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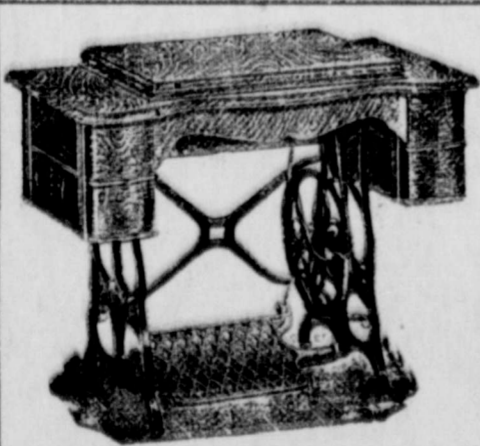
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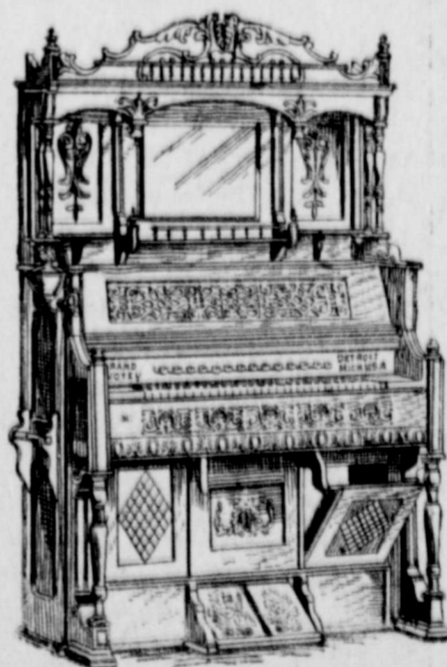
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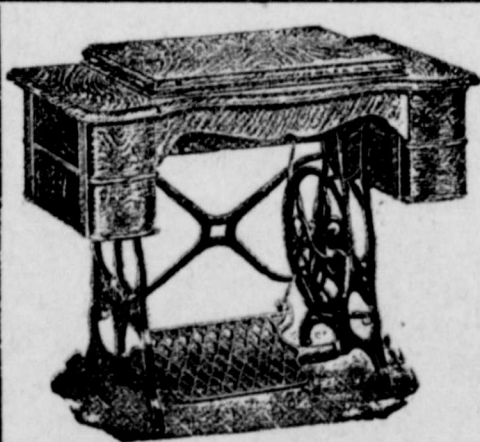
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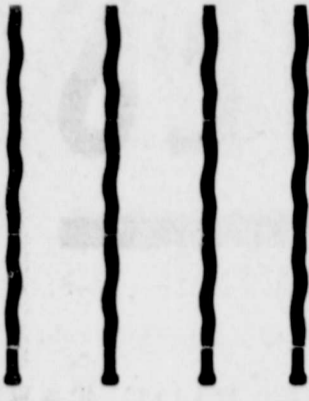


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Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

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

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

Arants, Miss Jimmie
Bradley, Mrs. Sarah
Cavett, W. T.
Davidson, Mrs. Maud
English, Bob
Griffin, W. A.
Hays, Rev. L. A.
Martin, Chas.
Martin, W. S.
Miranda, Vincent
Marin, Francisco
Patterson, John
Reed, Jim
Thompson, Chas.

Will Buy It Back.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Burroughs & Mann will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.

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.

SUPPORT

SCOTT'S EMULSION serves as a bridge to carry the weakened and starved system along until it can find firm support in ordinary food.

Send for free sample.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,
409-415 Pearl Street, New York.
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

The Boss Worm Medicine.

H. P. Kumpe, Druggist, Leighton, Ala., writes: "One of my customers had a child, which was sick, and threw up all food, could retain nothing on its stomach. He bought one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge, and it brought up 119 worms from the child. It's the boss worm medicine in the world." White's Cream Vermifuge is also the children's tonic. It improves their digestion and assimilation of food, strengthens their nervous system and restores them to their health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's.

The license plan should be instantly repudiated because it comforts, encourages and protects the sources of anarchy. The saloon is the home of anarchy. Its daily lessons are contempt, hatred and violation of law, and these lessons are taught by example as well as precept, for the saloon practices what it preaches daily by violating all law, human and divine. It knows no law, keeps no law; where the saloon begins the law ends. It is the death of law and begets lawlessness and disorder. It stands before small and great, yea, even presidents, and compels the nullification of law. It produces anarchy. The Chicago Reds who marched to the Haymarket, as full of beer as they were of bombs and theories, were the output of licensed saloons.—A. W. Jackmon.

Ed Green came in from Weatherford Monday on his annual vacation and will spend a couple of weeks with his parents. His friends are glad to see him.

J. D. Boring presented The Mail with a basket of fine plums Monday, which grew in his nursery. The editor also had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Boring's orchard, and was ageeably surprised at the amount of fruit of various kinds. His plums are especially fine, the trees set out only two years ago being loaded down with luscious fruit. His trees are acclimated and it is strange that the people do not buy them in preference to those handled by foreign concerns. The Mail is a great believer in keeping money at home. If for no other reason we should patronize the Merkel Nursery.

Is It Right?

Is it right to build churches to save men, asks a contemporary, and at the same time license shops that destroy them?

Is it right to license men to sell that which will make a man drunk, and then punish the man for being drunk?

