

# THE MERKEL MAIL.

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## The Star Store's Startling Values

### Suits and Overcoats at Prices Below Competition!

Better Clothing for Less Money than elsewhere or your Money Back. Here are a few of the many garments marked for Quick Selling. Come in and investigate them for yourself.

#### Pant Bargains

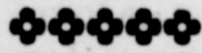


We have reduced the price on every pair of pants in our house from 10 to 20 per cent. No use to wear overalls when you can buy a good jeans pant for 75c. Others ask \$1.00 for the same pant.

We're very strong in QUALITY and Low in price on men's

fleece lined underwear.

10 per cent reduction on all overalls, jumpers, and duck coats. Heavy lined duck coat 75c. Extra quality reversible duck and jeans coat, regular \$2.50 value, now only \$1.50.



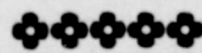
#### Staple Dry Goods

All stores sell cotton checks and domestics cheap, but we sell them a little cheaper:

- Good quality yard wide LL Domestic .....37c
- Extra heavy " " " " .....41c
- Nice soft finish Bleach Domestic .....41c
- Round thread 25 inch Cotton Checks .....3c
- Fair quality Cotton Flannel .....41c
- Extra heavy good width Cotton Flannel .....81c
- Fast color yard wide Percale .....61c
- Standard brands, fast color, Calicoes .....4c
- Best quality Feather Ticking .....121c
- Mattress Ticking .....41c
- 6 spools Clarks O N T Thread .....25c

#### 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



#### Clothing Bargains



Lot No. 1778-771-2. All wool check cassimere suits, regular 12.50 values, at . . . \$8.75

No. 4647. Gray mixed cheviott, all wool, regular price 7.50, to close at . . . . .4.75

No. 7845-1976. Dark gray satinets, worth 4.50, reduced to . . .2.50

No. 8546-8517. Dark color, wool mixed, former price 9 and 10.00, now only . . . . .5.00

No. 1141. Gray chk cassimere, worth 5.00, now . . . . .3.50

All \$14 suits reduced

11.90. All 12.50 suits reduced to 9.85. In boys suits we have them ranging in price from 1.00 to 3.50.

We are badly overstocked on youths long pant suits, and are making extremely low prices to close them out.

We are the Price Makers on Everything.

Anything you want in our line can always be found for less at our store than anywhere else. Our prices are always the LOWEST at ALL TIMES.

**WE ARE THE PRICE MAKERS...**

Realizing that the crop is a little short and that the usual amount of goods will be required to clothe the same number of people that would be necessary if short crops and scarcity of money did not prevail; therefore something must be done and right here and now we propose to do it. If you'll read carefully and consider well the above prices and values your good judgment will prompt you to act intelligently and at once. Come to our store and see if we're representing correctly goods and prices advertised. If so, then we're ready to do business with you. The list is only partial; we have hundreds of things not contained herein; all are good substantial fabrics and WORTH THE MONEY.

# THE STAR STORE,

All goods advertised in this space and circulars, last week, are still on sale.

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.

**What to Teach Your Daughter.**

Philadelphia Record.  
Teach her that one hundred cents make a dollar.

Teach her to dress for health and comfort as well as for appearance.

Teach her to arrange the parlor and library.

Teach her to love and cultivate flowers.

Teach her to say no and mean it; to say yes and stick to it.

Teach her to have nothing to do with intemperate and dissolute young men.

Teach her to pay regard to the character of those she would associate with, and not to how much money they have.

Teach her to have a place for everything and put everything in its place.

Teach her that music is an elevating and delightful accomplishment, and should not be neglected if there be enough money to give her instruction in it.

Teach her to take advantage of every opportunity for reading, selecting such books as will give her suitable training and practical information for a good and useful life.

Teach her that modesty is the most attractive of all qualities, and that loud talking or laughter in public only disgusts everybody that hears it, but will eventually destroy her self-respect.

Teach her a high sense of personal dignity, so that she may regard familiarity of touch or speech as an unpardonable affront to her womanhood.

