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BLOOD OF A BROTHER.

A Dreadful Crime Dreadfully Avenged by a Bowie County Officer.

The following dated at New Boston, May 7, appeared in last Saturday's Paris News, which if true, is one of the most horrible in the annals of crime that has been enacted for many a day:

One of the saddest and most shocking tragedies in the annals of time took place here yesterday.

The details of the terribly revolting affair will bring a chill to the stoutest heart.

Yesterday morning, some time after the breakfast hour, her husband having gone to his office, Mrs. Thomas Perry, wife of the superintendent of public schools of Bowie county, was called to the door of her home at New Boston by a summons from West Perry, a desperate and dissolute young brother of her husband's.

The frail, weakly and, almost, invalid woman answered the summons only to find her brother-in-law in a desolate temper and evidently under the influence of liquor. The enraged man quickly drove the children off the place and continued to torment the helpless and badly frightened woman at his own pleasure.

Among other things he demanded that his sister-in-law get him her husband's pistol. The poor woman tried to pacify her tormentor and assure him that her husband never left the pistol at home, on account of his fears of the children getting hold of it and getting shot. The enraged man would not listen to her explanation, but declared that the pistol was in her bedroom and ordered her to go and get it. Mrs. Perry obeyed through fear, having felt the effect of her brother-in-law's anger if reports be true, by physical violence at his hands more than once. When the frightened woman entered her bedroom the

brute in human form followed her, locked the door behind.

The story is one of a shameless and brutal outrage and may not be recounted in all its horror and enormity without offense to decency and morality. He then placed a razor-blade at the throat of his victim and threatened her with death if she should ever expose his crime.

"You may just as well kill me now," said the brave but helpless victim, "for I will tell my husband of this outrage if God spares me to look upon his face again."

She was as good as her word, for the ravisher was not more than out the door when Mrs. Perry telephoned her husband to come at once.

When he had heard his outraged wife's story of her shameless abuse at his brother's hands, he took her, with the children who had returned, to the home of a neighbor, Judge Jones, and borrowing Judge Jones' shotgun, loaded with buckshot, he returned to the home dishonored and made desolate by a brother's unnatural crime.

The unhappy man had not long to wait before the despoiler returned, doubtless drawn by the impulse which so often drags a criminal back to the scene of his crime. Thos. Perry met the other at the gate and haulted him, taking out a sum of money, all he had, he handed it to West Perry, saying: "Here, take this money and go; never let me look upon your face again. Yonder is the railroad track, take it and put the world between us. You have done that which puts you forever away from me and mine, and which can never be atoned for or forgiven, you are my brother, our mother's son, and I love you, in spite of all your wickedness, but go now, and never come back."

It was of no use to reason, however all the kindness and brotherly love were wasted on the unnatural brother, who had despoiled a female of his own family.

Instead of accepting his brother's offer and warning, West Perry cursed and abused the man who he had so deeply injured, calling him a coward and worse, and the same razor that he had held at the wife's throat an hour before, he advanced on the husband with an oath on his lips.

It was the last he ever uttered. Maddened by his injuries, smarting under insults and in fear of his life, Thomas Perry raised his gun and fired. There was a shot, a groan, and the body of West Perry lay, a corpse, at the feet of the brother he had so terribly abused.

A moment later, it is said, Thomas Perry dropped his gun and falling on his knees beside the stiffening clay of his mother's son, kissed the cold, clammy lips of the dead and mourned over the lifeless form of his brother as David of old mourned over erring Absalom. He raised the body and carried it into the house, where it remained until the neighbors took it away and buried it. Thomas Perry wanted to take it to DeKalb and enter it in the family burying ground, but his friends would not allow him to do so. There was no arrest, and County Attorney Vaughan, who repaired to the scene of the

homicide, found it to be wholly justifiable and ordered that no arrest be made. Many friends offered their sympathy and service to the unfortunate man, who holds the confidence and esteem, as he has the sympathy and support of every man and woman in New Boston. The dead man was a wild, reckless, dissipated younger brother whom Thomas Perry, in compliance with the wishes of a dying mother, had brought out from Tennessee to give him a home, and do for him all that lay in the power of a kind, generous, loving elder brother—and this is the reward.

A Galveston Storm Child.

She is a Kansas girl, her name is Edwinna Pearl Rice, and she lives at Gernett, says the Kansas City Star. She is a few months past 2 years of age. She celebrated the second anniversary of her birth September the 9th, 1900, and while the story of the lives of thousands ended with that day, the story her life began.

She was born in the Ursuline convent just as the sun was rising upon the scenes of death and destruction wrought by the storm of the night before. In Ursuline convent at the moment of her birth lay 1500 injured people, some dying. Her first cry found echo in the last moan of others; her first lullaby was the wail of a people stricken and afflicted. But this is not the strangest part of the beginning of her life.

Five minutes before the birth of little Edwinna Pearl her mother was rescued from the roof of a house upon which she had drifted all night, driven sometimes far out by the storm tossed waves, and sometimes in among the houses of the city, but all through the long hours helpless and at the mercy of the merciless wind and rain, which abated not until its fury was spent and its havoc made complete.

William Rice and his wife lived in a large house of the southern style 2506 25th street, Galveston.



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Eleven people were gathered in their home that evening to find protection. But the big house which had withstood the storms of years was not able to withstand this one, and at 7 o'clock the evening of September the 9th it collapsed, and the eleven were hurled into the water. The darkness of the night was already upon them. Mr. Rice held a little daughter in his arms as they went down. A dark object struck Mrs. Rice on the head and she sank into the water again, unconscious. She was saved by her mother, Mrs. Neeland, who heard her response to her husband's call and who caught her by the hair and pulled her onto the roof, upon which they floated all night. Both women were faint from injury. Mrs. Rice was unconscious.

In this helpless condition these women remained until their strange craft lodged upon a great heap of wreckage in the early morning. Both of them were entirely bereft of clothing, and the rain, driven by the gale, beat upon them with the force of hail stones. They were taken from the roof and led over the drift of debris to the house of Phillip Brotherson, which they entered from the top. Here they were provided with scant clothing, the clothes dripping wet from exposure to the rain, and Mrs. Rice was led by her mother to Ursuline convent, three blocks distant. Every step was over the bodies of storm victims. The convent was reached, and Edwinna Pearl Rice was born, five minutes later.

Put away somewhere, in the big house at 2506 25th street, there had been prepared long flowing dresses, trimmed in daintiest ribbons for the reception of Edwinna Pearl, but in Ursuline convent she was wrapped in a wet bathing skirt. No care could be bestowed upon the little one, for death, and not life, reigned in Ursuline convent that morning, and Edwinna Pearl for

48 hours had absolutely no attention either from nurse or physician, save only what her almost helpless mother could give; not even Mrs. Neeland lay unconscious and near unto death.

Two days after her birth Edwinna Pearl was christened by Father Kirwin, of the convent, and the mother superior was her godmother. The name she was given was Mary Joseph Edwinna Pearl. The story of her birth was written by the Sisters and sent to Rome. The picture of an angel looking down upon the scene of ruin and death and bearing in its hand a star to represent the life of the little one, cast up, as it seemed, by the death dealing waves, was painted by one the Sisters at the convent, and the star was called by the name of the child. The history and the painting were sent together and by return mail came acknowledgement from the Vatican, with a request from the pope for the baby's picture.

