

## SUNDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS

What Preachers of the Various Denominations Are Talking About.

### BEING, NOT DOING.

Being is finer than doing; finer than saying; finer than any expression which it is impossible for it to make of itself. So it is not speech, but reality that God looks for and the church waits for, and the world is hungry for in you and in me.

### WHAT IS LIFE?

I never heard of a biologist who could tell what life is. It was Christ that said because of life you shall live. Either he made a great mistake when he said that or they made a great mistake to forget that he said it.

### SUPERIOR MAN.

The measurable is the servant of the immeasurable, and that man has the most highly developed brain of any creature because he is the highest animal and because he has the purpose of God to fulfill.

### RECKLESS YOUTH.

Some young men and boys often exaggerate their wickedness in order to be called daring and reckless. There is such hero worship among some criminals and prodigals.

### MEN OF MIGHT.

No man can be a mighty man for God or for humanity who has not seen God, who has not touched God, who has not come in contact with the eternal one himself.

### LIMITATIONS.

It is not God who puts the limitations upon our lives. We narrow them ourselves. The latent force modesty has hidden. The gifts of heroism we have crowded back by the commonplaces of our routine.

### WATERS OF LIFE.

The Bible is a reservoir that never fails, a fountain that is perennial, continuing without cessation or intermission. It is a rock from which flows springs of living water. It meets all the wants of life.

### HOME.

I believe that the greatest menace to our nation is the breaking up of homes. How often is this done by loveless criticism or the simple lack of affection that eventually kills love?

### GOVERNMENT.

The Catholic church only knows government as a divinely willed institution, and as a means to aid men to attain the end of their creation.

### THE WORLD.

The march of God has been through centuries and around the world. God works with an object. He is not only creator of the world, but he is in the world.

## Merkel Is Bidding For Your Cotton

### DICKSON IS BIDDING FOR YOUR TRADE

Onward and Upward in my efforts to please the trade---this is my motto, and the many friends won for this store show how well I have succeeded.

#### LANSING WAGONS OWASSO BUGGIES

In this department I can certainly interest all. They are acknowledged leaders, and having handled them many years I can recommend them as the BEST. Get others' prices then come to me. It will be money in your pockets.

I sell the famous Yellow Kid Disc Plow.

I handle the time tried Bement Farm Implements:

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My prices are always right, and goods the best. Come and see.

#### BRIDGE and BEACH STOVES and RANGES

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I have everything usually carried in an up-to-date hardware store, and sell honest goods at honest prices.

A full line of Single and Double Harness.

## W. H. DICKSON FOR HARDWARE

### Collars! Bridles!

We don't keep them. We sell them at prices that keep them moving. All kinds. Cheap ones 75c; better ones \$1.25 to \$1.75. Good, none better, at \$2 to \$2.50. Bridles! Oh, just any old price.

R. L. Hudson.

#### In Fisher County.

Roby Banner.

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday last at Newman, under the direction of their worthy pastor, Rev. Leach, with seven accessions to the church.

Last week sheriff Viser arrested two men and two women and landed them in jail. They plead guilty to vagrancy and are still boarding at Hotel de Viser.

T. B. Garoutte and daughter, Miss Dota, of near Merkel spent Friday and Saturday in town. Miss Dota was before the county board of examiners and was awarded a certificate of the 1st grade. She will teach the Eskota school.

The case of the State vs. Charley Hill, charged with rape, trial last week resulted in a mistrial. The jury stood 6 to 6. The case was transferred to Kent county. Hill was given bail in the sum of \$5,000 which he promptly gave.

The grand jury returned an indictment against J. W. Evans of Haskell county, charging him with rape upon his own daughter, a girl about sixteen years of age. The case was transferred to Haskell county for trial. Evans is still in jail here.

"We also specially report that the local option law seems to be neglected, and we recommend that the County Attorney, County Judge and Sheriff be more diligent, and especially recommend that they have the co-operation of the citizens of Roby. We find that the crime of false swearing has grown almost to be a common thing among witnesses, and that the statutes on false swearing and perjury

seems to have been forgotten, still, under the circumstances with which it has come before us, it has been impossible for us to return any indictments, so we further recommend that the officers give special attention to this class of crime."—From report of grand jury.

#### TWO GOOD RAINS.

Merkel's Entire Trade Territory Has Been Generously Blessed With Rain.

Thursday night witnessed a steady downpour of rain which was eagerly absorbed by the thirsty earth. Every part of Merkel's trade territory came in for the blessing, although in some places the fall was insufficient for present needs. However, the rain of Monday filled in all the gaps.

Monday's rain was the hardest that has fallen here for several months. Rain began to fall at 4 p. m. and continued without cessation for fully an hour. The precipitation amounted to fully two inches. It came down in blinding sheets and the streets resembled millraces.

The rain was accompanied by a hard wind and much damage to crops is reported. On many farms cotton was blown from the bolls, the limbs were slightly stripped and and havoc generally played. The rain, however, is worth many thousands of dollars to this section. With a late fall, the cotton production will be greatly increased. Late feed crops have been greatly benefited and promise a fair yield.

The Mail gives all the news.

#### A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave him instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's drug store.

#### An Old, True Story.

It is an old story, one which may duplicated in nearly every community. The father, a far-

mer, caring more to make money than he did for the welfare of his family. Boys worked like little slaves and denied nearly all reasonable boyish pleasures. Boys grew to young manhood and, finding themselves strong enough to break the tether which has so long held them, break loose and raise Cain. Old man worries over his bad luck with his boys and wonders why his neighbors do not pity him. Raising boys is a different business from raising hogs and steers, yet many men can't see it.—Rockford Register.

#### We can't Tell A Lie

When we say there is no shaking of bottles. No licking of spoons, no wry faces when Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets are used. 25cts. No cure—no pay.



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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.

# The First Breath of Winter Has Come!

And you need to be well shod. We have shoes for men, women and children, as complete a stock as you will find anywhere. Our shoes are made to wear. They have the style and will give you good service.

## WELL SHOD



When You Wear  
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You will find the fit, finish and wearing qualities unequalled for the price.

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| Child's Vici Shoes, solid leather, 5s to 8s, at                  | 60c  | Ladies dress shoe in pump soles and welts, fine assortment and style at 2.00, 2.25, 2.50 and                       | 3.00 |
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| Boys heavy school shoes, 2 to 5 extra good wearer, 1.75, 1.50 &  | 1.25 | Ladies heavy box calf every day wear shoes, the best in the country for 1.65 and                                   | 1.50 |
| Misses dress shoes, 12 to 2, nice styles, 1.75, 1.50, 1.25 and   | 1.00 |  |      |
| Ladies extension sole vici, heel and spring heel, best value for | 2.00 |  |      |
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# WATSON & BACON.

