

# THE MERKEL MAIL.

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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 chrometanned 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, 12½ 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  
2 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 .....3¼c  
Extra heavy " " " .....4¼c  
Nice soft finish Bleach Domestic.....4¼c  
Round thread 25 inch Cotton Checks.....3c  
Fair quality Cotton Flannel.....4¼c  
Extra heavy good width Cotton Flannel....8¼c  
Fast color yard wide Percale .....6¼c  
Standard brands, fast color, Calicoes .....4c  
Best quality Feather Ticking.....12¼c  
Mattress Ticking .....4¼c  
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.

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.

Compere Bros., of Abilene, have an ad in this issue which you are invited to read.

Charley Hogue came in this week from Louisiana.

### The Election.

The election Tuesday was one of the tamest affairs ever pulled off in the county. There was positively no interest manifested. The total vote polled at this box was 172, against 311 in the primary. Upwards of 350 votes should have been polled. Other boxes in the county came up with equally as slim showing, and it is hardly likely that the vote of the county will reach within 500 votes of the primary. Our representation will therefore be cut down fully 5 votes.

Two things contributed to a light vote; first, the busy season, and, second, the absence of any contest over county offices. The amendment carried at this box by a vote of 142 to 20.

It is impossible to give a statement of the vote of the entire county this week, nor of the state, where interest was centered altogether in the Congressional districts. It is safe to say, however, that it is still Democratic.

Only three Republican votes were polled at this box.

## AN ESSENTIAL THING...

And there are many, in the management of a bank, is the personal, painstaking care of its officers. Recognizing this responsibility, the officers of this institution keep themselves in touch with every important detail of the business. And the outcome? A generous, and a steadily increasing patronage.

**Warnick's Bank,**  
Merkel, Texas.

# Cotton May Advance!

But we will sell Hardware and Groceries at prices that can not be beaten anywhere.

Our Stock is Complete and Up-to-Date. We handle:

**The Best**



Flour,  
Meat,  
Lard,  
Sugar,  
Coffee,  
Dried Fruits,  
Candies,  
Nuts,  
Dainties,  
of Everything in  
Groceries.

**The Best**



Stoves,  
Wagons,  
Buggies,  
Plows,  
Sulkys,  
Disc Plows,  
Harrows,  
Planters,  
Cultivators,  
of Everything in  
Hardware

The Best Hames, the best Traces, the best Collars, the best Pads, the best Backbands, the best Lines—in fact the best of everything in Hardware, Groceries, Quessware, Feed, Etc., at BEST PRICES.

# GEO. F. WEST.

## Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

May 26. Cuernavaca—what's in a name? The meaning of the word is "cow horn," "cuerna" a horn and "vaca" a cow. How it got its name we can not say. Perhaps the shape of the valley, or the shape of the city when viewed from the mountains, may have suggested it, but it is more probable that the original name was Indian and sounded something like "Cuernavaca," and in time the name became fixed.

It is the capital of the State of Morelas, population about 15,000. It was conquered by Cortez 1521.

This morning we begin our tour of the city. The streets are quite crooked, but wider than the average Mexican streets, and it is up and down hill from beginning to end. The city is built on a hill, or more properly speaking on two hills, which, in some places, are very steep, the streets above each other like terraces. Nowhere have we seen such running water. Along the streets are covered ditches where we can hear the water running. These take turns and the water falls in cascades to the streets below. This water is brought into the city by aqueducts. The drinking water is brought from springs outside of the city in pipes and is pure and good. Every house

has its patio and many have fountains in the center, making it cool and inviting. The houses are built of stone or adobe, plastered outside, and covered with red tiles, which give them a very picturesque appearance. They are mostly one story, but in the main part of the city are some fine two story buildings. The streets are kept scrupulously clean. Cortez used to come here to get away from the turmoil of the capital. Maximilian and Carlotta had their country residence here. President Diaz also comes occasionally and the house he occupied on his last visit is being repaired, probably expecting another visit.

Surrounded on three sides by high mountains it was only reached by a carriage road over the range near where the railroad now crosses Ajusco; it has been free from the troublous scenes so frequently enacted in the City of Mexico and the valley of Anahuac. The climate is perfect, the difference of temperature between summer and winter being about 10 degrees. Protected by high mountains from cold winds from the north and east, and the breezes coming up the valley from the southwest, give it a healthful even climate. The soil is sandy

and even in the rainy season water does not stay long on the surface, hence there is no malaria.

The plaza is not very large, but it has a neat bandstand. I noticed a number of trees and flowers that were new to me. The market square is quite large. This is Monday and market day, and we find the greatest attraction in the display of fruits. Such a variety of fruit and in such great quantities. It is not only by wagon load, but by the carload. On one side are great heaps of mangos piled on the ground, on tables and in boxes or crates—mangos everywhere, and so cheap, great big ones for a cent. Here we find a superior kind called "Manila mango," much larger and have a small flat seed. We quit buying the common kind with the thick rind and big seed, and fill our basket with these Manilas, so rich and juicy. Here is a stand piled up with "aguacates," a green fruit with a large seed, the flesh oily, and with a little salt is a good substitute for butter. We call it "vegetable butter." A big brown fruit shaped like a boy's top, only much larger, is "mamey;" the flesh is a rich red, the seed large and odd shaped. A greenish yellow fruit, pears shaped, with a rough skin, but very mellow, and has a taste like a pear and apple combined, is the "zapote." I think in Florida they are called alligator pears. The owner is yelling at the top of his voice: Zapotes! Zapotes! Muy vien zapotes! Ah, here we have it! This woman is selling cherries, but they are small and black and taste like the common wild cherry of the eastern and middle states. They are nothing more than a large sized wild cherry. The "Penna Dutch" farmers used to gather the wild cherries every fall and make "cherry bounce," and many an old farmer would get "bounced" by the church court for patronizing his "bounce barrel" too freely. An idea struck me here: Why don't some one take the improved cherry and graft it on the native stock? The Murilo or May Duke would bridge a high price in these markets. In a store window in the City of Mexico we saw

a box of cherries—looked to be the black Murilo—each cherry in a little compartment by itself like eggs in a case. They had been shipped in from California. Just think of it; cherries shipped four thousand miles to a country noted for its fruits.

