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THE HIGHER LIFE.

Cream of the Pulpit.

GROWING TRUTH.

Rev. Sykes, Methodist.

Today there is a splendid and growing confidence that truth is stronger than error, light than darkness, love than hate. The doctrine that prophesies the victories of the armies of God and the final reconciliation of all men to himself is the evangel that is gladdening the world and nerv-ing all men in their conflict with evil.

THE GOSPEL.

Rev. Kolmos, Congregationalist.

There is a gospel of rest as well as a gospel of work. Rest is as necessary to man as work; the two are essentials of his symmetrical development. The man who does not know how to rest has not learned the art of living.

REDEMPTION.

Rev. Henry, Congregationalist.

Adam fell and sin came. Redemption was purchased by a slain Jesus and a risen Lord; and we now each week celebrate His day of resurrection in combination with worship of God, who commanded, and the world was, and who showed his supreme love for man in sacrificing for our redemption Christ, his son, in whom He was well pleased.

EXAMPLE OF PARENTS HAS EVIL INFLUENCE.

R. A. Haight, Baptist.

Children lie because older people lie, partly because they are wonderful imitators of the acts of their superiors. In business circles, in the home, in the church and in the schools, we cannot reasonably expect the children to walk in the straight and narrow way unless we ourselves are treading that same path.

THE CITY PROBLEM.

Rev. Freshwater, Methodist.

The great problem of to-day is the city. The city is like a low place in the land, to which all streams flow. All classes drift to the large towns, and it is here that the wicked gather to find their prey.

ABIDING IN CHRIST.

Rev. Cross, Presbyterian.

To attempt to follow Christ without abiding in him is to assume the form of godliness without gaining its power. The one who abides in Christ is a new creature; his life is not spent in a continuous search for new ways in which to gratify the old nature, for that nature has become in him a thing to be opposed instead of gratified. He is not troubled by the vexed questions relative to the extent a Christian may engage in the follies of the world. He does not try to get as near the world as he can without being considered a worldling, for he is under the influence of a power that draws him in another direction. The spirit within constrains him to a course of conduct which inevitably widens the gulf between his soul and things evil.

POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

Rev. Keene, Methodist.

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R. L. Hudson.

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Wanted—200,000 Boys.

Have you a boy to spare? The saloon must have boys or it must shut up its shop. Can't you find one? It is a great factory, and unless it can have 2,000,000 from each generation, for raw material, some of these factories must close up, and the operatives be thrown out upon a cold world, and the public revenue dwindle! One family out of every five must contribute a boy in order to keep up the supply. Will you help? Which of your boys shall it be? Are you a father? Have you given your share to keep up the supply for this great public institution that is helping pay your taxes, kindly electing public officers for you? Have you contributed a boy? If not some other family has had to give more than its share. Are you selfish? Voting to keep the saloon open to grind up boys and then doing nothing to keep up the supply? If not, why not?—Selected.

People Without a Country.

Gen. F. D. Grant, commanding the Department of Texas, has called the attention of the War Department to the 150 Seminole negro-Indians who are living on Government land at Fort Clark, Tex., and are practically military wards. In the eyes of the law these persons are not negroes, Indians, nor half-breeds. They returned to the United States from Mexico shortly after the Civil War. They have forfeited their right to residence and citi-

zenship in Mexico. They are not recognized as citizens of the United States and are not regarded by the Seminole Indians as part of their tribe. This strange colony without a country emigrated to Mexico long before the freeing of slaves in the United States and did not return in time to acquire rights under the Seminole treaty of 1866.

They gain a living by raising chickens and truck farming, and at present twenty of the young men are employed as scouts along the Rio Grande. For years the men have been thus employed by the army. All the older men are really veterans of the American army. In many families grandfather, father and son have served this country as river scouts. They are said by Gen. Grant to have done faithful service. Gen. Grant advises that the legal status of these people be determined at once and the Government set aside a tract of land in Indian Territory for the use of the so-called Seminole negroes and assist them in establishing themselves upon farms.

Advice to a Boy.

Get away from the crowd a little while every day, my boy. Stand one side and let the world run by while you get acquainted with yourself, and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself and find out all you can. Ascertain from original sources if you are really the manner of man people say you are; find out if you are honest; if you always tell the square perfect truth in business dealings; if your life is as good and upright at eleven o'clock at night as it

is at noon; if you are as sound at fishing excursion as you are at a Sunday school picnic; if you are as good a boy in Saint Louis as when you are at home; if in short, you are really the young man your father hopes you are, your mother says you are and your sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and believe me, every time you come out of one of those interviews you will be a stronger, better and purer man. Don't forget this, my boy, and it will do you good.—Exchange.

Suppose the farmers of this country should decide to stop the plow and hang up the hoe for a year, what would be the result? Millionaires may hoard their money and create a panic;

miners may strike and produce a coal famine; railroads may combine and paralyze traffic; manufacturers may close their shops and cut off the supply of some important articles of commerce; the oil king may plug the oil wells of the United States and the world and in spite of all these calamities the people would find some way to get along. But let the farmers of this country go on a strike for one year and see what would happen.—Ex.

