

# THE MERKEL MAIL.

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## A Plea to All Texans for the Alamo.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is a chartered society composed of the descendants of the early pioneers and heroes of the Republic of Texas. The society has among its objects the fostering of the study of Texas history, the erection of the monuments to the memory of the early fathers and statesmen, and the preservation of relics and landmarks relating to the early days. DeZavala Chapter is trying to save the old Mission del Alamo. The State already owns a small part, but the value of what it owns will be impaired if the plan contemplated by Eastern capitalists be carried out—that of purchasing the remainder of the old Mission, buying the surrounding property and enclosing the Alamo as it were; using the sacred spot where the blood of our Texas heroes was shed as an advertisement of a commercial scheme. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas need the cooperation of every true Texan and lover of liberty in effort to save this sacred antiquity—the Alamo.

It is the desire of the Daughters to buy the remainder of this building and its surroundings—sacred to the hearts of all Texans, restore it and make it a worthy and artistic monument to the memory of those dauntless hero martyrs who fell inside its walls. They propose to convert this Thermopylae of the new world into a Texas Hall of Fame—where every hero and all great Texans shall be remembered—to make of it a museum of Texas history, art, literature and relics—where shall be gathered all matter interesting and instructive pertaining to Texas or her people—a noble monument of which all Texans shall be proud and to which they may point in refutation of the old adage—"Republicans are ungrateful." Let each Texan or citizen, "Remember the Alamo" and enter his name on the lists to be kept as a perpetual record of "Those who Saved the Alamo!"

One dollar only, is asked from every Texan or citizen of the State to accomplish this end so that each may have his name inscribed on the roll of those seeking to perpetuate the Spartan deeds of the early Texans.

All contributions are to be sent to Miss Clara Driscoll, Chairman Alamo Mission Fund, DeZavala Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, P. O. Box 1021, San Antonio, Texas, or to this paper whose columns will appear once a week, every Thursday, a list of the names of the past week's contributors in this locality.

Trusting that all will respond to this appeal and assist in accomplishing one of the noblest, patriotic schemes ever undertaken—a scheme that, should it reach fulfillment, will reflect honor and glory on the state and nation, is the hope of

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

## To Shoot a Magnet Into the Heaven.

Denver, Colo.—F. X. Schoonmaker, representing the Whitney Electric Development, is here to arrange for

tation of a 13-inch cannon to the summit of Pike's Peak or some lofty pass in the mountains, his purpose being to develop the theory of Professor Whitney of Chicago that by penetrating the atmosphere surrounding the earth he can secure from the electric sea unlimited current for earthly power plants.

Prof. Whitney, when he secures and locates his monster gun, will fire a spherical iron magnet vertically. To this projectile will be attached a coil of wire 20 to 30 miles in length.

Whitney believes that, once beyond the pale of the law of gravitation, the magnet will be drawn into the electric sea, the wire will hold it and, by attaching larger wires he can draw from above limitless electric current.

Schoonmaker says the obtaining of this electricity will revolutionize the running of machinery all over the world. Colorado will be in the enviable position of being able to supply this power to the greater part of the United States at least.

He asserts that the Whitney company has plenty of money with which to demonstrate its theories and that a private test from a lofty New Mexican peak has proved that they are correct.

## Those Good Old Hymns.

Quite a flurry was created in a preacher's meeting in New York last week by a discussion of the relative religious merits of the old-fashioned hymns and the new rag time music that is invading the choir lofts of many of our modern churches.

Naturally the older ministers, mostly bred in rural regions, raised on Sunday victuals equally divided between the catechism and cold light broad, and taught by their pious mothers to sing "Old Hundred," "Salem" and "How firm a foundation," were stoutly in favor of the old Watts, Wesley and Doddridge hymns. The younger ministers frankly avowed just as strong a liking for the music that has a twentieth century swing and "go" to it. They were especially strenuous for march-time, soldier-song and battlehymn music.

Of course, The Constitution famed among its contemporaries for its orthodoxy in the faith once delivered, holds with the elders. One has only to go into a large religious meeting, especially one composed of "men only" and hear them sing those old hymns that were the favorites of the fireside and the log church in the country to be convinced that in them are the chords that are master keys to religious emotion and the strong stimulants of faith and fortitude that make for the righteousness of which the world has so great a need!—Atlanta Constitution.

## Starting Right.

Lately we picked up an old school register, and turning over its pages we chanced upon a pledge signed by many names in the formal handwriting of children. As I read the pledge I wondered how many of those children, now young men and women, had realized how much the keeping of this pledge would effect in their lives. Have they yet learned the man is almost entirely composed of the habits of child-

hood and youth? If these habits that grow stronger as the lengthen are bad, age will reap a harvest of disaster. Parents and teachers should ever bear this in mind: that to correct bad habits, or rather assist in forming correct ones, is more important than imparting the choicest bit of learning. The following is the pledge:

"Having learned what a serious thing it is to form a habit, I resolve this day to do what I know to be right whether I like it or not, and persevere until the right way becomes the easy way. Sow a thought, you reap an act; sow an act, you reap a habit; sow a habit, you reap a character; sow a character, you reap a Destiny."

