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Plenty of 8 Per Cent Money!

We have just about caught up with the rush we had for loans last fall. The demand for money was enormous and it has taken us some time to get through with it, but we are now up and better prepared than ever before to get loans through quickly, and at very little expense to the borrower, the expense being much less than it has been heretofore. Don't wait until you have to have the money before you apply, for you can't lose any thing by applying now, and besides that by applying now you will be in plenty of time and avoid the rush this coming fall. We will inspect again in July, so if you need money take it up with us immediately. We have plenty of money now in bank ready for this business.

COMPERE BROTHERS,

REAL ESTATE DEALERS AND MONEY LENDERS. ABILENE, TEXAS.

An Old Man Hanged.

At Butler, Mo., they led Dr. J. L. Gartrell out on the scaffold. Around him were stern-faced men, ready to perform an awful duty. On the trap stood an old man. His hair was snowy; his beard was long and white. He had lived two years beyond the span allotted to man. Think of passing 72 years in this good world and then, within sight of the graveyard, to feel the clutch of the law at one's neck and be hanged.

Once he was a famous lawyer. He had held crowds spellbound by his eloquence. People used to say, "Great man, that Gartrell; he can do anything."

He was elected County Judge. Then he was sent to the Texas Senate for two terms. He was a man of affairs, highly educated, keen, intelligent. He loved just as other men do—did this hangman's victim. Eight children were born to him, and there was not a happier family in the West. It doesn't seem possible that a human being would deliberately tip over the magnificent structure that has taken the best years of his life to rear. Dr. Gartrell did that very thing. He trailed his good name in the gutter, he disgraced his sons and daughters, he dissipated his fortune; he became a little better than a tramp, and the explanation of his awful fall is found in four words:

He became a drunkard.

The old man stood on the trap. The rays of the morning sun crept into the jail yard and touched his wrinkled face and massive forehead. He didn't look like a murderer or a bad man. You would almost suspect your own father of a crime as that patriarch of murdering a friend for a few paltry dollars.

Yet he did it.

Listen! He is speaking. He is telling the white-faced crowd of his fall, and the last words that pass his lips are:

"Whiskey did it all."

The trap is sprung, and Gartrell, patriarch, is shot into eternity.—St. Louis Chronicle.

Abilene News liems.

From the News.

The Citizens National Bank of this city and the First National Bank of Merkel have each made donations to the Texas World's Fair fund, the former \$25 and the latter \$30. So Taylor county will have a hand in showing the state off at St. Louis. L. B. Shook has sold his inter-

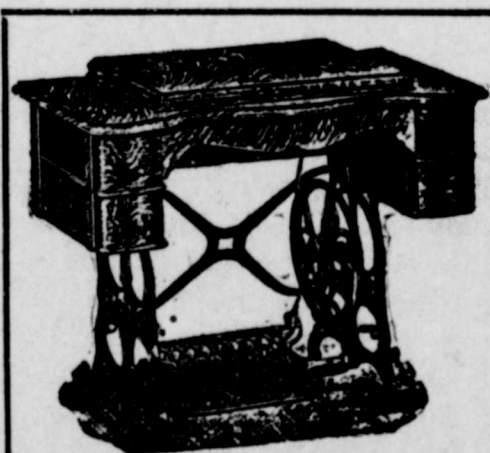
est in Abilene Reporter to Messrs. Anderson & Keifer, but his friends will be glad to know that Mr. Shook will remain with the paper as an employee.

Hon. W. J. Bryan witnessed the land rush at Stanton last Friday and Saturday. He thinks the present system very poor and will probably be able to frame a bill remedying the defects, so as to give the actual settler an even break with the bonus hunter and cow man.

P. T. Hurt has entered suit against the T. & P. railway company for \$1000, alleging damage to livestock while in transit; likewise Dishman & Tribble, same against road, amount and cause. It is said several more of same character are due to be filed by other parties.

The administration building, two hospitals and four cottages at the asylum are completed, and the epileptics will be moved in about September 1st. State Treasurer John Robbins stated while here a few days ago that these are decidedly the most attractive of all the state buildings, excepting the capitol building at Austin.

Deputy United States Marshal John Girand left Friday night for Montgomery, Ala., having in charge Anderson A. Hardy, who is charged with infraction of the United States laws by holding negroes in peonage in Alabama. Hardy was arrested near Throckmorton, and on preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Girand his bond



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was fixed at \$1000, which he failed to give.

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.

Lying.

And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were come together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid behind him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him and said. This man was also with him. And he denied him saying woman I know him not.—Luke 22: 55—57.

Peter lied. He had been with Christ every day for nearly three years, yet when a little frisky maiden pointed her finger at him he wilted and lied—lied three, and to clinch it, "cussed" like a Roman soldier. The trouble with Peter was that he had been a fisherman by profession, and all fishermen, of course, are natural born liars. But Peter didn't always lie. He quit it after his experiment with fire at Pentecost; and so the reader must not get the idea that he (the reader) is in the line of apostolic succession just because he is addicted to prevarication.

