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THE HIGHER LIFE.

Rev. Abe Mulkey's Famous Sermon
on Restitution.

Wills Point Chronicle.

The following is the gist of the sermon delivered by Rev. Abe Mulkey last Sunday night on "Restitution:"

My friends: This sermon, when I get through, you will say is worth to your town \$10,000. It cost me \$5,500 before I could preach it, and that in spot cash.

Friends, when I was a boy of seven years, I lived in the city of Nashville, Tenn. I was a news-boy and aided in the support of my preacher father, and my dear mother. My parents moved from Tennessee to Waxahachie, Texas, in my tenth year. When I reached my seventeenth year I went into the grocery business on the public square. I had been in business but a little while when I was impressed with the line of thought on which I am tonight speaking. I was in business off and on for about seventeen years. I moved from this town to Corsicana, and while clerking for a large dry goods concern, many Christians would come into the store and ask me why I was not a Christian. I always gave them the same answer that you give me; that I had not the time to serve God.

Col. Lee, in order to retrench in his business, I being the last employe, asked me if I would not kindly release him from his contract with me. I did cheerfully, and as I went walking out of the door it seemed to me as if my brain stepped out of its socket and turned into a whispering gallery, saying, "I have now given you time to serve God." As I wended my way homeward, walking over the wooden steps, the echo seemed to cry out, "I have given you time to serve God." I had just improved a nice little home and, being an admirer of forest trees, went out into the forest and dug up two or three and after digging them up took a seat on a log and began to meditate about my misspent life. My first thought was suicide, in fact I came near taking my own life, the only reason I did not, being because I was always a natural believe in the word of God. I remembered some of the sermons that my father had preached when I was a boy. He preached the doctrine of God when he said, "No murderer can enter the kingdom of God." If I take my own life, it will be self-murder, and my destiny will be hell," said I. So my friends, I decided I would flee to California where I would remain until I could gather together that which was necessary to redeem my lost character. Then I concluded I would go home and with my wife stem the storm or die. And so, when I had reached home I opened the word of God and commenced reading it. I heard my wife coming. I presumed she was aiming for the parlor, so when I saw her coming I closed the book, and took a magazine from the table—ashamed to let her see me perusing the word of God. After she had gone I again commenced reading the book of God and, my friends,

that night about eleven o'clock, seated around my hearthstone, I delineated a character that exactly portrayed my life.

There was a fellow clerk by the name of Hopkins who boarded with us. He was to my soul what Nathan was to the soul of David; the frankest man I had ever known. When I depicted this character to him I asked what he thought of such a person. He said, "the character you picture out deserves hell; the penitentiary is to good for such a person." I will never know how I looked, but he immediately went out on the back gallery and commenced to walk back and forth. I then said to my wife, "The character I pictured out tonight is that of your husband."

Now the walls of my house were painted white; and it seemed to me that I had a black pencil in my hand, sketching the sins of my life, one after another on the wall, and whenever I mentioned some secret sin of my life to my wife, she would cry out, "You certainly are not guilty of that?" I went on writing as if she had not spoken, one sin after another and they seemed to reach to the floor and finally I looked up and said, "Oh, God, I beg you, for Christ's sake, to forgive me of all my sins," and, instantly, the spot that was as black as black could be became as white as the driven snow. I had the witness of the Holy Spirit that God had forgiven all my sins, and I commenced at the top of my voice praising God. Mr. Hopkins came running in and fell down on his knees by me, my wife already being on hers, and I cried out to God to forgive their sins as he had forgiven mine; and ten minutes afterward they were both rejoicing in the love of God. I praised God the live-long night and in the morning resolved to go out and tell the first soul I should meet of what God had done for me.

And so, when I met the first man after that, a skeptical lawyer, I was embarrassed, and said

to myself, "I promised God to tell the first soul I met and I will tell it or die." I walked up and said, "Judge, I have some good news to tell you." And as he leaned back on his cane he asked, "What is it?" I said, "Judge, I can say, as did the Philippian jailor, that my whole household was saved last night; God, for Christ's sake, forgave me my sins, and forgave my wife and Mr. Hopkins." The Judge retorted, "I have read through the Bible two or three times and I don't believe that God Almighty teaches any such doctrine. Do you mean to tell me that He forgave all your sins last night?" "He did, Judge," said I. He next said, "Then let me put you a few straight out questions. I am acquainted with your Waxahachie life. You used to do business up there before you moved down here, and when you came down here Col. Garlington of Dallas sent a claim against you for \$600. Did God settle that last night? What about that \$1,000 that you owner Schiffe & Nephews of New York City? Did God pay that last night? What about the \$800 you owed Brown, Lang & Co. of Galveston? Did God pay that? You insulted me, or tried to, when I presented the claim of \$800 that you owed John I. Adams & Co., grocery dealers of New Orleans. Did God pay that last night?" Well, my friends, my eyes were fixed upon the ground but my mind was busy working. I finally mustered courage and said, "Judge, those are certainly posers that you are putting to me, but, if God Almighty lets me live I will settle them satisfactory to you in every sense of the word." And, lest I forget it, I have a letter at home that the Judge wrote me about ten years after that, inviting me to his district to hold a religious revival.

I opened my eyes and saw there were two sides to religion; I saw there was a human side of which the book gave a full understanding; and another, the spiritual side of which God did

not intend man should wholly understand, except to the extent that he should follow the Holy Spirit. So, I took down my Waxahachie ledger and produced a trial balance of my business there. The principal was \$4,000 and the interest \$1,500. I took this trial balance, in secret prayer, out in the hot sun, and looking God in the face said, "Oh, God, I have settled all the debts you had against me, but all the forgiving spirits between heaven and hell will not satisfy those creditors; nothing but money and Oh! Lord, I will not tell my experience again unless some provision is made to settle this indebtedness." Now, don't you suspect that I was big enough fool to hold out my hat and expect God to rain twenty-dollar gold pieces into it

to regulate this. That was not the case at all. It was just like it is with my watch; when it goes wrong, I carry it to the jeweler. In this instance I got the right way of living, and I served a God whom, I believed, would perform a miracle to help a fellow who wanted to do right on this earth. God, I knew, would seek means and put it into the hearts of others to give me employment to enable me to meet my debts.

(continued next week.)

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.

The Mail gives all the news.

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.

