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J. P. Sharp & Co.

General Merchandise

If you want to save money,
we are the people to hunt up.
Don't forget this, please.

Among Our Neighbors.

J. V. W. Holmes has purchased J. H. Booth's half interest in the Fitzgerald and Booth ranch for \$48,000. This ranch lies about 15 miles southwest of here and known as the Abney ranch and as fine a piece of ranch property as can be found anywhere.—Sweetwater Reporter.

The little five year old son of N. E. Martin was bitten by a large rattlesnake last week and came very nearly dying. It was several hours after he was bitten before Dr. Manning reached him. Mr. Martin lives four miles west of town. The child is convalescing.—Stamford News.

Fisher county is going to have some good bridges built soon, the lumber having arrived in Sweetwater last week. C. D. Shiflet, who has the contract for hauling the lumber, has commenced hauling.—Roby Banner.

Mr. J. L. Swan was in from his farm near Swan's Chapel yesterday morning and reported a severe hail storm in that section the evening before. Mr. Swan says that his wheat is damaged at least two or three bushels per acre, but he don't think the hail reached over a very large scope of country.—Anson Western.

Our three Blind Tiger friends arrived from Waco Saturday night, in charge of Sheriff Johnson, and are occupying apartments for the summer at the county hotel. It is pleasant to have these gentlemen with us again even if the circumstances are different from those prevailing when they were here before, and their return is extremely gratifying to our people.—Colorado Clipper.

The Comanche Visitor has the following to say about Prof. Evans who is a brother of Prof. Cecil E. Evans of this place:

Prof. Evans has been elected superintendent of the Uvalde High School at a salary of between \$1,300 and \$1,400. He

was elected without opposition to the position. Prof. Evans has been connected with the Comanche schools for a number of years and has given general satisfaction. His Comanche friends are glad of his election to such a good position.

No Rain Yet.

The distressing drouth still continues, and the situation has become very serious. Very little rain has fallen for six or seven weeks. Many farmers failed to get a stand of cotton, and want to plant yet, but cannot do so until it rains. Corn is doing no good, and is beginning to twist up and turn pale. The chinch bugs are sucking the life out of it, and unless we get rain in a week the corn crop will be a "goner." Spring oats are a failure, and gardens are ditto.

The oldest inhabitant does not remember a time when crop prospects were as poor at this time of year as they are at this writing.

Rain is washing people away in Oklahoma and Indian Territory but we can't get a shower down this way.—Garland News.

Hot Weather Weakness.

If you feel fagged out, listless and lacking in energy, you are perhaps suffering from the debilitating effects of summer weather. These symptoms indicate that a tonic is needed that will create a healthy appetite, make digestion perfect, regulate the bowels and impart natural activity to the liver. This, Herbine will do; it is a tonic, laxative and restorative. H. J. Freegard, Propr. Grand View Hotel, Cheney, Kan., writes: "I have used Herbine for the last 12 years, and nothing on earth can beat it. It was recommended to me by Dr. Newton, Newton, Kan." 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

Jack Totten, an employe of the Abilene asylum contractors, died last Thursday night from the effects of an over-dose of morphine.

The Mail tenders congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Allen on the birth of a fine boy. Mother and babe doing nicely, but the same can not be said of I. S. However, he is recovering.

S. D. McWhorter and family left yesterday for Tuscola to spend a week with relatives. Mr. Mc. will look after his crop while there, his oats now being ready for the thresher.

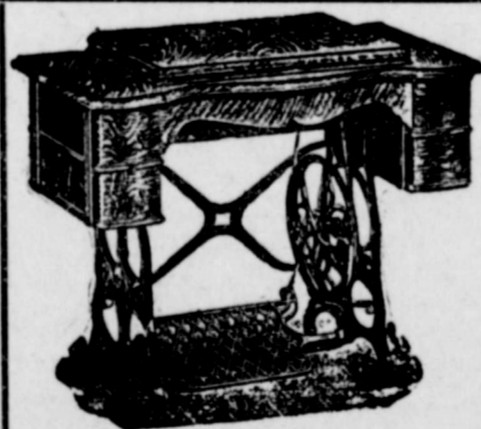
Mr. Joseph Pominville, of Stillwater, Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, without relief, was advised by his druggist, Mr. Alex. Richard, to try a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is a well man today. If troubled with indigestion, bad taste in the mouth, lack of appetite or constipation, give these Tablets a trial, and you are certain to be more than pleased with the result. For sale at 25cents per box by Burroughs & Mann.

A Similarity.

On June 9th, 1875, there was a killing frost which laid everything low. Corn in the tassle was killed, wheat and oats greatly damaged, and cotton was bitten off. To the old timers this phenomena will be readily remembered. Many of them have called the attention of The Mail to it. Others have half way predicted that this year will be a repetition of that, and are just a little bit afraid that the country is to undergo just such another hardship. This weather, they say, is similar in many respects to the weather preceding the frost of 1875. In some places in Texas the last few days have been quite cool, and in one or two places particles of sleet and snow have fallen, though no damage has been done so far. At any rate, the weather is an enigma, and there is no telling what it will do. Winter is lingering a long time in the lap of summer.

Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is here again, and the flowers, fragrant offerings of love and gratitude, will soon make the graves as beautiful as the memory of the soldier's deeds is precious. Each year diminishes the number of veterans who assemble at the cemetery to conduct the memorial exercises; each year increases the num-



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ber of mounds to be decorated, but the living may be trusted to perpetuate the custom even when the survivors of our wars have entirely disappeared. Sorrow for the dead is the one sorrow, it has been said, from which the living do not care to be weaned, and this is the more true, when with that sorrow there is mingled the appreciation of patriotic service. The living can rejoice that the animosities apoused by the civil war have been so completely buried that those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray can march together to the "silent of the dead" and join in showing respect to the valor and sacrifice of those who, in the war between the states, proved the strength of their convictions by the offer of their lives. The living, also, should in the presence of the dead consecrate themselves anew to the work that lies before the nation, to the end that the wise and prompt solution of the present problems may insure permanent peace and prosperity to our beloved land.—Commoner.

"Didn't Keer."

A Kansas paper, the Marion Record, tells a story that is well worth repeating: On the Rock Island last week two well dressed ardent lovers, evidently a newly married couple, amused the other passengers with their cooing. After awhile the fair young bride leaned back in her chair and fell asleep. Her companion took advantage of the lull in affectional demonstrations and went into the smoker to enjoy a cigar. While he was gone a long, lank, grizzly specimen of humanity came in and sat down in the vacant chair beside the sleeping beauty. Presently the young woman, half asleep, turned and laid her head lovingly on the shoulder of the stranger, put her plump arm around his neck. The green, gawky stranger seemed a trifle surprised at this unexpected familiarity, but made

no desperate effort to escape. He merely looked around at the convulsed passengers and grinned. Then the hilarity awoke the young woman and, opening her large blue eyes, she saw her mistake. With flushed cheeks she stammered an apology. "You needn't 'pologize to me," drawled the stranger, "I didn't keer."

Boys and girls, newly married folks and some old folks enjoyed the beautiful day God gave us last Sunday, and we were out in full feather, and seemed happy as happy could be. We sat on the balcony and watched the inspiring sight. Beautiful turnouts, high stepping, mettlesome steeds, gallant chevaliers, and girls as beautiful as houris, the fabled nymphs that inhabits paradise. The young men in Grand Saline are a gallant set of young fellows, passable to looks; but the girls—they are just bewitching. If we had time "we could gaze unwearied on their beauty till the sun grows dim and wrinkled like an old man's face." But we haven't the time. On this earth we only catch glimpses of the good things on the other shore where beauty never fades and love lives forever.—Grand Saline News.

Snow at Paris.

Paris, Tex., May 31.—While Sheriff Carpenter and Assistant County Attorney Lattimore were in a room in the third story of the court house at 5 o'clock yesterday evening their attention was attracted by fine fleecy particles falling on the window sill, which proved to be genuine snowflakes. They melted as fast as they fell. Other citizens observed the phenomenon. There was a dark cloud overhead and the snow fell from the cloud just after the wind shifted to the north. Overcoats were worn on the streets last night and fires were decidedly comfortable today.

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Saturday night on or
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each month.

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mencing June 1, we will make
one of our best crayon enlarge-
ments, 16x20 in. (no bromide),
with 1 doz. best Aristo Platino
photographs, cabinet size, at the
remarkably low sum of \$3.50. All
other portrait work at prices cor-
responding with the above. Also
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market.

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place.

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homeseekers the entire Herndon
Ranch consisting of about 12,-
000 acres near Eskota, and will
sell at reasonable prices and on
good terms.

Sales will begin about the 1st
of July. Watch and make your
selection in time. For particu-
lars call on or address

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6t Sweetwater, Texas.

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SALE 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.

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inside.

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or P. H. Watkins.

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in hot weather; smaller dose
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which is attached to fatty pro-
ducts during the heated
season.

Send for free sample.
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409-415 Pearl Street, New York.
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain un-
called for in the Post Office at
Merkel, Texas, and if not called
for will be sent to the Dead Let-
ter office June 1. When call-
ing for them please state adver-
tised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

Bullard, Loran
Chitwood, Clifton
Dancer, W P
Deleon, Crespin
Edwards, Mrs Lorena
Stephenson, J H
Milam, Mrs Francis

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 pur-
pose. He also buys or sells on
commission anything you may
have to dispose of.

Prof. C. E. Evans has received
notice of his appointment as a
member of the board of exami-
ners for summer normals. This
is a deserving honor and one
which reflects credit upon the
town. The Mail joins in con-
gratulations to the professor.

H. Foster, a pioneer citizen of
the Deadman community, died
Tuesday.

A shower of rain fell yester-
day, and as we go to press this
morning there are good indica-
tions of a continuation of the
blessing. Cotton is not suffering
for rain, but corn and other feed
stuff would be greatly benefited.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson left this
morning for a visit to relatives in
Dallas.

The young people were enter-
tained by Mr. and Mrs. T. J.
Coggin last night, going out on a
hay wagon. The affair was
given in honor of Mrs. Coggin's
nieces, Misses Neighbors, who
are her guests. A very delight-
ful time is reported.

Miss Dora Weaver of Abilene
is visiting Miss Marguerite
Howard.

Cyclone in Georgia.

