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We Never Get Scared ... of a Little Sand Storm and Show the White Feather.



WE STAND RIGHT IN LINE, wet or dry, and buy our goods direct from the mills, and always make low prices. This season we bought a large stock of Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes and Furnishing Goods, and it will pay you to see them and get our prices. The new goods are rolling in; we are now showing the best assorted stock in Merkel.

When you get ready for your fall bill come to us; we have the stock, and our prices are rock bottom. We pay the highest market price for cotton every day in the year.

The Star Store,

MERKEL MERCANTILE COMPANY, Props.,

Merkel, Texas.

STATE G. O. P. TICKET

ONLY TWO NOMINATIONS FOR
STATE OFFICES.

GEO. W. BURKETT HEADS TICKET

Eugene Nolte For Treasurer Other
Name on Ticket Nominat-
ed--The Platform.

The Republican State conven-
tion made the following nomina-
tions last week:

George W. Burkett of Ander-
son County, for Governor; Eu-
gene Nolte of Guadalupe County,
for Treasurer.

Following is an outline of the
platform:

1. A reaffirmation of allegi-
ance to the Philadelphia platform
of 1900.
2. A memorial on the death
of President McKinley.
3. An endorsement of Presi-
dent Roosevelt and a pledge of
the State to him in 1904.
4. Liberal appropriations for
internal improvements demanded.
5. Demand the protection of
river valleys from destructive
overflows.
6. Recommends the establish-
ment of a port of entry adjacent
to the oil fields of the State.
7. Demands a liberal libel law
for the State press.
8. A recommendation that
manual training be introduced
into State normal schools, etc.
9. Favors the enactment of
legislation prohibiting the use of

child labor in factories.

The remaining part of the plat-
form is an arraignment of the
Democratic party for its supposed
incompetency to govern, with the
following recommendations:

A continuation of the broad
Republican attitude toward labor.

Demand legislation treating
with the protection of railway
employes by the employment of
safety devices, etc.

"We condemn the Democratic
party for the enactment of unjust
legislation, curtailing personal
liberty of the citizens in the form
of sumptuary laws, whereby the
equal protection in the law is
denied citizens of incorporated
towns and the agitation and local
dissensions constantly fomented
and enmities engendered, destruc-
tive of the peace of the
whole communities by reason of
the obnoxious character thereof."

Condemns Democratic admin-
istration over our State penal in-
stitutions, etc.

A general arraignment of
Democratic policies relative to
expansion and other vital ques-
tions of the day.

Condemns the use of convict
labor outside of the walls of the
penitentiary only on public roads.

Opposition to the formation of
secret political organizations in-
tended to control county govern-
ment.

Condemns the use of ranger
forces of the State for the pur-
pose of controlling or influencing
elections.

An invitation of welcome to all
who may desire to affiliate with
the party.

The plank which is given in

full shows the relation of the
party to the liquor traffic and is
eminently an anti-prohibition
plank. A hard fight was made
to eliminate this plank from the
platform, but the conservatives
were in a hopeless minority.

For Sale—A good hack and
harness and A1 buggy horse.
For prices and terms see
J. A. Leeman.

W. P. Browning & Co. will
give you a bargain in Sideboards
and Folding Beds.

Devotion to Truth.

"Why," said one of the great-
est of American clergymen, "do
I talk before a convention of A-
merica's teachers of the perils
that crowd the pathway of truth?
I have only in mind to lay deep-
est stress upon the importance of
truth that the utmost care be
taken by them to instill into the
souls of their pupils their own
love of truth, their own devotion
to it."

The noblest thing in the uni-
verse is the human mind. Knowl-
edge of the world, of man
of himself, compels our respect,
demands from us homage. To
truth only do we give devotion.
Its hunger in us is from God's
skies. Devotion to truth is for
its own sake. The teacher by
profession is the guardian of the
truth. The search for the truth
is the search for the divine. Joubert says: "Study the conscience
in the light of the truth. Think
nothing, say nothing, that is not
the truth. Its native charms will
suffice for the mind."—Arch-
bishop Ireland.

PROHIBITION CONTEST

OVER THREE MONTHS SINCE
ELECTION WAS HELD

AND NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED

Plea for Dissolution of Injunction
May Be Heard During this
Term of Court.

A reporter of The Mail learned
at Abilene, last Friday, that a
hearing in the county prohibi-
tion contest, in which the pros
pray for a dissolution of the in-
junction gotten out by the antis,
restraining the commissioners
court from declaring the result of
the election and charging nu-

merous frauds and irregularities,
has been postponed until some
time during the present term of
District Court.

The case was set for hearing
before Judge Lindsey at Coman-
che on Monday of last week, but
owing to the absence of the at-
torney for the antis, it was pos-
tponed until Friday, and finally
as stated at the outset.

The Mail does not know who's
to blame for this condition of af-
fairs, but it does seem that the
will of the people is being ruth-
lessly trampled upon, and that
something is "dead up the
creek." The prohibition elec-
tion was held over three months
ago, and the law should have
been in effect at least sixty days
prior to this date. The Mail pre-
dicted at the time that a post-
ponement would result, and that
the will of the people would be
defeated by a continuance of the
case from time to time. This has
been the inevitable result in this
State, more's the pity.

In the language of Hon. H. A.
Tillet, "it is a measly shame."

Donley County, in the Pan-
handle, joins the list of dry
counties in Texas.

21 Years a Dyspeptic.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d St.,
Salt Lake City, writes: "I have
been bothered with dyspepsia or
indigestion for 21 years; tried
many doctors without relief;
recently I got a bottle of Her-
bine. One bottle cured me, I
am now tapering off on the
second. I have recommended it
to my friends; it is curing them,
too." 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

Norris & McDonald...

DEALERS IN

Beef, Pork, Sau-
sage, and Fresh
Meats of all kinds

Ice in its Season

Prompt deliver-
y to any part of
town. Phone 43.

Your patronage
Solicited...

The Merkel Mail.

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Office 31
Residence 37

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

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.

Sunday was the anniversary of the death of President William McKinley.

