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THE HIGHER LIFE.

Cream of the Pulpit.

A TOUCHING APPEAL.

The following touching appeal was gotten out by the women of Sweetwater and had 100 signatures to it. No wonder the prohibition hosts were victorious! Read it; it will do you good:

We, the undersigned women of Nolan county, make this earnest appeal to the chivalry and manhood of Nolan county, believing that what God has so graciously prospered in other towns and counties may be vouchsafed to us if we work and pray to that end.

Chivalrous men of our glorious southland have ever risen in their might like heroes to shield, protect and defend their homes from every foe. Are the men of Nolan county less willing to stand by their wives, mothers and precious little ones, when a foe more insidious than any that has ever invaded the sacred precincts of our firesides, lurks within our midst, ever ready to assail our honor, to crush our hopes and rend our very heart strings? A foe like a hideous vampire that would drink our lifeblood and then gloat over our ruined and wrecked homes.

The crisis is here. Nolan county must have prohibition, with peace, happiness and prosperity that usually follows the removal of the curse of the liquor traffic, or the saloons with their attendant evils—the heart rendering sorrows and unutterable woe they cause.

Listen! Fathers, husbands, brothers; remember it is the mothers and sisters who send up this prayer—this earnest petition to you to have the unwavering courage to stand in the defense of right—the unflinching loyalty to your homes and to help to remove the saloons and all their pernicious influences so detrimental to the safety and happiness of our firesides.

Can we not rely on you to cast your vote to put down this curse which has blighted so many peaceful homes, broken so many loving hearts, and ruined so many precious souls who are even now crying from the depths of utter despair for help, for mercy, and for redemption from this great evil? Your own home may be the next to suffer—God knows what the future holds. Help us to inspire every voter in Nolan county with the courage and manhood to stand fearlessly for their mothers, their children, their firesides, their country and their God.

You can vote, we cannot. We are helpless, but for your support; weak but for your strength; (though our courage and faith are heaven born) and we appeal to you as sisters, pleading for your protection; and praying to God with the fervor of the pleading souls that cried, "How long O Lord, Holy and True!" trusting that you may be led to do the right. "Right is right, since God is God, and right the day will win."

It does not require the skilled eye of a detective to see that whiskey is being sent to all parts of the county to be used on election day. We women can do

See W. H. Dickson for Hardware.

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

nothing more than send our prayers.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON FATE AND PROVIDENCE.

The fatalists will find reasons in the circumstances attending the lamentable death of Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker to confirm them in the belief that it was one of the things that was to be. The distinguished victim of the wreck at Dean Lake seems to have taken, unconsciously, all of the chances leading to her destruction. If she had stopped in Kansas City, as was her original purpose, she would have been saved. Had she left the tourist car in which she was injured, for the standard Pullman, with her secretary, who had gone to arrange the luggage for the transfer of Mrs. Tucker, she would not have been killed. As for the people who believe in the care of Providence over His children, it would not seem to be an easy matter to account for the preservation of all the lives on the wrecked train with the single exception of the one that was most useful to humanity.

Between these two theories there is the middle conception of a sensible universe governed by logical laws as unlike the manifestations of freakish chance as they are separate and apart from the idea of direct enactments of God for specific purposes. There is far too much of symmetry and beneficent design in the moral and physical universe to admit of the thought that life and matter are mere happenings, and, at the same time, there are too many violations of justice and benevolence as they are viewed by the human mind, to vindicate the assumption of constant and divine direction in all the affairs that effect the destinies of humanity.

It is not in harmony with enlightened opinion to think that Mrs. Emma-Booth Tucker was "taken by the Lord" in a way that has shocked and pained the Christian world, and has left a void in a great field of effort

which she enriched by her noble and unselfish ministry. Neither is it in line with a rational acceptance of the conservation of moral forces to conclude that there was no escape through proper mechanical precautions from the accident which terminated a life that was greatly needed by the world, and whose rare value will be attested by the fruits of the work which she sought in generations to come.

The faith in a rational universe to which people who think much are "shut up," in the language of Paul, is essential to the salvation of mankind from unbelief on the one hand and superstition on the other, and that makes it right.—Kansas City Star.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

President Roosevelt has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation and designates Thursday, Nov. 26, as the day in the following terms:

The season is at hand when, according to the custom of our people, it falls on the President to appoint a day of praise and thanksgiving to God.

During the last year the Lord has dealt bountifully with us, giving us peace at home and abroad, and the chance for our citizens to work for their welfare unhindered by war, famine or plague. It behooves us not only to rejoice greatly because of what has been given us, but to accept it with a solemn sense of responsibility, realizing that under heaven it rests with us ourselves to show that we are worthy to use a right what thus has been entrusted to our care. In no other place or at any other time has the experiment of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, been tried on so vast a scale as here in our own country in the opening years of the twentieth century. Failure would not only be a dreadful thing for us, but a dreadful thing for all mankind, because it would mean loss of hope for all who believe in the power and the righteousness of

liberty. Therefore, in thanking God for the mercies extended to us in the past, we beseech him that he may not withhold them in the future, and that our hearts may be roused to war steadfastly for good and against all the forces of evil, public and private. We pray for strength and light, so that in the coming years we may with cleanliness, fearlessness and wisdom, do our allotted work on the earth in such manner as to show that we are not altogether unworthy of the blessings we have received.

A Tripple Hanging.

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

Our new District Attorney, W. J. Cunningham, of Abilene, who was recently appointed by the Governor to fill the unexpired term of A. S. Hardwicke, came over Monday, rolled up his sleeves and began to wrestle with the evil doers, and the first rattle out of the box sent one of the boys over the road to the State boarding house for two years. In our judgment we have got a sure enough district attorney now, and our advice to the law breakers is that they had better look up a tree or hunt a hole—because he is proving himself to be a regular blood hound on the track of evil doers.—Albany News.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, north of town, last Thursday.



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

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

THE MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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Residence.....11

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

Lovers

Of music will certainly admire Eleanor Waltzes. Be sure to visit Burroughs & Mann's drug store and secure a copy.

FOR SALE

Surrey and double harness, good as new, for cash or on time. J. C. Hamm.

"Eleanor Waltzes."

Be sure to go to Burroughs & Mann's and get the latest waltzes. You are sure to like it.

G. W. Boyce's

New Grain House three doors west Watkins' Meat Market.

The Greatest is Charity.

Mr. Banks has been quite sick for two weeks with pneumonia, but for several days received little attention from our people. He is a young man, dependent upon his wages for a living, and of course his finances soon played out. No sooner had this fact become known, however, than two of the secret organizations appointed committees to wait upon him and money was made up to meet the expenses accruing as a result of his sickness. Nearly \$20 was subscribed by the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen also responded liberally.

You can preach theology until doom's day, and heap epithets upon secret organizations until they wince under your sarcasm, but the fact remains that they do a noble work—a grand work. This man is worthy. He is not a member of either of the lodges; but that made no difference. A fellow creature needed succor, and though a wayfaring man, he fell into the hands of a good Samaritan.

The religious organizations are not doing all the good work.

Rich Copper Mines.

