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The Higher Life

A Pocketful of Sunshine.

School Advocate.
A pocketful of sunshine
is better far than gold;
It drowns the daily sorrows
Of the young and of the old.
It fills the world with pleasure,
In field, in land and street,
And brightens every prospect
Of the mortals that we meet.
A pocketful of sunshine
Can make the world akin,
And lift a load of sorrow
From the burdened backs of sin,
Diffusing light and knowledge
Through thorny paths of life,
It gilds with silver lining
The stormy clouds of strife.

We have heard of people who say, "I believe the Bible, I love God, I am willing to accept Christ, but somehow or other I do not feel that I have peace." The trouble with such people is that they have not sincerely repented of sin or they are depending upon their feelings as an evidence of salvation. If it is the former, then the sooner they genuinely repent and forsake sin the sooner they will obtain relief; but if it is the latter, then they make the mistake of taking feeling as a test of conversion instead of a healthy exercise of faith. "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," is the order in which Paul places the matter. Feeling never goes before faith but follows before it and is the effect of it. When our faith is Scriptural, peace is sure to follow, and not until then.

Exchange.

Christ abhorred a mere street-religion. He loved the religion that prayed and glowed in the closet, and that radiated its influence out into the street. But a mere street-religion He hated. He told us more than once of men who love to "pray standing on the corner of the street that they may be seen of men," and He bade us be not like unto them. He could not do with a piety that advertised itself to gain public applause. No man shall hear "His voice in the streets." If He went to pray, then the midnight or the early dawn shall be a convenient season, and the desert or some remote height shall be an appropriate place. "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray unto God with all thy heart."

Wisdom.

Rev. Tinker, Baptist.

The wisdom that comes from above is first pure, and then peaceful. The man that wants to live peacefully and not pure is turning the thing around, and can't succeed.

Church United.

Rev. J. E. Pounds.

If the churches were united we could make a tremendous onslaught on the sins of today. For any reason why there is no church and that is

the reason why it should be united. No argument, no reasoning, could convince me that anything for which Jesus prayed is not both desirable and expedient.

Christian Spirituality.

Rev. G. E. Cunningham, Universalist.

The church must stand, not only for intellectual honesty, but for a Christian spirituality. I say Christian, because we have spiritualities and spiritualities. We have the spirituality of principle promulgated by oriental faiths, and we have the spirituality of the social order.

A Moral Freeing.

Rev. Smith, Methodist.

The freeing of the word of God, to which we should give the most careful attention, is a moral freeing, for there is nothing so fatal to progress as the imprisonment of sin.

Repent of Your Sins

And use Hunt's Lightning Oil for all pains, catarrh, neuralgia, rheumatism, cuts, burns, colic and diarrhoea. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money refunded. 25 and 50c.

A traveling printer struck the town last week, and worked two or three days on The Mail, who is 72 years old. He was in the Union army during the Civil War, is yet hale and hearty and has worked in nearly all of the principal cities in the United States, beginning his career on the St. Louis Republic. This is one printer who has lived to a ripe old age without starving to death.

Cross Roads.

Mr. Reeves, a Primitive Baptist of Neinda, preached at Cross Roads Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ada Brandon and brother, Sam, visited Misses Tish and Olive Clark Saturday and Sunday.

The boll worms are playing havoc with cotton in this section.

Hurley Toombs and wife visited at Wm. Perry's Saturday.

Lee Pribble and family are visiting in Scurry county.

Lowrance Dowdy went to Merkel Saturday.

Singing at Mrs. Bradley's Sunday night.

X. Y. Z.

Open Your Mouth

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

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norris, who has been sick for several years with dropsy, or some similar trouble, and has been under the treatment of a specialist at San Angelo for several weeks, died there Sunday and the remains will arrive today. The Mail joins the friends of the family in sincere sympathy.

The meeting to be conducted by Elder Bedichek of the Christian church will begin at Cross Roads in the Canyon on Saturday night, the 23rd inst. Everybody invited.

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.

THEN WE HAVE

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.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Office..... 31
Residence..... 37

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

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.

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

Burroughs & Mann.

DORA.

Bradley Dunlap, O. H. Holland, Will Kitchens and C. B. Slinger were up from Valley Creek Wednesday.

Dr. McGee of Abilene was in Dora Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett of Weatherford are visiting G. W. Hawkins and family this week.

Weaver Sanders and W. T. Linn went to Sweetwater Thursday.