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BUYING THE BEST



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

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER NOW

It won't cost you much to do this at our store if you come AT ONCE. Here are some Special Bargains and the best quality is in every garment. Read every item carefully. : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :



Dark brown Melton overcoat, well lined and padded, serviceable, worth 8.50, our price **6.50**
 Extra good Beaver overcoat, blk and dark blue, worth 10 to 12.50 everywhere, our price **9.00**
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 Boys winter suits' all colors and sizes, extra cheap at 3.00, 2.75, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50 and **1.00**
 Boys winter suits, all sizes, well made, good wearers, very cheap at 6.50, 5.00, 4.00 and **3.50**
 Boys knee pants, all sizes, the best values ever shown for the price, at 50c, 75c and **1.00**
 Mens fine cashmere and melton suits, fine fitters, best make, worth 12.50, our price **10.00**
 Mens fine suits, extra well made, padded shoulders and front, will retain shape 15.00 **12.50**
15.00

Why pay 20.00 for a fine black suit when you can buy the very same suit at Watson & Bacon's Spot Cash Store at low price of

Youths suits, all sizes and colors, all bargains, at only 3.50, 5.00, 6.50, 8.50 and **10.00**
 Just received a shipment of ladies and childrens jackets, better than ever, from 1.00 to **5.00**
 Mens heavy cotton overshirts, the "kant wear out" kind, at 1.00 and **50c**
 Mens wool overshirts, all colors and weights, at 2.00, 1.75, 1.50 and **1.00**
 We have a big line of wool and cotton underwear for men and boys at from 25c to **1.50**
 A large assortment of wool and cotton blankets at, a pair, from 50c to **6.00**
 We are still selling the ladies and boys extra heavy bicycle hose, worth 25c, at only **15c**
 Just received another large shipment of millinery goods that figures a saving to you of 25 per cent.
 We are sole agents in Merkel for the Standard Patterns. We'll take your order for patterns and furnish free fashion plates.



They say we sell good merchandise cheaper because we sell for cash the year round.

WATSON & BACON.

THE MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Office 57
 Residence 11

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

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.

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.

The T. & P. Teachers' Association will be reorganized at Sweetwater Nov. 28, a meeting having been called to that effect.

The only consolation Democrats can find in the results of the Ohio election is the fact that Tom Johnson's tongue has been put out of commission, temporarily, at least.

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.

Postmasters up and down the road have been notified that the run of the mail clerk on the short train will be at once extended from Abilene to Colorado. This explodes the intimation of the Abilene Reporter that the short train would be discontinued and is an indication of the permanency of our daily train service. Good.

R. M. and Mrs. Hill left Sunday for Clyde where Mr. Hill will go into business. Misses Gertrude and Patti left Monday. The family, and especially the young ladies, will be greatly missed, and the best wishes of their friends go with them.

Little Miss Mamie Mann entertained her girl friends with a birthday party Saturday, it being the 10th anniversary of her birth. Cake and fruit were served, and of course the little ones had a royal time.

Masons at Home.

A deal was made Monday whereby the Masons come into possession of the Ferrier Hall. The deed calls for the second story of the Ferrier building and a one-fourth interest in the lot, the consideration being \$1,500. The general opinion is that the fraternity came out more than whole in the transaction and they were immediately offered a bonus of \$500 by other parties for the property. The committee having the matter of building in hand have been untiring in their efforts to provide a place of meeting for the lodge, and they are to be congratulated upon acquiring this valuable property.

The building is 25x90 feet and easily worth \$2,000.

Several of the local Woodmen went to Abilene Sunday to participate in unveiling ceremonies over the grave of a lady, Mrs. Pierce. It was the intention of the lodge to go in a body, but most of the members were loathe to face the sandstorm.

The supper given by the ladies of the Baptist church Friday night was a decided success, the net proceeds amounting to about \$38. The money will be used in beautifying the church. The Christian ladies will give a dinner on Thanksgiving day, and it should be liberally patronized.

John S. Hughes last week purchased a strip of 40 acres from the Patterson estate adjoining his farm, the price per acre being \$7. This gives John a farm of 240 acres in a high state of cultivation, and he now has one of the best farms in this country, with an extensive productive capacity. He believes in deep

plowing, and the fact that he gathered 9 bales from 20 acres of cotton shows that his method of cultivation pays. John is worthy of great prosperity.

E. W. T. Compton moved his family to Eula, Callahan county, last week where he will engage in blacksmithing. Mrs. Compton's neighbors regret very much to lose her from their midst. As a neighbor she is kind and thoughtful, and her ministrations to the sick and afflicted have endeared her to all who have fallen under her care. The Mail wishes the family every happiness and prosperity in their new home.

National Bank Examiner J. M. Logan was here Friday and went over the books of the First National Bank. He congratulated the management of the bank on the fine showing made, and paid them the compliment of saying that it is the only bank in the west that he has examined that is "out of debt." Merkel's banks are sound, and their deposits have more than doubled during the past two months. This shows that the country as a whole is in a most prosperous condition.

An exchange says a girl recently sent her photograph to her best fellow and wrapped it up in a newspaper on which was printed an advertisement of a stove firm. A portion of the print adhered to the photograph and the young man was very much startled to see staring him in the face in bold pica type the following words: "See name on leg."

New Century Flour—guaranteed to be the best that comes to Merkel.

Chenault & Provine.

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

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, ETC., ETC.

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.

DENNIS BROS.

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

G. A. F. Wash of Hylton was here with cotton Thursday which brought him 10c and he loaded out with supplies, also renewing his subscription to The Mail. One of his neighbors who accompanied him sold cotton at 10 1/2¢, the highest price that day reaching 10 20¢. Mr. Wash says cotton is averaging 1/4 of a bale to the acre in his community. Corn is good and there is an abundance of feed stuff. The country is up to its ears in prosperity. The Mail appreciates Mr. Wash's patronage. He is one of our very best farmers.

The Mail gives all the news.

Time's About Up!

Pretty soon you'll have to make a decision regarding the purchase of

MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

For Fall and Winter. We respectfully ask you to call and look through our stock before you decide. We are making very low prices on this line and the quality will speak for itself. : You cannot afford to buy shoes without seeing the "Star Brand;" none better. : Ten per cent reduction on all woolen Dress Goods. : In addition to giving you the benefit of Lowest Prices, we give you Premium Dishes with every Dollar you spend. Full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries at Lowest prices.

Yours truly,

The Star Store,

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

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.

Quaker Reflections.
Camphor makes the moth bawl. The man who depends upon luck is usually a failure. Some people aim high, but lack the necessary ammunition. Most of us expend more energy fault-finding than in praise. No, Maude, dear; the church social is not made up of socialists. It doesn't pay to brag about things you haven't done yet. Royalty may be alright, but kings and queens are always topped by aces. The fewer clothes a burlesque actress wears, the more airs she means to put on. There is considerable difference between the pinnacle of fame and the height of folly.

A car of ear corn to arrive soon. Inside prices will be made when taking corn from car.
G. W. Boyce.
Diphtheria has practically been stamped out in Abilene. There has been only one new case during the past ten days.