## The Merkel Mail.

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Residence..... 11

If you know of any news item, we will consider it a special favor if you will report same to this office, either by person, letter or over the phone to either of the above numbers.

### A Remarkable Record.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a remarkable record. It has been in use for over thirty years, during which time many million bottles have been sold and used. It has long been the standard and main reliance in the treatment of croup in thousands of homes, yet during all this time no case has ever been reported to the manufacturers in which it failed to effect a cure. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is pleasant to take, many children like it. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

### Advertising Must be Continuous.

Advertising, to be successful, must be continuous. One big ad inserted once, or only occasionally, will not take the place of an ordinary ad published regularly. Might as well think of taking one huge meal a week, instead of the three regulars every day. You'd feel starved most of the time, and so the business which is represented by an occasional large ad, or even an occasional small one, is simply starved in between times.—Canadian Grocer.

### For Merkel Husbands.

The following from the Minneapolis Messenger is respectfully referred to Merkel husbands for ratification:

A girl in this town had a proposal of marriage Sunday night, and asked a week to consider it before filing her answer. She then organized herself into an investigating committee and commenced taking testimony from the married women of her acquaintance. The first one she visited used to be a belle and the most admired girl in the town before she was married six years ago. The cross examination brought out the fact that she had three children, did all her own work, including her washing and ironing, and hadn't been down town for four weeks, and that her husband hadn't given her but \$2 since she was married, and that he had borrowed and forgot to pay back \$10 which her

brother once gave her as a Christmas present. He bought him a new overcoat with the money, while she wore the same plush coat that she wore when he was courting her. Another woman whom she visited quit teaching school three years ago to marry the "handsomest and best dressed man in town," and she is now supporting him. A third didn't dare say her soul was her own when her husband was around, though she used to write some lovely essays when she was in school on the 'Emancipation of Women,' and the fourth woman she visited was divorced. After visiting them and summing up the evidence, she went home and wrote to the young man. She will be married next month.

### Really It Is.

Foolish to fret.  
Silly to cry over spilt milk.  
Wrong not to take some sort of a rest in the summer.  
Unwise to ask people to lend their books. Wait till they offer, then think twice.  
Desirable to do one's marketing and shopping early in the day.  
Exceedingly disconcerting to find everybody yawning.  
Quicker to do most things yourself than tell other people how.  
Seldom the person who has the most trouble who talks most about his woes.  
Extremely annoying to be compelled to change one's plans at the last moment.  
Not wise to be too sensitive. A person may be disagreeable and still bear no ill will.  
Not advisable to spend so much on a vacation trip that one must be a shut-in the rest of the year.  
Better to go slow than to become a victim of heat prostration.

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### THE PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENS.

With the Brightest Prospects in Its History—A Large Attendance.

Merkel public school opened Monday with an attendance of 200 pupils, and under very auspicious circumstances. Quite a number of patrons and members of the school board attended the opening, and it is the opinion of all that the school has never before had such bright prospects, both as to attendance and good results.

The principle, Prof. Cecil E. Evans, has Prof. W. H. Buxton as first assistant, aided by Misses Valley Hill, Maggie Hatten, Laura Evans and Opal Harkrider, in the other departments, and with Miss Lillie Julian in the music department, thus forming an array of educators of which towns much larger than Merkel might well be proud to have in charge of their educational institutions.

The teachers are very much gratified at the interest displayed in school work by the students, and this will act as an inspiration to put forth their very best efforts. The school has bright prospects indeed.

John Daniel left Monday for Abilene where he will enter Simmons College.

W. R. Walker has leased the Alsobrook Hotel and took charge of same Monday. He knows how to cater to the public and will no doubt maintain the high standard or that popular resort.

Lunch baskets—all sizes and prices—at Browning's. Just the thing for school children.

### Prayer For Others.

When the emperor of Rome was in the field with his army it was forbidden that any one should approach his tent at night. The penalty was instant death.

One night a soldier was seen approaching the tent of the emperor bearing a paper in his hand. He was promptly arrested and sentenced to die. The emperor, however, within his tent, heard the commotion outside, and asked what it was about. He was told the cause, and said that if the soldier's petition was for himself he must die, but that if it was for others, his life should be spared. It was learned that the petition was for three fellow-soldiers who had been found sleeping at their post. This soldier was coming to the emperor with the plea that their lives be spared. So the emperor gave command that because of the nature of the petition the soldier should live and also that his plea should be granted. When we come to God only for ourselves our prayer is not pleasing to him. It is selfish, unvolving. But when we come with intercession for others he is pleased, for in our hearts is love. When we pray to God, therefore, we should speak not only on our own behalf, but should bring the burdens and needs of others.—Ex.

Dr. W. L. Huckabay of Noodle, dealer in dry goods, groceries and drugs, gave The Mail a nice order for job work last week.

Found—A small spotted pig. Owner can learn whereabouts of same by calling at this office at once and paying 25c for this notice.

W. H. Dickson visited Dallas on business this week.

# If You are not from Missouri, we would like to show you our NEW GOODS!

In Dress Goods we are showing a large assortment of Gingham, Madras, Percalé and Outing; a very pretty line of Zibelines, Coverts, Broadcloth and Mohair. Ask to see our Oxford waist patterns, new style ladies' Belts, waist sets and Neckwear. In dress trimmings we are showing the greatest variety we have ever shown. Have you seen our line of men's Neckwear? They are beauties; we offer the best values in \$10 suits ever sold in Merkel. A few prices on staples are quoted below:

22 yds good quality LL domestic for \$1.00.  
 22 yds round check, fast color, cotton checks for \$1.00.  
 Bed ticking 5 to 8 1/2 c yard.  
 Best quality A-C-A feather tick at 12 1/2 c.  
 Bleach domestic 5 to 10c yd.  
 Extra heavy, good width cotton flannel 8c yd.  
 Standard brands fast color calico 4 and 5c yd.

## Spot Cash Prices on Groceries.

10 pkgs coffee for \$1.00.  
 18 lbs best granulated sugar \$1.  
 High patent flour, per sack \$1.00.  
 4 pkgs soda for 25c.