A cyclone of terrific force
struck Gainesville, Ga., Monday,
causing a fearful loss of life. At
last reports 85 dead bodies had
been recovered, with perhaps 50
more fatally injured and the
property loss will foot up to \$300,-
000. Other places nearby also
suffered.

Hundreds of lives have also
been lost in the Missouri and
Kansas floods, and millions of
dollars worth of property has
been destroyed. Floods are still
raging. The situation is alarm-
ing and many towns are threaten-
ed.

The county clerk's office at
Abilene was besieged Monday by
the notories public who went
through the formalities of taking
the oath of office, gave bond and
promised to engage in no duels
during their tenure of office.
There are quite a number who
have not yet qualified.

The T. & P. switch gang ar-
rived Tuesday and have several
teams at work on the embank-
ment for the new switch. The
steel gang is nearing town on
the east and will arrive here in
time to lay the switch steel. Con-
siderable filling in will have to
be made on the switch, and it
will take several weeks to com-
plete the work.

W. K. Shipman, the Sweet-
water tomb stone man, was in
the city Tuesday and placed
several orders for work in his
line.

Free mail delivery went into
force at Abilene Monday.

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

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

GEO. S. BERRY, Cash.

Work of School Board.

At a meeting of the school
board Tuesday evening the fol-
lowing officers were elected for
the ensuing year:

J. C. Calvert, Pres.
J. P. Sharp, Treas.
I. S. Allen, Sec.
John Elliott, Assessor and Col-
lector.

The board also took up the
matter of having the school cata-
logue printed and has ordered
some handsome cuts with which
to embellish the book. Mer-
chants should also have a cut of
their building inserted. The
cost will be small and it will prove
beneficial to them and to the
town. Think over it.

T. J. Coggin returned Tuesday
from the Panhandle country.

League Program.

Leader—Miss Annie King.
Subject—Modern lessons from
the Rechabites.
Lesson—Jer. 35:1-6.
References from Epworth Era.
Resisting temptation.—Miss
Edith Freemon.
Example will tell.—Elmer
Maxwell.

Benefits of total abstinence.—
R. I. Stallings.
Songs and prayer at pleasure
of leader.

June 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkisson, parents
of Dr. J. A. Adkisson, left yester-
day for their home in Tennes-
see.

Miss Duncan Browning is
visiting Miss Stephenson at Abi-
lene.

Dr. J. Cecil LeGare, a well
known Abilene physician, died
Monday evening at 2 o'clock
after a lingering illness of several
week's duration. Dr. LeGare
was a high-toned Christian gen-
tleman, and occupied an enviable
position in the medical fraternity.
He was an old soldier, upright
and honorable, brilliant in attain-
ments, and leaves a large circle
of friends who are grieved at his
untimely death. Peace to his
ashes.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can any thing feel worse than
to feel that every minute will be
your last? Such was the experi-
ence of Mrs. S. H. Newson,
Decatur, Ala., "For three years"

she writes, "I endured insuffer-
able pain from indigestion,
stomach and bowel trouble.
Death seemed inevitable when
doctors and all remedies failed.
At length I was induced to try
Electric Bitters and the result
was miraculous. I improved at
once and now I'm completely re-
covered." For Liver, Kidney,
Stomach and Bowel troubles
Electric Bitters is the only Med-
icine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed
by Rust & Pittard, Druggists.

Abilene Summer Normal opens
June 25. This is the oldest and
best attended Summer Normal in
West Texas. It offers superior
advantages to teachers of this
section. Supt. F. W. Chatfield
of Abilene is at the head and is
assisted by an able corps of
teachers.

K. of P. lodge has rented the
Ferrier Hall and will convert it
into a lodge room. The scenery
will be retained and the hall as
heretofore will be used as an
opera house.

His Last Hope Realized.

(From the Sentinel, Gobo, Mont.)

In the opening of Oklahoma to
settlers in 1889, the editor of this
paper was among the many seek-
ers after fortune who made the
big race one fine day in April.
During his traveling about and
afterwards his campaigning upon
his claim, he encountered much
bad water, which, together with
the severe heat, gave him a very
severe diarrhoea which it seemed
almost impossible to check, and
along in June the case became so
bad he expected to die. One day
one of his neighbors brought
him a small bottle of Chamber-
lain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-
rhoea Remedy as a last hope. A
big dose was given him while he
was rolling around in great agony,
and in a few minutes the dose
was repeated. The good effect
of the medicine was noticed and
within an hour the patient was
taking his first sound sleep for a
fortnight. That one little bottle
worked a complete cure, and he
cannot help but feel grateful. The
season for bowel disorders being
at hand suggests this item. For
sale by Burroughs & Mann.

There is no use worrying fret-
ting and losing sleep because
some one has found fault with
what you do. 'Tis the common
lot of a mans business. The mer-
chant doesn't please all his cus-
tomers; the postmaster is cuffed
and kicked for all alleged mis-
takes; the railroad agent is fre-
quently backed up in a corner
and given to understand this and
that and other things; the butcher
is forever reminded of tough
steak, and even the minister
finds it hard to please all the con-
gregation with his best sermons.
If you don't believe this ask
these men. The newspaper man
gets more than his share of it
and is expected to get out a
cheerful newspaper all the same.
A man befriends another man
and is turned down and abused.
Such things are not always
pleasant, but always have been
and always will be, and the man
who goes through them the easiest,
is the one who pays the least at-
tention to them and goes right
along trying to be pleasant and
useful.—Ex.