A story is going the rounds to the effect that Jno. W. Gates and his associates are making plans which, if consummated, will have the effect of compelling all those who have sold January cotton to deliver the actual goods at the proper time. It is said that an enormous sum of money has been gotten together for this purpose, and that, if the plans go through, more cotton will be sent from the South to New York than ever before in the history of the country. The story, while it is being talked of among men who are supposed to be well informed in the premises, lacks complete confirmation, and is given for what it is worth.

Another brick business house is spoken of.

**IMMEDIATE VICINITY.**

It is the policy of this bank to confine its business to this immediate vicinity. In following this course, the bank not only enhances its own stability, but promotes the highest interests of the community.....

**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, Queensware, Feed, Etc., at BEST PRICES.

# GEO. F. WEST.

## Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

**CUERNAVACA CONT.**

Pomegranates (Mexican "granados") large and fine. They are a very ornamental fruit. Solomon used pomegranates of silver for ornaments to his temple.—II Chron. 3, 16-4, 13. The juice mixed with water, like lemonade makes a delicious drink. Coconuts, fresh from the trees, are piled up in great heaps. Just above the tops of the houses I see a coconut palm laden with bunches of husk-covered nuts. Further up the street is a very tall palm with clusters of dates at the top, and here in the market are dates freshly plucked.

Seated in the center of the square in the hot sun, without any shade, is a group of Indian women, and we go to see what they have to sell. They have some fruits and a few vegetables, and one woman had only a dish of string beans for sale. They had trudged many miles this morning and here they were set out by themselves. Even among the Indians we find cast exists. They are a different tribe from their neighbors and seem to be in a lower scale socially. Seated along one side of the square in the shade of an awning was another group of Indian women, and they were selling "tortillas,"—thin cakes made from corn ground on hand mills. All wore white dresses, were dressed exactly alike and were neat and clean. They belong to another tribe, and their tortillas are always in demand, as they are said to be fine. Several well dressed ladies were buying from them. They knew enough Spanish to tell the price of their goods but use their Indian language among themselves.

All sorts of articles, Mexican and Indian, are here offered for sale. From a little girl we buy two pretty bowls for three cents each. They are made from red clay and around the inside in raised letters are two lines of a love ditty. Here comes a woman selling baskets. She has both hands full, and on her back is a

great bundle of baskets, all sizes and shapes. Another has a stack of sombreros (hats) on her head. When she sells one she has to take them all down for her customer to inspect. Another goes from house to house selling dry goods which she carries in a large flat basket on her head, while around the edge of the basket hang ribbons, laces, and handkerchiefs. In sheds and booths are places where refreshments are sold. One man had a great collection of old articles used in the house and field. Odd looking curved knives, machetes, hoes made by the Indians, cane cutters, and a strange looking weapon, crescent shaped, with a hook at one end. It looked like some of the war implements used by the old vikings. I thought it must be some Aztec battle axe and bought it, but found that it was used on the end of a pole in the peaceful occupation of gathering bananas.

About 3 p. m. we again visited the market, but most of the people had gone, while along the streets were Indians with crates of fruit on their backs going home with what they could not sell. Poor fellows! I felt sorry for them, but if they felt disappointed they did not show it, such is the stoicism of the Indian nature. A man could make good money by buying up the fruit left over at this market and shipping to the City of Mexico, where it could be sold at a good price. Four hours by rail would land it in the capital in good condition. As many kinds of this fruit will not keep till next market day, "Lo, the poor Indian," must lose it.

The palace of Cortez was finished in 1531. It is now used as the state capital. On the north end is a large tower, and the whole building is built in the style and substantial manner of public buildings of the 16th century. The entrance is through a well kept garden to a large court, where massive stone stairs lead to the second story. A soldier

on guard at the entrance gave us permission and we went up to the second story, where from the balcony we had a fine view of the city. Just across the street from the palace is a neat little plaza, filled with flowers and a pretty fountain in the center.

