

THE MERKEL MAIL.

VOL. XIV.

MERKEL, TEXAS, OCTOBER 1, 1903.

NO. 32.

THE HIGHER LIFE.

Cream of the Pulpit.

THE ATONEMENT.

Rev. Rankin, Presbyterian.

In the incarceration and death of Christ there are depths of mystery which we cannot fathom. We do not pretend to explain the mystery of the attachment. We only assert the fact. The Scriptures tell us that God "laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

IGNORANCE.

Rev. Sears, Episcopalian.

There are today millions of poor, weak, helpless, struggling men and women in ignorance suffering from sin and don't know how to reject it. If they would give themselves to God and follow His teachings, they would throw the shackles of sin from themselves.

SEEKING TRUTH.

Rev. Case, Evangelist.

A man who is in earnest pays little attention to exteriors. The man who seeks for truth with the idea of profiting by it is going to a long time to hunt it. If you are not going to obey God's higher commands, don't read the Bible.

FIGHTING SIN.

Rev. Hunter, Presbyterian.

We must hate sin everywhere. It is not the person we detest, but the principle; not the sinner, but the sin. Don't trifle with sin; crush it at once. We don't want the devil to say anything good about us, because if we live right that is impossible.

NOTHING NEW.

Rev. Clark, Presbyterian.

As fast as developing civilization reaches any conclusion that seems to it new, it discovers it to be as old as Jesus of Nazareth. The statement may be new, the application of it may be novel, but the inherent and fundamental spirit of it is, without exception, His.

THE FATHER OF GOD.

Rev. Henry, Congregationalist.

The doctrine of the Fatherhood of God is designed to teach us our dependence upon Him for our daily needs, both common and spiritual. We are all benefactors of His general blessings. We all move, live, and have our being in Him.

CHRISTIAN LIVING.

Rev. Breed, Episcopalian.

Godliness and worldly lusts are to be denied and cast out before the positive and constructive side of Christian living is begun. All fields must be clear of stones and rubbish before the corn is planted or the palace built.

AMERICAN GREATNESS.

Rev. Babbitt, Episcopalian.

The true greatness of America consists in the religious character, the moral strength, the intelligence, industry, justice and righteousness of its men, women and children. All the other material things are the creation of its people.

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:

Plows, Cultivators, Disc Plows, Harrows, etc.

They are the best, and you can well afford to come many miles to purchase such implements. They pay in the long run.

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

BRIDGE and BEACH STOVES and RANGES

They are decidedly the best. Find a man who is using a Bridge & Beach and you will find one who has a satisfactory article.

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.

The Light in the Window.

"Hour after hour, day after day, I walked the streets, hoping against hope that I would find him. Now I can walk no more. I can only sit here at the door he knows so well and weep my heart away, praying that every foot-step I hear may be his."

So mourns a heart-broken mother in Chicago as she sits in her desolate home weeping her heart out over the mysterious absence of her little son.

Five days ago the lad disappeared. No trace of him has been found. Every effort has been made to find him, but his place in the home circle is still vacant.

"I keep a light in the window for him so he will know we want him home."

"A light in the window!"

A ray shining out into the darkness that the wanderer whose weary feet and lagging steps as they come near home will see the warm welcome that awaits him, and know even before he enters the open door that his mother's loving arms are stretching out to him, longingly, yearningly, hungrily, to feel him clasped in them once more.

A light in the window.

Is there not always a light in the window for some of us?

A star of hope that beckons us on and on until we have left despair and weariness and grief and heartaches behind and forgot it all in the light that has brought us happiness.

The mariner, lashed to the remains of a once magnificent ship, with nothing between him and death but a frail spar, with the black, angry waters surging a-

round him, beating him back and forth, tossing him at the mercy of their violent will, thinking that his life is about to end, sees a faint glimmer of brightness in the distance.

The waves carry him nearer and nearer, and at last, tired with buffeting him from breaker to breaker, throw him on shore, right under the light which blazes out from a lighthouse window.

The light in the window has drawn him to a haven of safety.

It has brought him, worn and helpless though he is, to peace.

And so will the eternal light which beams strongly, gently, beseechingly down through miles of unmeasurable space upon a foot-sore, world-weary multitude lead on to endless harmony the fagged-out, despairing traveler who looks for

The Light in the Window.—Kansas City World.

From Waiter to Millionaire.

The man who gets the biggest salary in the United States is an ex-waiter.

This is George Boldt, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.

Some one printed the statement some time ago that Charles Schwab, late president of the billion dollar steel trust, got \$1,000,000 a year. It turned out that he received only a measly \$100,000.

As manager and profit-sharer with the Astors, Mr. Boldt receives \$500,000 a year. That is five times as much as Chauncy Depew gets for running the New York Central for the Vanderbilts.

How did he get it?
In the same old way.
By deserving it.

He was the best waiter in his hotel. He did not have to join the union to get a job. He did not rely on tips to make him prompt and courteous. He became head waiter. Then he was promoted to head steward, assistant manager, manager.

You see, young man, it does not matter where you begin.

It depends on how you begin. If you begin by doing your work better than the others, you are already in the line of promotion. If you keep on doing better than the others, you keep on going up.

That's all.—Des Moines News.

Bertie—Pa, a little stream is a streamlet, isn't it? Pa—Yes, Bertie. Bertie—Well, pa, is a cutlet a little cut, and a hamlet a little ham, and a gimlet a little

gim, and a pamphlet a little pamph? Pa—Oh, go away, Bertie. I want a little quiet. Bertie—Well, why didn't you say you wanted a quietlet?—Ex.

Potato Yield.

C. E. Fitzgerald of Bangs has marketed from the third planting Irish potatoes that yielded at the rate of 252 bushels per acre and sold for a dollar a bushel. In the spring of 1902 he planted potatoes. When he dug the crop in July he dropped one potato back in each hill and mulched the land with wheat straw. He dug again in late fall and again dropped a potato in the hill leaving mulch on the ground. This summer he manured the ground with results mentioned above. What country can beat this?—Brownwood Bulletin.



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.

\$2.50 and \$3.00

Hats for ONLY \$1.00



We have on sale this week a big assortment of Drummers' Sample Hats, the "Big Bear" and "Lion Special" brands that retail at 2.50 and 3.00. You can have your choice of the whole lot at

ONLY \$1.00 Each

This is positively a Hat Bargain that you can not afford to miss. These hats are all new and in first class condition, assorted colors and sizes, from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; where can you beat it?