J. E. Geddes and J. H. Woodcock, representing the Lanning-Geddes Mining and Development Co., of Muskogee, I. T., were here last week and closed a deal with T. M. Clinton, 10 miles south of town, for 40 acres of land, the consideration being \$240.

These gentlemen are mining experts and were attracted here by specimens of copper ore which had recently come into the possession of their company and which gave promise of bringing Taylor county into prominence, the specimens showing it to be rich in copper and other minerals.

Messrs. Geddes and Woodcock avoided all direct questions on the subject and went about their business in silence, seeming to desire as little notoriety as possible. They took no one into their confidence and would give out nothing for publication.

Very little faith is felt in the rumor that they succeeded in locating a rich vein of copper, but the development of the company will be watched with considerable interest. They left Thursday, taking them many specimens.

Mrs. G. E. Comegys left last night for Comanche, I. T., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hunt, who is quite sick.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

New Way of Using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. Arthur Chapman writing from Durban, Natal, South Africa, says: "As a proof that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a cure suitable for old and young, I pen you the following: A neighbor of mine had a child just over two months old. It had a very bad cough and the parents did not know what to give it. I suggested that if they would get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and put some upon the dummy teat the baby was sucking it would no doubt cure the child. This they did and brought about a quick relief and cured the baby." This remedy is for sale by Burroughs & Mann.

Sweetwater Dry.

Reports over the phone Saturday night indicated that the two precincts of Nolan County in which a local option election was held that day went dry by a majority of 1 vote. A special to the Dallas News, however, gave 6 majority for prohibition, the vote being given at 190 for to 184 against. The fight was a warm one, though the result was not unexpected.

Deals in Realty.

Real estate deals have been many and frequent this week, and there promises to be many changes in the future.

The Russell residence in Southeast Merkel was purchased by Claud Bigham. J. K. Pittard, who is occupying the residence, has purchased and will move into the Elliott residence, facing W. H. McCord's home.

The Woodard place on the corner north of Dickson's has been moved to a vacant lot on the south side and its place will be taken by the latter's hardware store to make room for Watson & Bacon's big brick house.

J. O. Hamilton sold his farm, one mile southwest of town. No papers have passed, but the deal will no doubt be made.

G. T. Beach has purchased 320 acres of land in Lynn county, and is now on the eve of acquiring three sections of land in Sutton county. He will probably move up there this winter to look after his cattle.

Aunt Lucindy.

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

Last Wednesday evening a change was effected in the West Texas National Bank in which its president, J. M. Cunningham, sold his interest in the institution to W. A. Eddleman of Weatherford, who was duly elected president instead of Mr. Cunningham. As soon as Mr. Cunningham can wind up his business matters here, he will return to Abilene, where he will resume his place in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of that city, which he had filled eleven years prior to his coming here. The West Texas here very much regrets losing Mr. Cunningham from the institution and did all they could to retain him, but the Abilene institution offered him such inducements to return that he could not afford to remain here. —Big Springs News.

W. B. Alsbrook sold his restaurant at Abilene last week and is again at home.

Davis-Taylor Reconciliation.

W. L. Davidson of Richmond, Texas, in a recent letter to the Houston Chronicle, gives some interesting historical reminiscences. He says:

In a recent issue in your correspondence from Austin there is an account of the relations that existed between General Zack Taylor, afterwards president, and Jefferson Davis, which, while in the main is correct, yet it does not do full justice to either Mr. Taylor ("Old Rough and Ready") or Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis was my warm personal friend from my earliest infancy to the day of his death, while General Richard Taylor, son of "Old Rough and Ready," was my commanding general during our late unpleasantness, and was also my personal friend, and I went with him to visit Mr. Davis when in prison, saw the shackles on Mr. Davis and heard General Dick Taylor go to Gen. Grant and ask him to have them removed.

Jefferson Davis did not run away with General Taylor's daughter. He was not one of the running kind, nor did he in any way try to deceive the general. The marriage was favored by all of General Taylor's family but himself, and he was bitterly opposed to it. Yet he knew when and where the marriage was to take place, for he was fully informed by his daughter and by Mr. Davis both.

There was a coolness between them, yet no enmity, and when they happened to meet they met each other coldly, but as gentlemen who respected each other, but I do not think there was a cordial reconciliation until Buena Vista was strewn with American blood, pure and sacred, just such blood as Americans know how to shed in defense of constitutional liberty.

When Santa Anna, the Napoleon of the West, with his horde of 20,000 men, attacked General Taylor's little band of 5,000 men, when Kentucky's noble sons, Hardin, Clay and Crittenden, lay upon the field, Arkansas' noble yell was dead. Indianana had been forced back, and the "Star Spangled Banner" was trailing in the dust, and all seemed dark and gloomy for the American band. Santa Anna had declared that the "Old Fool" was whipped, but did not have sense enough to know it, and some of General Taylor's own staff had told him he was whipped and his reply was, "I know it, but the boys don't; so I'll let them fight on." "A little more grape, Capt. Bragg."

At this moment, when all seemed so dark and gloomy for the United States, Jefferson Davis and his Mississippians came to the rescue and soon the victorious Mexicans were flying in utter confusion from the field, and there, amid the dying and the dead, General Taylor went to Mr. Davis and said to him: "Give me your hand; my poor dead daughter was a better judge of a man than I am." Here was the reconciliation perfect and complete.

I do not say that I heard this myself, but I give it as given me by John Dusenberry, whom all old Houstonians should remember, for the Lone Star, "the flag that Betsy made," nor "Southern cross," had no braver patriot or braver soldier than John Dusenberry, Ben McCulloch, Big Foot Wallace and Jim Brown. Under both the latter I served in the Ranger service on the Western frontier.

Warnick's Bank,

Merkel, Texas.

Solicits the Business and Accounts of Farmers and Business Men.

This Bank always keeps a closer touch with the agricultural interests of Western Taylor County than with the affairs of Wall Street.

WHY FARMERS SHOULD KEEP A BANK ACCOUNT:

Farmers, as a rule, keep no book of accounts. Their bank deposit book affords them a complete record of their cash receipts while the stubs of the check book are a perfect record of expenses and payments. Paying a laborer, a store account, or any other bill with a check is much safer than with money; because the person receiving the check must endorse it, and the check being returned to the maker by the bank, can be preserved as a receipt. Money deposited in a bank is not so easily and so often "fooled away" as when carried around in one's pockets. Farmers: Try the experiment for one year of keeping a bank account and see if it does not pay you. A large number of the best farmers have accounts with us. No charge for Check Books.

We are desirous of having farmers' accounts, even though small; for in this locality, where mixed farming is preached and practiced, their accounts are sure to grow larger.

Hogg's Tribute to the Farmer.

Ex-Governor Hogg paid the following tribute to the farmer in his recent speech at Dallas:

"When we consider that the fathers of Washington, of Adams, of Jefferson, of Madison, of Monroe, of Jackson, and of other patriotic presidents were farmers; when we reflect that in all the struggles for civil liberty the farmers bore the brunt and carried the burdens to victory; when we know that most every government reform instituted for the benefit of mankind found its conception in a farmer's brain; when we consider that in the farmer's patriotism is the security of this republic; when we unhesitatingly admit that if the farmers should strike and refuse to work or to sell their produce for one year every transportation line would cease to move, every factory would close, every packery would collapse, every bank would fail, every merchant would assign, every crown head would roll off under the axe of the starving bread seeker of the old world and in the new every official would abdicate his place before the wrath of a maddened people; then we do not aggrandize them nor place them too high in acknowledging and proclaiming them the benefactors of the human race, the embodiment of unselfish patriotism, the life-springs of local self-government; and that to them civilization is everlastingly indebted for benefactions of the past and on them we must rely for the preservation of our rights and liberties for all time."