The day after Edwinna Pearl was born the bodies of William Rice and his little daughter were found near the place where Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Neeland had been rescued.

Quick Arrest.

J.A. Gullledge of Verbena, Ala. was twice in the hospital from a severe case of the piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c. at Rust & Pittard, Drug-gists.

The Austin Statesman says: "The making of a newspaper is easy—to all who do not make one. To the maker it is a constant strain, both to do all that ought to be done, and to leave undone that which should not be done. In all fairness the makers of newspapers deserve far more credit than they get, and far less censure than is so cheerfully bestowed."

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For Negro Exodus.

Plans have been completed by a secret organization with headquarters in Boston for the greatest negro exodus in history from the South. The society numbers 500 members. The plan is to depopulate the entire Southern and Southwestern States of negroes, who will be taken to Boston and thence distributed throughout the Northeast on ranches and farms. The first great body of immigrants, numbering about 5,000, it is stated, will land in Boston about the first of July. Elaborate preparations are being made for their reception, and their rapid distribution where labor is most needed. The Southern headquarters are in Georgia, but the precise location is kept secret in fear of mob violence, or interference from the whites. Secret agents of the society are now gathering negroes from all parts of the South.

Prohibition in Bells.

A special from Bells says: "During the last twelve months while the saloon was running here there were sixty-nine cases up before the Mayor's Court, and during the following twelve months, with prohibition in force, only four cases were before the Mayor's Court. Prohibition carried by a very small majority sixteen months ago."

It has been decided that the pros of Grayson county have a right to interfere in the mandamus proceedings, and the antis will resort to the usual subterfuge of "testing the constitutionality of the law."

That young lady of Waco, Tex., who kissed Gen. Gordon as he advanced to the rostrum at reunion hall in New Orleans to deliver his address is typical of the South. The women of the South have always glorified valor. Even the roughest country youth in the ranks of the army in time of war has his female worshipers at every fireside in the community whence he came. The inspiration that this devotion of Southern women brings to the soldier makes him a hero in spite of himself.—Laredo Times.

Rev. Young and H.C. Williams are in attendance upon the Methodist quarterly conference at Stamford.

Sam Wallace was down from Kent Friday. The company keeps him on the jump.

Questions—No Answers.

Uncle, when your watch goes, Wherever does it go?
Your breath—where did it come from
When you said, "My breath came slow?"
What makes the parlor clock run?
Why doesn't it sometimes walk?
It wouldn't have to stop so much, Does money really talk?
And, uncle, when your heart beats, Whatever does it beat?
And say, now, honest injun, Has poetry got feet?
—New York Sun.

Business Law in Brief

A note by a minor is void.
It is a fraud to conceal a fraud.
A note made on Sunday is void.
Ignorance of the law excuses no one.
The acts of one partner bind the rest.
A contract made with a lunatic is void.
Notes bear interest only when so stated.
An agreement without consideration is void.
Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced.
Signatures made with a lead pencil are good in law.
Principals are responsible for the acts of their agents.
No consideration is sufficient in law if it be illegal in its nature.
Checks or drafts must be presented without unreasonable delay.
A note obtained by a fraud or from a person in a state of intoxication cannot be collected.
Notice of protest may be sent either to the place of business or residence of the party notified.
An indorser may prevent his own liability to be sued by writing "without recourse" or similar words.
If the letter containing a protest of non payment be put into the postoffice, any miscarriage does not effect the party giving notice.
Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the debts of the firm, except in case of a special partnership.
If a note is lost or stolen it does not release the maker; he must pay it if the consideration for which it was given and the amount can be proven.
Part payment of debt which has passed the time of statutory limitation revives the whole debt, and the claim holds good for another period from the date of such partial payment.
"Value received" is usually written in a note, and should be, but is not necessary. If not written it is presumed by the law, or may be supplied by proof.
If when a debt is due the debtor is out of the state, the limitation does not begin to run until he returns. If he after-

ward leaves the State, his time forward counts the same as if he remained in the State.

The holder of a note may give notice of a protest either to all the previous indorsers, or only to one of them; in case of the latter, he must select the last indorser, and the last must give notice to the last before him, and so on. Each indorser must send notice the same day or the following day. Neither Sunday nor legal holiday is to be counted in reckoning the time in which notice is to be given.

No Marshal Needed.

The city council met in Mayor Pounder's office last Friday night. The most important action taken was the ordinance abolishing the office of city marshal. It has been the idea of a number of the aldermen for some time that the city has no need of a marshal since local option went into effect, as there is practically no business in the city court.—Mt. Pleasant Review.

The city court of Weatherford is practically without business, and the county and criminal court have less business than they had before prohibition went into effect. Thus the expenses of the county and city are cut down more than the amount of revenue they would derive from licensed saloons.—Weatherford Democrat.

Dora Dots.

It has been a long time since any news has been sent in from Dora, so I will try and send in a few items.

Crops are looking fine at Dora. There are bright prospects for a fine crop.

Several Dora people attended a picnic on Valley Creek Saturday. All report a royal good time.

The Dora ball team crossed bats with the Clabber Flat team on Valley Creek Saturday, Dora winning by a score of 8 to 16.

Hylton and Dora ball teams will play a match game at Dora Saturday.

Mrs. Cook, who has been sick the past week, is improving, we are glad to learn.

No preaching Sunday on account of bad weather.

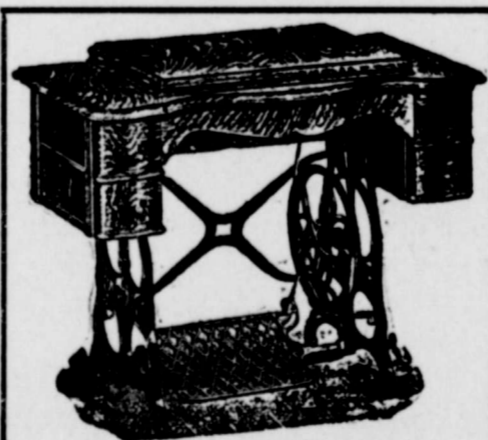
Miss Madie Perry left Monday for Robert Lee after a visit of about five weeks at Dora.

Mrs. Dunlap and family have moved over from Robert Lee.

Wonder what is the matter with Jim Porter and Walker Ground? They look awful sad. I guess it is because Miss Maud is gone.

Kat Klaw.

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The Confederate Dead.

A monument is to be erected at Alton, Ill., in memory of the Confederate dead who died in prison at that place during the Civil War. Over sixteen hundred are buried there from every state of the Confederacy and their graves will be decorated on the 30th inst by the G. A. R. at Alton and the Daughters of the Confederacy from St. Louis. Maj. W. H. Catts of Granbury, Texas, sends 1,500 Cape Jessamine buds to Alton for the decoration. A special program is prepared and citizens without reference to party will participate.

No greater tribute can be paid the Confederate soldiers, and their act of magnanimity and patriotism, not to say charity, wins the applause of the South and will cause the graves of northern soldiers on Southern soil to be cared for more than ever and decorated more profusely, if possible, than ever before by Southern hands.—Daily Reporter.

Notice.

