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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.

### DEPLORABLE CRIME

YOUNG MAN THE VICTIM OF  
UNERRING AIM.

### ORIGIN OF TROUBLE UNKNOWN

Ball Entered the Bowels Causing  
Death Inside of Two Days—  
Participants Related

Oscar Martin and Sam Patterson, Jr., became involved in a difficulty late Saturday evening, in which the latter lost his life.

Details of the sad affair are meager and reports conflict. It seems from the evidence adduced at the exparte trial held by Judge Miller that the two men were the best of friends up to the time of the altercation. They left town together, both slightly intoxicated, and stopped at the residence of J. J. Patterson, five miles south of town, where the affray took place. Here, it seems, they had a few words, but were soon quieted. However, trouble again came up between them, with the result that Martin was shot with a 22-caliber target. The bullet penetrated the lower intestines and severed, it is stated, eighteen of the small tissues. Internal hemorrhage set up, which necessitated an operation, but all that attending physicians could do was unavailing. The difficulty occurred at about 5 o'clock Saturday evening and death came at 11 o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Patterson went immediate-

ly to Abilene and gave himself in charge of officers and was confined in the county jail.

At an inquest held over the body of Martin a verdict was given to the effect that deceased came to his death by a bullet shot from a gun held in the hands of Sam Patterson, Jr.

The interment took place from the Merkel cemetery Monday evening. Oscar Martin was a son of Jap Martin of Jones county and a son-in-law of J. J. Patterson, who is a brother of Sam Patterson. He leaves a young wife to mourn his untimely death.

The tragedy is deeply deplored in the community. What motive prompted the act, or if the provocation was sufficient to justify such extreme measures, are questions which must be settled by the courts and with which The Mail has nothing to do. We can but chronicle the fact of the tragedy and offer sympathy to those who have been bereaved through its deplorable results.

There is a moral in this which should be heeded by every young man who reads, and that is, whisky caused the trouble. But for whisky one soul would not have been sent to eternity unprepared and another before the bar of justice. It is an awful lesson, and 'tis best to draw a veil over the scene.

#### 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 COMMERCIAL CENTER

MERKEL HEADS THE LIST IN  
THIS COUNTRY.

### TRADE IS BRISK IN ALL LINES

The Business Men Are Alive to the  
Needs and Demands of the  
People Generally.

Just now the farmers are looking for the best market in which to sell their cotton, and at the same time a town which offers the best inducements for trade. Crops are short and a dollar must go as far as possible. To all The Mail unhesitatingly says, Come to Merkel. Why?

In past years Merkel has been the best cotton market in all this country. The vast trade which has been attracted this way is proof positive of this assertion. A town could not take on such a remarkable growth unless trade from other than its immediate territory had been drawn upon.

The cotton buyers of Merkel comprise its leading business men. They do not buy cotton for the money there is in it, but for the trade of the farmers that sell the cotton, and consequently can afford to pay more for it than the men who buy cotton for a living. This is a self-evident proposition.

Merkel business men, in advance of the season and just after the July rains, before worms began work on cotton and when

prospects were bright, bought immense stocks of new fall and winter goods. Since that time the crop has greatly deteriorated and they are overstocked. These goods must be sold. Of course it means a sacrifice of the profits to the merchants, but a great saving to consumers.

Another good reason why goods can be sold cheaper here than at larger towns is the fact that Merkel is not an incorporated town, and the merchants have no city taxes to pay and all those things to maintain which come of the burdens of incorporation. All expenses of this kind must be added to the cost of the goods, and it comes out of the pockets of the consumer.

A casual glance, even, at this paper, will convince one that the merchants are offering great

inducements for your trade. Every page is teeming with bright, attractive advertisements. You will notice, also, that there are no baits thrown out to tempt the unwary. Merkel business men make uniform prices on all goods and do not undercharge on one article and overcharge on another, but every article is marked at the lowest possible figures.

But don't take our word for these things. Seeing is believing, so come and investigate for yourself. Every line of trade is represented here, the business men are courteous and accommodating and will take great pleasure in showing and pricing their goods to you.

#### Summertime Quips.

You can't take a woman at her face value as long as cosmetics are on the market.

Wonder where the minstrel got his idea of a negro with coal black skin and football hair?

Many a man who is a walking encyclopedia is anything but a preambulating bank.

When the fire of ambition turns to ashes of despair there is but little need of hope rekindling the flame.

If you can't afford champaign drink nothing stronger than coffee, and when you can afford it let it alone.

In a country town a 10-cent vice looks like a dollar one, while in a city a dollar vice looks like a 10-cent one.

A man feels like a boy again when he imprisons a bee in a trumpet flower; but he knows he is the same old fool when the insect gets in its work.

### Norris & McDonald...

DEALERS IN

Beef, Pork, Sausage, and Fresh Meats of all kinds

Ice in its Season

Prompt delivery to any part of town. Phone 43.

Your patronage Solicited...

## 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 numbers.

### 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.

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from the limbs. Where the driveway nears the foot of the hill is a grotto built in the solid rock; the entrance is covered with ornamental glass and the sides and entrance surrounded by rare ferns and palms. From the interior of the grotto an elevator takes the visitor up thro' the interior of the hill to the President's house.