The Colorado Stockman says that town is on the downgrade, and it saddles part of the blame for this condition on prohibition. The Stockman should not expect anything else, for the present, at least. Many of those vacant houses resulted from the evacuation of the town by the saloon interests, and later on they will be occupied by men and business interests who will be worth ten times as much to the town. The Stockman has probably heard one or two booze fighters defame the town with their vile breath. The Mail has heard 'em. We have in mind one old fellow who used to come to town with five or six bales of cotton, and a jug, on a wagon. You could hear him before he got in sight, and his voice sounded like Gabriel's trumpet. Usually he drove to the center of the street and there with loud voice exclaimed that no Merkel buyer could sample his cotton, that he was going to Abilene where they had plenty of "red-eyes." And he went, with the result that the money which should have gone for family comforts went down his grizzly throat to quench an insatiable thirst for drink. Which town was the better off; the one which got the cotton or the one which didn't? A man of this kind can make more hoise than a company of men who bring their families to town to do their trading and go back home sober men. Prohibition may have killed Colorado, but it can die with a good conscience, at least.

We want to close out our stock of Wall Paper and to that end have knocked off all the profits. Now is the time to buy.

Rust & Pittard.

Mr. Ellis and son, Jessie, came up from Abilene yesterday. They are travelling for the benefit of the former's health, who is rapidly sinking. His is a peculiar and a sad case, and the devotion of the son is one of the beautiful sights in this world.

...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.

From the Hall of Monoliths we visit the gallery of Ceramics. Here are found a number of antiquities from Oaxaca, Chiapas and Guatamala.

In the "Colonnade Room" are numerous photos and drawings of different Mexican ruins. Mitla and Palenque are the most prominent. As we enter this room, directly facing us is Moctezuma's shield. Our guide said it was only a copy. The original was sent to Charles V of Spain by Cortez.

Ranged on shelves there is a fine collection of native pottery, idols, weapons, and musical instruments of the Aztec and other native tribes.

In the next room are more photos and a huge map of the ancient City of Mexico on paper made from the fibre of the maguay plant. It shows the numerous canals and draw-bridges and lakes. The ancient city must have been like Venice. There are still some streets called "Puente" (Bridge), although there are no canals in the city proper. It is said that Moctezuma presented this map to Cortez. In this room are many weapons of ancient warfare, such as bows and arrows, slings, and spears.

In the next room are the coaches. The finest is the stage-coach of Maximilian. It is a gorgeous affair, with carved wood, gold plating and gold laced curtains. The style is of royal coaches a hundred years ago. Another is Maximilian's every day coach, and the other belonged to President Juarez.

There are a number of other rooms on the same floor—one for anatomy and also a "herbarium" where are specimens of plants from different parts of the Republic.

Leaving this we ascend a staircase to the second floor.

Room No. 1 represents the religious history of Mexico, and the walls are hung with portraits of the different bishops, priests, and monks associated with the early history of the country.

Room No. 2 contains a collection of the viceroys from 1535 to 1821, also some photos and drawings of ancient ruins, and a large model in wood of the Aztec Temple of Tajin. This was built in the form of a pyramid, with each successive story smaller, and the top a level platform. On this platform the prisoners of war were sacrificed. In each story were rooms where the bodies of the sacrificed victims were placed. On the "Teocoli," which was built on this plan, was the sacrificial stone, where thousands of prisoners were sacrificed to the god of war. Chaven says that the inauguration of the "stone of the sun," or sacrificial stone, was celebrated by the sacrifice of 700 prisoners in 1481.

Room No. 3 contains a fine portrait of Cortez, a part of his armor, a coat of mail, and many old weapons of the conquest, many of them broken; a garrote, the instrument used for capital punishment in Spanish countries.

Room No. 4 contains a large copy of Indian laws in force at the time of the conquest.

Room No. 5 contains a large oil painting of Maximilian on a gray horse. The picture is very beautiful; the emperor has taken his hat off to acknowledge the homage of a group of Indians who have knelt as he passes. It is said he was a very handsome man—over six feet tall, had blonde hair, blue eyes, and long whiskers which were parted in the middle. He was adored by the Indians, and had been very good to them. A smaller picture of Carlotta is in this room. On a table covered with glass is Maximilian's silver service. On the walls are portraits of several notables, among them Iturbide, the first Mexican emperor, and Gen. Santa Ana of Texas fame. A plaster cast of Juarez, taken after death, shows the strong features of the old Indian patriot, who resisted the entreaties and even threats of European powers to spare the life of Maximilian. The welfare of his country de-

manded the death of the usurper. Juarez and Maximilian are both gone, but "Poor Carlotta" still lives, with a darkened mind, and fancies she is still amid the stirring scenes of the Mexican Empire, and wonders why her royal husband comes not.

It is with a feeling of sadness we look at these poor relics of royalty that once belonged to a man whose greatest fault was ambition, and who was the victim of European machinations.

In a glass case are three lady's court dresses of the time of Charles V. The texture is heavy silk, with long trails, covered with small gold and silver disks. They look very heavy, and it must have taken a strong woman with the help of several attendants to have managed one of these dresses during an audience with royalty.

The bed on which Juarez died is covered by a large Mexican flag. A wax statue of Iturbide, and in a glass case is the coat he wore when he was shot, the bullet hole plainly showing on the breast. Iturbide was a man who had the welfare of his country at heart, but fell a victim to the fickleness of the times in which he lived.

There are many other relics and curios relating to the Empire and Republic. The evolution from the crude and barbarous weapons and utensils of the Aborigines to those of the present

day is very interesting and instructive.

Time forbids my mentioning the many different articles in the different departments. The department of Natural History is especially interesting. The tire museum is a credit to the Mexican Government, and compares favorably with the best museums in America and Europe. Should any reader visit Mexico don't fail to visit the National Museum. J. L. VAUGHAN.

Rust & Pittard have the only line of the celebrated Hawk's Spectacles carried in the town. Every glass guaranteed: If they don't suit, bring them back and get your money.

Prohibition in Court.

The prohibition injunction case was called this morning in district court, Messrs. J. F. Cunningham and S. P. Hardwicke representing the antis, Messrs. Kirby and Bowyer the pros.

The court declined to pass up on exceptions, etc., leaving the case to a higher tribunal, and the case went to trial on its merits.

No matter which side wins, the case will be carried to the appellate court at Fort Worth.

The entire session of the day will be required to hear the case, a number of witnesses having to be examined.

It is not a jury case, the court alone to pass on it.—Tuesday's Reporter.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS!

LEAVE for the market this week to buy my Fall and Winter Millinery Goods. It is my intention to buy a large stock, and of course the reputation of the establishment will be maintained by the purchase of only new, seasonable, fashionable goods.

I ask that the ladies await the arrival of my stock, promising them that it will be best, cheapest and most up-to-date line ever carried in Merkel.

Watch for it!
Wait for it!

Mrs. F. B. Hoople...