We find a few apples and peaches, but they are all seedlings and small. Pears do a little better, but they could be improved on. Quinces are better, some growing very large. Indian woman has a basket blackberries and we buy as a remembrance of "Old Syne." J. L. VAUGHAN

## Consumptive

Salt pork is a famous fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty pork," was the advice to consumptive 50 and years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The behind it is that fat is food the consumptive needs most.

Scott's Emulsion is the modern method of feeding fat to the consumptive. Pork is rough for sensitive stomach. Scott's Emulsion is the most refined of fats, especially prepared for easy digestion.

Feeding him fat in this way, which is often the only way, is half the battle, but Scott's Emulsion does more than that. There is something about the combination of cod liver oil and hypophosphites in Scott's Emulsion that puts new life into the weak parts and has a special action on the diseased lung.



A sample will sent free upon request. Be sure that this picture the form of a label is on wrapper of every bottle Emulsion you buy.  
**SCOTT & BROWN**  
CHEMISTS,  
409 Pearl St., N. Y.

## ...MONEY ON LAND...

Our inspector will be in this territory again about the 5th of December, which will be his last trip here until after the holidays, so if any one wanting to borrow money on their land between now and the first of February will have to see us and make application between now and the first of December. We can give you from five to ten year annual payment loan, 8 per cent interest. Can take up and extend the time of payment of the notes now against your land, if any, relieving you of any payment at all this fall, or make you a straight loan if your title and security is satisfactory to us. Cost you nothing to write us for terms and particulars. Do it at once if you are going to want a loan within next three months

## COMPERE BROS.:

Land Dealers and Money Lenders, : ABILENE, TEXAS.

# WE ARE FISHING

FOR YOUR TRADE WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF BAIT—

## PRICE AND QUALITY...

Our line of Saddles, Harness, 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.

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...

**ELLIOTT & MILLER**

DEALERS IN

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

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

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Cut this out and hang it up for use. Call by number.

### Steak in Berlin.

Beefsteak is 44 cents a pound in Berlin. This is rather worse than here. Meats generally are reported to be 26 cents higher in Berlin now than in 1900, although in Rotterdam, Paris, Vienna and Budapest they are only 10 to 16 per cent higher. Germany's more rapid advance is attributed to the scarcity of home animals, the exclusion of foreign live stock and the prohibition of canned meats, thus suspending large American imports. The newspapers are talking about the "meat famine."



## 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.

ONE QUALITY ONLY—THAT THE BEST.

**ED S. HUGHES & CO.,**  
ABILENE, TEXAS

## S. W. SHEPPARD

Groceries,  
Vegetables  
Fruits  
Country  
Produce  
and Fresh  
Meats, etc.

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.**

Drs. Leeman & King have fixed up two lovely offices in the rear of Burroughs & Mann's drug store, into which they have installed all the latest instruments and appliances. A compressed air machine for the treatment of catarrh and lung diseases has also been added. They are fully prepared to meet the large and growing demand of the constituency.

Geo. S. Berry has also turned traitor to weeds and trash generally and is making great inroads upon them. There is plenty of this kind of work to be done.

The Mail gives all the news.

### THE FACTS IN THE CASE

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS gives the facts in the case

### SPECIALLY EDITED

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

### TWO PAPERS YOU NEED...

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

Advertising is the secret of success in every business.

**..WE ARE NOT SELLING..**

# Goods at Cost

Remember that Christmas eve we are going to give away a fine \$40.00 Folding Bed



Every one dollar purchase from now on entitles you to a chance at the Bed.

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.

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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.

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## No Trouble to Show GOODS at our STORE

# Watson & Bacon,

The Spot Cash Merchants,

MERKEL, - TEXAS.

....WE ARE GOING TO....

# Leave Abilene

AND MERKEL!

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

AT

## Actual Wholesale Cost

**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

**Look over Our Prices!**

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BUY YOUR GOODS RIGHT! THE BEST CHANCE! THE BEST TIME! THE BEST OPPORTUNITY!

# THE - GLOBE.

MERKEL,

- - - TEXAS

# The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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One year ..... \$1.00  
Six months ..... .50  
Three months ..... .25  
Invariably in advance.

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Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Pay your debts.

Work for a new depot.

Deceitfulness is a crime.

Clean up your premises.

Advertise your business.

Hand in you subscription.

Organize a fire company.

Don't talk about a neighbor.

Speak a good word for Merkel.

Pull for an electric light plant.

A scandal monger is despicable.

"Keep the city clean and be a public benefactor."

Diversifiers are prosperity makers. Plant a little of everything and get in the swim.

The Supreme Court decision in the mandamus suit of Tolleson vs. Rogan, which was later rescinded, leaves the title to school lands in the west still in a tangle. Litigations over these lands will continue until the evil is remedied by the Legislature.

The scarcity of hogs demonstrates the need of an awakening among the farmers to a realization of the losses they are experiencing in failing to raise hogs for market. There are not enough hogs in this country to half way supply the local demand. Therefore, plant hogs.

President Roosevelt has designated Thursday, Nov. 27, as Thanksgiving Day, with the recommendation that it be generally and appropriately observed by the people everywhere. It is fitting that the people should in this way show their thankfulness for the manifold blessings vouchsafed them by a kind Providence. All of us have reasons for being truly thankful this year.

Candidate Lanham has announced that no man who is not strictly sober need apply to him for a position when he becomes governor. This announcement may lead some of the prospective applicants to denounce Lanham as favoring centralized government, in as much as he will use the appointive power for the benefit of sober people. Things are coming to a pretty pass in Texas when a man can't drink as much "booze" as he likes and hold office. Long live Lanham and may his tribe increase.—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

Such brazen(?) remarks as the above from Governor Lanham has already brought down abuse upon his head, but praise from the good people will do more good than abuse from bad people will do harm. Business men everywhere have placed a ban on drinking, and "are you

strictly sober?" is one of the first questions asked the applicant for employment. Then if drinking men are turned down by business men and refused employment, isn't it meet and proper that they should be denied a position in the government office, which is of vastly more importance? The affairs of State should be administered economically and to the best interest of the masses. If drinking disqualifies a man from holding clerkships in stores and private offices, it also disqualifies him from holding similar positions in the government. "Fighting booze" is a past accomplishment. Long live Lanham and may his tribe increase.

