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AN OUNCE OF SATISFACTION

Is Worth a Ton OF TALK.

The reason is plain; we are putting this in your hands that you may again be reminded that we want your business.

Let us save you enough on your fall purchases of Dry Goods to buy a large part of your other actual necessities.

We are Wrapping Satisfaction in Every Bundle that goes out of our Store. To Save Money Buy Right; to Buy Right Buy of Us. Give us a chance to convince you that Our Prices Are Right on RELIABLE MERCHANDISE.



STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER.



Shoes

We have by far the best line of shoes we've ever shown. We have nearly any kind of a shoe you can ask for and the prices are lower than other stores. We're showing a full line of the Star Brand Shoes. We consider these shoes the

best made. We call your special attention to "Our Family" line of Star Brand Shoes. This name was selected because it is made in mens, boys, womens, misses and childrens sizes and can fit any member of the family. "Our Family" shoes are made of pure western chrome tanned box calf skin. The soles and counters are made for service and will wear. The prices of this line of shoes is \$2.50 for mens, 2.00 for boys, youths 1.75, little gents 1.50, womens 1.50, misses, 12 1/2 to 2, 1.35, childrens, 9 to 12, 1.25, childrens, 5 to 8, 1.00. Every pair of these shoes will give you satisfaction.

Regular 2.00 dongola pat. tip ladies shoe. \$1.50
Ladies all solid grain shoe. 1.25
Misses, 13 to 2, " " 1.00
" 9 to 12, " " 90c
Childrens, 5 to 8, solid leather shoe. 50c
Mens full stock front, double back calf boot 2.50

Notions

10 balls Thread. 5c
5 papers Pins. 5c
bottles Ink. 5c
4 rubber tip Lead Pencils. 5c
4 cedar Slate Pencils. 5c
Cork handle Penholder. 5c
Extra large Tablet. 5c

25 good Envelopes. 5c
5 spools Embroidery Silk. 5c
Box Bachelor Buttons. 5c
Saxony yarn, all colors, per hank. 5c

Staple Dry Goods

All stores sell cotton checks and domestics cheap, but we sell them a little cheaper:
Good quality yard wide LL Domestic. 3 3/4c
Extra heavy " " " 4 1/2c
Nice soft finish Bleach Domestic. 4 1/2c
Round thread 25 inch Cotton Checks. 3c
Fair quality Cotton Flannel. 4 1/2c
Extra heavy good width Cotton Flannel. 8 1/2c
Fast color yard wide Percale. 6 1/2c
Standard brands, fast color, Calicoes. 4c
Best quality Feather Ticking. 12 1/2c
Mattress Ticking. 4 1/2c
6 spools Clarks O N T Thread. 25c



Clothing

We offer a special discount of

10 Per Cent

on every piece of Clothing in our house, Overalls and Jumpers included. We have:
Mens suits from 2.50 to \$13.50
Youths suits from 2.00 to \$7.50
Boys suits from 75c to \$4.50

We are also giving 10 per cent off on all Tailor-made suits. Now is the time to buy a suit of clothes CHEAP.

We are Leaders of Low Prices.



Hats

We are exclusive agents for the well known

BEAVER HAT, \$3.00.

Also sell the

Eclipse, Black Cat, Cock-of-the-Walk.

No better hats anywhere at the price, \$1.50.

Jackets and Skirts

10 per cent reduction on all ladies, misses, and childrens Jackets, Capes and Skirts.

Ladies Vests 20, 25, 35 and 50c.

Mens and boys heavy fleece underwear 35, 50 and 75c.

Heavy 10-4 cotton blanket only 50c pair.

Extra heavy 11-4 cotton blanket only 90c pair.

Extra heavy fine quality 12-4 blanket 1.65 pair. Wool blankets from 1.50 to 6.00 pair.



In conclusion allow us to say that we guarantee the price of our goods to be as low as same can be bought for anywhere, and after your purchase is made if you find, by comparison with your neighbor or any merchant, that we have overcharged you one cent, we will cheerfully refund the difference in money or goods. Should this not afford you absolute protection against an overcharge?

We have many additional bargains not mentioned here equally as good values. Please give us a call. We will appreciate your cash trade, and when your money is gone we are still your friends. We have no prizes to offer as lottery schemes, but give you your money's worth every times. No game of chance with us, but the "REAL THING."

THE STAR STORE,

Leaders of Low Prices,

MERKEL, TEXAS.

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.

Do You Want to Yawn?

Feel cold shiverings, aching in the bones, lack of energy, headache, and great depression? These symptoms may be followed by violent headache, high fever, extreme nervousness, a condition known as malaria. Herbine cures it. Take it before the disease gets a fair hold, though it will work a cure in any stage. J. A. Hopkins, of Manchester, Kan., writes: "I have used your great medicine, Herbine, several years. There is nothing better for malaria, chills and fever, headache, biliousness, and for a blood-purifying tonic, there is nothing as good." 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

YOUR INVITATION

If you have never had any dealings with us, please consider this an invitation to give us a trial

Warnick's Bank,

Merkel, Texas.

To Whom It May Concern.

Parties who owe interest on notes given for Grimes County School Lands please remit. The interest is now past due and I am compelled to report all delinquents to Commissioners' Court Nov. 1, 1902.

Haynes Shannon,
3t County Atty. Grimes Co.

Deputy Sheriff Lon Cunningham was in the city Tuesday.

That fine folding bed that Watson & Bacon are going to give away to one of their customers is a beauty. Call for your ticket with every \$1 purchase.

Watson & Bacon is a new firm in Merkel, but the bargains they are offering will soon build them an established trade.

...Buggies at a Bargain...

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

GEO. F. WEST.

Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

The final destination of this road is to be Acapulco on the Pacific coast. The road is built to Rio Balsas, 35 miles south of Iguala. Like the Zapotlan branch of the Mexican Central, they are troubled finding a suitable route for the remaining distance. Chilpancingo, the capital of the state of Guerrero, is the next town to be reached, but it is right in the center of the earthquake district. From there to the coast is one of the richest countries in the world, but it is very rough.

About a year ago Chilpancingo was badly damaged by an earthquake, which threw down a part of the large cathedral, killing over a hundred of the worshippers and about 200 were killed in and around the city.

Building railroads through volcanic and earthquake countries is a difficult undertaking, but both this road and the Central will complete their Pacific connections in a few years, and both will open up countries of great richness and wonderful scenic beauty.

IGUALA.