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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.

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fort to accommodate all
classes. Our aim is to
make this in every res-
pect 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.

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Merkel, Texas,

You Will Be Happy if Well.

Paine's Celery Compound

Bestows that Health and
Vigor that Makes Liv-
ing a Pleasure.

If you are sick and out-of-sorts, it is in your
power to make yourself healthy, strong, and
happy.

There is not the slightest reason why you
should go through life feeling sickly, miserable,
languid, and melancholic. To be well and
strong, means happiness and true joy.

If you are sleepless, rheumatic, neuralgic,
dyspeptic, or have the shadows of disease
hovering over you; if you are not as bright,
energetic, and strong as you were some weeks
ago, the use of Paine's Celery Compound will
tone up and fortify your whole system, cleanse
the blood, correct digestion, sharpen the
appetite, and conduce to restful sleep. Thou-
sands once in a half-dead condition owe their
present good health to the use of Paine's
Celery Compound. Mr. Wm. S. Gibson, of
Pleasureville, Ky., who, through sickness and
suffering, was brought near the dark grave,
writes as follows, regarding his marvelous
cure:—

"I have been broken down in health and
strength, nervous system shattered, kidneys
out of order, had nervous and trembling spells
off and on for the last ten years. I have taken
three bottles of your Paine's Celery Compound
and all of the above-mentioned troubles have
left me, and I can now do a good day's work.
I go about my business all day long and it
don't worry me, and I now feel better than I
have in ten years. I have a good appetite,
and can eat and get around on foot as active
as when I was a boy. My age is 65 years."

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Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25cents, money back if not cured. Sold by Rust & Pittard, Druggists.

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.

To The Public.

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

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. 2t

Burroughs & Mann have a nice line of guaranteed clocks, going cheap. New alarm clocks \$1.00

Mayor Geo. S. Berry was in from Merkel and we will show him against any mayor in the effete east on all points of a way-up municipal head, from grey matter to physical proportions. He is the picture of prosperity and physical strength.—Reporter.

Prof. and Mrs. Hudgins of Snyder were the guests of the family of H. C. Williams Sunday, having come in from Stamford where they attended quarterly conference. The school board of Snyder paid Prof. Hudgins a great compliment by unanimously electing him to a third term as superintendent of their school. He was tendered the position on the same day the last term expired. He is one of the foremost educators of the west, and The Mail is glad to know that he stands so high with the good people of Snyder.

Try Burroughs & Mann for bicycle tires and repairs.

Miss Lillian Julian, who had charge of the piano instruction in the Merke High School, gave a recital in Ferrier Hall last Thursday night, which was liberally patronized. The exercises were good, all the pupils, from the little tots to the grown folks, carrying out their respective parts with marked ability. The selections, too, were good, and the way they were rendered showed that great pains had been taken and that they had received thorough training. Miss Julian is an accomplished musician. We are sorry that it is impossible to give the merits of each individual effort, as they so richly deserve.

B. F. Longacre sold several loads of sheaf oats on the local market this and last week. They were from a voluntary crop and were well headed, many expressing surprise at the enormous yield. The acreage in oats is larger this year than usual, but it is not as large as it should be by several hundred acres.

"Grandpa" Woodard, a former citizen who moved to Roscoe two years ago, was here a part of last week visiting relatives.

J. H. Julian and family, Fowler Joiner and family and many others from Caps attended the musical here Thursday night.

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.

Constipated Bowels.

To have good health, the body should be kept in a laxative condition, and the bowels moved at least once a day, so that all the poisonous waters are expelled daily. Mr. G. L. Edwards, 142 N. Main St., Wichita Kansas, writes: "I have used Herbine to regulate the liver and bowels for the past ten years, and found it a reliable remedy." 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

We give as good cold drinks and cream as can be obtained anywhere. Come and try them. Burroughs & Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tracy came in Sunday from Dallas accompanied by their little daughter who was operated upon two weeks ago. The Mail is glad to learn that she is doing nicely and that her ultimate recovery is now almost a certainty. The operation was a very severe one, but little Nellie came through the trying ordeal bravely and is very patient. It will be several months before the success of the operation can be determined.

Mrs. Dr. Leeman, accompanied by Miss Lucy and Alonzo Bickley, arrived from Ft. Worth Thursday, where the young people attended Polytechnic College.

Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Evans visited relatives at Anson last week, returning home Friday.

Terrel Winters says he has the brightest prospects for a corn crop than for several years past and with favorable seasons will make a large yield. It is needing rain, however.

Prof. Cecil E. Evans, principal of the Merkel High School, and family arrived in the city Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives. Prof. Evans was once principal of the school here and has many warm friends in and around Anson. Mrs. Evans is a daughter of Mrs. A. Maxwell of this city.—Anson Western.

Tax on Babies.

Extreme hot weather is a great tax upon the digestive power of babies; when puny and feeble they should be given a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the children's tonic. It will stimulate and facilitate the digestion of their food, so that they soon become strong, healthy and active. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's.

We have a proposition to offer you. Ask about it.

Burroughs & Mann.