## Does This Fit Our Case?

The following is taken from the Texas Christian Advocate and applies to more than one county in this State:

In a neighboring county sometime back the people voted out barrooms by nearly 700 majority. Immediately the liquor men applied to the court for an injunction. The judge granted it and appointed a time entirely too far off to hear it. Then when the question was argued before him according to his own time for hearing it, instead of rendering his decision in the vacation of his term, he held it up for some weeks until the vacation had expired and then decided the matter against the barrooms, but by his political tactics he withheld his decision in this so that he could give the liquor men the advantage of appeal and thus tie the matter up for at least ten months or a year. Such an outrage upon the rights of the people is despicable and needs to be rebuked in unmeasured terms.

## The Difference.

If a hungry, half starved negro breaks into your smokehouse and steals about four-bits worth of rancid bacon, he is caught, tried, sentenced and routed for Rusk or Huntsville in short order. If a white man buys your stuff, stands you off for pay and promises to make it all right if you won't push him, and then pleads the "statute of limitation" and enjoins you from suing him anywhere else, he has stolen your stuff by "law"—the negro by force. The white man is still "Mr. So and So," has the respect and confidence of the church and community, and the negro is out on the rock pile. The God we all worship says, "Thou shalt not steal." Now, is there any difference between the negro and white man?—Rusk Co. News.

No, only the white man is the most depraved. But how about the bankrupt law.

Another brave inventor has tried his hand at, and dissipated his gray matter over, perpetual motion. He may be a granger—at any rate he lives at LaGrange, Illinois. He claims to have succeeded in making apparatus that will never stop running—unlike grandfather's clock, immortalized in song by the fact that it stopped, "never to go again until the old man died." The device is a cylinder with a propeller wheel set inside near each end, and between them, on the same shaft, an ordinary fly-wheel. By connecting the cylinder with a high stack the inventor says his machine will do the perpetuity act all right, the natural draft supplying the power to revolve the fans. By connecting this contrivance with a hundred-foot stovepipe a sewing machine can

be propelled. Every time a long stovepipe appears in sight hereafter the reader's imagination will paint a sewing machine at the housed end of it.

## A Monster Apple.

A month or two ago The Mail had occasion to make mention of a monster apple which Prof. Sewell had received from Missouri. It weighed 13 ounces and measured 13 inches in circumference. But the professor will now have to take a back seat—"go away back and sit down," for he has been beaten. Saturday D. G. Ash brought an apple to this office which tipped the beam at 16 ounces and measured 13½ inches in circumference. It grew in North Carolina and was included in a shipment which he received from his sister.

This takes the cake and is entitled to the whole bakery. The pity of it is that the writer did not have the pleasure of attesting to the flavor of either of the mastodon apples.

Two weeks more of warm weather will prove a God-send to this country. And from present appearances it seems that we are to have it.

Get your tickets for the lyceum entertainments now. They are going fast. The first attraction, The Chicago Glee Club, is the best thing of its kind on the road.

## The Porter's Apology.

Going up the Caledonian canal, says the London Globe, an old lady roused the anger of a steamer porter by her repeated insistence on having her numerous impedimenta collected in readiness to disembark at each successive stopping point, thinking it was her desination. At last, when she was really due to get off, he indignantly refused to be made a "fule" of again and on her protesting solemnly told her to "gae to hell." In indignation she protested to the skipper. A few moments after the miscreant porter approached her. "Are ye the baedy I taeld to gae to hell?" he deliberately asked, and on her irate admission that she was, he quietly continued: "Well, the capt'n says I maun apologise, so ye needna' gae the noo."

## Freedom of the Press.

Some of the Virginia applicants for registration as voters give queer answers to the questions asked them. One negro though the general assembly meant "You three gentlemen sitting here"—with a bow to the registrars. Another thought it was "A place in the woods where they went to worship the Lord." A third negro was asked to explain the freedom of the press. "When you get in a crowd, shove as much as you please," he replied.

## Duties of a Workhouse Porter.

The porter of the Mere (Wiltshire) workhouse recently wrote to the guardians for an increase of salary, which then stood at 14 pounds per annum: "I am gate porter, storekeeper, caterer, brass polisher, assistant gardener, assistant nurse, mortuary attendant, tramp and labor master, fumigator, barber, messenger, ladies' hairdresser, etc. I have just balanced my small accounts for the twelve months, and find, after buying clothing and other necessaries for the purpose of making myself presentable enough to attend the gate, board, room, and church with the inmates, that I am minus the means to have a little relaxation from the monotony of workhouse life." The guardians have increased his salary to 16 pounds.

## 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. 7). 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.

## Mother Prayed For Him.

Once, says, a writer, I suddenly opened the door of my mother's room and saw her on her knees beside her chair, and heard her speak my name in prayer. I quickly and quietly withdrew with a feeling of awe and reverence in my heart. Soon I went away from home to school, then to college, then to life's sterner duties. But I never forgot that one glimpse of mother in prayer, nor the one word—my own name—which I heard her utter. Well did I know what I had seen that day was but a glimpse of what was going on every day in the sacred closet of prayer, and the consciousness strengthened me a thousand times in duty, danger and in struggle. When death came at last and sealed those lips, the sorest sense of loss I felt was the knowledge that no more would my mother be praying for me.

Try reading The Mail and see if you don't feel better.

## Robbing Europe of Works of Art.

Director Angst, of the Swiss National museum, declares that American art collectors are rapidly denuding Europe of her choicest objects of art. Rich Americans, he says, who once bought single objects, like their European rivals, are now buying up whole collections at prices utterly excluding home bidders. J. Piermont Morgan's purchase of the Mannheim collection for \$600,000, and other purchases nearly as large, Mr. Angst declares, are an irreparable loss to Europe. He admits that Mr. Morgan, Mr. Carnegie and others will either open their collections to the public or give them outright to museums, adding: "The liberality with which rich Americans treat the museums of their country throws into the shade everything hitherto seen in Europe."

## President Loubet a Nimrod.

President Loubet of France, is, like President Roosevelt, an enthusiastic hunter, but he confines himself to small game. Now he is hunting in the famous forests of Rambouillet and Mardy, once the hunting grounds of the French kings. "Papa Emile," as the French president is familiarly called, is described in this manner: "Rifle in hand, pipe in mouth, wearing an old blue velvet coat, with his stout yellow gaiters drawn tight over the solid, square-toed, heavily nailed shoes, a dilapidated, easy fitting soft hat thrown in picturesque disorder on his head, he looks more like a benevolent poacher than a president bound normally by a rigid protocol. When he leaves Paris he slips off his presidency and becomes again the peasant of Montelimar."