May 25. This is Sunday morning and the bells are ringing and people flocking to the quaint old church. The air is cool and bracing and all nature smiles. Such a queer little town. Narrow streets that are very crooked, adobe houses covered with red tiles, beautiful gardens enclosed by high walls, over which clamber flowering vines in the greatest profusion; trees laden with strange fruits, giant palms towering above the orchards and gardens. Here grows the royal palm, the date and cocoanut. Most of the houses are but one story, as this is the earthquake region. In case of an earthquake a one story house is safer than a tall one, and an Indian "jacal" or reed hut is preferable to either. There are a number of refugees here from Chilpancingo when that city was so badly shaken up.

We find that trains to Rio Balsas only run tri-weekly, and on Mondays they do not run north

from here; so that we decide that even if it is Sunday, we will go back to Cuernavaca. Our train consists of three coaches and six freight cars and has two large engines; we wonder why so much power is needed, but the grade is very heavy—in some places 4½ per cent. We enter the Iguala Canon and from the rear platform have a good view. The sides are perpendicular and rise to over a thousand feet. The walls are rock and in the crevices or seams grow the most beautiful ferns. In one place a good sized tree has grown among the rocks and some of the roots, in their search for a hiding place, have run down the face of the wall for a hundred feet. The canon in some places is not over 75 feet wide and through this narrow space runs the road and a fine stream of water. Near the middle of the canon a bridge crosses the stream and it is built in the shape of the letter S. In another place a tunnel had to be cut for the roadbed, leaving the narrow space for the stream. The grade is steep, both engines labor hard, and our progress is very slow.

As we leave the canon we see that there is an unbroken range of high mountains, and this rift, made years ago by some convulsion of nature, is the only outlet from a wide valley that at some time may have been a deep lake. I like the appearance of this country very much. It is better watered by running streams than the Zapotlan country and, being further south (near the 18th parallel), the climate is well suited to the cultivation of coffee and tropical fruits.

This being Sunday, many of the people have turned out to see the train. The Indian population resemble the Zapotlan people, and are the cleanest people we have met in our travels. The men are clad in plain white cotton shirts and trousers, and either wear sandals or are barefooted, but their clothes are as white as snow. At one little town near the mouth of the canon, quite a

crowd had gathered to see the train and were all so clean we remarked that they must have come from "spotless town." How cloth can be made so white is a mystery to us, as they seldom have soap but use roots of plants called "amole," and for blueing use the leaves and fruit of a wild gourd, something like the Texas "simlen." The people are Toltec and Zapotec.

We pass some fine haciendas, with large houses built in old styles, and they look like medieval castles, while clustered around them are the reed huts of the Indian laborers. We notice the total absence of labor in the fields on Sunday. The Indian goes to church in the morning, and the balance of the day may be spent in chicken fights and bull fights, but he won't work on Sunday nor on any of their numerous holidays, which average about two every week. If he earns a dollar a week he is content, for with a little corn, chile and frijols and his patch of bananas he lives very well; and what is the use of laying up for tomorrow? For "monana sera otro dia" (tomorrow is another day).

At noon we reach Cuernavaca and find rest and comfort at the Hotel Morelos.

J. L. VAUGHAN.

Horrible Accident at Abilene.

News reached here Tuesday night of a horrible accident occurring at Lytle Lake, in which J. H. O'Connor, supervising architect of the asylum building, lost his life.

It seems that he and three companions were in boats fishing and shooting ducks on the lake, when one of the guns was accidentally discharged and the entire load was sent into his right leg, severing the femoral artery. Almost instant death resulted.

Mr. O'Connor was in the employ of the state, and the occurrence is deeply deplored. He leaves a wife and one child. The remains were shipped to Austin for interment.

To The Public.

Those who have second-hand goods for sale take them to J. C. Watkins.

Aught Bennett fell from a ladder yesterday and sustained a slight fracture of the left ankle.

We are prepared to fill your entire fall bill of groceries and provisions, and at prices excelled by no one.

Chenault & Hand.

Williamsons Restaurant

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HOT LUNCHESES

Meals served at all hours
Everything neat & clean



Don't forget the cod with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years has been traveling around the world, and is still bringing health and wherever he goes.

To the consumer brings the strength he so much needs.

To all weak and children he gives rich strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

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Our line of Saddles, harnesses, Bridles, Collars, Whips, Laprobes, in fact, everything in Leather Goods, is complete, and the prices are very low. Give us a trial order.

Mr. G. W. Persfield, one of the best workmen in the State, is in charge of our repair department, and we guarantee every job turned out to be the very best.

GREAT REDUCTION ON SADDLES:

\$30 Saddles now going at only.....\$20
\$25 Saddles now going at only.....\$18

We can Save You Money on anything in our line. The goods must be sold.

A. C. BENNETT,

THE SADDLE & HARNESS MAN.

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...

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. 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...

ELLIOTT & MILLER

DEALERS IN

Wind Mills, Pumps and Water Supply Goods...

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear; 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.

Miss Cleveland a Farmer.

Miss Rose Cleveland, the sister of ex-President Cleveland, is a successful farmer. She now owns about one-half of a 700-acre island near Islesboro, Me., having within a few days acquired an additional tract of land. Miss Cleveland has about 800 chickens, a large herd of cows and a big vegetable garden on her land, where she raises prize pumpkins, fat chickens and makes prime dairy butter. She handles her affairs herself, it is said, but employs a large force of men. There is but one other cottage on the island.

Entertained as Angel Unawares.

Mrs. Edith White, of Bennington, Vt., has received a small fortune as a reward for a kind act. Years ago she befriended a stranger, who said he would remember her in his will. Mrs. White had forgotten the episode, when a few days ago she was notified that \$17,500 had been deposited in her name at St. Louis, Mo. The stranger had died and left her that amount. Mrs. White has gone to St. Louis to secure the money.

Wu Writing His Book.

Minister Wu Ting-fang is already at work on the first of the books he declared he would write as soon as his diplomatic duties afforded him the opportunity. In this first volume Mr. Wu will give, in popular style, his impression of America, which will be published in England for circulation in this country. The book will later be printed in Chinese for circulation in his own land. Mr. Wu is reserving his choicest thoughts for his book, apparently. Recently a reporter asked him for an interview on the coal strike. "I can't talk to you about these matters," Mr. Wu said. "Don't you know that I am now engaged in writing a book which will give my impressions of America?"

An Original Baseballist.

Possibly the oldest living baseball enthusiast in the United States is Noah Brooks, merchant, farmer, editor, correspondent, naval officer of a port, etc., world without end. Everybody knew him from Maine to California. At 72 he is living in the town of his birth Castine, Me., writing as hard as ever. I believe he is doing some magazine work and preparing an important book for the Appletons. The world knew him as "Castine," Washington correspondent of the Sacramento Union. Baseball appealed to him as hay does to a hungry ox. Two of his most entertaining books are "The Fairport Nine" and "Our Baseball Club. He was an expert pitcher, and glorified Cummings when the latter introduced the curved ball. The house he lives in in Castine is called The Ark. Entirely appropriate—Noah's Ark.