Think of it!
Not a hat in the lot worth less than 2.50 and 3.00 at the regular price.

Come see.



Attractive Millinery For Ladies, Misses and Children



We have the new styles in both Street and Pattern hats and the prices were never so low as this season.

If we cannot save you 25 per cent on this line of goods we won't ask you to buy.

Ladies Trimmed Hats from 1.00 to 8.50.

Ladies Street Hats from 1.00 to 3.00.

Misses and childrens hats from 75c to 3.50.

Baby Caps from 25c to 1.25.

We know we can save you money on your fall bill.

WATSON & BACON.

The Merkel Mail.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Office.....57
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.

Provide for that rainy day by depositing your money at

Warnick's BANK

It is safe here. You can check it out as you need it, any time

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had almost a fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by Rust & Pittard. Trial bottles free.

Laugh and the World.

Laughs with you, have chills and you chill alone. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets cures, gives an appetite and strength. Most convenient chill tonic on earth. Can carry in the vest pocket.

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.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

Chappel, J. H.
Jack, Fred.
Sloan, Dr. C. E.
Woolems, J. N.
Maderama, Abeline.
Lopez, Victorian.
Ortez, Maria Lenora.
Rivera, Nicola.

Mrs. M. A. Thornton came in Tuesday from Oklahoma.

Jap Martin shipped a car of horses east Tuesday.

Mrs. R. A. Martin is visiting relatives at Dallas and incidentally seeing the fair.

News was received here yesterday of the birth of an 8-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Herring of Abilene. The youngster has been christened L. R., in honor of Rev. L. R. Scarborough, and The Mail hopes he will live to make as good and useful a man.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shafer of Stith, Sept. 28th a fine boy.

Wet She Lies.

The hardest rain that has blessed the country since early spring fell here Tuesday evening. It was a flood and was two hours in falling, coming down in blinding sheets. The weather has been "threatening rain" for several days. Sunday and Monday were cloudy, misty days, a drizzling rain having begun to fall Sunday evening and continuing through the following day and up to Tuesday noon. The ground was in gne humor to take a thorough soaking.

The rain, while not especially needed, will prove of great benefit. It will make late feed stuff and keep cotton from opening so fast, and will be a benefit to the crop by aiding the bolls to more fully develop before popping open. Fully two inches was the fall here.

See our Bargain Counter on which you will find a varied assortment of tinware, pencils, tablets, stationery, etc.

Maxwell & Sons.

School supplies at the Racket Store.

J. H. Shepherd is confined to his bed with an attack of asthma.

A Cutting Affray.

Fred Merrick and Young Gaskins, son of T. A. Gaskins, who lives northwest of town, became involved in a difficulty Sunday night and after the smoke of battle had cleared away Fred was found to be cut in three places—once on the back and twice on the scalp, just over the right ear. Three stitches were necessary to patch him up. Both are boys under 15 years of age. This should be a valuable lesson to them. Fighting is not conducive to longevity, especially when other than nature's weapons are used.

Justice Court.

Justice Wheeler's court was in session Saturday and the following cases were disposed of with "neatness and dispatch:"

First National Bank vs. T. L. Hall, two cases—judgement by default.

McCord-Collins Co. vs. Roscoe Mercantile Co.—continued to October term.

L. E. Adrain vs. Henry Rose—continued to October term.

J. P. Sharp & Co. vs. Joe Billings—judgement by default.

R. H. Collins vs. T. & P. R'y. Co.—judgement by default.

Z. F. Green vs. T. & P. R'y Co.—judgement by default.

E. D. Coats vs. E. M. Sherman—dismissed by agreement.

G. T. Walker vs. E. H. Boone—dismissed by agreement.

FOR SALE.

A good 4-year-old horse, about 16 hands high, work any where and broke to ride; stout and able to do good service.

2t J. H. Warnick.

Don't pass Maxwell & Sons by when you want groceries.

List of Immortals.

Following is a list of The Mail's friends who have remembered it in a substantial way since last report. Note what good men they are:

Terrell Winter, Noodle.
Jno. S. Hughes, Merkel.
T. A. Gaskins, "
J. W. Tally, "
Rev. A. A. Baker, "
W. A. Sheppard, "
Walter Cox, "
Will Higgins, "
J. R. Curb, "
J. R. Toombs, Nubia.
C. M. Stone, Desdemonia.
by Will Higgins.

We buy chickens and eggs at top prices. Maxwell & Sons.

A new line of pocket knives at the Racket Store.

Watson & Bacon are actually selling \$2.50 and \$3.00 standard brand hats at \$1.00. This knocks anything we have yet seen in the hat business.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner were up from Abilene Monday to visit their nephew, Bud Marlow, who has taken a relapse of the fever, and is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamm left yesterday for Dallas to visit the fair.

Mrs. W. P. Thurmond is reported quite sick, but not seriously.

Don't fail to read Watson & Bacon's ad this week.

Cheap groceries at Maxwell & Sons.

Burroughs & Mann keep a good of Hair, Tooth and Cloth Brushes at hard times prices.

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

Even if you're not from Missouri, we would like show you our fall 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

Pretty Tough to Scratch

For a living and relief also. Hunt's cure will cure you of itch, tetler, ringworm, itching piles, eczema. Guaranteed by all dealers.

One "good old wagon" for sale cheap.

The Store Store.

In order to close out our clocks we will make you the lowest price ever made for a short time.

Burroughs & Mann.

Dora Dots.

Mr. Editor: News very scarce this week. Everybody picking cotton and hollering for help. Cotton is turning out better than was expected.

We are glad to note that Grandpa Holder, who has been sick with slow fever for some time, is on the mend. Hope he will soon be up again.

T. C. Jenkins and family are visiting in Sweetwater.

Mr. Joe Holder of Taylor, Williamson county, Texas, came in last night to see his sick father at this place.

John Woodard of Merkel was in Dora yesterday.

J. M. Holder, the Dora merchant, went to Nolan today on business.

G. W. Broswell and Dr. Richardson and quite a number of others were in Dora today trading.

Miss Norton of the Prairie View community was buried here last Saturday.

Dora will have a new telephone line soon from here to Merkel.

Our community had a fine rain today.