Figure with us on your fall bill. We guarantee to give you your money's worth every time.

# The Star Store.

We want your cotton

### Swapping Lies

Is practiced, but don't swap off Hunt's Lightning Oil for a worthless article. Ask your druggist or merchant for a free sample bottle.

I want to buy 12 horses during the next 10 days. Must be fat and gentle. A large, gentle gelding to trade for two mares. It J. H. Counts.

J. J. Stallings was exhibiting a boll of 9-lock cotton on the streets Tuesday, which was a curiosity to many. The boll is on exhibition at The Mail office. Mr. Stallings thinks fully three bales of cotton were destroyed on his farm by the storm Monday.

E. Rogers was here from Caps this week and remembered The Mail with his annual donation. Mr. Rogers celebrated his 70th birthday Monday. He was still smacking his lips over the good things partaken of at the birthday dinner. The Mail hopes he may have the pleasure of celebrating many similar occasions.

A man named Gregory living two and one-half miles south of Anson was shocked by lightning during the storm Monday afternoon and when last heard from this afternoon was still in a critical condition, not having spoken but once since the shock.

He was standing on his porch when hurt.—Reporter.

### LAND FOR SALE.

640 acres out of the H. T. Buse survey, 100 acres under fence and in cultivation; about 8 miles south of Merkel and near Nubia postoffice. Title perfect. Will sell cheap and on good terms. Write to Wallace & Camp, Rockdale, Texas, for prices and terms.

## Whips! Robes! Blankets!

They are the kind that give satisfaction, and the best of it is the prices are right. Just try them one time.

R. L. Hudson.

### Can You Beat This?

In my jewelry store will be found a choice selection of Cut Glass, Silverware, flat and hollow, Fountain Pens, Plain and set Rings, Manicure Sets, Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, Stag handle Carving Sets, Silk Umbrellas, gold and silver filled, Spectacles from 25c up, Infant Toilet Sets, Ladies' Brooches, Watches, Clocks, Chains, Link and plain Cuff Buttons, Ladies' and misses Locketts and neck Chains, Emblem Pins, And a miscellaneous collection of jewelry novelties. When you want jewelry go to an exclusive jewelry store, where standard goods are sold. No shoddy goods here. Every article guaranteed. And prices are right. R. B. USTICK.

The Reporter reports a very destructive hail seven miles south of Abilene on the Buffalo Gap road, but is unable to verify the reports.

The Mail's estimate of a bale to five acres the country over still holds good, pessimists to the contrary notwithstanding. Merkel is good for 6,000 bales.

### The First Norther.

The breath of that Colorado blizzard swooped down upon us Tuesday and made its presence felt. Top coats were in demand and many stoves were put up Wednesday.

The thermometer droppee from 90 to 50 degrees in a few hours. The cool spell still holds on, but fair weather is predicted.

### Open Again.

Barnhill's Photo Gallery is open again for work on Fridays and Saturdays in each week. Everything in the photo line done at prices to suit the times.

We may, if we choose, make the worst of one another. Every one has weak points; every one has his faults; we may make the worst of these; we fix our attention constantly upon these. But we may also make the best of one another. We may forgive, even as we hope to be forgiven. We may put ourselves in the place of others, and ask what we should wish to be done to us, and thought of us, were we in their place.

What are investments in bonds and stocks, in houses and lands, compared with investment in an education, in a broad, deep culture which will enrich the life and be a perpetual blessing to one's friends?—Success.

Miss Sue Browning left last week for Hastings, Ok., to visit her brother, having accompanied Mrs. Walter Browning home.

The gin at Nugent was blown down Monday, it is reported.

M. L. Adrain arrived from the Territory last week and has accepted a position with his brother at the Racket Store.

Arthur Sears and Fred Hale shipped a couple of cars of horses to Tennessee last night.

Chenault & Provine is the name of the new firm. You want to see them before buying your dry goods and groceries.

The stores of Hill & Provine and Chenault & Hand have consolidated, and the firm name is now Chenault & Provine. The new firm invites your careful inspection of their goods and prices.

See Chenault & Provine before buying your dry goods and groceries.

I will have a nice display of street hats for your inspection Sept. 21. Wait for them. Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

### One Minute.

Physical labor, as farming, clerking, etc., is honorable, but mental labor pays better. You can earn more through your brain than your brawn, more by using your head than your hand.

Don't you want a good salary? A steady one? One most likely to increase? Then come and take a course in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas. It costs little; it pays much.

Many of our recent graduates are earning \$75 to \$100 per month.

With all respect to small, unknown schools and to those large ones that teach the old systems, we must say that you cannot afford other than the latest, the largest, the most noted—Tyler College.

The reputation of the school is yours. Already the best advertised, the best known, the best patronized in the South (and that is the test) what must we be in a few years?

Young men, young women, what we have done for others we can do for you.

Write for free catalogue at once.

### District Court.

#### JURY FOR FOURTH WEEK.

J W Dishman	J A Jameson
D A Doughthitt	J V Howerton
E B Knapp	A Whisenhunt
W B Alsobrook	A R P Obar
A H Glasscock	E F Taylor
J C O'Brien	C H McDaniel
C M Montgomery	W B Teaff
J W Newberry	E G Shorsh
G L Logsdon	W H Brown
L F Cummings	W S Hatcher
Frank Knaus	R P Hall
D M Craven	J H Deaver
J M Shackelford	M C Lambeth
W H Dickson	T B Strickland
Wm McGlaun	W T Barnard
A H Neill	T M Polk
W J Faucett	J A Neighbors

### J J Denton. A Genius Figuring.

Alvin Sun. A genius has been figuring out how many ancestors a man has. First, he takes your father and mother—that makes two human beings. Each of these must have had a father and mother—and that makes eight more human beings. So he goes on back 56 generations, which brings him back to the time of Jesus Christ. The calculation thus resulting shows that 130,235,017,458 births must have taken place in order to bring you into this world.

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Half column (9 inches)	4.00
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Four issues constitute a month. All advertisements run and charged for until ordered out, unless limit is specified when insertion is made. Special prices on time contracts.	
Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.	

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

Communications to insure publication must bear the signature of the writer, as well as the name of the place under which they are written. This is required merely as a guarantee of good faith. Obituaries, Cards of Thanks, etc., are inserted at one-half the regular advertising rates. Positively no deviation from this rule.