The 20th Century Club.

This is the name of Merkel's literary club, organized at Mrs. W. H. Dickson's by Mrs. F. R. Leonard of Abilene, Oct. 24, 7 members being present. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.
Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. E. Evans.
Recording Sec., Mrs. Geo. S. Berry.
Corresponding Sec., Miss Opal Harkrider.

Treasurer, Mrs. Jeffie Hibbett. The object of the club is self-culture—cultivating a love for reading. The present age calls for mental activity. "The days of woman's intellectual darkness are past; the light of the new century calls on her to yield wisdom's golden light."

The club will meet each Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5. Last week they met at the home of Mrs. Geo. S. Berry.

The study of current literature will be taken up for the present.

A Sure Shot

We are aiming for your patronage with a fair and square business proposition. We want your trade and will get it, sure, if you will give us an opportunity to show you the many instances wherein we can save you money on

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You take no chance here. Any goods bought from us that don't suit we take back. We stand behind every transaction. Honest goods at honest prices is our motto. We invite you to make us a call.

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We sell Belle of Wichita and Texas Beauty Flour; try it.

TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Summary of the Results as Far as Announced.

New York City is carried by McClellan over Low by about 70,000. In other cities in the State Republicans are successful.

Massachusetts—Republican plurality will be about 37,000.

Pennsylvania—Usual Republican majority of about 100,000.

Ohio—State goes Republican by 100,000 or more, and Senator Hanna's re-election is assured.

Kentucky—Indications point to re-election of Gov. Beckham (Dem.) by a majority of about 14,000.

New Jersey, Rhode Island and Iowa are carried by the Republicans.

Nebraska is in doubt and returns will be late in coming in.

Mississippi is Democratic and in Utah Democrats appear to have won.

California returns are meager, and show Republicans slightly in the lead.

Colorado is claimed by both Democrats and Republicans for Justice of Supreme Court.

Virginia is swept by the Democrats for the General Assembly. Two Democrats, however, are defeated.

Maryland count will be slow, but returns received indicate election of Warfield (Dem.) for Governor and a Legislature which will elect a Democratic United States Senator.

Special Bargain DAYS

Each day from now until January 1st, 1904, we are going to make a

Special Bargain Day!

We have the goods and will make the prices. We bought our goods as cheap as any merchant in West Texas and will make prices as low as the lowest. Let us figure with you on your fall bill. Will guarantee to SAVE YOU MONEY. ∴ ∴

The Star Store,

Merkel Mercantile Co., Props. : Merkel, Texas.

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. Patterson,	Merkel
W. B. Beaver,	"
W. H. McCord,	"
J. H. Shepherd,	"
S. H. Basham,	"
Will Provine,	"
S. A. Chenault,	"
L. E. Adrain,	"
J. O. Hamilton,	"
J. T. Dennis,	"
L. E. Martin,	"
G. M. Sharp,	"
W. A. Cozart,	"
J. M. Norris,	"
W. D. Smith,	"
I. N. Taylor,	"
W. W. Wheeler,	"
J. K. Pittard,	"
E. M. Rust,	"
J. A. Adkisson,	"
C. R. Hutcheson,	"
D. C. Hutcheson,	"
G. C. Sargent,	"
R. J. Horton,	Desoto,
J. E. Sargent,	Granbury,
by G. C. Sargent	
Elbert Boone,	Fort Worth
J. W. Miller,	Spokane, Wash.
by R. A. Miller	
J. D. Cozart,	McKenzie, Tenn.
by W. A. Cozart	
Tom Russell,	Abilene
W. A. Adkisson,	Kenton, Tenn.
by J. A. Adkisson	
G. O. Balch,	Venus
by J. M. Rucker	
L. F. Gordon,	Wildersville, Tenn.
by W. A. Cozart.	

We Can't Tell a Lie.

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

The fine hat which some lady will wear away from Mrs. Hoople's Millinery establishment is to be given away Dec. 23. Every purchase amounting to \$1 entitles you to a chance at it. tf

Notice to Tax Payers.

To all parties residing in Merkel Independent school district: Your tax is now due and payable at my office. 25c bonded tax and 25c special tax, making a total of 50c on the \$100 valuation.

John Elliott, Tax Collector.
Merkel Independent School District.

For the Orphans.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society of the Methodist church sent a box of clothing to the widows' and orphans' home at Waco Saturday, and accompanying it was a package containing several dollars. The entire contribution amounted to \$127.

The ladies take this method of returning thanks to all who contributed to the cause, and they are sure the prayers of the little orphans will go up in their behalf.

The members of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. & A. F., are hereby notified that a call meeting of said lodge will be held on Saturday night, Nov. 7, and that all members are expected to attend Special business.

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

Tax Assessor Jackson of Abilene is laid up for repairs, and is in a bad way, according to the Reporter. It is a boy, and that's 'nuff said.

S. H. Basham has been confined to his bed two weeks now and considerable uneasiness is felt over his condition. The Mail hopes that he will soon conquer his ailment and be up and about again.

W. W. WHEELER,
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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 experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

If you are not taking **THE SPECIAL MERKEL MAIL** you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county, or \$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.

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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.

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Best Liniment on Earth.

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Tex., writes, Nov. 2nd, 1900: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything, but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liniment to be the best liniment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, sciatic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liniment, you will not suffer long, but be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

Holiday Goods.

We are daily receiving and opening up shipments of Holiday Goods and by next week will have an elegant line on display. For beauty, up-to-dateness and variety of selection our line can not be surpassed. Don't fail to inspect it.

Burroughs & Mann,
Next door to First National Bank.

Lubbock and Miles.

The Waco Times-Herald says of ex-Governor Lubbock:

"Frank Lubbock isn't old—we have his word for it—but nevertheless he is too far advanced along in years to forget. Remembering that General Miles put irons on the chieftain of the Southern Confederacy, Uncle Frank could not bring himself to the point of paying his respects to the guest of Governor Hogg, which was perfectly natural, when it is recalled that Davis and Lubbock were as David and Jonathan in those last days of gloom and trial."

Sheppard Addition for Sale.

This property is situated four blocks south of the business portion of town and consists of 71 lots nicely located in the heart of the residence portion. We will offer this property for sale through our agents, W. W. Wheeler, H. C. Williams and J. J. Miller, Merkel, at very low prices, with one-third cash, balance in one and two years at 8 per cent. This sale will begin on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1903, and will be pushed to a finish.

If you want choice of this property make your selection now and file your application with one of the above agents, to be confirmed on day of sale. Any information wanted as to prices, lot numbers, etc., will be furnished by agents upon application.

Remember the date and get in on the ground floor.

H. O. Wooten Grocer Co.,
2t Abilene, Texas.

Caesar Conquered Britain.