Whether you handle a pick or a pen, wheelbarrow or a set of books dig ditches or edit a paper, ring an auction bell or write funny things, you must work. If you look around you will see that the men who are most able to live the rest of their lives without work are the men who work the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with work. Work gives an appetite for meals, it lends solidity to your slumber, it gives the appreciation of a holiday. There are young men who can't work and the world don't even know their names, it speaks of them as so and so's boys. The great busy world does not even know they are here. So find what to do and go in; take off your coat and make a dust in the world. The busier you are the less devilry you will get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, and the better the world will be with you.—Ex.

No one ever despises his own work. An author loves his books, an artist his pictures. God is our author, our artist, and he cannot bear to see anything done to spoil us, how great would be our confidence in him; Like children, we should place our hand in his, and walk forward where he leads.—Selected.

## "Our Homes and Country."

Geo. S. Anderson, of the Abilene Reporter, and Photographer J. B. Chambers, mentioned last week as being in the city in the interest of their book, "Our Homes and Country," took quite a number of views of residences and business houses, and will return here soon to make a thorough canvass of the town and country.

"Our Homes and Country" will contain much valuable information in regard to this country and will be embellished with many half tone cuts of farms and ranches; besides, the rapid growth and development of the country will be truthfully and graphically portrayed by word pictures and illustrations.

The edition of this book will reach into the thousands and it is the intention of the promoters to distribute them where they will do the most good. Many of them will be placed in the hands of the railroad immigration agents for distribution. It is hoped that many more of our people will give their support and encouragement to these gentlemen; for their efforts can but result in great good to the coun-

# BUGGIES!

## BUGGIES

WEST has 'em:

Buggies that **RIDE EASY,**  
Buggies that **LOOK WELL,**  
Buggies that **LAST WELL,**  
Buggies that **STAND HARD USAGE,**  
Buggies that **PLEASE the PURCHASER,**  
Buggies that are **UP-TO-DATE,**  
Buggies at a **REASONABLE PRICE.**  
A full car just received. Come get one.

## G. F. WEST.

try at large.

The book will be of especial value to those who are anxious to dispose of their holdings.

Geo. Moore brought The Mail a dozen choice roasting ears Saturday. They were large and well developed, and furnished a palatable meal, for which he has our thanks.

"Indictment squashed" is the way the Daily Oklahoman heads an account of the quashing of an indictment at Lawton. "Well, we must acknowledge 'the corn,'" says the Blackwell news, "that squashing" an indictment beats anything we ever seen turnip in a court before. Lettuce hope, however, that peas will reign from now on, but let us not overlook the fact that the lawyers who cabbaged that decision pulled their client out of a pickle." And the Oklahoman asserts this 's'nuff and that the Blackwell editor artichoke it off.

Another saloon by Abilene parties has been opened up south Beech's saloon.—Baird Star.

## A Small Shower.

A small shower of rain fell here Sunday evening, which was of a local nature only. The cloud seemed to form near Trent and passed out to the southeast. T. J. Parton, Walter Cox, and others south of town were in its track, and Oliver Boden, near Castle Peak, got a fine rain. Wherever the rain fell it will do a vast amount of good. What we need, however, is a general rain. Some crops are suffering considerably for moisture.

The Mail neglected, last week, to mention the arrival of Mr. I. N. Runyan, of Amity, Ark., father of Mrs. Dr. King. He is a pleasant gentleman and we trust his stay among us will be a pleasant one.

The Misses Nabors, who have been visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin, left Monday for their home at Cameron. They made many friends while here who will look forward with pleasure to another visit from them.

# MONEY!

is saved by

## BUYING THE BEST

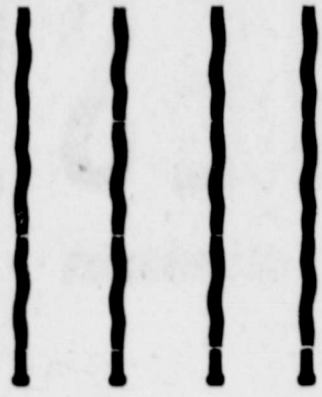


We sell the Farrand Organs, Mason & Hamlin, and others. Also a fine line of Pianos, nice line of Violins, Guitars, Mandolins; strings of all kinds.

## Basham, Shepherd & Co.

# AT COST

All trimmed hats at ACTUAL COST! No fake, but a fact. Come and see . . .



Mrs. HOOPLE,

If you want a cut of your building, either residence or business house, in The Mail, bring around a picture and \$2.50 in money.

It is easier for a man to go to heaven on a full stomach than on an empty one. Now is the time to advertise.

### Stockholders' Meeting.

All stockholders of the gin company now in process of organization are urged to meet at the First National Bank Monday at 2 o'clock p. m. Important business to transact.