The best preventive of bad luck is a good management—on a farm or elsewhere. Haven't you known, during a general failure of crops, some one farmer who made good crops? Go and talk with that man and learn how he did it, and do likewise.—Farm and Ranch.



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We invite you to come and look through the stock.

Fine velvet Pattern Hats, beautifully trimmed in braids, feathers and plumes, grey, castor, brown, green and black, at 2.95, 2.65, 2.50 and **2.45**

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Woolems, J. N.
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tez, Maria Lenora.
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See our Bargain Counter on which you will find a varied assortment of tinware, pencils, tablets, stationery, etc.

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"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.

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AT BARNHILL'S GALLERY.

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The election held last Saturday to determine whether the people would exterminate the prairie dogs in Jones county or not, resulted, as was expected, in nearly a unanimous vote to kill the dogs. —Stamford News.

J. W. Daniel is in attendance upon Federal Court at Abilene this week.

Cotton is coming in at a lively rate since the rains.

Cause of Lockjaw.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes cuts, bruises and like injuries to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by Burroughs & Mann.

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

No home is complete without a family Bible. Whatever we may think of theology or creed, we all admit that the Bible is the best book ever written. There may be things in it hard to understand, and there may be a few things here and there judged by our modern standards of taste, not suited to children and not adapted to audible reading around the firesides; nevertheless the great body of its teachings is very explicit and eminently chaste and pure. Even in the exceptions herein noted, the truth it teaches can not be questioned and the lessons it imparts are of the highest value.—Ex.

One of the greatest farm wastes results from half done work, work that must be done over. An early formed habit of doing anything undertaken in the best possible manner, and to a finish is better than an inherited fortune. The

heaviest tax many people pay is in repairing or doing over again the patchwork previously half done, or badly done. This extravagant waste of time and labor pervades every class and persists in every line of business, and the habit once formed, is a perpetual bar to complete success.—Farm and Ranch.

"To My Mamma in Heaven."

With traces of tears in his eyes a clerk in the employ of the local postoffice entered Postmaster Thomas' office today, and in a manner that showed he was embarrassed at being so visibly moved, handed a letter to the head of the department and asked: "What shall I do with this, sir?"

The postmaster took the envelope and gazed long and steadily at the address. Turning to the clerk, as he pulled at his gray mustache, he said: "I will take care of it."

It was like any ordinary letter in every respect save one. It was properly sealed and stamped and had been received from the morning collection in the regular manner.

"To My Mamma in Heaven," the address read.

The writing was evidently that of a little, girl and the painfully-traced letters seemed to denote that the writer was some 'little girl who had lost her mother and had sought this means of conveying a message of love to her. It portrayed a beautiful, trusting faith in heaven, and told more plainly than volumes could of the heartaches and yearnings of some little one, so lonesome "since mamma died."

The letter, of course, could not be delivered to any one, and

could not be opened at this office. to find the name of the writer.

It will be forwarded to the dead letter office, where it will be opened, and if the name of the letter writer is inside, it will be returned to her.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Jolly Jingles.

She lost her head when he proposed,

But he, trifle bolder,
Made search for it distractedly,
And found it on his shoulder.

—Philadelphia Record.

That "good intentions never die"

We haven't any doubt;
Perhaps that is the reason why
They're seldom carried out.

—Philadelphia Press.

Heads of bald men oft remind us

We should treat our wives with care,

Or departing leave behind us
Half our natural locks of hair.

—Buffalo Times.

The autumn day has come again,

The song we heard of yore;
It thrills with pain, that wild refrain,

Dad blame it! Shut the door!
—Western Publisher.

He never bought a gold brick,

Nor tried the bunco game,
But he played at steamship poker

Which is very much the same.
—Washington Star.

When I was just a little boy

My gran'ther used to say:
"Just keep on growing sonny,
You'll be a man some day."

Ah! would my gran'ther could decree

Another kind of joy,
And I could grow the other way,
Until I was a boy.

—Baltimore News.

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U. S. District Court.

The U. S. Court for the Northern District of Texas convened this morning in Abilene, with the following officers present:

Hon. Edward R. Meek, judge; W. H. Atwell, attorney; W. R. Gumm, official clerk; Geo. H. Green, marshal; L. B. Farish and John B. Girand, deputy marshals.

J. H. Finks, clerk; F. W. Girand, commissioner and deputy clerk.

Geo. W. Parker, stenographer. Grand jurors present were as follows:

T. A. Duke, Aspermont, J. M. Broyles, Cisco, H. C. Clark, Snyder, Oliver Palm, Albany, J. W. Daniel, Merkel, J. W. Eaton, Aspermont, Theo. Hazlewood, Albany, J. E. Davis, Haskell, H. C. White, Buffalo Gap, John R. Spalding, Abilene, D. B. Morgan, Guion, G. S. Brown, Big Springs, J. M. Rooks, Moran, J. L. Herndon, Anson, V. E. Muir, Abilene, S. L. Mooney, Midland, J. P. Taylor, Albany, I. F. Brennand, Colorado, E. L. Doods, Eastland.