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

Watson & Bacon let the contract Tuesday for the erection of their big brick building, R. A. Miller of this place being the successful bidder. Work is to commence right away and ground will be broken as soon as the building is moved. Mr. Miller has the distinction of having built 12 of the fifteen rock and brick business houses in Merkel.

W. W. Wheeler spent Monday in Abilene.

Worm Destroyer.

White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's.

The Tyler Harpoon deals high society an uppercut as follows: "If a razor backed hog in searching for grub worms should root up a pot of gold, it would not be very long before he would receive an invitation to lead a German, or be tendered a box party at a theatre, and later on be given a banquet by the very men who the previous day had set the dogs on him."

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Special Bargain Day!

We have the goods and will make the prices. We bought our goods as cheap as any merchant in West Texas and will make prices as low as the lowest. Let us figure with you on your fall bill. Will guarantee to SAVE YOU MONEY. ∴ ∴

The Star Store,

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Best Liniment on Earth.

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Tex., writes, Nov. 2nd, 1900: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything, but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liniment to be the best liniment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, sciatic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liniment, you will not suffer long, but be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

Holiday Goods.

We are daily receiving and opening up shipments of Holiday Goods and by next week will have an elegant line on display. For beauty, up-to-dateness and variety of selection our line can not be surpassed. Don't fail to inspect it.

Burroughs & Mann,
Next door to First National Bank.

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The Wacs Times-Herald says of ex-Governor Lubbock:

"Frank Lubbock isn't old—but we have his word for it—but nevertheless he is too far advanced along in years to forget. Remembering that General Miles put irons on the chieftain of the Southern Confederacy, Uncle Frank could not bring himself to the point of paying his respects to the guest of Governor Hogg, which was perfectly natural, when it is recalled that Davis and Lubbock were as David and Jonathan in those last days of gloom and trial."

Sheppard Addition for Sale.

This property is situated four blocks south of the business portion of town and consists of 71 lots nicely located in the heart of the residence portion. We will offer this property for sale through our agents, W. W. Wheeler, H. C. Williams and J. J. Miller, Merkel, at very low prices, with one-third cash, balance in one and two years at 8 per cent. This sale will begin on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1903, and will be pushed to a finish.

If you want choice of this property make your selection now and file your application with one of the above agents, to be confirmed on day of sale. Any information wanted as to prices, lot numbers, etc., will be furnished by agents upon application.

Remember the date and get in on the ground floor.

H. O. Wooten Grocer Co.,
2t Abilene, Texas.

Caesar Conquered Britain.

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

Watson & Bacon let the contract Tuesday for the erection of their big brick building, R. A. Miller of this place being the successful bidder. Work is to commence right away and ground will be broken as soon as the building is moved. Mr. Miller has the distinction of having built 12 of the fifteen rock and brick business houses in Merkel.

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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. Patterson,	Merkel
W. B. Beaver,	"
W. H. McCord,	"
J. H. Shepherd,	"
S. H. Basham,	"
Will Provine,	"
S. A. Chenault,	"
L. E. Adrain,	"
J. O. Hamilton,	"
J. T. Dennis,	"
L. E. Martin,	"
G. M. Sharp,	"
W. A. Cozart,	"
J. M. Norris,	"
W. D. Smith,	"
I. N. Taylor,	"
W. W. Wheeler,	"
J. K. Pittard,	"
E. M. Rust,	"
J. A. Adkisson,	"
C. R. Hutcheson,	"
D. C. Hutcheson,	"
G. C. Sargent,	"
R. J. Horton,	Desoto,
J. E. Sargent,	Granbury,
by G. C. Sargent	
Elbert Boone,	Fort Worth
J. W. Miller,	Spokane, Wash.
by R. A. Miller	
J. D. Cozart,	McKenzie, Tenn.
by W. A. Cozart	
Tom Russell,	Abilene
W. A. Adkisson,	Kenton, Tenn.
by J. A. Adkisson	
G. O. Balch,	Venus
by J. M. Rucker	
L. F. Gordon,	Wildersville, Tenn.
by W. A. Cozart.	

We Can't Tell a Lie.

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

The fine hat which some lady will wear away from Mrs. Hoople's Millinery establishment is to be given away Dec. 23. Every purchase amounting to \$1 entitles you to a chance at it. tf

Notice to Tax Payers.

To all parties residing in Merkel Independent school district: Your tax is now due and payable at my office. 25c bonded tax and 25c special tax, making a total of 50c on the \$100 valuation.

John Elliott, Tax Collector.
Merkel Independent School District.

For the Orphans.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society of the Methodist church sent a box of clothing to the widows' and orphans' home at Waco Saturday, and accompanying it was a package containing several dollars. The entire contribution amounted to \$127.

The ladies take this method of returning thanks to all who contributed to the cause, and they are sure the prayers of the little orphans will go up in their behalf.

The members of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. & A. F., are hereby notified that a call meeting of said lodge will be held on Saturday night, Nov. 7, and that all members are expected to attend Special business.

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

Tax Assessor Jackson of Abilene is laid up for repairs, and is in a bad way, according to the Reporter. It is a boy, and that's 'nuff said.

S. H. Basham has been confined to his bed two weeks now and considerable uneasiness is felt over his condition. The Mail hopes that he will soon conquer his ailment and be up and about again.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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It is no trouble now to smash a trotting or pacing record.

The home should be a world of strife shut out and a world of love shut in.

It is not reorganization, but organization that the Democratic party needs.

Only nine men have been hanged in Kentucky in the last five years, although there have been 798 murders. Justice is very slow in those diggings.

Carter Harrison wants to be a candidate for president, and he has signified his willingness to stand for the nomination. The Democrats could do worse than nominate Harrison.

"My business is better now than it was at this time last year," says a leading Colorado business man. Then, what on earth are the people howling about?—Colorado Clipper.

A few issues back the Clipper said Colorado was a dead town—killed by prohibition. Perhaps they are howling for a live town, and the saloons.

Elections were held in thirteen states Tuesday, but it is impossible to give the results at this time. Interest centered mainly in New York and Ohio, the latter being a state election, while in New York it was a fight over municipal affairs. Both sides claim the victory. The Democrats made a valiant fight in Ohio and the battle was the fiercest ever waged in that hot bed of politics. It is claimed that the usual brutal Republican majority has been greatly reduced as a result of the aggressive campaign made by the Democrats under the leadership of Tom Johnson.

We haven't heard of Judge Smith spending any sleepless nights over that infant congressional boom nestling in the bulrushes of the prohibition camp.—Sweetwater Review.

You mean the anti-prohibition camp, for that is where the incipient boom started. It appears from recent utterances by three or four papers in this district that they would welcome such a contest, but it is generally treated with contempt by prohibitionists. They are going on about their business, adding county after county to the prohibition column, and no mention of politics is made. However, prohibitionists will support the candidate who will have that respect for his oath of office that will prompt him to enforce the law, whether he is a pro or an anti. Every decent man will do this. The prohibitionists will have no candidates in the field; hence Judge Smith's scalp is safe.