We wish to return thanks to all who in any way contributed to our aid or comfort in our late affliction or during the sickness of our father, C. G. Harris. To the business men we tender our thanks also for respect shown in closing their places of business during the funeral services.

His Children.

Misses Corinne Miller and Jennie Ransome left yesterday for Dallas after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Dickson, their sister and aunt, respectively.

Mrs. Burton Parker is reported seriously ill, with the chances against her recovery. The Mail hopes, however, that she will take a turn for the better and will regain her usual health.

The Taylor County News was last week appointed the official paper of the county. The Mail put in a bid on the county printing, but by what plan the contract was awarded to the News we have not yet learned. However, an Abilene paper is entitled to the printing, although outside papers are entitled to the work affecting their section, and it should be so distributed.

A. H. Chapin of Abilene is in the city in the interest of the Friend-in-Need society, of which he is State organizer. The motto of this society is home protection, and the officers of the Taylor County Council are: Will Stith, Pres.; C. S. Bass, V-Pres.; W. B. Lewis, Secretary; Henry James, Treas., with E. F. Elkin, L. B. Shook and A. H. Herring as trustees. The object and plan of the society is to furnish the cheapest possible insurance to the poorer class, and the rapid growth which it has enjoyed attests to the reception it has met at the hands of the people. It affords the cheapest insurance of any society in existence. See

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Mr. Chapin for further particulars.

Wanted—A Man.

Among all the wants of this world of wants is a man—Man spelled with a capital letter. The congress, the state, the country, the city, the town wants a man, want "manly" men to fill the offices. The shopkeeper, the merchant, the manufacturer wants a man, "all wool and a yard wide." Never before has there been such a demand for men of knowledge and unflinching integrity. The question is asked again and again: "Where can I get a man that I can depend upon?" The boy who is wise and "always" honest can easily reach power and a competence.—Greenville Herald.

School Land On The Market.

The attorney general's office has handed down an important opinion on the land situation, and under this opinion all land heretofore held under lease and which has been canceled or expired since March 13, or which may be canceled, or which will expire before June 12, will be subject to sale on the first minute of June 12.

The land commissioner says he will follow the attorney general's opinion in making sales and leases of land out of the canceled and expired leases. Beginning June 12 he further says he will furnish the daily newspapers with a list of all school lands that will come on the market June 12 in time for publication about June 1. This list will include about 250,000 acres.

The oldest man elected President was William Henry Harrison who was in his 68th year when inaugurated March 4, 1841. The next oldest man was James Buchanan, who was in his 66th year when inaugurated March 4, 1857. The youngest man elected was Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who was in his 47th year when first inaugurated, March 4, 1869. Theodore Roosevelt is the youngest man ever President, being in his 43rd year when he took the oath of office.

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What's the Matter With Kentucky?

According to a list in possession of a citizen of Jackson Ky., Mr. Marcum, one of the leading lawyers of the state, who was openly shot down recently, was the thirty eight victim killed in feuds in Breathitt county during the last eight months.

What's the matter with Kentucky?

Although everybody in the country knows who did the shooting nobody is arrested, nobody is indicted, nobody is punished.

The officers of the law fear to bring the slayer to justice. They, as well as the citizens, are in terror. The fear of the vengeance of the feudists is upon them.

What's the matter with Kentucky?

One thing respecting the feuds is notable. The killings are cowardly assassinations. There is no touch of fairness about them.

Men do not fight each other face to face. They lie in wait, shooting from ambush. Shots come more frequently from behind than any other direction.

The Indians who once inhabited "the dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky were as chivalrous to their foes as these assassins who belong to the "best and most popular families."

What's the matter with Kentucky?

Here's a hint.

When Lawyer Marcum was shot his wife saturated her handkerchief with his blood, remarking grimly:

"I will keep it as a reminder to my children of their duty until it is performed."

Their duty!

The duty of hiding in the bushes in order to shoot some relative of the father's slayer, the duty of going back two thousand years to the law of an eye for an eye, a life for a life.

When Kentucky mothers teach their sons such "duties," when murderous hatred is handed down through the mother's milk to succeeding generations—

That's what's the matter with

Kentucky.

Private war is substituted for legal justice. It is anarchy run riot. And all this taught at a mother's knee!—Kansas City World.

The Shoe On The Other Foot.

A man walked into a country printing office the other day, and said to the editor:

"Say, if you want something to fill up your paper with, you might say in your next issue that I have just started a shop to make and repair wagons and carriages, and would like to have everybody to call and see me."

"All right," replied the editor. "Do you want an advertisement in the paper, too?"

"No," said the man; "just an item in the local column."

"Do you want to subscribe for the paper?" asked the editor.

"Well, no," said the man. "I am taking two or three city papers, and some story papers from Chicago; I haven't got time to read any more. May be I'll take your paper when some of the others run out."

"All right," said the editor; and he smiled to himself.

Next day the editor sent his carriage around to the new wagon shop. He wanted two new spokes put in the wheel, and the dashboard repaired. He saw the man, and told him he had a little job for him, just help him fill up his time and keep him busy.

The man looked it over, and said, "Well, the spokes will be 50cents each and the dashboard \$1; that will be \$2."

"Oh," said the editor, "I didn't mean to pay for it. I just brought it around, same as you brought that item to me yesterday just to fill up your time. It's only an item you know."

Then the wagon repairer saw the point, and the editor went back to his office, and deftly pitched the item into the wastebasket.—Credit Lost.

A PERNICIOUS CUSTOM.

"Well, come in and take something." How often this has been

said today in Texas by him who has no desire to drink, and accepted by some who would have been infinitely better off without it, and knew it full well when he accepted. Why does the one invite and the other drink with him something that he neither desires and that may be seriously harmful to both. Because, most likely, when they last met the one addressed extended the same invitation to his friend in deference to the treating habit practiced so extensively in America among the young men and nowhere else on the earth except in the United States or some spot where Americans have imported it. If a man feels like he needed a drink and can afford to pay for it, let him go and get it. It is his right. But he has no right to try to induce another man to incur any danger. And to many men great danger lies in the first drink. And many men who drink often to excess would seldom or probably never drink at all if the treating habit had not led him to the bar.

The Defective Link.

No man is stronger than he is strong at his weakest point. Take for instance, a chain. Its links are made of wrought iron and it seems capable of lifting several tons when fastened to the block and tackle. But on examination it is discovered that one of the links in the chain is cracked. No quarryman would use such a chain as that in lifting huge stones from their beds. It would snap at the link that is defective. So is character. A man may be ever so good, but if he is defective at any one point, that defect renders him incapable of exercising strength beyond weakness at that one point. All of the links in the chain must be in perfect repair to render it available. So must character. One defect will mar the whole.—Christian Advocate.

Slaughtered by Russians.

Denver, Colo., May 13.—From a letter written by his father in a

hospital at Kishinev, Russia, W. King of Denver learns that his mother, a sister and brother may have been victims of the recent massacre in which hundreds of women and little children were slaughtered by the Russians.

Mr. King's father was badly injured and is now in a hospital.

"I can learn nothing of your mother or sister or brother," he writes. "I fear they are among the victims. The streets ran with blood. Children were dragged from their mothers' arms and hurled against the sides of buildings. Women were caught and slashed to bits by the frenzied Christians. The cry was "Down with the Jews." I saw a mother cut open and her unborn babe thrown against a railroad train. Women were held by men while they were mutilated. The number killed will be more than six hundred. Thousands of homes were burned and all the property destroyed. Dead bodies lay in the streets in heaps."