Twenty-three is a full grand jury in Federal court, sixteen must be present when a bill is found, and twelve must vote for a bill. There are nineteen in the grand jury now at work.—Reporter.

Prof. Clark was up from the New Hope community last Friday and told us of some hard luck that befell Bob Fielder on the day previous. He started to the gin with a bale of seed cotton and somewhere on the way his load of cotton caught on fire from a spark from Bob's cigarette. In the scramble to get the cotton out the team became frightened and ran away, the prairie caught fire from the burning cotton which was being thrown from the wagon and a mile of grass was burned, and Bob lost nearly all of his bale of cotton. Mr. Clark failed to state whether or not the team had ever stopped, but we suppose they have by this time. All this trouble and loss was caused by the use of the "pesky cigarette." —Aspermont Star.

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.

How to Start a Balky Horse.

Some late writer in the San Antonio Express says that a balky horse will pull every time if you will pat him on the head a little, and then gradually rub down his fore leg; take up his foot and tap the frog of it a few times with a rock or hammer. This is certainly simple and easy to try.—Pleasanton Monitor.

Simple, indeed, and if it doesn't work the first time, do it all over again; then lengthen the traces, tighten the hold back, loosen the bellyband, tighten the check, pour sand in his left ear, build a fire under him, and pat the caboose end of him with a barrel stave. The starting of a balky horse is an extremely simple thing if you go about it right.—Houston Post.

League Program.

The League will meet at the residence of Rev. R. B. Young Friday evening, Oct. 9, at 8:30, when the following program will be rendered. All members of the League are urged to be present. Program:

- Subject—Mexico.
1. Historical sketches—Miss Clara Browning.
 2. Religions comparison with U. S.—Miss Annie King.
 3. Effects of American influence—Miss Edith Freemon.
 4. Sacred places—Rev. R. B. Young.
 5. Reactionary influence—General discussion.

The other morning, after the rain, those came down town early were treated to a ludicrous sight. In one of the many mud holes along the streets were sign board bearing such inscriptions as "Danger!" "Keep out!" "No Fishing Allowed," etc. In the center of the hole the bottoms of two shoes were sticking up out of

the water, which were intended to leave the impression that a man had been swallowed up by the filth and slime. While intended as a joke, the caricature none the less points a moral, and the moral is, fix the streets.

"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 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.

Say!

Remember the fourth Saturday in each month is a big day in Merkel for buying, selling and trading in good horses, mules and cattle. Buying and selling will begin at 10 a. m. and close at 4 p. m., followed up by expert broncho riding from 4 to 6. If you have a real bad outlaw that has never been stayed with bring him in. A rider will be on hand. Headquarters at

4t STORY'S WAGON YARD. In Nolan County.

Sweetwater Reporter. During the rain storm Tuesday night lightning struck the residence of Ben Armstrong, who lives in the eastern part of the city, tearing part of two plank

from the south end of the house, otherwise doing no damage.

Petitions are being circulated for signers asking the Commissioners' Court to order a local option election in Commissioners' Precinct Nos. 1 and 2, which includes the Sweetwater, Roscoe, Bitter Creek, Section House and Graham voting boxes.

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

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.

Sad Death at Nubia.

The remains of Mrs. Donna Martin, wife of Dr. J. W. H. Martin were interred here Friday evening, her death having occurred the previous day at the family home in Nubia. She had been ill only a few days and her death was a great shock to the entire community.

Mrs. Martin will be remembered as Miss Donna Kindred by the older inhabitants. Her father, who was the member of a prominent North Carolina family, died three years ago. She was a sister of Mrs. S. A. Freemon of this place. A husband and three children survive her.

The Mail joins in the universal expression of sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

Woes of the Millionaire.

A millionaire in New York and a millionaire woman in San Francisco have committed suicide within a week. J. Pierpont Morgan is losing money and prestige every day; a bushel of diamonds belonging to John W. Gates have been stolen; Andrew Carnegie is suffering untold agonies because of his disgraceful wealth; John D. Rockefeller is still forced to live on crackers and milk, and it is rumored that "Baldy" Ryan has been ruled off the turf at Gravesend. Pity the poor millionaire!—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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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 consider 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.

Let's all live at home next year.

The ground is eager for a few grains of wheat.

Planting hogs is one way to exterminate the boll weevil.

Politics and prohibition begin with the same letter, but have nothing else in common.

Starve the boll weevil to death, says a wide-a-wake farmer, is the only way to get rid of him. This points a moral, and the moral is, diversify your crops.

The President's "pistol toting" habit will have its effect on the strenuous young American who is ever ready to ape the sensational in their elders. Look out for results.

Judge Smith of Fort Worth seems to have a fully equipped injunction shop and is turning out injunctions with "neatness and dispatch." Any kind of an old trumped-up charge is sufficient to put his injunction mill to grinding grist for the saloons.

The government's cotton crop report, issued Friday, places the condition at 65.1. The report for September was 81.6, which shows that the crop deterioration during the month was 16.5. Under the stimulus of this report cotton has an upward tendency and the price will no doubt remain stationary.