Bicycle Craze in France.

The bicycle craze shows no abatement in France. Good roads have kept the wheel from falling into oblivion. True, there are not so many wheels seen on the boulevards and in parks, but in the country the wheeling tourist is as promiscuous as ever. At the seaside and summer resorts the wheel is still the favorite method of locomotion.

They "Fired" Mascagni.

Mascagni's American tour was relished so little by the Rossini lyceum at Pesaro, Italy, of which he is director, that the managers of the school relieved him of the man shortly before the end of the school been offered the leadership of several other music schools in Italy but he feels so aggrieved that he has applied to the courts for reinstatement by legal mandate.



WHEN YOU WANT

A Wagon that will not "fall down" when you need it the most, get an "OLD RELIABLE MITCHELL." It is the Strongest, Most Durable, Best Finished, Best Proportioned and Lightest Running Wagon on the Market.

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and Fresh
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We sell almost everything afforded by the market, and sell at reasonable prices. Come to us for your groceries....

Groceries, Furnishings, Notions

WE have moved into the building next door to Warnick's Bank. Our stock embraces Groceries, Furnishing Goods and Notions, and we flatter ourselves that you will not find a better, nicer or neater stock in the town. We are making very low prices, quality of goods considered. A trial order is all we ask and we are sure you will always be our customer.

Remember, our stock is fresh and new; we have no shop-worn stuff to work off.

HILL & MARTIN.

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.

"Dad blamed if I don't let Providence run the weather to suit himself," said an old farmer. "I prayed for rain and got it; washed away my fences, took the foundation from under my house, drowned two cows and fourteen sheep. My prayers were answered, and it teaches me a lesson; not to meddle too much where I'm not posted."—Ex.

Quarterly conference of the M. E. church convenes here tomorrow. Presiding Elder Smith will occupy the pulpit at both morning and evening services. This is the last meeting of the conference year and a full attendance of the members is desired.

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

SPECIALY EDITED

If you'll read The News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not hap-hazard go into The News' make-up.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED...

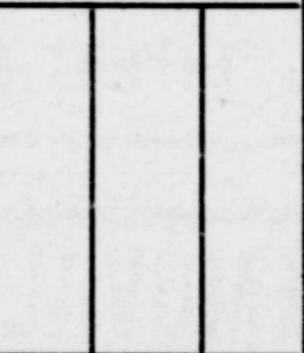
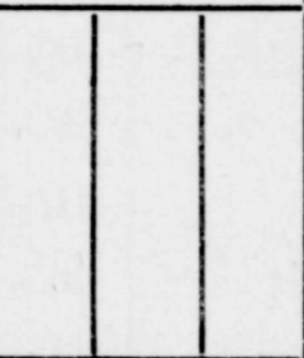
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But we are offering you goods at LESS than some houses offer them, who claim to be selling at cost. We have nothing but new and seasonable goods and will at all times give you your money's worth.

We Are Not in the Combine

For we never did like the trust. We make our own prices and let others do likewise. Some folks who have goods to sell do not like OUR PRICES, but if you want to buy you'll like 'em.

Never Undersold, but Always Underselling

Is a Golden Rule with us, and we promise you, besides, the very best treatment and the HIGHEST Grade of Merchandise.

We have no long credit prices to maintain, and a little 10 per cent reduction will like from 15 to 25 per cent of reaching our BED ROCK, SPOT CASH PRICES. Our motto is, SMALL PROFITS and a VOLUME OF BUSINESS. Our watchword is ONWARD and UPWARD, and our highest aspiration is that we may be successful and enjoy a well satisfied trade. Come and see what we have.

No Trouble to Show GOODS at our STORE

Watson & Bacon,

The Spot Cash Merchants,

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AND MERKEL!

We Offer our Entire Stock of
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Hats, Shoes, Etc.,**

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We Mean Business.

WE WILL POSITIVELY LEAVE HERE AFTER JANUARY 1., and offer you the BEST OPPORTUNITY you have ever had in any community to BUY YOUR GOODS RIGHT. Come in and see us. Let us SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR BILL. You will be EASILY CONVINCED that we are DOING WHAT WE ADVERTISE if you'll

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

Plant shade trees.
Clean up your premises.
Vote for the amendment.
Speak a good word for Merkel.
Political riots in Porto Rico attest to the rapid absorption of American ideas by the islanders.
Merkel is now demonstrating the fact that she is the recognized commercial center of this section.

A light vote in the county means small favors in the future. By staying away from the polls you are working to the detriment of county interests.

During the past eleven months 47 counties in Texas have voted on local option and in 40 of them the pros were victorious. To the above the Pecos News adds: "The cause of right is marching on to triumphant conquests."

The value of a child five years old has been placed by a court in Iowa at \$3,000. This is wholly erroneous. If you don't believe it, just offer some poor washer woman \$100,000 for her baby, and see how quick she will refuse it.

The future success of our public schools demand just and equitable treatment at the hands of the present generation. The constitutional amendment, which will head the ticket to be voted next Tuesday, will swell the school fund, or seeks that end.

Some of the papers are making a great "to do" over the published reports of J. P. Morgan having ordered coal from Europe for distribution among the poor. The report did not state, however, that the coal would be distributed free, and it is safe to say that it will be sold at an advance of several dollars per ton over its real worth. The profits, of course, will go to swell the four million dollar monthly income of Mr. Morgan.

Exercise Your Right.

Next Tuesday, the 4th, is general election day. It is an election in which no one is barred who is a qualified voter, and he is privileged to exercise his right of suffrage for the good of the country and the general welfare of the people. It is not only a privilege, but a duty, and one which every voter should perform. It is important that every Democrat should vote. Besides showing party loyalty, the welfare of the country demands the largest vote we can show, for the larger the vote the better the standing we will have and the greater influence we can bring to bear in securing legislation commensurate with our needs and

demands. The representation of a county in all party caucusses is based on the vote for governor at the last general election. If our vote is small, our prestige will likewise be small, and favors will be shown us accordingly. Therefore, it behooves every Democrat to go to the polls on Tuesday and cast his ballot for the regular Democratic nominees from Governor down to constable.

Democrats, Beware!

There is a strong secret effort being made on the part of the Republicans and Populists jointly to try and elect Hunt, the Republican nominee for Congress, and defeat Smith. The Republicans base their hopes for success in this move on the fact that a very light Democratic vote will be polled, owing to the busy season, and they are making strenuous efforts to keep people away from the polls. Therefore, every Democrat should be personally interested in the election and make it a point to persuade his neighbor to vote. County pride, if nothing else, should appeal to every Democrat in Taylor County. Party loyalty, too, should urge him to bestir himself in the interest of the regular Democratic ticket.