There is a fine zoological collection on the grounds where many animals, natives of the country, are kept. No charge is made, and courteous attendants are always on hand ready to assist and answer questions.

From the foot of the hill on the east is one of the most beautiful drives we have ever seen. It connects with the famous "Paseo de la Reforma" at the gates of Chapultepec and winds among the trees, over rustic bridges and around the beautiful lake of Tenochtitlan. On this lake we found a number of pretty row boats, and for a dollar an hour we enjoyed the first boat ride we have had since we left the banks of the Monongahela, "just twenty years ago!"

A group of finely dressed boys passed us on the road and I asked them the name of the lake, and one of them gave me a name which I knew was not correct, and they went off laughing. Presently a manly little fellow came back and taking off his hat said: "Senor, that is not the correct name; this is Lake Tenochtitlan." And then he joined his comrades. I thought that the politeness of this little gentleman was a rebuke to boys who think it sport to mislead a stranger, especially if he be a foreigner. To the credit of the Mexican boys of all classes be it said, that it is very seldom they forget their training and are rude to a stranger.

J. L. VAUGHAN.

J. D. Boring has purchased 40 acres of land from Vol Martin, consideration \$15 per acre. It is located in the southwest corner of the Martin farm and joins the Boring farm on the east.

# ...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.

May 22. Early this morning we took the Tacuba electric cars for Popotla, a little town between Mexico and Tacuba. Here is the celebrated "Arbol de la Noche Triste," or the tree of the sorrowful night.

When the Spaniards were driven out of the Aztec capital by the enraged inhabitants, many of the soldiers and officers were captured, slain, or drowned in canals after the Aztecs had withdrawn the drawbridges. Over the Tacuba causeway the remnant of Cortez' army was driven, and at Popotla they camped for the night. Footsore, weary, and discouraged, the indomitable leader, Cortez, rested under a large cypress tree (ahuahuete) July 1, 1520. The boom of the great drum on top of the Teocoli told full well the fate that was awaiting their unhappy comrades and that before morning many prisoners would be offered up to the insatiable war god. Far from his native land, surrounded by savage foes, his army decimated, the future looked dark, and Cortez bowed his head and wept, and to this day the tree is called the tree of the "sorrowful night"—Noche Triste. The tree is very large and of great age. Several limbs near the top are showing signs of decay, and the trunk is hollow, the cavity being large enough to hold a dozen people. Several years ago some Indians, in a fit of fanaticism, set it on fire and a great deal of the trunk was burned. There is now a neat iron fence around it.

Returning to the city we take the Tucabaya electric cars for Chapultepec. While going thro' the crowded streets our progress was slow, but as soon as we are on the open highway they run very fast. The double car line runs along one side of the highway and is fenced in and has stopping places about every half mile. A row of shade trees on each side meet their branches overhead. The cars have whistles that are blown by compressed air.

The Castle of Chapultepec, the White House of Mexico, is built on an elevation of solid rock 200 feet high, which seems to have been thrown up by volcanic action. The sides are very steep and in some places almost inaccessible. The level ground around the base is beautifully laid out with walks, drives, and small lakes. Immense trees in the forks of the limbs are growing beautiful orchids. Large banana plants, palms and other tropical vegetation grow among the trees. The sides of the hill are covered with vines and flowers of every description that are kept fresh and growing by water thrown from pipes by men who clamber among the rocks in places that would puzzle a goat to climb.

The word "Chapultepec" means in the Aztec language the "Hill of the Grasshopper." On top where now is the President's palace was built the palace of Moctezuma. The grounds around the foot of the hill were then planted in large trees, like they are now. One particularly beautiful cypress is known as "Moctezuma's tree. There are many other giants that must have been quite large trees when the dusky monarch and his household sought their shade.

On a small elevation near the base of the hill and surrounded by cypress trees is the monument erected to the memory of the Mexican cadets, who fell in defense of their capital when it was invaded by the American army. Their names are inscribed on the four sides of the shaft. Their heroic deeds are still fresh in the hearts of the Mexican people. Most of them were mere boys, but the gallant fight they made won the admiration of the American army.

The battle of Chapultepec was one of the hardest fought of the Mexican War.

On Sept. 12, 1846, the American army under Gen. Winfield Scott attacked the Castle of Chapultepec, which was strongly fortified with a line of batteries

at the foot of the hills. The battle lasted all day on the 13, and on the morning of the 14 the victorious Americans occupied the "Halls of the Moctezumas."

In the little American cemetery on the western edge of the city is a granite shaft six feet high. On one side is inscribed:

TO THE MEMORY  
of the  
AMERICAN SOLDIERS  
Who perished in this valley in 1847  
Whose bones  
Collected by their Country's order  
Are Here Buried.

On the other side, on a marble tablet inlaid in the granite, are the names of the battles fought:

CONTRERAS, CHURUBUSCO,  
MOLINO DEL RAY, CHAPULTEPEC, MEXICO.

Seven hundred and fifty soldiers killed in the war of 1847 are buried together in a single grave in this cemetery, which was deeded with a full and perfect title to the United States by the Mexican government, and was established in 1851 by an act of Congress.