Our host, Mr. Hall, a Mormon elder, we find to be very entertaining and a great lover of flowers. Accompanied by him we make a visit to some of the private gardens of the city which are almost as interesting as the public parks. The first one we visited was the residence and garden of a tailor. The residence is a fine two story stone house, elegantly furnished. In the garden, which is a steep hillside built up by terraces, we were surprised to find the great variety of trees and plants. Lemon and orange trees laden with fruit both green and ripe, one with sweet lemons (limas); several large bushes of coffee, with their crimson berries looking very much like small cherries; a large tree with zapotes, another of mangos, also pears, quinces, plums, apricots, peaches, several varieties of grapes, a vine that is a species of passion flower (passiflora) bears a fruit about the size of a hen's egg, full of small seeds, but very juicy and sweet and is called "granadillo;" pomegranate trees bending under their load of fruit. Many smaller fruits and berries were growing among the trees, some of them different from anything we had ever seen. The flowers were no less interesting. Here is a large plant of "Tritoma Uvaria" (red hot poker plant), with an immense stalk of fiery red flowers; a plant with pointed leaves resembles some species of the yucca and is called Flower of the Dead (Flor del Muertos). A beautiful little shrub bears a modest little flower that opens in the evening, just before dark, when it perfumes the whole garden with an exquisite fragrance; it is called the Olor en la Noche (smell by night). Several varieties of clematis clamber up the balcony. The hibiscus is quite a tree covered with large flowers. Of crepe Myrtle there are several varieties. Although this is only the last week of May, there are plenty of chrysanthemums in

bloom. It is a regular tangle of trees, vines, flowers, ferns and palms, and this is only a private garden. The owner with great good will left his shop to escort us through it.

The next garden was connected to a small hotel and here found the same courteous treatment, the owner taking pleasure in showing us through. One noticeable feature of this garden a long row of Brugmansia (a trumpet), which are not the plants we have been accustomed to, and as we walked beneath them, the large trumpet shaped flowers hung over our heads.

## PROVERB

"When the butter will come put a penny in churn," is an old time proverb. It often seems work though no one has ever told why.

When mothers are worried because the children do not gain strength and flesh say give them Scott's Emulsion.

It is like the penny in milk because it works; because there is something astonishing about it.

Scott's Emulsion is simply a milk of pure cod liver with some hypophosphite especially prepared for delicate stomachs.

Children take to it naturally because they like the taste and the remedy takes just naturally to the children because it is so perfectly adapted to their wants.

For all weak and pale children Scott's Emulsion is the most satisfactory treatment.



We will send you the penny, i. e., sample free.

Be sure that this picture is the form of a label on wrapper of every bottle Emulsion you buy.

**SCOTT & BROWN**  
Chemists,  
409 Pearl St., N. Y.  
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists

# 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..**

## ELLIOTT & MILLER

DEALERS IN

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

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear; Lipse 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 and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.

### Matrimonial Advice.

If any of the Masons City boys ever comes across a girl, who, with a face full of roses, says, as she comes to the door: "I can't wait for thirty minutes for the dishes are not washed." You sit right down on the door step and wait for, 'cause some other fellow may come along and carry off, and right there you have an angel. Wait for that girl then stick to her like a burr mule's tail.

On the above the Charles City woman Press adds:

And if you should happen to be that girl who went to the door for taking your hands out of the dish water, just ask him if he would "please cut some wood papa wouldn't have to do when he comes home tired from business," or "would he mind bringing you a pail of water from a well a block distant." If he jerks off his coat in a hurry and fills that wood box ten minutes and lands the pail of water in its place in the kitchen without slopping half of it over your nice, clean oil cloth, say to that young man, "I'll eat home next Wednesday evening if you would like to walk to prayer meeting with me." If he looks delighted, and says, "I would be so pleased," instead

## Reduction Sale....

Realizing the necessity of reducing my stock of Millinery goods, I have inaugurated a reduction sale, and for a short time you can buy anything in the stock a discount of 20 per cent. Everything new. Come quick. . . .

### Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

of "I am sorry I have an engagement to play pool or ten pins that evening"—then do you with your pretty ways entice and encourage him to come often to your home, then after consideration make up your mind whether or not you will take that "burr to a mule's tail."

Read the new advertisements. If you are seeking bargains in goods, then in the columns of The Mail is the place to find them.