## THE BOY AND HIS MOTHER.

The boy who loves his mother and is solicitous for her well being is not all bad. There is some good in such a boy. It may lay dormant for years; but will crop out after awhile, and ten to one he will make a good and useful man. On the other hand, the boy who is indifferent to a mother's love and treats her words of counsel and admonition with contempt; the boy who speaks of a mother in terms other than of endearment and turns away from her caresses, is not a boy to trust in responsible places. He is bad at heart and will sooner or later enter upon his downward course.

A few days ago a Chicago judge sentenced two small boys to the reformatory. As the sentence was pronounced both mothers of the boys, who were attending the trial, began crying. The officer motioned the boys to go with him. One went to his mother and kissed her good-bye; the other boy hardly looked toward his mother and passed on. The judge immediately ordered the boy who had kissed his mother released and told him to go home with his mother. To the other boy the judge did not have a word to say, and to the reformatory he went.

Here is an object lesson for you. It shows that the world is looking on, and every act, whether of good or bad impulse, is admitted as evidence. The boy who kissed his mother before the crowded courtroom showed that he was not ashamed of her, that he was sorry that through an act of his he had caused her pain. The kiss itself was a promise of better conduct in the future. But the boy who turned away from the mother who yearned for one parting caress and passed her by without so little as a word or a nod, showed a craven and a cowardly spirit. He scorned his mother's love, and if there had ever been a spark of love in his heart for her, it had been swallowed up in the maelstrom of deceit and hypocrisy.

Boys, the world is looking on. You are judged by your conduct around the family hearthstone as well as by your conduct on the playground, and the love and respect shown by you for your mother is admitted to your credit in the book of life.

Parents who allow their boys to exercise a preference as to whether they go to school or loaf around town are showing more filial love than wisdom, and very little of the former. The boy who grows up in ignorance will live to see the day when he can look back and criticism the overindulgence of his parents. They will be to blame for his incapacity to meet the responsibilities of life.

Whatever else you may deny your boy, whether of food or raiment, see to it that his mind is fed and clothed. Give him an education and you start him out fully equipped for the battle of life. Starve his mind and you consign him to a life of mental slavery and an existence of toil and privation. The ignorant man finds the avenues of opulence and affluence closed to him, while there are thousands upon thousands of avenues open to the man capacitated to do the work. Send your boy to school at any cost.

At last there is a remedy for the negro question, and this remedy is found in the growth of nature itself. Vital statistics of the twelfth census show that in the cities the negro race is rapidly dying out, the death rate being far greater than the birth rate. Of fifty-six cities reported by the census in all parts of the country, the death rate among the negroes is greater than the birth rate in fifty of them. However, the birth rate is greater than the death rate in the rural districts, but the excess of deaths in the cities exceed the excess of births in the country. With such a death rate in the cities, and negroes leaving the country in swarms for the cities, the race question promises to find a solution in the grave before another century rolls around.

The mania for gambling is one of the alarming symptoms of the rapid degeneracy of the American people. Millions of dollars change hands every year on cotton futures, and as many more are spent at the race tracks. Last year the public paid \$3,400,000 for admission to the six racing tracks in the State of New York—five times as much as in 1895. It is estimated that at least \$200,000 is waged daily at Saratoga alone. If the present alarming increase of gambling is kept up we will soon be known as a nation of gamblers.

Since the New York man made two million dollars from a small newspaper "ad," there has been a general discussion of the merits and demerits of newspaper advertising. As a matter of fact, many fortunes have been made and none marred by the use of printer's ink, and the way is open to the making of many more in the same way. It is the greatest money-making scheme in existence if made use of judiciously.

Indictments have been returned against three Jett-White witnesses who are charged with perjury in testifying as "star" witnesses for these assassins. Kentucky is redeeming herself at a good pace, and if the present lick is kept up political assassinations in that commonwealth will come to an abrupt ending.

Quannah Parker's beautiful and accomplished daughter wants a pale faced husband. The right man is promised a bonus of \$10,000 in addition to a loyal and loving wife. Here is a chance for some enterprising West Texas editor, who has more gall than brains and more brains than money, to strike it rich.

Gov. Hogg has declined so far to stand for the U. S. Senate, but will not promise to keep out of the race. The campaign will be strenuous enough to suit even Teddy the Great if he decides to enter the contest.

## The First National Bank of Merkel

At Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Sept. 9, 1903

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$141,899.55
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,483.79
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	956.25
Stocks, securities, etc.	19.97
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6,000.00
Other real estate owned	1,200.00
Due from State Banks and Bankers	2,029.67
Due from approved reserve agents	8,849.19
Checks and other cash items	none
Notes of other National Banks	4,221.00
Frac. paper currency, nickles & cents	105.49
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ	
Specie	3,986.50
Legal-tender notes	3,986.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	750.00
TOTAL	\$188,498.41

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,668.01
National Bank notes outstanding	15,000.00
Due to other National Banks	7,256.24
Due to approved reserve agents	544.44
Individual deposits subject to check	47,428.49
Time certificates of deposit	3,000.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	28,901.23
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$188,498.41

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss: I, Geo. S. Berry, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Sept., 1903. ISAAC N. TAYLOR, Notary Public.  
CORRECT—Attest: Taylor Co., Texas.  
J. T. WARREN, J. O. HAMILTON, G. F. WEST, Directors

### RECAPITULATION

Loans and Overdrafts	\$145,383.34
U. S. Bonds and Premium	15,956.25
Banking House, Furniture and fixtures	6,000.00
Real Estate	1,200.00
Redemption Fund	750.00
Cash on hand	19,208.82
TOTAL	\$188,498.41
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	11,668.01
National Bank Notes outstanding	15,000.00
Rediscounts and Bills Payable	53,901.23
Deposits	58,229.17
TOTAL	\$188,498.41

Now is the time to sow wheat and oats.

Every farmer should sow a small acreage to wheat and oats.

Merkel is demonstrating her superiority as a cotton market and trade center.

The Merkel public school offers superior advantages to those desiring an education.

Miss Roosevelt's "dive" in a submarine boat was but another link in the long chain of Roosevelt strenuousness.

The postal scandals are giving the administration a run for their money. And the end is not yet. Neither are the scandals.

The country generally has been blessed with fair rains and prosperity has again unfurled her banner. This section is still "in the swim."

The Mail force observed Labor Day in the usual way—working without pay. Some may say this is a funny way to observe a holiday, but, be that as it may, we are here to stay—if we don't starve.

The ruthless slaughter of Christians by the un-Godly Turks has caused the entire civilized world to hold up their hands in holy horror. Such atrocities have never before been equaled.