We ascend a walk that has a number of stone steps and terraces, and find ourselves in front of the military academy, the West Point of Mexico. A neatly uniformed cadet with a gun is patrolling the arched gateway that leads into the main building.

He politely informs us that we must have a pass before we can enter. The passes are given out at the National palace in the city and not having the pass we could not enter, but were at liberty to follow the terrace around the buildings and through the balance of the grounds. He stopped long enough on his beat to point out places of interest and information as to the best way to go.

From the terrace we get a splendid view of the valley below us, the suburban towns of Tacuba, Tucabaya, Popotla and others, the lakes Chalco and Texcoco in the distance, but to the smoky atmosphere we could not see the volcanoes. This side of the hill is almost perpendicular, but there is a fine wall of masonry along the edge and a wide carriage drive winds around the hill to the valley below. Rare vines clamber among the rocks, and up the trees, and in nooks and corners are statuary and pieces of Aztec sculpture like what we saw in the National museum. On the edge of precipices are beautiful gardens called the "Hanging Gardens."

Quite an army of men and boys are cleaning the grounds or trimming the trees. In some of the largest trees are boys with ropes climbing among the branches cleaning off the long grey moss and other parasitic growths (continued on first column.)

### 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...

### 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 a few weeks." Cures burrs, cuts, corns, sores, eruptions, salt rheum, piles or no pay. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Cow and yearling, both in very good condition, for sale. Call at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Berry visited at Sweetwater yesterday.



**Mrs. Laura S. Webb,**  
Vice-President Woman's Democratic Club of Northern Ohio.

"I dreaded the change of life which was fast approaching. I noticed Wine of Cardui, and decided to try a bottle. I experienced some relief the first month, so I kept on taking it for three months and now I menstruate with no pain and I shall take it off and now until I have passed the climax."

Female weakness, disordered menses, falling of the womb and ovarian troubles do not wear off. They follow a woman to the change of life. Do not wait but take Wine of Cardui now and avoid the trouble. Wine of Cardui never fails to benefit a suffering woman of any age. Wine of Cardui relieved Mrs. Webb when she was in danger. When you come to the change of life Mrs. Webb's letter will mean more to you than it does now. But you may now avoid the suffering she endured. Druggists sell \$1 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

**WINE OF CARDUI**

"I shall probably market the bulk of my cotton in Merkel," said a prosperous farmer to a reporter Tuesday, "although I am under some obligations to merchants of other towns for courtesies extended. The roads are better here than elsewhere, and four bales could be hauled to Merkel with more ease and in less time than three could be hauled to other markets. Therefore, all things being equal, I shall market my cotton in Merkel." This gentleman agreed with The Mail that "all good roads lead to Merkel." Good roads are among the best inducements a town can hold out for trade. Don't lose sight of this fact.

### A Good Creed.

I believe in boys and girls, the men and women of a great tomorrow; that whatsoever the boy soweth the man shall reap.

I believe in the curse of ignorance, in the efficacy of schools, in the dignity of teaching, and in the joy of serving others.

I believe in wisdom as revealed in human lives as well as in the pages of a printed book, in lessons taught not so much by precept as by example, in ability to work with the hands as well as to think with the head in everything that makes life large and lovely.

I believe in beauty in the school room, in the home, in the daily life in and out of doors.

I believe in laughter, in love, in faith, in all distant hopes that lure us on.

I believe that every hour of every day we receive a just reward for all we are and for all we do.

I believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, and in the divine joy of living.—Edwin O. Grover.

Now's the time to advertise.

### NUBIA.

A large rain fell in the Canyon Sunday night.

There was a dance at D. H. Craddie's Monday night.

Miss Randolph of Jones county is visiting her sister, Mrs. Craddie.

There was a candy breaking at O. W. Walker's Saturday night.

Milford Martin returned from East Texas, where he has been for quite a while.

Misses Cattie and Rhoda Leslie returned from Spring Creek, where they have been visiting the past week.

John Watkins of Merkel was in Nubia Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nellie Clark of Center Point has been visiting Mrs. Willie Walker the past week.

Jeff Sapp and family left for the Territory Tuesday.

Miss Mattie Turner is reported on the sick list this week.

J. H. Blackburn and family went to Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. Dayton Snow is up again.

Mrs. Dr. Martin is reported to be improving.

Rosebud.

### DORA.

News scarce this week. The meeting is in full blast with good success.

Mr. Lowry and daughter, Mrs. Richardson, went to Winters Thursday.

A nice shower of rain fell at Dora Friday.

Rev. Neely was called to White Church Saturday to preach the funeral of Mrs. Wills, who died Friday, of consumption. She leaves a husband and two children. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Several were down from Nolan Sunday to attend church.

Mr. Lowry left for his home Monday after a week's visit to his daughter, Mrs. Jno. Brandon.

A. R. Sanders and son, Wezver, went to Abilene Monday, where Wezver will enter school.

Mrs. Kitrell of Arkanss came in Monday on a visit to R. D. Brandon and family.

Mr. Linn went to Ballinger Tuesday to meet his daughter, Miss Ina.

Kat Klaw.

### A Gentleman.

Shows a regard for the feelings of children.

Knows how far to go in complimenting women.

Never ventures to offer advice unless it is solicited.

Is careful not to remain too long when calling on a lady.