Is it right to derive a revenue out of a traffic which no decent man defends?

Is it right to license a man to make paupers, and then tax sober men to take care of them?

Is it right to license a saloon to teach vice and then tax the people for schools to teach virtue?

Is it right to teach a boy to restrain his passions, and then vote to license a place where his worst passions will be inflamed?

Is it right to take care of your own boy and vote to license a place which ruins your neighbors?

Is it right to preach justice and charity, and then license a thing which robs the widow and orphans of their bread?—Michigan Issue.

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Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's drug store.

Eight Great Secrets to Success.

A certain fellow who answered advertisements in cheap story papers has had some interesting experiences, according to the London (Ky.) Echo. He learned that by sending \$1 to a Yankee he could get a cure for drunkenness. And he did. It was to "take the pledge and keep it."

Then he sent fifty two cent stamps to find out how to raise turnips successfully. He found out: "Just take hold of the tops and pull."

Being young he wished to marry, and sent \$4 in one cent stamps to a Chicago firm for information as to how to make an impression. When the answer came it read: "Sit down on a pan of dough." It was a little rough, but he was a patient man and thought he would yet succeed.

The next advertisement he answered read: "How to double your money in six months." He was told to convert his money into bills, fold them and he would see his money doubled.

Next he sent for twelve household articles and he got a package of needles.

He was slow to learn so he sent \$1 to find out "how to get rich." "Work like the devil and never spend a cent" stopped him.

But his brother wrote to find out how to write without pen or ink. He was told to use a lead pencil.

He paid \$1 to learn how to live without work, and he was told on a postal card, "Fish for suckers, as we do."

Not How Cheap, but How Good.

Barnhill's Photo Gallery turns out everything in the Picture line in the latest styles at living prices. Only open Saturdays after this week. Phone calls answered any day.



All members of Merkel Lodge, K. of P., are requested to be on hand at the installation ceremonies Friday night. By order of Geo. S. Berry, C. C.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes. "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Rust & Pittard, Druggists.

How to Begin the Day.

I begin my day's work some mornings, perhaps wearied, perhaps annoyed by a multitude of trifles which seem too small to bring great principles to bear upon them. But do you not think there would be a strange change wrought in the petty annoyances of every day and in the small trifles that all our lives, of whatever texture they are, must largely be composed of, if we began each day and task with that old prayer, "Rise, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered?" Do you not think there would come a quiet in our hearts and a victorious peace to which we are too much strangers? If we carried the insurance that there is one that fights for us into the trifles as well as into the sore struggles of our lives, we should have peace and victory. Most of us will not have many large occasion of trial and conflict in our career, and if God's fighting for us is not actual in regard to small annoyances of home and daily life, I know not for what it is available. "Many mickles make a muckle" and there are more deaths in skirmishes than in the pitched field of a great battle. More Christian people lose their hold of God, their sense of his presence, and are beaten accordingly, by reason of the little enemies that come down on them like a cloud of gnats on a summer evening, than are defeated by the shock of a great assault or a great temptation, which calls out their strength and sends them to their knees to ask for help from God.—Dr. Alexander McLaren.

Mrs. Anderson and children requests The Mail to tender their sincere thanks to all who in any way assisted in ministrations to their departed loved one. "Uncle Tom" Richards also joins with the family in words of appreciation. Mr. Richards had known deceased for thirty years and speaks of him as a good man, a loving husband and father and a considerate neighbor.

The Mail gives all the news.

Miss Lena George is visiting her sister, Mrs. Vaughn, at Weatherford.

Mr. Anderson, who has been near death's door for several months, died Monday night, the interment taking place at Merkel cemetery the following day. I was a sufferer from consumption for several years. The Mail joins in expressions of sympathy to the bereaved family.

John Sears was considerably bruised up by a fall from a horse on Front Street Monday evening. He was taken out the ranch in a buggy, and The Mail hopes he will soon be about.

Some of the young men have organized a tennis club and will soon have a court in readiness for practice.

Mrs. Ed M. Tyson of Midland died at Abilene yesterday, where she was operated upon for tumor. She was the wife of the former sheriff of Jones county, and family was quite well known here.

Lost—A small package of clothing between Merkel and Salt Branch. Finder will please report to Mrs. A. J. Douglas.

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Repulsive Features.

Blackheads, pimples, greasy faces and lousy complexions, which are so common among women, especially girls at a certain age, destroying beauty, disfiguring and making repulsive, features which would otherwise appear attractive and refined, indicates that the liver is out of order. An occasional dose of Herbine will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver and also establish a clear, healthy complexion. 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

Miss Valley Hill will attend the normal at Abilene.

Prof. T. C. Weir gives The Mail a nice order for stationery, having hung out his sign as real estate agent and notary public. He will also soon apply for license to practice law. The Mail wishes him well.

The Mail is authorized to announce that Mrs. Cagle, the evangelist, will begin a meeting at Center Point on July 15. Her people are expecting a great meeting.

Arthur Thornton came in last week from Duke, Okla., and spent a few days in the city. Arthur is the same as of yore, with the exception that he has grown a mustache since he was here last. His friends were glad to see him.

Rev. Lowry begun a meeting at Nugent Sunday which will continue several days. He is expecting good results.