## A Hallelujah Jingle.

Rabbit in de briar patch,  
Lookin' fat en funny;  
Bees in the beegum  
Hidin' in de honey.

Oh, Mister Good Times,  
Don't I hear you hummin':  
"Cl'ar de way! It's break o' day,  
Don't you hear me comin'?"

Cotton in de gin house,  
Lookin' sof' en sunny:  
Dress my love in calico—  
Apern full er money.

Oh, Mister Good Times,  
Don't I hear you hummin':  
"Cl'ar de way! It's break o' day,  
Don't you hear me comin'?"  
—Atlanta Constitut'

Go to Watson & Bacon's boys suits.

We make a specialty of ling only the best groc fresh from the markets, they are not old or musty w you get them. Give us a trial.  
Chenault & Hand.

It will pay you to see our sho before you buy. We keep th kind that wears.  
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## FURNITURE

Rockers  
Bedsteads  
Chiffoniers  
Fold. Beds  
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Full and Complete Line of...

Undertakers' Goods,  
Funeral Robes,  
Gloves and Shoes.

We are showing a nice assortment of Carpets and Rugs—all grades, and the prices are in reach of 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.

#### Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm. Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Vt., got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that wholly cured a horrible fever sore on his leg. Nothing else could. Positively cures bruises, felons, ulcers, eruptions, boils, burns, corns and piles. Only 25c. Guaranteed by Rust & Pittard.

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

#### An Electric Light Plant.

The Mail is informed that a proposition will soon be submitted to the people of Merkel looking to the establishment of an electric light plant here. As we understand it, the promoter of the enterprise merely wants a guarantee from the people to use 400 or 500 lights for a year. The plant will be built upon such a guarantee, and maintained.

This is a proposition that we can not afford to turn down. Every residence and business house in the town should be provided with electric lights. Two lights to each residence and two to each store will insure the establishment of the plant. It is a well known fact that electric lights are cheaper and much less dangerous than oil or gasoline lamps. They make better lights, are better on the eyes and are not so much trouble.

Let's grasp this opportunity! Wake up your mind now to give us a move your encouragement and support.

#### Unveiling Services.

The Mail acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of the following:

You are respectfully invited to be present at the Unveiling Services to be held by Abilene Camp No. 136, at Abilene, Texas, Nov. 9th, 3:30 p. m. Services will be conducted by Howland Camp No. 312, Big Springs, Texas.

S. H. Howard, C. C.  
A. C. Henderson, Clerk.

#### Two Good Rains.

The Mail stated last week that, the time of going to press, indications were favorable for a rain, and the last page was hard-printed before it began to fall in generous quantities. Most of the evening and part of the night was consumed. It was a slow, gentle rain, followed by two days of bright sunshine. Saturday night and Sunday witnessed another and heavier rain, which was followed by two days of cool weather; but Tuesday morning broke bright and clear and beautiful, and the weather is ideal. The fall was ample for all present needs and has put a good season in the ground. Warm weather now for two weeks will prove a blessing to the entire country.

In the opinion of the "old inhabitant," a rain at this time of year foretells favorable seasons for small grain. The pity of it is, however, that very little has been sown. Some wheat is up and growing off nicely; other farms have ground in preparation for planting. The Mail hopes that the rains will prove an incentive for the planting of a few acres on each farm in this country. Prosperity will never be permanent in any country as long as one or two or even three crops is its sole dependence. Diversification of crops means continued and permanent prosperity.

The Merkel Country is strictly in the procession.

#### Startling, but True.

"If every one knew what a wonderful medicine Dr. King's New Life Pills is," writes D. H. Turner, Dempseytown, Pa., "you'd sell all you had in a day. Two weeks' use has made a new man of me." Infallible for constipation, stomach and liver troubles. 25 cents at Rust & Pittard's.

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.

#### The Spirit of Hallowe'en.

Last Friday night was Hallowe'en. Hallowe'en is the time when charms are supposed to be more potent, when love draughts work more intently, when cupid stalks, and when the maiden, be she ever so shy, can declare her love without fear of being called forward. Who knows but what the occasion was eagerly grasped by the Merkel girls?

It was whispered about, late Friday evening, that they would try the old charms which have been tried for generations past, and the boys were given to understand that their presence would be welcome only under certain conditions. These conditions were in keeping with the spirit of the time. By a prearranged plan the residence of G. E. Comegys was selected as the rendezvous. It was alive with pretty girls, but despite the fact that it was a secret meeting the festivities had hardly begun before the boys were arriving in bunches of twos and threes, and a gay crowd was soon assembled.

It was just such an occasion as the young people have longed for. The hours sped all too quickly. And cupid, what part did he play? Perhaps his progress will be noted in the future.

#### The Town's Great Need.

The fire Thursday morning, which damaged the post office building considerably, should be a warning to Merkel people. The fire was first discovered on the west side, near the ceiling. It seems to have caught from some loose papers in the alley and followed a crack in the wall until it reached the ceiling, and but for its timely discovery and the efficient work of over a hundred men another disastrous fire would have visited our town. It is not known how the fire started, but it should prove a lesson to our people. Had it occurred at night or when fewer people were on the streets possibly it would have been as disastrous as the fire of a year ago.

Sooner or later we shall have to provide protection against fire. Why not now? The young men are anxious to organize a company and only need encouragement. If the business men will come to their rescue The Mail will guarantee to organize a company of which the town may justly feel proud. Talk this thing up. The savings of insurance will pay for the apparatus in a year's time.

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

J. T. Warren.

F. E. Allyn returned last week from Kansas. It was his intention to locate there, but the climate did not agree with his health, and the family will remain here, we are glad to learn.

John T. Tucker joined the bear hunters in the Davis Mountains, near El Paso, last week.

# 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...

#### Beautiful Clear Skies.

Herbine exerts a direct influence on the bowels, liver and kidneys, purifying and strengthening these organs, and maintaining them in a normal condition of health; thus removing a common cause of yellow, mothy, greasy skin, and more or less of pimples, blotches and blackheads. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

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.