Taylor County Sunday School

Association

Programme:

2 p. m. Song. Invocation—H. C. Williams.
Words of Welcome—Rev. A. A. Baker.
2:30 p. m. Why have a Sunday School Association?—Sam W. Baldinger.
Election of officers.
Words of Cheer by a member from each school.
Appointment of committees on Constitution.
3 p. m. Records, what and how used?—John B. Goodnight.
Report of committee.
Teachers' meeting, why have it, and how?
4 p. m. The Home Department explained—Sam W. Baldinger.
The Royal Army Plan and its work—John B. Goodnight.
Rewards and how to use them—H. C. Williams.
The Sunday School a soul winner—W. A. Campbell.
Songs in the Sunday School—R. A. Rollins.
The Sunday School teacher; qualifications for—General discussion.
5 p. m. Texas Sunday School Association and its work—Sam W. Baldinger, John B. Goodnight.

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Presbyterian Church, Merkel, Texas, November 8, 1903.

GROSS MISREPRESENTATIONS.

The Sweetwater Review was very solicitous for the welfare of the saloons in its county, and this no doubt prompted it to say things during the campaign which, upon mature reflection, it will regret. But however solicitous it may have been, there is no excuse for it to step out of its way to grossly misrepresent conditions in other counties. The Review did this, but whether intentionally or through ignorance, we are not prepared to say. The Review says:

"Prohibition went into effect in Taylor county on the 7th day of June, 1902, and since that time the following cases were filed in court." It then goes on to give the number of cases filed each term of court and summarizes as follows: "Of which 148 were for gaming, 26 for sales of liquor in local option district and 15 for selling liquor to minors." Winding up it makes this broad assertion: "Crime has increased over 100 per cent since the introduction of local option."

Really, the Review's article needs no comment. The facts stand out for themselves. Prohibition was voted in June 7th, 1902, but did not go into effect until April, 1903, a little over 10 months after the election was held. Crime has greatly decreased, as shown by the March term of the grand jury (before local option went into effect) and the August term. This is all that is necessary to refute the charges made by the Review.

Will the Review be honest enough, now that the election is over and it got ingloriously snowed under, to correct this error?

The Baird Star used over a column of its valuable space last week in a tirade against The Mail. The entire article was a string of falsehoods—irrelevant and insane jabberings that would put a South African monkey to shame. The Mail thinks too much of its reputation to waste further space on a paper which delights in dirty insinuations, misrepresentations and ruthless and indiscriminate perversion of facts; hence we shall cut it out. However, we will give the Star a

a chance to prove its groundless assertions, and we shall be glad to reprint any statement of fact it may desire to make without comment. The Mail has given nothing but facts, while the Star has dealt mostly in billingsgate and seems to presume upon the intelligence of its readers. Its claims are all baseless and it takes a delight in misconstruing and missapplying facts and figures, warping them to suit its own fancy. As to the Star forcing itself upon the people of Merkel, that is its own business, but when it charges The Mail with a similar offense it simply states an untruth. Not a copy above its regular list has been sent to the Star's county, although we have had requests, unaccompanied by stamps, for sample copies. There are many things that the booze upholder has said that won't bear investigating, but we pass them up. This article is written more as an apology to our readers for the space taken up with the Star than as an effort to diagnose its last effusion. A man who will stoop to misrepresentations—well, he will do to watch. This is all, now and in the future. The Star can do as it pleases.

Get Off the Fence.

Brownwood Bulletin.

The Bulletin hasn't much respect for the fellow who waits until most everyone has expressed his or her opinion on public questions, or current events, and then boldly sides with some select crowd. A man in public business, or private, has use for a mind of his own, and, when he suffers himself to be made the catpaw of the said clique, he but lowers himself in the estimation of all good people.

In a recent tornado that wiped the village of St. Charles, Minn., out of existence the only saloon in town was crushed to atoms instantly and its three occupants never knew what struck them. It has been maintained by unsanctified statisticians that visitations of this kind usually spare the public drinking joint and demolish the house of worship, but we suspect, from careful observation, that a tornado naturally and without prejudice demolishes

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Saddles Harness Lines Bridles Strap Goods

Also carry a full line of Harness, Chains, Collars, Whips, Blankets and Robes; in fact I carry a full line of everything kept in an up-to-date saddle shop. See me when in need of anything in my line.

Yours for Business,

R. L. Hudson

the buildings that happen to be in its way.—Nebraska State Journal.

A Correction.

They Taylor County News of last week gave the scholastic population of every school district in the county with the special, State and county apportionment for each. However, it got things a little mixed and gave Merkel's scholastic population at 220, when the records show it to be 286. There are also 40 transfers to this district, which runs the amount to 326, just 106 more than given by the News.

Will the News kindly correct its error?

The article referred to is as follows:

"The public schools of Taylor county are in a flourishing condition and are a credit to the progressive spirit of our citizens. Leaving out of the question the independent school districts of Abilene with its nine hundred and Merkel with its 220 pupils, the county has 1,916 students within the scholastic age and every one of the 42 districts has voted a special school tax except seven which, supplementing the free school apportionment, gives the 1,916 pupils a total of \$13,500.32, or nearly \$8 per capita. Few counties can boast of such strongly supported country schools. The State and county apportionment is \$5 per head and the special tax adds nearly \$3 additional to that."

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Ed S. Hughes & Co.,

Abilene, Texas.

J. T. WARREN.

Cold Weather in the Air.

At any rate you cannot longer put off buying your winter clothing. While you are considering the question of clothing, remember the most comfortable feeling comes from the knowledge that you are correctly dressed, that correct shape is there, and more, that the shape will stay there. Our suits and overcoats are the shape retaining kind. They are the great MAJESTIC MAKE. The inside work is there, the proper tailoring is there, AND THE PRICES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT!

Men's Suits, 8.50, 10.00, 12.50, 15.00 and 16.50
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Our boys' and children's suits cover a wide range in price and variety. They are

MRS. JANE HOPKINS'

make, are made to wear and to uphold the world-wide reputation they have gained by superior goods and workmanship. If you have not looked them over you had better come in and let us show you.

Remember if it's cheap, shoddy clothing you want, we haven't got it. It's dependable goods we handle, and no other kind.

J. T. Warren.



It's our shoes that we wish to talk to you about. They're the best made—the Hamilton-Brown. Don't take our word, but ask your neighbor who has bought his shoes of us for the past 10 years, or just come round to the store and watch us sell shoes.

Mens shoes from 1.50 to 5.00
Ladies " 1.50 to 3.50
Boys school " 1.50 to 2.50
" pat leather, 3 to 5, at 2.25

Our misses and childrens school shoes are the best—the Highland Calf 1.00 to 1.50.

Our Security School Shoe, no better shoe made, at 1.35 to 2.00. Try them.

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It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect pill. 25c, at Rust & Pittard's Drug Store.

We advertise to induce you to visit our store and see our stock. We rely upon our goods and prices to make sales and our way of doing business to make you a regular customer.

J. T. Warren.

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

H. A. Reading, ticket agent at Abilene, came up Sunday evening, returning on the night train.

Mrs. J. T. Warren received the sad news of the death of her little nephew, aged 5 years, at El Paso, Ark., last week, his death resulting from diphtheria. Just a few days previous the mother, Mrs. Warren's sister, died, and her second death leaves the father and husband and a few months-old babe of a once united and happy family. The Mail tenders its sympathy to Mrs. Warren in her great sorrow.