R. A. Miller has been on the sick list a part of the week, complaining of some blood disorder which has resulted in abnormal "swell head." His friends accuse him of getting too close to some man's bee hive, but he denies the charge.

G. E. Comegys spent Monday night at Sweetwater.

John Elliott and wife spent the Fourth at Clyde.

A Fishing Paradox.

When you and I were little boys, — half-grown—about so tall, and used to go a-fishing in the spring or early fall, we treasured all the corks we got and used them all that day, and now we still go fishing—but we throw the corks away.—Exchange.

Misses Amy Atwood and Christine Coffee, of Big Springs, who are attending the normal at Abilene, were visiting in the city Monday.

Geo. S. Anderson, of the Abilene Reporter, and J. B. ... the Abilene photographer in the city Tuesday on The Mail. They picked up an immigration Reporter in book will contain a ... of the county, a business interests and with the beautiful towns and country. be represented, gentlemen will ...

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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.

Cholera Infantum.

This has been regarded as one of the most dangerous and fatal diseases to which infants are subject. It can be cured, however, when properly treated. All that is necessary is to give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, as directed with each bottle, and a cure is certain. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

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

Burroughs & Mann.

A large crowd was in attendance upon the Canyon picnic Saturday, there being visitors from all parts of the country. The crowd was an orderly one, everything passed off smoothly, and there was an abundance of good things to eat for all present.

Dr. Warnick says the barbecue at Big Springs was immense. The crowd was large, though not uncomfortably so, and the dinner was larger—in fact, the largest thing on the ground. Quite a number of others attended from here.

The Mail calls attention to the announcement of Simmons College at Abilene in this issue. This school is second to none in the State and is rapidly forging to the front, as its growth during the past year will testify. Young people desiring to enter college should investigate the merits of this school. It is a home enterprise and should appeal to home pride; besides, it has an able faculty and offers superior inducements to those seeking education.

Geo. S. Berry was called to Ft. Worth Thursday night to witness an operation on his brother, Taylor, of Cisco. The operation was a severe one and considerable apprehension was felt for the safety of the patient, but The Mail is glad to report that it was a complete success, and Taylor will soon be up and about.

Cures Sciatica.

Rev. W. L. Riley, L. L. D., Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pain from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, the first application giving my first relief, and the second, entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

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

Prof. S. M. Sewell came up from Abilene Friday evening. He reports the normal flourishing and the session one of the most interesting ever held in the county.

John Sorrels and wife, newly wedded, of Abilene, were visiting in the city Sunday.

Charley Craven and Miss Ada Gamble spent Saturday at Clyde attending the barbecue.

B. F. Snow sends two copies of The Mail to Snowball, Ark., one to his father and the other to W. B. Grewry.

Miss Annie Lillard of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mrs. W. P. Thurmond, Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. A. McMahan of Abilene visited the editor's family Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lucy Leeman is visiting her schoolmate, Miss Bert Roberts, at Nugent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson left Sunday for Mineral Wells and other places on a vacation. Tom says he is going to stay the limit, 10 days, if his money holds out and the bank can get along without his astute business management. He deserves the vacation.

Miss Annie King returned to Abilene, where she is attending the normal, Sunday.

Donald Bowie spent the Fourth with home folks in Weatherford.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Rust & Pittard.

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

Respectfully,
DENNIS BROS.

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 the town and guarantee the prices to be as low as any foreign concern can possibly make.

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.

The Perfect Liver Medicine.

Mrs. M. A. Jolley, Noble, O. T., writes: "I have used Herbine for a number of years, and can cheerfully recommend it as the most perfect liver medicine, and the greatest blood purifier. It is a medicine of positive merit, and fully accomplishes all that is claimed for it." Malaria cannot find a lodgment in the system while the liver is in perfect order, for one of its functions is to prevent the absorption of fever producing poisons. Herbine is a most efficient liver regulator. 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

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

Burroughs & Mann.

S. P. Martin dropped in a few moments Monday morning. They are needing rain badly, he says, although cotton is not suffering as yet. Corn is also holding up remarkably well. All feed stuff is needing moisture. Mr. Martin's community failed to get any of the June rains and has had nothing but showers since the wet spell during March.

Dr. Leeman, I. S. Allen and W. B. Leeman visited the A. F. & A. M. lodge at Sweetwater Saturday night. Walter Witt went along as mascot.

The Racket Store.

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Do you know we handle some bargains? In fact, we offer all we handle at a bargain price. Did you see those nice clocks at 84c at

The Racket Store.

The Racket Store.

Merkel Mail

LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

ed at the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as
-class mail matter.

Subscription Rates:

Year..... \$1.00
Six months..... .50
Three months..... .25
variably in advance.

VERTISING RATES

per month
inch space..... \$.50
inch space..... 1.00
for column (4 1/2 inches)..... 2.50
column (9 inches)..... 4.00
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or issues constitute a month. All advertise-
run and charged for until ordered out,
limit is specified when insertion is made.
ial prices on time contracts.
al notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Communications to insure publication must
the signature of the writer, as well as the
de plume under which they write. This is
fired merely as a guarantee of good faith.
situation, Cards of Thanks, etc., are inserted
half the regular advertising rates. Post-
by no deviation from this rule.

IT IS TIME THAT THE PAPERS OPEN THEIR EYES.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the newspaper profession is from loss of patronage that legitimately belongs to it. There are many sources from which there is a constant drainage, but perhaps the most serious loss is felt in the job department, the result of the efforts of patent medicine and baking powder concerns to load their customers down with advertising matter.