Dr. J. A. Leeman and G. E. Comegys attended the Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Lodge at Sweetwater Tuesday night.

### 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.

## CONTINUE

Those who are gaining flesh and strength by regular treatment with

### Scott's Emulsion

should continue the treatment in hot weather; smaller dose and a little cool milk with it will do away with any objection which is attached to fatty products during the heated season.

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.

### Epitaphs in the Cemetery of Failure.

He lacked tact.  
Worry killed him.  
He was too sensitive.  
He couldn't say "No."  
He did not find his place.  
A little success paralyzed him.  
He did not care how he looked.  
He did not guard his weak point.  
He was too proud to take advice.  
He did not fall in love with his work.  
He got into a rut and couldn't get out.  
He did not learn to do things to a finish.  
He loved ease; he didn't like to struggle.  
He was the victim of the last man's advice.  
He was loaded down with useless baggage.  
He lacked the faculty of getting along with others.  
He could not transmute his knowledge into power.  
He tried to pick the flowers out of his occupation.  
He knew a good deal, but could not make it practical.—Success.

Geo. S. Berry and W. H. Dickson, with their families, Misses Miller and McCutcheon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowie and I. N. Taylor of Abilene left yesterday for Valley Creek on a fishing excursion.

Mrs. Chas. Mann left Monday night for Sulphur Springs to visit her parents.

The Abilene Reporter of Monday contained a flattering report of Merkel from the pen of Geo. S. Anderson, who has been here in the interests of "Our Homes and Country." The Mail also comes in for a fair share of praise, for which it tips its hat to Mr. Anderson. George is all wool and a yard wide and there are no frazzles about him.

A message has been received here by Mrs. Dr. Leeman announcing the serious illness of Mrs. J. J. Clinton from some cancerous growth. Mrs. Clinton is at Mineral Wells. Her many friends here wish for her speedy recovery.

Over fifty witnesses in the Pettis case will leave here Friday week for Eastland to attend the trial.

The item in reference to Rev. A. A. Baker's meeting slipped in without correction. It should read "will begin soon," and "considerable interest is manifested beforehand." We beg pardon for the error. The meeting to be conducted by J. P. Copeland and J. J. F. Lockhart will begin Saturday night.

The Masonic fraternity have settled with the insurance company, receiving the total amount of their insurance. Settlement on the Flemming building has not been made and suit will be brought.

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

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

—OF—  
MERKEL, TEXAS

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

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

GEO. S. BERRY, Cash.

### 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.

The poetically inclined editor of the Clarksville Times is responsible for the following: "Whether it snows or whether it blows the season comes and the season goes; the crops get sick and the farmers blue—the storekeepers kick and the lawyers sue; the preachers preach and the sinners sin, and cares beset the souls of men. But through it all the printer prints, he saves and saves and stints and stints; the winds may rave and the floods may roll and drouths break through from pole to pole, but the printer man he prints and prints, saves and saves and stints and stints—Happy, happy printer man; he does the very best he can— sticking type or twisting press he trusts to luck and does his best."

W. S. Smelser, 8 miles southwest of town, has some choice Poland China pigs for sale. See him if you want one.

### Junior League Programme.

Josie Lowry, leader.  
Song by League.  
Prayer.  
Scripture lesson—Leader.  
Song!  
Practical application—Olia Pope.  
Song.  
Select reading—Ross Ferrier.  
Song.  
Word Picture—Annie T. Daniel.  
Superintendent's talk.  
League benediction.

A drive through the country now will convince one that the feed question is settled for next year at least. Thousands of acres of feed stuff is already made.

W. S. Smelser reports a fairly good rain at his place Sunday evening, which will be of great benefit to feed crops. His corn is holding up well and will make 20 bushels to the acre without further rain. Mr. Smelser also has a few acres of corn, July planting, that is up and growing off nicely. He was in town Wednesday, having brought his hired hand, Mr. Nelson, here to take the train for Arkansas.

### 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.

Claud Bigham came in Monday from Amorilla, riding through on a horse. Claud says the Merkel Country looks good to him and that it is far ahead of the Plains and Panhandle country in every way. He was glad to get back and we are glad to have him with us again.

### A Freak of Lightning.

Four of the Texas and Pacific telephone posts on Bullwagon were recently struck by lightning, and two of them were literally shattered into kindling wood. The posts are cedar and of good size, but were not strong enough to withstand such a shock. One of the posts was quartered as nicely as though under the effort of an expert woodman's ax.

### Court at Eastland.

The Coons murder case, transferred to Eastland County, will come up for trial next Thursday. The Pettis murder trial, also transferred from this county, is set for Monday, the 27th inst. Scores of witnesses have been summoned and fully a fourth of the people of this end of the county will attend the trial. This case alone will cost the State upwards of \$2,000.

J. T. Warren, Jud Sheppard, Claud Bigham and the writer witnessed the game of ball between

## Your Banking



no matter how small,  
no matter how large,  
we will give it careful attention. This message applies to the men and the women alike.