Hypocrites Everywhere.

Men despise hypocrites generally and will sympathize with the following from the Yoakum Daily Times:

"The man who says he is kept out of the church by hypocrites is not influenced by them anywhere else. Business is full of them, but if he sees a chance to make money he doesn't stop for that.

The theater is full of them, and yet he will go there and pay to see them. Society is full of them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit. Married life is full of them, but that does not make him remain a bachelor. Hell is full of them, and yet he is not doing a thing to keep from going there. He wants you to think he is avoiding the society of hypocrites, and yet he takes not a step towards the only place in God's universe where no hypocrites can go, and by his conduct proves that he himself is the biggest kind of hypocrite.—Ex.

Read the advertisements first.

HELPFUL READING Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is harmful reading. It is the aim of the Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

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Linen skirt goods 15, 25 and 40c
50 ladies' Percalé Shirt Waists, all colors and sizes, from 32 to 42, worth 75c, your choice for 50c
All styles Embroideries, Laces and Applique, from 2c to 75c yd.
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Boys' Blouse Wash Suits, assorted colors, extra good, at 75c each.
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and 50c
Men's Undershirts 25, 35, 50 and 65c
New lot Ladies' Skirts 1.50, 2.50, 3.50 and \$5.
Ladies' black Satteen Underskirts 1.00, 1.50 and \$2.50.
Ladies' Belts 25, 35, 50, 65 and 75c
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Ladies' and children's Lace Hose at 15, 25, 40 and 50c
Black Taffeta Silk for skirts, 36 inches wide, at 1.00 and \$1.50 yard.
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We have an extra good line of men's work and dress pants at 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00.

3.50 and \$5.00.
Men's, women's and children's slippers at extremely low prices.
Some extra values in ladies' and children's hats, from 50c to as fine as you want.
Men's hats, new styles, 1.00 to \$3.00.
Big assortment Parasols from 50c to \$3.00.
Men's beautiful spring and summer suits 5.00, 6.50, 7.50, 10.00, 12.50 and \$15.00. Our clothing fit perfectly.
Best High Patent Flour, extra good, \$1 sack.
We still give you 9 lbs Arbuckle coffee for \$1.
14 cans Giant or Babbett Lye for \$1.
Other things in proportion.

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Don't wait for the town to grow—make it grow.

The country is smiling with genuine satisfaction.

Kentucky is practically in the hands of the feudists and a reign of terror holds full sway.

This country is in much better shape now than at this time last year. Crop prospects, too, are much brighter.

Cloud bursts in the Indian Territory, snow storms in Montana, cyclones in Kansas and sandstorms in Texas is the record of the weather clerk for this week.

The effete east is still slobbering over the negro, the latest hero of the black and woolly species being a he-coon orator who captured the society van with his sublime oratory. On top of this comes the report that our strenuous president's sister has taken him in tow and will furnish the means to help him

climb the ladder of fame. Northern people are reminded that there are about 8,000,000 more of this breed in the South which they are welcome to.

Prohibition and smallpox are both spreading over the state. One is a disease of the mind and the other of the body. Texas must have something to worry over, it seems.—Baird Star.

The Star accused The Mail of being vituperative against those who differed with it on this question, when, as a matter of fact, The Mail has refrained from saying anything to hurt anyone's feelings, and has been fair to all. This is mentioned merely to show how consistent the Star really is. In the future, henceforth and for aye, nothing that the Star may, might, could, would or should say will have the effect of disturbing the even tenor of our way. As the Abilene Reporter wisely remarks, prohibition discussions are obnoxious, to say the least.

Little Nellie Tracy's Case.

Dr. Lorenz, the famous Austrian physician who is touring this country, performed the operation, he having arrived in Dallas on Saturday. It was his first case in that city, and was given much prominence. Following extracts bearing on the case are clipped from the Dallas News:

Here Dr. Lorenz called for the child upon which the operation was to be performed. It was in the adjoining room, and its faint wails could be plainly heard in the auditorium, as it was given the chloroform.

The case was that of Nellie Tracy, the 6-year-old daughter of a ranchman living in Nolan County, the child being brought to Dallas for the operation by Dr.

J. D. Osborne of Cleburne.

Dr. Lorenz, as the child was brought in, adjusted his glasses and regarded the semi-naked little body with interest, amid a breathless silence.

The doctor then began to manipulate the left leg of the child, twisting it about, bending the knee and showing the disarrangement to the assembly, at the same time continuing his address, which he illustrated upon the child before him.

One of his assistants caught the leg and pulled steadily upon it, while Dr. Lorenz manipulated the muscles violently with his bare hands, as though kneading bread. The limb was twisted and pulled forward and back, from side to side, twisted about as though on a pivot, and at last the leg was limp and soft, and the movement of the end of the bone could be easily seen as the limb was twisted.

"Now comes the real reduction," said the doctor—"that is, the placing of the head into the acetabulum. This can be done by traction and by bringing pressure to bear on the trachanter."

This, however, proved not an easy task. The assistant held the limp little body on the table while another pulled strongly at the leg, and the doctor manipulated the muscles, which in the stillness of the hall could be heard to crackle like crushed paper.

Finally a wooden wedge was brought into play and the infant body rested on it while the weight of the operator was thrown on it.

The pulling continued, and at last with a snap which could be easily heard, the end of the bone slipped into the cavity nature intended for it and the bent limb stood at right angles to one side of the trunk. The only appreciable injury from the rough massaging of the tender limb was a slight abrasion of the skin at the groin. The lecture continued

meanwhile.

Here the doctor called for plaster of paris bandages, which were moistened and handed him rapidly by his assistants, and with which he proceeded to swiftly wrap the limb and lower part of the trunk. He put on the child a pair of light knitted drawers and over this wound his bandages, using, it was stated afterward, between forty and fifty yards.

He wrapped from the knee around the lower part of the trunk, and around these long

bandages with shorter turns of others.

The operation and lecture combined required an hour exactly. At its completion Dr. Lorenz admonished those to whom he handed the child that it might show signs of paralysis, but that these needed no attention, but would pass away.

With surgical shears he trimmed the hardening plaster coat, and delivered the child to its physician and parents.

The case was diagnosed as congenital hip dislocation.

If you want a wagon get the best, get

A MITCHELL

The "Old Reliable Mitchell,"
"The Monarch of the Road."

The Mitchell has made the best record of any wagon ever sold in West Texas--of any in the world. Whenever you see a man with a MITCHELL you see a man that is pleased with his wagon.

The Mitchell is Fully Guaranteed
Has Been on the Market 65 Yrs.

Let us sell you one.

ED S. HUGHES & CO.

ABILENE, TEXAS

Spring Ailments.

There is an aching and tired feeling; the liver, bowels and kidneys become sluggish and inactive, the digestion impaired, with a little or no appetite, no ambition for anything, and a feeling that the whole body and mind need toning up. The trouble is, that during winter, there has been an accumulation of waste matter in the system. Herbine will remove it, secure to the secretion a right exit, give strength in place of weakness. 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

Don't send your orders for calendars out of town, but give them to the Mail. We have the prettiest line ever shown in the town and guarantee the prices to be as low as any foreign concern can possibly make.