There being no interest in county affairs, nor as to that in any county ticket in the district, the people have not shown that interest in the campaign which the success of the party demands. Democrats, beware, lest in our over-confidence and luke-warm state we should suffer inglorious and ignominious defeat.

Go to the polls next Tuesday and help swell the Democratic majority.

Epworth League Program.

Topic—The Best Gift, 1 Cor. 12, 28-31:13, 1-13.
Leader—Miss Carrie Hargrove.
Opening song 72.
Prayer by leader.
Song 48.
Scripture lesson by leader.
Comment on 1 Cor. 12-31, "Covet earnestly the best gifts"—Prof. Sewell.
Love to God, Mark 12-30, Love to Christ, Matt. 10, 37-39—Miss Duncan Browning.
Likenesses of the two foregoing references—Miss Eva Williams.
Love of kindred, Ps. 133—Comer Clay.
Prayer by Leaguers for "The best gift."
Song 86.
Love your enemies, Luke 6-35—Miss Nannie O'Zee.
Relation of Christ's life to Luke 6-35—Miss Annie King.
Love, why the greatest!—Miss Laura Herring.
Love, how a t t a i n e d—Miss Grace Sheppard.
Review of topic—Bro. Heizer.
Closing song 51.
Epworth League benediction.
Epworth Leaguers—To your posts! Duty calls!
November 2, 1902.
Scores of emigrant wagons, bound for the "land rush" counties west, passed through this week, and many of them were in charge of people who are very slim in this world's goods. Some of them are jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Suffering is sure to follow.
We make a specialty of handling only the best groceries, fresh from the markets, and they are not old or musty when you get them. Give us a trial.
Chenault & Hand.

ALL THE PROFITS KNOCKED DOWN.

We have a well selected stock of JEWELRY and we must close it out. To that end all the profits have been knocked off. It is good stuff, new, and stylish.

We are receiving our Christmas Goods. Don't buy until our stock is all on display.

BURROUGHS & MANN,

THE DRUGGISTS :: NEXT DOOR TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK

A NEW CROP FOR THE WEST.

Ribbon Cane Can Be Successfully Grown Here.

The diversification idea has become a living, breathing reality in Northwest Texas and especially in this immediate section. The West Texas Fair, where the displays of farm products surpassed any exhibit ever seen in the State, demonstrated this fact to the satisfaction of all.

But The Mail has another product which has never before been experimented with in this country, but its success this year in the face of such discouraging conditions, places it in the front rank of diversified products. It is ribbon cane. The stalk which we were permitted to examine was brought in Friday by J. N. Carter and was grown 12 miles north of town. The stalk was fully ten feet high and was jointed and well matured for five feet. Mr. Carter sent east and secured 20 stalks, which he planted, and he now has 326. He will order 500 stalks next year, and with what he now has he hopes to demonstrate that ribbon cane syrup, which is shipped to this country in immense quantities every year, can be profitably made at home. His experiments will be watched with considerable interest.

An acre of ribbon cane will yield all the way from 400 to 700 gallons of molasses. The product when shipped in from the east and put on the market here, retails at from 50c to 75c a gallon, and it is not always genuine. It is readily seen, then, that an acre in ribbon cane is worth and will bring to the producer fully \$200. What other crop can beat that? Let others try the experiment on a small scale.

It was the intention of Mr. Carter to exhibit a few stalks of the cane at the Abilene Fair, but something prevented his doing so. He has promised to keep the newspapers posted as to the progress of his experiments.

Too Dry For Wheat.

A few farmers who were lucky enough to plant a small crop of wheat early in the season report a fair stand and the plant doing well. Others who planted later are afraid that the ground was too dry to insure a good stand and fear that the seed will spoil. Only a few acres have been sown in this section. It is not likely that, even with a fair season soon, any very great amount will be sown. Farmers are just now too busy with the cotton crop to deal in uncertainties, although a few acres of wheat would be a mighty good go-between crop.

Try reading The Mail.

THE LYCEUM COURSE.

Chicago Glee Club, Nov. 25, To Be the First Attraction.

By special arrangement with the Southern Lyceum Bureau, Merkel is promised three of the best attractions of the year. The first to appear is the Chicago Glee Club, the greatest aggregation of musicians on the road, which will appear at the Opera House (Ferrier Hall) in Merkel Nov. 25. Speaking of its appearance in that city the Dallas News says:

"The Chicago Glee Club as a quartette is one of the greatest that ever appeared in Dallas. As soloists they can hardly be excelled and for blend of tone and harmony they are nearly perfect. Their heavier work was greatly appreciated by the music lovers of Dallas. In the lighter work they were not only superb singers, but actors of a high order. Their 'Goblins Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out' and other songs caught the fancy of the audience."

The other two attraction will be Rev. Sam P. Jones (Dec. 13) and "Sunshine" Hawks (Jan. 3). Tickets are on sale at the following prices:

Chicago Glee Club, 50c.
Sam Jones, \$1.00.
A. W. Hawks, 75c.
Season ticket to three attractions, \$2.00.

Season tickets to three attractions for man and lady, \$3.00.

The prices are lower than have been made at other towns, and the choice seats will soon be taken up. Get your tickets now.

On sale at Burroughs & Mann's drug store.

Don't Criticise.

It is a pleasure to meet a man or woman who don't criticise. You've heard of them and heard others say that "he or she never speaks ill of any one."

You ought to know that this old world is not going to act right as long as you live and of course you can always find fault in it. But it don't do any good and worst of all it makes you disagreeable to a certain extent. People will be certain that you will talk of them and it's hard to like people who talk about you, isn't it? Then if it's a mere matter of choice let us look for the bright and cheerful things and tell everything good we know about folks. It will be so much more pleasant all the time.—Ex.

Go to Watson & Bacon's for boys suits.

It will pay you to see our shoes before you buy. We keep the kind that wears.

Watson & Bacon.

OUR COUNTY SCHOOL FUND.

Apportionment This Year Amounts to \$4.95 Per Capita.

The county scholastic apportionment, according to Judge Hill, is 15c for each child within the scholastic age. This amount added to the State apportionment of \$4.80 makes a total of \$4.95 for this county, which does not include the special school tax of the various districts. Until recently Taylor County was getting 8 per cent on her school fund, but the land debt was paid off and it was necessary to invest the funds in bonds, which only yield 4 per cent to the school fund.

Mrs. P. D. Brown left last week for the Panhandle, where she goes to join her husband.

As a rule, man's a fool. When it's hot he wants it cool: When it's cool he wants it hot—Never content with what he's got.

J. L. and W. B. Mann spent a portion of the week in Jones and Fisher counties.

MONEY SAVED

By Buying Your.....