### List of Subscribers of Merkel Telephone Exchange.

Adkisson, Dr J A res.....	24
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Bank, First National.....	33
Bank, Warnick's.....	18
Berry, Geo S res.....	84
Browning, W P res.....	16
"    & Co furniture....	68
Burroughs & Mann drugs....	53
Bennett, B A res.....	9
Burton-Lingo Co lumber....	81
Clay, W L res.....	35
Coats, E D res.....	6
Counts, J H res.....	1
Chenault & Hand grocers....	67
Compton, Will res.....	22
Coggin, T J res.....	54
Counts, Emmet res.....	7
Davis, C E res.....	89
Dickson, W H hardware.....	51
"    "    residence.....	49
Dennis Bros grocery.....	66
Davis & Cox pool hall.....	32
Eason, Sam res.....	36
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Elliott & Miller shop.....	11
Freemon, S A res.....	19
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Globe, store.....	69
Grimmett, W N M res.....	50
Hamm, J C res.....	23
"    "    lumber.....	40
"    Frank res.....	17
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Hamilton, J O store.....	59
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Hunt, Sam res.....	42
Hotel, Alsobrook.....	64
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"    Dr J H C res.....	41
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Cut this out and hang it up for use. Call by number.

### Bridal Superstitions.

Never, if rehearsing the ceremony, read the marriage service entirely over.

A bride should wear no pins in her wedding clothes.

There is an old superstition against May marriages.

December 31st is a favorite day in Scotland.

A bride must wear nothing green. That color is emblematic of evil.

To change the name and not the letter, is change for worse and not for better.

The origin of slipper-throwing



## 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.

is not known. It means, however, good luck.

In Yorkshire the cook use to pour hot water over the doorstep after the couple had gone, to keep the threshold warm for another bride.

It is said, "Blessed is the bride on whom the sun shines."—Selected.

Business is still booming in Merkel.

We must have 7,000 bales of cotton this season.

S. A. Freemon has a residence under construction just across the street from Postmaster Witt.

### 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-hazard 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 Merchants!

...BELIEVE IN ADVERTISING...

And sell as we advertise. We make no promise that we cannot fulfill. And to prove that we will do just as we have promised, we only ask you to come and see for yourself. We are receiving new goods every day, by FREIGHT and EXPRESS. They are fresh and clean, and from the best markets of the country. We have marked them in plain 1 2 3 4 5's, sell for SPOT CASH ONLY, and promise to give you some STARTLING VALUES from now until the first of January. Below we give you a few of the many bargains we have to offer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Underwear, etc.

Below will be found a few bargains which we have to offer in the various departments. When it comes to Staple Goods we are the people to save you money. In Shoes we have the La Prella-Williams, the Brown Shoe Co., and the W. L. Douglass make, and they are unquestionably the best at the prices we are asking for them. Read the following carefully:

## Some Staples

In this department we are making a special effort to please our customers, and the prices tell the tale:  
Good, fast color cotton checks 34 yards for \$1.00.

Better grades 4½, 5, 6½ and 7½c.  
Heavy shirtings from 6¼ to 10c.  
Cotton flannels from 4½ to 10c.  
Good 4-4 LL domestic at 3¾c.  
Outing flannels from 4½ to 12½c.  
The best calicoes at 4 and 5c.  
Bleaching 4½, 7½, 8½ and 10c.  
8 oz duck at 7¾c.  
10 oz duck at 9¾c.

## Dress Goods

Some new things just arrived in Novelty, Broadcloths in all shades, 54 inch width, New Silks and Satins to match, etc. All the new things in Dress Goods are now shown at our store.

## Ladies, Misses and Childrens Jackets

Some excellent values to offer in this line—all new goods, too. Look at our goods and prices before you buy.

The best line of ladies petticoats in this part of the country at the prices—75c to \$1.50.

## Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!



Here is where we shine—where we can save you money—where the prices conform to the pocketbook. We want to sell you your shoes. We have the kind that fit and wear well. We have been adding to our shoe department until you can find most any kind of a shoe you may want. We know they are the kind to sell, because they are the kind that wear, that are comfortable and give satisfaction, too, and the kind that people talk about and praise for their good qualities. See our mens and ladies \$2.50 shoes; they can't beat. See our mens and ladies \$1.50 shoes; they are dandies. See our Champion school shoes for boys and girls. See our Blue Ribbon shoes for boys, sizes 2½ to 5½.