We are expecting an immense shipment of holiday goods this week. Don't look at other lines until you have seen ours.

Rust & Pittard.

Elbert Boone of Trent, with his family, left Monday for Fort Worth where they will reside.

W. R. Bigham and J. W. Daniel shipped a couple of cars of cattle to New Orleans Monday.

Tom Russell was up from Abilene Monday.

J. A. LEEMAN...

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We have the finest line of toilet soaps ever brought to Merkel. Ask to see it.

Rust & Pittard.

Some store keepers work hard to see how little they can get into their goods and how much out of their customers. We make new customers right along by reversing the process.

J. T. Warren.

The Masons will meet in business session Saturday night at which time they will come to some arrangement in the matter of building a hall. It is hoped that they will decide to build.

Special prices on saddles during the next few days. Buy one now.

R. L. Hudson.

J. T. Warren of Bell county was here this week prospecting with a view to buying a farm.

Biggest assortment of blank books in Merkel; smallest prices.

Rust & Pittard.

Marriage license were issued Tuesday of last week for the marriage of J. L. Tuckness and Miss Cornelia Patterson, both south of town, Miss Cornelia being the daughter of S. J. Patterson, and the wedding took place the following Thursday. The Mail joins their friends in congratulations.

A Runaway Bicycle.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for burns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c, at Rust & Pittard's Drug Store.

Buy a "Majestic" suit this time. For \$10 you can get fit, fabric and finish equal to the average \$12.50 suit.

J. T. Warren.

To The Public.

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

Fresh car of flour at Warren's. Now would be a good time to lay in a supply. Straight Patent Flour at \$2, and Peace-Maker, \$2.25.

A Hallowe'en Party.

The residence of Mrs. F. B. Hoople was the scene of a very interesting and entertaining Hallowe'en party Saturday night.

Among all ages and classes, the evening of the 31st of October has, for many centuries, been set apart for the practicing of "spells" and indulging in superstitions and merrymakings. Hobboblins and ghosts are said to stalk abroad, and witches and other imps of darkness are conspicuous for their baneful pranks. Fairies, too, and mayhap cupid select this season on which to exercise their powers.

At any rate this occasion will be remembered for its varied assortment of amusements, and it will go down into the annals of Merkel society as one of the most pleasant events of the season.

New crop syrup and oatmeal at Warren's.

Beautiful Clear Skins.

Herbine exerts a direct influence on the bowels, liver and kidneys, purifying and strengthening these organs, and maintaining them in a normal condition of health; thus removing a common cause of yellow, mothy, greasy skin, and more or less of pimples, blotches and blackheads. 50c at Burroughs & Mann's.

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.

Land for Sale.

I have a few sections of land, also some smaller tracts, for sale on reasonable terms.

James Baker,
Trent, Texas.

A Runaway Match.

Mr. Charley Winfrey and Miss Effie Cypert were married by Justice Wheeler at his residence Sunday evening. It is understood that there were some objections on the part of the bride's parents, owing to her youthfulness, and the young couple took advantage of the first opportunity to get married. The usual parental forgiveness will probably be given them. The Mail wishes them every happiness and prosperity.

Scurry Postoffice Robbery.

Three boys by the names of Jones, Hughes and Spivey, who were arrested a short time ago charged with robbing the post-office at Hud, Scurry county, were given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Girard at Abilene Saturday and bound over in the sum of \$300 each to await the action of the federal grand jury.

A Dangerous Month.

This is the month of coughs, colds and acute catarrh. Do you catch cold easily? Find yourself hoarse, with a tickling in your throat and an annoying cough at night? Then, you should always have handy, a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. J. A. Anderson, 354 West 5th St. Salt Lake City, writes: "We all use Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and colds. It gives immediate relief. We know it's the best remedy for these troubles. I write to induce other people to try this pleasant and efficient remedy." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Burroughs & Mann's.

A Full House!

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

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

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

W. P. Browning & Co.

A full line of carpets.

Rust & Pittard's stock of holiday goods will soon be on display. Lovers of the beautiful will be delighted with it.

B. A. Cox and Harry Tom King, lawyers of Abilene, have formed a partnership in the practice of their profession.

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

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.
Bradley, Arthur G
Burlison, Rue
Clark, Ever
Currie, J A
Edwards, W P
Greenway, Walter
Myers, Miss Nora
McWill, Miss Leta O (4)
Waulton, Miss Mary
Weeb, Jake
Willingham, A F
Young, W F

A Slight Error.

In an interview at Fort Worth Saturday Jno. W. Hampton paid J. G. Lowdon a high compliment when he said: "J. G. Lowdon is to West Texas what Jno. H. Kirby is to South Texas." Mr. Hampton then gave the financial institutions which are controlled by Mr. Lowdon, among the number being a bank at Merkel. We admit that Mr. Lowdon deserves great credit and is a very popular man, but outside of owning a small stock in the First National Bank he controls no financial institutions in Merkel.

This interview was very complimentary, though slightly overdrawn. The present management of the First National Bank deserves all the credit for the popularity which it has attained, and such statements is an injustice to say the least.

Burroughs & Mann, the druggists, next door to First National Bank, is the place to go for drugs and medicines. See their line of Holiday Goods.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of granulated loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup making it quite pleasant to take. Mr. W. L. Roderick, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of this remedy, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with my children for several years and can truthfully say it is the best preparation of the kind I know of. The children like to take it and it has no injurious after effect." For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

Foot Crushed.

Merl, the 3-year-old son of H. C. Burroughs, while crossing the street in front of the bank Tuesday evening was run over by a lumber float, one wheel passing over his foot, crushing the bones and making a severe wound. The float was driven by Alma Barnes, who regrets the accident very much.

The little fellow is doing nicely and will no doubt soon be up and about, though he is suffering greatly from the hurt.

20th Century Club Program.

Roll call—Current Events.
Readings—Mark Twain.
Business.
The Club will meet at Mrs. J. W. Daniel's at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Will Contest the Election.

As we go to press it is rumored that the result of the prohibition election will be contested, and some are very positive that the election will not stand in the courts. The grounds for the contest have not been given out.—Sweetwater Reporter.

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.

Oyster Supper.

The Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society of the Baptist church will serve ice cream, oysters, chilli and hot tamales at the Flemming building Friday night, November 6. Everybody invited.

FOR SALE.

A few 6-weeks-old pigs.
2t W. W. Wheeler.

Swapping Lies.

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

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

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

A Snap.

Two-room house, lot and good well for \$115.

H. C. Williams,
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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, 321 Dearborn street, Chicago.

Heaven Helps Us.

In our troubles, but use Hunt's cure for itch, Tetter, Ring worm, Itching Piles and eczema. Guaranteed.

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

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will not trouble you if you feed them Bass' Medicated Stock Salt right; there is a wrong way.

If the Salt is given them in feed, so that each one is given his dose regularly, in such quantity that it acts as a gentle laxative, it is impossible that cattle or horses can have TICKS, LICE or BLACKLEG, and they will fatten much faster.