Mr. I. E. Lowe and Miss Lillie Beall were married at Sweetwater Thursday, Elder Golightly officiating. Both parties live in this community and are known by many who wish them a happy and prosperous life.

R. W. Ground went to Nolan Saturday night.

While returning home from church Saturday night a certain young lady was heard to tell a certain young man that that would be the happiest moment of her life. What about it, May? When will that happy moment be?

R. W. Ground carried the mail Tuesday, while S. A. D. was at Abilene.

Kat Klaw.

Selma Russell left Wednesday morning for Tuscon, Ariz.

The Baptist protracted meeting is still in progress and will continue through the week. The services are very interesting and impressive and good results are manifest.

J. P. Copeland says the boll worms are playing havoc with cotton in the Stith neighborhood. Similar reports come from other parts of the country, but are slightly exaggerated in some instances. Ample fruit will be left to insure a good yield.

We have seen fit to raise the price of shaves to 15c., and on and after this date the price will be maintained.

Eason & Rollins,
J. M. Pate.

...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.

Barrett's Guide gives the history of this immense building: "1573 corner stone laid; 1615 foundations and part of the walls completed; 1623 sacristy under roof; 1628 first services held in sacristy, where services were held until 1641; 1629-1635 work stopped on account of the great inundation, the interior being still incomplete; Dec. 22, 1667 final dedication; completion of towers 1791.

"Between the years 1573 and 1667 the cost of the work was \$1,752,000, with cost of towers (\$190,000), of work upon the interior, of the bells the entire cost of the work was about \$2,000,000. The Cathedral is built on the site of the great "Teocalli," the Aztec temple dedicated to Huitzilopochtli, the god of war, which was destroyed by Cortez in 1522.

Just outside of the railing that surrounds the Cathedral is quite a large space, with large trees, and laid out in beautiful walks, flower beds, statuary and fountains. On the west side is the "flower market." Directly in front of the Cathedral and surrounded by wide streets is the plaza Mayor de la Constitution, but commonly known as the "Zocalo." Though not much larger than a town block, perhaps no spot in Mexico has had so many important historical events. Here the Aztecs gathered to their periodical festivals, to dance to the music of the drums, to feast or witness the thousands of prisoners sacrificed on the top of the "Teocalli." From 1520 to 1522 the Aztecs defended themselves against the Spaniards. "Over this square passed on the morning of April 11, 1649, the procession of the Inquisition, with the green cross and the unfortunate prisoners, to the "Plaza del Volador," and in the afternoon the thirteen condemned proceeded on mules to the Christian Sacrificial Stone of San Diego, upon which the funeral pyre awaited them."—Barrett's Guide.

Sept. 27, 1821, Agustin Itur-

bide was here cheered as "liberator" and on May 18, 1822, proclaimed Emperor. In 1847 from the National Palace floated the Stars and Stripes, and in 1863 the tricolor of France.

On June 12, 1864, Maximilian, the second Emperor, was welcomed here, and on Feb. 13, 1867, he received the last farewell from many of his adherents. On June 21, 1867, General Porfirio Diaz was greeted as a hero.

In the center of the Zocalo is a pretty bandstand, where several nights in the week the different bands play while the people promenade.

Standing in this "kiosk" fac-

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.

ing the Cathedral the view is a fine one. The large sanctuary, with its tall towers with bell shaped tops, the graceful dome and carved front. The National Palace stands to the right, which was formerly Moctezuma's house. To the left, where now stands the "Portal de Mercadores," stood the Indian dancing school, and across the street from the Cathedral is the "Monte de Piedad," or National Pawn Shop. This was the site of Moctezuma's splendid palace.

From the Zocalo the mule and

trolley cars start for every part of the city, and some of the lines reach several miles to suburban towns and villages. Each car is marked with the route or the terminal town. The Zocalo is almost the center of the city. The street cars are first and second class, funeral, and special. If the line is mule power two cars run close together; the yellow car is the first class and is patronized by the better class of passengers; the second class is a green car and is generally packed with peons or Indians. On the electric lines the first class is the motor car, and the second class the trailer. Sometimes there is a freight and local express car attached. The cars are quite large, with comfortable seats and a four wheel truck at each end of car just like little passenger coaches.

The funeral cars are also two classes. The first have curtains and are draped with crepe; the second class is more plain. In the center of the car is a raised platform, where the coffin is placed. Other cars follow with the friends of the deceased.