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.

A strong line of work gloves at Hamilton's. 2t

Prof. Merrick, with his family, moved in this week from Hamilton county. He will teach the Salt Branch school. The Hico News has this to say of him: "Prof. E. S. Merrick, who for years has been a successful teacher and farmer in Hamilton county, left Monday for Merkel, where he will make his future home."

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

Mrs. Browning returned from the Territory last week. She reports a son born to Dr. Walter Browning.

Ever ready, always reliable, are Cheatham's Laxative Tablets. They cure a cold quicker than any known remedy. Easy to carry, pleasant to take. Guaranteed. Price 22c.

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.

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

J. T. Warren.

To The Public.

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

A special sale on everything in dry goods and clothing at Hamilton's. 2t

The Woodmen will attend the unveiling services at Abilene Sunday.

FRONEBARGER—DAILY: There was merriment in the home of Phil Dailey and family, Wednesday, the occasion of which was the marriage of Miss Maggie Daily to Mr. M. E. Fronebarger of Big Springs, Father O'Hara, the catholic Priest, of Brownwood, performing the ceremony. —Colorado Spokesman.

"Frate" has many friends here who will join with The Mail in sincere congratulations. The family resides at Big Springs, where Frate is in the employ of the Texas & Pacific.

Geo. S. Berry and family participated in the Hallowe'en festivities at Abilene, remaining over until Sunday.

At best life is but short. Do not make it shorter yet by rank neglect of that cough of yours, when one bottle of Simmons' Cough Syrup would cure you. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

#### 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.

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.

Special prices on groceries by the quantity.

J. O. Hamilton.

Burrughs & Mann have erected a neat wareroom at the rear of their drug store.

J. M. Pate has a neat, new barbershop in the Thornton old building, which he has fitted up comfortably.

Boots, boots, at Hamilton's that can't be beaten, and cheap, too. 2t

A few cars of cattle were shipped to Market Saturday.

Brick work on the new school building has been completed up to the second story. It is showing up nicely.

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

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"The little ragged, candy-haired children grew up into a race of the fairest women and the bravest men that the sun ever shone on. They married the sons and daughters of the heroes who won the independence of Texas, and there were more cabins on the prairies and another generation was born whose vigor and strength have given increased power to this mighty commonwealth. The spirit of the Alamo glorifies the brow of manhood and the blood of San Jacinto warms the heart of beauty here today. The dark-visaged demon who once lighted the torch and brandished the scalping-knife has spread his flaming wings from Texas forever. The white-crested billows of the Mexican wrath which once rolled up from the south of the Rio Grande were calmed long ago and the angel of peace is hovering over the land."—Bob Taylor.

Miss Mamie Heizer is undergoing treatment under Drs. Leeman & King for curvature of the spine. Special courses in the straightening process are given daily and with good effect, and within a few days the final treatment will be given. The friends of the family will sincerely hope that the treatment will be effective.

#### Cervera Living in Obscurity.

Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Spain, says that Admiral Cervera is living there in obscurity and comparative poverty. No Spanish minister will give a post. He receives no pay off duty and can get no assign-

#### 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.

Burk, John  
Cordill, W. T.  
Daniels, Miss Ellie  
Henderson, Elias.  
Henderson, Mrs. S. J.  
Prater, H. H.  
Strawn, Miss Frona

#### Worm Destroyer.

White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

#### Gov. Hogg Does Not "Cuss."

Gov. Hogg was recently asked by a newspaper man if he ever "cussed." Here is his reply:

"Not for many years! I quit before the war. When I was a small boy I thought it was the right thing to do, but one day I strung out in a scientific exhibition of profanity, only to see my father bending over me. I promised if he would not thrash me I would quit. He took me at my word and I have kept my promise. In after years when I was a printer and as editor and undergoing all the mental torture that afflicts the craft, I would remember my promise just about the time my temper was about to get the best of me. By gatlins! I have enough to contend with to make a 'star cusser,' but I don't go any further than 'dad blame it.'"

#### Juliet's Corpse Wasn't Brave.

"It was, I think, at the Haymarket that one of the most amusing of unrehearsed incidents occurred," says a writer in "M and P." "The play was 'Romeo and Juliet.' Mrs. Scott Siddons was the Juliet of the occasion. All went well until the final scene. Paris was duly slain and Juliet lay stretched upon her bier. Just then some of the scenery caught alight somehow, but some men from behind soon extinguished it. Juliet, with commendable presence of mind, did not move an eyelid, but the corpse of Paris was nervous. He raised himself to a sitting posture, then got upon his feet and fled from the stage. The danger being removed, his courage returned and the audience was afforded the pleasing spectacle of a corpse crawling along the stage from the wings to take up the proper position for the final curtain. It was too tremendous an anticlimax to the tragedy of the play, and the house was simply convulsed."

#### Quarter of a Million.

The number of souvenir gold dollars to be minted for St. Louis is 250,000, half of which will bear the bust of President McKinley and the other half that of Jefferson. The Fair corporation will charge \$2 apiece for them, thereby netting \$250,000 in cash if all are sold. The first few hundred will be numbered from 1 up, and competition for the small figures is expected to be lively. It would not be surprising if No. 1 McKinley and No. 1 Jefferson should bring \$5,000 apiece. But each dollar should have a hole in it, so that it may be carried on a string, and this without affecting its value in currency. In 1899 we minted 50,026 "Lafayette dollars" in silver. In 1892-93 the "Columbia" halves numbered 5,002,105, and of quarters, 6,023. The first Columbia half dollar sold for \$1,000.

# 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 37 1/2  
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

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J. T. WARREN, PRES.  
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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

#### 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.

For catarrh and colds in the head, Hunt's Lightning Oil inhaled is a safe cure. A few drops taken internally relieves and cures cramp colic, cholera morbus and such troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

#### Best Liniment on Earth.

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Tex., writes, Nov. 2, 1900: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liniment to be the best liniment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, sciatic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liniment, you will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard.

#### Holiday Goods.

Some of our stock is now on display, but we are daily expecting an immense line of the season's best and choicest goods. Don't buy until you have seen our goods.

Rust & Pittard.