Warnick's Bank  
Merkel, Texas,

tween Hereford and Abilene Tuesday. It was a very pretty game, barring the wrangling of the Abilene boys which is nothing unusual. The game resulted in favor of Hereford by a score of 4 to 3. Monday's game was won by Abilene, score 2 to 3, and yesterday's by Abilene, score 5 to 1.

Sam Butman's recent shipment of steers to market netted him a good round sum, the 115 head averaging 1,000 pounds each, bringing from 4.30 to 4.60. T. B. Garoutte's "Mastodon" weighed 1,800 pounds and sold for \$83, while his 2-year-old weighed 1,200 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson returned Tuesday from a very pleasant 10 days visit to Mineral Wells. Tom seems to have a new lease on life.

Mrs. Owens, living near Merkel, is visiting her grand son W. P. and J. H. Cochran. Grandma Owens has resided in Texas over 70 years, having moved to Texas in 1832 settle with her parents in Robertson Colony, (now Robertson County). Her husband, Harrison Owens, was the first County Clerk in Robertson County. She at one time resided at Parker's Fort, and left two weeks before its capture. She was personally acquainted with Cynthia Ann Parker, saw her after she was captured by Sul Ross. She is 82 years old, has 36 grand children, 40 great grand children and one great great grand child.—Baird Star.

The work of laying steel on Orient "Y" was commenced this week and is rapidly nearing completion. Material of every description for the construction of the main line is arriving daily.—Review.

Four cars of cattle were shipped to market Saturday—three to New Orleans by J. W. Daniel and W. R. Bigham, and one to Chicago by Harry Hamm.

Miss Della Bell, who is head milliner in the Sweetwater Mercantile establishment, stopped over a few days last week visiting relatives before going to her home at Sulphur Springs. She will return in September.

Prof. T. C. Weir, formerly principal of the Nolan school, has embarked in the real estate and notary business at Merkel, and will soon apply for admission to the bar.—Sweetwater Review.

J. T. Warren has lost one cow from fever, but is making strenuous efforts to prevent other losses. A considerable number of cattle are dying from this disease in various parts of the

**Repulsive Features.**

Blackheads, pimples, greasy faces and muddy 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**.

Don't fail to read Warren's Bargain Counter ad.

Chas. Heizer left Saturday night for Straton where he will manage a yard for Burton-Lingo Co. The Mail wishes himself and wife much pleasure and a reasonable amount of prosperity in their new home.

A picnic is being held at Truby today, it being commemorative of the 22nd anniversary of the organization of Jones county. Quite a number from here are in attendance.

The ladies of the Methodist church netted \$40 from the sale of ice cream at their supper, Friday night, the proceeds amounting to \$47.50. An interesting program was rendered, which made the occasion delightful and enjoyable to all.

No prizes go with our high grade coffees and teas—nothing but cream, sugar and satisfaction.

J. T. Warren.

Prof. Evans has moved into his new residence. Mr. Richardson, who is bookkeeper at the post and who moved here with his family from Midland two weeks ago, is occupying the residence vacated. Mrs. Richardson is a sister of Mrs. W. H. McCord.

Will Barbee reports fat cattle and fine grass in the river country, but says a shower would help things wonderfully.

J. L. Mann and family spent last week visiting the family of John Primm at Hylton and incidentally eating fish.

J. M. Curry left Tuesday on his return to Georgetown, La.

Misses Nabors returned from an extended visit to Sweetwater, Saturday.

Mrs. D. M. Senter and sister, Miss Nora Bruton, are at home after a visit to relatives in Brownwood.

Just to see what happens, try Chase & Sanborn's Teas and Coffees, when you are tired. Sold by

J. T. Warren.

Ed Vickers came down from Pecos and spent a few days here, returning home Sunday. Mrs. Vickers will remain until Aug. 1st. Both were pained to learn of the fire which visited Pecos, in which property to the value of \$6,500 was destroyed, only partly covered by insurance.

Geo. S. Berry and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson and Misses Miller and McCutcheon spent Sunday at the Robertson ranch, northwest of town.

Don Bowie was—er—er—visiting in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. F. F. Clark, of the Cross Roads community, north of town, was met by her husband here Sunday on her return from a visit east.

Bud Marlow is quite sick with slow fever at the home of his parents, west of town.

# Bargain Counter!

We have placed on a certain counter in our store a few items to be sold under value. The goods are new and are all right every way. We found we were overstocked and preferred taking our loss now rather than at the end of the season. We mention a few RARE BARGAINS NOW ON THE COUNTER: ∴ ∴

Men's Canvas Shoes, were 1.50, now ..... \$1.19  
 Boys' Canvas Shoes, 3s to 5s, were 1.50, now ..... 1.04  
 Boys' Canvas Shoes, 13s to 2s, were 1.25, now ..... .93  
 Boys' Canvas Shoes, 8s to 12s, were 1.00, now ..... .82  
 Ladies' Patent Leather Slippers, 2.00 kind..... 1.48  
 A few pair men's 1.00 Gloves at..... .88  
 Ladies' Fancy Hose, 20c kind..... .13  
 Ladies' Fancy Hose, 10c kind..... .07  
 35c matting now 25c. 30c kind at 22c. 25c kind at 18c  
 One lot of about 50 Wash Skirts—Crash, Covert and Duck  
 —were 1.50, now ..... 1.18

## 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.**

Buy a summer lap spread off Warren's Bargain Counter.