Miss Eleanor D. Murray of Caps goes to Merkel next week to teach a three months music class but will return to Caps to teach music next term beginning Sept. 1.—Reporter.

The Baptists held their fifth Sunday meeting with the Salt Branch church from Friday to Sunday, inclusive. Quite a large crowd was in attendance.

A subscriber to an eastern local paper recently wrote to the editor of the paper, asking if he would take pay for the paper in chickens. The editor replied: "Yes, and wood and meal and meat and corn and potatoes and peaches and billy goats and pigs and horses and hay and land and mules and cows and calves and rabbits and wheat and any old thing you've got. We have, on rare occasions, even taken in money on subscription."

H. C. Williams and family and Prof. and Mrs. Hudgins left Monday for the Concho on a fishing excursion. They will be joined at Sterling by H. C. Hayter and family.

Dr. E. M. Rust returned Sunday from New Orleans, where he attended the Polyclinic.

Rev. R. T. Hanks of Sweetwater was in the city Monday.

Prof. Ed D. Stephens, an able instructor and director in music, will sing at the Baptist church next Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy the music.

Driven To Desperation.

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Dr. King says Arkansas is almost submerged. Crops are all under water and prospects are gloomy indeed. It rained every day during his stay there.

Dr. J. H. C. King returned Sunday from Pike, Ark. The condition of his wife's mother is very much improved, but Mrs. King will remain with her some time yet.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pence of Napton, Mo., Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Pence was formerly Miss May Williams. The Mail sends greetings to the lusty youngster.

Miss Nora Crim returned to Abilene Saturday.

Miss Lillian Julian left Saturday for her home at Caps, much to the regret of the young people.

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

Mrs. M. A. Burroughs has sold her farm south of town to D. Reidenbach. The farm consists of 80 acres and brought \$680, a little better than \$8 per acre. Mrs. Burroughs, since her illness, has not been able to look after the property, hence its sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Berry visited in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pittard visited in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Carrie Woodard of Roscoe passed through Friday morning en route to Abilene to attend commencement exercises of Simmons College.

Miss Marguerite Howard visited in Abilene Sunday.

Woodmen Picnic.

Bordess Chapel camp W. O. W. will have a picnic at Elm between Abilene and Caps on Thursday June 18. Neighboring camps have been invited and it is hoped to make the log rolling a complete success. An interesting program, consisting of music and speech-making, has been arranged. Go and take your basket.

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Many octopuses are thriving on the injunction diet.

Packers now use every part of the hog except the squeal and it may in time be used as a signal to "plant hog." This advice has long been given, but it is not always heeded.

Some parts of Texas have been amply blessed with rain during the past week, while in other sections it is still dry and crops of all kinds are suffering. The rains have been partial.

Senator Bailey leans toward Gorman and thinks he is a suitable man to lead the Democratic hosts to victory. President Gorman wouldn't sound bad. But there are others.

The Haskell county local option case has been carried to the Supreme Court on a writ of error, the Court of Appeals having overruled the motion for a rehearing and rendered an opinion in favor of the pros. It is thought a final decision will be had in two or three weeks.

Here is a strain of anti-prohibition music from the Cameron Inquirer: "Say, boys, do you know if prohibition carries the fellows in town belonging to the clubs will get all they want, but how about the country man—the farmer?" Notwithstanding Milam county went dry Saturday.

It is stated that two constitutional amendments, at least, will be submitted to the people for ratification at the November election next year. One will provide for an increase in the appropriation for Confederate pensions from \$250,000 to \$500,000, and the other will provide for the incorporation of State banks.

The Texas school lands, embracing over 300,000 acres, go on the market June 12th. Under senate resolution No. 10, passed at the last regular session, all lands on which leases expired during the ninety days when they were taken off the market, go on the market on above date, and such lands must remain on the market for sale and not subject to lease for sixty days. Already hundreds of people are lined up for the rush. It is a veritable lottery business.

The Taylor County News last week made a timely thrust at the injunction craze and illustrated its remarks by reciting a few causes which led up to the applications for injunctions. Many of them were ludicrous, but the picture was not overdrawn. The evil is assuming gigantic proportions. There is hardly any thing that can not be stopped by such proceedings, and usually in favor

of the strong against the weak. The News, however, failed to mention the case of the Omaha woman who had an injunction served on her to keep her from talking.

The dispatch with which the Kaufman county court disposed of the negro rapist will do more to keep the lynching fever normal than all the laws on the statute books. Whenever a crime is sufficiently revolting to call for summary vengeance the people, without regard as to whether they live in the North or in the South, are going to get up in arms. But quick court decisions and consequent swift punishment will have a tendency to check this lynching evil. Kaufman county officers are entitled to much praise for the very efficient manner in which they warded off the lynching of the rape fiend.

There is some question as to the expediency of Governor Lanham's act in cutting down the appropriation bill. It is a matter of one man's act against that of the entire law making body. When the special session of the Legislature was called both branches were given to understand that the tax rate must not be increased, and at the same time they were cautioned to cut down the appropriation bill. Impaled on both horns of the dilemma they were confronted with a vexed problem. The easiest way out was considered the best, hence the bill was trimmed to its limit and turned over to the governor ready for the scalping knife. The Legislature has been roundly condemned for this act, but the fact remains that, under the circumstances, they did the best they could with their hands tied.