We all are liars—unless newspaper men and preachers be exceptions. A woman meets a neighbor whom she despises, at the door, and overwhelms her with expressions of delight at her coming. She is lying. She paints her face and goes up the street, as much as to say: My face is rosy and healthy. She pads her form to deceive the public eye. Her heart is sad, yet she puts on a counterfeit smile as much as to say: I am happy as a clam. She is lying. The merchant tells his customer that his wagon is the best in town. He is a liar—there are a dozen other makes just as good. The farmer stacks his wood criss cross in the bottom of his wagon-bed and lays it thick and close on top. He is lying. The

preacher buries an old sinner who was a servant of the Devil and says "The Lord has given; the Lord has taken away." He is a liar. The editor writes a flowery notice of a wedding, telling of the beauties of the hook nosed bride. He is—honestly mistaken.

Reader, quit your lying; it is neither biblical nor Jeffersonian; it is unconstitutional and unlady-like. It stamps its brand upon your brow and the world will sooner or later find you out. The noblest work of God is an honest man or woman, absolutely honest; honest with himself or herself as well as with the public.—Comanche Chief.

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.

Favorable reports of the crop conditions in Runnels county and adjacent counties continue to come in. Wheat and oats are simply immense. Corn never looked better and cotton and hay are good. All that Runnels county needs now is to have about ten thousand more good farmers settle in it. It is simply a treat to see the crops and realize the future in store for this favored section.—Banner Leader.

The Little Ones.

Teach the little ones to think. Make plain to their youthful minds the value of time; time

may be their only capital some day. Strive to teach them the golden lessons of order and neatness. These are indispensable to success. A disorderly man or woman stands a scant show of succeeding in the game of life. Teach them self-reliance, you owe it to them. You cannot always gather them into your loving arms; soon will the little birdlings spread their untired wings and leave the shelter of the old home nest to take their places on the play-ground of the world; where the happy years of childhood melt away into the shadows and slip back into the dim long ago, become only a cherished memory where hours of play yield their places to hours of toil, and air-castles crumble to dust and decay. Life, in youth, is a sweet vague dream, in man and womanhood, a stern reality. Teach them perseverance; without it, life is lost to them. There are few parents of today, who would not experience a sense of pain of the certain knowledge that the feet of their darlings would tread a path so rugged as their own. Stop and think a-while before you suffer them to embark on the treacherous sea of life, unequipped for the perilous journey, lest in your declining years your heart be wrung by seeing their life-boats wrecked and driven, tempest tossed, to go to pieces on the rocks of sin and ruin.—Ex.

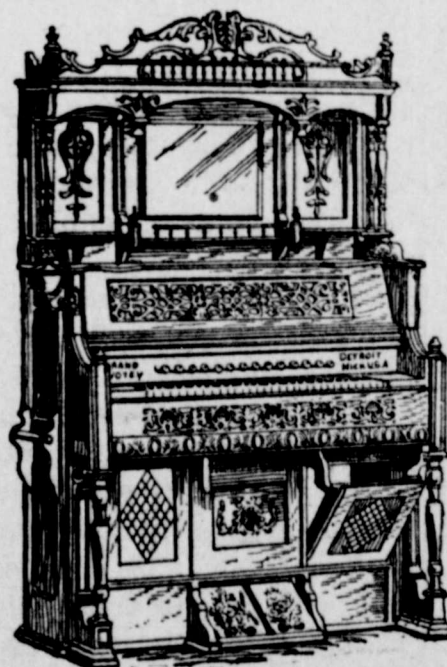
Beautifully Said.

I would rather fill my purse with money and keep its beautiful gates forever ajar to my happy girls while they yet linger under my roof than to clutch it with a miser's hand until the harpstrings of youth are broken and all its music forever fled. I would rather spend my last nickel for a bag of striped marbles to gladden the hearts of my barefooted boys than deny them their childish pleasure and leave them a bag of gold when I am dead.—Bob Taylor.

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A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and
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Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.



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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.

Starting Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland Bentorville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Throat and Lung troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by Rust & Pittard. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.00.

Dora Dots.

J. M. Bryson and T. C. Jenkins went to Merkel Wednesday. Crops are looking fine now.

Henry Lowe and Will Kitchens were up from Valley Creek Saturday.

A. W. Johnson and family went to Hylton Saturday.

The Dora ball team went to Nolan Saturday and played ball; score 5 to 36 in favor of Dora. The Dora second nine also played Nolan second nine; score 12 to 14 in favor of Dora.

Preaching Sunday by Rev. J. L. Elliott.

Singing Sunday evening at A. R. Sanders.

J. E. Bryson and Mrs. Callie Hampton came in from Abilene Tuesday.

Kat Klaw.

Hump Back

SCOTT'S EMULSION won't make a hump back straight, neither will it make a short leg long, but it feeds soft bone and heals diseased bone and is among the few genuine means of recovery in rickets and bone consumption.

Send for free sample.
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50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

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 June 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

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 purpose. He also buys or sells on commission anything you may have to dispose of.

Grant E. Pike will preach for the Christian church next Sunday. Subject morning discourse, Love and Service; evening, Salvation and Service. Services in C. P. church.