**DEATH IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

**Walter Gilliam Sacrifices His Life While Teaching The Filipino Youth.**

W. H. Gilliam received a cablegram from Manila, P. I., Friday bearing the sad news of the death of his son, Walter, aged 28 years, from smallpox, while engaged in teaching in the Province of Adra. The cablegram was forwarded from his old home in Tarrant county whither it was sent, and was unintelligible. Saturday the war department was wired for additional information and the news came back in substance as above.

Young Gilliam had been in service 6 years. By all who knew him he was held in highest esteem, and was spoken of as an honorable, upright man—a good son and a loving, tender brother.

The family have only been here a few months, but have endeared themselves to all. The Mail joins in the universal expressions of sorrow over the sad bereavement that has befallen them.

Miss Valley Hill left Monday for Abilene to attend the Normal.

Ed Green and Will Hamilton visited in Abilene Monday.

**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.

Arthur Browning spent Monday in Abilene.

J. T. Warren has placed on sale a nice line of saddles from \$16.50 to \$35.

**A SAD DEATH.**

**A Mother Gives Up The Struggle and Lays Down the Burdens of Life.**

Mrs. Rowan died Friday and the remains were entered at the Merkel cemetery the day following. She died in accouchement, the innocent cause of her death having been buried the day previous.

It was a sad and lonely procession that wended its way to the resting place of the dead, for there was a husband and several small children to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and a kind and affectionate mother.

The family lives on the farm of Walter Cox, five miles south of town, having only been here a short time. The Mail joins in expressions of sympathy to the bereaved.

Rev. A. A. Baker has begun a protracted meeting at the Tabernacle, in which considerable interest has been manifested.

Mrs. Walter Cox returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Erath county.

Mrs. G. F. West spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cox, in Abilene.

**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.**

**Basket Picnic.**

The good people of Trent have announced a basket picnic for Thursday, July 23. There will be public speaking, base ball and dancing galore, so the hand bills read. Trent always treats her visitors royally, and all who attend will be well paid.

Take your basket and spend the day pleasantly with them.

Miss Lucy Leeman returned Tuesday from an extended visit to Miss Bert Roberts at Nugent.

Prof. S. M. Sewell was up from Abilene Sunday.

**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.**

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## STEP IN, UNCLE SAM.

The Mail, a few issues ago, stated that the "dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky is a blot on the escutcheon of the United States, and made the further statement that if the State would not declare martial law Uncle Sam should step in. To this the Dallas News took exceptions, declaring that "it would be better if every man, woman and child in Breathitt County were killed than that the precedent should be set of the Federal Government interfering in local matters like this." The News then proceeds to read The Mail out of the Democratic party for advancing such an idea, which it calls the "Republican doctrine of the concentration of power in the hands of the Federal Government." Assassination and all forms of outlawry and savagery may be "an affair which peculiarly belongs to Kentucky;" but the fact remains that the laws of the land are being ruthlessly trampled upon, and in remaining passive we are virtually lending our approval to this form of anarchy. A little bunch of anarchists who delegate one of their number to assassinate the President is set upon by Federal authorities and yanked into eternity. The innocent people of Breathitt County are entitled to the same protection.

In addition to the News' criticisms, The Mail is in receipt of a communication from a citizen of Dallas crying out against this injustice to Kentucky. He starts off with this apology for his seeming presumption in jumping into the affair: "Having read the accompanying paragraph from your valuable paper, in the State Press column of the Dallas News, I by some unknown impulse felt that it should be replied to—not that I feel delegated to look after the reputation of Kentucky, nor what I might regard as a more correct attitude of The Mail in judging Kentucky, because my services in either case could only be regarded as idiocy, to say the least. But I am sure that among the thousands of Kentuckians who have found a home, and a welcome, among the best citizens of Texas, there are many who read the Merkel Mail, and it is in their behalf that I protest against your excessive "judgement" against a great state which I know you admire, and whose history is too well known to admit of any comment from me."

