistake of criticising the teacher merely on the complaint of a child, when, if they would take trouble to investigate, the grievance would invariably be found against the child and not the teacher. Your attention is especially called to the fourth clause:

TO PARENTS.

It is very important that all children enter school at the beginning of the school year. A delay of a few weeks or months discourages the children in their school work, and also tends to impair or disorganize classification already made. Parents are therefore requested to enter their children in school as early in the school year as possible, and to assist the teachers in securing prompt and regular attendance.

Parents are requested not to give their children encouragement or permission to attend "parties" or "entertainments" during the evenings of school days or during the school term. Successful school work demands the full time and the careful attention of all pupils.

If parents will see that their children study at home as suggested by the teachers, it will assure more satisfactory progress in school.

Parents should remember, when reports of rough or cruel treatment of pupils in school are current, that such accounts usually give an EX PARTE statement and therefore it is best to hear the teacher's explanation of schoolroom troubles before criticising his action. The children who have the least trouble in school and do the most satisfactory work are those whose parents give endorsement to the teacher's efforts to enforce good discipline and also give encouragement to their children in obedience to school regulations. Teachers and parents have the same object in view—the mental and moral good of children, and their training of proper habits and right conduct—therefore, both parents and teachers should be ready and anxious to pass judgement upon all school differences from common interests, free from personal and selfish motives.

Second-Hand Store and New Tin Shop.

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, of Bell. Repairing a specialty.

Yours for Business,
 Jno. B. Bell, Jr.

Millinery..

Latest Styles,
 Newest Designs
 Most Stylish
 Effects

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

MRS. F. B. HOOPLE

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Just arrived choice new dried apricots at Chenau

Physician and Druggist.

& Sturgeon, a prominent
arm at Rocky Hill Station,
writes: "We were request-
ed by Dr. G. B. Snigley to send
for Herbine for the benefit of our
customers. We ordered three
in December, and we are
ad to say, Herbine has
ven such great satisfaction that
e have duplicated this order
three times, and today we gave
r salesman another order.
beg to say Dr. G. B. Snigley
asure in recommending
e." 50c at Rust & Pit-
ard's.

Roscoe Herald.

After spending several weeks
Abilene attending the Normal
ss Minnie Walker returned to
er home in this city Friday morn-
g.

John Childress, who has been
at Merkel for some time working
as night telegraph operator, re-
turned to his home in this city
aturday morning.

Mrs. J. C. Perkins returned to
her home eight miles southwest
Roscoe Friday morning. She
has been in Merkel three weeks
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Martin.

Board of Trade met Tues-
day night to form a plan to build
gin at Roscoe. Mr. Harris, who
is a gin man at Merkel, met with
the board and said he would take
a \$1,000 share, and a committee
of four was appointed to take
stock in the gin.

WE ARE STILL GROWING.

Plans for Another Brick Busi-
ness House.

T. Warren has accepted plans
specifications for a large
business house to be erected
on the corner lot occupied by his
former building, which was
burned last October. Contractors
are figuring on the building and
work is to commence right away.

The structure will be modern in
every respect. The plans showed
a two story structure, 75 feet deep
and 20 feet wide, with 20 footwalls,
which is to be partitioned in the
center. The main front will be
on the east, but the south side
will also show a partial front,
though plate glass will only be
used on the east. Taken all in
all, it will be by far the most elab-
orate business house in town.

W. P. Browning & Co. are also
contemplating the erection of a
brick business house on their lot
adjoining the Telford building on
the south, but plans have not been
made for the building as yet.

The first anniversary of the fire
will find the burnt district more
beautiful and attractive and with
a greater air of business vitality
than even before, and what at
one time was considered a calam-
ity, has proven a blessing to the
town.

A new school building, a new
depot, several new stores and a
host of new residences—this is the
way we grow.

Watkins & Son have secured
the services of J. E. Paylor and
insure you fair treatment. Try
them. All orders promptly filled.

All transfers of children to Mer-
tel school district should be made
at once. Delay may cause fail-
ure to transfer.

W. P. Thurmond's new resi-
dence is nearing completion and
will be ready for occupancy by
the latter part of the month. It
is a beauty.

Phone 75 when you want some-
thing nice to eat. Paylor knows
what suits you; prices to suit

...THE BEST DRAWING CARD...

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Implements
Wagons
Buggies
Barbed Wire
Nails, Stoves
Tools

Etc. Etc.

We claim that we handle the
best line of Hardware Imple-
ments, etc., on the market. We
have handled 'em long enough
to know this. They are the
cheapest because they last the
longest. Come and take a look
at our mammoth stock.

Hardware
Queensware
Glassware
Tinware
Graniteware
Crockeryware
Etc. Etc.

MERKEL,
TEXAS.