The specials are electric, two story cars, and are used for excursion parties, or for special occasions. From the upper story a fine view can be had of the streets. It looks odd to see these two storied cars crowded with passengers and running through the crowded streets. The whole street car system of the city is the best I have ever seen.

J. L. VAUGHAN.

Two to Make a Home.

"A man may build a palace or a castle, but be he wise as Solomon and rich as Croesus, he can not build a home." No man can do this alone; he must have a woman to help him; it is the husband and wife together who make the home. If the husband is intemperate, illnatured, indelicate, cross and exacting, the wife can not make the home what it ought to be, no matter how wise, loving and prudent. Enlightened motherhood needs enlightened fatherhood to make the home what it should be, the great civilizing and uplifting agency of the world.—Sunny South.

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. 120-page catalog, 500 illustrations, colored cover by Remington. For 3 stamps. MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO., NEW HAVEN, CONN.



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

The best Horseshoeing in Merkel for only \$1.00, spot cash. All work guaranteed first class. Give me a trial. 4t

J. W. COMPTON.

Can Anyone Answer?

An observing farmer says: "There are some curious things about corn, and one is, where do the red and yellow ears come from when you do not plant anything but white corn? Another is, why don't we find an ear with an odd number of rows on it? You can find a four leafed clover but you never find an odd row on an ear of corn. It is always fourteen, sixteen, twenty or some other even number, and we farmers would like to know what objection nature has to these instances to odd numbers."—Ex.

A prohibition election has been ordered for all of Haskell county, except the precinct in which the town of Haskell is situated. The precinct in which the saloon near Stamford is situated is included in the order, and it is more than likely that the pros will win. The fight in Nolan county has been postponed indefinitely, it is reported.

J. A. Brown and wife are up from Tuscola visiting relatives.

G. M. Sharp has a new home whose arrival lected to chronicle last

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.

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

The Mail is not gifted with the art of "tossing bouquets"—what we may say about any one is the gospel truth, so far as we know, and we mean it. In years past the burden of advertising our excellent school has, to a great extent, been thrust upon The Mail, and without recompense. The management of the school in some instances, has ignored the paper entirely, while others have kindly asked for free announcements, free puffs, etc., and in every case they have been cheerfully granted. This year, in the person of Prof. Evans, we have a man who realizes the importance of the use of printer's ink in the upbuilding of a school. "I have always carried an advertisement in the papers," remarked Mr. Evans, "and I find that it pays. Items handed in for publication are to be charged to me individually." This shows an enterprising spirit and one which, if the patrons of the school show the same earnestness in placing its advantages before the public, will result in the best school the town has ever had. Prof. Evans has no peer in school work in the west. With the hearty co-operation of the people he will make of Merkel High School one of which all may justly feel proud.

Mistakes are Costly.

You can make no mistake by using Hunt's Cure for itch, tetter, ringworm and itching piles. No cure—no pay.

Many jurors, witnesses, etc., for the September term of District Court, have been summoned by the sheriff from this end of the county.

Miss Stephenson, who has been the guest of Miss Clara Browning, returned to Abilene Saturday.

Prof. C. E. Evans has spent the greater part of the week in the country rustling for the public school.

County Chairman J. G. Lowdon has called a mass meeting of the Republicans of Taylor County at the city Hall in Abilene Tuesday Aug. 29th, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention to be held at Ft. Worth Sept. 9th, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

AUG. 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.

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

Send your children to Merkel High School. Private term opens Sept. 1. Pupils entering at the beginning of the school are classified for the year. Three teachers are employed to do the work, and thorough and satisfactory work is assured in primary as well as high school department.

The Tabernacle was completed Saturday and services have been held there all the week. It will comfortably seat 1,500 people, and its erection was the best stroke of enterprise that has been accomplished for some time. Just such a building has long been needed.

A Perilous Leap

From Pike's Peak, 14,134 feet, will not cure softening of the brain, but a 25c box of Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets will cure chills. No cure—no pay.

Miss Maggie Hatten returned from Sweetwater Sunday night. She left her mother, Mrs. Fitts, improving nicely.

A. L. Bishop left with his family for Floydada, Floyd county, yesterday, where Mr. Bishop has purchased a home. The Mail follows.

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.

W. W. WHEELER,
Real Estate, Life, Fire and Tornado Insurance Agent,
Notary Public.

Takes Acknowledgements, Draws up Deeds, etc. Office in First National Bank.

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.

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.

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 pickles at Chenault's.