Wanted—One hundred horses to pasture. Grass good. Address

J. D. Magee,  
Abilene, Texas.

#### For a Bad Cold.

If you have a bad cold need some good reliable medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to loosen and relieve it, allay the irritation and inflammation of the throat and lungs. Sale by Rust & Pittard.

#### 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 appear as a receipt:  
M. S. Wiman, Merkel, \$  
J. B. Bell, "  
Sam Butman, Nubia, \$  
J. F. Stephenson, Noodle, \$  
Get your name on this list.

Mrs. Velvia Miller returned her home in Dallas Wednesday after a pleasant visit to her children, Mrs. W. H. Dickson and Sterling Miller.

Don't Become Discouraged. But use Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box). Many imitations the original, so be careful and see THAT IT'S "Purifier" manufactured by A. C. Simmon Jr. Med. Co.

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**A Beautiful Tribute.**

"When I was a barefooted boy up among the mountains in Tennessee, where nature sings her sweetest song and prattling brooks laugh in the sunshine and dances in the shadows, I use to sit on the banks of the river and watch the caravan of covered wagons creeping like mammoth snails, with their backs southward, to the wilderness of Texas. I did not dream that the ragged, rosy-cheeked children who crowded under the wagon covers were the prophesies of the wealth and power and glory of the greatest empire that was ever born on this continent. But so it was. The caravans landed their precious freight in the wilds of Texas. The blue smoke began to curl upward from the cabins of the pioneers: the plowshares began to slice from the broad prairies like a hot knife slicing a continent of Jersey butter; the reaper like a phantom ship began to sweep across amber seas of grain and Texans who had read Milton's 'Paradise Lost' began to talk about 'Paradise Regained.'

"The little ragged, candy-haired children grew up into a race of the fairest women and the bravest men that the sun ever shone on. They married the sons and daughters of the heroes who won the independence of Texas, and there were more cabins on the prairies and another generation was born whose vigor and strength have given increased power to this mighty commonwealth. The spirit of the Alamo glorifies the brow of manhood and the blood of San Jacinto warms the heart of beauty here today. The dark-visaged demon who once lighted the torch and brandished the scalping-knife has spread his flaming wings from Texas forever. The white-crested billows of the Mexican wrath which once rolled up from the south of the Rio Grande were calmed long ago and the angel of peace is hovering over the land."—Bob Taylor.

Miss Mamie Heizer is undergoing treatment under Drs. Leeman & King for curvature of the spine. Special courses in the straightening process are given daily and with good effect, and within a few days the final treatment will be given. The friends of the family will sincerely hope that the treatment will be effective.

**Cervera Living in Obscurity.**

Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Spain, says that Admiral Cervera is living there in obscurity and comparative poverty. No Spanish minister will give him a post. He receives no pay while off duty and can get no assignment

**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.

- Burk, John
- Cordill, W. T.
- Daniels, Miss Ellie
- Henderson, Elias.
- Henderson, Mrs. S. J.
- Prater, H. H.
- Strawn, Miss Frona

**Worm Destroyer.**

White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

**Gov. Hogg Does Not "Cuss."**

Gov. Hogg was recently asked by a newspaper man if he ever "cussed." Here is his reply:

"Not for many years! I quit before the war. When I was a small boy I thought it was the right thing to do, but one day I strung out in a scientific exhibition of profanity, only to see my father bending over me. I promised if he would not thrash me I would quit. He took me at my word and I have kept my promise. In after years when I was a printer and as editor and undergoing all the mental torture that afflicts the craft, I would remember my promise just about the time my temper was about to get the best of me. By gatlins! I have enough to contend with to make a 'star cusser,' but I don't go any further than 'dad blame it.'"

**Juliet's Corpse Wasn't Bravo.**

"It was, I think, at the Haymarket that one of the most amusing of unrehearsed incidents occurred," says a writer in "M and P." "The play was 'Romeo and Juliet.' Mrs. Scott Siddons was the Juliet of the occasion. All went well until the final scene. Paris was duly slain and Juliet lay stretched upon her bier. Just then some of the scenery caught alight somehow, but some men from behind soon extinguished it. Juliet, with commendable presence of mind, did not move an eyelid, but the corpse of Paris was nervous. He raised himself to a sitting posture, then got upon his feet and fled from the stage. The danger being removed, his courage returned and the audience was afforded the pleasing spectacle of a corpse crawling along the stage from the wings to take up the proper position for the final curtain. It was too tremendous an anti-climax to the tragedy of the play, and the house was simply convulsed."

**Quarter of a Million.**

The number of souvenir gold dollars to be minted for St. Louis is 250,000, half of which will bear the bust of President McKinley and the other half that of Jefferson. The Fair corporation will charge \$2 apiece for them, thereby netting \$250,000 in cash if all are sold. The first few hundred will be numbered from 1 up, and competition for the small figures is expected to be lively. It would not be surprising if No. 1 McKinley and No. 1 Jefferson should bring \$5,000 apiece. But each dollar should have a hole in it, so that it may be carried on a string, and this without affecting its value in currency. In 1899 we minted 50,026 "Lafayette dollars" in silver. In 1892-93 the coinage of "Columbia" halves numbered 5,002,105, and of quarters, 40,023. The first Columbian half dollar sold for \$1,000.

# 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 37 1/2
- 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.

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- T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER.

YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

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

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

**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.

For catarrh and colds in the head, Hunt's Lightning Oil inhaled is a safe cure. A few drops taken internally relieves and cures cramp colic, cholera morbus and such troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

**Best Liniment on Earth.**

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Tex., writes, Nov. 2, 1900: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liniment to be the best liniment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, sciatic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liniment, you will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard.

**Holiday Goods.**

Some of our stock is now on display, but we are daily expecting an immense line of the season's best and choicest goods. Don't buy until you have seen our goods.

Rust & Pittard.

Wanted—One hundred horses to pasture. Grass good. Address

J. D. Magee, Abilene, Texas.

**For a Bad Cold.**

If you have a bad cold need some good reliable medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to loosen and relieve it, an ally the irritation and inflammation of the throat and lungs. sale by Rust & Pittard.

**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 appear as a receipt:

- M. S. Wiman, Merkel, \$
- J. B. Bell, "
- Sam Butman, Nubia, \$
- J. F. Stephenson, Noodle, 1

Get your name on this list.