Several of our people went to Merkel last Saturday to attend the horse sale, but the horse

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.

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.	Cooley Brothers, Hodges, Texas.
Mack Merchant, " "	Wm. Horn, " "
Judge D. G. Hill, " "	R. L. Olds, " "
W. J. Thompson, " "	Fred Robinson, Audra, Texas.
W. A. Farquhar, " "	J. P. McCasland, " "
P. D. Bumpass, " "	Walter Porter, Terrell, Texas.
W. B. Ellis, Tecumseh, 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.

buyer failed to make his appearance. Old Friend.

The Mail's good friend, J. R. Toombs of Nubia, has again shown his allegiance to the paper, and this time by the payment of five dollars on subscription. Mr. Toombs was some less than two years behind and this places him three years and over ahead. It is such acts as these that lighten the burdens of newspaper work and give it a tinge of pleasure. The Mail is very grate-

ful to Mr. Toombs for this manifestation of his good will. May he grow in wisdom and his coffers overflow with gold, and may his shadow never grow less.

Ranch Cut Up.

The Morrison land near Trent in any size tract and on easy terms. See

I. N. Taylor

at First National Bank.

Have you seen those sample silk waists at the Store Store? They are selling at about one-half wholesale price.

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.

Hope and Wisdom

Both are contained in Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets. Try them. 25c. No cure—no pay.

See Burroughs & Mann for Pure Drugs, Medicines and Toilet Articles.

"It Goes Right to the Spot"

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment will give prompt relief. "It goes right to the spot," said an old man who was rubbing it in, to cure rheumatism. C. R. Smith, Prop. Smith House, Tenaha, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for several years, and have found it to be a fine remedy for all aches and pains, and I recommend it for pains in the throat and chest." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

The best rain that has fallen here in over one year fell Tuesday night. There were 1.20 inches of water and it came down in such a manner that most of it went into the ground. The rain extended as far north as Gail and east and west some distance. —Big Springs Enterprise.

From all parts of the country come reports that cotton is turning out better than expected, and farmers generally are gratified at the results. If prosperity is not on the top rail she is very near to it.

Wholesome Advice.

The Gail Citizen pays the following compliment to Prof. S. M. Sewell, and at the same time hands out some wholesome advice to parents. Read it:

Prof. Sewell has started his school on the right principle and if he will continue on the same line of action he can probably bring the Gail school back to its former high standing in the educational world.

The pupils of this school have been so loosely controlled for the past five or six years that they have come to look upon it as their divine right to boss the whole shebang with the teacher thrown in and if a teacher dares to whip one of them the parents don't get through cussing him for twelve months (which has a tendency to make the kids much better at home and at school, as you have probably observed), and henceforth proceeds to issue out all the trouble possible to the prof.

Therefore we say all honor to Prof. Sewell for daring to show the kids that he is going to be boss of the school what time he teaches, and the parents should stand by him as long as he does not punish the children unjustly.

Struck by Lightning.

Reports reached here yesterday that the Joe Blackburn farm house, near Nubia and occupied by W. R. Bracey, was struck by lightning Tuesday. The entire family was shocked and Mrs. Bracey is in a critical condition. No further particulars given.

W. W. Wheeler wrote fire insurance to the amount of \$20,000 during the month of September. This is a record of which he may well feel proud.

W. W. WHEELER,
 Real Estate, Life, Fire and Tornado Insurance Agent,
 Notary Public.

Takes Acknowledgements, Draws up Deeds, etc. Office in First National Bank.

J. M. PATE
THE BARBER,

NORTH FRONT STREET.

DR. J. W. LITTLE,
 Resident Dentist.

EXAMINATIONS FREE — OFFICE IN FERRIER BUILDING.

R. B. USTICK

DEALER IN

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Etc.

Repairing a Specialty

J. J. MILLER,
 Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public,
 Land and Collecting Agent.

Will practice in all the courts of Texas. All business entrusted to my care will receive prompt attention. Will pay taxes for non-residents, also pay interest on lands for all who may trust their business with me; will make proof of final settlement on homestead and school land property. I solicit your patronage. 6-1pd

HELPFUL READING Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is harmful reading. It is the aim of the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

has helped many. It is not the theory of **THE FARMERS' DEPARTMENT**, farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

If you are not taking **THE MERKEL MAIL**, you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you **The Merkel Mail** and the **Galveston or the Dallas Semi-Weekly News** for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

Nothing has ever equalled it. Nothing can ever surpass it.

Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and SORES. Price 50c & \$1.00

A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles.

Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

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

C. E. Evans, W. M.
 R. B. Ustick, Sec.

Best Passenger Service

...IN...
TEXAS

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY

"No Trouble to Answer Questions."

DINING CARS

BETWEEN FORT WORTH and SAINT LOUIS

E. P. TURNER, GEN. PASS. AGT. DALLAS, TEXAS.

Everything Comes

To those that wait, even now and then aches and pains, rheumatism, catarrh, neuralgia, and everything that hurts. Hunt's Lightning Oil keeps off everything except old age and death. Try it. 25c and 50c. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Try reading The Mail.

The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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

Subscription Rates:

One year..... \$1.00
Six months..... .50
Three months..... .25
Invariably in advance.

ADVERTISING RATES per month
One inch space..... \$.50
Two inch space..... 1.00
Quarter column (4 1-2 inches)..... 2.50
Half column (9 inches)..... 4.00
One column (18 inches)..... 7.50
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 publisher 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. Postively no deviation from this rule.

OUR "TALE OF WOE."

The Mail has never made it a point to dun people through the columns of the paper, nor will we do so now. However, there are times when the steer must be taken by the horns, and this is one of them. We have several hundred dollars due on subscription and to send out statements to all of them would entail quite an expense. We considered a majority of these accounts good. Therefore a request to pay them promptly is all that is necessary. The Mail is heavily encumbered with debt and we MUST collect what is due the paper.

Will you not send in what you are due? If possible, pay your subscription a year in advance and earn the lasting thanks of THE PUBLISHER.

POLITICAL PROSPECTUS.