Will not start a religious discussion in a mixed company.

Takes care not to offend by a superabundance of flattery.

Has a way of showing good breeding without a waste of words.

Never calls attention to the mistakes made by a woman in reading.

Will not speak of his wife as though she were a peeron without a will.

Treats his employes as though he had some interest in their welfare.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### Drill for Bachelors.

Fall in—Love with a good and industrious girl.

Attention—Pay to her faithfully and respectfully.

Quick march—To her parents and ask their consent.

File right—With her to church, and go through the service of matrimony.

Halt—And reflect upon the new duties you have to perform.

Right-about-face—From the haunts you have frequented when single and prefer your own home.

Advance arms—To your young wife when walking with her and

never let her trail behind.

Dismiss—All foolish ideas about her being an angel, and treat her as a comrade.

McDonald has moved his meat market to the rear of the building occupied by S. W. Sheppard, where he would be pleased to have his customers call on him.

Arthur, instead of Oscar Martin as stated elsewhere, was the young man killed.

If the old saw that the first killing frost is due three months from the date of the first norther, holds good this year, the country is good for a half bale of cotton to the acre. But this is a year of surprises.

Little Miss Alese Berry entertains her little friends with a birthday party this evening.

## Men of Oak

Timbers of oak keep the old homestead standing through the years. It pays to use the right stuff.

"Men of oak" are men in rugged health, men whose bodies are made of the soundest materials.

Childhood is the time to lay the foundation for a sturdy constitution that will last for years.

Scott's Emulsion is the right stuff.

Scott's Emulsion stimulates the growing powers of children, helps them build a firm foundation for a sturdy constitution.

Send for free sample.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,  
409-415 Pearl Street, New York.

50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

# What Do You Want?

## Is It Enumerated Below?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Is it Something New in Trimmings?       | Is it Something New in Shoes?   |
| Is it Something New in Dress Goods?     | Is it Something New in Ladies' or Children's Wear of Any Kind?                                  |
| Is it Something New in Waist Goods?     | Is it Something New in Men's Wear—Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Underwear, Collars, Hose, Etc? |
| Is it Something New in Silks or Satins? |   |
| Is it Something New in Shirt Waists?    |   |
| Is it Something New in Kid Gloves?      |   |

If there is anything in the above lines you want, come to us and we will save you the trouble of chasing over town for it. As usual, **OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST** to be found on **FIRST-CLASS, REPUTABLE MERCHANDISE.**

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,  
**AUSTIN FITTS.**

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

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ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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#### COTTON APHORISMS.

- Sell your cotton at Merkel.
- Bring you cotton to Merkel.
- Come to Merkel with your cotton.
- Investigate Merkel as a cotton market.
- The Merkel cotton market is the best in all this country.
- You can depend on getting top prices for your cotton at Merkel.
- No false reports will be sent out about what cotton is bringing at Merkel.
- Merkel merchants paid higher prices for cotton, last week, than all neighboring towns.
- Merkel merchants invite investigations as to prices they are paying for cotton. They are not ashamed of the market.
- Merkel merchants pledged themselves to pay the highest market price for cotton every day in the year. They will stay with this pledge.

Bring your cotton to Merkel, and if you don't get as much, and more, for it here than elsewhere, you don't have to sell it. But Merkel is the best market in all this country.

Cotton sold in Merkel, last week, as high as 8.30, and some bales, we understand, brought more than this. Many sold at from 8.10 to 8.20. The Mail has refrained from following the example of other papers in noting these sales separately, from the fact that they are misleading and do a town more harm than good. A majority of farmers don't like to be a particeps criminis to a practice which can but result unsatisfactorily to their neighbors. These sales do not represent the true cotton market, for it is a well known fact that some farmers are better salesmen than others. Again, some are better customers than others and inducements are sometimes held out in this way for their trade; and, again, some debts are harder to collect than others, and business men are always willing and anxious to pay a little more than cotton is worth in order to collect a bad debt. Such reports going out from a town naturally attract people, but if the market happens to be off when they get there and the prices are lower than indicated in the reports sent out, they naturally, and justly, become dissatisfied and give the town a colored orbit. Later on The Mail will, as in the past, give the weekly sales and average price paid during the week, which is the only way to give a true report of the cotton market. In the meantime, it will pay you to investigate Merkel as a cotton market.

Merkel's growth is the biggest thing about her.

The liquor dealers of this State have at last reached the conclusion that they are up against a very hard proposition, and have taken steps which, they hope, will stem the tide of the prohibition movement in Texas. At a special meeting held in Galveston last week, represented by committees from the breweries and wholesale dealers of the State, resolutions were adopted looking to the "elevation of the retail business and the elimination of such features of the traffic as are considered objectionable." Evidently this is a move to acquire some much-needed sympathy, but, coming at the eleventh hour, it is too late. The saloon can never be elevated. They are breeders of vice and immorality, and crime is their legitimate offspring, and they must go. But prohibition, like Tennyson's brook, will go on forever.

**Baird Star:** The Haskell Headlight says the Merkel Mail appropriated an original writeup of Haskell county published in the Headlight and used by The Mail without credit in its trade edition. What's the odds? Haskell and the "Merkel Country" are close together and very much alike, and the description of one would answer very well for the other.