It is reported here that a hail storm struck Roby and vicinity Tuesday evening, leaving a path 10 miles wide utterly destitute of vegetation. The truthfulness of the report can not be vouched for.

Stopping The Paper.

"I've stopped my paper, yes I hev;
I did'nt like to do it.
But the editor he got to smart
And I allow he'll rue it.
I am a man as pays his debts,
An' I wont be insulted,
So when an editor gits smart,
I want to be consulted.
I took his paper 'leven years,
An' helped him all I could, sir,
An' when it comes to dunnin'me,
I didn't think he would, sir.
But that he did an' you kin bet
It made me hot as thunder.
Says I, I'll stop that sheat, I will,
If the cussed thing goes under!
I hunted up that measly whelp
An' for his cunnin' caper
I paid them 'leven years an'
quit!
Yes, sir, I've stopped his paper!"
—Karnes County News.

Negro Prejudice.

There is one northerner who has sensible ideas on the race question—Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., and he expresses himself this way: "The prejudice against the negro is the instinct of self-preservation. I record here the prediction that I, as a southern man, expect to live to see the day when the whole people of the south will build a statue to Abraham Lincoln in the capital of the Confederacy.

"I believe there exists between the race, white and black, a physical difference which will forever forbid their living together on a plane of social equality.

"In 50 years there will be 60,000,000 negroes in this country at the present rate of increase, and there are but three solutions of the problem that presents themselves—to raise the negro to our level, to sink him, or to remove him.

"The negro is the menace, therefore the one element of the American's strength—his race integrity. The menace to his other element of strength, his individuality, is socialism, which attacks first the family, the stronghold of individuality and the bulwark upon which our civilization rests, and then the fibre of the individual himself."

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

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T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER.

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GEO. S. BERRY, Cash.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can any thing feel worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable 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 recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only Medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Rust & Pittard, Druggists.

T. J. Coggin sold a car of horses to Y. H. Berry, which were were shipped from Eskota Tuesday.

Merkel people should not fail to aid in making the old soldiers' reunion and picnic a complete success. Let every family take well filled baskets and be at the Tabernacle at 10 o'clock.

Ice Cream Supper.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give an ice cream supper on July 10th at the Tabernacle, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m. A nice program has been arranged. Everybody cordially invited to attend. 2t

A Three-Footed Colt.

Mr. Goodman, who lives 10 miles north of town, informed The Mail yesterday that his old buggy mare had given birth to a mare colt with only three feet, the right hind foot and ankle being missing. In every other way the colt is perfectly formed. It is hale and hearty and as frisky as the usual run of colts.

Mr. Goodman will nurture the monstrosity and hopes to demonstrate that a three-legged animal in the Merkel Country is just about as good as a four-legged one in other places.

Tuesday was the longest day in the year.

We Put Forth

Our best efforts to the end that every worthy patron may be properly cared for.

Warnick's Bank,

Merkel, Texas,

His Last Hope Realized.

(From the Sentinel, Gebo, Mont.)

In the opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1889, the editor of this paper was among the many seekers 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 Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea 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.

Scholastic Population.

John Elliott furnishes The Mail with the following summary of the scholastic census:

Total males 137.
Total females, 150.
Grand total, 287.

The summary shows that there are 36 children 9 years of age and the same number of 11. Of those aged 16 years there are 35; 10 years 33; 12, 14 and 15 31 each, and 8 and 13 27 each.

The increase over last year is 52, and the report is convincing proof of our rapid growth and the expansion of school interests.

Whatever one's views of religion may be, whether he accepts or rejects it as a means of salvation, and of attaining to immortal life, he must confess that millions have found it the only lasting consolation and that millions adhere to it today. Not only so. Questioning or even discrediting all the witnesses, one must see and confess that religion is the conservative force upon which the world depends for a saving quality of untold and untellable benefit and blessing. Of course no one can tell just where or what the human race would have been without some trying appeal to the consciences of mortals, some fear of future punishment, some hope of future reward. But there are few, if any, who will assert even at this age of free and loose thinking, that the race would have been better without the golden rule or other scriptural lessons inculcating peace on earth and good will to men.—Dallas News.

"Did You Ever?"

Our regular \$3 Cabinet Photos at 99c per doz. for the next few days. Remember that this is strictly the highest grade work made anywhere and generally goes at \$4 per doz. Best work on best Platino paper on best cards. Come and see for yourself.

All work absolutely guaranteed by a home man.

Barnhill's Photo Gallery.

Ed Herndon of Eskota was here Tuesday looking out a location for the establishment of a dairy. Mr. Herndon is favorably impressed with Merkel, and if he can secure a section of land convenient to town and is offered the right kind of inducements by our people will go into the business on an extensive scale. This is an enterprise which our people should secure by all means. It would greatly add to the business interests of the town.

Mr. Flemming came in from Cisco Tuesday and is here to meet the insurance adjusters to make settlement for his losses in Tuesday's fire. Mr. Flemming will rebuild at once, just as soon as his claims are adjusted. He has already submitted plans to the contractors. This is good news indeed.