W. H. DICKSON.



its rich flavor.
fresh and retaining
ages, always clean,
way—sealed pack-
LION COFFEE
bought in bulk. The
coffee could only be
20th century way is the
A Generation Ago

The Best is the Cheapest.

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

The Twice-a-Week Republic is
not as cheap as are some so-call-
ed newspapers. But it is as
cheap as it is possible to sell a
first-class newspaper. It prints
all the news that is worth print-
ing. 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 distin-
guished traits of the newspaper
that is designed to be read by all
the members of the family.

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postmaster will receive your
subscription, or you may mail it
direct to

The Republic,
St. Louis, Mo.

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain un-
called for in the Post Office at
Merkel, Texas, and if not called
for will be sent to the Dead Let-
ter office July 1. When call-
ing for them please state adver-
tised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

- Amerson, J. H.
- Baker John,
- Barber, J. W.
- Brown, Chas. R.
- Chapman, Chas.
- Consterdine, Claude H.
- Gentry, Mrs. Lula
- Green, Mrs. Mattie
- Hand, Vaud
- Kindred, O.
- Pamley, T. C.
- Rogers, N R
- Shelby, J. E.
- Shields, Mrs. Fikie
- Trafton, Mrs. Rosey
- Torbett, G. P.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera
and Diarrhoea Remedy has a
world wide reputation for its
cures. It never fails and is
pleasant and safe to take. For
sale by Rust & Pittard.

Just Look at Her.

Whence came that sprightly
step, faultless skin, rich, rosy
complexion, smiling face. She
looks good, feels good. Here's
her secret. She uses Dr. King's
New Life Pills. Result—all
organs active, digestion good,
no headaches, no chance for
"blues." Try them yourself.
Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

The Board of Trustees of this
independent school district met as
a board of equalization Tuesday.
Many taxpayers were on hand to
give good and sufficient reason
why their renditions should not
be raised.

Mrs. S. T. Eason has been on
the sick list this week.

Mrs. Fitts and daughter left
Monday night for Sweetwater and
will go from there to Midland, in
the hope that a change of climate
will greatly benefit the former's
health. She has been sick for a
month with a severe attack of
asthma.

Miss Tennie Polk has been sick
this week, but is better at this
time.

ABILENE.

Several members of the board
of trade appeared before the
commissioners court this morn-
ing and proposed that they would
purchase a road scraper if the
court would have the roads lead-
ing into Abilene properly graded.
What the court's decision was I
did not learn.

J. P. Radford, father of the
wholesale groceryman, J. M.
Radford, was buried in the city
cemetery Sunday afternoon. He
died at Austin where he was
under treatment.

Tom Gunn and Mrs. Jinks were
married Monday night.

The county commissioners are
in session this week but it is too
early in the week to give any of
the business transacted. Noth-
ing but accounts have come up
for consideration up to this morn-
ing.

Work on all of the new busi-
ness buildings is being pushed as
rapidly as possible.

Abilene's baseball aggregation
have returned from their trip to
Ballinger and San Angelo. They
were defeated at both places but
rendered some material assistance
to inmates of the big Landon
hotel that burned in San Angelo
Sunday morning. The boys were
all in the hotel when the building
took fire and some barely escaped
and most all of them lost their
clothing.

Shatters All Records.

Twice in hospital, F. A. Gul-
ledge, Verbena, Ala., paid a vast
sum to doctors to cure a bad
case of piles, causing 24 tumors.
When all failed, Bucklen's
Arnica Salve soon cured him.
Subdues inflammation, conquers
aches, kills pains. Best salve in
the world. 25c at Rust & Pit-
tard's.

Miss Clara Browning has been
quite sick this week, but is im-
proving.

Prof. D. S. Switzer of Itasca
was here yesterday in the inter-
est of his school.

The bonds of the Merkel Inde-
pendent School district have been
lithographed and approved by
the Attorney General and now
only need the signature of the
school board, when they will be
registered and put on the market.
It is believed that they will be
placed at good figures, several
good offers having been made on
them. This is another feather in
Merkel's cap.

Strayed or stolen from Merkel,
one 3-year-old jersey cow, bran-
ded 74 (connected) on left hip;
some ear marks. Tell

J. H. Warnick.

Good Son, Indeed.

Robert Edward Lee was a mod-
el at home and school. The death
of his father when he was a lad
left mother an invalid. At once
his final love and sympathy ren-
dered him a "son of consolation"
to her. He was a pupil at school
in Alexandria, and daily, at the
close of school, instead of rushing
out with the boys to romp, he
would hasten home in a run to
wait upon his mother, and see
that she had her daily drive. He
would help her from her sick
chamber to the carriage; with af-
fectionate care arrange the pil-
lows for her; then, taking his seat
beside her, seek eagerly to divert
and entertain her mind through-
out the drive. Sometimes he
would exclaim, with boyish seri-
ousness, "Mother, if you want to
get well you must keep cheerful."
He did the marketing for her,
looked after the horses and gave
her medicine. During her last
illness he mixed every drop of
medicine she took. Never did
mother have a nobler son.