## Upright Bed Free!

Remember, we are going to give away on Dec. 24, an elegant Upright Bed. Every dollar spent at this store entitles you to a chance at this premium. You pay less for goods here than elsewhere and have an equal show at the premium. Don't fail to ask for tickets.



## Furnishing Goods

Good suits for men at 3.50, 3.85, 5.00, 8.50, 11.00, 15.00 and \$18.00.

Good suits for boys, ranging in price from 50c to \$10.

See our odd lot of coats and vests for genuine bargains.

Good heavy ribbed undershirts for men 25 and 50c. The best in wool if you want them at 75c, 1.25 and 1.50.

Hose for those who have formed the habit of wearing them. Men's hose from 5 to 50c per pair.

We can certainly please you in clothing, because both the goods and prices match.



## Trunks and Valices

Suit Cases and Hand Bags; so that if you are going to travel, or need them for home use, you can save money by buying them at this store.

Now we only have this to say: We want your trade. We are here to sell you goods and buy your cotton. We want 500 bales by the 1st of Dec. So bring your cotton us and make our store your stopping place. You are always welcome.

# Watson & Bacon,

## The Spot Cash Merchants,

Successors to AUSTIN FITTS,

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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

### 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.

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.

Rev. R. S. Heizer left Monday for Temple to attend the Northwest Texas conference, which convened there yesterday. Bro. Heizer has been faithful in the discharge of his duties as pastor of Merkel charge. He has been here three years and it is not likely that he will be returned, but wherever he may go the best wishes of Merkel people, and especially the members of his church, will go with him.

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

J. T. Warren.

### Heizer-Barnes.

Two of our popular young people, Charley Heizer and Miss Lizzie Barnes, were married at the home of the bride's parents Sunday evening, Rev. R. S. Heizer, father of the groom, officiating. Only the relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

The groom is one of our very best bops and is generally liked, while the bride is a model young lady, who was reared here and her noble traits of mind and character has greatly endeared her with all.

They have the best wishes of a circle of friends, with whom they are united by a kind Providence.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips of the noodle community, northwest town, lost their two-year-old son Monday, which had been only a few days. The infant took place at the Merkel cemetery Tuesday evening. The church extends its sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs' sister, Mrs. Hunter, of Eastland county is visiting her this week.

Mr. T. Beaco, who has been unwell since his return from South Texas, is improving daily. West Texas knocks all malaria out of a fellow. He purchased land on the Plains, and we are glad that he is still in the land with Merkel and will remain there.

A number of Woodmen, with their families, attended the singing services at Abilene Sunday. A special train was on from Big Springs, which left here at 8:30 a. m. and was well loaded with members of the fraternity. The exercises were very beautiful and impressive and the marching throng, led with badges and banners, was one of the largest ever seen in Abilene. Woodcraft has been making rapid strides forward during the past few years. It is a noble and noble purpose, and the unveiling exercises attest the fact which animates the fraternal

phone the news to No. 31.

### 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.

All the best brands of cigars at Burroughs & Mann's.

W. W. Wheeler was before the commissioners' court at Abilene yesterday, filing his bonds as justice of the peace and commissioner and taking the oath of office. He assumes the duties of the offices with the knowledge that he is capable of managing the affairs entrusted to him to the best interest of the people. Judge Miller retires with the confidence and good will of the people. He has been faithful and deserves great praise.

Misses Opal Harkrider and Laura Evans visited in Abilene Sunday.

Saturday was another big day in Merkel. The streets were filled with wagons all day, loaded with cotton and other farm products, and it was gratifying to note that they went back home pretty well loaded with supplies. Our merchants are wide-awake, they defy competition, and no one need fear to bring his products here to sell, or to buy the necessities of home. There are no grafters in Merkel.

Mrs. Dr. Leeman returned Sunday from Fort Worth, where she visited Miss Lucy, who is attending Polytechnic College.