Fully three-fourths of the business men of Merkel use these statements. One-half of the remainder use blank statements, the kind handled by drug and book stores. This is not only an injustice to the local paper, but shows the inconsistency of the firms using such. Why? Because these same firms condemn the practice of sending off after goods and at the same time are doing the very thing that they condemn in others.

But who pays for these patent statements? Surely not the manufacturer, for to send them to his thousands of customers would eat up the profits on the goods. He must have pay for them. The merchant, of course, pays the freight. Not only this, but he is advertising the other fellow, when, if he had used statements printed at home, he would be advertising his own business.

The newspapers can not condemn this practice too strongly. It is eating at the very vitals of newspaper prosperity.

We are expected to pull for home and home enterprises, and yet many of those who are the beneficiaries under this policy are the first to stab the paper and thereby render its existence a veritable hand to mouth affair.

The average paper does ten times more than it is paid for. It is high time that they get out of the old ruts and assert their independence.

A VENOMOUS NEGRO.

The lynching of a negro at Wilmington, Del., on June 22nd, aroused public sentiment to a high pitch, and the case brought out both criticism and commendation. The following tirade by a negro preacher near the scene of the lynching, however, takes the cake:

"The white man is a heathen, a fiend, a monstrosity before God, and is equal to any act in the category of crime. I would as soon trust myself in the den of a hyena as in his arms. With courts, law and officers of law in his hands, the dispirited negro can expect no mercy, justice or protection. The negro is unsafe anywhere in this country. You are taught by this lesson of outrage to save yourself from torture of the blood-seeking

public. Save your race from insult and shame. Be your own sheriff, court and jury as was Tracey. Die in your tracks, perhaps drinking the blood of your pursuers. Booker T. Washington's charity, humanity, advice of forgiveness, love, industry, and so on, will never be reciprocated by white men."

Coming from near "Bosting," it is not surprising that this black anarchist is still on terra firma. Southern people would quickly resent such brazen effrontery and braggadocio—not by force of arms, but by the persuasive powers of a "stretching hemp."

We like the stand of the northern minister who deplored lynchings, but agreed that they are the only kind of punishment that do justice to the rape fiend.

Arkansas farmers around Pine Bluff report the most unfavorable crop prospects for twenty-five years. There are thousands of acres of cotton not over four inches high and without limbs or squares. The corn crop will hardly average seventy-five per cent, and much corn will have to be imported next year.

Of the "incurable drunkards" of London—those who have been up more than ten times—8,900 are women, and 4,300 are men. What a shocking fact!

It is strange that the man who can always tell how it should be done never did it or anything like it.

Wharton county has a scholastic enrollment of 4,741, nearly two-thirds of which are colored.

There is plenty of time left for June brides and June rains.

The Fourth of July casualty list is still growing.

The floods haven't yet gone out of business.

Speaks Out in Meeting.

The Ballinger Ledger is in the middle of the road for local opinion in its county. And it speaks out in meeting, as the following will testify:

We were numerously warned that if we dared to assert our position in the prohibition fight now on this county, it would prove our ruination; that our subscribers would quit, and business take such a tumble we would never recover.

We are beginning to find out just how much it will cost us. One man, Mr. T. G. McFadden, of Rowena, has ordered the Ledger discontinued, alleging as his reason that he did not like the stand we had taken on the prohibition question.

This is too bad, too bad. In fact, we might say three bad. At this rate, if the campaign lasts two months, we will lose about 8 subscribers—\$8 a year, provided they were all like Mr. McFadden, who always kept his paper paid in advance.

Eight dollars a year, or about six bits a month, is what it will cost us to maintain our self-respect, and have the satisfaction of knowing that no one can accuse us of being afraid to let the people know where the Ledger stands on public questions. That's cheap enough, and we will gladly pay it (And by the way, it may not be out of place to remark that in the past two weeks we have added just eleven new names to our list).

Who's next? Gentlemen, if you don't think a editor of a newspaper has a right to express himself on questions of morality

and public policy, just toddle up and have her stopped. We will take your names off gladly, for fear that further reading of the paper might cause a virulent case of Enlightenment, which would in all probability prove fatal.

The Ledger does not wish to pose as the moral guardian of the citizenship of Runnels county, nor do we intend to fall out with any body for differing with us on any question, but we wish it clearly understood that we deserve the right to not only speak out our convictions, but to use whatever influence we may possess, either personal or journalistic, in their advancement.

If this policy will "kill the paper," then let her die. The Ledger may some day find a resting place in the great newspaper bone yard of Texas, but we will at least know that the gourd-vine of editorial cowardice will never twine about its tomb, nor the foul stench of perverted principles rise from its sepulcher.

Our Costly Crime.

It has been some time since any Republican paper has dared to claim that the Phillipines will "pay." The facts are too apparent for even the most exuberant political imagination to overcome. If we make a profit of ten per cent on every dollar's worth of goods we sell to the Phillipine islands, it would take us more than a thousand years to get back what we have already expended. If we could increase our present trade 100 per cent., and make a profit of 10 per cent. on every sale, it would about defray the cost of maintaining there two regiments of American soldiers. Some of our military officers say it will be necessary to maintain there an army of from 30,000 to 50,000 men. An army of 30,000 men, kept there for a single year, would consume the profit on our present exports for 150 years. Besides all this, it is to be remembered that our exports are chiefly for the needs of the army and the camp-followers. If we should cease paying the bills, the market would disappear.