Mrs. Velvia Miller returned her home in Dallas Wednesday after a pleasant visit to her children, Mrs. W. H. Dickson and Sterling Miller.

**Don't Become Discouraged.**

But use Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box). Many imitations the original, so be careful to see that it's "Purifier" manufactured by A. C. Simmon Jr. Med. Co.

Now's the time to advertise.

**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.

**Asleep Amid Flames.**

Breaking into a blazing home some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption gives perfect protection against all throat, chest and lung troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Rust & Pittard. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

**League Program.**

Topic—God's Covenant and Ours, Ps. 105, 1-10, Ex. 24, 4-8, Jer. 31, 31-34.  
Leader—Comer Clay.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Scripture lesson—Leader.  
What is a covenant as the e teaches?—Miss Carrie grove.  
ef. Ps. 15, 1-5, Csa. 33, 15—  
Can a person with a corrupt t have a truthful tongue?— s Edith Freeman.  
a truthful life, Prov. 4, 23-27  
V. L. Harkrider.  
ow is a truthful life made nifest?—Prof. Sewell.  
entence prayer.  
ong,  
unishment of liars, Rev. 21, 2, 27—Miss Clara Browning.  
od's Covenant—J. S. French,  
Our Covenant—Albert Clay.  
1st Vice-Pres.  
November 9.

**The Best Remedy for Croup.**

om the Atchison, Kan., Daily Globe.  
This is the season when the man who knows the best remedies for croup is in demand in every community. One of the st terrible things in the world o be awakened in the middle he night by a whoop from one the children. The croup remedies are almost sure to be lost, case of croup, as a revolver is re to be lost in case of burglars. ere used to be an old-fashion-remedy for croup, known as ve syrup and tolu, but some dern mothers say that Cham-rlain's Cough Remedy is bet-, and does not cost so much. causes the patient to "throw h phlegm" quicker, and gives lief in a short time. Give this medy as soon as the croupy ough appears and it will prevent e attack. It never fails and is easant and safe to take. For le by Rust & Pittard.  
Try reading The Mail and see you don't feel better.

# ...THE BEST DRAWING CARD...

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Implements  
Wagons  
Buggies  
Barbed Wire  
Nails, Stoves  
Tools  
Etc. Etc.

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

Hardware  
Queensware  
Glassware  
Tinware  
Graniteware  
Crockeryware  
Etc. Etc.

MERKEL,  
TEXAS.

## W. H. DICKSON.

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

Mrs. Dr. Crenshaw and sister, Miss Jessie Boring, came in Saturday from Jacksboro to visit their parents.

For nice, fresh groceries cheap see

Chenault & Hand,

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

**To Whom It May Concean.**

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.

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

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

Chenault & Hand.

Try reading The Mail.

**A Startling Surprise.**

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have nor felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the kidneys, purify the blood and cure rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

**Unique Hotel Rules.**

Following are the rules and regulations posted in Bloomington, Ill.:

Board, 50 cents per square foot; meals extra; breakfast at 9, supper at 7.

Guests are requested not to speak to the dumb-waiter; guests wishing to get up without being called can have self-rising flour for lunch.

Not responsible for diamonds, bicycles and other valuables kept on the counter; they should be kept under the safe.

The office is convenient to all connections; horses to hire, 25 cents per day.

Guests wishing to do a little driving will find hammer and nails in the closet.

If the room gets too warm open the window and see the fire escape.

If you are fond of athletics and like good jumping, lift the mattress and see the bed spring.

Baseballists wishing a little practice will find a pitcher on the stand.

If you get thirsty during the night, lift the mattress and you will find a spring.

Any one troubled with nightmares will find a halter in the barn.

Don't worry about paying your bill; the house is supported by its foundations.

Dr. E. B. Gilbert, specialist of Abilene, will be in Merkel Friday, Nov. 6.

For Sale—Two splendid safes, used by Cisco Wholesale Grocer Co., Mosler 53 in. high, new; other safe has heavy Banker's Chest, also small safe. Bargains; write me. Will stand freight.

W. D. Collins,  
Denison, Texas.

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Now's the time to advertise.

**Stepped Against a Hot Stove.**

A child of Mrs. Geo. T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night bath, stepped back against a hot stove which burned him severely. The child was in great agony, and his mother could do nothing to pacify him. Remembering that she had a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, she thought she would try it. In less than half an hour after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Kellar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment and especially valuable for burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

**Was Washington a Millionaire?**

Whether Washington can be put into the envied category of millionaires no one can assert positively. According to the late Paul Leicester Ford, whose work, "The True George Washington," has received wide recognition, "the father of his country" was worth \$530,000. This fortune did not include his wife's property, but nevertheless it made him one of the wealthiest Americans of his time. Her part of the Curtis property equaled "15,000 acres of land, a good part of it adjoining the city of Williamsburg, several lots in the said city, between 200 and 300 negroes, and about 8,000 or 10,000 pounds upon bond," estimated at the time at about 20,000 pounds in all. This property was further increased on the death of Patsy Curtis in 1773 by a half of her fortune, which added 10,000 pounds to the sum.

**The Weight of Human Brains.**

M. Marchand has investigated the brains of 1,173 persons immediately after death. The brains of new-born boys weigh on the average 371 grams, of new-born girls 361. At the end of the first year the figures are: Boys, 967; girls, 803. By the end of the third year the weight of the brain has tripled, and from this epoch it increases very slowly, especially with girls. It attains its greatest weight at about 19 1-2 years for men, at about 17 for women. The average weight of the brain of an adult male is 1,400 grams; of an adult female, 1,275 grams. The reduction of weight due to senile atrophy commences with men about the 80th year, with women about the 70th year. The heaviest brain on record is that of the novelist Tourge iff (2,120 grams;) one of the lightest is that of Gambetta (1,160 grams.)