FURNITURE

Rockers
Bedsteads
Chiffoniers
Fold. Beds
Writ. Desks
Iron Beds
Dressers
Tables
Chairs
ETC.

Full and Complete Line of.....

Undertakers' G
Funeral Robes
Gloves and S...

We are showing assortment of Carp Rugs—all grades, prices are in reach, every purse, large or small.

We are not subject to spasmodic spells of selling goods cheap for a day, but our motto is: Best Goods at Lowest Living Prices, 365 Days in the Year. Come and be convinced.

Yours truly,

W.P. Browning and Company.

His Life in Peril.

"I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee, of Welfare, Texas, "biliousness and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard's

Lots of new goods to show you. If you want Watches, Rings, Charms, all kinds of Buttons, Silverware, etc., see Ustick.

Note the change in the advertisement of Burroughs & Mann.

Those beautiful \$1.50 waist patterns can be bought at removal sale for \$1.35.

J. T. Warren.

A crowd of young people, among which were several of the teachers in the public school, enjoyed an excursion to the mountains Sunday.

Mrs. Miller of Dallas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dickson.

Buy school shoes for your children while you can get them for 10 per cent less than real value.

J. T. Warren.

Several cars of cattle were shipped to market Monday.

W. R. Bigham accompanied a car of cattle to New Orleans, this week.

We have the nobbiest suits in town at 10 per cent discount during removal sale.

J. T. Warren.

Read the page ad of The Globe in this issue. They are closing out to quit business.

The editor of The Mail made a tour over a small scope of country Saturday evening, and we can but rejoice at the signs of prosperity manifest on every hand. Cotton is opening very slowly, though on many farms the stalks are literally loaded down with grown bolls. The crop will be larger than the general estimate placed upon it, but it will be late before all of it is out of the fields. Feed crops are immense, and there is enough in sight to last fully two years. The farmers are well healed in this respect. A drive over the country will do any one good.

Got Two Years.

The case of Alexander, who trucked young Massey on the head hoe handle, near Trent, was tried in District Court at Anson last week. He was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and his punishment was two years and months in the penitentiary. A number of Taylor County men were witnesses in the case.

Alexander, who has always been well liked by his neighbors, though easily angered, is said to be in almost destitute circumstances.

The Mail is a clean, newsy local paper, and one which can be profitably read by every member of the family. It gives all the news all the time, without fear or favor. Take it.

Isaac N. Taylor was up from Abilene Tuesday.

Rev. J. P. Copeland of Hodges preached a very interesting and instructive sermon at the Methodist church Sunday.

America's Famous Beauties

Look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores, pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains. Infallible for piles. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

If you need a hat see those at Hamilton's. They can't be turned down. He sells the celebrated Rothschild Bros. brand. The largest hat dealers in America.

Out of Death's Jaws.

"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble that I had suffered with for years," writes P. Muse, Durham, N. C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Notice is hereby given that I have posted my pasture on Mulberry against hunting and fishing. All parties please bear this in mind.

W. C. Calvert.

LOST—Between Merkel and Abilene, one child's cushion buggy seat. Return to T. J. Coggin at Merkel. 2t

For Delineators, Designers, and all kinds of magazines see Burroughs & Mann, the druggists.

During our removal sale you can buy Hamilton-Brown \$2.50 shoes for \$2.25 and our \$3.00 Thoroughbred hats for \$2.70.

J. T. Warren.

J. T. Warren has joined the move of "keep the city clean and be a public benefactor." His residence and the premises round about is very attractive and pleasant to the eye. Let others follow the lead. We can not be too particular in this respect. Besides adding to the beauty of the surroundings, it attracts strangers and elicits favorable comment upon our town. Clean up.

The relatives of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring of Bisbee, Ariz., both here and at Abilene, were saddened by the announcement, published in these columns last week, of the death of their little daughter, which occurred after an illness of only four days. This makes the fifth death in the family during the year—the father and mother and three grandchildren. Little Corinne was a bright, beautiful child and had just spanned the first year of a life which promised joy and gladness immeasurable. The winsome smile, the baby prattle, the pit-a-pat of the little feet as they carried the toddling form from one retreat to another, the clasp of the tiny fingers, the cooing, and laughing and prattling—these are but memories laden with keenest sorrow to the fond parents. "God gave and He taketh away!" May this thought and the admonition, "Suffer little children to come unto me," be a balm to the wounded hearts and broken spirits.

Mr. W. C. Copeland of Trent is a new and appreciated subscriber. The Mail is getting all the best men on its books.

H. R. Looney, formerly of this county and who has relatives here, is a candidate for tax collector of Scurry county on the independent ticket.

Jud Sheppard is counter jumping for Warren.

A Great Removal Sale!

In Order to Reduce Stock before moving into our new Building we offer...

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT

on ALL DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING and FURNISHING GOODS.

This sale will be on for 20 or 30 days and it will give everybody a chance to buy their winter bills of new and seasonable merchandise at 10 per cent less than actual value. No shoddy, shelf-worn goods, but everything new and bright. To get the benefit of this sale

Cash Must Accompany the Order!

Positively no goods charged at these prices. The goods are here for everybody. Come and get your choice.

This sale begins Friday, Oct. 24, 1902.

J. T. WARREN.

MERKEL, TEXAS...

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.

10, 15 and 20 cent silver heart bangles only 5 cents at Ustick's.

Wood and feed taken in exchange for photos at Barnhill's.

The largest stock of shoes ever shown in Merkel at Hamilton's.

Notice.

On and after the 15th of this month we will sell meat at the following prices:

Hind quarter steak 10c,
Fore quarter steak 8c,
Barbecue 12½c.

It takes cash to buy fat cattle, and that is the kind we intend to keep.

When we sell meat at the above prices we expect cash on the first and must have it.

Watkins & Son.

A. C. Bennett has the only knee pad manufactory in Merkel. Price only 40c.

McDonald \$1.00 overalls for 90c till we get moved.

J. T. Warren.

Some of the young ladies are making secret preparations for a Hallowe'en party to-morrow night. Look out, boys.

Eld. G. T. Walker of Trent, who has been in Anson attending court this week, says that the cotton crop in his part of the country is very late; not much picked yet, and will not be much to pick unless frost is unusually late. He said he saw some tolerably good cotton on the river between here and his place.

—Anson Register.

Public School Opens.

Public school opened for the term Monday, with about 200 pupils in attendance. All of the teachers were present and entered enthusiastically upon the work.

Prospects for the school this year are very flattering. The faculty is a most excellent one—no town in the west has a better—and with the hearty co-operation of the patrons the term promises to surpass all previous efforts. The pupils, too, are enthusiastic and with parental encouragement and counsel they are insured a prosperous school year.