This "original writeup of Haskell County" occupied just two sticks or 26 lines. It was enclosed in quotation marks, so that The Mail can not be accused of using it as original, further than that the name of the county was changed. There was no special merit in the "writeup," but it caught the fancy, and was used to head an article descriptive of the Merkel Country. The Headlight should copyright its "flights of fancy."

"Teddy the Terror" is still spouting. But what?

A New York judge has handed down the unique decision that there is no such thing as "disorderly conduct," and people charged with this offense have been released from custody. There may not be such a thing as disorderly conduct,—of course the court moguls know,—but the man who absorbs a quart or so of "bug juice" and proceeds to "whoop 'em up" can not be commended for his good order.

Alabama Republicans have eliminated the negro from participation in the pow-wows of the party. Other states have done the same. This is significant, in that g. o. p. leaders never tire of eulogizing the colored brother for his fealty and good sense in remaining in the fighting ranks. But he must not deliberate, and must "go 'way back and sit down."

According to a Missouri exchange, the biggest trust going is the country newspaper trust. It trusts everybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for cussing, and if it busts for trusting gets cussed for busting.

#### A Happy Life.

So should we live that every hour  
May fall as falls the natural flower  
A self-reviving thing of power.  
So should we live that every deed  
May hold within it the seed  
Of future good and need.  
Esteeming sorrow, whose employ  
Is to develop, not to destroy—  
Far better than a barren joy.  
—Anonymous.

The alleys at the rear of the business house should be free of filth and waste. These contribute to sickness.

Fisher and Stonewall counties will vote on prohibition at the November election.

The Swifts are "benevolent assimilating" the oil mills and gineries of Texas.

There is bustle and activity on every street in Merkel.

Persistence in advertising brings its own reward.

Good deeds live after us, and bad ones, too.

Clean up the backyards and the alleys.

## 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 Kennedale, Tex., "and soon felt like a new man." Infallible in stomach and liver troubles. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

For Sale—Horse and buggy. See J. M. Pate. 4t

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.

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

It is reported that S. A. Walden has sold his farm, northwest of town; consideration not known.

Mrs. Will Mann was reported quite sick this week.

Mrs. Thurmond is at Abilene for treatment.

There is considerable sickness throughout the community, but none of a serious nature.

Mrs. Ava Lawson came in Sunday morning from Gorman to attend the bedside of her father, L. A. Matthews, who is sick with the slow fever.

A couple of heads of milo maize and Kaffir corn, which was grown by Mr. Beavers, and left at The Mail office Friday, lays all other samples in the shade. These crops are immense this year, and the heads are selling at 35c per bushel, or about 50c per hundred pounds. It is cheap feed at that price.

Provine left last week for McLean, Gray county, to look after his cattle.

The case of T. J. Coggin vs. J. & P. Ry., called for trial at Abilene last week, was continued. Mr. Coggin is suing for losses sustained through the improper handling of cattle by the company while being shipped.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coggin came down from Colorado last week.

The second nine went out to Nubia Saturday and crossed bats with the Canyon nine, coming off victorious by a score of 16 to 1.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn visited her daughter, Mrs. Wallace, at Cisco last week.

County Sheriff Lon Cunningham was up from Abilene Monday working up a special venire for the Pettis murder trial, which is set for next week.

# 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 Horn-er's 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.

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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.

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

J. T. Warren.

Two young men by the names of Webb and Wilburn were arrested here Monday by Constable Woodard upon information from Snyder that they were wanted there, but for what purpose was not stated. They were jailed at Abilene to await the arrival of officers.

Prof. Evans reports 113 pupils in attendance at school. Next week will witness a larger attendance.

**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.

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.

Remember the City Meat Market. Phone 75.

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

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.

## GOOD SHOWERS FALL

GOOD RAINS IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

### EFFECT ON THE COTTON CROP

Some Think Rains Will Benefit the Plant, Which Has Never Stopped Growing

Partial showers of rain fell over the Merkel Country Thursday, Sunday morning and again Monday morning. From a few miles beyond Trent to Roscoe the fall Thursday was very heavy. In the Stith neighborhood, northeast of town, a good rain also fell. Other parts of the country received only small and widely scattered showers. Sunday's rain was merely a general sprinkle. The rain of Monday, however, was a gentle downpour, lasting for two hours and spreading over almost this entire trade territory. The weather has been "threatening rain" for several days, and showers are almost of daily occurrence.

The effect of the rain on the cotton crop is a problem hard of solution. Opinions differ on the subject. Many farmers claim that cotton has never stopped growing and is still fruiting, that much of the fruit will yet mature, and that the yield will be greater than is generally expected. Others say that the crop has "done its do" and that nothing can contribute to a larger yield than is now apparent. This is the situation in a nutshell.

The condition of cotton may be summed up as follows: Some crops are good, some fair and others very short. But it is a well known fact that this country can promise less and do more than any country in the world, and the results of past years are good grounds for hope that the yield will yet surprise the natives.

The rains came in time to save most of the late feed crops. It is ample for that purpose, and immense crops are assured.

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.

E. D. Coats, the old reliable well driller, will have his machine here in a few days, when he will be prepared to do all work in this line. It don't take money to have a well drilled. See him.

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.