Remember that Burroughs & Mann keep a full line of pure drugs, patent medicines, etc. They want your trade.

To The Public.

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

See Burroughs & Mann for some good water barrels.

R. L. Hudson returned Monday from Dublin where he was called to visit his sister, who passed away Saturday morning after a short illness. Miss Hudson only left here about two weeks ago and took her bed while at Dublin en route to her home. The burial took place at the old home in Comanche county Saturday evening. The Mail tenders its sympathy to the bereaved brother and other relatives.

The pupils of Miss Lillian Julian's music school will give their entertainment at Ferrier Hall tonight. The program is a very interesting one and the occasion is looked forward to with keen delight.

Prof. Sewell has commenced work on his residence in North Merkel. When completed it will be one of the handsomest homes on the north side.

The T. & P. gang are getting ready to put in the new switch here, much of the material being already on the ground. The track will be laid just as soon as the steel gang reaches here from the east.

J. F. Owens was shot and instantly killed by city Marshall Flurnoy at Stamford Saturday night. Jim will be remembered by many of our people, having purchased many horses in this section for the British government during the Boer war. To the old time cowmen he is especially well known. No particulars of the killing could be learned.

As usual, Mollie Bailey's show drew a large crowd, and a good many shekles followed her out of town.

Mrs. Lawrence, who had been visiting her mother and brother here, left Sunday for her home at Arlington.

Mrs. B. A. Cox and children of Abilene and Misses Scarborough of Midland visited the family of G. F. West last and this week.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve ice cream at the Tabernacle on Friday night, June 5, from 6 to 11 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged for the occasion. No charge for admission. Proceeds from the sale of ice cream benefit of Baptist church. Everybody cordially invited.

50 Per Cent.

Increase IN SALES OVER LAST YEAR

This is largely due to the class of merchandise carried in stock. No one wants to buy year after year the old things, when something newer and better is obtainable. When you shop here your purchase is secured by the best judgement of merchandise buyers of 15 years experience. Not an article is here but expert skill has selected it for its price and purpose. Being the oldest general store in Merkel, we had choice of different lines for this place.

Below we give some of the selections made:

Hamilton-Brown Shoes,
Thoroughbred Hats,
Majestic Clothing,
Topsy Hosiery,
Eagle Shirts.



Bray Clothing for Workingmen,
Thompson's Glove Fit'g Corsets,
Chase & Sanborn Tea and Coffee,
Peace-maker Flour,
McDonald Overalls.

You can't make a mistake in buying this class of merchandise.

J. T. Warren.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of Mo. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard.

We want your trade on paints, oils and varnishes. We sell them as low as possible, and give instructions for mixing.

Burroughs & Mann.

FOR SALE—A good buggy and harness very cheap.

W. L. Harkrider.

If you wish to borrow money on your land call at the First National Bank of Merkel.

Painfully Hurt.

I. S. Allen, manager of the local telephone exchange, fell from a twelve-foot telephone post Friday while working with the wires and sustained severe injuries from which he will be laid up several days. He was making a tie when his hold slipped and he was precipitated to the ground, alighting on his feet. Both ankles were sprained and the jar shattered his nerves to a considerable extent. However, he is not seriously injured, and The Mail is glad to report that he is getting along nicely.

S. J. Patterson, S. R. Curtis, W. A. Cozart, Wm. Clark, E. D. Coats and wife and Miss Tucker returned Sunday from New Orleans. They were enthusiastic over the treatment accorded them by the people, and give glowing reports of the reunion exercises and the pathetic incidents which took place between the old veterans.

World Wide Reputation.

White's Cream Vermifuge has achieved a world wide reputation as being the best of all worm destroyers, and for its tonic influence on weak and unthrifty children, as it neutralizes the acidity or sourness of the stomach, improves the digestion, and assimilation of food, strengthens their nervous system and restores them to the health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's

If you have vendor's lien notes running for a number of years (say from 4 to 7), call at the First National Bank of Merkel.

A Successful Operation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tracy went to Dallas Friday and the following day had an operation performed on their little daughter which, it is thought, will prove entirely successful. A telegram to J. S. Barnes, Mrs. Tracy's father, Sunday, stated that the child stood the operation remarkably well. Since birth the little one has been affected with some disease of the spine and hip and of late had been growing worse, making an operation necessary to save her life.

After the operation the member was incased in plaster of Paris, in which state it will remain for several months. The many friends of the family here will rejoice with them over the good news that their little one has been spared to them.

Profs. Evans and Sewell returned Friday from their trip west.

Geo. S. Berry and T. J. Coggin accompanied a few cars of cattle to market last week.

The local camp, W. O. W., will attend a Woodmen picnic at Big Springs June 6.

Dr. Adkisson has returned from Dallas where he witnessed the operation on little Nellie Tracy.

For Those Who Live on Farms.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns." Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

Do not sell your land. Values are advancing too rapidly. Make a loan at 8 per cent and hold it. Call at the First National Bank of Merkel.

A Word of Warning.

It is claimed by agents who are going through the country selling groceries to the farmers that their prices are 20 per cent under those of the home merchants. Many people will no doubt take these statements as accepted facts without demanding proof, but the fact remains that it is the same old scheme that has been worked for years. In the past some of our people have been taken in by these fakers, and to their sorrow. The goods never come up as represented. If the people want to see them wiggle out of the deal let them ask for a bond to make good these claims.

Now it is a well known fact that they handle an inferior grade of goods. Your home merchant would be very glad to sell groceries at a 10 per cent profit, then why do not these fellows offer them such inducements when they could sell car after car in a few minutes and without taking the time and trouble of canvassing the country? There is a bug under the chip, and our people do well to steer clear of them. It is a similar scheme worked by sewing machine and buggy agents last year.

Cures When Doctors Fail.

Mrs. Frank Chiasson, Patterson, La., writes June 8th, 1901: "I had malaria fever in very bad form, was under treatment by doctors, but as soon as stopped taking their medicine the fever would return. I used a sample bottle of Herbine, found it helped me. Then bought two bottles which completely cured me. I feel grateful to you for furnishing such a splendid medicine, and can honestly recommend it to those suffering from malaria, as it will surely cure them." Herbine, 50c bottle at Burroughs & Mann's.

J. J. Pettus and family came down from Sweetwater Saturday and spent a few days here with relatives.

Mrs. Dr. Leeman left Sunday night for Ft. Worth to attend commencement exercises of Polytechnic College. She will return this evening, accompanied by Miss Lucy.

There was a quiet little funeral at Fort Worth the other day. It was a tiny little baby that had been deserted by its unnatural mother and left to die on a pile of rubbish in an alley. The babe was discovered and adopted by a salvation woman. It was given the best attention, yet there was something lacking and its life went out. No mother's tears were shed at the little grave, yet the tiny, wasted body was gently laid away to wait the resurrection morn, while she goes her way—in happiness? No, it cannot be.—Mineral Wells Index.

Take your hides to J. H. McDonald at the Sheppard & Hoople market.

Note the ad of the Racket Store in this issue.

Mrs. Leonard of Abilene is the guest of Mrs. Dickson.

The Mail job office will soon begin work on the public school catalogue.

The Mail gives all the news.

Do Better.