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

Burroughs & Mann.

See Burroughs & Mann for anything in the drug line.

Give your patronage to your town school, and thus help to build up a school of which the town will be proud. Catalogue will be furnished upon application to the principal.

The Mail acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of a dollar bill from F. E. Allyn of Eskota. Jos. Winters, W. F. Stanford and Mr. Rucker are two more of the paper's good friends who "paid the printer" last week.

Mrs. S. J. Wallace left Thursday night for Cisco. The Mail understands that Sam is now T. & P. agent at that place, and congratulates him upon his good luck.

Joe Richardson fell from the top of the tabernacle Friday and was considerably bruised up, but not seriously injured. His face looks like he had been to an Irish wedding.

The Herald states that T. L. Hall has applied for a position in the Roscoe school.

Joe Elliott of Arlington has picked up about 100 yearlings and two year-olds and is still buying. The prices range all the way from \$12 to \$17.50.

About 25 binders have been sold out of Merkel the past two weeks. The heavy demand for harvesting machinery is occasioned by the unprecedented feed crop that is now rapidly maturing throughout the country.

A. R. Carnes spent Saturday in the city in the interest of the Dallas News.

B. F. Longacre sends off another copy of The Mail, which makes six in all he has paid for a year each. He will begin picking cotton soon, as it is opening fast.

Isaac N. Taylor was up from Abilene Sunday and Monday.

Will Leeman and Henry West spent Sunday in Abilene.

We Tell No Secrets.

It is an open secret that Hunt's Lightning Oil cures everything except broken hearts and softening of the brain. 25 and 50c.

Geo. S. Berry and T. J. Coggin bought 135 head of graded hereford cattle of C. P. Warren, last week, at p. t. They also leased the section pasture which was advertised in The Mail last week and have put the cattle on it. The bunch is well graded and will show up with any in the country.

The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Communications to insure publication must bear the signature of the writer, as well as the non de plume 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.

TO THE MERCHANTS:

The regular issue of The Mail next week will be a special trade number in which we shall endeavor to portray Merkel as the best cotton market and trade center in all this country. 3,500 copies, over and above our regular edition, will be issued, and it is our purpose to place the paper in every home in this trade territory.

Business men who want space in this number should hand in copy for advertisements not later than Friday morning of this week. If you have a list of names of customers to whom you would like the paper sent, hand them in with the copy and a paper will be sent them free of charge. Advertisements will be inserted in this issue at 20 cents per inch; no extra charge for those now running.

This will be the best and cheapest way to place your business before the people, and it will be a drawing card for the town. No attempt at an elaborate edition will be made, but the town's business enterprises will be faithfully and truthfully portrayed.

Will you help The Mail bear the expense of this edition?

The gratification of barbarous instincts seems to be the only excuse for mob violence. This was clearly illustrated by the action of the Missouri mob in lynching two murderers, a white man and a negro, last week. The criminals would have been tried in less than three weeks from the time the crime was committed, and it was so stated by the court, and all possible haste was being made to bring them to justice. But a few of the vicious element, who infest every community and rule or ruin, left a blot on the entire populace by lynching the murderers—an act of barbarism too revolting for decent people to think about, let alone countenance. Instead of becoming more civilized we are growing into a state of savagery. Why not feast on the remains of the victims and make our barbarity more complete?

Van Zandt county, in all except one precinct, will vote on prohibition Aug. 29. An election was held in that county last December which resulted in a majority of 135 against prohibition, hence the omission of one precinct. Seventy-four counties have voted out the saloons, and elections will be held in six more between now and Sept. 7.

There are hundreds of starving people among the striking miners in Pennsylvania. In the face of this fact, United States Judge Keller has granted an injunction restraining any one from giving food to these people under the penalty of imprisonment. Women and children are the greatest sufferers. God pity a nation that can countenance such an outrage in order that the strikers may be starved into submission! Living a hand to mouth existence, they have no moral right to demand living wages. What a perversion of justice. Government by injunction is the most damnable fraud ever perpetrated upon the American people.

One of the most half-hearted declarations of a Democratic convention that has come to light recently was that anent the absolute lease law which was adopted at Midland last week. It favors the abolishment of the absolute lease law and the sale of public school lands to actual settlers only, provided that existing leases are protected until their expiration. The meat in the cocoanut is found in the last clause, which contains a proviso. This reminds us of the horsethief who was up for trial. He was guilty, but did not see any use for guards.