The Italy News-Herald pertinently remarks: "If you see anything in this paper that you do not like remember there may be many things about you that we do not like either, but we are not constantly talking about them and bemoaning you for your faults. There are two sides to every question and ours may be the one that is right." If the newspapers should criticize every man who dares to differ with them a mighty howl would go up. And yet the newspapers are publicly criticised every day in the week. More than this, if the name of one man appears in the news column, while that of his neighbor is omitted, he is accused of being partial or of pandering to a certain class. The average newspaper is expected to do many things, but it is given very little latitude in which to do it.

A Grayson county paper, the editor of which tore his shirt for local option during the recent campaign in that county, now bewails his fate and says he'll "never do it any more." The very ones who sided him on and applauded the loudest when he hit the opposition below the belt, he now declares, were the first to give him the marble heart and turn a cold shoulder in his direction. The people, it seems, are unappreciative. They showered him with enconiums while the heat of the battle was on, but after the fight was over and the victory won his idolic reign came to an end. This editor has lost none of his faith in local option, though he will fight shy of future contests. It was ever thus. The fellow who is entitled to the lau-

rels must play the second fiddler. And he is left with an empty bag as a souvenir.

The action of Attorney General Bell in filing suits against fifty of the insurance companies doing business in the State, on the charge of combining to fix and maintain rates is generally applauded. It is just a little bit strange that all the companies have adopted practically the same rates; and it is stranger still that a few months ago all of them reached the conclusion at the same time that a twenty-five per cent. increase in rates was absolutely necessary. It is also passing strange that insurance rates are higher in this State than in others. If there is a combine the companies come within the pale of the anti-trust statute and should be made to conform to the law. If they can not operate in Texas as competitive concerns, let them move out. This would give Texas capital a chance to operate, and it would likewise force the passage of laws that would put a quietus on the wild cat insurance companies which are springing up throughout the State.

The latest Northern freak to show his jassackical colors is the Rev. Dwight Hillis, a political preacher of New York, who is outraged because a white chambermaid in an Indiana hotel refused to make up a bed in a room occupied by an unsavory he-coon. The parson thinks it is a violation of the constitution to allow such conduct, and is rip-roaring mad and frothing at the mouth. He would consider it an honor to make up a negro's bed to show that he believes in the equality of the races. There is no reason, except that of common decency and good breeding, why the reverend gentleman should not act as wet nurse to all the loud smelling coons in Christendom, but that does not license him to condemn this Indiana girl for performing a service distasteful to her, nor does it lessen the crime of meddling in affairs that do not concern him, or of trying to irritate a situation that is already a gaping chasm. It is a noteworthy fact that the young lady, Miss Louise Spence Hadley, who refused to make up the bed for Booker T. Washington, is a Southern lady and expects to soon make her home in Houston. It is stated that she was the recipient of upwards of \$5,000 from admiring Southern people, and also that she has been offered a lucrative position in a Houston home. All honor to the woman, North or South, who has such regard for her womanhood.

Death of Jim Owens.

One of the saddest occurrences that Stamford has yet experienced was the death of J.F. (Shorty) Owens last Saturday night by a pistol shot fired by the city marshal.

There was a badger pulling on the plaza and Mr. Owens was inside the small square on the plaza on his horse, and, though generally a sober man, he had that evening become somewhat intoxicated. Mr. G. G. Flournoy, the city marshal, felt that it was his duty as an officer to take him in charge. This brought on the trouble. Mr. Owens dismounted and advanced on the officer. Dr. McReynolds tried to restrain him, but being a powerful man he overcame both the Dr. and Flournoy and had Mr. Flournoy down on the ground

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when the fatal shot was fired. The bullet pierced his heart and he died instantly.

Mr. Flournoy gave himself up at once and was taken to Anson that night.

A coroner's inquest was held and a preliminary trial was waived to await the action of the grand jury. The bail was placed at \$3,500. The bond was given with 104 names on it of the best citizens of Stamford and representing at least \$500,000 in wealth.

In all that has transpired since the sad occurrence itself, in the support of the officer in the discharge of his duty, there has not been a syllable of harshness or bad feeling against Mr. Owens. He was the bosom friend of a great many who were on the bond of the marshal.

There is one universal expression of sorrow and of sympathy for the widow and five orphan children. It was not Jim Owens, but that dangerous and bloody enemy that men take into their mouths and that steals away their brains. Jim Owens was liked by all who knew him, and

he and George Flournoy had been friends of long standing. It is a very sad affair and none regret it more than Mr. Flournoy himself.—Stamford News.

Cyclones are still busy to the north of us.

Severe Hail.

Last Wednesday's rain was accompanied by heavy hail, about eight miles west of town it was most severe.

At Philip Gressett's place it hailed for over an hour and piled up over a foot deep in the yard. He had 100 acres in cotton, 17 acres in corn and 40 acres in corn and maize. The cotton and corn were completely ruined, but he thinks his corn and maize will come out.

C. B. Laxson was a heavy loser; he had 60 acres in wheat and 25 acres in oats, and the binder was standing in the field. Ten acres of the oats had been cut, the remaining 15 acres and 60 acres of wheat were completely ruined.