Every single day should be to you a day of royal discontent. You never thought as well as you ought to think. You never meant as highly as you ought to mean. You never planned as nobly as you ought to plan. You never executed as well as you ought to execute. Over the production of the scholar, over the canvas of the artist, over the task of the landscape gardener, over the pruner's knife, there ought to hover perpetually his blessed ideal, telling him, "Your work is poor, it should be better," so that every day he should lift higher and higher, with an everlasting pursuit of hope which shall only end in perfection when he reaches the land beyond.—H. W. Beecher.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A man's deeds last longer than his words.

Anyway, a "has been" is far better than a "never was."

Patriotism and politics seldom work together at the polls.

Be sure of your facts before attempting to pose as a liar.

Few people get high enough up the ladder of fame to make them dizzy.

If a man doesn't know when he is well off, he at least realizes when he was.

Matches are said to be made in heaven, but some seem to be made elsewhere.

It takes a man with a strong will power to question the sincerity of his imagination.

A popular man has little to say about what he has done and nothing at all about what he is going to do.

Don't be too hasty in forming opinions. The youth with a red rose may have been courting a girl with rouged cheeks.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things when a millionaire works harder than his employes; he gets more pay.—

It is Not So Bad as You Think.

What a vast proportion of our lives is spent in anxious and useless forebodings concerning the future—either of our own or that of our dear ones! Present joys, present blessings, slip by, and we miss half their sweet flavor, and all for want of faith in Him who provides for the tiniest insect in the sunbeam. Oh, when shall we learn the sweet trust in God that our little children teach us every day by their confiding faith in us—we who are so mutable, so falty, so irritable, so unjust, and He

Young Plants

Every farmer knows that some plants grow better than others. Soil may be the same and seed may seem the same but some plants are weak and others strong.

And that's the way with children. They are like young plants. Same food, same home, same care but some grow big and strong while others stay small and weak.

Scott's Emulsion offers an easy way out of the difficulty. Child weakness often means starvation, not because of lack of food, but because the food does not feed.

Scott's Emulsion really feeds and gives the child growing strength.

Whatever the cause of weakness and failure to grow—Scott's Emulsion seems to find it and set the matter right.

Send for free sample. Scott & Bowne, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York 5c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

who is so watchful, so pitiful, so loving, so forgiving? Why cannot we, slipping our hands into His each day, walk trustingly over that day's appointed path, in any and flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace and home?—Phillips Brooks.

A Sure-Enough Fire

The following story is being told of a well-known clergyman of the olden time in New Hampshire: One Sunday afternoon when the atmosphere had reached a condition of humidity very conducive to sleep, the reverend gentleman discovered that the tythingman was not attending to the performance of his duties as he ought.

"Fire! Fire! Fire!" shouted the minister. The slumbering parishioners awoke with the startled cry "Where?"

"In hell, for sleeping sinners," answered the minister.—Ex.

A brother writer sums up the situation in this manner: To the young man who drinks, the railroad corporation says: "Nothing for you;" let him stand in the line when some large factory advertises for competent men, and the answer is "Pass on;" apply for life insurance and the application comes back "Rejected;" knock at the door of good society and hear the answer, "Not at home" Over the gates of the Kingdom is written, "No drunkard shall enter here."

Wakeful Children.

For a long time the 2 year child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth St., Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

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

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

Boles, Ollie
Clark, R R
Hoening Bro's
Lay, John
Low, Sam
Porter, A J
Sawyer, Percy
Scott, Mrs A E
Smith, J W
Williams, Mrs Frank
Wallace, S A

Iron building on Front Street for rent, good stand for grocery and grain. Nicely painted inside.

Warnick's Bank
ro P. H. Watkins.

If you have a buggy that needs painting take it to J. C. Watkins. He has a nice room in the rear of his store fitted up for that purpose. He also buys or sells on commission anything you may have to dispose of.

There are some lovely yards in Merkel. A very few dollars spent for flowers and trees is a good investment and is not foolishly spent.

There is still some appearance of rain as we go to press. A good rain would prove beneficial at this time.

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

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

—OF—
MERKEL, TEXAS

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits \$65,000
Shareholders Responsibilities over \$1,000,000

We are always in a position to take care of our friends and customers. We want your business and will treat you right and make it to your interest.

GEO. S. BERRY, Cash.

Instinct, Not Education, Teaches.

There is a school of the woods, just as much as there is a church of the woods, or a parliament of the woods, or a society of the united charities of the woods, and no more; there is nothing in the dealings of animals with their young that in the remotest way suggests human instruction and discipline. The young of all the wild creatures do instinctively what their parents do and did. They do not have to be taught; they are taught from the jump. The bird sings at the proper age and builds its nest, and takes its appropriate food, without any hint at all from its parents. The young ducks take to the water hatched by a hen as readily as when hatched by a duck, and dive and stalk insects, and wash themselves just as their mother's did. Young chickens and young turkeys understand the various calls and signals of their mother the first time they hear or see them. At her alarm note they squat, at her call to food they come, on the first day as on the tenth. The habits of cleanliness of their nestlings are established from the first hour of their lives. When a bird comes to build its first nest and to rear its first brood, it knows how to proceed as well as it does years later, or as its parents did, before it. The fox is afraid of a trap before if it has had any experience with it, and the hare thumps upon the ground at the sight of any thing strange and unusual whether its mates be in hearing or not. It is true that the crows and the jays might be called the spies and informers of the woods and that other creatures seem to understand the meaning of their cries, but who shall presume to say that they have been instructed in this vocation? Mr. Long would have us believe that the crows teach their young to fly. He might as well say that the rooster teaches its young to crow, or the cock grouse teaches the young male to drum. No bird teaches its young to fly. They fly instinctively when their wings are strong enough.

Negro Shot To Pieces.

Kemp, Tex., May 25.—An unknown negro, who criminally assaulted Mrs. Whitworth, a white woman, seven miles north of here, was shot to death by the posse while he was attempting to escape.

Mrs. Whitworth is in a critical condition as a result of the assault.

The negro is said to have been shot to pieces by his pursuers, who came upon him about a mile north of this place. Particulars are meager at this time.

LATER—Later reports from the supposed lynching are to the effect that the negro was only seriously wounded. The presence of the sheriff and other officers on the scene soon after the brute was captured prevented what was at first supposed to be his death warrant. Wise council prevailed, however. The victim of the fiend is still in a critical condition. The grand jury convened at once and the case will be tried to-morrow.

Montana Snowstorm.

Great Falls, Mont., May 19.—The heaviest sheep and cattle loss in the history of Montana, the damage which will foot up as high as \$5,000,000, has been caused by the terrible snowstorm which has been raging for the last three days. In some sections fully 90 per cent of the sheep on the ranges have perished. Three herders at least have wandered away in the blinding snow and been frozen to death.

Herders have abandoned their flocks on every hand and fled for safety to the settlements and ranches. Nothing like the fury of this storm has ever before been witnessed in Northern Montana. Of a consignment of 600 cattle bound for Harve, all but five were frozen stiff. Losses are reported on every hand, and this district will feel the effect of the loss for years.

Even the Mountains Must Work.