When Salt is left in the pasture for cattle to lick, they will not

always lick enough to make it satisfactory, unless very salt hungry.

If given all they will lick twice a week, cattle will take it regularly, and be free of ticks and blackleg.

We pay for feed and salt if cattle fed as directed by us are not free of ticks in two weeks.

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Widow's Scheme.

"One of those things which go to show that where there is a will there is a way is well exemplified by a happening in a certain Southern city," said a former well known railroad man who has turned planter.

"A man before his marriage had purchased a beautifully located lot in the city cemetery and paid \$100 for it. After awhile he married and some 10 or 12 years afterward died and was buried in the aforesaid beautifully located lot, and his grave was carefully attended for awhile by his widow. When the big show came off in Chicago and all the world was enroute to that Mecca, the widow took a notion she must see the show. As a result of a long cogitation over ways and means she had the body of her deceased husband exhumed and railroaded 50 miles away and reburied at a cost of about \$75, when she sold the cemetery lot for \$500 and had a good old time at the big World's Fair. Somewhat of a financier, wasn't she?"

In Doubtful Taste.

The once popular custom of publishing a list of wedding presents in connection with a marriage notice, which was never in good taste, has become obsolete. Now, the next reform demanded by good taste is to cut out the "card of thanks" that usually appears the day after the funeral, or when your barn burns, baffling the heroic efforts of your neighbors. The "card of thanks" gives some people the cold chills. There are some feelings of gratitude that should never be paraded in print. Just why this is so we may not all understand, but it is true just the same. Cut out the published "card of thanks," but some day tell your friends, in a heart to heart talk how you love them and how their kind ministrations came to you in hours of darkness like a ray of light from Heaven. Your neighbors who kept vigil with you at the bedside of a sick child desire no thanks in a newspaper and the public in general has no interest in the matter.—Greenville Her

BEAUTIFUL LIFE-SIZE DOLLS FREE!

We are going to give away to three little girls the Beautiful Dolls now on exhibition in our window. Here is the plan: With every 10c purchase of jewelry and 50c purchase of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc., (groceries excepted) we give a ticket. On Dec. 24 the little girl holding the most tickets gets first choice, the next largest second choice and the third largest third choice. Every little girl in the town and surrounding country is invited to try and get

ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL DOLLS FREE!

We also have something for the babies that are not old enough for dolls. We love the babies, and if you have a baby under one year of age we want to see it. Bring it to our store and we will make it a present of

A SOLID GOLD RING ABSOLUTELY FREE!

No conditions. This is not a cheap imitation, but Solid Gold; a Ring that will wear a Life-time. Come in and see.

J. P. Sharp & Co.

"The Price Setters," : Merkel, Tex.

Coffee Free

15,000 lbs. Arbuckle's Coffee to be Given Away during month of November!

We are going to make November a record breaker. Every cash dollar you spend with us during this month, we give you one pound of Arbuckle's coffee free. It matters not to us what you buy, no reserve and no limit during this sale, but every dollar you spend we give you the coffee FREE. Our coffee sale in the spring was a "hummer." This one will surpass any we have ever had, for reasons that we are now better prepared to handle the crowds, our stock is larger and more complete than it has ever been, and this enormous stock was bought long before the big advance on dry goods. Merchants are howling big advances; this is a fact, but not so with us. A careful perusal of our price list will substantiate our statements. Dry goods were never so cheap as they are now at this store. Besides the extremely low prices we are making, we give you one pound of COFFEE FREE with every cash purchase of \$1.00. This means an extra saving of 15 per cent. Now it is left to you as to where you are going to do your fall shopping. If you want more value for your money than ever before; if you want your dollar to bring the best and most goods for the least price, you will trade with us. Read our price list carefully. Bring price list with you; we sell them just as advertised. The prices below are for the retail trade only. Merchants, peddlars and contractors can secure prices at our office. We make the exception because we want the retail trade to have the advantage of our many bargains. See us before you buy, as it will be to your advantage.

Domestic Sheeting Department.

50 pcs L L brown domestic, sale price	4½c
50 " Empire " " " "	5c
25 " Brown sea Island domestic "	6¼c
25 " Londalon bleached domestic no stitches price	4½c
25 " L. L. bleached domestic no stitches "	5c
20 " Good as Gold blch " yd wide	7½c
15 " Red Fox " " " "	7c
25 " Lonsdale " " " "	8c
10 " Fruit of Loom " " " "	9c
15 " Lonsd'le camb " " " "	10½c
15 " Knights " " " " "	8½c
5 " Pepprell 10 4 hlf blch sheeting price	22½c
5 " Honce " " " " "	16c
5 " Windsor 10 4 " " " "	20c
5 " Bowell 9 4 " " " "	19c
5 " Silver Mills 10 4 Brown " " "	20c
5 " Boughtionll 9 4 " " " "	14c

Staple Dress Goods Department.

200 pcs Garner & Simpson's calico, yard	4c
100 pcs Garners Calico in solid oil colors, yard	4c
50 pcs Book Fold Percal, sale price yard	6c
25 pcs " " " best quality, yard	8½c
15 pcs dress duck in blue, red and black yard	8½c
50 pcs dress gingham "Red Seal" yard	8½c
15 pcs apron check gingham, worth 8½ yard	4½c
25 pcs shirting gingham, worth 12½ yard	8½c
25 pcs outing flannel worth 7½, yard	5c
15 pcs heavy fleeced lined suiting, yard	8c

Men and Boys Shoe Department.

Lot 1. America Mens calf bals plain toe, price	\$1.50
Lot 2. " " " " cap toe price	1.50
Lot 3. " " " " plain toe price	1.50
Lot 4. Good as Gold mens colt skin bals cp toe	2.00
Lot 5. " " " " gloh toe	2.00
Lot 6. Security mens hiland calf bals cap toe	2.50
Lot 7. Tacoma mens chrome " " " "	2.50
Lot 8. English welt mens nice calf cap toe	2.50
Lot 9. Patroll mens heauy sole calf bals cap toe	2.50
Lot 10. Own make mens arabian horse bals cap toe	3.00
Lot 11. " " " hiland calf bals golh toe	3.00
Lot 12. " " " chrome calf cony golh "	3.00
Lot 13. America boys calf bals 2 to 5 price	1.50
Lot 14. Daily bread boys calf bals 2 to 5 price	1.50
Lot 15. America boys calf bals 12 to 2 price	1.25
Lot 16. Meyed boys calf bals 9 to 2 sale price	1.00



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Men's and Boys' Clothing Dept.

Prices cut to the core. \$20,000 stock to select from. We are the only house in Abilene that handles the genuine

California Clothing Blankets and Over-shirts

None genuine unless it bears the Oregon City Woolen Mills signature. Our men's and boys'

Hats, Caps, Underwear

in fact, our entire line of Furnishing Goods, go in this sale. Prices cut to the core. Besides, we give you one pound of coffee free with every \$1.00 purchase



Fancy Waisting & Dress Goods Dept.