The fire last October paralyzed Merkel as a cotton market—that is, it was the means of reports going out that the town was dead and exorbitant prices were being charged for all goods, and that the business men had quit buying cotton. The loss to the town was enormous. Fully 1,000 bales of cotton which would have been marketed here went to other towns, and much trade was also pulled away. It will be different this fall. Merkel's calamity, we hope, will never again result advantageously to other towns.

The following is taken from the primary election laws of Mississippi: "If any person shall be found intoxicated in or about any polling place during any primary election he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or sentenced to imprisonment not more than ten days." If Texas has such a law it is not enforced.

The attack of Democrats on the tariff has aroused Republicans to a sense of impending danger to their frail bailiwick, and they are fortifying and hedging in order to stem the tide and avert the disaster to their cherished idol. The attitude of the Democrats in this respect is formidable and foretells victory for the party two years hence, if the fight is waged along this line.

All United States Judges, as well as United States Senators, should be elected by direct vote of the people and for a term not exceeding six years. This is the only way by which a representative of the people and not the money powers can be elevated to the judgeship. Nine-tenths of the present judges of our higher courts, if their claims were submitted to a vote of the people, couldn't be elected to the office of constable.

"You can go to Merkel and get better and cheaper goods and your cotton will bring more there than at other towns." Farmer friend, haven't you heard your neighbor make this remark? Try Merkel next time.

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.

The most gigantic trust of them all, and one which saps at the very vitals of prosperity, is the harvesting machine combine, capitalized at \$120,000,000 and incorporated for the manufacture of agricultural implements of all kinds. It will practically control the output of these articles, and, being under the wing of Republican protection, is licensed to rob and pillage to its heart's content.

Taylor County's vote for Hon. S. W. T. Lanham this fall should be the largest ever given a Governor in this county. Our representation is just half what it ought, and of rights should be. A full turn out at the election will give us eight votes two years hence. Let every voter vote, for it will give us greater prestige than we have heretofore enjoyed.

It now develops that the invitation given by the Fort Worth Stock Yards Co. to the editors was really from the Fort Worth Brewery. The press gang accepted the invitation to see how hogs are killed, not how they are made—Brownwood Banner-Bulletin.

The Fort Worth Mail-Telegram resented the above and severely criticised the Banner-Bulletin for giving the snap away. In retaliation the Bulletin truthfully remarks that many editors were prevented from accepting the invitation by the fact that the festivities were to be wound up at the brewery, and continues: "The great majority of the editors of this country are not in sympathy with the breweries; they have used their columns freely to teach abstinence from the use of liquors; they are identified with the churches and religious institutions of their home towns, and could not in good conscience become the guests of the brewery and have their names paraded in the daily papers as such. As a consequence, of the 200 papers that signified an intention of being represented at the reception tendered by the stock yards and packeries, only about 30 outside of Fort Worth and Dallas were represented when the brewery feature of the programme became known. The editors just stayed at home."

The Bulletin might have added that some of the leading country weeklies, which are strong advocates of total abstinence, were not honored(?) with an invitation to the blow-out. This just happened so, of course, but to a man up a tree it looks significant. To the honor of the press be it said, however, that they were not taken in by this green goods game. They are willing to give the packeries a little free advertising for the good it will do the State, but it must stop at that—the breweries must toot their own horn. And now it is said there is much dissatisfaction expressed over the very small attendance.

The Western farmer who votes for the high protective tariff should be kiln-dried for greenness.

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 Populist pow wow in Fort Worth only resulted in the nomination of a full State ticket and a change of the name to the Allied Peoples's Party of Texas. The convention was conspicuous by the absence of the erstwhile leaders of populism. J. M. Mallet of Cleburne heads the ticket.

Great stacks of fall merchandise are being received by the merchants, from which it is evident that they expect a heavy trade. Lots of goods mean lots of competition and lots of customers, and this means cheap goods.

It has been a common remark, in the past, by merchants of other towns not far distant, that "we will duplicate Merkel's prices on cotton and goods." This shows that we have set the pace; other towns can but follow.

President Roosevelt signed a bill denying the right of trial by jury to the Filipinos, and insists on trial by jury for negro rapists. Evidently the Filipino has a peer in the low east brute of a negro.

It is going to take some tall rustling to hold the immense trade we now command and bring more to the town. The Mail is going to do its part; will you do yours?

Government by injunction is a serious calamity staring American people in the face. Our judges have entirely too much power, anyway.