WE ARE OPENING THE SEASON

With some very low prices to start off Fall Business. We want your trade, and we know that we must give you as good values, or a little better, as any one else to get it. We are adopting the latter, and price you goods as low as you can possibly buy them in any market.


Compare These Prices With Those You Have Seen:

High Patent Flour, per sack.....95c	Buck board lantern.....70c	Michigan sorghum molasses.....40c	Good mattress ticking only.....5c
Corn Meal.....65c	2 gallon milk pail.....15c	1 gallon galvanized oil can.....18c	Children's good school shoes ranging from.....75c to \$1.00
6 quart dairy pan.....8c	3 " ".....20c	Best new prints.....5c	Best ladies' shoes on earth for all-round wear only.....\$1.50
3 " granite pudding pan.....20c	Reflector lamps, complete.....35c	25 yds good cotton checks.....\$1.00	Nice new outings, all this season's patterns, only.....8½c
2 " " ".....18c	21 quart granite dish pan.....90c	Good toweling, per yard.....5c	Best bleached domestic on the market, worth 6c, on sale for.....5c
3 " " milk pan.....18c	17 " " ".....75c	New Madras gingham.....10c	Best school hose.....8½c
1 gallon " coffee pot.....35c	Largest size galv. wash tub.....70c	New worsted waistings.....15 & 20c	
1 " tin.....15c	Medium " " ".....60c	New percale in all fast colors, worth 10c, on sale for.....8½c	
3 quart " ".....14c	Small " " ".....50c		
2 " " ".....13c			

These are Only a Very Few of Our Many Bargain Offerings.

...THE GLOBE.

MERKEL, TEXAS....



I have had occasion to use your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and am pleased to say that I never used anything for stock that gave half as good satisfaction. I heartily recommend it to all owners of stock.

J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.

Sick stock or poultry should not eat cheap stock food any more than sick persons should expect to be cared by food. When your stock and poultry are sick give them medicine. Don't stuff them with worthless stock foods. Unload the bowels and stir up the torpid liver and the animal will be cured, if it be possible to cure it. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine unloads the bowels and stirs up the torpid liver. It cures every malady of stock if taken in time. Secure a 25-cent can of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and it will pay for itself ten times over. Horses work better. Cows give more milk. Hogs gain flesh. And hens lay more eggs. It solves the problem of making as much blood, flesh and energy as possible out of the smallest amount of food consumed. Buy a can from your dealer.

Devoured by Worms.

Children often cry, not from pain, but from hunger, although abundantly. The entire trouble arises from inanition, their food is not assimilated, but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once, very much to the surprise of the mother. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

M. A. Marcus, of the Globe, was in the city yesterday. Read his new ad.

Women Can Only Wait.

The following beautiful and truthful item is going the rounds of the press. We give it space in our columns for the merit it contains:

"Who has not in passing in the evening, before some cottage or mansion, maybe, caught a fleeting glimpse through the window pane of a woman's eager face, peering from behind the curtain at the sound of the footsteps, and the fading into blankness at the sight of the form not looked for? You have seen it, perhaps many, many times. If you have not, then the first and simplest lesson in the great mystery of a woman's life is to you a dream undreamt. The woman is waiting. For what? God and she alone know. There are so many things a woman waits for. Perhaps it is for the lover, or the good and devoted husband, away winning the break, for whom supper is waiting; or for the child out at play, whose time for return has passed, and whose way home the night threatens to darken, or the wayward daughter, whose pathway is ever dark but for the mother's love. Or—who knows?—the gallant son reported dead in shipwreck, distant land or battle, but for whose return she ever looks and hopes and prays. Or—God help her then!—the drunkard husband. But there she waits! A woman ever waits. From the dawn of her birth to the night of her death the woman waits. She waits and longs and hopes and prays. It is not so with the man. His faith is in his strength. He sets his shoulder to the storm with firm resolve and what he seeks to do he does—or fails. If great success be his a woman shares it all, or if he fails a woman waits. And so she waits. In her fresh sweet young womanhood

she knows a youth who pleases her, but he is cold, and she must wait until he comes and loves. And then, sometimes, she loves too well, and when the faithless lover lags, she waits. When husband turns his faith from her to other joys, she waits—weeps, but waits. How often she sits in midnight gloom beside the couch of a dying child, watches and waits, hopes and waits, prays and waits. Woman's waiting is because she is weak. It is her strength. If you, brave man, have ever been in battle line and know the rain of shell and bullet shot, and must not fire—but wait and wait—why then you know what courage is! That is the highest test. And few men have stood it. But woman ever waits. The faith with which the woman waits spiritualizes earth and humanizes heaven."

Harris-Counts.

One of the surprise events of the season was the marriage, yesterday evening, of Mr. Victor Harris and Miss Lydia Counts, which occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating. Only the relatives and a few close friends of the contracting parties witnessed the culmination of this beautiful romance.

These two young people grew to the years of maturity in Merkel and are among our most popular young people. Both are graduates of Merkel High School and their development morally, socially, and intellectually has been noted with keen satisfaction by a large circle of friends. This one great step is the most important they have yet made. The Mail hopes it will prove the crowning glory of their lives.

Miss Lydia is one of our sweetest and best girls. Modest, refined, pure in deed and thought,

beautiful of face and form, and a devoted Christian, she is a prize of which the noble young husband may justly feel proud.

Victor is a young man who possesses all the virtues of noble manhood—honesty, sobriety, and a life consecrated to greater accomplishments and higher attainments in his profession of teaching. He has a bright future before him.

The Mail claims these worthy young people as among its dearest friends, and tenders them its heartiest congratulations. May the new life which is dawning for them prove as beautiful and as holy as that which characterized their wedding morn, and may each succeeding day add to the joys and comforts and blessings which they so richly deserve.

One Way of Putting It.

The justice of the peace was performing a marriage ceremony, and he was just naturally forgetful.

"Do you think," he asked, turning to the bride, "that you can give this man a fair and impartial trial?"

"I do," answered the bride, accepting this as part of the customary form.

Just then the clerk joggled the justice's elbow and whispered to him.

"Oh, yes, of course; I quite forgot," said the justice hastily, then he added solemnly: "Life sentence for both of you. Call the next case."—Chicago Tribune.

Sterling Miller was paying penance in the drizzling rain, this morning, for the loss of his coat. He will appreciate any information that will lead to a knowledge of its whereabouts.

Dr. Leeman is courting in Abilene today.

Fisher Country has contributed a great many bales of the fleecy staple to the large number marketed in Merkel the past week. Jones and Nolan, however, are not far behind.

What Merkel lacks in size she makes up in enterprise.