The Albany News man thinks his county has been trailing behind the band wagon long enough, and he emphatically declares that this must stop. A seat in the band wagon, it seems, could be easily arranged, provided Taylor County is permitted to name the driver. Of course Shackelford's faithfulness ought to be rewarded. Going so long without pie is conducive to extreme indigestion and sometimes warps the appetite. If a motion is in order, we'll move that she be allowed a seat in the band wagon. But listen to the News' spiel:

While Stephens, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Taylor and Nolan counties are grooming their thoroughbreds for the political arena Shackelford county is sitting back on her dignity with her weather eye on the indicator, watching the trend of things. It has been some ten or fifteen years since she has had a slice of political pie and we are getting mighty hungry over this way, boys. The Shackelford county democracy has marched up to the rack like gentle work oxen and eat your hay without salt; sometimes it was pretty musty—but we choked it down because the party said it was the genuine article. But in the meantime we have been crossing our stock and the consequence of it is we have got one or two thoroughbreds over here. Coming events cast their shadow before—watch out for the Shackelford county colt. We have sat on the fence and clapped our hands as the band wagon went by, and hollered ourselves hoarse; we wouldn't be surprised if shackelford county don't make a grand stand play for a seat in the band wagon, and if she does, he won't be a scrub.

Let the News say no more. Trot out that thoroughbred and groom him to the queen's taste; for he will have a chance along with several others to show off

his points in a grand stand play for the finish.

The Baird Star is still engaged in the vainglorious effort of trying to mix prohibition and politics. Possibly it hopes to stir up a hornet's nest among Texas Democrats that will result in the adoption of a plank in the forthcoming platform derogatory to that measure. A forlorn hope, to be sure, but no doubt the wish is father to the thought. But you are alone in this endeavor, brother. The politicians are too astute and the people too broad-gauged and loyal to party principles to attempt such a move, which could but prove disastrous to the party. The writer is a Democrat in all the term implies, but when the party commences to dabble in prohibition right then we are going to straddle. Prohibition is a moral, not a political question. It has no more to do with politics than a braying jassack (and this has no personal application) has to do with the rule of three. As to Cyclone Davis trying to undermine the Democratic party because he is in the employ of the prohibitionists, that is all in the Star's imagination and comes of its antipathy of the "prohibition craze." "Methodist Jim" is not in a position to hurt the Democratic party. Might as well accuse Stump Ashby, who is employed by the antis, with designs upon the party. There would be as much reason and common sense in it. At least be consistent for once. Let Cyclone Davis and Stump Ashby severely alone in their "labors of love," take in your bunioned extremities, be charitable, and a dime to a doughnut you will yet see the day when you'll bless the "prohibition cranks" for driving the ill-smelling, rotten, slime-reeking, damnable saloons out of grand old Texas.

The Texas Christian Advocate, the organ of the Methodist church, published at Dallas, has a \$25,000 libel suit on its hands. The complainant is Mayor McGee of Brownwood, and the suit is based upon criticisms which the Mayor received from the Advocate as a result of his attitude in the recent prohibition campaign in Brown County. Pro papers had better look a little out, for the antis are sore, very sore, and revenge is sweet. The Advocate contained nothing but what any decent man could endorse, and the alleged claim of libel was no doubt prompted by spite, pure and simple. The calibre of the antis of Brownwood is readily understood when it is known that they have compromised the honor of their women through their efforts to set aside the expressed will of the people. Religious intimidation—bah! But what else is to be expected from an element that thrives upon ill-gotten gains and that has no respect for law and order. Mayor McGee will come in for a great amount of notoriety, but at such a price.

Politicians and misinformed stump orators seem to never tire of boasting of Texas' magnificent school fund when, as a matter of fact, it is insufficient to meet the demands of our growing population. Texas stands at the head in many things, but this is not one of them. For instance, Illinois' permanent fund nearly equals ours and sixteen times as much is derived from local taxation. Thirty-seven states pay more per capita to educate their

children than we do, and many of them have no permanent fund. As a consequence, thirty-seven states have longer school terms than Texas. In the face of these facts there is still a constant wail against high taxes, and the State administration is cursed and discussed from Alpha to Omega. Texas' magnificent school fund is partly in the imagination.

Roosevelt's negro policy is already piling up trouble for the chief executive, and it is evident that the dish is not at all savory. The most recent outcropping of negro spite and jealousy comes from Washington, where the president has been fondling all manner of he-coons, and is in the nature of a demand for social equality. This demand is made solely upon the president, as a result of his recent utterances favorable to the idea, which, of course was a campaign play, and accompanying it were resolutions condemning Southern whites. Fondling he-coons may be a pleasant digression from official cares for the president, but it is hardly probable that he will tamper with the suffrage laws of the Southern States. At any rate, social equality will never be countenanced in the South.

If coming events cast their shadows before, the next national campaign will be of the strenuous order for a fact. Already campaign buttons are in evidence, especially among the negroes of the North and are slowly wending their way Southward. These buttons show President Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington dining together and on the tablecloth in front is the word "Equality." Possibly it will also be worn by the whites, although it is enough to make any decent man bow his head in shame.

People are seeing airships again. The size and speed of the ship depends upon the brand of bug juice used. It is claimed that a man who said that a man who could only see one airship, after a liberal use of Kentucky Mountain Dew, could see a whole fleet after a few non-intoxicating drinks sold in some prohibition towns.—Baird Star.

Strange, when all the airships reported have been seen in saloon towns, Philadelphia, for instance. But perhaps Gilliland is speaking from experience, and we'll not contradict him.

Judge Gerald has run every gambling den and dive out of Waco, and that, too, without calling upon the people for moral backing. There was no flourishing of trumpets nor no threats made, but just a brave, open fight—a stand for the right and justice and morality, and an effort made to do his sworn duty. What Judge Gerald has done other County Judges can do.

The Brown County saloon interests found a judge at Galveston who was willing to grant them an injunction. The ground on which the injunction was obtained was religious intimidation and the ladies serving lunches near the polls. O tempora! O more! O fiddlesticks!

A great many boys will never be able to fill their fathers' shoes, but a majority of them think their hats would come down over the "old man's" eyes, all right.

Pulling one's leg, paradoxical as it may seem, tends to shorten rather than lengthen that member.

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.

West Texas Fair,

ABILENE, TEXAS,

OCTOBER 13 TO 17, 1903

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE.

TUESDAY, Opening Day.

WEDNESDAY, Cattle Roping Contest.

THURSDAY, Confederate and Woodmen Day.

FRIDAY, School Children's Day and Cattle Roping.