Cross-eyed men are not permitted in the august presence of our strenuous president. It has come to the point where, if a man looks at him twice, he is pounced upon by secret service men and carried through a rigid examination. None but the great must view this lord of creation.

The range of the west is said to be fully as short as last year and ranch prospects are not as bright as they were in the early

## Saddles! Saddles! Saddles!

Come and see them.

The largest stock ever shown in Merkel. Prices ranging from \$15 to \$50. If we do not have what you want give us your order and will make it as you wish. We have the best leather and a man that knows how to cut it.

R. L. Hudson.

spring. Add to this a short feed crop and the situation is a detriment to ranch interests. However, things have been refreshed by the late rains and there are hopes of a fine fall range.

### Prohibition Matters.

Our neighbor on the south, Runnels County, voted to retain her saloons last week, prohibition being defeated by 21 majority. Both sides put up a hard fight, and the defeat of prohibition was due to the stand taken by the business men on the flimsy plea that the town would be ruined if the saloons were voted out. The Rowena box voted solid anti—36 to 0.

Angelina County went dry by between 50 and 100 votes Saturday.

### Industrial Training.

As an example of what can be done in our industrial schools, Missouri State University will have on exhibition at the World's Fair next year a house and out-buildings constructed entirely by students and composed of only material manufactured by them in the industrial department of the university. The house will be in miniature a two story brick, equipped in modern style and furnished with every modern convenience, including electric lights and water pipes. Every shingle on the roof and every brick in the house has been manufactured at the university by the students. The furniture will be made at the university and the material manufactured by the students. The rugs and carpets are to be woven on looms by the students of the manual training department. The barn is to be equipped with a windmill made by the students.

Industrial education is gaining ground in every State in the

Union, and it has been prophesied that within a very few years it will be taken up by the public schools.

### Prayer for Relief.

A special from Calvert, Texas, says: The members of the Baptist church at their prayer service entered into the following covenant:

"Realizing that there exists a great calamity in the shape of a boll weevil, and that it is a State-wide menace; that preceding years of drouth, flood and weevil augment the danger; and recognizing that God, through the teaching of his revealed word, is the one power to stay the pest and heal the land, we solemnly enter into a covenant to pray to Him to clear the fields of the boll weevil; and, further, we invite all Christians in the county and State to join in the prayer, and that we publish this invitation in the different county and State papers."

### Does the Shoe Fit?

The Chicago News gets off the following, but it is perhaps equally applicable to Merkel and other towns, only it isn't always the old man: "I hope," said the new Sunday school teacher to a new pupil, "that your father and mother are good Christians." "Ma is," replied the observing youngster, "and pa used to be, but I guess he is a little out of practice now."

The printer's boy is devoted to the preacher's daughter, and she finally prevailed upon him to go to church. Whether her father knew of their coming is not settled, but there is evidence he did, for he gave out as his text, "My daughter is grievously tormented with a devil." The printer's boy has been a little afraid of churches ever since.—Stolen.

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I am overstocked on wagons. If you need one now - is the time to get a good one cheap.

W. H. Dickson.

#### Obituary.

Mrs. Laura Hudson on her death bed said, when asked if she was excited, "No, I am not excited, but perfectly rational. I am going to a much better home than this. Everything is perfectly clear and bright before me." She told her husband she hated to die and leave him and the children; said she had not lived with him half long enough. She told her father, as well as the rest of the family and friends, "good-bye" and said she was "going home to Heaven" and wanted them to live Christian lives and meet her in the Home beyond. And just as the last spark of life was ready to take its flight to the God who gave it she said: "Oh, what is that I see? just look!" And on being asked what it was said, "A string of Angels." and with a clear look and bright smile she crossed the chilly waters of Death into the Great Beyond.

J. A. Adkisson, M. D.

For good wagons cheap, see Dickson. He is overstocked and is making a special price on the celebrated Lansing Wagon.

Arthur Browning of Merkel is here today shaking hands with the furniture dealers. Don't misunderstand us and think that he is here to buy furniture to go to house-keeping. Never! —Reporter.

G. B. Brown returned from Dallas Sunday where he went to get out a search warrant for some machinery ordered by the new gin company. The railroad officials showed him every courtesy and succeeded in locating the machinery.

Pastor Hairfield, assisted by Rev. D. L. Harrell of Colorado, began a protracted meeting at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Fitts, who has been sick for several days, is able to be up.

P. D. Brown moved his family over from Truby Monday. He says this is the best country in the world, and is pretty well contented.

J. B. Burnam, who was in the restaurant and confectionery business on North First street here for some time, was arrested at Amarillo Wednesday, and will be brought back here to answer the charge of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors at the Clyde picnic last spring. While the fugitive was not arrested by our U. S. Deputy John J. Girand it was through him the arrest was made, and he will go down to Fort Worth tonight and return with the prisoner tomorrow.—Reporter.

#### Caesar Conquered Britain

Malaria was conquered by Simon's Liver purifier (tin box). Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

Try reading The Mail.

# YOU'LL FIND IT IF YOU LOOK AT THE RIGHT PLACE!



**W**E have the place, you have the desire. We will give you the best for that desire and be glad of the opportunity. If you want good and up-to-date things at reasonable cost, come to us and let us satisfy you.

We have just returned from market where we selected an elegant stock for our store. In marking this stock it is our purpose to put a live and let live price on everything, rather than sell some goods at cost and take advantage on goods with which you're not so well posted. No misrepresentations allowed here if we know it. We want your business and promise as much for your money as you can get any place. New goods arriving daily. Shall be glad to show you if you just look like you want to buy. Come to see us.

## J. T. ARREN

#### Devoured by Worms.

Children often cry, not from pain, but from hunger, although fed abundantly. The entire trouble arises from inanition, their food is not assimilated, but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once, very much to the surprise and joy of the mother. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's.

#### Read Here.

See Ben Nisbett for up-to-date tonsorial work. Hair cutting a specialty. Everything nice and clean. Next to Star Store.

J. E. Costephens renewed his tenth consecutive subscription to The Mail last Thursday. Mr. Costephens is an up-to-date farmer, is up-to-date in his methods, and of course reads an up-to-date paper.

Miss Opal Harkrider came up from Abilene Sunday to assume her duties in the school room Monday.

Mrs. S. J. Wallace and sister, Miss Prudence Allyn, left Monday for the former's home at Midland. Miss Prudence will spend a few weeks as her guest.