The statement of the First National Bank of Merkel, which may be found in this issue, shows the remarkable growth of that institution and its sound and conservative business policy. Read it.

The Methodist protracted meeting is still in progress and will continue throughout the week. Considerable interest has been manifested all along, and good results are visible. There have been several conversions and reclamations.

The results of the cotton crop depends largely on weather conditions during the next thirty days. We hear no complaints of worms now, and altogether the outlook is growing brighter.

Good rains are reported as having fallen west and southwest of town, this morning, but only a very light sprinkle fell here. As we go to press, however, there is every indication of a generous downpour. Late cotton and feed stuff are suffering for rain.

A California preacher recently gave the following why sickness sent: "It is said that the eyes of a hog are so set in his head that he cannot see upward, and that if seized on a starry night and thrown back the vision of the stars will so surprise him that he will forget to squeal. To man often can see only the earthly, and God has to lay him on his back by sickness that his eyes may behold the heavenly things, and, beholding them, is so surprised that he learns to love God through his affliction."

= A FORERUNNER =

Of What's in Store For the People of the Merkel Country.

With the inauguration of a new season, the formation of new friendships, and a renewal of the pleasant relations with old friends--there is certainly an element of great pleasure in either. Always dominating, and ever foremost, it has been our unswerving determination to give to our customers exactly what we promised. A close adherence to this policy has served us well, and has gradually brought to us the continued trade of some of the best people in this country, first, with small bills to test our sincerity, and later with the bulk of their dry goods trade. Why we can do this is, we make no promises that can

not be fulfilled, and we figure a minimum profit on our business. Some houses demand large profits, and must do it; but our expenses are light, and profits conform. We do a Spot Cash business, therefore lose no credit accounts to be made up on cash customers.

Now we ask you to come to Merkel, see the stocks of goods and get acquainted with the merchants. By all means bring your cotton to Merkel. We'll have buyers on the streets, and guarantee the highest market price. Let our house be your stopping place, and if you need goods, we will be very glad to show and price them to you.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS, AUSTIN FITTS.

At the FITTS & SMITH SPOT CASH STORE,

MERKEL, TEXAS.

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The Mail has always considered Editor Gilliland of the Baird Star a fair-minded man and his paper one of the most conservative in the State. We have admired his independence and the outspoken policy of his paper, and we supposed this kindly feeling was reciprocated. The recent Congressional campaign, however, which left the good brother stranded on a barren political waste, seems to have warped his conscience and soured his disposition--in fact, made him forget the Golden Rule almost entirely. The Mail has, in the past, ignored his outbursts of indignation, but his last charge is so utterly inconsistent and weak, and places us in such an unenviable light, that it can not be overlooked. The Mail's two great sins, according to the Star, seems to be that it worked for Smith for Congress and, later, entered the fight against the saloons. If there is anything to be ashamed of in either of the accusations it is beyond our com-

prehension. We pass over the many charges of fraud and corruption in relation to the supposed "flying squadron" as silly clatter, but we can not overlook the brazen insinuations against our attitude in the prohibition fight. We think none the less of Gilliland for differing with us and if he desires to act as an apologist for every old toper and saloon bum in the country it is none of our business; but he ought to keep his shirt on. The Mail fell into the error, if error it was, of publishing State Revenue Agent Cunningham's report on the dry counties in Texas, just as scores of other papers did, but the other side was given in the same issue. The Star picks up this item and calls it The Mail's figures, with the assertion that they do not agree with the "official statement." This official statement was made by the secretary of the State whisky dealers' association, and of course, in the opinion of the apologists for the saloon element, he is the official of officials, the high muck-amuck, and a general information bureau. Editor Gilliland has several daughters, some married and some single; they are more than average girls intellectually and morally. Would he consent to the marriage of one or all of them to a barkeeper or saloon man and run the risk of a depraved offspring? Surely, brother, you could not consent to thus condemn your daughter to a life of shame and degradation, the inevitable result of a union with the dram drinker. The writer has one little rosebud, whose childish prattle is the sweetest music on earth, and whose loving, tender caresses are worth more than all the gold in the world; but rather than see her the victim of a drink-crazed de-

mon, the companion of a drunkard--if such a life is ahead of her, may God take her now in all her innocence and purity. It is not our intention to preach a sermon to the brother, or even give him the advice of which he is so sorely in need, but, if possible, to open his eyes to the awful truth, with the hope that he may see the error of his way and turn before it is too late. Surely he is cognizant of the evil effects of the whisky traffic--its corruption of politics, its menace to the social fabric, its general degrading and corrupting influences, not to mention the sorrow and suffering and crime, its legitimate offspring! Surely he can not find any of these evils in a man who preaches, and practices, total abstinence, and whose besetting sin is an abhorrence of whisky and all its evil tendencies! If The Mail is anything it is a prohibitionist--not the kind with political proclivities, and for pie only, but a prohibitionist from principal strictly. If our highly esteemed contemporary can find anything in this record to assail, or criticise, or belittle, he has full and complete authority to proceed. But The Mail does not believe that Gilliland is earnest in his convictions, but that reason has been temporarily dethroned by a spirit of rebellion which comes of political disappointments; at least, we shall not erase his good deeds from the tablet of memory. Rather will we overlook his infirmities and hope for an early change of heart.

The Armour and Swift packeries have given notice that they want all the oil mills in Texas. That settles it. They have the ability to command what they want.

IS THIS PAT?

The Mail is in receipt of the following:

Mr. John George Murphy
Mrs. Linnie May Prestridge
Married

Thursday the eleventh of Sept., nineteen hundred and two,
Elkhart, Indiana.

Is this Pat Murphy, the most confirmed bachelor-editor in the State? We hope so, and if it is, he has our heartiest congratulations and very best wishes. He has no doubt made a wise choice, and to the fair bride we tender sincere sympathy--or rather, congratulations also.

A proposed measure to be introduced in the New York Legislature demands that every man who drinks intoxicating beverages shall take out a license, costing not less than \$5 a year. Every six months the names of the license holders are to be published. This is rabid prohibition--prohibition gone mad. Such a law would not stand. It would be knocked into a cocked hat instanter.

The local druggists have been

notified that they can no longer sell Peruna, Hostetter's bitters and blackberry cordial without paying revenue license, and then the sale must be on prescription for medical purposes only.--Colorado Clipper.

Merkel is a local option town, but if any such demands have ever been made here we haven't heard of them. However, the officers of Mitchell County are evidently the right kind.

The Republicans of Texas have saddled on the party the duty of caring for and protecting the liquor dealers and their business. Will the rank and file of the party in Texas endorse this bid for the votes of the saloon element?