Geo. S. and Mrs. Berry visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wilson at Caps Sunday.

A 10-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Pee Sunday night. The Mail extends congratulations.

A thirteen pound girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of Stith last Tuesday.

C. F. Hogue returned to Louisiana Friday.

G. W. Kelley was here from Roscoe Friday and called on The Mail. Cotton is just a little better in his country than here, he says, but it is nothing to brag on. Mr. Kelley is well satisfied with his new home. Merkel was a loser by his removal to the Roscoe country.

### An Open Letter

To the man who borrowed my post-auger and crow-bar:

Dear Sir:

Please bring them home at once.

Yours truly,

I. S. Allen.

The published list of patents granted by the government last week shows a patent granted to Lafayette Matthews of Merkel on a listing machine. Mr. Matthews and others have been working to perfect the machine for several years. It is probable that those interested with him will carry on the work, and they have hopes that it will pay big dividends. Mr. Matthews died just a few days before the patent was issued.

G. W. Baggett and family were down from Sweetwater this week visiting relatives.

# 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.

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

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

J. T. Warren.

Bring us your prescriptions. Our drugs are pure and fresh. Burroughs & Mann.

The public school building is being rapidly erected and shows up nicely. The erection of this building, which has long been needed, was a master stroke of enterpriselon the part of the people, and one which can but result in great good to the town. The trustees have made provisions for seating the building, which will also be provided with up-to-date material. The Mail hopes to print a picture of the building in the near future.

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 nobbiest 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

Burroughs & Mann now have a large and complete stock of drugs and sundries. They want your trade. Next door to First National Bank,

### Stock Ranches and Farms For Sale.

If you want to purchase a stock ranch, any size, from 640 to 8,000 acres, with or without stock, situated in Taylor, Jones, Fisher, Nolan or Mitchell counties; or if you want an improved farm, 80 to 320 acres, near good schools, cheap, see or address W. W. Wheeler, Merkel, Texas. First National Bank Building.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Monroe King and family moved to Eastland county this week.

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.

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

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

J. T. Warren.

Don't buy your holiday goods until you inspect our stock; it will interest you. Will be opened up soon.

Burroughs & Mann.

Ustick has moved his jewelry store into the Thornton old building; call and see him.

J. P. Copeland of Hodges, who has been visiting his old Arkansas home, is expected home today. He has promised some of his friends a pocketful of Arkansas hickory nuts.



**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.

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's that way when you neglect oughs 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.

**Thanksgiving Services.**

The Independent order of Odd Fellowswill observe Thanksgiving Day at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on the 27th day of November.

The brothers and Rebekah ters will meet at Odd Fellows at 10 o'clock, form proces- and march to the church.

**PROGRAM.**

Opening ceremony Song by r. ayer—Chaplain. ng—Choir. hort sermon—Bro. Baker. Address—Other Odd Fellows. ther Christians. ddress—C. E. Evans, S. M. vell, H. C. Williams, Dr. J. A. nsn, Dr. J. H. C. King, Will pbell, R. W. Witt, W. W. eeler and others that may be ed upon.

J. Miller, master of cere- nies. H. Warnick, marshall of the

A. A. Baker,  
J. J. Miller,  
G. H. Richardson. } Com.

**The Best Remedy for Croup.**

m the Atchison, Kan., Daily lobe.

his is the season when the an who knows the best rem- s for croup is in demand in ry community. One of the t terrible things in the world o be awakened in the middle he night by a whoop from one the children. The croup rem- es are almost sure to be lost, ase of croup, as a revolver is e to be lost in case of burglars. ere used to be an old-fashion- remedy for croup, known as e syrup and tolu, but some ern mothers say that Cham- oe-lain's Cough Remedy is bet- ter, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw u" phlegm" quicker, and gives ief in a short time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy ough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

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The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Implements  
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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.

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

For nice, fresh groceries cheap see

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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 delin- quents 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.


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**NOTICE.**

I have all kinds of school books, some as good as new, which I will sell at half value or less. Call at Burroughs & Mann's drug store.

J. A. Leeman.

Try reading The Mail.