Alabama is to have a law against the boycotter. Well and good, but will it stick? When men or an organization of men conspire against a firm or individual, what is to prevent them from using the boycott? Boycotting is conspiracy and conspiracy is already punishable under the law, but the law is never enforced.

How will Alabama pacify the labor organizations, many of which thrive upon the boycott?

"There are many minor causes of the short term of the professional life of the public school teacher, but the prime cause is poor remuneration. The average teacher's salary in Texas is only \$260.32 a year, which places Texas in this regard in the lowest class with the dozen poorest States in the Union."—Extract from speech of State Superintendent Lefevre before the Denton Industrial school.

That the sins of the father are visited upon his offspring is very clearly illustrated in the "snub" administered by New Port society to Miss Alice Roosevelt at a swell event given in her honor, but at which she was forced to play the "wall-flower" act and sit out the dances by her "lonesome." This is a sling at the President because of his ideas on social equality. In other words the "400" won't associate with even the President's daughter for fear of creating another Roosevelt-Washington incident.

Bishop Turner of the African M. E. Church has recently declared that separation of the races is the only solution to the negro problem. He urges that opportunities should be offered the negro to settle in Africa, and says this nation of aggregated people will either have to open a highway to Africa for the blacks or the negro question will founder this government. The bishop's remarks are in line with the greatest thinkers of the age. Separation of the races, it now seems, is the only solution of the negro problem.

Do Flies Bite?

We have been reading lately that flies do not bite, that the formation of their mouths renders it impossible to do so, and that when one thinks he has been bitten by a fly that it is imagination and nothing else.—Exchange.

This will do very well for scientists to believe and talk about, but the average citizen will be hard to convince of the fact. Imagination may have something to do with it and we'll not say it don't. But the fellow who lays down for a quiet snooze and is kept busy brushing the buzzing monster from his nose don't give a continental for the opinion of scientists, and is ready to scrap any one that might accuse him of drawing upon his imagination. It won't work.

The injunction craze in Texas is rapidly breeding anarchy. More, it is bringing the judiciary of the State into disrepute. Recent instances where injunctions were ignored and the prohibition law went into effect regardless of the restraining power of the injunction go to prove this statement. But these injunctions were granted by outside and not by home judges and their legality have been questioned on the ground that the places in question were out of the jurisdiction of the courts acting upon them. There is justice and reason in the contention, and while it is no doubt bringing the judiciary into disrespect, the people are the law and their wishes should be respected. There ought to be some way to get around this injunction, which is a menace to the government. Government by injunction has its virtues, but its vices are greater.

Not Always.

An Iowa minister has refused a salary of three thousand dollars

a year to play baseball and continues to preach on five hundred per year. It may be that he is worth three thousand as a baseball player and only the five hundred as a preacher.—Ex.

Or it may be that he is tracking his calling and is sacrificing his physical comforts to do so. You can't sometimes always hardly ever tell. Man is indeed a very strange creature. Oftentimes he is perverse, again he is indifferent, and once in a while he goes about in the image of his maker. He is tempted and falls, rises and falls again. More often he is the tempter and lures others to destruction. Generally he thinks more of his own comforts than he does of the soul salvation of his fellowmen. But there are exceptions and the above is one of them. It is good to read about it. It makes no difference how the world may look on or how the scoffers may scoff, that man who does his duty is bound to win out in the end. Perhaps there are thousands of preachers who would give greater satisfaction, in a worldly sense, and command better wages as ball players than they do as ministers of the gospel, but that does not stand out to their discredit. If in following his bent a man is satisfied to eke out a meager existence, he is neither to be pitied or censured. The preacher who administers to the spiritual welfare of his parishioners is doing a great work, noble work. He may be poorly paid, and there are doubtless other professions and avocations which would pay him better, but the consciousness that he is doing his whole duty is recompense enough for him. He is poorly paid for his services. Is it any wonder, then, that so many men are quitting the ministry for the avenues of business? Can we blame them? Are they not rather to be commended?

PRESS PLEASANTRIES.

By their works ye shall know them. Look for their ad in the Record—if found wanting there, beware of them; they are not letting their lights shine.—Clifton Record.

A good text, and a fine sermon in a few words. The business man who does not patronize his local paper, as good as says he cares nothing for the patronage of its readers.—Bartlett News.

Independence! Independence! What in the dickens and Tom Walker is independence, anyway? Some of you surplus-brained people please explain.—Carthage Twice-a-Week Journal.

Independence consists in knowing how to fasten your trousers up with a nail when you have lost a suspender button. N. B.—Since writing the above we have learned that T-a-W. J. is edited by ladies. For "your" in the above reply the reader will please substitute "our."—J. M. Lewis in Houston Post.

Well, if your wife catches 'em at it, there'll be something doing in Texas.—Western Publisher.

"Make your cotton rows wide apart and plant your cotton wide in the drill," says an agricultural editor. That's correct; the wider the better. We have reached the conclusion that a hundred yards is not too wide for the rows and that about two stalks to the row are sufficient. If the boll worm, the web worm and the weevil are determined to eat the cotton let's make them earn their feed travelling from stalk to stalk. Between the rows plant lots of corn, alfalfa, potatoes, oats, sorghum, millet, etc.—Honey Grove Signal.