The Phillipines invasion is simply an expensive crime.—Ex.

The farmers of this section of Texas are more than busy. O. M. Allman, a traveling salesman, says that he was passing through the country he found a farmer driving a reaper. In his left hand he held the lines and his baby and with his right he was manipulating a churn, having constructed a platform for that purpose. His wife was busy cooking dinner.—Brownwood Banner-Bulletin.

Rev. R. S. Heizer came over from Haskell this morning and took the train for Wortham to help his son in a meeting.—Stamford News.

Evangelist Mrs. Cagle passed through here Saturday from Lubbock where she held a revival. She will hold her third meeting at this place beginning some time during the summer.—Snyder Coming West.

He Knows the Guilty Party.

The ten-year boy who was sent away from home at the time his new brother made his appearance was told by the nurse upon his return that during his absence the stork had brought him a little brother, replied: "Stork nothing; didn't I see Dr. Smith's old mare tied out here last night?"

The Fire

is out! I am now ready for business in the Ferrier building, with a brand new stock of goods. So if you need

Saddles, Harness, Etc.,

come and see me. I can repair anything promptly and guarantee satisfaction.

R. L. HUDSON.

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.

Simmons College, Abilene, Texas.

Is an endowed educational Christian Institution.

The twelfth annual session will begin on Monday, September the fourteenth, 1903, and close on Thursday, June the Sixteenth, 1904. The departments are Academy (four years), College (four years) Music—any instrument (two to six years), Painting and Drawing (two to four years), Oratory (two years), Commercial Science, and Military Tactics (two years). Yale, Berlin, Univ. of Chicago, and ten other colleges and universities are represented in the Faculty.

The standard of scholarship in the several departments is that of the best institutions in the United States.

All expenses for the session (exclusive of the fine Arts—music, painting, and oratory) amount to two hundred and fifty dollars. Each course in the fine arts costs fifty dollars for the session. The session is divided into three terms and fees for each Term are payable at the beginning of the Term.

Simmons College doubled its

enrollment and had no case of serious illness on its campus last session.

The College has seven brick buildings and fourteen instructors.

For catalogue or other information write to

Oscar H. Cooper, LL. D.,
President.

The Stockdale Enterprise moralizes thusly: "The world rates us where it finds us. If we are found opposing the right and thereby lending our support to the wrong we will be classed those whose life work is the demolishing instead of building. Let us lay a foundation for a work by acquiring at least a sonable education, and train minds to think. Let us some aim in life and let that be a correct one; and when aim has been settled in our work steadily to that end. It is the man with one object in view who is successful. The world doesn't want men who can do most anything, but it does need men who understand how to do one particular thing better than anybody else. The secret of success is steady application along some special line."

And who is there in all the land
That doesn't know the Mitchell brand?
Its name is great—its record grand.

It has been an established fact for

65--SIXTY-FIVE YEARS--6

that the MITCHELL is the best wagon in the world. Has always been, and still is, made by the same family. There is family pride behind it. The Mitchell is the most durable wagon made

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Every man with a Mitchell is well pleased. You should have one

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Tonsorial Artist and
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First class barber work guar-
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elry, Etc.
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dents, also pay interest on lands for all who may
trust their business with me; will make proof
of final settlement on homestead and school land
property. I solicit your patronage. 5-1pd

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Much of this is harmful
reading. It is the aim of the SEMI-
WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading.
Thousands will testify to its helpfulness
to them. Ask your neighbor.
has helped many. It
THE FARMERS' is not the theory of
DEPARTMENT.. farming written by
college professors
and others up North on conditions that
don't fit Texas. It is the actual experi-
ences of farmers here at home who have
turned over the soil.
If you are not taking **THE**
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OFFER.. It is helpful to the best in-
terests of your town and
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Galveston or the Dallas Semi-Weekly
News for 12 months. The News stops
when your time is out.

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Everything Nice
and clean; an up-
to-date market. We
would appreciate
your patronage.

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TEXAS T AND P PACIFIC
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"No Trouble to Answer Questions."

DINING CARS
BETWEEN
FORT WORTH and SAINT LOUIS
E. P. TURNER, GEN. PASS. AGT.
DALLAS, TEXAS.

The Mail reaches a class of
that read advertisements.

Preach Honesty.

There is more need of the prea-
ching of honesty and less of senti-
mentality. If the preacher
could insist upon the most rigid
honesty on the part of his flock,
and the lodges upon the same
from their members, there would
be more business men in the front
rows of our churches and at the
head of our fraternal orders.
There is not enough stress placed
on the golden rule. The nation
has run mad on commercialism.
The central idea seems to be to
obey money—honestly if you can,
come wise if you must, but get it!
his sentence should be discoun-
ted. When a man without
Ex. the average man's word
is not just as good as his bond,
Alvin might, justice and piety will
prevail in the land.

"Captains of Industry" hardly
came up to the requirements of the
country in reference to enterprises
of high character. That huge company
with an annual income and expendi-
ture exceeding that of either
the United States or Germany,
has chambers as large as that of
any other, yet Britain. "Field
and called industry" is a more
it is working for those who lead
through the nation's army of
for a team, which had and seventy
with complete write-ups.