# Jaws

**Tightly Locked From Nervous Spasms.**

**Physicians Could Not Prevent Fits.**

**Dr. Miles' Nervine Cured My Wife.**

Dr. Miles' Nervine has been successfully tried in thousands of cases of nervous disorders, but never has it made a better record than when used in the treatment of fits or spasms. Thousands of testimonials prove this, and in nearly every instance the writer has stated that the fits ceased after the first dose of Nervine was given. The statement is repeated in the following:

"Seven years ago my wife commenced having spasms or fits and I called in my home physician and he said she was paralyzed. He rubbed her with salt water and gave her calomel and she eventually got some better, but in a short time she had another attack. She was confined to her bed for three months and the doctor could not help her. She had fits frequently, some times very severe. Her hands would cramp so we could not open them and she finally got so her jaws would become locked. Finally I saw the doctor was doing her no good and ordered a bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. She received so much benefit from the first bottle that I got some more. She has taken a number of bottles but has never had a fit since taking the first dose. She also thinks very highly of Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills and is never without them. If there is any way of making this testimonial stronger do so because of the good the Dr. Miles Restorative Nervine did my wife."—WM. Y. ALLEN, P. M., Elkville, Miss.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

**BEST PASSENGER SERVICE IN TEXAS.**

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NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

*Handwritten testimonial:*  
The Stakes,  
I learned  
to run Post Office  
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GENL. PASS'N AND TICKET AGENT,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.



**Mrs. Laura S. Webb,**  
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"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 on 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**

# Your Winter Bills...

## TIME TO LOOSEN PURSE STRINGS

and get ready for fall buying. It is our ambition to serve the people well and satisfy them in every way.

We are not selling out at cost, but are here to stay and will meet any and all prices made; so when you get ready to make your fall bills come in and see us, for we are making greatly reduced prices on everything in Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

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Bath room in connection.  
Your patronage solicited.

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First class work and prompt and polite attention to all.

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## The Higher Life

### Harmony with God's Will.

Rev. Jennings, Presbyterian.

What is the will of God with which we are to bring ourselves into harmony? Power is only one of the divine attributes. Christ taught that God had a resistless impulse toward men. The will of God is holy love. Is it possible for men like us to come and come joyously? As I have said, power is not the only attribute of God. The power that works for righteousness is a power still, but it is the power best of all. From the study of nature itself in the outside world the fatherhood of God is proven. That is power still, the law given by the law giver, once for all, our Father. Truly the doctrine of Christianity is one of future reconciliation. Science and the scriptures and two departments of revelation, but they are not antagonistic, but work together

### Labor.

Rev. Bagnell, Evangelist.

Particular emphasis is placed upon labor. A general attempt is made in these days by many persons to drive a hard bargain with the Almighty; in other words, to get as much of the blessing that the gospel gives as is possible and give as little in return. It should be noted that the kind of work that counts for most is the work that is given when most needed, when opportunity is greatest and the workers are few. The promise of success is sure of fulfillment if we comply with the conditions, for the certainty is based on the faithfulness of God's word, which assures us that labor thus performed shall not be in vain.

### Unrest.

Rev. Patton, Presbyterian.

Some people complain that so few men are now entering the university and give every reason for this but the true one. The reason is simply that we are living in an age of intellectual transition burning with unrest, and, therefore, I have respect for the man who doubts, who overcomes his doubts and who gathers strength. With your knowledge of philosophy you will not say that Christianity is simply ethical. Believe in God. Believe also in Christ.

### Give and Take.

Rev. Confield, Universalist.

Life is made up of give and take, and the balance is always

even. That which a man takes bears a definite relation to that which he gives. Would you get a product out of the earth? Give her seed. Would you obtain an interest in mankind? Impart something of yourself to the community in which you live. Improve society and so enter the field of Christian love and service, where mines richer than gold are open to us on every side. Do good to others and love comes back to fill your heart with joy.

### Man's Relation to God.

Rev. Mason, Independent.

Man's relation to God is to manifest God, to become his actual image and likeness by bearing likeness of the spiritual elements, in the identical manner that Jesus did when he said: "What things soever the Father hath are mine." God then becomes personified in the individual, and the remote God is actualized in man. Man's relation to man is for each to sustain the divine solidarity of all; to become amalgamated with love and kindness, so that poverty and discord shall cease to exist, as only legal tender.

### Life and Destiny.

Rev. Wilkinson, Episcopal.

Ever since man was on earth he has been busy, no matter where his lot has been cast, asking questions about life and destiny he could not answer. Apart from the Bible, man knows no more than his rude forefathers. Nor is it possible he ever will. In the light of Easter day and the New Testament record we see life and we see death and duty, destiny and eternity in a new aspect. We not only see that man does live again, but what is far more instructive and important—we see how he lives.

### A Dangerous Month.

This is the month of coughs, colds and acute catarrh. Do you catch cold easily? Find yourself hoarse, with a tickling in your throat and an annoying cough at night? Then, you should always have handy, a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. J. A. Anderson, 354 W. 5th St., Salt Lake City, writes: "We use Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and colds. It gives immediate relief. We know it's the best remedy for these troubles. I write this to induce other people to try this pleasant and efficient remedy." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements.

## A Mint of Money



With a good Farm  
Wagon on the place.  
We realize this, and  
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### STUDEBAKER WAGON . . .

It's built of high material  
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JOHN DEERE BUGGIES,  
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STANDARD DISC PLOWS,  
Hardware, Farm Machinery.

If you buy it here, it's RIGHT!

## GEO. L. PAXTON,

ABILENE, TEXAS.

### Little Helps.

Try immersing eggs in lime water or coating them with vaseline in order to keep them into winter.

Warts may be treated with a mixture of equal parts of tincture of iodine and acetic acid. One drop night and morning will gradually affect a cure, but it must be applied to the hard skin only, and not allowed to spread to the surrounding flesh.

The habit of biting the nails should be checked by dipping the fingers into some harmless, bitter stuff. Besides disfiguring the finger ends, these sharp fragments of the nail lodging in the mucous membranes creates gastralgia and chronic tonsillitis. It is a habit due to nervousness.

It is said that only earthenware or porcelain should be used in making coffee. In using metal,

there is an inky substance ent, due to the chemical action of the coffee upon the metal, which is injurious to the stomach.

Peelings from lemons and oranges should be thrown into water, placed on the stove when they come to a boil, and the water off and covered with cold water, and let boil fifteen minutes. Make a paste of sugar and water, put the peels in this, and boil until transparent. Roll in sugar, place on a plate and dry in gentle heat. This is fine for fruit cake.

B. I. Lowe says his crops nothing to brag about, although he has feed in abundance. He sizes up the situation pretty when he says: "Farmers make enough to run them year, but not enough for to By which he means that t who have gone in debt this will need help again next year