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

.... With 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.

Mrs. W. F. Hatchell of Morelia, Mexico, visited her sister, Mrs. R. A. Miller, here Sunday, having come up from Abilene with her mother, Mrs. Ennis.

Thirty births and nine deaths is the record for this county during September, as reported to County Clerk Garrison.

Overton Anderson is here from Wichita Falls for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Geo. S. Berry.

J. A. Ware and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Brown, left Saturday for Dallas to visit the fair. Mr. Ware will spend the winter there with his son.

S. W. Sheppard returned Saturday from Canyon City. He left Mrs. Shell sick, but improving. Mr. Sheppard liked the country all right, but says land is out of all reason and still going up.

Mr. Pollard, who spent the summer here with his cousin, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, left Saturday for his home at Dallas.

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

To The Public.

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

Mr. Morrison of near Trent, who recently disposed of his 3-section ranch, has just returned from Clouderoft, N. M. While there he invested in a ranch and will move just as soon as the quarantine is raised. The ranch purchased contains 800 acres, well improved, stocked with graded stuff and with all necessary farm and ranch utensils, an alfalfa farm, hogs, horses, three good houses, and is surrounded by thousands of acres of free grass, besides having a 20-mile water front. The ranch cost \$10,000, and is 45 miles beyond Clouderoft. Mr. Morrison says he got a bargain and is perfectly satisfied with his purchase. This county can ill afford to lose such men.

Y. H. Berry and family arrived from Arkansas Friday. Two of his children had typhoid fever while there, which delayed their return. We are glad to have them back.

Postmaster Witt informs The Mail that the postoffice receipts have been very heavy the past quarter and that in all probability the office would be raised to a presidential or third-class office by January 1st. The receipts during the quarter ending October 1st were largely in excess of the amount required of third-class offices.

W. R. Bigham shipped two cars of mixed cattle to New Orleans Saturday.

The case of Geo. P. Arthur, who was tried at Abilene and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, last week, has been appealed. This is the third trial of the case, the last resulting in a hung jury.

Why Not Have

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

It's the MAJESTIC

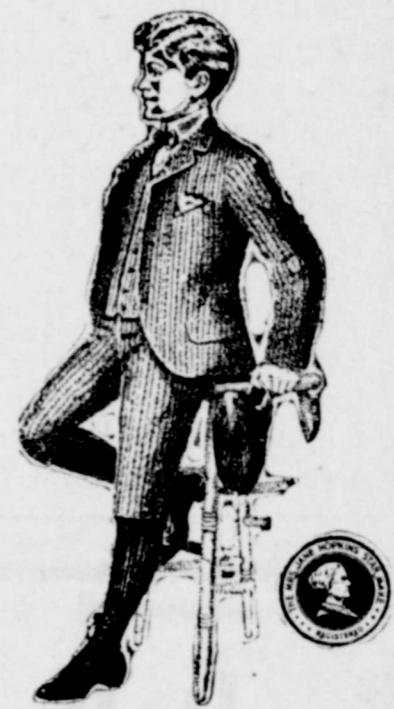
If you are open for a suit, you will find something here that will interest you. ∴

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.

Mrs. Una Darr of Abilene visited her brother, J. T. Warren, and family here Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Perkins, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Martin, here last week, has gone to Sulphur Springs to join her husband in their new home.

The salary of the T. & P. night operator here has been increased \$5 per month. This is not only a compliment to John Childress, but to the town as well; for it shows that there is something doing in Merkel.

Mrs. A. J. Hill received a telegram Saturday announcing the fatal illness of her brother, A. H. Oxford, at Stephenville, and she left Sunday for that place. The Mail tenders sympathy.

C. P. Warren was here a few hours Monday.

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.

Mrs. G. E. Comegys left last night for Aubry, Texas, to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boyce of Abilene visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs was called to Eastland county last week to see her father, H. T. Mathis, who is in a critical condition. A letter from her stated that he can not recover.

The editor and family left last night for Dallas to take in the Fair. The fair management kindly furnished admission tickets and the railroad transportation, and now if some friend will "set 'em up" to a few square meals he will no doubt have a "hog killing" time.

The farmer who is planting small grain is laying up shekels to buy grub with next summer.

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

25 PER CENT OFF.

During the next 10 days, to make room for new arrivals, you can buy any set ring in this store at a discount of 25 per cent. Now is the accepted time. 1t

R. B. Ustick.

Henry West spent a few days at the Dallas Fair this week.

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, SIDEBOARDS, 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.

A Word About Schools.

No school will ever be a success unless the patrons will cooperate with the teachers, says an exchange. The parent who does not force his children to respect and obey him need not expect them to be treated like little angels in the school room. If parents could but lift the veil of the future that they might for one brief moment observe the ultimate harvest from the seeds of disobedience and indolence that they are suffering to mature in the soul of the child by tolerating their petty whims and school tales, they could not but bow their hoary heads in unspeakable sorrow. Teach your child that it can disobey its teacher only at a sacrifice of its own honor and manliness.