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League benediction.
July 12, 1903.

Her Wants.

At 20 she said: "I want a
man who unites the tender
sympathy of a woman with the
bravery of a lion. I don't mind
his being a little dissipated, be-
cause that adds charms. He
must be however, accomplished
to the last degree and capable of
any sacrifice for my sake."

At 25 she said: "I want a
man who unites with an engage-
ing personality a complete knowl-
edge of the world, and if of nec-
essity, he happens to have a past,
he must also have a future; a
man whom I can look up to and
whom I can trust myself at all
times without the slightest em-



Mrs. Fred Unrath,
President Country Club, Benton
Harbor, Mich.
"After my first baby was born I did not
seem to regain my strength although the
doctor gave me a tonic which he consid-
ered very superior, but instead of getting
better I grew weaker every day. My hus-
band insisted that I take Wine of Cardui
for a week and see what it would do for
me. I did take the medicine and was very
grateful to find my strength and health
slowly returning. In two weeks I was out
of bed and in a month I was able to take
up my usual duties. I am very enthusi-
astic in its praise."
Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs
of generation for the ordeal of preg-
nancy and childbirth. It prevents mis-
carriage. No woman who takes Wine
of Cardui need fear the coming of her
child. If Mrs. Unrath had taken
Wine of Cardui before her baby came
she would not have been weakened as
she was. Her rapid recovery should
commend this great remedy to every
expectant mother. Wine of Cardui
regulates the menstrual flow.

WINE OF CARDUI

barrassment."

At 30 she said: "I want a
man with money. He can have
any other attributes that a man
ought to possess, but he must have
money, and the more he has the
better I will like it."

At 35 she said: "I want a
man."

The most hotly contested case
that has been tried in Eastland
for many years, came up in the
county court last week. The
defendant, Clint Littlefield, was
charged with violating the local
option law. The drink sold, was
what is commonly called "Hop
Ale." The defendant was found
guilty by a jury, and his punish-
ment assessed at a fine of \$100,
and 60 days in jail, the extreme
limit of the law. Whether or not
this man is guilty, the citizens
here are determined to enforce
this law.—Chronicle.

Misses Miller and McKerchin
of Dallas are visiting the former's
sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

R. B. Ustick left this morning
for Dallas to lay in his fall stock
of goods. He will also visit Gal-
veston.

Not That Texas Now.

Austin Statesman.

Some years ago ex-Gov. Rob-
erts wrote a book somewhat de-
scriptive of Texas, which was
profusely illustrated with pic-
tures of jackrabbits. Rabbits
with long ears tilted forward in
curiosity, laid backward with
displeasure, dropped straight
downward in rest or stitdhing
straight upward in content.
Rabbits in all positions and atti-
tudes. But only rabbits were
used in the illustrations. When
asked by a friend why he had so
many pictures of rabbits, and
why there were pictures of noth-
ing else, he replied: "What
could illustrate Texas better than
jackrabbits?" That was only
20 years ago. What a change
has been wrought in 20 years.
Texas today is the fifth state in
population in the union.
is the first state in the prod-
of cattle. Texas ranks his

the production of hogs, horses,
mules and goats. Probably no
state is manufacturing more
lumber at this time. With one
possible exception, Texas is pos-
sessed of the largest oil fields in
the world. Texas as a fruit pro-
ducing state is attracting the at-
tention of the whole country.
Texas will doubtless list first in
the next census as a rice pro-
ducing state.

The Man Who Does Things.

The man of the times is the
man who does things and accom-
plishes something. He is not
looking for positions—positions
are looking for him. He goes to
the front with results and results
are things that count. There is
a look of solidity about such a
man that impresses itself upon
others and he can be picked out
anywhere in any crowd. Failure
is a word not in his vocabulary,
and discouragement he knows
nothing about. Such a man
makes opportunities because they
await for him. Opportunities
are not scarce, they are more
plentiful now than ever before in
the history of the country. He
works without looking at the
clock. Men who do things never
consult the time. Employees who
are always looking at the dial of
a clock will never be anything
else but employes. The man
who does things has a purpose.
Looseness of thought and scat-
tering a purpose mark the man
who never does anything. The
public soon learns to distinguish
one from the other. The man
who does things, and the news-
paper that publishes things are
always at a premium and in de-
mand.

It is easier for a man to go to
heaven on a full stomach than on
an empty one. Now is the time
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ing, either residence or business
house. in The Mail, bring around
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dents, also pay interest on lands for all who may
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of final settlement on homestead and school land
property. I solicit your patronage. 6-1pd

Preach Honesty.

There is more need of the preach-
ing of honesty and less of senti-
mentality. If the preacher
would insist upon the most rigid
honesty on the part of his flock,
and the lodges upon the same
from their members, there would
be more business men in the front
pews of our churches and at the
head of our fraternal orders.
There is not enough stress placed
on the golden rule. The nation
has run mad on commercialism.
The central idea seems to be to
get money—honestly if you can,
otherwise if you must, but get it!
This sentence should be discoun-
tenanced. When a man without
virtue, the average man's word
will be just as good as his bond,
and right, justice and piety will
reign in the land.