SATURDAY, Cattle Sales Day.

There will be three Balloon Ascensions during the entertainment. The horse racing each afternoon will be the best ever witnessed in the west. The Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and many other attractions have been secured. The farm, orchard, and garden exhibits will excel any former efforts, and the ladies' department will be attractive as usual. In fact, the management is pleased to announce that the prospects are bright for the best and largest fair ever held in Abilene.

Special trains will be run from the east and west and low rates will be given. Ask your nearest ticket agent for particulars.

MAX R. ANDREWS, Sec.

GREETING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST

... Withe the Largest Stock of...

Hardware, Vehicles, and Implements

We stand ready to supply your every need in these lines, with the best goods at the LOWEST PRICES. The following famous lines are sold by us:

Mitchell Wagons, Racine Vehicles, J. I. Case Implemts, Charter Oak and Garland STOVES.

These goods lead the market and give absolute and perfect satisfaction. They are endorsed by their thousands of users in West Texas, guaranteed by their makers and by us. Call on us for satisfactory goods

COURTEOUS TREATMENT, HONEST PRICES, and LIBERAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Ed S. Hughes & Co.,

Abilene, Texas.

See HUGHES for HARDWARE.

Broke Into His House.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of chronic constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

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

W. H. Dickson.

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

TO MERCHANTS:

I have two 50 gallon oil tanks good as new for \$3.50 each. Answer quick.

J. T. Warren.

Let the fleecy staple roll in without let of hindrance. Every bale is a roll of greenbacks.

To The Public.

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

The Mail's subscription list is the fastest growing thing in this country. Merchants should bear this in mind.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and children are spending the week in Abilene.

Mrs. J. C. Perkins (nee Miss Eva Martin) of Roscoe is visiting her parents in the city.

Bales of cotton were destroyed by fire in the cotton yard here Friday night.

The boiler and engine for the M. Gin Co. arrived and unloaded Friday night, and the gin started up first of the week. The delay in the arrival of this machinery was a long and costly one, but it is now making up for lost time.

F. C. Richardson at the depot is a new subscriber.

Mr. Flemming came in from Cisco Saturday and received his building from the hands of Contractor Miller. It has the appearance of being new, out and out, and shows very little effects of the fire of last May.

R. A. Miller will plant his 17-acre tract of land in Northeast Merkel in ginseng. He hopes to raise enough of the stuff to at least supply the "Chinese quarter" with its daily ration.

Mrs. T. N. Lowrey returned Friday from Aquilla, where she was called by the fatal illness of her brother's wife. Mrs. Lowrey brought a few specimens of the genuine Mexican boll weevil with her, which are on exhibition at the drug store of Burroughs & Mann.

The Abilene Reporter got things slightly mixed in commenting upon the purchase here by R. A. Miller of a 17-acre tract of land, giving the price paid for the tract as \$183.75, when it was \$475. The Mail had it \$375, but how the Reporter warped it into \$183.75 is more than we can tell. Who ever heard of land selling in a Merkel suburb at \$11 per acre?

Things are beginning to put on the garb of fall and indications are favorable for the greatest trade the town has ever enjoyed.

Mrs. C. M. Largent went east Friday night on an extended visit to her parents.

Will Leeman leaves tonight for Dallas to take in the Fair.

Why Not Have

Your pick from the best stock of Clothing ever offered in Merkel

It's the MAJESTIC

If you are open for a suit, you will find something here that will interest you. ∴

J. T. Warren.



Our line of Boys' Clothing should be of interest to every mother in our territory. We have the

♥ Mrs. Jane Hopkins ♥

make. Put us to the trouble of showing you.



A Love Letter.

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." It's the best salve on earth. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Read Here.

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

S. W. Sheppard left Friday night for Canyon City on a prospecting trip and will visit F. G. Shell, who is agent there. He will also take a run into Mexico while absent.

Five candidates were baptized at the Hunt pond Sunday evening by Pastor Hairfield of the Baptist church.

Dr. Armstrong of Blunt Springs, Ala., accompanied by his father, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. K. Blackburn, in the Canyon, several days past. He is quite well known by many of the Alabamians in this section and met up with several school mates here.

Mrs. Alice D. Templeton and Miss Witt Terry, who had been visiting relatives here, left Friday for their home at Bonham.

J. A. LEEMAN...

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

Office, Burroughs & Mann's Drug Store, Merkel.

Mothers

Who would keep their children in good health, should watch for the first symptoms of worms, and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. It is the children's best tonic. It gets digestion at work so that their food does them good, and they grow up healthy and strong. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's.

The year 1903 has witnessed many substantial changes in the commercial queen of Taylor County, and her future is bright with promise. Merkel is indeed making rapid strides citywards. But it will not do to depend upon past accomplishments. We must keep something doing. Push and pull are the words.

The Merrill will case was decided at Abilene Saturday in favor of S. P. Hardwicke, after having been on trial two weeks. Appeal will be made.

J. S. Barnes went down to Dallas Saturday night to place himself under the treatment of a specialist for some ailment from which he has long been bothered. The Mail hopes the operation will be successful.

J. K. Pittard spent Sunday in Abilene.

Beautiful Complexions

Are spoiled by using any kind of preparation that fills the pores of the skin. The best way to clear a complexion, free from sallowness, pimples, blotches, etc., is to keep the liver in good order. An occasional dose of Herbine will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver, and so establish a clear, healthy complexion. 50c at Burroughs & Mann's drug store.

A Corn Mill.

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

R. L. Parker.

G. W. Boyce's

New Grain House three doors west Watkins' Meat Market.

Salvation For All.

Meeting at the Tabernacle Oct. 10 to 18 by Evangelist S. M. Rich of Portales, N. M. Full salvation, divine healing of soul and body, prophecy and revelation explained by the Bible. Everybody invited. 2t

Saturday was a busy day in Merkel, people being here from all parts of the country, and everything was on the go. The people of this country are fast learning that Merkel is the place to secure bargains.

Read the ad of Burton Lingo Co., lumber dealers.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney troubles, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Rust & Pittard. Only 50c.

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.

Burton-Lingo Co.,

Lumber Dealers.

A full and complete line of Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Brick, Lime, Cement, etc. We can save you money on any size bill.

J. S. BARNES, M'n'g'r.

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.

ELLIOTT & MILLER

DEALERS IN

...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.