Hill County will soon issue \$40,000 of bonds for road and bridge purposes. One-fourth of this amount would give Taylor County four times as good roads as Hill County. And bridges? There is not a good one in this county.

The Republicans of Texas have learned the meaning of that little word harmony.

Your Cotton Money

Will buy MORE GOODS and BETTER GOODS at this store than anywhere else in this country. We sell Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Collars, etc., and run a general repair shop. The prices we are making are the lowest, quality of goods considered. Come and figure with us.

Respectfully,

A. C. BENNETT.

We make or mend anything out of leather

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.

Corn chops and bran at Chenault & Hand's.

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.

9 pounds Coffee \$1.00 at Chenault & Hand's.

Fortune Favors a Texan.

"Having distressing pains in head, back and stomach, and being without appetite, I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes W. P. Whitehead, of Kenedale, Tex., "and soon felt like a new man." Infallible in stomach and liver troubles. Obtainable at Rust & Pittard's.

For Sale—Horse and buggy. See J. M. Pate.

DISTRICT COURT.

Farm Beginning Next Monday Will be a Most Important One.

District court opens next Monday with Judge Lindsey presiding and it will be the most important term held in Taylor county for a number of years. There are already eight criminal cases to dispose of, and a number of others that will be turned in by the grand jury. Three murder cases are to be tried, two from Taylor county and one from El Paso county. The one from El Paso is that of Fayette Seely for murder and assault on murder. The crime was committed two years ago and Seely has stood two trials already for the offense. The first trial resulted in a verdict of guilty and his punishment was assessed at fifteen years in the penitentiary but a second trial resulted in a hung jury. In this case will show a legal battle that is seldom seen and will consume several days in its disposal. There are fifteen witnesses in the case. Deputy Sheriff Cannon of El Paso is here now and will remain until after the trial.

T. E. Lloyd is to be tried for killing Charley Wright near a short time ago, the Pettis case will be tried. It will be recalled that he killed Frank months ago and is in jail.—News.

See the new styles in Thoroughbred Hats at Warren's.

For Sale—Eastman Bull's Eye kodak, carrying case and tripod. Good as new. Cheap. See Will Leeman.

Dr. I. E. Smith of Weatherford, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, will be in Merkel Sept. 26.

Basham, Shepherd & Co., have arranged for a display of musical instruments at the West Texas Fair, and hope to make the exhibit one of the best of the kind ever shown in the west.

S. H. Basham left Monday for Coke county.

Miss N. Taylor was up from Abilene Sunday.

Your Shoe Bill



Where will you make it? We handle Hamilton & Brown shoes, and our stock is complete.

We have this shoe in both Plain Toe Congress and Cap Toe Bal, sizes 5 to 9, \$2.50

We carry the Watch Us in

- Imperial Toe Polish \$1.75
- Royal Toe Vest Top 1.75
- Imperial Toe Im. Welt 1.75



Here is a school shoe that will give you satisfaction. We have them in spring heel, lace and button: 5 to 8, 1. 8 to 12, 1.25. 12 to 2, 1.50.

These are just a few of the many good numbers to be found in our stock of shoes. See us for good shoes

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 Horners' drug store every Monday.

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.

Add to Phone List.

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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.

T. L. Hall last week bought the Olin Balch residence in East Merkel for a consideration of \$650. Tom will teach the Rock Crossing school, southeast of town, we learn.

The Mail acknowledges the receipt of a remittance of \$1.00 from Irving Jennings' at Hereford.

A second-hand Studebaker wagon for sale, cheap for cash or good note.

J. T. Warren.

Miss Sue Browning came up from Abilene and spent Sunday with her parents.

Josh Westhafer of Loogootee, Ind., is a poor man, but says he would not be without Chamberlain's Pain Balm if it cost five dollars a bottle, for it saved him from being a cripple. No external application is equal to this liniment for stiff and swollen joints, contracted muscles, stiff neck, sprains and rheumatic and muscular pains. It has also cured numerous cases of partial paralysis. It is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

J. T. Warren is receiving his new fall goods. He says he has over-bought and will make some good prices to unload rather than have to move them when his new house is finished.

When in need of shoe repairing call at Bennett's saddle shop, for Aught knows how.

Remember the City Meat Market. Phone 75.

Just think: 60c will buy a pair of reversible collar pads at A. C. Bennett's.

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

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

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.

NOTICE.

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

Barnhill & Wife.

Mistakes are Costly.

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

You won't want to kick yourself when you buy Hamilton-Brown Shoes.

J. T. Warren.

Wanted—Farm and ranch hand wanted to do work on ranch; inexperienced hand need not apply.

Samuel Butman, Nubia, Texas.

20 different brands of Tobacco at Chenault & Hand's.

Miss Maud Counts has returned from a visit on the Plains.

Dr. King visited relatives at Anson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Abilene visited their daughter, Mrs. Berry, Sunday.

Wanted—Every mother in town to inspect our boy's clothing. We know that you can tell when they are made right. Turn them inside out.

J. T. Warren.

Your attention is called to the new ads. in this issue. Read them carefully.

The Mail extends felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Wiman upon the advent of another ray of sunshine in their home. It is a girl.

Prof. Evans has been quite sick from a rheumatic stroke, the past few days, but is improving.

Fine assortment of honey at Chenault & Hand's.

Mr. Holloway sold his farm last week to Mr. Gillion of Fanin county, mentioned two weeks ago as having lost his son in an explosion in a well. The consideration was \$2,000.

It is understood that the Baptist church has called Rev. Hairfield of Abilene, and he has accepted the position as pastor of this church.

I have two good young mules for sale, either for cash or good note.

Thos. M. Tucker, Nubia, Texas.

Frank Rucker came up from Abilene and Sundayed in the city.

G. H. Johnson of Roscoe, who formerly lived in the Canyon, got his hand severely mashed, the other day, while loading heavy machinery. He suffered a nervous collapse and was threatened with lock-jaw, but is said to be improving.

Lost at Tabernacle—Very small lantern watch charm with red globe. Liberal reward.

J. H. Campbell.

Now's the time to advertise.

SOFT CORE

Like the running brook, the red blood that flows through the veins has to come from somewhere.

The springs of red blood are found in the soft core of the bones called the marrow and some say red blood also comes from the spleen. Healthy bone marrow and healthy spleen are full of fat.

Scott's Emulsion makes new blood by feeding the bone marrow and the spleen with the richest of all fats, the pure cod liver oil.