She realized his worth, and
when he left home to enter
West Point she exclaimed: "How
can I live without Robert! He is
both son and daughter to me."
—Things and Thoughts.

**THE FACTS IN
THE CASE**

When you read a thing you like to feel
that it's the truth. The DALLAS 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 its
your local paper. It gives a class of
news you can't get elsewhere. You need
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 expira-
tion of time paid for. Subscribe now.



Uncle Sam's Mail Service

requires physical and mental
ability of a high degree to
withstand its hard labors. The
high tension to which the
nervous system is constantly
subjected, has a depressing ef-
fect, and soon headache, back-
ache, neuralgia, rheumatism,
sciatica, etc., develop in severe
form. Such was the case of
Mail Carrier S. F. Sweinhart,
of Huntsville, Ala., he says:

"An attack of pneumonia left me
with muscular rheumatism, headache,
and pains that seemed to be all over
me. I was scarcely able to move for
about a month when I decided to give

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills

and Nerve Plasters a trial. In three
days I was again on my route and in
two weeks I was free from pain and
gaining in flesh and strength.

Sold by all Druggists.
Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Look Pleasant, Please.

Photographer C. C. Harlan, of
Eaton, O., can do so now, though
for years he couldn't, because he
suffered untold agony from the
worst form of digestion. All
physicians and medicines failed
to help him till he tried Electric
Bitters, which worked such won-
ders for him that he declares
they are a godsend to sufferers
from dyspepsia and stomach
troubles. Unrivaled for diseases
of the stomach, liver and kidneys,
they build up and give life to the
whole system. Try them. Only
50c. Guaranteed by Rust & Pit-
tard.

'Phone the news to No. 31.

EASON & HILL,
(STAR STORE BUILDING.)
THE MERKEL BARBERS.

Razors sharp,
Towels clean.

Bath room in connection.
Your patronage solicited.

J. M. PATE, BARBER.
NORTH FRONT STREET.

First class work and prompt and
polite attention to all.

J. J. MILLER,
Justice Peace and Notary Public

Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds,
take acknowledgements, pay taxes on land, fur-
nish abstracts of title and transact all other
business entrusted to him.

I. O. O. F. LODGE

No. 355 meets every Friday
night. Visiting brethren cor-
dially invited to attend.

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CHAS. CRAVEN, Sec.

DR. T. S. HOLLIS,
THE DENTIST—

Office over Harris' Drugstore, Abilene, Texas.

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G. H. RICHARDSON

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Residence, West Merkel.

DR. J. W. LITTLE,
Resident Dentist.

EXAMINATIONS FREE—OFFICE IN
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**BEST
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IN TEXAS.**

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NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

*No Strateck's
cleans
our feet
from dirt
in a moment*

TURNER,
GEN'L PASS'G AND TICKET AGENT,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

**MORE LIVES ARE SAVED
...BY USING...
Dr. King's New Discovery,
...FOR...**

Consumption, Coughs and Colds
Than By All Other Throat and
Lung Remedies Combined.

This wonderful medicine positively
cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds,
Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay
Fever, Pleurisy, LaGrippe, Hoarseness,
Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping
Cough. **NO CURE. NO PAY.**
Price 50c. & \$1. Trial Bottle Free.

Try reading The Mail.

Husband Dead, Asks Divorce.
After mourning her husband as
dead for twenty-seven years, Mrs.
Nancy J. Heritage has filed suit in
the Wayne county, Ill., circuit court,
asking a divorce from John Heri-
tage on the ground of desertion, in
order that she may be reinstated
on the rolls of the pension depart-
ment as the widow of Silas Will-
iamson. Previous to the war Mrs.
Heritage was wedded to Williamson
and after their marriage he entered
the army and was killed while
fighting for his country at Shiloh.
The widow drew a pension for a
while and then married a man by
the name of Clevenger, who died,
leaving one son. In the course of
time the widow married John Heri-
tage, and they were apparently a
happy couple, living on a farm near
Mount Erie. One day, twenty-
seven years ago, Mr Heritage, who
was working for a neighbor, dis-
appeared. Mrs. Heritage mourned
her husband as dead, and by econ-
omy and hard work has made a liv-
ing. She is now growing old, and,
being the widow of Soldier Will-
iamson, has applied to be reinstated
on the pension rolls. The pension
department is particular about such
matters, and inquired for evidence
of Mr. Heritage's death. While
the widow felt sure of her husband's
death, no proof could be made, and
the only thing to do was to obtain
a divorce on the ground of deser-
tion.