The Fort Worth Record,

A Democratic Paper for Democratic Texas
The long felt want of North Texas has been supplied, and the Fort Worth Record, as good as the best and Democratic besides, is a daily and semi-weekly fact. By special arrangement The Mail is enabled to make a remarkably low combination rate until Jan. 1, next, for subscriptions one year in advance.
The Record one year.....\$1.00
The Mail one year..... 1.00
Both papers one year..... 1.35
This offer will be withdrawn on Jan. 1, after which the usual combination price will prevail. Sample copies at this office. Remit to this office.

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.
Music! Music!
Have received first edition of "Eleanor Waltzes" and same can be found on sale at Burroughs & Mann's drug store. If you want a nice, pretty and easy piece be sure and get a copy. It is the latest—"up-to-the-minute"—and you will be pleased.
Will Leeman.

New T. & P. Schedule.

The following passenger schedule is now in effect:
DAY TRAIN
No. 6, east bound, ... 11:51 a. m.
No. 3, west bound, ... 4:55 p. m.
NIGHT TRAIN
No. 4, east bound, ... 11:25 p. m.
No. 5, west bound, ... 4:15 a. m.

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.

Special Sale Days.

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14, I will sell ready-to-wear and trimmed hats at a reduction of 10 per cent from regular prices. I have a nice line to select from and now is the accepted time to buy.
Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

Honor Roll.

Following is the honor roll for Merkel Public School for month ending Nov. 6, 1903:
MISS HARKRIDER'S ROOM.
Imo Mann Chester Hall
Lula Sharp Stanley King
Mollie Hall
MISS EVAN'S ROOM.
Nellie Barnhill Fannie Moore
Ada Leach Mamie Mann
MISS HATTEN'S ROOM.
Winnie Warren Annie T. Daniel
Fannie Burroughs Annie Steed
MISS HILL'S ROOM.
Willie Joe Largent Zora Whitaker
Ivah Hightower
W. H. BUXTON'S ROOM.
Clyde Smith Claude Mann
Willie Wheeler Ola Pope
Dora Pettis Maud Jinkens
Florence Woodrum Edwin Clark
Henry Counts Effie Hutson
Eula Paylor Lizzie Freemon
Abie Butman Nola Berry
Jessie Lowry Sallie Toombs
Belle Hudson
C. E. EVAN'S ROOM.
Ernest Maxwell James McNeese
Adrain Witt Mary Sears
Rufus Adcock Henry Keller
Elmer Maxwell

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 M Hays, Merkel
Mrs W A Pope, "
J W Moore, "
D D Coats, "
C M Largent, "
J M Tipton, "
J H Horton, "
J. C. Brown, "
J. K. Higgins, "
F. W. Reidenbach, "
F & M Bank, Abilene
J H Julian, "
J A Elliott, Trent
T G Horton, "
J A Pore, Dressey
J D Waldroup, Sinclair
R L McLean, Nubia
Mrs Ermin Rowe, Coalgate, I T
by J M Tipton
Miss Lillie Lou Allen, Lebanon
by C M Largent
A. F. McLain, Ennis.
by F. W. Reidenbach.

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.

T. & P. Teachers' Association.

10 a. m.—Organization.
Words of welcome—H C Hord, Pres. of School Board, Sweetwater, W L Grogan, Jno W Scott, Dr L B Roebuck, Sweetwater.

Response by teachers.
How shall boys be kept in the high school to graduation?—Supt S E Thompson, Big Springs, Supt I B Skinner, Colorado City.
NOON.

1:30 p m—What steps should be taken for the correlation of the country schools with the high school?—Supt B W Hudgins, Snyder.

Music—Miss Otis Metcalf, Sweetwater.

Supplementary reading, paper—Miss Mollie Agerton, Sweetwater. Discussed by G W Kirby, Roscoe, and Prof M K Witt, Sweetwater.

Reading—High School pupil. Some effective method in history—Miss Daisy Brady, Snyder.

Primary reading—Miss Daisy Smith, Sweetwater.

The aim of the Primary School—Miss Florence Montgomery, Abilene.

Current News Topics and what use is to be made of them in school?—Prof C C Pollard, Roby. 8 P. M.

Music.

Reading—High School pupil. Latin in the Public School—Prin W W Lackey, Abilene.

Culture in the Public School—Mrs. Kate Williams, Abilene.

Relation of superintendent and patrons—Prof C E Evans, Merkel.

Morals in Education—Prof F W Chatfield, Abilene.

Paper by Dr O H Cooper, Pres Simmons College Abilene.

The people of Sweetwater cordially invite the teachers to their town, to their school building, and to their homes.
Nov. 28, 1903 Com.

Emzy Burroughs arrived Tuesday from Italy. He has been sick several days and came here to recuperate. His friends are glad to see him.

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Real Estate, Life, Fire and Tornado Insurance Agent,
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Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Etc.
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J. J. MILLER,
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Land and Collecting Agent.

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

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

Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS. Price 50c & \$1.00
A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles.
Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

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Best Passenger Service

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BETWEEN
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DALLAS, TEXAS.

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.
Try reading The Mail.

The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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Subscription Rates.

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

ADVERTISING RATES

per month
One inch space..... \$.50
Two inch space..... 1.00
Quarter column (4 1-2 inches)..... 2.50
Half column (9 inches)..... 4.00
One column (18 inches)..... 7.50
Four issues constitute a month. All advertisements run and charged for until ordered out, unless limit is specified when insertion is made. Special prices on time contracts. Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS:

Statements of their indebtedness were sent out to foreign subscribers Nov. 7, with the request that they remit amounts due at once. We have heavy obligations to meet Dec. 1, and feel sure this appeal to our subscribers will not go unheeded.

Kindly send in what you are due, and if convenient pay your subscription a year in advance. This would help us out wonderfully, and place The Mail under further obligations to its friends.

Sincerely,
THE PUBLISHER.

These are days when there is something doing in Merkel.

That man Murphy, Tammany's leader, is a campaigner from Cork.

Political rumblings are heard in the distance, and will soon break out.

A passenger train on time these days would be an incident of more than passing moment.

Uncle Sam's fine hand no doubt played a prominent part in freeing Panama from the bondage of despotism.

Mary is 24 years old. Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann? This is the problem of the day.

The press of the State are howling for reform among officeholders, and with James Stephen Hogg as an ally there is bound to be something doing pretty soon.

A new nation was born when the Republic of Panama cast off her despotism and declared herself free and independent. Your Uncle Samuel has already embraced the fair maiden.

The recent Democratic victories should be a source of great encouragement and a means of promoting unity among factions of the party who are at cross purposes. Getting together will mean success next year.