Others whose names we failed to get suffered heavy losses.—Ballinger Banner-Leader.

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Milt Wiman came in yesterday from Dallas. He looks hale and hearty, as well as prosperous.

Why Do You Laugh?

When you see a drunken man reeling on the streets why do you laugh? Is there anything in a blasted, deformed, bleary-eyed unfortunate human being to laugh at? Think of the poor old mother, or the broken hearted wife and children who are waiting at home for the return of a ruined loved one, and laugh no more at the misfortunes of fellow beings. It is a subject over which thoughtless persons laugh. Don't laugh at the drunkard reeling through the streets, however ludicrous the sight may be. Just stop and think. He is going to some tender heart that will throb in intense agony—some mother will grieve over the downfall of her once sinless boy, or it may be a fond wife whose heart will almost break with grief when she views the destruction of her idol. It may be a fond sister who will shed bitter tears over the degradation of her brother, shorn of his manliness and self-respect. Rather drop a tear in silent sympathy with those hearts so keenly sensitive and tender, yet so proud and loyal that they cannot accept sympathy tendered them in either word or look, though it may fall on their wounded hearts as

summer dew on a withered flower.—Meridian Tribune.

We dreamed the other night of going to the postoffice and extracted there from a letter from an eastern law firm notifying us that we had been left a nice fortune of ten million dollars in cash by a near relative. We gave away our printing business, packed up the babies and started for a trip around the world. We boarded a big ship and had proceeded nearly across the ocean when a terrible storm came up and we were hurled with terrific force against the rock of Gibraltar. Just then we were awakened by our wife kicking us out of bed and reminding us that if we wanted any breakfast we had better get up and start a fire. For once we were glad it was a dream

else we would have been at the bottom of the sea.—Mineral Wells Index.

Our Jury System.

The Chief tries to be conservative. It does not want to be deemed radical or revolutionary. But it wishes to call the attention of the public to the defects in our jury system. At every session of our district court cases are tried wherein the juries are locked up for days on account of their inability to agree upon a verdict. Usually one or two men have been unable to agree with their ten or eleven colleagues, and consequently there is no verdict; heavy costs have accumulated on the county, witnesses have come long distances to the trial, 24 jurors are drawing \$2 a day and their crops are suffering from want of attention, all because of the foolish law that requires a unanimous verdict. If nine men can agree on a verdict that should be sufficient, for it will be apt to be a correct verdict. Now listen here: Three juries have failed to agree during this court: one of the cases has been tried three times and each time one man has hnuq the jury and prevented a verdict. Another of the cases has been tried twice, and one time at least three men stood out against nine. The cost of these mistrials, to the county, foot up to about \$500 and still no verdict. Of course, some of the readers will say, the law should be changed, but what can be done? Why, elect and instruct your representative to amend the foolish law—that is the way to do it. If no one else can be found who will champion this needed change, then the editor of the Chief is here and now a candidate for the legislature with "reform in our jury system" as the only plank in his platform. The Chief interviewed Judge Lindsey touching this matter and was informed by this learned Judge that the constitution of the State already provides that nine men may return a verdict, but the "courts" have held that the

provision is not self-acting—that a special act of the legislature is necessary to carry it into effect. If the people want this change made they will no doubt have to get up and scrap the entire legal fraternity, but they are able to pass it over their heads if they so desire. Lawyers are like the rest of us, they work to their own interest, and as a rule lawyers who defend criminals want the law so made as to help them in their defense. The unanimous verdict has saved many a man's neck who deserved the gallows. But, what more concerns the public, perhaps, is the expense that it entails. It has scarcely been ten years since a defendant in a criminal case was not allowed to testify in his own behalf. Now everybody wonders why we ever refused to permit it. Some day the unanimous verdict provision will be abrogated and everybody will wonder why we tolerated it so long.—Comanche Chief.

Retrenching.

This is the time of year when nearly all merchants begin what they call "to retrench." The Mail this week follows their example. The paper has all along been better than the support justified, and during the past two months we have been playing a losing game. Hence, to cut down expenses to conform to receipts, we have been compelled to do away with part of our help and also cut down the size of the paper to meet the capacity of the force. This, we hope, will only last a few issues.

Newspapers are very much like other businesses. The receipts must exceed, or, at least equal, the expenditures, if business principles are to be maintained. Getting out a newspaper in Merkel is not the snap most people think it is. On the other hand, it is a constant round of toil and very little encouragement is thrown in along the way. We ask that our subscribers compare the paper even now with those of other towns, and we think they will see that no town the size of Merkel in Texas has a better paper.

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The Farmer's Column.

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

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Ten cent cotton is an assured reality nowadays and not infrequently the fleecy staple touches the eleven-cent mark. There are growing evidences of a great scarcity abroad, hence we have a strong domestic market. Diversifiers have never urged abandonment of cotton growing, as they recognize in it a crop peculiarly adapted to the South. Their contention is that fruits and vegetables should also be grown, adding to the farmer's source of revenue and furnishing an abundance of seasonable edibles for the table. Do not neglect live stock either. At present cotton is up and hogs are down. There's no telling at what time conditions will be exactly reversed and it requires no gift of prophecy to predict that when the pendulum swings in the other direction the man with both cotton and hogs will be better off than he who has cotton alone. Injunctions to "plant hogs" and take good care of the orchard and garden are just as seasonable now as they ever were. In times of prosperity it is well to prepare for a vigorous fight against adversity.—Terrell Transcript.