You Will Be Happy if Well.

Paine's Celery Compound

Bestows that Health and Vigor that Makes Living 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. Thousands 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 I 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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able disappointment among some of his friends here. The hope is freely expressed that he will alter his decision as to standing for the Senate, as he is too good timber for Congress.

Mr. Bryan has made a fine record in the lower house. He is earnest and conscientious—always on the alert in his efforts to further the interests of his constituency. For the faithful performance of these duties, his friends think, he should go up higher.

The Mail has been patiently waiting for the Abilene Reporter to correct the recent error which it fell into with reference to a paragraph clipped from this paper anent the action of a Grayson county paper in quitting the prohibition fight, but so far it has failed to do so. Any paper is liable to misconstrue the meaning of an article, although to clip an editorial, cut it into paragraphs and add to it, is uncalled for, to say the least. In justice to The Mail the Reporter should have corrected its mistake, for it is calculated to injure this paper.

The "dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky is a blot on the escutcheon of the United States. If the State will not declare martial law in Breathitt county, Uncle Sam should step in. Assassinations and intimidations have run riot, and the pitiful wail of the widowed and orphaned, and the sufferings of the innocent should call for immediate action. Is there no power that can call a halt on these human vultures, immured in the very halls of justice themselves? Must crime triumph over justice?

An Arkansas negro went into a trance and prophesied that Pine Bluff would be destroyed on a certain day. There was a general exodus of negroes and not a few whites shook the dust from their feet, fully 8,000 people joining in the rush. However, the fated day passed without unusual disturbances, and the would be prophet is now an inmate of an insane asylum. This goes to illustrate the great amount of superstition that is rampant among all classes.

The Hunt county prohibition "mess" is due, it is charged, to smallness on the part of some of the county officers who had the posting of election notices in hand. Being against a change, and wishing to aid in defeating the issue, they caused the notices to be posted irregularly, with the result that the law may be knocked out. This comes of electing irresponsible men to office.

The postal scandals are growing in magnitude, and if reports are correct there is something awfully rotten about the post-office department. Evidences of fraud are cropping out on every end. Verily, the Republican administration is confronted with serious problem on the eve of a residential election.

Take a walk around town and sit down and ponder over what you have seen and the various aromas that the wind has ated to your nose. Now take a little time before you answer this question: Are you in favor of cleaner town?

A local option election is soon to be held in our neighbor, Runnels county, and it is said public sentiment is strongly against the boon. Both of the Ballinger

an honor to them.

Only two men in Breathitt county, Ky., have the courage of their convictions. They are District Attorney Byrd and Capt. Ewen. Give them a tablet in the hall of fame.

It should not be said of Merkel that it is the dirtiest and filthiest town in this section. Join the League and get into the clean up van.

There are 114 dry counties and 89 wet counties in Texas. The others are both wet and dry.

Twenty-five Texas rangers should be despatched to the seat of trouble in Kentucky.

The belled buzzard, the kissing bug, and the prophoet egg have all had their day. Next.

A sucker is born every minute. And there are a hundred baits for every sucker.

A cleaner town should be and is the watchword. Join the League.

FOR A CLEANER TOWN.

Civic Improvement League Organized With Much Enthusiasm—Its Objects.

A mass meeting of citizens of the town was held at the Tabernacle Monday night, the object of the meeting being to formulate plans by which the sanitary condition of the town might be improved. C. W. Bacon was elected chairman and John Elliott secretary.

On motion the chair appointed J. T. Warren, Geo. S. Berry, and W. P. Thurmond as a committee of three to look after the matter of securing a "dumping ground" for the refuse of the town.

The meeting then went into permanent organization under the name of the Civic League of Merkel.

Pledges were made and an enrollment of 45 names secured, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:

C. W. Bacon, President.
Ed J. Leeman, Secretary.
J. K. Pittard, Treasurer.

On motion the chair appointed C. E. Evans, G. E. Comegys and Jim Dennis as a committee of three to draw up pledges and by-laws to govern the organization.

All committees are to report at the next meeting, to be held at the Tabernacle next Monday night.

At the next meeting soliciting committees will be appointed to secure funds to carry on the work, and also a membership committee to solicit members for the League. In this connection it is hoped that every man and woman in the town will take the pledge and do their part to further the interest of a cleaner town. Women as well as men are eligible to membership in the League.

Remember the date of the next meeting—Monday night—and let every citizen of the town be on hand.

Jap Martin Injured.

Jap Martin was again injured, last week, while working with horses at his place northwest of town. The right shoulder was thrown out of place and two ribs were broken.

The injuries are not considered serious, although they will confine him to his room for some time. He was just getting over his recent hurt, and this second

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No Ticks! No Black Leg! No Fever!

But strong, healthy cattle and horses made by BASS' MEDICATED STOCK SALT. Cattle fatten faster, grow faster and free from ticks if free access to the Medicated Salt is had. Not an experiment, but a tried success. Price, \$2.50 per 100 lb. sack; 1000 lbs. for \$22.50.