Cameron an attachment was run on a saloon to satisfy a debt, and now the constable is confronted with the proposition whether or not he will be permitted to sell the same in a dry county, even at public outcry.

The amicable settlement of the express strike without bloodshed and the usual rioting is a feather in the cap of the labor organizations, although they lost out in their contentions. Strikers these days are too often dominated by the lawless element.

There may be something in that copper mine after all. The quiet way in which the promoters have gone about working up the claim is not indicative of an attempt to gull the people. And the fact that they withheld all evidence of their "find" and refused to show their specimens to the inquisitors is taken as a basis for belief that they know what they are about. Wouldn't Merkel boom if the mines should be profitably developed!

A new problem is confronting the people on the prohibition question, and that is, will they allow it to be mixed up in politics? We need good men in office—men who will put forth every effort to enforce every law on the statute books,—but that does not necessarily imply that they should be prohibitionists. The people should exercise their right of choice without regard as to how they stand on this great moral question. Their preference, however, should be shown toward the candidate who will enforce the laws to the best of his ability.

The Sweetwater Review says it is going to prepay The Mail a bottle of good Sweetwater whiskey (of course the Review knows how good it is), which it deems equally as exhilarating and less expensive than controversy, because we saw fit to criticize the Review for maligning Taylor for county. It also states that the article was edited and paid for by the anti. This lessens the Review's guilt somewhat, still it is not becoming to publish misrepresentations even for pay. But you'd better send that bottle now, before local option goes into effect, Mr. Review. We promise that it will make the first whiskey bonfire Merkel has had since her saloon went up in smoke some six or seven years ago.

Prof. R. B. Cousins is an avowed candidate for State Superintendent, and with few exceptions he has the loyal support of the profession throughout the State. Prof. Cousins is a broadminded, cultured gentleman and an educator of great ability, and the man who beats him will have to rise early and stay late. The following pretty compliment is from the Richmond Coaster:

"Prof. R. B. Cousins, a distinguished educator of Mexico, is a candidate for State Superintendent of schools. Prof. Cousins was a candidate in the last election but withdrew owing to the fact that it was LeFevre's second term. Prof. Cousins is universally and deservedly popular with the teachers of Texas and it is doubtful if he will have any opposition in the election next year."

ROOSEVELT'S POSITION.

The hope that President Roosevelt would abandon his racial utterances as the presidential campaign drew near has been rudely shattered by further rabid utterances along this line. He is quoted as saying:

"If I could be absolutely assured of my election as president by turning my back on principles of human liberty as enunciated by Abraham Lincoln, I would be incapable of doing it and unfit to be president if I could be capable of it.

"I do not expect to be elected president by the trust promoters who are fighting for special privileges nor by the radical labor union men who would shut out



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Winter is coming to make trouble with your trouble; why not take due notice and govern yourself accordingly?

Eyes perfectly fitted with glasses of the finest quality with satisfaction guaranteed, both in lenses and frames, price and quality.

The most stubborn cases of granulated eyelids in the country solicited; no cure no pay.

See us at the office of Drs. Leeman and King, at Merkel, Nov. 16.

all other men from an opportunity to work, nor by those who would close the door of hope against the colored man as a citizen.

"They are all demanding special privileges which cannot be recognized by the president whose oath of office binds him to execute the laws for all alike and recognize none as above the law.

"If I am elected to this high office, it must be on my record as the executor of the law without favors or discrimination."

Accepting the above as the position to be maintained by the president in the forthcoming campaign, there can be no doubt of the position which is left to the Democrats; for the issue is plainly one of an endeavor to place the Southern whites and blacks on a level socially. Therefore, the Democrats have been forewarned, and that the battle will be pitched along this line goes without the saying.

Placing the president on the pedestal which he alone has builded, we have him "between the devil and the deep blue sea." Self-respecting Republicans of the South cannot and will not accede to his demands for social equality between the whites and blacks, and many are looking upon him unfavorably in the light of good presidential timber.

His thrust at organized labor will no doubt put that body solidly against him, while he is already promised the opposition of the trusts. Taking all these things into consideration, the outlook for Democratic supremacy next year is indeed bright. If the Democrats will behave and come together amicably and stand by the party regardless of past differences they can reasonably expect to land their candidate for president in 1904.

We Make Them

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

SOMETHING WRONG.

Last Sunday was a week three boys ranging in age from about 14 to 16 years in some way obtained a lot of whiskey and made a trip out in the Clyde neighborhood. Having imbibed pretty freely of the bug-juice the boys becoming too hilarious were taken in by the constable. Result: A fine and cost amounting to about eight dollars each and three sadder but wiser boys. The facts never leaked out until Constable Fleming came to town to collect the balance of the fines. The question is now, how did the boys get the whiskey? There may be a sequel to the story to come later.—Baird Star.

We have no personal knowledge of the matter, but are told by reliable men that they have

seen Abilene boys, under age, board the train at Baird fool drunk, with big bottles in their pockets. This has been reported more than once. Minors get liquor in Baird without any trouble, either from dealers or through the aid of low down men.—Abilene Reporter.

It has not been very long since three or four Merkel boys, all under 16 years of age, went to Baird and came back as drunk as lords. This thing has been going on for some time, and the same occasionally happens at Sweetwater. The boys should be made to tell how and from whom they got the whiskey. More, they should be spanked with a pile-driver and put to bed at sundown.

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When you get one of these stoves PERFECT BAKING is guaranteed, DURABILITY is guaranteed, CONVENIENCE is guaranteed, ECONOMY of FUEL is guaranteed, in fine PERFECTION in a stove is guaranteed. Remember, Charter Oak and Garland Stoves bake perfectly and last a lifetime. It is just as easy to own one of these makes as any other kind, and they give twice the satisfaction. We are waiting to supply you with one.

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Abilene,

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And other things too numerous to mention by marking our goods (in plain figures) 20 to 30 per cent lower than you can buy them elsewhere. We offer no inducements for your trade only in the QUALITY OF OUR GOODS and the prices tacked to each article in our store. Get your fall bill at an economical place, where we save you money and GUARANTEE SATISFACTION. WE are in the DRY GOODS BUSINESS and not a grocery or jewelry concern. Think of this matter in a common-sense view and see where you stand.

NOTE CAREFULLY OUR PRICE LIST.