There was a man named Rosenhall, that bought a goat just for a stall: one day the goat became inclined to eat red shirts right off the line. Then Rosenhall to the goat did say. "you must die this very day." He took him to the railroad track and there he bound him on his back. The train it came, the whistle blew; the goat he knew his time was due, and with an awful shriek of pain, coughed up the shirts and flagged the train.—Nashville American.

Got His Talk Called.

Mr. Riley, an agent with patent broom, stated to a group of listeners in front of the hotel Wednesday night, that he could buy plenty of whiskey in Clarksville. He was sure of it. He knew. Well, next morning he was summoned on a subpoena of inquiry to appear before Justice Reed and state under oath where the booze was on sale. He was unequal to the occasion and said

that he had no idea where to find whiskey in Clarksville. He had meant to speak only in a general sense and had spoken without the authority of personal knowledge. He had lived in Kansas, a so-called prohibition state where it was no trouble to buy whiskey, and had supposed that all prohibition localities were alike. In other words he didn't know what he was talking about. And the court agreed with him.—Clarksville Times.

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.

ISAAC N. TAYLOR,

—LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC—

Office in First Nat'l Bank.

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

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.

Mrs. Hoople has an elegant trimmed hat worth \$15 which she is going to give away. Every purchase to the amount of \$1.00 entitles the purchaser to a ticket, and the one holding the lucky number will get the hat free of charge. Those who have already purchased hats are entitled to tickets. Call and see the hat, which is now on exhibition.

Mrs. Pittard is visiting in Abilene.

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.

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 line of Box Stationery, tablets and envelopes as has ever been in Merkel. Inspect it.

Burroughs & Mann.

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

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.

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.

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T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER.

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—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.

Bachelor and Fly Paper.

A Kansas scribe tells a good one on the bachelor. Hear him: "An old bachelor got out of patience with the flies that invaded his room and got two sheets of fly paper which he placed on chairs near the window. Returning late at night he forgot the fly paper and sat down in one of the chairs. He soon got up and proceeded to pick the paper off the south end of his trousers. As it is a hard place to get at, he took the pants off and while cleaning them unconsciously sat down on the other. He then stood up and meditated.

Raise More Hogs.

Texas Stockman.
Texas farmers are not raising enough hogs to keep the packing houses in the state busy. In the central west and eastern states almost every farmer raises hogs, which is one of his most profitable and certain sources of income. Why not in Texas? Here that dread disease, hog cholera, is unknown. Here also everything necessary for the hog's growth and the production of fat can be grown as cheaply and in as great abundance as it can be produced in any other state. If Texas farmers would give more attention to pork production and grow less cotton we believe many of them would be better off.

Be Careful.

Girls, be careful of the company you keep, says an exchange. Did you ever think of the fact that the boys are more careful of the company they keep than the girls? It is a fact. A boy may go into the saloons and drink to drunkenness, soil his honor around the gambling tables, spend his nights in the haunts where the black angel flaps its wings, and then come out and the girls overlook it and welcome him to their company, but let a girl try this, let her go to the saloon and engage in painting towns red, or entering a

house of debauchery and she will find herself outlawed from all decent society, and the doors of forgiveness forever closed against her. Girls, you cannot be too careful, since society has decreed that a false step when once taken cannot be retraced. Boys ought to be as pure and honorable as girls, and would be, if the latter were to measure up to their duty. When you demand that same standard of purity in the lives of boys that they demand of you there will be a vast improvement in the morals of the young men in this country.

A Merited Compliment.

The September number of The Texas School Magazine published at Dallas contains a splendid half tone likeness of Supt. B. W. Hudgins of the Snyder public school and the following highly complimentary notice of the town and its educational advantages; "The town of Snyder, Scurry County, has one of the best high schools in Western Texas. They have a new \$6000 brick building, and employ a faculty of six experienced teachers. The superintendent, Mr. B. W. Hudgins, has been unanimously re-elected for the fourth time. He is a teacher of seventeen years' experience. He taught four years in McKinney, where he was principal of the high schools in 1892. He was also superintendent of the Merkel school for five years. He has served on various boards of examiners, and always takes a prominent part in summer normal and institute work."—Coming West.

Buy your hats from Mrs. F. B. Hoople and get a chance at that fine hat.

H. L. Propst and John Russell, with their families, are taking in the fair.

See those nice pattern and street hats on display at Mrs. Hoople's. For quality, style and price they can not be excelled.

J. K. Pittard is seeing the sights in Dallas.

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 1/2 c	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.

Cures Headache
Cures Backache
Cures Colds
Cures Grippe
Relieves Toothache
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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 VERMIFUGE!**
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. **EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.**
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.
Prepared by **JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.**

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

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 consider 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.

Mrs. Dr. Leeman spent Monday and Tuesday at Abilene in attendance upon installation ceremonies of officers of the Eastern Star chapter. She was the guest of Mrs. J. J. Clinton while there.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

No one who is acquainted with its good qualities can be surprised at the great popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only cures colds and grippe effectually and permanently, but prevents these diseases from resulting in pneumonia. It is also a certain cure for croup. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. It is also pleasant to take. When all of these facts are taken into consideration it is not surprising that the people in foreign lands, as well as at home, esteem this remedy very highly and very few are willing to take any other after having once used it. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

Prof. Cecil E. Evans received a telegram from Hubbard City Tuesday which brought the intelligence of the sickness of his sister, who is not expected to recover. Miss Laura Evans left immediately for her bedside. The Mail hopes the family will be spared this second bereavement.

Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by Burroughs & Mann.

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:

J. J. Pettus, Sweetwater.
Frank Pettus, "
R. D. Brandon, Nubia.
F. P. Hamm, Merkel.
J. A. Ware, Dallas.

The Indispensable Farmer.

The American farmer is the wealthiest person in the world. In 1900, according to the census, the value of his products was \$4,739,118,000. This year their value will be in excess of \$5,000,000,000. The farmers of the United States employ over nine million persons and pay out in wages every year over \$300,000,000.

Not only is the American farmer the wealthiest, but he is also much the most important person in the world. The railroads, employing over 1,000,000 people, depend largely upon him for their traffic. Thousands of ships, flying the flag of every civilized nation, draw their earnings from the business given by the American farmer. The King of England, the Emperor of Germany or the Czar of Russia may die, and the commerce of the world will go on as before, and even the working classes in the dead ruler's own country will be in no way affected by the incident. But let the crops of the American farmer fail, and the railroad earnings immediately fall off and trade begins to react, while the cost of living, not only in this country, but in England, Germany and France as well will immediately rise.

"The aggregate value of the products of all farms of the country," said A. B. Stickney in a recent address, "in the census year 1900 was \$4,739,118,000—an aggregate income sufficient to purchase all the enormous bond and stock issues of the huge steel trust in the first two months of the year: all the stock of the Standard Oil trust at 700, which is about its market value, in the next two months; to pay the bonded debt of the government in the next two months; to retire the greenbacks in less than one month, and still have about \$500,000,000 left over."

The American farmer comes pretty close to being "it."—New York Commercial.

U. S. District Court.

This morning the case of W. H. Porter vs. the Texas & Pacific Railway went to trial.

This is a suit for personal damages in the sum of \$25,000, plaintiff alleging that he was kicked off defendant company's train at Loraine and lost a leg thereby.

The case was tried at the spring term of this court and the jury awarded the plaintiff \$10,000, but the court gave a new hearing, which is now on.—Reporter.

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.

J. H. WARNICK, PRES.
WM. H. DUNNING, CASH.

JOS. H. WARNICK, Banker.

Prosperous Times.

These are fairly prosperous times. And NOW is the fitting time for the farmer to open a Bank account. Start with a small deposit, add to it whenever convenient, and in time of need you will find yourself with a fund to your credit to draw upon. Check it out at any time. . . .



Right Shall Rule.

Short is the triumph of evil,
Long is the reign of right;
The men who win by the aid of sin,
The nation that rules by might,
The party that lives by corruption,
The trickster, the knave, the thief,
May thrive for a time on the fruits of crime,
But their seeming success is brief.

Sneer if you will at honor;
Make virtue a theme for jest;
Scoff at the man who strives as he can
To seek and to do the best;
Make goodness a butt for slander
And offer excuse for vice;
Proclaim the old lie, the corruptionist's cry,
That every man has his price.

Yet know that the truth shall triumph,
That evil shall find its doom;
That the cause of right, though subdued by might,
Shall break from the strongest tomb;
That wrong, though it seems to triumph,
Lasts only for a day,
While the cause of truth has eternal youth
And shall rule o'er the world for aye.

—J. A. Edgerton in the Denver News.

Dora Dots.

Dora, Oct. 5.—Everybody busy picking cotton and sowing wheat. We have had so much rain the farmers are behind.

Elder Barnhill of the Christian faith preached at Brook's College last Sunday. Singing at B. J. Rhodes Sunday evening.

R. W. Ground has a nice banjo and he can sure pick it. Those wanting music should call on him.

A cave has been discovered in J. F. Ensminger's pasture, about 1/4 mile south of Dora, that has created some little excitement. Will write about it later.

J. M. Bryson and T. C. Jenkins, with their wives, left today for Fort Worth, Dallas and other points.

Dora will soon have a phone line to Nubia. The posts are up, and it will be ready for use in a few days.

There was an election held here Saturday to see whether the prairie dogs should be killed, and the poor dogs suffered defeat. Don't

know how it went in the balance of the county.

Mrs. J. M. Bryson and Miss Allis Lowe went to Wingate Saturday, returning Sunday.

J. M. Holder went to Nolan today on business.

Jeff Cromwell, one of Dora's leading young men, went to Merkel today on business.

Sid Bridgeman and wife of Valley Creek were visitors at Dora Sunday.

We are glad to know that Grandpa Holder, who has been down with fever for the past three weeks, is doing nicely. He is able to sit up a little.

OLD FRIEND.

Don Bowie has resigned his position with the First National Bank and left Sunday for his home at Weatherford. Overton Anderson is holding down the position.

Sterling Miller came in Tuesday from Dallas. He looks a little thin, but will soon recuperate.