Mrs. Caddell returned Sunday from a visit to her sister in Palo Pinto County.

#### 21 Years A Dyspeptic.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d St., Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years; tried many doctors without relief; recently I got a bottle of Herbine. One bottle cured me, I am now tapering off on the second. I have recommended it to my friends; it is curing them, too." 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

#### G. W. Boyce's

New Grain House three doors west Watkins' Meat Market.

#### To The Public.

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

Miss Eva Williams left Monday night for Nevada, Mo., where she will attend school. The Mail wishes her a very pleasant and profitable school year. She will be greatly missed by the young people.

W. C. Copeland of Trent was around squaring up with The Mail Saturday.

Miss Ida Martin visited her sister, Mrs. J. C. Perkins, at Roscoe this week.

Miss Ludie Boyce of Abilene was the guest of her cousins, the Misses Woodrum, this week.

The round trip rate to the Dallas Fair from Merkel this year will be \$6.85.

#### Aunt Lucindy

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her, says it's fine for swellings, toothache, colic, weak back and backache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty-nine grandchildren and ought to know what she is talking about.

Wanted—Everybody to see that show case full of neckties at Warren's.

#### A Corn Mill.

I will grine your corn at reasonable prices; also have installed a turning lathe and can turn out anything in wood. See me.

R. L. Parker.

Will Hamilton was up from Abilene Sunday.

F. E. Allyn was down from Eskota Saturday.

Miss Lillian Julian came in from her home at Caps Sunday to be in readiness for the opening of school Monday.

Miss Lura and Belle Hudson of Comanche came in last Thursday for a visit to their brother, R. L. Hudson.

Claud Biggam shipped out some beef cattle from Eskota Sunday.

Let our farmers take advantage of the season to plant a few acres of wheat and oats. They will make a good winter pasture if nothing else.

#### What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's Drug Store.

The very newest things in ladies neckwear and belts can be seen at Warren's.

### A Full House!

We have just unloaded a full car of Furniture, direct from the factory. It contained

**IRON BEDS, ROCKERS,  
TABLES, SIDEBARDS,  
ETC., ETC.**

This gives us one of the largest and best stocks of Furniture in this country, and the very low prices we are making ought to move it out. Drop in and let us show you.

**W. P. Browning & Co.**

A full line of carpets.

#### Damage to Cotton.

The Mail has carefully inquired as to the damage done to the cotton crop by Monday's storm, and as near as an estimate can be made at this time, the loss amounts to one-half of the cotton that was open. On some farms the loss of open cotton is almost entire, while on others it is considerable less.

The country covered by the storm was a small strip, five or six miles wide, reaching from just beyond Trent to several miles east of town. While the losses are great and will fall heavily upon the farmers, there is still a bright side to the situation, for the entire country, almost, was blessed with a good rain, and this rain will insure an increased yield. Farmers generally say that the rain will make more cotton than the damages by the storm will amount to. In many instances the losses have been exaggerated and with the return of fair weather will come renewed hope of an average yield.

#### America In the Lead.

America is the leading commercial nation of the world and is offering great inducements to the young people who desire to make a success of life. Our commercial trade with foreign nations and our great home industry, demands special preparation of the rising generation, such as they would get by attending some up to date practical commercial school, like that of Tyler College, Tyler, Texas; a school that not only gives a knowledge of accounts and how to punch the keys of a typewriter, but one that gives a good literary foundation and a broad, practical business training with all their courses.

This is a commercial age and no young person's education is complete without a thorough practical and extensive commercial course.

#### The Man Who Is Never Licked.

The man who, after many failures, admits honestly and frankly that he is beaten is a brave man.

He is a man who can face an issue, who can look defeat straight in the face and although he may hate, as he would poison himself, to acknowledge that he has been worsted, he still has the courage to look the victor in the eyes and congratulate him on winning out.

That's why he is a brave man.

And he is also a sensible one. It is the braggart, the vaunter, the boaster, who never sees defeat and who refuses to lay down his arms, no matter how plainly he is the smallest man.

There may be lots of glory in his refusal to acknowledge that he has been licked, but it is a stubborn, obstinate trait that makes him the butt of his friends' ridicule.

His pigheadedness in refusing to succumb is one of the chief factors in his defeat, for it is the very obstinacy which blind his eyes and dulls his mental faculties.

The man that won't give up against undeniably better odds is a fool.

He is simply putting himself against a fate that has destined him to lose and which rises like a great wall before him.

Because a man loses out, that does not necessarily imply that he is a quite, for he can still go on trying.

But he can't with any credit to himself stand up, wave his banner defiantly in the air and cry out his slogan of challenge with-

out bringing for his only reward the half contemptuous, wholly pitying opinion of his friends who would, if he would, if he acknowledged his licking, crowd around him with encouraging words and helpful hands, and while sorrowing with him would make his sorrow sweet by reason of their kindly sympathy.

Yes, the man who won't own that he is beaten is certainly a foolish man.— Kansas City World.

#### Lost.

21 jewel open face watch, with small double chain attached. The word "Olympia" on the face. Liberal reward for return to the undersigned at The Mail office.

Ed J. Leeman.

#### NOTICE!

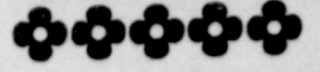
All parties who are indebted to the late firms of either Hill & Martin or Hill & Provine are requested to call and settle at once, as I intend to leave as soon as I can straighten out my affairs. Make settlement with myself or T. C. Weir.

R. M. Hill.

#### A Volcano sold.

The Mexican volcano Popocatepete is for sale, its owner offering to sell it for \$5,000,000. The value of this volcano lies in the immense deposits of sulphur it contains and the mountain was originally given by the government as a gift to General Gaspar Sanche Ochoa in recognition of certain services rendered by him. Referring to the value of this volcano as a sulphur mine, Page's magazine says: "Two parties are bidding for it, one backed by John D. Rockefeller and the other by John P. and Samuel Green, of Pittsburg. There are two schemes by which

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GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.

#### STORM DAMAGES.

Lightning Sets the Gin Office On Fire—Many Outhouses Blown Down.

Monday evening's rain was accompanied by a hard wind which reached the velocity of perhaps 40 miles an hour. In addition to the damage to crops, much minor damage was done in town.

During the heaviest part of the rain lightning struck the small office near the south side gin, setting it on fire, and only prompt work on the part of the gin hands saved it from complete destruction.

The farm house occupied by R. B. Grider was blown from its foundation. It is situated on the hill just east of town. Damage light.