The Mail's attitude can not be classed as "excessive judgement;" righteous indignation comes nearer the mark. The gentleman justifies the feuds in this wise:

"The people in the mountains of Kentucky are the descendants

of those men who, more than a hundred years ago, came from the mother states of Virginia and the Carolinas, seeking a home in the then "dark and bloody" ground, so-called by the Indian tribes, who occupied the territory at that time, because of the constant strife among them for supremacy. The pioneers who first ventured across the Cumberland Mountains had no other protection than their trusted flint lock guns, many of which are yet to be found in the racks over the doors of the little log houses in the low lands, whose fathers were among the first to reach what is now the world wide famous "blue grass" region. Virginia was not able to supply an army to protect her venturesome sons in that far away border territory, while the Colonial Government at Washington was unwilling to do so, because of the danger of a conflict with those foreign nations whose forts were already garrisoned near by, and who stood ready to claim Kentucky at the proper time.

"So you see the only law that those daring pioneers knew was of their own making, while the only protection they could depend upon was their own flint lock guns, "dry powder and a sure aim." To kill your enemy without hazard to your own life, was the rule, and strategy, which governed them in their constant conflicts with the Indians, and this rule of self protection, has come on down to the present generation of mountaineers, and will likely remain in force among them for some time to come. It should be understood that those mountain people are not cowards, as many suppose; to the contrary they represent what Sir William Wallace would have regarded as the highest type of bravery. What you and all good people regard as assassination and therefore an act of brutal cowardice, is regarded by the mountaineer as not only his right, but a proof of his sagacity, fitting him for a leader who can be depended upon to protect his clan, as well as to destroy his enemy."

The Louisville Courier Journal deplors the situation in Breathitt County, and recently that paper, at different times, contained opinions from the press of the State demanding that summary vengeance be meted out to the assassins and calling for protection from the State, to the end that justice might triumph. The Mail can never be an apologist for a red handed assassin. The writer of the communication deplors the appalling condition, and blames the "yellow journals" with the erroneous reports emanating from the seat of trouble, and then gives this thrust:

"The case now pending at Jackson is proving a rich morsel for the Republican papers of the north, because the victim in the case was a Republican, and furnishes what they have so much desired—a PARALLEL for the assassination of Gov. Goebel."

The gentleman, it seems, is a Texan only by environment and is here on probation, as the following goes to show:

"Get you a round trip ticket and come up to Kentucky, and spend a month or two, and I am sure that you will come away with a higher appreciation of the exquisite melody in "My Old Kentucky Home." You will better understand why the horses are fast, the liquor the best and the women the prettiest, because you will drink the same water from limpid springs, breathe the

same air that makes pure blood and quickens its pulse. The spirit of genius which inspires the Wattersons and Sterretts will hover about you until your song will go forth in notes of peace and good will."

In the first place, taking a month or two off is an utter impossibility with the average 2x4 editor. If the gentleman had said, "Come and go with me and it shan't cost you a cent to be 'shown,'" that would have been a different proposition. In the second place, fast horses, good liquor and pretty women furnish an inspiration that is too far in advance of our gait. Bill Sterrett has been in Texas too long to be claimed by Kentucky. He was a red headed, freckled faced boy when he arrived here. His physiogomy has not improved for the better, but his mental development has been abnormal—all due to climatic conditions and the softening effects of advanced civilization. Furthermore, on the occasion of Henry Watterson's recent visit to this county, he was interviewed while passing through this town and his first words were, "You have a fine country here." And then, "My advice to the young man is to go west, where he will find great possibilities open to him and still greater inspiration to work and accomplish something in the world."

We have a great admiration for Kentucky, the birthplace of our sire, but in Texas all nature harmonizes, the people are brave and generous, the women the loveliest, and there is one grand sweet song the year round.

The gentleman winds up by adding this post script:

"By looking over the record you will find that in one city alone, in Texas, during the last twelve months, there were committed a greater number of murders and assassinations than were committed in the entire State of Kentucky."

There is a vast difference between murder and assassination. Texas is a new country as compared to Kentucky. There is some little excuse for murder, but none for such scenes as have been enacted in Breathitt County. The Mail gets its information from Kentucky papers, so that if the gentleman would muzzle the press he should first begin at home.

The new school law admitting children from 7 to 17 years of age in public schools went into effect July 1. State Superintendent Lefevre says it is incumbent upon all districts to admit children 7 years of age to the public schools free during the coming school year, though they have not been enrolled. The State apportionment for this year will be about \$5 per capita. Of course the new law will work a hardship for a year or two, as no apportionment has been made for the new age, but in the long run it will prove a blessing.

Pecos is a town of artesian wells, and yet the people have no protection from fire. Merkel is one of the best watered towns in the State, but, like Pecos, her people are sleeping on their rights. The saving in insurance for two years would more than pay for a system of waterworks, such as both towns need. Where is the business policy of longer delaying this matter?

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Mrs. Richardson has been suffering considerably from the bite of a spider, and was quite sick for a day or two, necessitating the services of a physician. However, she is improving and no serious results are apprehended.

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#### Good Features of the Election Law.

Judge A. W. Terrell, in a review of the new election law in the Fort Worth Register, calls attention to the following good features which it contains:

1. The traffic in poll tax receipts will now cease unless the county officers and election judges are bought up. The severe penalties in the bill ought to be sufficient to compel its observance.