Republicans are patching up peace in Texas. The command of Mark Hanna, "Love ye one another," is being heeded with alacrity.

Phone 75 when you want something nice to eat. Paylor knows what suits you; prices to suit everybody.

Millinery..

Latest Styles,
Newest Designs
Most Stylish
Effects

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

MRS. F. B. HOOPLE

Add to Phone List.

Johnson, T. A. res.8.
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The Mail has a 10,000 run on the hook which will be gotten out this week. The order was given by that enterprising gentleman and prince of good fellows, Geo. S. Berry, who is constantly evolving some plan in his mind for the good of the town, and generally he accomplishes what he undertakes. In this instance he is submitting a proposition from the business men of Merkel to the farmers of adjacent territory, in the hopes of interesting them in the town as a cotton market and trade center. Mr. Berry's enterprise is to be commended, and his efforts can but result in great good to the town. He should have the earnest co-operation of the business men of the town.

Physician and Druggist.

d & Sturgeon, a prominent firm at Rocky Hill Station, Ky., writes: "We were requested by Dr. G. B. Snigley to send for Herbine for the benefit of our customers. We ordered three dozen in December, and we are glad to say, Herbine has given such great satisfaction that we have duplicated this order three times, and today we gave your salesman another order. We beg to say Dr. G. B. Snigley takes pleasure in recommending Herbine." 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

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

Press Pleasantries.

An editor is a millionaire without money, a Congressman without a job, a king without a throne. He constructs houses without saw or hammer, builds railroads without spikes or rails and farms without a plow. He runs a butcher shop in the journalistic world, deals out brains cheap for cash or credit. He loves them who advertise with him as he loves himself. He aids the wounded, cares for the dying and rescues the perishing and starves to death when a ham sandwich would jerk him from the jaws of death.

A paper in Golden, Col., raked in many delinquents on the ground of his eloquent appeal: "You may approximate the stars in a nail keg, hang the ocean on a grapevine to dry, wipe the nose of a cyclone on a towel, cut off the tail end of a tornado for a keepsake, put the sky in the ground to soak, unbuckle the bellyband of eternity and open up the sun and moon as health resorts, but never be deluded with the idea that you can escape the other side of purgatory if you don't pay for your paper."

A lady informs us the word "Cerber-neck" is out of date, and that "peninsula" should be used in its stead. It amounts to the same thing, however, as a peninsula is a long neck that stretches out to sea.

From Niles (Indiana) evolves the following tale: "At a recent revival meeting a butcher arose and said that he was the wickedest man in town, and had given his customers short weight for years. 'I'd go to hell if I should die tonight,' he continued. Immediately an old deacon who is in the grocery business started the hymn: 'If you get there before I do, look out for me, I'm coming to.' And then the grocer wondered why everybody laughed."

A Dallas policeman arrested a sleepwalker a few nights ago who had wandered away from home in his night clothes. "Surely you are not going to lock me in; I can't be responsible for the position you found me in; I am a somnambulist," said the sleepwalker. "It doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of," said the officer. You can't walk the streets of Dallas in your shirt tail if you belong to all the churches in town."

W. P. Thurmond arrived yesterday from St. Louis.

Miss Sue Browning was up Abilene this week.

Leeman and Miss Tuesday in Abilene.

...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 Implements, 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.



Good Horse Sense
Lion Coffee
is never glazed—it's pure, undoctored coffee. The sealed package keeps it fresh and pure.

The Best is the Cheapest.

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

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

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

The Republic,
St. Louis, Mo.

Advertised Letters.

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

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.

Geo. S. Berry played the cow boy Monday by assisting in rounding up the Robertson pasture on Clear Fork.

Chas. Compton came in yesterday from Baird.

Nollie Gist and Miss Ethel Turner of the Cross Roads community, northwest of town, drove to Abilene Monday and were married. The Mail joins their many friends in sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Don't Snub The Boys.

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the inventor, first entered Boston he wore a pair of yellow breeches in the depth of Winter.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare, the world's poet, was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was a log cabin.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses an humble trade. The author of the "Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker.

Don't snub a boy because of dullness in his lessons. Hogarth, the celebrated painter and engraver, was a stupid boy at his books.

Don't snub a boy because he stutters. Demosthenese, the great orator of Greece, overcame a harsh and stammering voice.

Don't snub him for any reason. Not only because he may some day outstrip you in the race of life, but because it is neither kind, nor right, nor Christian.