For pale school girls and invalids and for all whose blood is thin and pale, Scott's Emulsion is a pleasant and rich blood food. It not only feeds the blood-making organs but gives them strength to do their proper work.

Send for free sample. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

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.

ABILENE.

District court has been in session all the week but nothing of importance has been transacted other than charging the grand jury and hearing the prohibition case. The case has not been argued yet and will not be until Judge Lindsey finds spare time, which will be in a few days.

Tom Lilius and Miss Hortense Walker were married here last Sunday.

R. E. Merchant and wife, of Amarillo are here visiting the family of C. W. Merchant. These gentlemen are brothers and had not met before for eight years.

Work on the different buildings under construction in Abilene is being pushed very rapidly.

The federal building is assuming proportions and from present indications it will be one of the prettiest buildings in the state when completed.

Rev. Scarborough is holding a meeting at Roby this week.

A melon weighing 85 pounds has been received from Jones county to exhibit at the West Texas Fair.

Something over 300 bales of cotton have been received at Abilene by the public weigher up to the present time.

DORA.

R. D. Brandon and son, Henry, went to Abilene Tuesday.

The Holiness meeting commenced Friday night.

Miss Holt of Wise county came in Friday on a visit.

Tom Jenkins went to Nolan Saturday.

Mr. Lowry of Hill county came in Saturday on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rope left Saturday for Dallas county, after a week's visit to relatives here.

Mrs. King of Hill county came in Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Brandon.

Several young people were down from Nolan Sunday to attend church.

Huce Watkins, Rufus Davenport, Rolan and Tom Toombs were here from Nubia Sunday.

Mrs. Hawkins came in from Cleburne Monday, where she has been visiting the past month.

Kat Klaw.

Merkel is the recognized cotton market of this country, and the way it is rolling in from adjacent counties attest to the fact that the farmers recognize it as such.

A Communication.

Mr. Editor—Allow me to speak a few words in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I suffered for three years with bronchitis and could not sleep at nights. I tried several doctors and various patent medicines, but could get nothing to give me any relief until my wife got a bottle of this valuable medicine, which has completely relieved me.—W. S. Brockman, Bagnell, Mo. This remedy is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

**NO. 5861
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank of Merkel**

At Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Sept. 15, 1902

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$116,621.30
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,195.56
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	956.25
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6,000.00
Due from Natl Banks (not reserve agts)	2,434.19
Due from approved reserve agents	3,409.92
Checks and other cash items	143.15
Notes of other National Banks	447.00
Frac. paper currency, nickles & cents	97.37
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ	
Specie	133.00
Legal-tender notes	3,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	750.00
TOTAL	\$150,187.74
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,362.79
National Bank notes outstanding	15,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	649.50
Due to approved reserve agents	552.20
Individual deposits subject to check	53,185.38
Time certificates of deposit	2,000.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	28,937.87
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	12,500.00
TOTAL	\$150,187.74

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Geo. S. Berry, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17, day of Sept., 1902.
W. W. WHEELER, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest: Taylor Co., Texas.
J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, Directors
J. O. HAMILTON,

Fall and Winter Styles 1902.

I have just received a beautiful assortment of newest Millinery Fashions, embracing all the latest styles in Trimmed and Ready-to-wear hats. Call and see me. Next door south of photograph gallery.
M. F. Huffman.

There are 29,285,922 wage earners in the United States. Nearly one-third of this number are women.

The antis carried Dallam county by a majority of teny votes.

There is no material change in the cotton market, though there are favorable indications of an early rise.

Your Cotton Money

Will last the longest and go the furthest at this store than anywhere else. Dollars do double duty when invested with J. P. SHARP & COMPANY... A trial will convince you.

Fall Announcement.

Our stock of Fall and Winter Goods will be the largest and most complete in every particular that we have ever handled, and great taste has been employed in its selection. We want to impress upon you the wisdom of giving us a chance to bid on your fall and winter bill of goods, and to tell you that we are always underselling, but never undersold. We handle Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, Feed, etc. Come and let's get acquainted for mutual good.

Yours for Fall Trade,

J. P. Sharp & Co.

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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.

PRESCRIPTION 3363.

Cures Headache, Neuralgia and Colds...

Your druggist authorized to refund money if it does not benefit.

ABILENE...

BASS BROS. DRUG CO..

A Division of the Profits

The people of the Merkel Country stayed with me during seasons of prosperity, and now that the country is not in the best of shape, I am going to divide the profits with my customers. My stock is new and complete. It embraces everything in the saddle and harness line, and the best that money can buy. Drop in and see me when in Merkel. You will find me in the Flemming building, next to Browning's.

Z. F. GREEN...

A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma, but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs, colds and grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's.

One of the greatest crimes—yes, that's the right word—parents commit is to rob their children of their school days. Don't stop them a minute or an hour, but see that they are prompt and regular in attendance, and in after years they can not charge you with their deficiencies in education.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkrider visited in Abilene Tuesday.

F. E. Allyn was down from Eokota Tuesday.

A Parson's Noble Act.

"I want all the world to know," writes Rev. C. J. Budlong, of Ashaway, R. I., "what a thoroughly good and reliable medicine I find in Electric Bitters. They cured me of jaundice and liver troubles that had caused me great suffering for many years. For a genuine, all-around cure they excel anything I ever saw." Electric Bitters are the surprise of all for their wonderful work in liver, kidney and stomach troubles. Don't fail to try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is guaranteed by Rust & Pittard.

Every town has a liar or two, a smart Aleck, some pretty girls, more bums than it needs, a woman or two that tattles, an old foggy that the town would be better off without, men who stand on the street corners and make remarks about the women, a man who laughs an idiotic laugh every time he says anything, scores of men with the caboose of their pants worn smooth as glass, and men who can tell you all about how to run your business, but have made a dismal failure of their own.—Exchange.

A Certain Cure for Dysentery and Diarrhoea.

"Some years ago I was one of a party that intended making a long bicycle trip," says F. L. Taylor, of New Albany, Bradford Pa. "I was taken suddenly with diarrhoea, and was up the trip, when the Laceyville N. gested that I take berlain's Colic, C arrhoea Remedy. I pure bottle and took two doses, one before starting and one on the route. I made the trip successfully and never felt any ill effect. Again last summer I was almost completely run down with an attack of dysentery. I bought a bottle of this same remedy and this time one dose cured me. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

I have a few good well broke ponies for sale. Good travelers and the very thing for children to ride to school.

E. D. Coats.

District Court at Abilene is drawing large crowds from all parts of the county. Many important cases are docketed for this term.