Very satisfactory reports come from most of the grain belts of the Southwest. In the Panhandle of Texas especially the grain crops are claimed to be in very promising condition. Harvest hands will be wanted at some points about June 1st.

The following from the Jefferson Jimplecute not only applies to Marion County, but also with

equal force to every other county in the state:

There is no reason on earth why Marion County should not be the richest and most prosperous county in the state, except a continuation of the short sighted policy of the past. The lands you cannot use are really of no value to you, and by holding you lower the value of all. Why not dispose of your surplus land to good, thrifty white farmers, thus enhancing the value of the land you retain? Figure on this and see if it is not the best policy.

The Yuma (Ariz.) Sentinel tells how to grow seedless watermelons. Some of our readers may want a melon without seeds, and we offer them the benefit of the Arizona paper's advice:

Plant melons the usual way, and when the vine is three or four feet long cover the vine over with dirt about two feet, from the hill or root, and in a few days if the soil is kept moist, it will be found the vine has taken root where it was buried; then after it has started a strong new root sever the vine near the place where it was covered and all melons on that vine will be seedless.

Care must be taken not to cover the bud or tip end of the vine, only cover a section of vine from six to ten inches in length.

The Jacksboro Gazette says: A gentleman who has large experience in farming has been traveling over the country and says the farmers who have pushed their work are in fine condition, while those who failed to

push their work are not in such good shape.

We take it that the Gazette man intends this as a gentle reminder, and in line with this we remember last year when three days hot winds completely destroyed most of the corn crop of Texas, that many of the farmers began at once planting the same land in June corn, notwithstanding these winds had left the land perfectly dry, while waiting for rain before planting. Those who planted at once and were ready for the rain when it came made as high as forty bushels of good corn per acre, while those who waited made fodder.

Stock Raising in Texas.

There is not another State in the Union that produces as many cattle as Texas. They are grown throughout the State and thrive everywhere. In the Panhandle and Rio Grande districts of the State cattle raising is almost the sole occupation of the people, while in other sections they are raised in large numbers, in connection with the farm. Improved breeds of cattle are being raised extensively. They thrive well and have proven profitable.

The cattle raisers of Texas shipped during 1901, 781,000 cattle, bringing the handsome sum of \$17,694,000. Besides these, there were consumed by the local customers 597,000 head.

Total number of cattle in the State in 1901, according to report of comptroller of public accounts, 6,894,897; value \$74,568,436, or \$10.82 per head.

Total number of horses and mules, 1,531,510; valued at \$39,816,640, or \$26.40 per head. Total number of sheep and goats 1,959,284, valued at \$2,623,886.

Total number hogs, 1,408,496, valued at \$2,458,397.

Though the farmer may not always make more money than others he can get more satisfaction out of his life with less money than any other class of people. His fields and flocks, his trees and vines supply him in abundance with things that are better than money as is evidenced by the man with money eagerly exchanges it for the many good things the farmer produces. A modest farmer, who has a good home, who owes no man, who is able to educate his children and afford his family many of the home luxuries that can be enjoyed on the farm, is in a better position to enjoy life in the true sense of the word than the majority of the people that make their living in town. Of course farmers want money because other people want it and it comes in handy as a medium of exchange and they can use it to improve their facilities for making farm life more enjoyable, but there are better things for them to strive for than money only. The most successful farmer is the one who gets the most satisfaction out of farm life.

Man And Woman.

I saw a man run hard to cross the track close in front of a Long Island Railroad train. Then he stopped and watched the train go by. Then he stood and watched it go out of sight. Then he went leisurely away. He seemed to be alright and probably was alright. That was a man.

I saw a woman in a street car open a satchel and take out a purse, take out a dime and close the satchel and open the purse, take out a dime and close the purse open the satchel and put in

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the purse, close the satchel and lock both ends. Then she gave the dime to the conductor, who gave her a nickel back. Then she opened the satchel and took out the purse, then she closed up the satchel and opened the purse, put in the nickel and closed the purse, opened the satchel and put in the purse closed the satchel and locked both ends. Then she felt to see if her back hair was alright and she was alright and just as sweet. That was a woman.—Ex.

A Splendid Remedy.

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New Hunting Law.

For the benefit of some who

have forgotten the main features, we again publish the new hunting law. People would do well to heed it, as it is now in effect.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall enter upon the inclosed land of another without the consent of the owner, proprietor or agent in charge, and therein hunt with firearms, or therein catch or take any fish from any pond, tank or stream, or in any other manner depredate upon same shall be punished by fine not less than \$10, nor more than \$100; provided, further, that this act shall not apply to inclosures including 2,000 acres or more in one inclosure.

Cyclone at Haskell.

Numerous rumors flashed over the telephone Friday telling of the destructive work of a cyclone which visited Haskell the night before. These reports were conflicting and the facts were hard to learn. However, the Haskell Free Press gives the true facts, and the storm was not as severe as was first reported. Only ten houses were destroyed and five or six people injured, although much minor damage was done.

The cyclone also touched in Shackelford and Throckmorton counties, doing considerable damage.

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