J. T. WARREN, Merkel, Tex.

misfortune will naturally go hard with him.

County Court.

County court was in session at Abilene last week. One conviction for drunkenness completed the criminal cases. Following civil cases were disposed of, as reported by the News:

W. W. Simpson vs. J. C. Brown, sequestration property, verdict by jury awarding cow in controversy and her increase of five head of cattle to plaintiff Simpson.

Mrs. Mary Autry vs. T. & P. Ry. Co., personal damages, verdict for plaintiff for \$300. Mrs. Autry bought a ticket from Abilene to Trent and not understanding the call of the station was carried a quarter of a mile beyond and put off and in going back fell from a steep incline and wrenched her arm. It seems there is no depot at Trent and the conductors have been putting passengers off most anywhere near the stopping place and this is the third verdict of this kind obtained against the road—costing it enough to build a depot,

perhaps.

There are quite a number of stock damage suits against the T. & P., and the following awards were made in favor of parties named:

W. N. M. Grimmett, \$40 and costs; Y. H. Berry, \$90 and costs; J. W. Daniel, \$100 and costs; G. S. Young, \$50 and costs; Chapman & Nix, \$330 and costs.

Measured by the span of human lives, the world is not so very old. The widow of the man who wrote "America" in 1832 died last month, and a woman whose father fought in the War of the Revolution died only a few weeks earlier. It would only take twenty five lives to reach back to the great Caesar's time if each lasted, say ninety years. Each person in that line could have seen his predecessor and his successor. As noted in The Companion in January, Thoreau found a man on Cape Cod in 1849 who heard the guns fired at the Battle of Bunker Hill and saw Washington in Boston.

Try reading The Mail.

The Old Reliable

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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.

Burroughs & Mann have more than 1,000 new writing tablets. They can please you in anything you want.

A Serious Accident.

Last Thursday's Dallas News contained the account of an accident which befell Deane Boring who was at work on a telephone line at McKinney. He was assisting in laying a cable when it fell, breaking both of his arms and otherwise injuring him. Deane came in home Friday night and is at the home of his father. Both arms are bandaged with plaster of paris casts.

The Mail is glad to chronicle that he is getting along nicely and that he will no doubt be up and about in a few weeks. It was a serious accident and the wonder is he escaped with his life.

House Damaged.

During the electrical storm Sunday, which was accompanied by a high wind and a smattering of rain drops, the frame work of Prof. C. E. Evans' residence was blown down and scattered about promiscuously. The building was a five room structure and only the frame work and rafters had been put up. Some of the material is ruined, not to mention the loss of a weeks' work. The damage will amount to about \$15.

The storm came from the north. There was a continuous flash of lightning, and the severity of the storm here gives rise to the fear that it was much more severe to the north of us, and that much damage will be heard of.

Our new line of 1903 box stationery is a very satisfactory proposition. Inspect it before buying.

Burroughs & Mann.

To Ice Consumers.

Orders for ice should be given not later than 10 o'clock for morning deliveries and by 5 o'clock for evening deliveries. This will enable us to make deliveries promptly and satisfactorily. Please bear this in mind.

J. W. & L. M. Watkins.

Will Calvert has some improved Poland China pigs for sale. \$3.00 each.

Prophetic Hen Fruit.

Merkel has come to the front with an egg on which in raised letters are some prophetic words, though in part unintelligible. The inscription is made by writing on eggs with lard and soft beeswax and soaking it in strong vinegar from four to six hours, when the writing will appear in raised letters.

In the above instance the egg was no doubt removed from the vinegar too soon, or else the solution was too weak.

Girls—now that mother has worked hard while you were in school, take her apron off and tell her to rest from many of the little household cares, for you intend to help her. She may be doing so be spared to you longer and the little consideration shown is only a part of the debt you owe her.—*Sherman Democrat.*

The Mail gives all the news.

50 Per Cent

Increase IN SALES OVER LAST YEAR

This is largely due to the class of merchandise carried. No one wants to buy year after year the old thing. A new thing newer and better is obtainable. When you purchase is secured by the best judgement of merchants of 15 years experience. Not an article is here but has selected it for its price and purpose. Being the largest store in Merkel, we had choice of different lines.

Below we give some of the selections made:

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



Bray Clothing
Thompson's G
Chase & Sanborn
Peace-makers
McDon

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

J. T. Watkins

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.

Mrs. Y. H. Berry was called to Hodges Thursday, Mrs. J. L. Berry being dangerously ill. We hope to hear of her early recovery.

Miss Lillian Julian of Caps is the guest of friends in the city.

T. J. Parton left Monday on a prospecting trip to the Panhandle country. Mr. Parton has no intention of leaving Merkel, but will have his eyes open for "soft snaps." He is too valuable a man to lose from the community.

Miss Carrie Woodard has returned to her home at Roscoe, after a pleasant visit here.

League Program.

Leader—Miss Eva Williams.
Topic—Life of Dr. John G. Paton.
Subject—Missions.
Lesson—Isa. 43:10-17.
Era comment—Will Campbell.
Reflections—Miss Duncanson Browning.