Shoe Department We set the pace and hold our place—first in the race. Mens, boys, ladies and childrens shoes. We carry them all and a complete line in each of them. If economy appeals to you, our shoes should. We also carry a complete line of the celebrated Drew-Selby Shoes for ladies. They are unsurpassed in Style, Ruality, Beauty and Price. Prices from 2.00 to 5.00.		Boys better grades, 75c, 1.00 and up 50c Mens caps, good 25c Mens caps, better goods, and 90c 50c Boys caps, 25 and 50c, 10c	Ladies' and Children's Department. Ladies, your underwear is ready and should be selected too before sizes are broken. Cold days are rapidly approaching and you'll find it highly profitable to have heavy underwear on hand. Ladies fall and winter weight vests and pants 35, 50c and up 25c Ladies cold weather weight union suits, 35, 50c and up 25c Misses and childrens union suits, heavy weight, 35c and up 25c
Staple Department. Good Calico, full patterns, per yard 3c Good double fold percales, per yard 4c Good soft finish bleached Domestic, per yd 4c Apron check Gingham, per yard 4c Heavy brown LL Domestic, per yard 5c Cotton Flannel, per yard 5c Mattress Ticking, per yard 5c Brown Drilling, per yard 6c 10-4 Sheeting, per yard 15c ACA Feather Tick, per yard 10c Fancy Outing, 6, 7, 8c and up 5c Fancy fleece back, 10, 15c and up 7c Fancy double fold plaids to 15c 7c Clarks best 6 cord spool cotton 3 spools 10c 200 yards of remnant heavy brown LL domestic well worth 7½c 5c		Boys' Clothing Department. FABRIC, MAKING, FIT AND STYLE, ARE THE REQUISITE OF A GOOD SUIT. We offer the best attainable in each particular in Boys' clothing. We've all the varieties that any one could ask for and in well made and trust worthy goods. They are the kind of suits your boy would like and you would appreciate. Great saving opportunities are in store for you. Come at once and investigate. Note prices: Boys two-piece suits only 40c Boys better two-piece suits, 1.25 and 2, \$1.00 Boys all wool suits, 2.50 and 3, \$2.00 Boys nicer all wool three-piece suits, 5, \$3.50 Boys knee pants, 35, 50c and up, 25c	Dress Goods. The elegance of the fabrics we handle together with the modesty of our prices have won us a prominence in the Dress Goods section. Every piece new and up-to-date in both street and evening shades with the popular novelty weaves of the season. Don't miss the opportunity of seeing our handsome line. The very latest novelties, half wool fancies at 15c, 20c to 25c All wool dress goods 25c up to 50c Grampain fleece 8½c Dornett fleece 10c Silk Vesting 50c Oxford Vesting 50c Fleece Pique 25c and 40c Fleece Oxford 20c Moketo Fleece 10c Nub Suiting 15c Satin Stripe Waisting 10c Knotted tweed per yd 50, 75, 1, 1.50 and \$2.00 Satin finish Panniler cloth 70c Shark skin per yard 75c
Men's Hat Department. We have the best and most up-to-date line of men's and boy's hats and caps ever brought to Abilene. Note prices: Mens fur hats, good \$1.00 Mens fur hats, better grade, to 2.50 \$1.50 Mens Stetson hats Boys' hats, good 25c		Skirts and Jackets. No lady should pass our skirts and jackets, as we have the newest things to be had and prices that we defy competition. Black fancy worsted half wool skirt only 90c Ladies heavy wool mixed skirt only \$1.00 Ladies heavy wool skirts to 3.50 \$2.50 Ladies all wool skirts, tailor made, 3 to \$10. Ladies silk skirts from, to 15, \$9.00 Ladies jackets in the latest styles and colors from 3.50, 5, 7.50 to \$15.00 Ladies shot jackets from, up, \$1.25	Mens' Furnishing Department. Mens fancy fleece ribbed undershirt 25c Mens better grade fleece lined, and 50c 35c Mens bleach drill drawers, Scriven patent, 50c Mens heavy fleece lined drawers 50c and up 35c Mens good heavy overshirts 50c Mens better grades, and 1.50, \$1.00 Mens still better grades, and 2.50, \$2.00 Mens fancy dress shirts, and 75c, 50c Mens fancy and better shirts, and 1.35, \$1.00 Mens work pants, 1.00 and up 75c Mens dress pants, good, to 2.00, 1.50 Mens dress pants, better, to 4.50 2.50
Notion Department. In this department we can save you many dimes and a dime saved is a dime made. Note some of our prices: 5 papers good pins for 5c 5 papers good needles for 5c 1 dozen pearl buttons, the 10c kind, for 5c 5 dozen good hair pins for 5c 3 spools Clark's best six cord sewing thread 10c And many other good values that space will not permit mention.			

This store promises much to the November buyer. A special demonstration of the wonderful values offered you the entire season will be put forth this month, and isn't it to your advantage to make the closest comparisons? We insist on you doing this: see if it is true that we have ever been mindful to give our patrons better quality lower priced than can be had in any other Abilene store. Come see the cheap goods

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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS:

Statements of their indebtedness were sent out to foreign subscribers Nov. 7, with the request that they remit amounts due at once. We have heavy obligations to meet Dec. 1, and feel sure this appeal to our subscribers will not go unheeded.

Kindly send in what you are due, and if convenient pay your subscription a year in advance. This would help us out wonderfully and place The Mail under further obligations to its friends.

Sincerely,
THE PUBLISHER.

While it lasts, any kind of coffee 10 packages for \$1.00 at Chenault & Provine's.

One or two cases of smallpox are reported at or near Sweetwater. The disease was contracted, it is said, in Louisiana, a horse trader being the victim.

Value of Topping Cotton.

Two Kemp farmers had cotton in a bottom, side by side. One of them concluded that his cotton was getting too rank and he topped a large part of it. That which he topped will make over a half a bale to the acre. His other cotton and that of his neighbor will require five acres to make a bale. Topping caused it to stop growing and begin fruiting.—Kaufman Sun.

The Christian ladies wish to again impress upon you the fact that they are going to have a Thanksgiving dinner. Watch for the menu next week.

Good flour \$1.00 per sack at Chenault & Provine's.

Poor Woman.

Liberty Vindicator.
Speaking of women a philosopher once remarked: "There are three things which a woman ought to resemble in one particular, but not in another. Thus she ought to be like the snail, which always keeps in the house, but she should not copy its example in putting all she possesses on her back. She should resemble the echo which never speaks until spoken to, but she ought not, like the echo, always try to have the last word. Lastly, she ought to be as true and correct as the town clock, but she should not, like the clock, to make noise enough to be heard all over the town."

Geyer & Griswold's Ten Nights in a Bar Room Company with a complete stage and a carload of special scenery, under a water proof pavilion. Few companies carry the amount of scenery this show does, on account of opera houses being too small to accommodate or handle it. Geyer & Griswold's company only plays at the larger houses of the larger cities and use their

own tent in the summer and we can guarantee the finest production ever seen in this or any other country.