2. Under the election law the vagrant and purchasable voter will necessarily disappear from the ballot box. Such people will not pay the poll tax unless they can get it back from the "boodler" by selling their votes. The secrecy of the ballot, which is guarded effectually, will prevent the traffic in votes.

3. Uniform primaries all over the State on the same day will tend to break up political rings and promote a government of the people.

#### Society Women Wear Socks.

New York, June 28.—"Half hose for ladies" read large illuminated signs in the windows of several shops in Fifth avenue, and announce a fad for wearing socks with regular men's garters which is actually upon New York society. High society and real society, not the stage, where such fantastic crazes have their birth and die, has taken it up. Women who would scorn the peek-a-boo waist have been seen wearing both socks and the garters that go with them.

The shops are full of dainty conceits, some fresh from Paris, where the craze originated, and some of native manufacture.

The women who wear the socks say they do it simply to be cool, not because it is a daring and novel fashion. But, whatever its cause, the vision of an apparently sedate young woman, who, upon lifting her skirts to enter a cab at a muddy crossing, reveals a pair of embroidered socks and an inch of pink flesh encircled by a white or black garter is certainly calculated to excite comment.

Miss Addie Haley of Sipe Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Miss Ala Story of Tyler, a niece of T. B. Story, and Mrs. Jim Ferguson (nee Miss Marlow) of Brandon, Hill Co., are billed for Merkel on the 20th inst.

#### A New Gin for Merkel.

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#### Bryan on Quarantine Law.

There has been some apprehension that the quarantine line controversy would be threshed over again when the Texas legislature next meets at Austin, but Representative W. J. Bryan, author of the measure which was sidetracked at the last session, does not appear anxious to take the matter up again. In an interview with the Dallas News correspondent at Abilene last week he said:

"I somewhat doubt that the matter will be an issue in the next legislature. Whether or not it shall be depends very largely upon the Livestock Sanitary Commission. If the commission sees to it that the quarantine is fairly administered it is not likely that an attempt will be made to alter the law. If the abuses in administration which have caused the complaint should continue, then the legislature will be called upon again to provide a new remedy."

Mr. Bryan, when asked what he thought of turning the cattle quarantine over to the United States Government, said that he was inclined to favor it.

"I see no use in maintaining two quarantines," said he. "If the State inspector refuses to pass cattle that is the end of it. If he passes them his certificate becomes worthless unless the Federal inspector agrees with him. It is absolutely necessary to have the Federal inspector's certificate, hence the state inspection accomplishes no good purpose."

#### The Cigarette and the Banker.

On June 25, 1903 a fine looking young man in San Antonio applied to the principal of a boy's school in that city for a recommendation to a millionaire banker who would need a collector for the business on the first of the month, and at once was given the assurance that his case would be presented in person to the banker during the same day. The bank president was found in his office a few hours afterwards busily engaged in dictating correspondence to his stenographer, but not too busy to spare a few minutes for consideration of the latest applicant, who he explained had already been to see him that morning, and with whom he had been favorably impressed. The teacher spoke of the excellent character of the young man, his good address, his pleasing manners, adding that he was a son of a minister in that city known for honesty and industry. But the banker interrupted the speaker to ask, "Has he any bad habits?" The later insisted that he was a young man of fine character, but confessed that he was addicted to the cigarette habit. The interruption again was quick and emphatic: "I will not employ him. I will not help a young man who will not help himself."

There are other bankers in San Antonio, there are many establishments in Texas, there are many railroads in the United States that will not employ cigarette smokers, for the reason that they may not be depended on for attention to business.

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### The Farmer's Column.

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

In conversation with our farmer friend, C. H. Trice, Saturday, he gave us some information in regard to his alfalfa experience which will be of benefit to others who are contemplating planting this fall. Mr. Trice says that he made the too frequent mistake of endeavoring to grow two crops on the same land at one time, with the result that neither has proved as satisfactory as it might have been if given a field to itself. When he sowed his alfalfa, he mixed it with oats, thinking that by the time the latter crop had been harvested in the spring the alfalfa would have been safely rooted, but the oats grew so fast that it had a tendency to choke out the alfalfa. Now that the oats have been cut, the alfalfa is making a rapid growth, but on a portion of the six acres devoted to that purpose he has a poor stand, and it may have to be replanted next fall. In experimenting with a new crop it is best to give it every advantage before arriving at a conclusion.—Dublin Telephone.

Reliable information has been received from Light to the effect that grasshoppers are doing great damage to the crops in that section. They are operating in a territory of about five miles square, just north of Light. The grasshoppers are the big fellows, and working in the same territory they worked on in 1900. Some of the fields have already been eaten up. Farmers are fighting them and it is thought some of their stuff will be saved from the ravishes of the pests.—Snyder Light.