June 28th.

Our fall line of stationery is here. In quality and prices it can't be beat.

Burroughs & Mann.

Sam Butman shipped five car loads, 115 head, fat steers to the Chicago market, Saturday. It was as pretty bunch of stuff as has ever left the pens here. Among the number was a short horn steer raised and owned by T. B. Garoutte whose weight was variously estimated at from 1,700 to 2,150 pounds. The room of two steers was made for him in the car.

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.

I. N. Williamson orders The Mail sent to him.

"Uncle Dick" Brandon of Dora is a late acquisition to The Mail's subscription books. He is one of Nolan county's most successful farmers.

A good shower of rain fell in the south half of the Canyon Thursday night. Friday evening's rain reached to Tebo on the east of us, and was general from there to beyond Abilene, covering a small territory only. A small shower Friday night was the best it could do here.

The Presbyterian meeting is to begin July 8, instead of 28, as published last week. It will include the second and third Sabbaths.

Walter Hickey, under conviction for murder in the first degree in Haskell county, is in jail at Abilene pending an appeal for a new trial.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

I have a good folding bed in first class condition to sell or trade for an iron bed. See me at your earliest convenience.

S. M. Sewell.

John Sorrels and Miss Belle Spencer were married at Abilene Friday. John formerly lived here and has many friends who wish him and his much happiness and prosperity.

Mesdames Z. F. Green and R. H. Collins left Saturday for Mineral Wells, where they will spend a month or longer enjoying the pleasures of the resort. Z. F. and R. H. are two forlorn looking individuals.

Driven To Desperation.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c. at Rust & Pittard's Drug Store.

DRY GOODS AT WHOLE 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.

Respectfully,
DENNIS BROS.

To The Public.

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

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

Misses Nabors and Miss Jewell Coggin are visiting Mrs. J. H. Fultz at Sweetwater this week.

T. A. Cox is a new and appreciated subscriber to The Mail.

Mrs. M. J. Golightly sends her annual remittance for The Mail. She is very prompt with the printer.

Little Things

- 1500 tooth picks.....
 - Carriage bolts, 3 to 4 1/2 long, each.....
 - Harness snaps, each...2
 - Egg beater, Dover pat....
 - No. 1 lamp burner.....
 - No. 2 lamp burner.....
 - Buggy washers, roll....
 - 5x6 in. shelf brackets pr.
 - Good double blade mince knife.....
 - Good steel trap.....
- If prices and quality share of your trade.

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30 Day Clearance Sale!

In order to close out all Summer Goods, we inaugurate a 30 Day Clearance Sale.

During This Sale We Offer

All 7½c Lawns and Dimities at per yard 5c
 10c Dimities and Lawns at 8½c
 12½c Lawns and Batiste at 10c
 15c Lawns, Batiste and Dimities at 12½c
 Lace stripe Etamine, white and tan, reduced from 65 to 50c
 20 per cent reduction on all ladies' Skirts and Waists.
 2 pieces Silk Waisting as long as it lasts at 10c yard.
 1 piece black Brocaded Silk, regular 50c value to close at 25c

We are closing out all ladies' and children's Oxfords and Sandals at greatly reduced prices.

CLOTHING

Ours is the kind that fits well, wears well and looks well.

Our \$15.00 Suits, sale price \$12.45.
 Our 12.50 Suits, sale price 9.95.
 Our 10.00 Suits, sale price 8.55.
 Our 6.50 Suits, sale price 4.95.

All boys' and youths' clothing reduced in like proportion.

SHOES

We have just received a large shipment of the celebrated **STAR BRAND SHOES**, and will sell them at the lowest prices possible.

We carry a well assorted stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, and will appreciate your trade in both Dry Goods and Groceries.



The Star Store

Avery Cultivators are the BEST; try one



THE FIRE FIEND.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

These awful words rent the atmosphere Tuesday evening at 1:30, and the cry was taken up and carried to the remotest parts of the town. Hundreds responded. The scene of the conflagration was soon a mass of moving, eager, determined people, and willing hands laid hold on everything movable tearing down awnings and signs, moving exposed property, and emptying stores in the path of the greedy flames of their contents.

It was a noble, fearless band of fire workers, bent only upon saving property and checking the march of the fiend incarnate. Men, women, boys, girls—all joined in the work. Another such aggregation of workers has seldom been seen.

The fire originated in the Masonic building, a two story wooden structure. It was occupied by Patterson's feather cleaning apparatus, and the most plausible reason advanced of the origin of the fire is that it resulted from a defective flue, as the flames when first discovered were creeping out of the roof.

No one is to blame for the fire. It is one of those calamities which overtakes a town at the most inopportune times.

Three buildings in all were burned. The total loss will not reach over \$1000.

The Masonic building was valued at \$600, and the contents, consisting of furniture, etc., belonging to the fraternity, at \$200; insurance \$400. The feather men sustained a loss of perhaps \$100, maybe more. The Masons also lost their charter.