A Girl Out of Ten Thousand.

At the commencement exercises at the high school at Echo City, Miss Martha Evergreen read a paper which has since been the talk of the town, remarks her home paper. Among other things she said: "I do not care a cent whether Italy lies beyond the Alps or over in New Jersey. I do not expect to set the river on fire with my future career. I am glad I have a good, a very good education; but I am not going to misuse it by writing poetry or essays about the future woman. It will enable me to correct the grammar of any lover I may have, should he speak of dogs in my presence or say he had went somewhere. It will also come in handy when I want to figure out how many pounds of soap a woman could get for three dozen eggs at the grocery. So I do not begrudge the time I have spent in acquiring it. But my ambition does not fly very high. I want to marry a man who can lick anybody of his weight in the township, who can run a forty-acre farm and has no female relatives to come round and try to boss the ranch, I will agree to cook good dinners for him that won't send him to an early grave, and lavish upon him a lot of wholesome affection, and see that his razor has not been used to cut broom wire when he wants to shave. In view of all this I don't care if I do get a little rusty on the rules of three and kindred things as the years go by."

Good Advice to Young Men.

These epigrammatical periods are from President Porter of Yale college: "Young men, you are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely on your own strength of body and soul. Take for your star self-reliance. Inscribe on your banner, 'Luck is a fool, pluck is a hero.'" Don't take too much advice. Keep at the helm and steer your own ship and remember that the art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself. Strike out. Assume your own position. Put potatoes in a cart, go over rough roads and the small ones go to the bottom. Rise above the envious and jealous. Sight above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive, are the leavers that move the world. Don't swear. Don't deceive. Don't marry until you can support a wife. Be civil. Read the papers. Advertise your business. Make money and do it with it. Love your God and your fellowman. Love your neighbor and obey its laws."

...y left last night ...n, La., where he ...with a large tum- ...His two little ...will remain in school here for the preset. The Mail wishes him well.

Prof. Oscar Chastain has been too ill to open the school at Fhurber. His many friends will be glad to know that he is convalescing now and will be able to do duty by the 15th.—Stephen-... Appeal.

Great forest fires are raging in Oregon and Washington and many people have perished in mes.

Asa Sheppard went to Abilene Tuesday.

Immense quantities of fall goods are arriving and there is bustle and activity in every store. Merchants are preparing for a large trade.

...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.

In a Glass of Water.
Put a handful of glazed coffee in a glass of water, wash off the coating, look at it; smell it! Is it fit to drink? Give **LION COFFEE** the same test. It leaves the water bright and clear, because it's just pure coffee.
The sealed package insures uniform quality and freshness.



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.

All our jewelry, consisting of watches, rings, etc., is sold under a strict guarantee. We have a new stock and the prices are the lowest in the city.

Rust & Pittard.

Raised From the Dead.

C. W. Landis, "Porter" for the Oriental Hotel, Chanute, Kan., writes: "I know what it was to suffer with neuralgia, deed I did, and I got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment and I was 'raised from the dead.' I tried to get some, but before I had 'deposed' of my bottle, I was cured entirely. I am tellin' de truth too." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

W. P. Browning & Co. sell the best Sewing Machine on the market at \$18 and \$20.

Impeachment Proceedings.

Seven members of the city council, of Waco, have brought charges against its mayor, Mr. Riggins, as the following from the Times-Herald says:

"The friction between the mayor and the city council came to a culmination last night and a resolution signed by seven of the aldermen preferring charges against him and demanding his removal from the office of mayor of the city of Waco was presented. The instrument has nine counts in it and makes some strong allegations. It charges incompetence, neglect of duty to accept employment as the chairman of the anti-prohibition campaign, misappropriation of public funds, failure to carry out the orders of the council, and several other things."

Mrs. Browning returned Monday from a visit to the Territory.

Geo. S. Berry was in Abilene Tuesday.

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.

Go Sin No More.

Rev. Sam Small, for many years an eloquent evangelist and an able writer and speaker on public questions, recently yielded to temptation and became intoxicated. He is not the only one who has made that mistake, but the fact that he had for years been a tetotaler and had won distinction as a minister of the gospel has made him a target for cruel jests and the victim of malicious criticism. It is a sad commentary on human nature that those who themselves make no effort to set a good example are often prone to exult over the fall of one who is striving to follow a high ideal. For two decades Mr. Small led an exemplary life and rendered valuable service to his fellows and this service remains to his credit; if in an unguarded moment he has been overmastered by an appetite once strong, but long suppressed, let us be grateful for the good he has done, charitable toward his recent lapse and hopeful that he may yet have a long career of usefulness before him. If none but the innocent were in the habit of casting stones at the accused it would be easier for the guilty to hear and heed the admonition, "Go sin no more," which for nearly two thousand years has been both a correction and an inspiration to the erring. —Commoner.

In Warren's ad in this issue, there is an error in the position of the cuts used. The top cut should be at the bottom, and vice versa. Note the error, which will be corrected next week.

The pecan crop is immense in this country, and many carloads ought to be shipped out this season. There is money in pecans.

Work on the school building has been stopped for the present, awaiting the arrival of material. All the rock work, which includes the foundation and the wall up to the window sills, has been finished. The masons are now at work on the Warren building.

W. P. and Mrs. Thurmond visited at Sweetwater Sunday. 'Phone the news to No. 31.

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 its 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.



How About Your Heart
Feel your pulse a few minutes. Is it regular? Are you short of breath, after slight exertion as going up stairs, sweeping, walking, etc? Do you have pain in left breast, side or between shoulder blades, choking sensations, fainting or smothering spells, inability to lie on left side? If you have any of these symptoms you certainly have a weak heart, and should immediately take **Dr. Miles' Heart Cure**
Mr. F. H. Oaks of Jamestown, N. Y., whose genial face appears above, says: "Excessive use of tobacco seriously affected my heart. I suffered severe pains about the heart, and in the left shoulder and side; while the palpitation would awaken me from my sleep. I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and soon found permanent relief."
Sold by all Druggists, Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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 Oct. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.
Box, M D
Chapman, Mrs. Sarah
Douglass, Wm H
Hill & Horton
Olson, A J
Pressly, B D
Surber, M G

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements. Try reading The Mail.

AFFIDAVIT OF SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of TAYLOR. To Whom it May Concern, and to the Public Generally:

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we have sold to J. A. Joiner our interest in the cotton gin at Trent, Taylor County, Texas, and do not have any control whatever of said gin.

Witness our hands this the 3rd day of September, 1902.