WORMS! **WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUCE**

Most in Quantity. — Best in Quality.

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

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

For Sale by BURROUGHS & MANN, : : : Merkel, Tex.

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.

4t

E. D. Coats.

Don't Become Discouraged

But use Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box.) Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see that it's "Purifier" and manufactured by the A. C. Simmons Jr. Medicine Co.

FOR SALE.

Two good horses.

The Star Store.

We have as nice of Box Stationery, Tablets and Envelopes as has ever been in Merkel. Inspect it.

Burroughs & Mann.

League Supper.

The members of the Epworth League will give a supper at the Tabernacle next Tuesday night, Oct. 6, benefit of the League. Admission 10 cents. A nice time assured all. Everybody invited.

Notice.

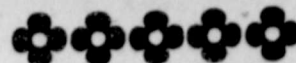
The notes of T. W. Phillips for services at his stable in Merkel are in my hands for collection. Those interested are hereby notified that settlement must be made in 20 days or suit will be filed to foreclose lien. Sept. 29, 1903.

W. W. Wheeler.

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.

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' Responsibility over ONE MILLION DOLLARS

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, Cashier.

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.

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.

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.

Sues the Railroad.

Mrs. Gautley, mother of R. A. Miller, has brought suit against the N. O. & N. M. Railroad at New Orleans in the sum of \$15,000.

The suit is the result of Mr. Miller's recent trip to Meridian, Miss., after his mother. Upon their arrival at New Orleans, at the time of the raging of the flood, they were forced to wade through mud and water, although having paid for transfer privileges when purchasing tickets. Since her arrival here Mrs. Gautley has been confined to her bed most of the time, which comes of the exposure, and it is remarkable that it did not result more seriously.

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

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.

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

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL and supervise force of salespeople and make collections for manufacturing house. Straight salary \$20 a week and expenses. Salary paid weekly and expense money advanced. Previous experience unnecessary. Local territory. Business successful. Position permanent. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago.

Merkel's frog pond (for decency's sake termed the City Lake) is full for the first time in several months. Our best energies should be exerted in the direction of wiping out this pest hole and eye sore.

League Program.

Subject—Great men of the Bible.

Reference word—Faith.
Leader—Arthur Rose.
Noah's unswerving obedience
—Miss Laura Herring.
Enoch's communion with God
—W. B. Mann.

Abel's witness of the spirit—Miss Duncan Browning.
Abraham's many virtues—W. H. Hand.

Review of lesson—Miss Clara Browning.

October 4th, 1903.

The Abilene Cotton Oil Co. have agreed to handle no cotton seed from the weevil infested districts, which is a commendable move and one which entitles the company to the tanks of the farmers of this country.

ISAAC N. TAYLOR,

—LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC—

Office in First Nat'l Bank.

Don't Be Fooled; Buy Right!

It is not what you pay, but what you get that determines whether you have paid too much for an article. Our policy is to give every purchaser his money's worth, and charge only enough profit to keep in business. Glance over our prices on the following lines and see how much money we can save you:

DRY GOODS		CLOTHING	
Percale 7 1/2, 8 1/2 and	10c	\$15 suits for	\$12.50
Momie cloth	12 1/2c	Absolutely all wool suits at	10.00
Zibeline Fancies	15c	Good all wool filled	6.50
Covert cloth	10c	Boys and youths suits from	
American calicoes	5c	1.75 to	7.50
J. J. Clark's thread 8 spools for	25c		
SHOES		GROCERIES	
\$2.00 ladies shoes, for	\$1.75	Tennessee sorghum, per bucket	45c
1.75 and 1.50 ladies shoes for	1.35	Cooks Pride Soda, per pound	5c
4.00 mens shoes for	3.75	2 bottles Dental Snuff for	45c
3.00 mens shoes for	2.75	10 pounds XXXX, Lion or	
1.75 and 2.00 mens shoes for	1.50	Arbuckle Coffee	\$1.00
		Come and price other goods.	

Yours for Business,

J. P. Sharp & Co.

"The Price Setters," : Merkel, Tex.

READY FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER

Our house is filled to overflowing with the choicest selection of autumn and winter dry goods in the city. Our stocks are in full blaze of their glory, with a rich, full line in every department, at prices that defy competition. We appreciate the patronage given us and feel that we can only show this by again offering you choicest goods and a greater variety at the very closest possible quotations. We can do this; so come and see us with the knowledge that you are a welcome guest and that our house is at all times open to you whether you come on pleasure bent or shopping.

We beg to call your attention to the articles announced below, and to a still larger variety that find no mention here at all. ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴

Millinery Department

With justified pride we direct your attention to our millinery parlors. Our skilled trimmers have truly out-done themselves in creating such lovely hats, now on display. Handsome dress hats in the newest shapes of all silk velvets, plushes and combinations. The trimmings will please the most exacting tastes, the quality and workmanship cannot be equaled. Our street hats carry with them a snap and smartness not found elsewhere. Such resistless prices on them, too. Let us show you through this department, ladies; we consider it a pleasure.

Street hats 50c and up.
Dress hats 1.50 and up.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear Department

Ladies, your underwear is ready, and should be selected, too, before sixes are broken. Cold days are rapidly approaching and you will find it highly profitable to have heavy underwear on hand. Ladies fall and winter weight vests and pants 25, 35, 50c and up. Ladies cold weather weight union suits 25, 35, 50c and up. Misses and childrens union suits, heavy weight, 25, 35c and up.

Dress Goods

The elegance of the fabrics we handle, together with the modesty of our prices, has won us a prominence in the Dress Goods section. Every piece new and up-to-date in both street and evening shades with the popular novelty weaves of the season. Don't miss the opportunity of seeing our handsome line.

The very latest novelties, half wool fancies, at 15, 20 to 25c
All wool dress goods 25c and up to 50c
Grampian Fleece 8 1/2c
Dornet Fleece 10c
Silk Vesting 50c
Oxford Vesting 50c
Fleece Pique, 25 and 40c
Fleece Oxford 20c
Mo-ke-ta Fleece 10c
Nub Suiting 15c
Satin stripe waisting 15c
Fine Broadcloth, per yd 75c and 1.00
Knotted Tweed, yd 50, 75c, 1.00, 1.50 and 2.00
Satin finish Panniler Cloth 70c
Shark Skin, per yd 75c

Oddity and Novelty Department

Your toilette is incomplete, ladies, unless you secure one of our beautiful new handbags, nobby

belts, or you select a set of our lovely combs for the hair. Our shirt waist sets—such a variety of all the new nobby things of the season. Such a demand for fads, you can find them here.