The Flemming building was occupied by R. L. Hudson, the saddle and harness man, and Basham, Shepherd & Co., dealers in musical instruments. Nearly all their goods were saved and their combined losses will aggregate perhaps \$700, fully covered

by insurance. The building was insured for \$1,635, three fourths of its value.

The small wooden building belonging to Mrs. Nobles was valued at about \$300; no insurance.

The Ferrier building, a two story brick structure, was damaged fully \$500; covered by insurance.

It was at this building and the wareroom of Geo. F. West on the south that the greatest good was accomplished. Had either of them burned, the losses would have run up into the thousands. Both of them were a mass of flames at different times, but hundreds of



Miss Ida M. Snyder,
 Treasurer of the
 Brooklyn East End Art Club.

"If women would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctors' prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for."

"In consulting with my druggist he advised McElree's Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."

Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to homes that have been barren for years. All druggists have \$1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

WINE of CARDUI

buckets of water rightly used prevented a serious conflagration. Almost the entire business portion of the town, as well as a number of residences, was threatened.

Dr. Little, the dentist was damaged about \$100; covered by insurance.

Houses across the street suffered the loss of plate glass fronts, but the damage in this way will not reach over \$300.

The T. & P. steel and switch gangs and depot officials, a large number of farmers, besides the town people, rendered valuable assistance. Even Eskota sent a delegation on a through freight to assist in fighting the flames.

In the name of the people of Merkel in general and of those whose property was threatened by the flames in particular, The Mail tenders its warmest thanks to the brave, generous people who so nobly aided in any way in saving the town from a serious calamity.

The fire in no way effects the business interests of the town or mars for an instance its growth and progress. R. L. Hudson and Basham, Sheppard & Co. are still doing business—not at the old stand, but still in town. The buildings devoured by the flames will be rebuilt bigger and better than ever before. Two of them at least were eye sores.

NOTES

There were many narrow escapes from serious injury—through suffocation by smoke, danger from falling walls, from burning brands, etc.

Several persons have been reported who were overcome by the heat and some of them were in critical condition. Arthur Browning, Asa Sheppard, and Oscar Cypert were the greatest sufferers.

Blistered hands and faces, and scorched heads are numerous. Who said Merkel was lacking in heroic young men? The work done by a score of the boys gives ample proof of their ability, and affords but a meager idea of

what they could do if supplied with necessary apparatus for fighting fires.

The fellow who yelled himself hoarse over the phone calling for the Abilene fire department should be awarded the "booby" prize.

The old heads are old heads still, but they are not lacking in gray matter, neither are they weaklings when it comes to fighting fires.

The Mail tips its hat to the young ladies, and married ones as well, for they rendered valuable assistance. Here's hoping that the young ladies will all get husbands and the married ones retain those they now have.

It's all over, and like the man in the railway wreck, we are thankful there is one tooth left.

The Mail desires especially to thank T. J. Coggin who brought a delegation of Eskota people here to help subdue the flames. Although the fire was under control when they arrived, their intentions were none the less good. Mr. Coggin says he really expected the entire business portion to be in flames. Greatly exaggerated reports were sent over the wires by some thoughtless person.

J. B. Ferrier requests The Mail to kindly thank the noble hearted people for the very great assistance rendered in saving his property from the flames. He is deeply grateful and will always hold them in kindly remembrance.

Although sustaining only slight losses in the way of breakage, W. H. Dickson is grateful to all who assisted in placing a part of his goods without the path of the fire, and takes this method of commending the heroic work done in his behalf.

Lost—Mrs. R. A. Martin lost a valuable brooch during the fire—hat shaped and with a ruby in the center. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to her.

Quite a number of our people are attending the barbecue at Abilene today.

W. W. WHEELER,
 Real Estate, Life, Fire and Tornado Insurance Agent,
 Notary Public.
 Takes Acknowledgements, Draws up Deeds, etc.
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Nothing but Dependable Goods

W. H. Dickson

The Farmer's Column.

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

Secret of Success.

The performance of a deal of drudgery is an indispensable preparation for all real success in life, whatever the occupation. A boy who is afraid of work or soiling his hands need not expect to accomplish much in the world. Country boys have their full share of fun, but there are many disagreeable duties on the farm which farmer's boys learn to accept as a matter of course. Edward Eggleston, speaking of the value of his farm training when a boy, once said to me: "I learned one thing of great value to me, and that was to do disagreeable things cheerfully."

Farmers' boys learn how to work, and hard work is nine-tenths of genius. Turner, the great English artist, when asked the secret of his mastery, replied: "I have no secret but hard work."

But, notwithstanding all the marked advantages of birth and early training on the farm, a very large proportion of the country boys give it the same doubtful compliment which Daniel Webster paid his native state when he said that New Hampshire was a "good state to emigrate from." The stream of young life from the country to the city has caused much anxiety. The growth of the city's population has been much more rapid than that of the country. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, 97 per cent of our population lived in the country, while at the end, less than 70 per cent were outside the cities.—Success.

UTILIZING CORN STALKS.

The range of important uses to which the corn plant is now put

is very great.

Its food value is immense. The contribution which it makes to the support both man and beast is large; and it puts the finishing touches on not a little of the best meat of all the the leading kinds.