The price of admission to Geyer & Griswold's Ten Nights in a Bar Room has been placed at 25c for adults, children 15c, Merkel, Texas, Wednesday night, Nov. 18, 1903.

There is one furnace that melts all hearts—love; there is one balm that soothes all pain—patience; there is one medicine that cures all ills—time; there is one peace that ends all strife—death; there is one light that illuminates all darkness—hope.—Ex.

The cotton shipments up to last night totaled 4,450 bales.

Agent McCord informs The Mail that the ticket sales for October nearly double the sales of the same month a year ago. All business in the matter of freight express, tickets, etc., nearly doubled that of last year, which shows the remarkable growth of the town and the expansion of business interests.

For Sale.

I have for sale the following property:

2 choice milk cows, fresh in milk; cheap.

Good farm hoses on time with approved note.

4 good buggies, very cheap.

For particulass inquire at Exchange Stable or see

E. M. Rust.

Deals in Realty.

Mr. Adcock yesterday bought W. A. Barnhill's residence in the south part of town for a consideration of \$600. Mr. Barnhill purchased the M. C. Keller place for \$525.

There are a number of other trades in prospect, and prices are looking up.

J. C. Brown and family will leave this week for Tarrant, 9 miles east of Fort Worth, where he will locate. Mr. Brown has not sold his farm and says he will not promise to stay away from Taylor county, although he feels like he can make a living easier farming in that country than he can here. We hope he will do well in his new home, but regret to lose him from this county.

Mr. Roark of Ranger was here yesterday and purchased the Bruce residence. He will move his family here at once. Mr. Roark is an old friend of W. H. McCord who pays a high tribute to him as a man and a citizen. We are glad to welcome him as a citizen of Merkel.

Man Dropped Dead.

Mr. French, who had been in the employ of Basham, Shepherd & Co., for several months, expired suddenly yesterday evening. He was brought to town to consult a physician and having having secured medicine started to reenter the buggy, when he fell back into the arms of Mr. Shepherd and almost immediately expired.

Mr. French was about 50 years of age and had never married. He was a brother-in-law of J. S. Cary, who lives near Trent. His father, it is said, lives in New York City, but other particulars are not obtainable. His death resulted from heart affection.

The interment will take place from the Merkel Cemetery this evening we presume.

S. J. Patterson called around this morning and paid the cash for three papers, one for himself and one each for Clod Whitfield, Dublin, and J. C. Stovall, Longstreet. Mr. Patterson's two

farms have made 80 bales of cotton this year. He is surprised and gratified at the way cotton has turned out, which is far beyond what he expected a month ago. Mr. Patterson is in the swim so far as reading matter is concerned, being a regular subscriber to all the county papers—a virtue worthy of emulation by others.

The time was once when it was considered that a man couldn't be too big a fool to be a farmer. If he didn't have sufficient sense to make a living at anything else the farm was considered the proper place for him. This has all changed. People are beginning to realize that practical common sense, supplemented by a good education, counts for as much on the farm as anywhere else.—Greenville Herald.

In Days Gone By.

Ozona Texan.

When we used to sit cramped up on an old home made desk in school trying to find the capitol of Turkistan on an old geography map, or learn how to parse a sentence in grammar, it seemed very foolish, all of it, to us. We wanted to get out of school, and leave such idiotic feelings to others. But now we feel the need of an education—we are sorry that we did not study harder and stay in school longer. The old desk wasn't near so uncomfortable to our boyish bones then as our ignorance is to us now, when we rub up against the world. Oh, if we could see things in the future as we see them in the past, how different we would act. Boys, the very best thing you can do is to take somebody's advice who has been along the line and stay in school. While the mind is young and active have it grasp all the good things possible.

Wise Words.

Tyranny is always weakness.—Lowell.

The voice of the soul is not to be silenced.—Adler.

A cheerful countenance betokens a good heart.—Rupert.

Self-ease is pain; thy only rest is labor for a worthy end.—Whittier.

A brother's suffering should ever claim a brother's pity.—Rousseau.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.—Ballou.

We often do more good by our sympathy than by our labor.—Farrar.

The good or evil we confer on others often recoils on ourselves.—Fielding.

We want not time, but diligence, for great performances.—Samuel Johnson.

He who is plenteously provided for within needs but little from without.—Goethe.

An abundant life does not show itself in abundant dreaming but in abundant living.—Goldsmith.

Heaven will pay for any loss we may suffer to gain it; but nothing can pay for the loss of heaven.—Baxter.

What it is our duty to do we must do because it is right; not because anyone can demand it of us.—Whewell.

A part of our holiday goods have arrived. We expect to have more of them on exhibition by Saturday. Come in and see the line before it is broken.

Rust & Pittard.

If you want good coffee use Blanke's. Every pound guaranteed at the Star Store. 3t

Why it is to your advantage to keep an account at

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Because: It is a careful, safe, liberal, prompt and successful institution.

Because: It is a growing, active, progressive, up-to-date Bank in every particular.

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Because: This Bank has an excellent fire-proof safe to put your funds in.

Because: Every depositor is always a welcome visitor.

Because: This Bank studies the needs of its customers, whether their business be large or small.

Because: It is in a position to collect your notes or drafts and attend to your Banking wants generally.

Because: We do not believe you can ask for better treatment than this Bank will give you.

"Like the sun, none the less beautiful on account of its age."