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

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

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

**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.

**Seven Little Bees.**

These seven bees are good for something. If we want to be somebody in this world, we must begin keeping bees, and these seven are good to begin with:

First—Be prompt. That means to get up when it is time to get up, to be redy for breakfast when breakfast is ready for you, to be at schol just at the minute and to meet an engagement at the exact time when you have promised to meet it.

Second—Be truthful. Unless your word is good for something you can never be somebody, for an untruthful man or woman never wins or deserves success.

Third—Be industrious. A lazy boy or girl is sure ta be left behind on the march of life, and our busy age has no use ior idlers.

Fourth—Be kind. Honey Bees seldom sting; they are too busy gathering honey, so if we are hard at work we shall not have time or desiae to say unkind things.

Fifth—Be cheerful. Cheerful people are always popular in society, and in business, and a cheerful boy seeking work carries a reecommodation in his face.

Sixth—Be helpful. Work for nothing rather than not to work at all, for the helpful people, when once found out, are never out of employment.

Seventh—Be holy. This is the queen bee that produces all the other, for if we are holy we shall be somebody in the eyes of God and that is the truest success of all.—Ex.

The local market has been full of melons, tomatoes, and vegetables of various kinds this week. Farmers are getting more and more in the habit of raising garden "sass" for market, and the habit should be cultivated.

**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 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.

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. Bar- gains; write me. Will stand freight.

W. D. Collins,  
Denison, Texas.

**Gorki Was a Tramp.**

Maxim Gorki, the celebrated Russian novelist, was for years little better than a tramp, says American Tit-Bits. At 15 he ran away from home, and up to the age of 25 he scarcely had sufficient food to keep him alive. He worked alternately as a day laborer, a sawyer, a cook and a lighterman. Then he heard that free instruction could be obtained at Kazan, and, having no money to pay for his journey, he walked there—a distance of over 600 miles. He there worked for a salary, of 6 shillings a month, studying hard during the evenings. Then he became a clerk in a lawyer's office, where his literary talent was discovered and he eventually made his mark.

**A Confused Tragedian.**

On one occasion, in Manchester, during the performance of "Macbeth," Sir Henry Irving came to the line wherg he has to say to one of the murderers, "There's blood upon thy face!" The great tragedian stared so hard at the actor who was playing the "murderer" that that worthy quite forgot he was acting upon the boards. "Great Scott! Is there?" he replied in alarm, and rushed off the stage.

**Lake Turns Red.**

Lake Morat, in Switzerland, has the curious property of turning red every ten years, owing to the presence of certain aquatic plants which are not known in any other lake in the world.

## Eyes

Did Not Close For a Week.  
Heart Trouble Baf- fled Doctors.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Nervine Cured Me.

There is nothing more necessary to health than sleep and rest. If these are denied you, if you rise in the morning more tired than when you went to bed, there is an affection of the nerves plainly present. If your heart is weak, or there is an inherited tendency in that direction, your weakened nerves will soon so affect your heart's action as to bring on serious, chronic trouble. Dr. Miles' Nervine is a nerve tonic, which quiets the nerves, so that sleep may come, and it quickly restores the weakened nerves to health and strength. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is a great blood and heart tonic which regulates the action of the heart, enriches the blood and improves the circulation.

"Some time ago I was suffering severely with heart trouble. At times my heart would seemingly stop beating and at others it would beat loudly and very fast. Three to four hours sleep each night in ten months was all I could get. One week in last September I never closed my eyes. I got Dr. Miles' Nervine and Heart Cure at a drug store in Lawrenceburg, after spending \$300.00 in medicines and doctors in Louisville, Shelbyville, Frankfort, Cincinnati and Lawrenceburg, and in three days have derived more benefit from the use of your remedies than I got from all the doctors and their medicines. I think everybody ought to know of the marvelous power contained in your remedies."—W. H. HUGHES, Fox Creek, Ky.

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### The Higher Life

#### God's Revelation.

Rev. Penniman, Congregationalist.