There are more crop failures caused by the farmer himself than by drouths, floods and untimely frosts combined. Who has not observed that in the most unfavorable seasons some farmers always make better crops than their neighbors? This is because they do better farming. There can be no other rational explanation of the fact. They have learned that when the soil is deeply plowed early in the season, and the crop planted elsewhere than on elevated ridges, and shallow and frequent cultivation resorted to and cultivated long after the usual laying by

time, the crops will stand much more drouth than where the land is merely scratched on the surface, and cultivated with turning plows and half shovels until all the loose soil is piled around the plants. The weather is, however, a convenient scape goat, to put the blame on for the result of our own ignorance and inefficiency.—Farm and Ranch.

It is estimated that livestock of the United States is worth \$4,500,000,000, and the animals killed on farms and those sold annually for slaughter, together with the horses, mules, etc., sold, have a value of \$2,000,000,000. The wool, buttermilk and other products of livestock, added to the annual crops raised, are valued at \$6,500,000,000.

The principal we have always followed is that when hogs are ready to go, let them go, writes an experienced breeder. The higher the price the more profit can be made in feeding heavy hogs, but we would not think of growing hogs over 250 pounds unless we had no youngsters coming on. We believe that when hogs are 4 cents and under the proper weight at which to sell them is 175 pounds; when they are 5 cents 200 pounds; when they are 6 cents, 225 pounds, and when they are 7 cents, 250 pounds.

#### 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.

#### Husbands Will be Good Now.

The Louisiana supreme court has confirmed the constitutionality of the act passed by the legislature at its last session, punishing with imprisonment at hard labor wife desertion and failure on the part of the husband to support his wife and children.

A number of deserting husbands were arrested, but their punishment was suspended, as the act was declared unconstitutional. The matter was carried to the supreme court. A great improvement is ex-

pected in Louisiana husbands as a consequence of this law.

#### 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.

#### When Women Show Nerve.

Of every hundred suits for breach of promise to marry at least 99 are brought by women. Now it is probable that men are the victims of such promises at least as often as women and therefore the question arises whether the vast predominance of feminine plaintiffs has any significance as to the relative delicacy of mind possessed by the two sexes. For a breach of promise suit is essentially indelicate. To bring it requires a more or less brutal indifference to public ridicule and an amazing willingness to place one's self and one's private emotions under derisive inspection and vulgar commentary. And men rarely do this, while women do it frequently. It's very puzzling. Of course there is the matter of money, more commonly in the possession of men than of women, but that explanation is not kind to the women, for it involves the assumption that they are mercenary and that for the sake of money they are willing to go through an ordeal that would be simply frightful for men, in most respects callous.—Ex.

#### What is Love?

A true renovator.—Goethe.  
The greatest fancy weaver.—Taine.  
The wisdom of the affections.—Hare.  
The shortest and swiftest way to God.—Tauler.  
The consent of spirits one to another.—J. Edwards.  
The desire of reason to become soul.—Schleiermacher.  
The life of which obedience is the form.—F. W. Robertson.  
The deepest passion of the heart of God.—Rev. James Chapman.  
The root of creation; the breath of our being.—Longfellow.  
The only way by which the world can reach greatness.—Dr. Macleod.  
The spiritual union of the soul with the beloved object.—Dante.  
The greatest instrument of nature, the bond and cement of society, the spirit and spring of the universe.—South.  
An untamable creature, deaf to advocacy, blind to other peoples' ideas of merit, and not a substance to be weighed or numbered at all.—Helps.  
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discreet; a choking gall and preserving sweet.—Shakespeare.

Some fellows are always taking exceptions to what the newspapers have to say of them. As a matter of fact the man who gets mad at what the newspapers say in the way of news and about him is generally just the man who should return thanks three times a day for the things the newspapers know about him and don't print. There is not one man in ten that the newspaper man could not print something that he does not want the world to know. The idea, to be thankful for what the newspaper knows and does not tell.

#### Penalty for Drunkards.

Here is a graduation of penalties for a "plain drunk" which seems to indicate that higher civilization is more tolerant of intoxication than benighted communities—or communities so considered.  
In this country—\$2 and cost.  
In Persia—eighty lashes on the soles of the feet.  
In Turkey—the bastinado to a more severe extent.  
In Albania—death.  
In the three latter instances the extreme penalty is given above. Before the officials give

a man up as confirmed in his cups they lecture him. In Persia they put him on the blacklist first and forbid him the bazaars except in certain hours and then under police supervision, and also places of amusement and worship.

In Turkey the offenders receive an admonition and is fined for the first offense, and the bastinado is applied afterwards if the crime is repeated.

Among the mountaineers of Albania and Montenegro drunkenness is regarded as a political offense and for that reason is considered more serious than if it were a mortal.

Among the mountaineers fighting and drinking are not considered to go together, and to be able to fight is the first duty of a citizen. Therefore the drunkard is harshly dealt with. At first they try moral suasion with the festive tippler, but when that fails and he persists in making the mountain peaks ring to his Montenegrin substitute for "We don't go home till morning," he is declared to be a danger and a disgrace to his tribe and his country and is quietly assassinated by order of the local chief.

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