Boys' Clothing Department

Boys clothing at prices lower than others ask for inferior kinds. The fall styles of boys clothing are sufficiently varied to suit all tastes and all purses, too, as a visit here will convince you. Remember the few spoken of below, but come and see a still greater variety.

Boys two piece suits only 40c
Boys better two piece suits 1.00, 1.25 and 2.00
Boys all wool suits 2.00, 2.50 and 3.00
Boys nicer all wool 3 piece suits 3.50 to 5.00
Boys knee pants 25, 35 50c and up

Staple Department

Good Calico, fall patterns, 3c per yard
Good double fold percales 4c per yard
Good soft finish bleach domestic 4c per yard
Apron check ginghams 4c per yard
Heavy brown LL domestic 5c per yard
Cotton flannel 5c per yard
Mattress ticking 5c per yard
Brown drilling 6c per yard
10-4 sheeting 15c per yard
A C A feather tick 10c per yard
Fancy outings 5, 6, 7, 8c and up
Fancy fleece back 7, 10, 15c and up
Fancy double fold plaids 7 to 15c
Clarks best 6 cord spool cotton, 3 spools 10c
2000 yds remnant heavy brown LL Domestic, well worth 7 1/2c, our price only 6c

Hosiery Department

We handle the celebrated line of Gypsy Hosiery for men, women and children.

Mens gray mixed sox; full seamless 6 pr 25c
Mens very heavy gray mixed sox, the best sox on earth for the money, 3 pr for 25c
Mens fine seamless black sox, 3 pr for 25c
Mens finer and better goods 15, 25c up
Ladies fast black seamless hose 10c, 3 pr 25c
Ladies fast black full seamless hose 15c 2 pr 25c
Ladies finer and better goods 20, 25, 35c up
Ladies heavy fleece lined hose 15 to 25c
Misses heavy ribbed seamless black hose 3 pr 25c
Misses extra heavy ribbed seamless black hose at 15 to 25c
Infants fast black hose 5c, 10c to 25c

Men's Hat Department

We have the best and most up-to-date line of mens and boys hats and caps ever brought to Abilene. Note prices.

Mens fur hats, good, \$1.00
Mens fur hats, better grade, \$1.50 to 2.50
Mens Stetson hats
Boys hats, good, 25c
Boys better grades 50, 75, \$1 and up
Mens caps, good, 25c
Mens better grades 50 and 90c
Boys caps 10, 25 and 50c

Men's Furnishing Department

Mens fancy fleece ribbed undershirt 25c
" better grade fleece lined 35, 50c up
" Canton flannel drawers, elastic ankle 25c
" bleach drill drawers, Scriven pat't 50c
" heavy fleece lined drawers 35, 50c up
" good heavy overshirt 50c
" better grades \$1, \$1.50
" still better grades \$2, \$2.50
" fancy dress shirts 50 and 75c
" fancy and better grades \$1, \$1.35
" work pants 75, \$1 up
" dress pants, good \$1.50 to \$2
" " better \$2.50 to \$4.50

Skirts and Jackets

No lady should pass our skirts and jackets as we have the newest things to be had and prices that we defy competition.

Black fancy worsted half wool skirt only 90c
Ladies heavy wool skirts 2.50 to \$3.50
" all wool skirts tailor made 3 to \$10.00
" silk skirts from 9 to \$15.00
" jackets in the latest styles and colors from 3.50, 5.00, 7.50 to \$15
" shot jackets from \$1.25 up

Shoe Department

We set the pace and hold our place, first in the race. Mens, boys, ladies and childrens shoes. We carry them all and a complete line in each line of them. If economy applies to you our shoes should. We also carry a complete line of the celebrated Drew-Shelby shoes for ladies. They are unsurpassed for style, quality, beauty and prices. Prices from \$2.50 to \$5.

Mens booties, big line 3.25, 3.50 to \$4.50
" heavy work shoes \$1.00
" dress shoes 1.00 to \$1.35
" better grade 1.50 and \$4.00
Boys dress shoes 1.00 and \$1.25
" better grade 1.50 to \$2.50
Misses shoes satin calf 75c
" dongola patent tip 75c and up
" better grade 1, 1.25 to \$2.50
Ladies satin calf 80c
" dongola patent tip 80c
" better grades 12.5 to \$15.00
" nice dress shoes 2, 2.25 to \$2.75
" extra nice dress shoe 3.50 to \$4.50

It would be absurd to say that nobody can sell goods as cheap as we do, but we do assert that nobody is doing so and we again insert that you call, see, examine and criticise our fall stock. We conduct our store on sound business principles, honorably presented and truthfully advertised. Thanking you for past favors and hoping that our new fall stock will merit your approval and the prices on our goods your entire satisfaction, we beg to remain

Very Respectfully,

S. W. Grimes & Co.,

SOUTH SIDE,

ABILENE, TEXAS.

Watch for Announcement

Of the arrival of our NEW FALL GOODS. We bought a large stock, and the people will REAP THE BENEFITS. WATCH THIS SPACE.

J. O. HAMILTON

Items From Various Sources

The annual announcement of the West Texas Fair, at Abilene, Texas, October 13th to 17th, appears in this issue. The Fair promises to be bigger and better than ever before and the management is using every effort to teat end. The horse racing each afternoon will be the best ever seen in this part of the state. No entry fees on most of the races will be charged and all the races will fill and thus no chance for the owners to do anything but make their horses get up and run will be left to them. Balloon ascensions, roping contests, ferris wheels, and many side attractions have been arranged for, besides the garden, ocharnd and farm exhibits will be the finest ever shown in Texas. The ladies department will be unusually attractive, and the merchandise exhibits will be large and well displayed. If you spend a few days at the West Texas Fair you will not regret it. Special low rates on the railroad from the east and west and special trains will be run.

Mutual Duties.