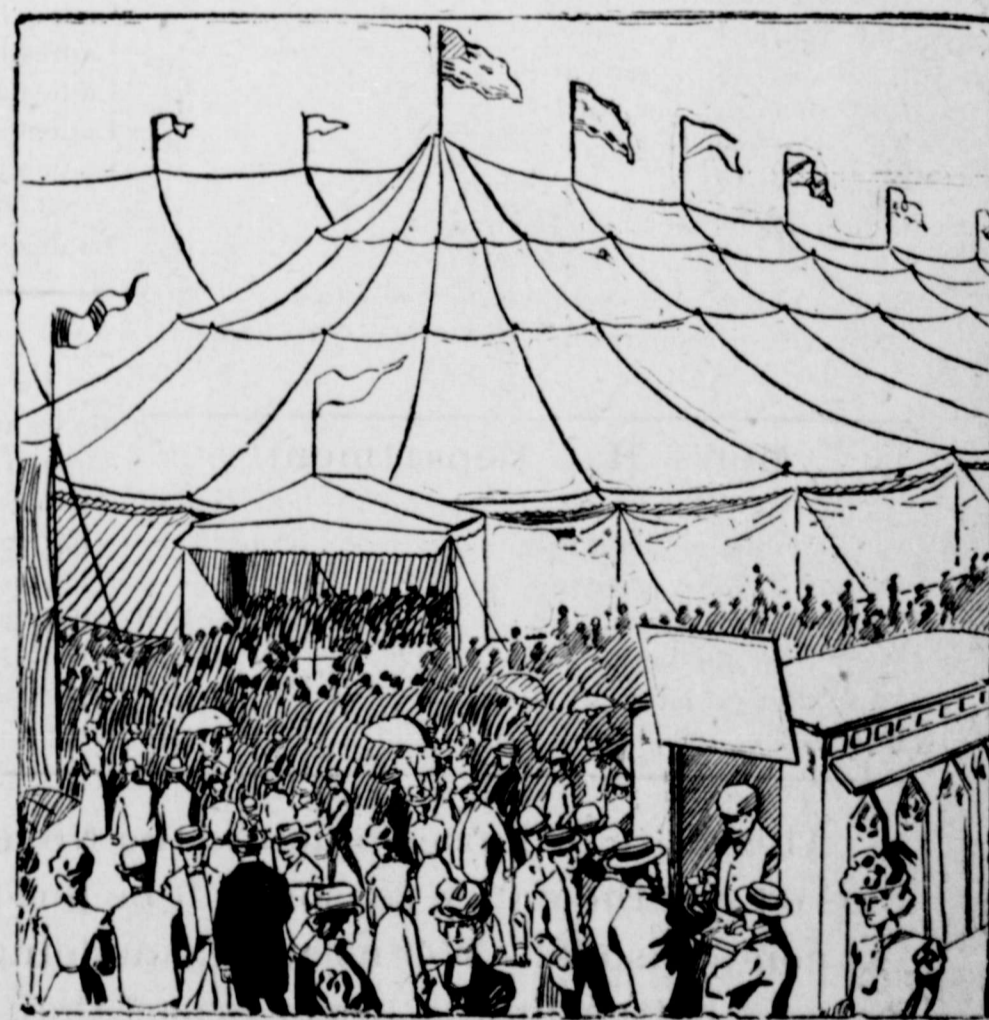
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Band and Orchestra.



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as Mary Morgan. Hear her sing her famous cannon ball song. Watch for the White Hussar Band at noon and 7 p. m.

ADMISSION, 15 and 25c.

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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
Men's Overcoats, 5.00, 7.50, 10, 12.50 and \$15

Our boys' and children's suits cover a wide range in price and variety. They are

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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.

J. T. Warren.



Doesn't Respect Old Age.

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 & Province before buying your dry goods and groceries.

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

Rust & Pittard.

Jim Faucett of Valley Creek loaded out a four-horse team with lumber, paint and general supplies Saturday. He is a prosperous stock-farmer who lives 30 miles south of town.

We have an elegant line of holiday goods on display and invite the critical inspection of the public as to quality and price. We made an especial effort to buy what we knew the people would appreciate and our line is complete in every respect. Come in and see.

Burroughs & Mann.

Next door to First National Bank.

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Office in First Nat'l Bank.

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.

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.

New crop syrup and oatmeal at Warren's.

The season for shooting quail went into effect Nov. 1, the limit being Feb. 1. So far there has been little hunting. Quail, too, are very scattering.

Births.

The following births have been reported since our last issue:

To Dr. and Mrs. J. H. King a boy.

To Ed Smith and wife a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Comp-

ppett and Miss

visited the for-

Harkrider,

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.

Rev. T. A. Lowrey left Tuesday to attend the Methodist Conference at Fort Worth.

T. E. Aplin of Baird was here Monday. He runs a cleaning and dyeing establishment at that place and will move his plant here the latter part of the week. He thinks this much a better opening than Baird, and is gratified with the encouragement so far received.

Rev. R. B. Young left Monday for Fort Worth to be in attendance upon the annual convention of the Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. church, south. His many friends hope for his return to this charge, and it is confidently believed he will be, as this is his first year.

Miss Lillian Julian was taken seriously ill last Thursday, but is improving, we are glad to note. Her parents spent part of the week with her.

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 Correction.

The Mail was in error last week in stating that J. K. Pittard had purchased the Elliott residence and that the Russell residence was purchased by Claud Bigham. Mr. Pittard has rented the Elliott residence, while the Russell residence, to be vacated by him, was sold to D. M. Senter, consideration being \$500. Mr. Senter sold his elegant home to C. W. Bacon for \$1250.

Will Hamilton was here from Abilene Monday.

W. W. Wheeler is in attendance upon commissioners' court at Abilene this week.

Remember H. M. Rose when wanting first-class barber work. He will please you. Next door to Star Store.

Dr. I. E. Smite, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Weatherford, will be in Merkel Nov. 20.

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, SIDEBORDS, 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.

Elder L. A. Dale will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody invited.

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
Burleson, 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

One on Us.

Probably the most curious medical farm in the world is the one at Abilene, Tex., where rattle-snakes are raised for the sake of their venom, which has a market value of several dollars an ounce. A hypodermic syringe is used to extract the poison from the sacs once or twice a week. As rattle-snake venom is one of the most powerful heart stimulants known, it enters largely into the preparation of medicines. To America belongs the destination of raising the world's supply of rattle-snake poison.—Collier's Weekly.

Tom Dennis' neat home in North Merkel is nearing completion.

Blanke's Coffee, the best on earth. Every pound guaranteed at The Star Store. 3t

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.

It Was Rotten.

A certain minister wished to make a good illustration, and, as he thought, took a walnut into the pulpit with him. On holding it up he said: "My friends, you see this walnut—well, this outer hull here is like the faith of the Methodist denomination; soft and spongy, no strength to it," and then disclosing the inner nut he added: "This is like the Baptist, hard and dry with no substance in it, but the kernel, my friends, is like our good old faith, full of fatness and sweetness." He then proceeded to crush the walnut, and, lo! and behold, he astonished his hearers by exclaiming, "By Jinks, it's rotten!"

The license of J. H. Bond will expire Saturday night and we understand that he will close his saloon pending an investigation of the legality of the late prohibition election. The license of Lang Aycock expires on the 18th and we are informed that he will close regardless of the result of the investigation. Lang will open a feed store.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Did It Ever?
Bowie Cross Timbers.

Did it ever occur to you that a person who persists sticking his nose in other people's business is only losing his own time, and that a backbiter is eternally wasting his own time running you down when he might take the advantage of the occasion to hold up to public inspection his own merits, if he has any. It is the case, usually, however, that when a person takes every occasion to malign you "cut enough ice" to impress him with the fact that you are a formidable rival in one way or another, and his idea of success, crude as it is, leads him to think that his success lies in your failure and that anything that he can say or do which is derogatory to you or your business is his best weapon. Many people live every day with this idea, wrong as it is. It is not "throwing mud" that wins; it is real, true merit in every case.