Coming from it sugar, vinegar, shipside packing, etc. The latest to its credit is paper.

They have been carefully experimenting at Kankakee, Ill., regarding this paper matter for some time, and now the desired outcome is in view.

The stalk is the part to be used in this work, and it is authoritatively stated that "success has been achieved to such an extent that as soon as the 1903 crop of stalks shall have reached the proper stage of maturity the machinery will be ready to begin the manufacture on an extended commercial scale."

Some of the paper produced is "nearly equal to a fine grade of linen goods." This comes from the pith.

There are three grades of paper to be made—"one from the shell of the stalk, one from the pith and a third from the husk or shuck."

It is a common mistake to work the young horse too hard. He may be able to do a large amount without apparent detriment, but he is pretty certain to be injured by imposing heavy burdens upon him. Wait until he has obtained his full size and strength before doing this.

Every farmer is not "cut out" for a dairyman and unless one takes a direct interest in the herd he might better avoid this branch

of farming.

It is claimed that onions will ward off an attack of malaria. This is another argument in favor of diversification.

Yearlings around Memphis are selling at \$12.50 per head, in small bunches.

Reports of the Texas grain crops, especially wheat, are favorable for a heavy yield. Oats are not yielding as well as wheat, as indicated by the result of the harvest, now nearly completed. Corn, though late, is generally growing well, and promises a good crop. Cotton is later, has been checked by cold weather, attacked by old and new pests and thus the prospects for a full crop are somewhat gloomy.

We have not heard of a farmer having a dozen or more cattle to feed, who once tried a silo and afterwards abandoned silage. Every farmer should have one of these storage tanks to keep his green feed all the year round. Cattle are fond of silage and eat it greedily and thrive on it. It is a great economizer of feed, because coarse corn or sorghum stalks are softened and cattle eat it without waste. Mexican June corn planted now and put into the silo when the kernels are beginning to glaze, will make the very best silage.

Sweet potatoes may be planted any time up to July 10, and these late plantings will make as well as those planted earlier. Right here we will add that high ridges are not necessary to the production of the best crops.

There is too much depending upon it to be so generally neglected. Plant only the best seeds, only the best trees or plants or vines. Take no chances, for chances are always against those who do. Raise only the best animals or fowls. The difference between the best obtainable and the common sorts make all the difference between success and failure.

Irrigation fertilizes the soil, whether the water is taken from muddy streams or deep wells. The water from wells contain, a large amount of mineral plant food in solution. It has long been known that alluvial soils are enriched by the flood waters which made them in the first place, but it was not thought that well water could have any such effect, but analysis of such water show that this idea was an error. The Louisiana Experiment Station is studying this question, and soon we expect to have something authoritative on the subject.

It is now a good time to plant Mexican June corn.

It is stated by those who ought to know that four bushels of sweet potatoes will produce as much pork as one bushel of corn, and the four bushels of sweet potatoes may be produced more cheaply than the one bushel of corn. The sweet potatoes makes a wonderful yield in Texas, is of quite easy cultivation, responding to even crude and unskilled labor, and a rich soil is by no means necessary. A soil that will yield but a scanty crop of corn will give a satisfactory crop of sweet potatoes. Pork is all cash but sweet potatoes, especially at points remote from market, are not always a profitable crop,

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

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

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Most in Quantity. — Best in Quality.

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.

Prepared by **JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.**

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but if fed to hogs they will give the grower a good profit. It will pay to try the combination.—Stockman and Farmer.

A Splendid Remedy.

Neuralgic pains, rheumatism, lumbago and sciatic pains yield to the penetrating influence of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the nerves and bone, and being absorbed into the blood, its healing properties are conveyed to every part of the body and effect some wonderful cures. Mr. D. F. Moor, Agent Illinois Central Railway, Milan, Tenn., states: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism, backache, etc., in my family. It is a splendid remedy. We could not do without it." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

No Cheap Hats There.

A preacher in one of Houston's churches as a prelude to his Easter sermon stated that he desired all ladies who were wearing \$15 hats to take them off, so as not to obstruct the optical vision of those in the rear, but supplemented his request with the remark that those who wore only \$1 hats could keep them on. It is needless to say that every hat came off, leaving the feminine

heads of the congregation as bare as Mother Eve in the primordial Garden of Eden.—Flatonian Record.

A exchange makes the following observations, the truthfulness of which cannot be questioned;

"A man will chew off his mustache as fast as it grows and if he finds a hair in his butter he will kick like a bay steer. He will go to a public well and drink out of a cup that has been used by every hobo who happened along, and if the waiter at his hotel gives him milk in an unwashed glass, that had just been used by a gentleman, he will raise Cain. He will suck whiskey off a half dozen flies, and if he finds one fly in his coffee he will quit the boarding house."

Lost His Girl.

A young man in Brownwood took his girl out for a drive. She fell out of the buggy and he drove two miles before he discovered she was missing. When we used to go driving, the hind wheel might come off, the springs break, or the horse fall out of the shafts without our knowing it, but the girl always anchored.—X

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