God's revelation of his character in Jesus Christ was his word made flesh. God and man are revealed in by God in man. Grandeur is carried up to service and sacrifice. Fear, conscience, beauty are born again for the race. Still, his own received him not. The Jew continued to say that God loves only the Jew. The ecclesiastical limited God's interest to the church. The people of the reformed faith declare God's interest confined to the elect. It is pretty well understood that God loves us all, The race is redeemed.

#### An Ethical Code.

Rev. Dowman, Methodist.

The day of simple morality seems more of the past than the present. People are now fond of formulating for themselves different codes of ethics and pride themselves greatly in their strict observance of them. They are so proud of their own morality that they fail to recognize the necessity of the new birth of which Christ told Nicodemus. They wish to eliminate both the miraculous and sentimental from religion and set up for themselves an ethical code which shall prove their saviour.

#### Give Ourselves.

Rev. Dr. Adams, Methodist.

We are taught to prayerfully acknowledge our need of God's pardon, love and guidance, that we may not only give our silver and gold, but ourselves, our all to Him who for us has made a heaven. Investments in the evangelization of the world pay the best dividends and are not exposed to the trickery of men.

#### Duty of Thought.

Rev. Gregg, Presbyterian.

Thinking is necessary to the construction of right ideals, and right ideals are necessary for a right life. A man is only half a man until he has waked up to a distinct conscious purpose of life and has bent himself to the achievement of that purpose. He needs an ideal, and his ideal must be his best possible self.

#### Possessions.

Rev. Olton, Episcopalian.

The use and not the amount of our possessions is the important thing. It is by using what we have that we earn a right to have

more, and it all should be employed to gain that wealth of character which is the end for which all that we have is given. In love, in unselfishness, in sympathy, in charity, in tolerance, in these things should the soul of man grow rich by putting into use the ability and time and advantages which have come to him by inheritance or by effort.

#### Active and Devoted.

Rev. Meeley, Methodist.

Christ was an example of religious devotion. We find him going to the temple. He was also an example of religious activity. We find him doing good. Some people are devoted Christians, but they are not active. Others are active, but not devoted. Christ was both active and devoted.

#### A Divine Office.

Rev. Roeyr, Reformed.

The minister has a divine office to fill for humanity. He is the intermediary between God and man. Not only to a few, but to all must he bring the word of God. He must lead sinners to conversion and to their God, making them not merely Christians on the outside, but inwardly, as well.

#### The Corner-Stone.

Rev. J. Povey, Congregationalist.

The Saviour asserted his own divinity, and that is now the cornerstone upon which the church of today is built. In conversation with Nicodemus He spoke of being in heaven and on earth. We have a different view of God in every gospel, and in all of them together we see partially how great He must be.

#### 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.

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ABILENE, TEXAS.

#### Satan Leading On.

Elliott Danforth, politician, lawyer and society man, tells a good story on himself. Mr. Danforth, who has long been in the public eye, has a summer home at Bainbridge, Chenango county, where he is very popular, says the New York Times. Recently there was a Sunday school festival, and Mr. Danforth was prevailed upon to accept the post of grand marshal. He attired himself in blue, borrowed a chapeau, scarlet sash and spurs, and engaged the most spirited horse in the village.

More than 2,000 children were in the parade, and Mr. Danforth, prouder than Lucifer, rode at the head, bowing and smiling to hundreds. As the grove was neared the musical director ordered the children to sing "Hold the Fort." Mr. Danforth enjoyed it at the outset but when the second verse began he blanched. The lines in that are:

See the mighty host advancing  
Satan leading on.

"Step!" shouted Danforth, calling to an aide, he said:

"Take my place; I'll go down line to see what's doing."

#### Why Hickie Raised the Price

The late Mr. Hickie was a second-hand bookseller of Danbury. His bookshop was the favorite haunt of bishops, clergymen, creeds, professors and scholars generally in search of rare volume. One story is told of an encounter Hickie had with a Catholic priest only a few days before he retired from his beloved bookshop to a young priest called on him, taking up a book, inquired price. "Half a crown, father," said Hickie. "But," said the priest, "I can get it for a shilling and 6 pence from Mr. Blank." "Of course," said Hickie, "but, you 'tis a Protestant book, and I think you shouldn't buy a Protestant book, so I put half a crown on it that you might leave it behind."