Prof. C. E. Evans' barn, under course of construction, was demolished.

At the Sewell place, occupied by W. H. Dickson, the barn was scattered promiscuously.

W. P. Thurmond's wind mill was blown down and badly damaged.

Many outhouses and small barns were blown down, but no serious damage resulted, so far as we have been able to learn, in the country.

The wind blew a gale from the west for half an hour. After an elapse of a few minutes it swiftly changed to the southwest and came with increased fury, almost reaching the velocity of a cyclone. Considerable uneasiness was felt, and those who had storm houses were not slow in seeking shelter in them. It is feared that great damage was done in some localities.

Mr. C. R. Morris and wife of Anson were in the city this week. Mr. Morris will buy a home and locate here principally for the benefits of the public school. We are glad to welcome him to Merkel.

The Mail gives all the news.

it is proposed to work the sulphur mine. One is to tunnel into the volcano at about 600 yards below the crater, and to remove the sulphur by a cable conveyer carrying buckets 100 feet apart. These will dip into the red hot molten sulphur and bring it out, the buckets traveling 200 feet per minute. The estimated cost of this equipment is about \$500,000. The other scheme proposes to send a cog wheeled railway over the lip of the crater down into the sulphur lake, but it is questionable if sufficient foundation is available to sustain the heavy support that would be necessary. For many generations this sulphur has been mined in a crude fashion, and it is believed to be inexhaustible. Its market price at present is \$40 per ton. Volcanic sulphur from Sicily has in the past furnished the principal supply.

#### Medical Society.

Dr. P. C. Coleman of Colorado spent Saturday in Abilene and organized the "Taylor County Medical Society."

Fifteen members were enrolled, two from points outside of Abilene.

Dr. T. B. Bass, first assistant superintendent of the state epileptic colony, was elected president, Dr. L. A. Grizzard vice president, and Dr. J. B. Thomas Secretary-Treasurer.

Stated meetings will be held the first Saturday in each month. It is expected that many other physicians will join later.—Reporter.

#### This Means You.

I will expect those who owe me, either by notes or open accounts, to come in promptly and make settlement. I have waited long enough and must have my money. This means you and not the other fellow. Notes and accounts have been placed with the First National Bank for collection.

E. D. Coats.

L. E. Adrain made a trip east this week, returning yesterday.

# Forward March!

Our business is marching forward and each year shows an increase over its predecessor. The reason is plain: We depend more on Genuine Bargains, Fair Treatment, and the Values we give than on talk. We have nothing but the best to offer. Come see. ∴ ∴ ∴ Fall goods are arriving daily.

## J. P. Sharp & Co.

"The Price Setters," : Merkel, Tex.

## Harness! Harness! Harness!

We have them.

If you don't believe it come in and see for yourself. We make them to order. All kinds, styles and prices. Buggy harness from \$7 up. Wagon harness from \$10 up.

R. L. HUDSON.

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

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

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Most in Quantity — Best in Quality

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

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

For Sale by BURROUGHS & MANN, Merkel, Tex.

Mrs. Mollie Allen, of South Fork, Ky., says she has prevented attacks of cholera morbus by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when she felt an attack coming on. Such attacks are usually caused by indigestion and these Tablets are just what is needed to cleanse the stomach and ward off the approaching attack. Attacks of bilious colic may be prevented in the same way. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

### Don't Get Rich, Papa.

The children of a certain family during its prosperity, were left in the nursery in charge of servants. When adversity came, the servants were discharged and the parents lived with the little ones. One evening, when the father had returned home after a day of anxiety and business worry, his little girl clambered upon his knee, and twining her arms around his neck, said: "Papa, don't get rich again. You didn't come in the nursery when you were rich, but now we can come around you, and get on your knees and kiss you. Don't get rich again, papa." A man whose wealth keeps him from his family, sleep, healthy recreation, or the time to enjoy the legitimate pleasure of life, is managed by money.—Success.

### Watch Your Boy.

It seems to us there is entirely too little attention paid to the present generation of boys. Does your boy put in eight or ten hours each day of his life at working at something? It not, you are not treating him right. You brought him into this world and you are responsible for his early training. We don't mean that he should chop wood, pick cotton, plow or hoe that many hours each day, but we do think these are very fine exercises to develop his physical being between times. What we mean is that a boy should be taught that this life is not given him to waste as he chooses; that there are great possibilities open to him, and that close application to work is a sure road to great things in this life, and that indolence means failure in all things.—Florence Vidette.

### A Tripple Hanging.

Smith, Brown and Jones hang their hopes of recovery upon Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets. They will be around soon shaking hands with friends. 25c. No cure—no pay.

### Sambo Digs His Own Grave.

Nolan and Fisher County residents have become disgusted with the unreliability of negro labor, and will in future give them no employment. Thus the negro continues to dig his own grave. As a laborer under most favorable circumstances, he is all right, but let him get the idea in his head that his employer really needs his services and nine times out of ten he will quit work, it matters not how much his employer is inconvenienced or how many obligations he is under to him for past favors. In our section there is much complaint of this nature, and the time is not far distant when the same will be said of Colorado County.—Weimer Mercury.

### A Touching Send-Off.

An exchange bids farewell to a departed citizen as follows: "He was a man of push; he played marbles when a boy for keeps and cheated all his playmates out of their ally; he swapped a bladeless knife, unseen, for a four-bladed, sold it for 50 cents, bought a pound of sugar, made a barrel of lemonade which he sold on circus day for \$8. He started in business and sold tough meats for choice cuts and made a fortune. When he got a thousand dollars he organized a company with five million dollars, mostly water, and sold at par. When the company busted it was found that he had sold out a long time before. When he died he was a millionaire and left all his money here. It is very warm where he is now."

## That Hat.

You are wondering what sort of a hat to order for fall. I can give you the best idea if you will come and look at my hats. I'll tell you what they are wearing at the fashion centers and tell you how cheaply I can make you a hat that will be becoming and fashionable.

Miss Mollie Huffman.

### We Love

The boy that has a conscience.  
The boy that will not lie.  
The boy that loves his mother.  
The boy that is courteous to his sister.  
The boy that tips his hat to old people.  
The boy that takes a front seat at church.  
The boy that is not afraid to say "No."

—Selected.