The Richest Judge.
The wealthiest clergyman in the
United States was the late Dean
Hoffman, whose estate is valued at
\$25,000,000. The wealthiest judge
is Justice P. Henry Dugro, of the
New York supreme court. He
is variously styled P. Henry, Philip
H. and Phillip Henry Dugro. The
value of Justice Dugro's estate
is well up among the millions. In-
heriting a large fortune from his
father, he has by shrewd real es-
tate speculation, increased it twenty
fold. He is one of the younger
generation of judges, not yet hav-
ing attained his forty-seventh year,
and has been on the bench ever
since 1886. Justice Dugro has a
quaint fad. He is one of the most
expert carvers in the world, and
his interest in the Hotel Savoy is
so intense that he spends a good
deal of his time in the kitchen, see-
ing that the food and service are
satisfactory. The close personal
supervision has made the Savoy
bill of fare famous the world over.
When there is a crush in the dining
room, he throws off his coat, his
judicial ermine, so to speak, and
buckles to with the carvers until the
hurrah is over. Few of the hun-
dreds of thousands who have dined
at the Savoy realized at the time
that the perfect cut of roast beef
set before them was carved by the
hands of one of the distinguished
justices of the supreme court of
New York. Think of having a car-
ver with a salary of \$17,500 a year,
and a property of millions!

The Cobbler's Explanation.
"The average person, man or wo-
man wears the left shoe out sooner
than the right," said a Philadelphia
cobbler. "Many people wonder at
this and can't understand why it
should be. Long experience has
taught me that it is a peculiarity of
most people to come down harder
on the left foot, throwing the right
foot a little forward. This is
borne out by the fact that everyone
takes a longer step with the right
foot than with the left. People who
get lost in an open country, such as
our Western prairies, always travel
in a circle if they have no com-
pass to guide them. That is be-
cause one foot takes a longer step
than the other, and that is also why
the left shoe wears out soonest."

Caught With Green Goods.
If reports are true, the cupidty of
postmasters is now undergoing the
test of a clever device in the old fa-
miliar green goods line, originated
in New York and worked from New
Jersey City to Chicago. The dupes
are second, third and fourth class
postmasters, who dare not com-
plain to the authorities, which is a
feature of the subtle ingenuity of
the plan. It is stated that within
six months more than a thousand
postmasters have been swindled out
of sums ranging from \$250 to \$1,-
000 each. Only postmasters are in-
vited to participate and they are
offered counterfeit stamps manu-
factured from the undestroyed
plates of the government—undis-
tinguishable from the genuine.
When the rendezvous is reached,
all the old-fashioned bunko games
of substitution, etc., which have
been repeated in greengoods enter-
prises for a generation are practiced,
and the credulous postmaster retires
from the scene a heavy loser, with
no one to pity him should he dare
make known the details of his dis-
comfiture. It is sad commentary
on the integrity of public officials
that so many have been tempted by
this rascally bait.

Carlyle and "Captains."
When it was first announced that
his royal highness, Prince Henry of
Prussia, would be the guest of hon-
or at a festive breakfast to which
would be bidden to meet him a
chosen company of "captains of in-
dustry," 100 in number, it is prob-
able that very few, if any, of the
they ever knew, the origin of that
now distinguished title, says the
Century. It was only after taking
their places at table and opening
the beautiful little parchment cov-
ered books prepared for the occa-
sion, setting forth the names and
distinctive achievements of the
chosen captains of industry that
many readers discovered in a brief
sentence quoted from Thomas
Carlyle the source of the newly con-
ferred degree. "One class of cap-
tains and commanders of men, re-
cognized as the beginning of a new,
real and not imaginary 'aristocracy,'
has already in some measure devel-
oped itself; the captains of indus-
try; happily the class who, above
all, or at least first of all, are want-
ed in this time." It was, in fact,
seven years earlier, in 1843, that
Carlyle had already given the title
"Captains of Industry" to a chapter
of "Past and Present," with fre-
quent use of the term in other pa-
pers.

Supports Hospital With Autos.
Baron Henri de Rothschild, who
is a distinguished physician and a
specialist in infantile diseases, not
only drives motor cars, but manu-
factures them. His automobile
business is now to be pushed for-
ward on new lines. A scheme has
been elaborated under his instruc-
tions for turning it to philanthro-
pic purposes. Next door to his hos-
pital for children he has opened a
motor car factory, and all the pro-
fits of the latter are to be devoted to
the former. He expects to sell
about 100 cars a year. In this case
the hospital will benefit to the ex-
tent of \$40,000 per annum.

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the patients has been largely in-
creased and the dust has been laid
as never before when the street was
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mental tests have been carried out
through the efforts of several
young men who secured the contri-
bution of the oil from a manufactur-
ing concern.

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