The white giant of the state of Washington, Mount Rianier, is about to be driven into the ranks of modern industrialism, as Niagara has been. A scheme is under way to develop power for light, heat, traction and industrial purposes in the cities of Tacoma and Seattle from the waters constantly supplied by glaciers of the great peak. The Puyallup River, which emerges from one of the 16 glaciers, is to be led into a reservoir, from which the water, descending through steel pipes 1,700 feet long, inclined at an angle of 45 degrees, will be hurled against mighty impulse-wheels, setting them spinning with a speed of 7,000 feet per minute, and developing the energy of 20,000 horsepower. This is only a fraction of the power that the huge mountain is estimated to be capable of supplying from its perpetual snow cap.

J. W. Jenniugs went to Roscoe yesterday on a business trip.

Mrs. Sallie Boyce visited in Abilene yesterday.

DRY GOODS AT WHOLESALE COST. Also a nice lot of spring and summer goods just received which will be sold as cheap as any. Don't fail to see us.

Respectfully,
DENNIS BROS.

Ustick has just received 72 fine set rings. And those fobs for ladies and gentlemen are the latest things out. See them.

Nice room 10x28 on front street, rent reasonable.

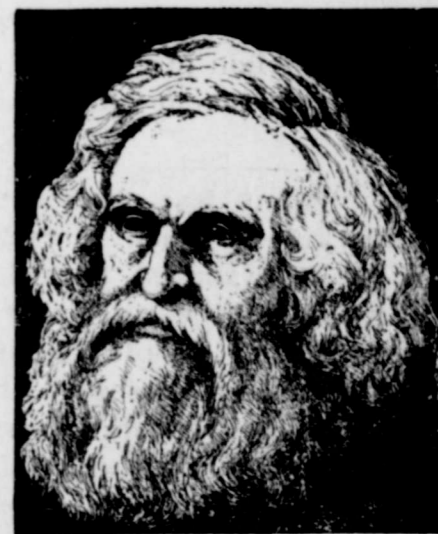
Warnick's Bank
or P. H. Watkins.

Advertising is the secret of success in every business.

The People's Bank.

We make an earnest effort to accommodate all classes. Our aim is to make this in every respect the People's Bank; a bank where all may feel at home; a place where those of moderate means may expect the same treatment as those more favorably situated.

Warnick's Bank,
Merkel, Texas,



Vigorous Old Age

Paine's Celery Compound makes the old feel young, and cures their ills. It has added years of health and enjoyment to many a life. Use this great medicine regularly, and its invigorating powers will fill your declining years with health, strength, and happiness. Read what George F. Morse, 67 years old, writes:—
WELLS & RICHARDSON CO.,
Gentlemen:—Just a word in favor of Paine's Celery Compound, hoping it may catch the eye of some afflicted person, and they may receive the same satisfactory benefit. Some 15 years ago I had a combination of malaria, chills and fever, and grip, which continued for a year or more; meantime I lost in weight about 60 pounds, trying different medicines and doctors with unsatisfactory results. Paine's Celery Compound was recommended, and, after using a little I began to improve, gaining about a pound a week. In a year I had regained 50 pounds of the lost weight and good health, and have been a well man ever since. Yours truly, GEORGE F. MORSE.
LEOMINSTER, MASS., Oct. 27, 1902.

DIAMOND DYES
COLOR ANYTHING ANY COLOR.
Dresses, cloaks, suits, ribbons, coats, feathers, stockings, — everything wearable, Diamond Dyes make to look like new.
Direction book and 45 dyed samples free.
DIAMOND DYES, Burlington, Vt.



Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

J. A. Leeman, W. M. S. M. Sewell, Sec.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's Drug Store.

John Childress is back at his post as night operator.

Saturday is Decoration Day, a national holiday. There are a few graves of old soldiers in the cemetery that a few flowers scattered over them would show our love and respect.

Dr. Arnold Aronson,

One of Chicago's leading opticians, of Europe and America, who was here a few weeks ago, will return June 6th, and will remain 3 days only.

Examination free.

At Alsobrook Hotel. Remember the date June 6th, for three days only.

NOTICE.

I will be in my office June 1st. E. M. Rust.

A child was still born to Mrs. Smith, who lives on the Freemon place, yesterday. The Mail tenders its sympathy.

The Mail gives all the news.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that there is nothing sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Rust & Pittard, druggists. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.00.



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Too Great a Risk.

In almost every neighborhood someone has died from an attack of colic or cholera morbus, often before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. A reliable remedy for these diseases should be kept at hand. The risk is too great for anyone to take. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has undoubtedly saved the lives of more people and relieved more pain and suffering than any other medicine in use. It can be depended upon. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

Geo. S. Berry came in yesterday from the market.

T. J. Dudley is up from Abilene to-day.

The T. & P. pay car passed up the road Monday, making glad the hearts of the boys.

A Revival Meeting.

Rev. S. W. Smith, of Comanche, a land-mark Missionary Baptist preacher, will commence a meeting at the Tabernacle on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in June.

A shower of rain fell here yesterday evening, which only had the effect of laying the dust. A good rain is reported as having fallen at Trent, and it was accompanied by considerable hail. The extent of the damage, if any, is not known, but it is thought to be light.

A recent decision of the Post-office Department is to the effect that torn stamps must not be used, no matter how carefully they may be put together, or how obvious the good faith of the person using such stamps may be. Recent nonsensical rulings of the department are very obnoxious.

J. C. Gibson writes from Mineral Wells to have his paper sent to Dodd City. His wife's health has greatly improved since they have been at the resort.

The warm weather the last two weeks has brought the crops out wonderfully. Good crops this year will put the country on easy street.

Storm damages in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory were great. Many people were killed, crops were destroyed and property damages were considerable. Similar storms visited Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska and other states.

Merkel is getting to be quite a wood center. Hundreds of cords have been shipped out and hundreds more are on the right-of-way ready for shipment. It is thought that fully 100 cars will have been shipped out before winter sets in.

GREATLY ALARMED

By a Persistent Cough, but Permanently Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. H. P. Burbage, a student at law, in Greenville, S. C., had been troubled four or five years with a continuous cough which, he says, "greatly alarmed me, causing me to fear that I was in the first stage of consumption." Mr. Burbage, having seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised, concluded to try it. Now read what he has to say of it: "I soon felt a remarkable change and after using two bottles of the twenty-five cent size, was permanently cured." Sold by Burroughs & Mann.

If you kick at all, try to kick something out of the way—an empty tin can, if nothing else. It is better to work than to kick; but if you have to kick, kick the hogs out of town, or something like that. Do not kick the town. —Dallas News.

Honors for a Merkel Boy.

In the oratorical contest at Polytechnic College, Ft. Worth, this week, a Merkel Boy, Alonzo Bickley, carried off the honors of the school. This will be good news to Alonzo's many friends here. He is a young man, is industrious and studious, and while we expected great things of him, we are none the less rejoiced that he exceeded our expectations. He is studying for the ministry.

Another Merkel product, Miss Lucy Leeman, was the recipient of much praise for her efficient work in the music department, carrying off the honors of her class.

Mrs. E. L. Collings and children came in this morning from Pecos on a visit to relatives.

C. P. Warren was up from Abilene yesterday, going out to his ranch to look after things.

Mrs. Rose has recently returned from a visit to points in New Mexico.