Parents should assist teachers in the work of education. No one will dispute the abstract proposition, or even doubt its soundness, but some parents may ask how this assistance may be rendered. Here are a few suggestions, which we give without assigning reasons therefor: (1). Keep the children in school every day they are well enough to attend. (2). Supply them with the proper books. (3). See to it that they spend at least 1½ to 2 hours on their lessons at night. (4). Inculcate in them respect for their teachers. If parents will adopt these suggestions, they will be abundantly repaid for the trouble it takes to put them into execution and the teacher's labors will be oh, so much easier. —Sweetwater Review.

In Scurry County.

Snyder Coming West. The grand jury adjourned Tuesday after turning in fifteen indictments, most of which were for misdemeanors. Vic Mason was acquitted in district court Saturday of the charge of murder preferred against him in the Dick Wells killing case. J. N. Brooks has been shipping some extra fine cattle lately. He shipped one car of 24 cows to Ft. Worth a short time ago which

weighed 23,790 pounds or a little less than 1,000 pounds per head.

In Fisher County.

Roby Banner. The outlook for a successful school year in Roby has never been better than now.

A nice shower of rain fell here Wednesday morning which cooled the atmosphere and settled the dust.

George Loving sold three cars of fat cattle and Jim Smith one car to Nusbammer of Dallas last week.

A few days ago Lon Perkins killed a rattler on his ranch that measured seven feet.

By 1 o'clock Wednesday, Roby gin had marked the 136th bale of cotton with the yard full of wagons waiting.

Cotton is coming in at a lively rate this week and the bulk of the crop will be gathered right soon if the pretty weather continues.

In Nolan County.

Sweetwater Reporter. The cotton receipts for the week have been surprisingly heavy, 180 bales being marketed. The price has been steadily falling since Monday.

Capt. N. C. Bolin is in the city today from his ranch down on Oak Creek and reports the outlook exceedingly bright for fine feed crops, good grass and fat cattle. Says he has 60 acres of kaffir corn in the shock and 90 acres of feed stuff that will mature before frost.

A bold attempt was made to fire the Windsor Hotel building between 12 and 1 o'clock Friday night, last week. Some unknown party broke a window light of the annex of the building which was used as a cook room when the hotel was occupied, and after emptying a quart bottle of kerosene in the inside of the building applied a match. Fortunately Night Operator Davis and others who happened to be at the depot saw the first flash of the fire succeeded in reaching the scene and extinguished the flames before they had gained much headway. The fire bug, whoever he may be was seen to mount a horse and ride rapidly away, but there is not the slightest suspicion as to who he was. With the strong wind blowing at the time the house was fired had this building burned it is probable that property to the value of many thousand dollars would have

been destroyed. If the one who attempts such hellish crimes is caught it is more than likely that the law will be set aside; that he will not have the worry and expense of a court trial, but will be ushered into eternity with but little ceremony.

A pretty bad wreck occurred on the Texas and Pacific Wednesday night two miles east of Pecos in Ward county. No. 91, freight going west, ditched two cars of beer and one of lumber and tore up about fifty yards of track. No one was badly hurt, but the train was pretty well loaded with hobos several of whom went in the ditch with the car of lumber and one of them sustained a severe cut on the leg.—Pecos Times.

The Proof of the Pudding.

The fact that Tyler College at Tyler, Texas, enrolled nearly 50 per cent more students during the first 20 days of September of this year, than ever before, proves their superior methods, superior teachers and the superior, practical training of their graduates. You can scarcely go into a town in this or adjoining States and not find one or more of their students holding the leading stenographic or book-keeping positions of the town. Twenty of their students have been placed in first-class positions since the first of the month. If a young man or woman desires to better their opportunities for life, they can make no mistake in entering the school that has made such a wonderful success as has the Tyler College.

What's the Trouble

With your back, old man? Rheumatism? Too bad, too bad. I advise you to try Hunt's Lightning Oil. It is said to be a wonderful remedy.

Jerry Donaghoe, section foreman at Arno, was arrested Tuesday morning by Deputy Sheriff Cornelius Brown and Tom Harrison on a warrant charging him with committing rape on a female under fourteen years of age, the victim being the 13-year-old daughter of L. H. Giles, who until recently held the section foremanship at Arno.—Pecos Times.

Recently a good deal of alfalfa hay has been marketed in Stephenville. The growers have found ready sale for it, although not as high prices as it should bring. Few people know that alfalfa hay is equal in value to bran, pound for pound, yet this is a fact. These growers are pleased with this crop.—Stephenville Appeal.

No wonder that time is represented as haggard and worn out! A watch keeps time, the chorister beats time, the clock strikes time, trains run on time, people threaten to do things on time if they get time, at a prize fight they call time, soldiers mark time, criminals serve time, few can spare time, and every one now and then tries to kill time.—Exchange.

Do You Want to Yawn?

Feel cold shiverings, aching in the bones, lack of energy, headache, and great depression? Those symptoms may be followed by violent headache, high fever, extrem nervousness, a condition known as malaria. Herbine cures it. Take it before the disease gets a fair hold, though it will work a cure in any stage. J. A. Hopkins, Manchester, Kan., writes: "I have used your great medicine, Herbine, for several years. There is nothing better for malaria, chills and fever, headache, biliousness, and for a blood-purifying tonic, there is nothing as good." 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

THE REPUBLIC'S GREAT OFFER

An Exceptional Opportunity for Old and New Subscribers.

Special arrangement has been made by The St. Louis Republic to furnish old or new subscribers with the only official and authorized life of Pope Leo XIII. This is one great volume, bound in elegant cardinal cloth, gilt and ink stamping, with Papal coat of arms, containing nearly 800 pages of text and illustrations. The work was prepared and written by Monsignor O'Reilly, D. D., L. D., D. Lit., official biographer of the Pope.

The regular cash price of this book is \$2.50. Any one remitting \$2.50 will be entitled to eighteen months subscription to The Twice-a-week Republic and a copy of the book. Postage prepaid. This offer is open to old and new subscribers. The book is printed in English, French, and German and is now ready for delivery. Address all orders to The Republic, St. Louis, Mo.

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements.

A CARNIVAL

of high grade goods and lowest prices at this store. Why not supply the many needs for the home and the farm right here and NOW?



Furniture, Utensils, Studebaker Wagons, John Deere Buggies, Buck's Stoves and Ranges,

HANCOCK DISC PLOWS
STANDARD DISC PLOWS
HARDWARE and TOOLS

GEO. L. PAXTON,

ABILENE, TEXAS.