R. A. Miller was awarded, yesterday, the contract for the erection of the Warren brick business house, the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$4,000. It will be the best house in the town and Contractor Miller is to be congratulated upon securing the job, as well as Mr. Warren in securing his services. Work was begun on the building this morning, and it will be pushed to rapid completion.

C. P. Warren was in from the ranch yesterday.

Shatters All Records.

Twice in hospital, F. A. Guldge, 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 & Pittard's.

Mrs. Garoutte Dead.

After an illness covering a period of several years, Mrs. T. B. Garoutte died Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m. When discovered by the family, she was in almost a dying condition, having been visited by one of her attacks of the heart, and she never rallied from the sinking spell until death relieved her suffering.

Mrs. Garoutte was a kind, loving Christian lady, loved and esteemed by all. She had passed her allotted three score and ten years and was prepared and willing to go. She had been a member of the Methodist church for 60 years, a wife for 55 years, and member of the Rebekah lodge for 50 years, and in all these relations with her family and friends she was the same kind, considerate, loving character. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss.

May God in His infinite wisdom and mercy temper the sorrow to the bereaved ones. The Mail joins with the friends of the family in sincere sympathy.

(This notice should have appeared last week, but a new printer in the office sandwiched the item with dead matter and it was overlooked until after the paper had gone to press. We are very sorry that the error occurred, but it could not be helped. We hope it is not too late, however, for the item to appear.—Ed.)

While riding a wild horse Saturday evening, Oscar Ash was severely injured by the animal falling which rendered him unconscious for several hours. A long gash was cut on his head, which necessitated a dozen stitches to sew it up, but he is getting along nicely and will soon be up and about.

How to Succeed in Business.

Keep your liver in good condition by using Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box). It corrects constipation, cures indigestion, biliousness, stops headach, gets your heart in the right place so you can smile at your neighbor.

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-hazzard go into The News' make-up.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED...

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

Postmaster Palmer

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



L. D. Palmer.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure:

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

Sold by all Druggists on guarantee.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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 wonders for him that he declares they are a godsend to sufferers from dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Unrivalled 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 & Pittard.

'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.

N. HARRISON, N. G.
CHAS. CRAVEN, Sec.

DR. T. S. HOLLIS,
THE DENTIST—

Office over Harris' Drugstore, Abilene, Texas.

H. C. WILLIAMS,
Real Estate and Insurance Agent

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Takes Acknowledgments, Draws up Deeds, Etc.
OFFICE AT WARNICK'S BANK

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EXAMINATIONS FREE—OFFICE IN
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IN TEXAS.

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NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

*No Strakes
no sweat
no heat
no pain
no trouble*

P. 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.

Hot Times in Korea.

This item is from a Korean news-
paper, published in English: "Se-
oul, Korea, May 23, 1902.—Lately
the police headquarters ordered to
forbid the servants, etc., to run the
horses fastly on the big streets as
they sometimes pressed the children
down and hurted them on the
ground and the police stopped a
mapoo running a horse hardly on
its back but a number of soldiers
came along and captured the police
away."

Lee and Davis.

In the estimation of a South Car-
olina paper, the Southern people
consider Robert E. Lee "the great-
est figure" of the year, and Jeffer-
son Davis the figure "most typical"
of the Lost Cause.

"Uncle, Be a King."

Rumor hath it William of Ger-
many counseled Edward of Eng-
land "to be a king." And Edward,
it is further whispered in London's
polite society, which is the oli-
garchy ruling the empire, tried to
obey the injunction. So trying,
he "interfered too much to suit
some of his more powerful sub-
jects," and it was convincingly ex-
plained to him by Lord Salisbury
and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain that
the clock would not be put back in
England. The sluggard kings of
France in the time of the mayors of
the palace were no more powerless
than he who is called "of Great
Britain and Ireland and of the do-
minions beyond the seas, king;
emperor of India; defender of the
faith."

Vanderbilt, Public Official.

Young Cornelius Vanderbilt is
keeping his shoulder to the muni-
cipal wheel in true workmanlike
fashion. As a member of the New
York civil service commission, he
has just been appointed chairman
of the committee on pay rolls, an
office that calls for a vast amount of
work. One of his duties will be to
pass upon the entire pay schedule
of thousands of city employes, and
to adjust all matters relating to
salaries, his decision being re-
garded as final. In a short time
Mr. Vanderbilt will, by order of ro-
tation of office, be compelled to
take the place of chairman on the
committee on appeals. Young
Vanderbilt is a quiet worker, but
very thorough and painstaking.