10 pcs, all wool waistings, in pastel shades, per yd	25c
5 " Knickerbocker waisting, pink, green, red, yd	25c
10 " Fleece lined Piqued waistings in colorings, yd	30c
5 " Zibilene fancies for waisting colorings, yd	15c
3 " White Damask for waisting, new and stylish, yd	25c
5 " White Oxford waistings, new and stylish, yd	35c
2 " White oxford brocade for waists very stylish, yd	50c
2 " Blk and white brocade vesting for waists, yd	65c
1 " White Brilliantine a beauty for full suit, yd	50c
2 " Two tone Zibilene very new and stylish, yd	75c
5 " Scotch Tweeds for skirts or full suit, yd	50c
5 " Basket weave suitings or full suit, per yd	50c
5 " Broadcloth suitings, per yd	\$1.00
5 " Fancy all wool suitings, per yd	50c
2 " Black voil, a beauty, per yd	\$1.50
2 " Black voil, imported and very new, per yd	\$2.00
10 " Fancy Brocades, worth 50c, per yd	25c

Towels and Linen Department.

Lot 1 25 doz huck towels, 18x36, per pair	25c
Lot 3 20 doz huck towels, 20x38, per pair	25c
Lot 4 15 doz comb towels, 22x36, per pair	25c
Lot 5 10 doz comb towels, 24x40, per pair	35c
Lot 10 2 pcs bleached table linen, 50 in, per yard	25c
Lot 11 2 pcs bleached table linen, 68 in, per yd	35c
Lot 12 2 pcs bleached table linen, 72 in, per yd	50c
Lot 13 Special table linen, 72 in, per yard	75c
Lot 14 10 doz 10-4 white quilts, worth \$1.50 ea. at	\$1.
Lot 15 8 doz 10-4 white quilts, worth \$2, at	\$1.50

Ladies and Misses Shoe Department.

Lot 1 American lady pat. tip turned sole, price,	\$3.50
Lot 2 " " " " welt, price	\$3.00
Lot 3 " " " " nice turned price	\$3.50
Lot 4 Own make ladies shoes, welt price	\$2.50
Lot 5 " " " " turned, price	\$2.50
Lot 6 " " " " pat tip, welt, price	\$2.00
Lot 7 Watch Us " " " " " "	\$1.75
Lot 8 Hamilton " " " " " "	\$1.50
Lot 9 " " " " " turned "	\$1.50
Lot 10 Silver cord ladies heavy calf shoes price	\$1.00
Lot 11 Security school shoe, size 1 to 3, price	\$2.00
Lot 12 " " " " 11 to 13, "	\$1.75
Lot 13 " " " " 6 to 10½ "	\$1.50
Lot 14 Mustard Misses shoe, size 12½ to 3, price	\$1.00
Lot 15 " " " " 5 to 11, "	75c
Lot 16 Mildred child shoe, size 2 to 5, price	50c

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Our constantly increasing patronage proves our assertions.

J. O. HAMILTON

Items From Various Sources

Diphtheria in Abilene.

Three or four cases of diphtheria have developed at Abilene, but the disease is said to be of a mild form and only one death has occurred, the little daughter of Ed Butler, so far. Considerable apprehension is felt, however, and it was the general belief at Abilene Saturday that school would suspend Monday. Rigid quarantine regulations are in force and it is not likely that the disease will spread beyond its present limits.

Curious Facts.

Strong, Maine, is noted for its toothpicks, as more than half the toothpicks used in the United States come from there.

A California man has invented a machine by which the immense beds of the ocean are to be utilized in the manufacture of paper.

At old-fashioned hotels and restaurants in Sweden it is customary to charge less for women than for men on the theory that they eat less.

Australia has the largest duck farm and the largest incubator in the world. The incubator has a capacity of 11,440 duck eggs or 14,080 hen eggs.

In the matter of woman's rights, Abyssinia is far ahead of Europe. The house with all its contents belongs to the wife and if the husband offends her she turns him out until he is fully repentant and makes amends.

Seven wonders of the world: (1) The pyramids of Egypt; (2) the Pharos of Alexandria; (3) the walls and hanging gardens of Babylon; (4) the temple of Artemis at Ephesus; (5) the statue of the Olympian Zeno; (6) the mausoleum of Artemisia; (7) the Colossus of Rhodes.

The Whiskey Bottle Won.

Mrs. Cyrus Elliott of Macon, Mo., in making application before the Circuit Judge for divorce a few days ago told why she wanted a separation from her husband.

"Most honorable judge," she said, "I love that man as well as I do my own life and I've put up with him for twenty years. Time and again he signed a pledge to quit drinking, only to break it. When sober he is the best man that ever lived. When drunk he's the worst. At last I determined to settle it once for all. I got a pint of the best whiskey I could find and put it on the table. 'Cy,' said I, 'there's a bottle of

the stuff that's ruined you. It cost me a dollar. Now you can choose which you want worst—that bottle of whiskey or me.' Judge, it was a hard proposition. The tears went to his eyes and he began to shake. I said nothing. He looked at me and then hungrily at the whiskey. His lips moved, but he didn't speak. It was too much for him. He reached for the bottle with trembling hand, pulled out the cork and the hell-fire gurgled down his throat. Then I left him—and for good."

The woman was granted a divorce. They have several grown children and are in good financial circumstances.

The Race Problem.

Various public spirited citizens are suggesting solutions of the race problem, and one of the solutions offered is that of migration to Africa or some other distant country. An Illinois reader of the Commoner suggests that Africa is the place, and insists that if the negroes go there they will trade with this country and be of great benefit to us. Senator Morgan of Alabama has been quoted as favoring the colonization of the negroes in the Philippines, but Governor Hogg of Texas calls this a dream and says that the negro race is increasing at the rate of 750,000 a year. He figures that if the government should undertake to send them to the Philippine islands it would take a tremendous fleet of transports. One transport carrying 2,000 passengers and making six trips a year would only carry 12,000 persons during the year. Fifty transports would thus carry but 600,000. It would seem that fifty transports would not be able to quite keep up with the increase in the colored population.

Not a Sick Day Since.

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C. writes. Only 50c, at Rust & Pittard, Druggist.

Disastrous Wreck.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railroad wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by Rust & Pittard, Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Just My Luck.

If the boy who exclaims, "Just my luck," were truthful he would say, "Just my laziness," or "Just my inattention."

Luck is waiting for something to turn up.

Labor, with strong eyes and strong will, will turn up something.

Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy.

Labor turns out at at 6 o'clock and with a busy pen or ringing hammer lays the foundation of a competence.

Luck whines.

Labor whistles.

Luck relies on chances.

Labor on character.

Luck flips down to indigence. Labor strides upward to independence.

Luck, in the Bible sense, is a good old English word; "I wish you wish you good luck in the name of the Lord." But "luck" with no thought of Providence is a bad word.—Ex.

The Best Liniment.

"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is considered the best liniment on the market," write Post & Bliss, of Georgia, Vt. No other liniment will heal a cut or bruise so promptly. No other affords such quick relief from rheumatic pains. No other is so valuable for deep seated pains like lame back and pains in the chest. Give this liniment a trial and you will never wish to be without it. Sold by Burroughs & Mann.

The boy stood on the burning deck

Whence all but he had fled;
The reason was the water there
Was somewhat o'ev his had!
—Exchange.

And next will come the Autumn girl,

The girl that we love best—
I wonder if she'll wear our socks,
Our neckties, or our vest?
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