Palestine Herald: A few days ago two farmers came to town, and both brought butter for sale. One of the farmers had his product pressed into neat, compact halfpound packages, and he readily sold it at 25c a pound. He told the Herald man that he could not meet the demand for his butter. The other had his butter in a bucket and it looked soft and watery. After tramping around from place to place, trying to sell, he gave up in disgust said it was no use to bring butter to town, as nobody would buy it. This little relation of facts carries with it a moral. Can you not guess what the moral is?

Hill County Local Option.

Hillsboro Tex., May 25.—The local option law went into effect in this county on Feb. 13. It will be interesting to note that since that time the following cases have been filed in the City Court: Drunkenness 17, affray 13, vagrancy 14, disturbing the peace 4, gaming 3, miscellaneous 6, selling intoxicating liquor in violation of local option law 1—total 58. During the same period last year the following cases were filed in the same court: Drunkenness 69, affray 17, vagrancy 7, abusive language 5, carrying pistol 3, displaying pistol 2, assault 8, failure to work street 13, disturbing the peace 4, boarding train 1, fast driving 3, selling goods on Sunday 3, gaming 1, selling without occupation tax 1—total 138.

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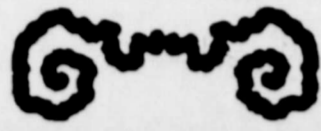
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J. O. HAMILTON

The Farmer's Column.

Interesting Items Pertaining to the Farm and Farm Life, From Our Exchanges.

Good things cost money. When you decide to try a new breed, get the very best, regardless of first cost.

Does scientific investigation show agriculture to be a fool's calling? Did plain John Lowes receive his knighthood as an investigator of simples? Is it not true that knowledge of agriculture embraces nearly all of the known arts and sciences? Is there then any good reason why the intellectual boy or girl seeking mental development should slight farm work and farm life by placing agriculture beyond the pale of consideration?

A good bull at \$100 is a great deal cheaper than a poor one at \$10.

A progressive farmer frequently makes mistakes, but he doesn't keep on making the same ones.

Pumpkins make good feed for cattle and hogs and they can be grown in the corn field without injury to the corn.

Crossing breeds at hap-hazard will rarely result in the production of good dairy animals or good beef animals either.

Many banks in the state are beginning what might be justly termed an educational work, and are doing considerable advertising in the newspaper, urging farmers and others to open saving accounts, however small the beginning may be. A little laid aside each week becomes quite a sum in the course of a few years. In some instances the banks have used for several weeks a page of space in which they presented in an intelligent way the question of saving money. Teaching people to save, and to put their savings where they will be safe, is a great work; an educational undertaking.

In these days of long faces and crop tribulations, it is a genuine pleasure to hear a blown-in-the-bottle optimist talk. We listened to one this morning—a wide-awake prosperous merchant. He said: "We are so prone to forget history. Five years ago a killing frost laid the corn low and

that year was the last big corn crop raised. Nature and providence are great compensators. You may notice that a light winter always follows a short feed crop. The wind is tempered always to the shorn lamb. If a man does his part the higher powers will do the rest. I'm not worrying. This year has plenty of time to be the greatest crop year of our history."—Bonham Democrat.

There are lots of ways of making money on the farm besides raising cotton. For instance, the Rising Star Record says: "T. M. Sherrell was in the Star Friday trading peas for groceries. He sold \$35 worth of peas from 5 acres planted in the corn last year and did not market more than 1-4 of what he raised on the five acres. He says where he had the peas his corn made more and better than anywhere else; that the vines shade the ground and makes it retain the moisture longer than where it is exposed to the sun. He is going to plant all of his corn in peas next year."

E. B. Dewey, of Sipe Springs, is a man who has made the farm and ranch pay. Several years ago he and his wife went fishing in a county south of this and while there he purchased a herd of common goats for an outlay of \$84. He graded them up with little expense, and has sold them with the increase for \$1700. He paid \$1.25 for a common heifer calf about ten years ago and has sold the increase of that little animal for \$700. His present ranch of over 800 acres he bought in the rough at a small figure, and has improved it so that \$11,000 was regarded as a bargain for it by the recent purchasers."

In The Human System.

A pupil in a village school who had been requested to write an essay on the human body, handed in the following: "The human body consists of the head, thorax, abdomen and legs. The head contains the brains, in case there is any. The thorax contains the heart and lungs, also the liver and lights. The abdomen contains the bowels, of which there are five—a, e, i, o,

u, and sometimes w and y. The legs extend from the abdomen to the floor and have hinges at the top and middle to enable us to sit when standing or stand when sitting."—Bryan Eagle.

Saw Their Father Flogged

The family of James A. Powell, the middle-aged farmer who was publicly flogged at the post in the Dover, Del., jail yard, were in attendance last Friday and saw the whole proceeding. Powell had written to them to come, although he knew that there would be a big crowd around the jail yard to see Sheriff Melvin administer the lash upon his bare back. Powell's partner, Thos. G. Smith, also a hearty, middle-aged farmer, was whipped right after him, both bearing the punishment well. A young negro, Fredric Allen, received ten lashes afterward. "You are whipping innocent men today," was all Powell and Smith would say before being brought out to the post. They felt their humiliation much more than they did the Sheriff's whip. They were flogged lightly, but the lash left its long red streaks, and the first time it fell it forever disfranchised them from participation in affairs of their state and country while remaining in Delaware. Powell and Smith were convicted, after a hard fight, of stealing 21 pounds of chickens from a neighbor, Jeremiah Teat, and they failed to obtain a new trial. Allen is the negro culprit released to John E. Cook, a farmer, on probation. Allen made way with his best overcoat. Each man after punishment was sent to prison for six months.

Find the Moral.

When we were publishing a paper in Mt. Vernon, Ill., on the second floor a store was opened in the room under our office. The senior proprietor came up stairs and contracted for three columns of space for twelve months with locals each issue and 2,500 dodgers each week. This firm started on borrowed capital. In less than two years it had money enough to start two stores, one in Sedalia and one in St. Louis. It dissolved partnership and each partner took a field to himself. Byron Nugent was the partner who is now the senior member of B. Nugent & Bro., the great St. Louis house. He not only owns the store building and ground, but is erecting a modest little cottage home which will cost \$87,000. We must add that some of the old mossbacks who were in business in Mt. Vernon before Byron Nugent ever saw the place

are still grumbling about dull trade and hard times.—Pine Bluff Republican.

INDIAN BABIES.

Babies cry very little in India—they obey spiritual law as a flower. The lotus bud, lying on a stone bench in a dirty room, sucks its toe and seems dreaming of the pranks of Krishna, and solving problems of the universe. As it grows older it is very timid, shy in the presence of its elders. It feels the religious awe around it and does not break out into boisterous sport when all seems at prayer.

But there is much love in India and these humble households seem very happy. They are all-in-all to each other and seek nothing outside either in society or amusement. Beautiful characters come from obedience to law and not from lawlessness. In India children are the crowning gift of life. It is a horror to

be childless.—Edmund Russell in Everybody's Magazine.

Our Prairie Dog Population.

In answering a question as to the damage done in Texas by prairie dogs, the Dallas News says: "The yearbook of the department of agriculture for 1901 puts the population of the Texas prairie dog colony at 400,000,000, and by reckoning that 256 dogs consume as much grass as will a steer, figures that enough grass is destroyed to support 1,562,500 cattle."

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