Wolf Bounties in Nebraska.

Wolf bounty claims for killing
wolves have been filed in the audi-
tor's office at Lincoln, Neb., to the
amount of \$20,000, and more
claims are coming in every day.
The state legislature at its last ses-
sion appropriated \$15,000 for wolf
bounty, but the appropriation was
vetoed by Governor Dietrich be-
cause no provision had been made
for the payment of old claims. So
the next legislature will have four
years' accumulation of claims to
take care of.

The Japanese Army.

The Japanese army is equipped,
organized and drilled like a Eu-
ropean army, and many of its offi-
cers have received their education in
European countries, says an ex-
change. Conscription was intro-
duced into Japan in 1874 and the
regulations now in force were
adopted in 1883. Every male citi-
zen between the ages of 17 and 40
years owes military service, which
is given three years in the active
army, four years in the first reserve,
five years in the territorial army
and eleven years in the national
army or the second reserve. The
aggregate is 8,116 officers and 135,-
533 men on a peace footing. The
war strength is 392,220 men and
1,098 guns, the reserves excluded.

Art of Polishing Carriages.

"Probably few people who take
their daily drives in their highly pol-
ished and elegantly finished cari-
ages and road wagons realize, or
ever give a thought to the number of
coats it takes to make their cari-
ages so beautifully shiny," said
the manager of a New York cari-
age warehouse. "There is, first
of all, a coat of oily stuff called
whiting which is used to fill in the
grain in the wood. Then seven or
eight coats of rough material, and
each of these coats is rubbed down
with pumice stone, each one having
to dry before the other is put on.
Then come two coats of crude col-
oring, then two coats of lampblack.
Next, three coats of fine black paint,
which is followed by a coat of
mixed color and varnish. Then
comes more rubbing down, three
coats of rubbing varnish, each pol-
ished off with fine powdered pum-
ice. The last coating is one of fin-
est varnish. That makes twenty-
one or twenty-two coats, and it
takes five or six weeks to do the
work."

Train's Reminiscences.

A rare, rich book will be George
Francis Train's autobiography,
says Victor Smith in the New
York Press. Francis Whiting
Halsey, for twenty-two years lit-
erary critic on the New York
Times, now with the Appletons
Times, now with the Appletons,
sends his stenographer every
morning at 10 o'clock to Mr.
Train's apartments in the Mills
Palace to take the "Citizen's" dic-
tation. The volume will be en-
titled, I understand, "Friends I
Have Met." Mr. Train depends
entirely on his memory, which is
about the most tenacious recollective
faculty you ever dreamed of.
Incidents of half a century ago are
as fresh in his mental consciousness
as if they happened yester-
day. If this grand old man will
unbosom we shall have some sur-
prising revelations.

Lincoln's Advice.

Abraham Lincoln and an Illinois
farmer had been long friends; and
the latter had written an everyday
sort of letter in which he said,
among other things, that he had
been in poor health. Out in Illinois,
they are able to this day to quote
what is called "Lincoln's prescrip-
tion," sent to the farmer in reply
by the president.

"Do not worry," it read. "Eat
three square meals a day. Say your
prayers. Think of your wife. Be
courteous to your creditors. Keep
your digestion good. Steer clear of
biliousness. Exercise. Go slow
and go easy. Maybe there are
other things that your special case
requires to make you happy, but,
my dear friend, these, I reckon,
will give you a good lift."

Rebecca Harding Davis' Advice.

Rebecca Harding Davis, mother
of Richard Harding Davis, has the
following to say to girls: "I wish
that the Independent could reach
every discontented, needy woman
outside of the great cities of the
United States, that I could urge
them to stay outside of them, as
they value their souls' health and
their bodies' health. They have no
money, perhaps, but in the place
where they are known they have
capital which they cannot take with
them in the influence of family and
friends, and in the respect and con-
fidence of the community. Or, if
they have not, if they have never
been able to conquer influence and
respect and love at home in all the
years that are gone, how will they
get them in the seething life of a
strange town? Let us throw a little
daylight of common sense onto this
thing."

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Fruits
Country
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everything afford-
ed by the market,
and sell at reason-
able prices. Come
to us for your gro-
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In order to make room for fall stock I
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Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors
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It does the work." 25c, 50c and
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stimulative action on the liver,
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the system, purifies the
tones up the system and
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