"Captains of Industry" hardly
meets the requirements of the
case, in reference to enterprises
like the United States Steel Cor-
poration. That huge company
has an annual income and expendi-
ture exceeding that of either
the United States or Germany,
and nearly as large as that of
France or Great Britain. "Field
Marshals of Industry" is a more
adequate title for those who lead
the steel corporation's army of
nearly one hundred and seventy
thousand employees.

League Programme.

Leader—Will Hamilton.
Song—by choir.
Prayer.
Scripture Lesson—Leader.
Mission of the Comforter, Etna
Diltz.
Song by choir.
Conditions of having the Com-
forter—Maud Counts.
What the Comforter is to me—
Will Campbell.
Song by choir.
Heart to heart talks,—by Lea-
ue.
Solo, "A Blessed Home"—Eva
Williams.
Select reading—Edgar Max-
well.
Quartette,—Misses Counts and
Williams, Messrs Hand and Max-

well.

League benediction.
July 12, 1903.

Her Wants.

At 20 she said: "I want a
man who unites the tender
sympathy of a woman with the
bravery of a lion. I don't mind
his being a little dissipated, be-
cause that adds charms. He
must be however, accomplished
to the last degree and capable of
any sacrifice for my sake."

At 25 she said: "I want a
man who unites with an engage-
ing personality a complete knowl-
edge of the world, and if of nec-
essity, he happens to have a past,
he must also have a future; a
man whom I can look up to and
whom I can trust myself at all
times without the slightest em-

barrassment."

At 30 she said: "I want a
man with money. He can have
any other attributes that a man
ought to possess, but he must have
money, and the more he has the
better I will like it."

At 35 she said: "I want a
man."

The most hotly contested case
that has been tried in Eastland
for many years, came up in the
county court last week. The
defendant, Clint Littlefield, was
charged with violating the local
option law. The drink sold, was
what is commonly called "Hop
Ale." The defendant was found
guilty by a jury, and his punish-
ment assessed at a fine of \$100,
and 60 days in jail, the extreme
limit of the law. Whether or not
this man is guilty, the citizens
here are determined to enforce
this law.—Chronicle.

Misses Miller and McKerchin
of Dallas are visiting the former's
sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

R. B. Ustick left this morning
for Dallas to lay in his fall stock
of goods. He will also visit Gal-
veston.

Not That Texas Now.

Austin Statesman.

Some years ago ex-Gov. Rob-
erts wrote a book somewhat de-
scriptive of Texas, which was
profusely illustrated with pic-
tures of jackrabbits. Rabbits
with long ears titled forward in
curiosity, laid backward with
displeasure, dropped straight
downward in rest or stidhing
straight upward in content.
Rabbits in all positions and atti-
tudes. But only rabbits were
used in the illustrations. When
asked by a friend why he had so
many pictures of rabbits, and
why there were pictures of noth-
ing else, he replied: "What
could illustrate Texas better than
jackrabbits?" That was only
20 years ago. What a change
has been wrought in 20 years.
Texas today is the fifth state in
population in the union. It
is the first state in the produc-
tion of cattle. Texas ranks his



Mrs. Fred Unrath.
President Country Club, Benton
Harbor, Mich.

"After my first baby was born I did not
seem to regain my strength although the
doctor gave me a tonic which he consid-
ered very superior, but instead of getting
better I grew weaker every day. My hus-
band insisted that I take Wine of Cardui
for a week and see what it would do for
me. I did take the medicine and was very
grateful to find my strength and health
slowly returning. In two weeks I was out
of bed and in a month I was able to take
up my usual duties. I am very enthusi-
astic in its praise."

Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs
of generation for the ordeal of preg-
nancy and childbirth. It prevents mis-
carriage. No woman who takes Wine
of Cardui need fear the coming of her
child. If Mrs. Unrath had taken
Wine of Cardui before her baby came
she would not have been weakened as
she was. Her rapid recovery should
commend this great remedy to every
expectant mother. Wine of Cardui
regulates the menstrual flow.

WINE OF CARDUI

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matter to fill up space.
Much of this is harmful
reading. It is the aim of the SEMI-
WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading.
Thousands will testify to its helpfulness
to them. Ask your neighbor.
has helped many. It
is not the theory of
farming written by
college professors
and others up North on conditions that
don't fit Texas. It is the actual experi-
ences of farmers here at home who have
turned over the soil.
If you are not taking THE
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terests of your town and
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W. H. Dickson

The Farmer's Column.

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

Stay on the Farm.

Farming, as has often been said, is the most independent business in the world. It is the freest from care and worry. Slumber, sweet and deep, comes quickly after retiring, and when the morning comes the nerves are quiet and steady, and the farmer is the happiest man in the world.

Boys, don't be anxious to leave the farm. The happiest and pleasantest days of your life are the ones spent on the farm. The swing back of the farm house is the swing with the tenderest memories and the fondest recollections. The music of the old mill is far sweeter than the grand harmonies you hear at the cathedrals. And what is sweeter than the rustle of the corn as the gentle summer breezes blow? And what can compare with the music of the stream just a little ways from the house as it murmurs along the sea?

The successful farmer is the one who stays on the farm. The successful one of the future will be the young man who stays and works on the farm.—The North Georgia Citizen.