Fine assortment of honey at Chenault & Hand's.

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

Thos. M. Tucker, Nubia, Texas.

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

Work is progressing nicely on the Warren building and will be pushed from now on to completion.

Grand-ma Alsobrook visited her daughter at Cleburne last week.

## 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 Political Grandstand Play.**

The Democratic State Convention met a couple of months ago in Galveston and some little effort was made by men of the Mayor Riggins' calibre to incorporate a plank in the platform against local option, but the party leaders were too wise to permit anything of the sort. They took the position that the question of local option is removed by civil statute from the realm of party politics and that no effort would meet with favor to reinstate it. This is the only ground to take on that subject and the Democratic party showed its wisdom in thus disposing of the matter. The common people of Texas are perfectly satisfied with the status of local option and they do not want it meddled with either by party politics or legislative action. Last week the Republican State convention met in Fort Worth, and despite the advice of their wiser heads, a plank was inserted in their platform denouncing our local option laws and demanding their repeal. Is the Republican State Convention honest in this position? No, not by any means. They drifted to this extreme simply to bid for the liquor vote of the State. In other words, they are willing to prostitute their party to the cause of barrooms, dives and beer joints for what they imagine a little political capital. They forsok all principle and the traditions of their party history in order to curry favor with the cut-throat element of our Texas citizenship. But they are reckoning without their host. For whatever may be said of the barroom element, they are not unmitigated fools. Politically they are very sagacious. They know that the Republican party in Texas is only held together with its hope for spoils, in the form of offices doled out to them by the National Government, and that beyond this their existence would be precarious. Therefore the liquorites are too smart to ally themselves with an organization that has no voice in the political dominance of the State. Furthermore, the action of the convention in this matter will alienate the moral element of their own ranks from the support of their State ticket. For the better class of the Republicans in Texas, both among the whites and the blacks, are heartily in favor of our local

option laws. But this action is positive proof of the fact that the Republican machine in Texas is willing to do anything for the sake of a few votes. For this action the party organization deserves the condemnation of the temperance people from one end of the State to the other, regardless of political affiliation. It is a comforting thought to the opponents of the barroom that this political organization, with the dives and doping joints of Texas now attached to it, will never get into power in this great Commonwealth. If it ever had and hope in this direction that hope is forever dispelled. The decent and law-abiding people of Texas will never turn to that sort of an organization for laws and State officers. It has put itself down with the gutter snipe element of society and insulted the genuine manhood and womanhood of the State, and all good people will turn from it with loathing and righteous contempt.—Texas Christian Advocate.

**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.

**Life's Sweetest Hope.**

Call it fancy,  
Delusion if you will,  
Which can such thoughts  
Into our souls instill,  
That robs death of its fear.  
Yet thus there  
Dwells in every human breast  
Life's sweetest hope, in final rest,  
That God's own hand  
Shall the "Mist" unfold,  
And we will behold  
Our loved ones  
Waiting us.  
Oh Father, God!  
If by thy loving grace  
I can but see  
My mother's face,  
When death shall o'er me creep,  
When perfect trust  
And joy untold  
Just as of old,  
I'll lay me gently down  
To sleep.  
—Dr. N. C. Moore.

The editor's wife has been quite sick the past two weeks, but is much better today, and is, we hope, on the road to recovery.

# 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,

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**YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED**

**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.

Drs. Leeman and J. H. C. King have formed a partnership for the practice of their profession and have a card in this issue. Dr. Leeman needs no introduction to the people, as he is well and favorably known. Dr. King comes to us highly recommended as a physician and a high-toned Christian gentleman. He stands at the head of his profession. The Mail recommends them to its friends as worthy of every confidence and esteem.

**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.

Will Hamilton leaves tonight for Austin, where he will attend the law department of the State University. Will is a model young man; sober, honest, industrious, and with a bright future before him. By diligence and close application he has acquired an excellent literary education, which will materially aid him in grasping the intricacies of Blackstone. He hopes next year to take up the practice of his profession. The Mail joins his numerous friends in best wishes for a most prosperous year in his studies.

**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 Herbine. 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.

Not long since a Missouri editor announced that just for one issue he would tell the truth—naked and unvarnished. Here is one of the items from that issue: "Married—Miss Sylvia Rhodes to James Carnahan last Sunday at the Baptist parsonage. The bride is a very ordinary sort a town girl, who does not know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her poor old mother three days of her life. She is not beautiful by any means, and she has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known here as an up-to-date loafer; has been living off the old folks all his life. They will have a hard time as long as they live together."

## 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. I have employed an experienced workman and can turn out firstclass work on short notice. General repair work done.

**Z. F. GREEN...**

**How the "Staked Plains" Was Named.**

That part of the elevation within Texas and New Mexico received long ago the designation of the "Llana Estacado," or the "Staked Plains." And the origin of the name is thus given by one versed in the lore of the uplands:

An ancient feud existed between the Pueblo with other mountain tribes and the fierce Comanches of the Plains. Ancestral warfare on the borders of the hunting grounds kept the tribal enmity blazing and hostile blood flowing.