Merkel High School is the pride of the town. The new building, which will be ready for occupancy within a couple of months, will contribute largely to the success of the school. At least it will add to the comfort of both pupils and teachers and lend greater enthusiasm to the work.

A Red Letter Day.

Saturday was a gala day. Not in two years before, and only on some special occasion, has there been such a crowd here. The streets were jammed and packed with vehicles and individuals. Every store in the town was crowded with customers. Every clerk was on the jump. Many neighboring counties had representatives here, and thousands of dollars worth of goods were distributed over the adjacent country.

It was a red letter day in the history of the town.

Photos—All kinds, from stamps up, at Barnhill's Gallery.

Goes Like Hot Cakes.

"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C. T. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from throat and lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it, and Rust & Pittard guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes, 50c and \$1.

Cut Half in Two.

During the next few days, in order to reduce stock, I will sell all Bracelets at exactly HALF Price. Every one a rare bargain.

Ustick.

A swell line of neckwear at J. O. Hamilton's. 4t

We have suits for boys ranging in price from 75c to \$6.00 each. They are beauties. Also full line of youths clothing, boys knee pants, etc.

J. O. Hamilton.

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

Remember to bring the cash to get advantage of the 10 per cent discount offered at Warren's. This is done to reduce stock prior to moving into his new building.

J. B. Warnick has returned from Louisiana.

Choice of our \$10 overcoats for \$9 at the removal sale.

J. T. Warren.

JUST WHAT YOU NEED.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.

When you feel dull after eating.
When you have no appetite.
When you have a bad taste in your mouth.
When your liver is torpid.
When your bowels are constipated.
When you have a headache.
When you feel bilious.
They will improve your appetite, cleanse and invigorate, and regulate your bowels. Price 25c per box. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

For Sale—Cash or easy payments, bicycle, good as new, with New Century Coaster Brake and gas lamp. Cheap. See Will Laeman.

Swapping Lids

Is practiced, but don't swap off Hunt's Lightning Oil for a worthless article. Ask your druggist or merchant for a free sample bottle.

A Child Shall Lead Them.

From John Mitchell leading the Coal Strikers.

Involved in this fight are questions weightier than any question of dollars and cents. The present miner has had his lesson. He has been oppressed, ground down, but there is another generation coming up, a generation of little children prematurely doomed to the whirl of the mill and noise and blackness of the breaker. It is for these little children that we are fighting. We have not underestimated the strength of our opponents. We have not overestimated our own power of resistance. Accustomed always to live upon little, a little less is no terrible hardship. It is a with a quaking of hearts that we asked for our last pay envelope, but in the grimy and bruised hand of the miner was the little white hand of a child, a child like the children of the rich, and in the heart of the miner was the determination to starve to the last crust of bread and fight out the long dreary battle to win a life for the child and secure for it a place in the world in keeping with the advancing civilization.

Be sure your sin will find you out. It always will. It never fails. You can do wrong undiscovered for a while, but you are sure to be found out in time. The man who lands in a criminal's cell had a good record once. In some moment of his life the tempter came and whispered to him. The voice became louder and louder. Then the man fell. He took perhaps a small sum of money from the cash drawer. The theft was not discovered. A few days later the act was repeated. The sin becomes easier and easier. The man gets bolder. Then comes the discovery, the crash, a visit to the police court, the grand jury, a court room still as death, a judge's solemn voice, the jail again, and then the prison. Liberty gone. A mother heartbroken. A family in despair, and to God the convict carries his voice in anguish, berating his Master that he should have been deserted in his hour of need. This is a picture that is painted every day in some city in this great country of ours. Will man, weak, weak man, never learn that there is no committed sin that will not bring its punishment?—Mail-Telegram.

Indications are good for rain today.

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.

- Adkisson, G. B.
- Adkisson, Gid
- Barrett, Oris Glenn
- Besales, A. W.
- Cordill, W. T.
- Ennis, M.
- Kuyrkendall, R. W.
- Jaco, Lige
- Lucas, John
- Moback, Charley
- Mayo, Mrs. May
- Nowell, L. S.
- Paris Julian
- Rollings, Ben
- Rutherford, W. F.
- Strange, Mrs. A. G.

Heaven Help Us

In our troubles, but use Hunt's cure for itch, tetter, ringworm, itching piles and eczema. Guaranteed.

Beautiful Complexions

Are spoiled by using any kind of preparation that fills the pores of the skin. The best way to secure a clear complexion, free from sallowness, pimples, blotches, &c, is to keep the liver in good order. An occasional dose of Herbine will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver, and so establish a clear, healthy complexion. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

NOTICE.

Having been asked by many to put in platform scales for the benefit of the public, I have made arrangements to do all such weighing as desired at the East gin, where receipts will be furnished.

Yours truly,
T. F. Compton,
per Sam Hunt.

Ran a Ten Penny Nail Through His Hand.

While opening a box, J. C. Mount, of Three Mile Bay, N. Y., ran a ten penny nail through the fleshy part of his hand. "I thought at once of all the pain and soreness this would cause me," he says, "and immediately applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and occasionally afterwards. To my surprise it removed all pain and soreness and the injured parts were soon healed." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

KODAKS—If you want to be 'in the push' get one. Any style or price—\$1 up. I represent the best houses.

Will Leeman.

Coats-Clark.

At White Church in the Canyon Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating, Mr. Tom Coats and Miss Bertha Clark were happily married.

The Mail had no intimation of the approaching event, which to these worthy young people, was the dawning of a joyous life, and as a tribute to his extreme modesty in keeping mum we shall enter against Tom the price of two yearly subscriptions. However, he is one of our very best young men—sober, reliable, and industrious—while the bride, who is the daughter of H. D. Clark, is a very lovable young lady and the possessor of many charms.

The Mail unites with the many friends of the happy couple in choicest wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

Get your tickets for the Lyceum course. See announcement elsewhere.

The People's Prices

The Prices at this Store are the Prices that Please the People.

- \$2.00 grade hats now \$1.50
- 1.50 " " " " 1.00
- 1.25 " " " " .75
- Men's heavy fleece lined undershirt 50c grade at 37½
- Boy's heavy fleece lined undershirt..... 25c
- 1 lb. Bur Oak Tobacco .40c
- 2 lbs Razor " .75c
- 2 lbs Good Luck " .75c
- 7 pkg Celluloid Starch .50c
- A good flour per hun... 1.80
- 19 lbs Y C sugar..... 1.00
- 1.25 negligee shirts 1.00
- 1.00 " " 85c
- 65c " " 50c
- 5 pr seamless half hose 25c

FREE! FREE!

For every 25c bought of us in Dry Goods, Clothing or Shoes we give you a coupon which is redeemable in Holiday Queensware.