### Gained Forty Pounds in Thirty Days.

For several months our younger brother had been troubled with indigestion. He tried several remedies but got no benefit from them. We purchased some of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and he commenced taking them. Inside of thirty days he had gained forty pounds in flesh. He is now fully recovered. We have a good trade on the Tablets.—Holley Bros., Merchants, Long Branch, Mo. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

### Bright is the Ring of Words.

Bright is the ring of words  
When the right man rings them,  
Fair is the fall of songs  
When the singer sings them.  
Still they are caroled and said—  
On wings they are carried—  
After the singer is dead  
And the maker buried.

Low as the singer lies  
In the field of heather,  
Songs of his fashion bring  
The swains together.  
And when the west is red  
With the sunset embers,  
The lover lingers and sings  
And the maid remembers.  
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

### Caesar Conquered Britain

Malaria was conquered by Simon's Liver purifier (tin box). Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

### Likes the Country.

Dr. J. E. Kennedy of Lovelady, Texas, who was here visiting and prospecting a few days ago, was very favorably impressed with the country and is thinking of casting his lot with us. He writes as follows to his brother-in-law, Dr. J. H. C. King:

"It rained every day or two while I was away, rained yesterday and is raining today. The boll weevils are playing havoc with cotton. Farmers and merchants are blue over the situation. Lots of people are going to move and many have come to me for a description of your country. Tell your real estate agents to send me a list of property for sale around Merkel—town residences, town lots and farms. Think I can sell some for them. My family all want to go west, and so do I. I felt better while out there than I have in years. Since coming back the heat has broken out all over me and I can't get a good breath, and have headache every morning. It will be a bad time to sell property here on account of boll weevils."

Cayenne pepper doesn't come from a pepper plant, nor Burgundy pitch from Burgundy. Jerusalem artichokes do not come from Jerusalem, nor turkeys from Turkey. Camel's hair brushes are not made from the hair of a camel, but from the tail of the squirrel. German silver is not silver, and it was invented in China. Cork legs are not made of cork, neither do they come from Cork, Ireland. Prussian blue does not come from Prussia. Irish stew is not an Irish, but an English dish. Cleopatra's Needle was set up a thousand years before that lady was born. Chamois leather is not the hide of a chamois, but the fleshside of a sheepskin. So there is nothing in a name after all.

Mrs. C. Williams came in this morning from Sedalia, Ky., where she has been visiting.

Wm. L. Lowdon, father of J.G. Lowdon of Abilene, died yesterday, age 87, in New York City.

### Pay as You Go.

"Pay as you go" is a good motto for young folks to make their own. Don't run up debts to be discharged later. Don't accept other people's kindnesses and sacrifices, and fancy some time in the future is soon enough to begin to make returns. A smile or a "thank you" will go a little way toward lightening your obligation, and if you keep your eyes open you will see chances of returning favors in the same coin. Do not be contented to receive without giving. Pay as you go.—Ex.

### To the Ladies of Merkel and Surrounding Country.

We have moved to the Woodard building, just across the street from First Nat. Bank, and have fitted up a toilet room for the accommodation of the ladies who come to Merkel to trade.

Will leave for market Sept. 8. Will have a nice line of street hats on display Sept. 21.

Come and see us; make yourselves at home, and get our prices on all millinery goods.

Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

### The Mail and Dallas News \$1.50.

Hereafter the price of The Mail and Dallas News, both for one year, will be only \$1.50, either to new subscribers or renewals. This gives you 156 papers a year at less than 1c a copy.

Take advantage of this offer now.

### Photos.

are still made at the cut rate price at the Photo Car—\$4.00 Platino cabinets for \$1.00.

Clarence Osburn.

### A New Market.

I have bought the Sheppard meat market and take this method of asking the patronage of the people. There is a great deal in knowing how to cut meat; I understand the business and can please the best epicure. Give me a trial.

C. V. Bigham.

We have two good second hand organs that we will trade for wood, cattle or good horse.

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

## HOUSE COLD TIRE SETTER

### A Machine That Does the Work.

We are just in receipt of one of the House Cold Tire Setters, one of the best machines to be found. It will do the work claimed for other machines, and do it better. Come in and let us show it to you.

Moon & Hargroves.

## DON'T BE Hidebound

The hidebound man is a harder proposition than the hidebound horse. Bass' Salt will cure the horse, the man's trouble is mental. Has a rock in one end of the sack, meal in the other. Aggravated case, you might say. "Dipping is the only way; you can't feed a cow anything that will kill ticks, lice, cure itch, mange, etc." Don't take that man on the jury if you want justice; evidence does not count with him. Bass' Medicated Salt has proven its case. See witnesses for first day; plenty more if needed:

Geo. W. McDaniel, Abilene, Tex.  
Mack Merchant, " "  
Judge D. G. Hill, " "  
W. J. Thompson, " "  
W. A. Farquhar, " "  
P. D. Bumpass, " "  
W. B. Ellis, Tecumseh, Texas.

Cooley Brothers, Hodges, Texas.  
Wm. Horn, " "  
R. L. Olds, " "  
Fred Robinson, Audra, Texas.  
J. P. McCasland, " "  
Walter Porter, Terrell, Texas.  
O. T. Maxwell, Cisco, Texas.

Sold by all Grocery and general stores. Freight paid if cash accompanies order. J. T. Warren agent at Merkel.

BASS BROS. DRUG CO., : Abilene.

### Raised From the Dead.

C. W. Landis, "Porter" for the Oriental Hotel, Chanute, Kan., says: "I knew what it was to suffer with neuralgia, deed I did, and I got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment and I was 'raised from the dead.' I tried to get some more, but before I had 'deposed' of my bottle, I was cured entirely. I am tellin' de truth too," 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

### 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 Oct. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

Burns, Mrs. Laula.  
Chappel, J. H.  
Rounsaville, D.  
Singleton, J. H.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

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.

The Mail and Dallas News one year only \$1.50. Subscribe now.

The boys have not all the vices nor the girls all the virtues, but the girls do have a higher standard of morals. If the girls would set their forces against the vices and the boys found they had to give up all kind of vice or lose the girls the boys would not be long deciding which was the most valuable to them. O! the girls, say the young men, won't go with us if we have such straight laced notions; well if a young man is afraid of straight laced notions and won't go with you after you let him know he must be a gentleman in every way, you may not realize it now, but he is not worth repining after.—Exchange.

Don't buy your street hats until you see my selection. On display Sept. 21.

Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

### Croup

Usually begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liniment externally to the throat. 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

ISAAC N. TAYLOR,

—LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC—

Office in First Nat'l Bank.