So long and so fatal to the Pueblos had been the conflict that a legendary prophecy was cherished by the medicine men of a deliverance to come about by the advent of a great chief from beyond the Plains. Each year the mountain tribes would journey to the western unit of the plains and thence further out upon the plateau till prudence dictated a pause. There with solemn rights and superstitious ceremony, the chief medicine man buried the social fire brought from the temple at home. This act was marked by a fervent prayer for the coming of the great chief. This over, the tribes returned setting up stakes along the way to guide their great deliverer to their mountain home. These stakes and the Pueblo trails were found by the explorers of the "Plains" and hence the name of Staked Plains.

**The Market.**

The following price quotations is going the rounds of the press: "Young men unsteady; girls lively and in demand; papas grim and declining; mamas unsettled and waiting for higher prices; coffee badly mixed; rye a gain better than corn; eggs quiet but expected to open soon; whiskey still going down; onions strong; breadstuffs heavy; boots, shoes laising and falling; hats caps not so high as last except fool's cap, which wery; tobacco very low downward tendency; pepper; molasses easy; silver out not close enough to get

into the cradle and ale child. At the age a noisy kid with half off his pants and pockets, and at fifty is a devil in a print shop an eye to meanness. At fifty-five he is publisher of a country newspaper, engaged in publishing the resources of the country, at thirty-five emaciated and worn out; at fifty a corpse in a cheap coffin and his only resources are a Washington hand press, a few cases of type and a subscription book with the names five hundred delinquent subscribers, who line up and march past his coffin saying: "He was a public spirited fellow, but he couldn't save anything."—Ex.

R. O. Brown was in from the Canyon Tuesday and dropped in for a chat with the push. His son, he says, is nothing to about. It will take about acres to make a bale, as the crop now stands, but a late frost would increase the estimate fully one-half. His feed crops are immense.

We have a few copies of the West Texas Fair catalog, which were sent here for distribution. Call and get one.

The young people were entertained by Mrs. J. L. Mann Tuesday night.

# ...THE BEST DRAWING CARD...

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Implements  
Wagons  
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Barbed Wire  
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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  
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Graniteware  
Crockeryware  
Etc. Etc.

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TEXAS.

## W. H. DICKSON.



**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

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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.

E. Rogers and wife were up from Caps Saturday. Mr. Rogers had just celebrated his 79th birthday and was as clipper as a young colt. The Mail hopes he will reach the century mark.

J. F. Sporer, son and daughter of Gorman, Eastland county, were here last week visiting relatives. Mr. Sporer lived here ten years ago, but was agreeably surprised at the rapid development of the country since that time. Crops are better in parts of Eastland than here, he says.

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

Harry Hamm shipped a car of cattle to market Saturday.

W. P. Thurmond went to Sweetwater Saturday, returning Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Thurmond, who has been visiting there for the past week.

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.

**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.

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.

**Loving Words.**

A loving word is always a safe word. It may or it may not be a helpful word to the one who hears it, but it is sure to be a pleasant memory to the one who speaks it. Many a word spoken by us is afterwards regretted, but no word of affectionate appreciation to which we have given utterance finds a place among our sadly remembered expressions. Looking back over our intercourse with a dear friend, we may, indeed, regret that we were ever betrayed into saying a hasty or a harsh or unloving word of censure or criticism in that intercourse, and we may wish vainly that we had now the privilege of saying all the loving words that we might honestly have spoken while they were yet with us. But there will never come into our hearts at such moments a single pang of regret over any word of impulsive or deliberate affection which passed our lips at any time.—Ex.

**ABILEFE.**

District court has been very busy all the week. The grand jury adjourned Saturday until next week. Before adjournment they reported twenty indictments found. Eight of these are felony and twelve misdemeanors.

The celebrated Red Seely case, which was transferred from El Paso, has been on trial all the week. Seely is accused of murder and the case will probably go to the jury tonight (Wednesday).

Sam Patterson waived examination before Justice Chandler Tuesday and was remanded to jail without bond. A writ of habeas corpus was sued out before Judge Lindsey the same afternoon and he was admitted to bond in the sum of \$2,000, which he readily gave and was liberated.

This portion of the county was visited by a fine rain Monday morning and some of the farmers are busy preparing their land for fall wheat.

Following marriage license were issued by the county clerk since last report: Thomas Kirkpatrick and Miss Katie Leslie, Victor Harris and Miss Lydia Counts, J. M. Railsback and Miss Nettie Shafer, L. A. Coggins and Miss Dora Sheppard.

Quite a number of Merkellites are here attending court.

R. E. Counts returned Tuesday from Morgan Mills.

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

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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.

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- Douglass, Wm H
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- Olson, A J
- Pressly, B D
- Surber, M G

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### 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.

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Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds,  
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nish abstracts of title and transact all other  
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**I. O. O. F. LODGE**  
No. 355 meets every Tuesday  
night. Visiting brethren cor-  
dially invited to attend.  
N. HARRISON, N. G.  
CHAS. CRAVEN, Sec.

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**Croup**  
Unusually begins with the symp-  
toms 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 ext-  
ernally to the throat. 50cat Rust  
& Pittard's.