Threshers are at work, and new wheat is making its appearance in the market. E. G. Rall of Fort Worth has just received a shipment of seven cars of new wheat from Wise county, where the yield is said to be about 20 bushels to the acre. The quality is good, but the grains are not large. The estimate for the whole state is for a 20,000,000 bushel crop.

A new use for peanuts is developing as the peanut industry becomes better understood. The product of the peanut answers in the place of ordinary butter for table use, and is said to be excellent for shortening purposes, and is superior to the best dairy butter. It is well designed for the use of vegetarians who strenuously object to anything animal. There is already a considerable demand for this butter substitute, and it is very probable there will be an enlarged market for the nuts. At present the product of the United States is about 500,000 bags annually, and that of the world is

000,000 lbs.

Evidencing the fact that Texas farmers are going into the hog-raising business, we have testimony of the sales of Berkshires in this state. The Berkshire record says that in the month of April 50 registered hogs of that breed were sold to Texas, that number being exceeded only in the hog raising states of Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. It is making a good start when the farmer begins the hog business with registered stock, or begins breeding up his scrubs with a registered male.

Our farmers should plant more Kaffir corn, milo maize, and other sorghums. True, these are known as crops suitable for the droughty country. The best farming country in the southwest is often stricken hard by drouth. It was thus last year, and many years previous to last year, and will occur again. In such cases they are a sure crop, and about equal to corn for feed. Some of the best mush, and batter cakes we ever ate were made from milo maize. These drouth resisting plants are equally resistant to too much rain, and consequently are sure crops regardless of wind or weather. Cow peas are another resisting crop that is not only a valuable forage crop, but an excellent fertilizer. No southern farmer can afford to neglect cow peas, because they require no land, practically, for they may have pre-empted the land without interfering with the yield of the previous crop. Cow peas are a profitable crop when grown and used only for a fertilizer.

A youngster sporting a cane and smoking a cigarette strutted up to Gen. Sherman and asked him, "If you were me what would you do?" The old general eyed him from head to foot and said: "I'll tell you what I'd do. If I were you I would throw away that cigarette, cut up that cane for firewood, wear my watch chain under my coat and stay at home nights and pray for brains." —Bokehito Bulletin.

His

cently delivered a most effective sermon in a neighboring city, says the Paris News. In course of his remarks he said in most impressive tones, "My brethren, I have two serious objections to hell. One is the scarcity of water there, and the other is the character of its population." The objections were certainly well taken.

Very Remarkable Cure of Diarrhoea.

"About six years ago for the first time in my life I had a sudden and severe attack of diarrhoea," says Mrs. Alice Miller, of Morgan, Texas. "I got temporary relief, but it came back again and again, and for six long years I have suffered more misery and agony than I can tell. It was worse than death. My husband spent hundreds of dollars for physicians' prescriptions and treatment without avail. Finally we moved to Bosque county, our present home, and one day I happened to see an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with a testimonial of a man who had been cured by it. The case was so similar to my own that I concluded to try the Remedy. The result was wonderful. I could hardly realize that I was well again, or believe it could be so after having suffered so long, but that one bottle of medicine, costing but a few cents, cured me." For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

He Was a Liar.

Live grasshoppers will eat dead grasshoppers. A Missouri farmer mixed paris green and bran together and let a grasshopper eat it. He died. Twenty ate him up. They died. Four hundred ate those twenty, and they died. Eight thousand ate those four hundred, and they died. A hundred and sixty thousand ate those eight thousand, and died, and the farmer was troubled no more. The man who did the counting is not dead, but he was a champion liar.—Ex.

Texas' Old Name.

Probably the fact is not generally known that Texas was at one time and for many years called the "New Phillippines." The first settlement in what is now Texas was made by France emigrants in 1685. During the next twenty-five years there was an intermittent struggle between the French and Spanish for supremacy, resulting in favor of the latter and in 1814 the name of the New Phillippines was given to the country. This was its official name in Spanish records for years and until the name of Texas, from a tribe of Indians, gradually came in vogue.—Indianapolis Journal.

No Pity Shown.

"For years fate was after me continuously," writes F. A. Gullledge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's Drug Store.

A sensible young lady of Kansas made the following request of her friend: "Do not lay me down by the rippling brookside, lest the babbling water wake me from my dreams, nor in the beautiful cemeteries in the valleys lest sightseers cooing over epitaphs distract me; but let me sleep under the counter of the merchant and business man who advertises. There is the life that passeth all understanding, and deep is the sleep

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The Preacher's Dream.

A preacher had a dream: He saw a few years into the future. A central office connected all of his congregation by telephone, a phonograph sang the voluntary, then a hymn or two, a new record was put on and it repeated beautiful prayer; then preached the sermon. He saw himself engaging in other callings and waked up with big beads of perspiration standing on his face.

According to the enumeration of the scholastic census,

just completed by Judge Durham and Jim Simpson, Nolan county has 1062 children of school age. Of this number 527 are white males; 6 colored males, and 529 white females. The above figures include the Sweetwater Independent school district.—Review.

Hit By Lightning 100 Times.

Within the last ten years the Goddess of Liberty which stands on the dome at the capitol has been struck by lightning more than one hundred times. Workmen who have been washing the bronze statue for the first time in a decade have discovered many marks made by the thunderbolts. The gold and aluminum tipped prongs of the crown to the Goddess, which were to serve as lightning rods, have been melted off. They will be replaced with approved lightning arresters.—Ex.

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