In addition to this, we've filled a pint jar with beans, and the first one guessing the number of beans the jar contains, or the nearest to it, will receive a present. Present will be announced later. Every one purchasing goods to the amount of \$1 will be entitled to one guess.

Do not fail to inspect our line of shoes:

Ladies' from 75c up.
Men's from \$1.00 up.

Every pair that rips will be mended free of charge.

We are making special low prices on clothing and have a nice stock to select from.

Come in and get our prices or ask those who trade with us and see what they say. No concern in this country can beat us on prices, when the quality of the goods is considered.

Call at this Store for Additional Prices.

Yours for Fall Trade,

J. P. Sharp & Co.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

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

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.

YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

We Can't Tell A Lie

When we say there is no shaking of bottles, no licking of spoons, no wry faces when Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets are used. 25c. No cure—no pay.

To the Farmer and Cattle Feeder:

Increase your butter and milk and fatten your cattle by using cotton seed meal and hulls for feed.

We will give you FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS of better feed stuff for every thousand pounds of cotton seed delivered (or for the seed out of an average bale of cotton,) in the proportion of four to one; that is, WE WILL GIVE YOU 300 LBS. of COTTON SEED MEAL and 1200 LBS. of HULLS, which makes an ideal feed. This will be given for the seed out of an average bale of cotton delivered at our mill or to any one of our gins, they giving you a receipt which will be accepted by us here the same as if seed had been delivered at the mill.

Give it a trial and note the increase in butter, milk and fat.

ABILENE COTTON OIL Co.

The Mail gives all the news.

Sweetwater as a Cotton Market.

During the past week there has been 155 bales of cotton marketed in Sweetwater, which came in from the territory north, south, east and west. This cotton was sold at prices ranging from 7.75 to 7.97½. We would like to hear from some town on the T. & P. railroad west of Weatherford, that has paid as much for the staple. Get the prices paid at Sweetwater and compare them with other markets.—Reporter.

The Reporter asks for comparisons and here they are: During the same week there were 405 bales of cotton marketed in Merkel, which came from five different counties. The prices ranged from 7.80 to 8.00, and the average price was about 7.87½. A few bales sold above 8c, but none went under 7.80. There were seven buyers and each buyer bought from 5 to 141 bales. Merkel, as a cotton market, has an established reputation, and if the comparisons show up to the detriment of Sweetwater it is not our fault, as the Reporter asked for them. The above facts were gleaned from the weigher's book,

and are correct.

The Merkel Charge.

We are now finishing up the work of the third year of our pastorate of Merkel charge, a while there has not been gathering that we had I see, yet there has been good done, and the seed sown which, we trust bring forth fruit. Be statement of the three work:

- Sermons preached, 3⁰
- Number of conversions, 1
- Members received, 1
- Adults baptized, 27.
- Infants baptized, 24.
- Couples married, 21.
- Money raised for all purposes, \$2,183.25. This does not include amount paid pastor and presiding elder.

R. S. Heizer, Pastor.

F. P. McGuffin and wife left last week for a month's visit with relatives at Thornton.

Mr. Crim of Alvord was here Sunday visiting his daughter, Miss Nora. He is with the Abilene Shoe Co., at Abilene, where the family will soon move.

You will save money by reading the advertisements.

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.

He Learned a Great Truth.

It is said of John Wesley that he once said to Mrs. Wesley: "Why do you tell that child the same thing over and over again?"

"John Wesley, because once telling is not enough." It is for this same reason that you are told again and again that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cures colds and grip; that it counteracts any tendency of these diseases to result in pneumonia, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Try a pair of "Our Family", line Star Brand Box Calf shoes for men, women, boys and girls. For sale only by

The Star Store.

G. A. F. Wash of near Hylton was in Merkel yesterday and renewed pleasant relations with The Mail.

J. C. Tucker and son, C. L., were visitors at The Mail office Tuesday. The latter has been living in Jack county several years, but moved his family here this week and will reside here in the future. We are glad to welcome him back to Taylor county.

The Companion's Christmas Packet.

Can you think of a gift more certain to be acceptable than a year's subscription the the Youth's Companion? Is there one, young or old, who, having once had the paper in his hands and looked through it, did not wish to possess it for his very life? It is a gift which, far from losing its freshness as Christmas recedes into the past, grows more delightful, more necessary to one's enjoyment each week.

Wish to make a Christmas gift of the Youth's Companion? The publishers the address of the person you wish to give the Companion, with \$1.75, the annual subscription price. They will send the address named the Companion's Christmas Packet, all ready for Christmas morning, containing the Christmas number, the Companion Calendar for 1903, lithographed in twelve colors and gold, and subscription certificate for the fifty-two issues of 1903. Full illustrated announcement of the new volume of 1903 will be sent with sample copies of the paper to any address free.

The Youth's Companion,
144 Berkeley St.,
Boston, Mass.

A fire at Abilene last night destroyed the wooden buildings between the telephone office and Fulwiler's livery barn. Loss and amount of insurance carried is not known.

...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.

Caesar Conquered Britain

Malaria was conquered by Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box.) Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

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

A Tripple Hanging

Smith, Brown and Jones hang their hopes of recovery upon Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets. They will be around soon shaking hands with friends. 25c. No cure—no pay.

We have some odd lots in youth's and boy's clothing. We are offering at less than manufactures cost. Ask to see them. The Star Store.

For nice, fresh groceries cheap see
Chenault & Hand,

Nice line of men's pants just received at
The Star Store.

Now's the time to advertise.
New shipment of late style belts just received at the Star Store.



Mrs. Fred Unrath.
President Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich.

"After my first baby was born I did not seem to regain my strength although the doctor gave me a tonic which he considered very superior, but instead of getting better I grew weaker every day. My husband insisted that I take Wine of Cardui for a week and see what it would do for me. I did take the medicine and was very grateful to find my strength and health slowly returning. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very enthusiastic in its praise."

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Very truly
J. A. Leeman, M. D.

No Open Season.

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 1, cattle may be crossed over the Texas quarantine line by inspection only, until Dec. 31. There is no open season, as all cattle must be inspected. This rule applies only to shipments or driving from one part of the state to another. The Federal proclamation has not yet been issued.—Daily Reporter.

The Reporter also chronicles the marriage, on Tuesday evening, of C. C. Jackson and Miss Emma Walden, to whom The Mail extends sincere congratulations.

Those Who Love Us.

Under this head will be given, each week, a list of subscribers who have paid their subscriptions to The Mail. It will answer as a receipt:

- W. J. Cox, Merkel, \$1.00
 - W. C. Copeland, Trent, .25
 - C. L. Tucker, Merkel, 2.00
 - J. M. Hays, Merkel, 1.00
 - G. A. F. Wash, Hylton, 1.00
- Get your name on this list.