The Mail gives all the news.

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

In Fisher County.

Roby Banner.

The drouth is broken; a fine rain fell in White Flat Tuesday, the first one for many months. Good rains have fallen over the most of the country and the prospects are fine for a continuation of the good work.

Some valuable horses and colts have died recently from the effects of eating more mesquite beans than they could digest and assimilate. Now that the rain has come, we expect to hear of no more losses in this line.

Walter Jorden of McCaulley went to Midland last week, and took unto himself a help meet. The young lady's father interposed some objections and Walter very properly made a sneak on the old gentleman and took her when he wasn't looking. Banner wishes the young people a life of happiness.

The last two sermons of the Baptist Association closed about 10 o'clock Sunday night. Two hours later it commenced raining and continued to do so for about thirty six hours, which put a very good season in the ground. If there be any connection between these events, all we could wish is that the Association had just come two months sooner.

Shot by Indians.

Mr. J. B. (Joe) Smith, now of Victor, Erath County, Texas, was in attendance upon the Old Settlers' Reunion here on the 12th inst., and was interviewed by a representative of the X-Ray relative to some of his experiences as a frontiersman.

Mr. Smith is a very unassuming man and very much reticent in matters pertaining to his life on the frontier, but we ascertained the fact from him that he belonged to a militia force under Captain Gilbert, of Parker County, for some time. During the time that he belonged to this force they chased a lot of Comanche Indians through what is now Eastland County, and had a not skirmish with them just a few miles east of where the town of Eastland is situated; this was in December, 1860. In a fight with them on the 16th of December of the above year Mr. Smith got a two-inch steel spike shot into his right leg just below the knee. In trying to get the spike out he broke the arrow off, leaving the spike in his leg, which remained there for 25 years before he got it out. He finally got it out and

has the spike in his possession. He prizes it very highly.

He says the last raid the Comanches made through this country was in 1874.—Rising Star X-Ray.

Nothin' In the Paper.

The papers are prosy today, With nothing at all to say, Except of a stabbing affray,

And scandals a few,
A financial review,
A murder or two,
A political stew,
A threat of war,
You can't tell what for,
The wreck of a car,
The success of a star,
A hold-up that's bold,
An ordinance sold,
The plans of a fair,
A car for the air,
A trust that is new,
Some railroads to sue,
A strike that's begun,
With three others done,
A roseate scheme
To get rich—in a dream,
A yacht built to beat,
A flurry in wheat,
The cruise of a fleet,
Epidemics to fear,
Inventions to cheer,
A peacemaker killed,
A prize fight "billed,"
And a few other things
Of society's flings,
Or political rings.

That's all that the papers display, They really have nothing to say That's worthy of notice today.

—Brooklyn Eagle.

When I once remonstrated with one of my "Pennsylvania Dutch" relatives for building a great, handy barn, while his family were yet living in the hewed log house, he said: "The barn will soon save enough to build the house," and so it did. These old Pennsylvania farmers were the farmers who set the pace for all practical farmers since. Good buildings kept in well painted order do not always prove the land surrounding them of extra quality, but this is the exception; the rule is that they do prove it. But whether the land is of best quality or not they will add to its value. Many a good farm in our garden spots of Texas and elsewhere has sold low because the buildings were either in bad condition or looked that way by reason of needing a few dollars' worth of paint and nails.—Ex.

Mr. R. L. Neal, a cotton broker of New York, and a man whose

opinion seems to be worth quoting by the New York papers, says that "considering the world's present requirements, the supply of American cotton, both visible and invisible, is today the smallest since the civil war. This, in spite of a curtailment of consumption. The new crop, however, is probably the latest on record, and the amount of cotton coming into sight during this month will be about half of last year."—Ft. Worth Telegram.

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.

One of the biggest farms in the United States is ranch 101 in the Ponca reservation of Oklahoma. It contains 50,000 acres. The wheat fields are from 1,000 to 1,500 acres each, and the corn rows are one and one-half miles long. It requires 300 hands and 500 mules to handle the crop. It takes 30 self binders three weeks to cut the wheat and a dozen or more threshers forty days to thrash it.—Dallas News.

Young man, did you ever put your arms around your dear old mother who has loved and cared for you and tell her you are grateful for the tears she has shed and the prayers she has offered for you? She may think that you love her without you assuring her that you do, but it cost so little effort to tell her and your words may bring more sunshine to her heart than you ever dreamed of. Some young men will pay two dollars for a livery rig to ride three hours with a seventy-five cent girl and tell her all the nice things about her that are true, and more that are not true, and don't spend five cents or five minutes in a year to show their mother that they care anything for her.—Exchange.

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Tax Collector Baylor Crawford will be here Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27 and 28, for the purpose of collecting taxes.

Mrs. Lydia Ferguson came in from Brandon, Texas, Saturday, to see her brother, Bud Marlow, having been summoned by telegraph to his bedside.

This country was blessed Tuesday night with a splendid rain which brought a more cheerful look to the faces of stockmen over a large scope of country, and will be of almost incalculable benefit to this portion of the state which was fast approaching the danger limit for winter range.—Pecos Times.

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