**The Higher Life**

**Last Words of Great Men.**  
The last expressions that come  
from the lips of dying persons  
are often very remarkable, but  
in no instance is this so marked  
as in the case of the more promi-  
nent personages. These star  
actors upon life's realistic stage  
have often lived lives far apart  
from good or virtuous, but in  
the last few moments preceding  
death the visions of their crimes  
and wrong doings seem to fly  
away, and from their half closed  
lips issue expressions that are  
beautiful and sublime. This is  
not only true of the wicked per-  
sons recorded in history, but also  
of those whose deeds have been  
glorious and good. In a single  
sentence many of them have ex-  
pressed life's history and reveal-  
ed the secret workings of their  
innermost hearts, while others  
have faced death with terror.  
Following are the most famous  
dying words of noted men and  
women of all times compiled for  
the Pittsburg Dispatch:

George Washington: It is  
well.  
Christopher Columbus: Into  
thy hands, oh Lord, I commend  
my spirit.  
Nero: Is this your fidelity?  
Cromwell: Then I am safe.  
Goethe: Let the light enter.  
Bryon: I must sleep now.  
Thomas Jefferson: I resign  
my soul to God, my daughter to  
my country.  
Augustus Caesar: Farewell,  
Livia, and remember our long  
union.  
Mozart: Let me hear those  
notes so long my solace and del-  
ight.  
Marie Antoinette: Lord en-  
lighten and soften the hearts of  
my executioners. Adieu, farewell,  
my dear children, I go to join  
your father.  
Andrew Jackson: What is  
the matter with my dear chil-  
dren? Do my looks alarm you?  
Oh, do not cry. Be good chil-  
dren and we will all meet in  
heaven.  
Benjamin Franklin: A dying  
man can do nothing easy.  
Sir Humphrey Gilbert: We  
are as near heaven by sea as by  
land.  
John Q. Adams: Independence  
forever.  
Socrates: Crito, we owe a  
cock to Esculapius; pay it soon I  
pray you, and neglect it not.  
Richard III: Not one foot will  
I flee so long as breath abides  
within my breast, for He who  
shaped both the sea and the land  
this day shall end my battles or  
my life. I will die king of Eng-  
land.  
Stonewall Jackson: Let us  
cross over the river of death and  
rest under the shade of the trees  
of heaven.  
John Randolph: Remorse!  
Remorse! Write it! Write it!  
Larger! Larger!  
Winfield Scott: James, take  
good care of the horses.  
Thomas Hobbes: I am taking  
a fearful leap into the dark.  
Lord Bacon: Thy creatures,

O Lord, have been my books,  
but thy holy scriptures much  
more. I have sought thee in the  
courts, fields and gardens, but I  
found thee, O God, in thy  
sanctuary—in thy temple.  
Robert Burns: Don't let that  
awkard squad fire over my  
grave.  
Sir Walter Scott: Lockhart,  
I may have but a moment to  
speak with you. Be a good man.  
Be virtuous—be religious. Noth-  
ing else will give you any com-  
fort when you face death as I do  
now.  
Michael Angelo: My soul I  
resign to God, my body to the  
earth, and my worldly possess-  
ions to my relatives.  
Empress Josephine: I die re-  
gretted. I have always desired  
the happiness of France. I can  
say with truth the first wife of  
Napoleon never caused a tear to  
flow.  
Hood: I am dying out of char-  
ity for the undertaker, who  
wishes to earn a livelihood.  
John Kitto: Please ask God  
to take me soon.  
Lord Thurlow: I am shot if I  
don't believe I'm dying.  
Martin Luther: Father, in  
heaven, though this body is  
breaking away from me and I am  
departing this life, yet I know  
that no one can pluck me out of  
thy hand.  
Francis Marion: I thank God  
that I can lay my hand upon my  
heart and say that since I came  
to man's estate I have never in-  
tentionally done wrong to any-  
one.  
Marco Bozarris: To die for  
liberty is a pleasure and not a  
pain.  
Sir Thomas Moore (on a scaf-  
fold): I pray you to see me safe  
up, and for coming down let me  
shift for myself.  
Julius Caesar: I provided for  
everything in my life except  
death, and now, alas! I am to die  
though entirely unprepared.  
Patrick Henry: Here is a  
book (the Bible) worth more than  
all the other books ever printed,  
yet it is my misfortune never to  
have found time to read it. I  
trust in the mercy of God, but I  
fear it is now too late.  
Nelson: I thank God I have  
done my duty.  
John Wesley: The best of all  
is God is with us.  
Bishop Broughton: The earth  
looks to me as if it were filled  
with glory.  
Admiral Lawrence: Don't  
give up the ship.  
Zachary Taylor: I have en-  
deavored to do my duty.  
Richter: My beautiful flowers!  
My beautiful flowers!  
Cardinal Beaufort: What! is  
there no bribing death?  
Thomas Payne: Oh, how I  
dread this mysterious leap in the  
dark!  
Hilary: Soul, thou hast served  
Christ these seventy years, and  
art thou afraid to die? Go out!  
Go out!  
Napoleon: Farewell, France;  
how I love you! Long may you  
live.  
Mohamet: Oh, Allah, be it so.  
Henceforth among the glorious  
host of paradise.

**Devoured by Worms.**  
Children often cry, not from  
pain, but from hunger, although  
fed abundantly. The entire  
trouble arises from inanition,  
their food is not assimilated, but  
devoured by worms. A few  
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