NUBIA.

Eli Cordill's face is all smiles; he says it is a boy.
The baby child of N. L. Blackburn is very sick.
Cotton picking is all the go.
Alec and Charlie Harris of Merkel were in Nubia Sunday.
News very scarce.
Rosebud.

Aunt Lucindy

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her, says its fine for swellings, toothache, colic, weak back and backache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty-nine grandchildren and ought to know what she is talking about.

COMPERE CHIPS.

A. S. Renau of Collin county visited at E. C. Tarvin's last week.

A. D. and S. S. Touchstone are putting up a new residence on their place.

Mrs. Martha Burton and daughter, Mrs. C. T. Tarvin, came in from Collin county to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. C. Tarvin. They also visited Mrs. Burton's brother-in-law, Dr. Albert Johnson of Anson, having not met before in 30 years.

There was a box supper at the Cranston school house Saturday. Burr Shannon was in Anson three days last week.

E. C. Tarvin and Reneau went to Anson Wednesday.

T. E. C.

G. T. Beach has been under the weather a couple of weeks, but is able to be up and about, we are glad to learn.

Just as The Mail went to press at 10 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded, which proved to be the post office, and the building was a mass of flames. The prompt and efficient work of the people, the town being crowded at the time, saved the town from a destructive fire. The building was gutted and considerable damage resulted from water.

See Browning & Co. for lunch and dinner baskets, nice and cheap. Just the thing for school children.

Longest Letter on Record.

A former Philadelphian, who is now in business in Chicago and who has been spending a portion of his vacation with old friends here, wrote a letter the other day to a chum in the Windy City that surely breaks the record for lengthy letter-writing. He had promised to write "a good long letter," so he procured a coil of thin white tape paper, such as is used by the telegraph companies on their ticking machines, and proceeded to work, writing a single line lengthwise on the tape from the beginning clear through to the little woden center. The letter was in the neighborhood of 450 feet long.

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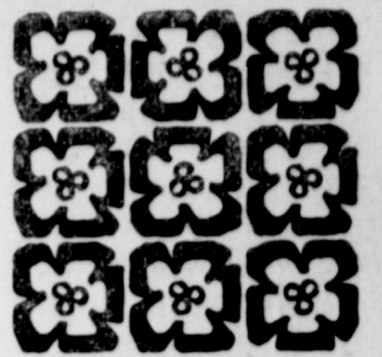
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The Higher Life

One More Coffin Collected.

A few days ago you read that a distinguished banker, an old man, prominent in business, in society, and in the country's history, had been killed in a brawl.

You did not need to be told that whiskey figured in this killing.

When you heard that this old man, well educated, proud of his family, was found dead on the steps of a disreputable resort, you did not need to be told that whiskey brought about his death.

When you read that this old man and another man engaged in a deadly quarrel about two miserable creatures who accompanied them, you did not need to be told that all concerned had been drinking whiskey.

It is no part of this newspaper's plan to pose as a controller of men's habits. We do not advocate teetotalism. We do not pretend to tell any man what he shall do.

But we do propose to tell you from time to time, as vigorously and as graphically as may be, what whiskey does.

In pictures and in words we want to impress upon readers, and especially upon young men, the fact that in almost every crime, in almost every hopeful career ruined, whiskey figures.

In New Jersey several days ago a man who had been convicted of murder was hanged, after a desperate fight in which he sought to kill his jailers.

This man quarreled with a butcher. The quarrel was about five cents worth of meat.

After the quarrel the man went out, and drank whiskey. Then he returned and murdered the butcher, and the other day he was hanged.

After his crime he said, "I sold my life for five cents."

He did not sell his life for five cents. It was the whiskey that he bought that murdered one man and sent the other man to the gallows.

The genius of whiskey is subtle, malicious, insidious, almost irresistible, once it has its hold upon a man.

The banker murdered in a saloon brawl this week was old.

But whiskey robbed his old age of its dignity.

He was a well educated man, proud of his family name.

But whiskey was more powerful even than education, and infinitely stronger than his pride.

Young men are told that many

drink whiskey and come to no harm. That may be true.

Let them judge whiskey by this fact, of which there can be no question:

Whiskey plays its part in nearly all crimes, in nearly all failures. The man who keeps away from whiskey is sure to keep away from the most dismal phases of existence.—N. Y. Journal.

A Kiss For Mother.

I want to speak to you of your mother. It may be that you noticed a care-worn look upon her face. Of course, it has not been brought there by any act of yours; still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you to get up to-morrow morning and get breakfast. When your mother comes and begins to express surprise, go right up to her, and kiss her on the mouth. You can't imagine how it will brighten her dear face.

Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Through years of childish sunshine and shadows she was always ready to cure, by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little dirty, chubby hands, whenever they were injured in those first skismishes with the rough old world.

Then the midnight kisses with which she routed so many bad dreams, as she leaned above your restless pillow, have all been out on interest these long years.

Of course she is not so pretty and kissable as you are; but if you had done your share of the work during the last ten years, the contrast would not be so marked.

Her face has more wrinkles than yours; and yet, if you were sick, the face would appear far more beautiful than any angel's, as it hovered over you, watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort; and every one of those wrinkles would seem to be bright wavelets of sunshine chasing one another over the dear face.

She will leave you one of these days. These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, will down. These rough, hard hands, which have done so many necessary things for you, will be crossed upon her lifeless breast. Those neglected lips, which gave you your first baby kiss, will be forever closed, and those sad, tired eyes will have opened in eternity, and then you will appreciate your mother; but it will be too late.—Eli Perkins.

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No Public Funeral for a Gambler.

The Japan Times relates the following incident: "Last Thursday a splendid funeral procession was proceeding from Hongo to Shitaya in order to bury the remains of Taroji Fukazwa, the head of the gambling den of Hongo and Asakusa, when the policemen of the Hongo police station stopped the procession and ordered that the funeral should not take place in such a splendid manner, as the deceased was a convict, whose term and the bereaved family was therefore compelled to carry out the burial services in a stealthy way."

A Bust of Rhodes

John Tweed, the sculptor, finished his statue of Cecil Rhodes which is to be erected in London. It is on exhibition in London. The statue is more than life size. It represents Mr. Rhodes in the making a speech, his right hand advanced and firmly planted, his left hand clasped behind his back, and his fine uncovered head thrown somewhat on one side in a characteristic pose.

A Versatile English Woman.

One of the most remarkable women in Great Britain resides at Swansea. Miss Dillwyn has written successful novels, acted as reviewer, carried out the duties of farm bailiff, and is now the partner in a flourishing smelter business. She walks three miles to business every morning and remains till 5 o'clock in the evening. She is a member of the school board and chairman of the hospital committee.