MERKEL GIN & COMPRESS CO.
per Sam Hunt.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 3rd day of Sep. 1902. W. W. WHEELER,
[seal] Notary Public Taylor Co., Texas.

**EASON & ROLLINS,
BARBERS**

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, furnish abstracts of title and transact all other business entrusted to him.

I. O. O. F. LODGE

No. 355 meets every Tuesday night. Visiting brethren cordially 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**
Notary Public

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

**G. H. RICHARDSON
Physician and Surgeon.**

Residence, West Merkel.

**DR. J. W. LITTLE,
Resident Dentist.**

EXAMINATIONS FREE—OFFICE IN FERRIER BUILDING.

**LEEMAN & KING,
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Diseases of Women and children a specialty.
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**MORE LIVES ARE SAVED
...BY USING...
Dr. King's New Discovery**

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 Bottles Free.

**BEST PASSENGER SERVICE
IN TEXAS.**

4-IMPORTANT GATEWAYS-4



NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

*No Stray
to our feet
to our front
to our back*

**P. TURNER,
GEN'L. PASS'R AND TICKET AGENT,
DALLAS, TEXAS.**

A. C. Bennett has the only manufactory of knee pads in Merkel. Only 50c a pair.

Croup

Unusually begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment externally to the throat. 50cat Rust & Pittard's.

The Higher Life

The House of God.

To this house we come, my friends, not by arbitrary command which we fear to disobey; not by self-interest, temporal or spiritual, which we deem it prudent to consult; not, I trust, from the dead conventionalism that brings the body and leaves the soul; but by a common quest of some holy spirit to penetrate and purify our life; by a common desire to quit its hot and level dust, and from its upland slopes of contemplation inhale the serenity of God; by the secret sadness of sin that can delay its confessions and bear its earthliness no more; by the deep thodim consciousness that the passing weeks do not leave us where they find us, but plant us within nearer distance, and give us a more intimate view of that fathomless eternity wherein so many dear and mortal things have dropped from our imploring eyes. Reverence the holy custom, shelter from heedless slight the living impulse, that week by week calls you hither to remember, to aspire, to pray. Bring only the pure, lowly, childlike heart, tender to everything except the sins you must confess—full of hope for the world and trust to God; spread out an eager and a gentle spirit for the drooping of fruitful seeds from Holy Writ and saintly hymn; freshen the fading vow of self-sacrificing love; and your worship here will not only resemble His who, in fulness of the Spirit, "went, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day," but prepare for a higher communion, where "your life is hid with him in God."—James Martineau.

God in the Business World.

Rev. C. Woelfkin, Baptist.
In the business world what place has God in the conduct of affairs? Oh, He can't be honest today and succeed? Is that true? Then it is a choice and to choose success is atheism. God on Sunday, no God on Monday. Men make partnerships without God, and then cannot jointly ask God in crisis. Men engage in lines where they cannot consult with God.

Rev. Dr. Peters, Baptist.
Perhaps you keep your claim on religion with much the feeling with which many men pay the premiums upon their insurance policies. Christianity is a reserve for times of peril, and not a working instrument of everyday life. There is no saving grace in a religion of fear. Love knows no duty.

Rev. R. Bagnell, Evangelist.
We need stability as regards the truth, as well as loyalty to service. It is my conviction that much of the looseness of living and the barrenness of Christian work is due to lack of conviction. It is also true that loyalty of service and loyalty of life must

depend upon loyalty of conviction.

Rev. E. White, Episcopalian.
The chariots and utmost strength of God's help are around you if you pray, whether you see them or not. No matter how dubious you may be as you are preparing to take some new step in your life you will only need to have the sense of help.

Rev. Dr. Hall.
The world sometimes thinks it believes in Jesus, but the world's ideals are as far away as ever. The church calls itself Christian; it is only Christianized. You and I call ourselves Christian; we have not yet begun to test faith in Jesus.

Rev. G. Tabenhas, Hebrew.
If religion is judged by the influence of exerts, Judaism is again entitled to preferment because it is the most influential religion. This is manifested in the history of our own people. Jewish precept and Jewish sentiment are kept sacred.

Rev. Smyth, Swedenborgian.
It is not righteous to efface self. You can serve God best not by looking with fear and contempt upon any faculty or your nature, but by making the most of it; not by wrapping up your talent and burying it, but by putting it to the best use.

Not Doomed for Life.

"I was treated for three years by good doctors," writes W. A. Greer, McConnellsville, O., "for piles and fistula, but, when all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me in two weeks." Cures burns, bruises, cuts, corns, sores, eruptions, salt rheum, piles or no pay. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Getting Sacred.

The great activity shown by the prohibition party, and their success in Texas and elsewhere in local option elections, has brought about serious reflections on the part of the liquor traffic of the country. Read the following from the Chicago Champion (a liquor journal) in an article addressed to liquor dealers:

"Have you realized that what is known today as the Prohibition Party, consisted fifty years ago of but a handful of women crusaders, ogged on by some notoriety seeking preachers and scheming Micawbers? Are you aware of the fact that at the Presidential election in 1884, this little nucleus of cold water proselytes had swollen to such proportions as to hold the balance of power, and by throwing into the election urns something like 144,000 votes, actually decided the contest between Blaine and Cleveland? If you would read your papers, you would keep posted and almost alarmed at the slow but constant, active and dangerous development of this slimy, venomous reptile; this Prohibition Anaconda, which ever seeks to wind its gigantic coils around the body of the liquor traffic, closer and tighter, and unless stopped in its deadly work, will yet squeeze the life out of you, crush bones into a pulpy mass, raise its head triumphantly, yes vindictively and threateningly over your distilleries, your breweries and your warehouses."

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.

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With a good Farm Wagon on the place. We realize this, and that's just why we offer you the....

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It's built of high material by master workmen...

**JOHN DEERE BUGGIES,
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Groceries
Vegetables
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We sell almost everything afforded by the market, and sell at reasonable prices. Come to us for your groceries.....

SPECIAL SALE.

In order to make room for fall stock I am offering all summer goods at greatly reduced prices. Everything in Linens, Dimities, etc., going at about wholesale cost.

Have just received a large of shoes; if you need anything in line call and examine same.

Full stock of groceries at bottom prices.

J. O. HAMILTON

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....Wind Mills, Pumps and Water Supply Goods

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; a full assortment of pumps, piping from 1/4 to 2 in., plain and galvanized; brass cylinders and working barrels from 2 to 4 in. We buy in car lots and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.

Try reading The Mail and see if you don't feel better. Advertising is the secret of success in every business.