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.

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.

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.

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

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

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

—OF—
MERKEL, TEXAS

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits : : \$65,000
Shareholders' Responsibility over ONE MILLION DOLLARS

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

GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.

CATTLE INSPECTION

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.

Sold by
J. T. WARREN,
Merkel, Texas.

Bass Bros. Drug Co., Abilene, Texas.

WORMS! WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE!
Most in Quantity. Best in Quality.
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

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

The Earth's Dearest Spot—Home.

There rises before us as we write, a vision that often comes to us in the tumult and strife of these busy years. It is that of a humble home far removed from the city's tumult and strife and distance from the smoke and din of the railroad and its traffic. It is a sweet old country home, with its

"Orchards and meadow and deep-tangled wildwood,
And all the loved spots which my infancy knew."

There is an old-fashioned garden where the old-fashioned flowers grew and flourished, the fragrance of which lingers even yet in memory. It is the evening time. The tasks are done. The lamps are lighted. A cheerful fire glows in the old-fashioned fire-place. The boys and girls are seated around the fireside, in an expectant mood, for the father has taken down the Bible, about to read from its pages. His eyes are dimmed, but he can read the light the family kneel

voice that is heard in prayer. There is a quaver in it that tells of her intensity of feeling, and there is a pleading tone which all the kneeling children feel must be heard of God. It is father's voice again that is heard leading us in the familiar strain.

"The day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear."

These are the influences that make home the dearest spot on earth, and the very seed-bed of all those virtues and graces which should adorn character.—Ex.

20th Club Program.

Roll call—Current events.
Personal sketch of Thomas Dixon—Mrs. Hairfield.
Criticism of "The Leopard Spots"—Mrs. Hibbett.
Round table talk on "The Leopard

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	4 1/2c
50 " Empire " " " " "	5c
25 " Brown sea Island domestic "	6 1/4c
25 " Londalon bleached domestic no stitches price	4 1/2c
25 " L. L. bleached domestic no stitches "	5c
20 " Good as Gold blech " yd wide "	7 1/2c
15 " Red Fox " " " " "	7c
25 " Lonsdale " " " " "	8c
10 " Fruit of Loom " " " " "	9c
15 " Lonsd'le camb " " " " "	10 1/2c
15 " Knights " " " " " "	8 1/2c
5 " Pepprell 10 4 hlf blch sheeting price	22 1/2c
5 " Honce " " " " " "	16c
5 " Windsor 10 4 " " " " "	20c
5 " Howell 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	8 1/2c
15 pcs dress duck in blue, red and black yard	8 1/2c
50 pcs dress gingham "Red Seal" yard	8 1/2c
15 pcs apron check gingham, worth 8 1/2 yard	4 1/2c
25 pcs shirting gingham, worth 12 1/2 yard	8 1/2c
25 pcs outing flannel worth 7 1/2, 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



SPECIAL

attention is called to our

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 Dep't.

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,	25c
5 " White Oxford waistings, new and stylish, yd	35c
2 " White oxford brocade for waists very stylish,	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 veil, a beauty, per yd	\$1.50
2 " Black veil, 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 10 1/2	\$1.50
Lot 14 Mustard Misses shoe, size 12 1/2 to 3, price	\$1.00
Lot 15 " " " " 5 to 11, "	75c
Lot 16 Mildred child shoe, size 2 to 5, price	50c

Abilene Dry Goods Co.,

Abilene,

Texas.

To the Purchasing Public:

A Complete Line of....

**DRY GOODS,
LADIES' WAISTS,
SKIRTS, JACKETS,
HATS, CAPS,
SHOES, etc.**

Also a full line of Groceries
as CHEAP as the Cheapest.

We wish to say that our stock is larger and more complete than ever before. One of the modern features of this store is selling goods on their merits. We buy good merchandise to the best possible advantage, and sell it on a small margin of profit. We do not offer premiums or discounts to induce buyers; instead, we give increased values and lower prices.

Our constantly increasing patronage proves our assertions.

J. O. HAMILTON

Items From Various Sources

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.

Value of Texas Newspapers.

At the last meeting of the Texas Press association President Ousley in his annual address stated that he had asked the newspapers of Texas to give him an estimate of their plants, exclusive of job plants. He stated that of the 500 weeklies he estimated their values at \$1,800,000. The eighteen large dailies he estimated to be worth \$2,275,000. Of class publications the estimate of same was \$150,000. Summarized, there are 528 papers in the state, with a combined circulation of 1,080,000, and their total value is estimated at \$4,725,000.

Advertising that Doesn't Pay.

What would we say of the manufacturer who built a fire under his boiler, then went off and allowed the fire to die out, expecting his mill to run all day on that one fire? And yet there are advertisers who make "one-time" splurges or takes "trial ads" and then, because business does not keep them up nights, say "advertising doesn't pay." How about the farmer who plants corn and then sits down and waits for the corn? He would be expected to say that "farming doesn't pay." And yet there are advertisers who plant the seed of an ad and think their work is done. To such people advertising does not pay, and never will, and money spent in such advertising would better be deposited in the poor box at the church. Advertising is the fire under the business boiler, which must be tended and kept hot to produce the results sought. It is the seed planted which, properly nurtured and tended, will spring up and bear fruit, "some 20, some 30, and some 100-fold."

State Prohibition Organization.

A meeting will be held at Dallas on Nov. 25th for the purpose of forming a state prohibition organization. The purpose is

clearly outlined in the following resolution adopted at a recent preliminary meeting: "Resolved, that we invite all local optionists of each county in Texas to send one or more representatives to a meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 25th, 1903, for the purpose of organizing the Texas Local Option Association, to be non-partisan in politics and to promote the cause of local option in Texas."

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.

The news reached here this week of the death of Miss Nina Harris, who committed suicide at the home of her parents at Ovilla by shooting herself. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, formerly of this place, Mr. Harris being pastor of the Sweetwater M. E. church for three years.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Potatoes on a Cacklebur.

J. C. Miller brought another curio to the Chronicle office this week in the form of a cacklebur stalk with a pumpkin yam potato growing on its roots. However, the Chronicle having a reputation for reliability to sustain will explain that this is nothing special. The burr grew in the potato patch and in growing twined its roots around the stem of the potato and as each grew they appeared to grow into each other till it takes close observation to see where the potato began and the burr ended.—Wills Point Chronicle.

Vital Statistics.

According to the report of the County Clerk's office there have been thirteen deaths in Taylor county during the month of October and thirty-nine births. Since July the first, the date the law went into effect, there has been twenty-nine deaths and one hundred and sixty-six births, making a ratio of births to death a little

less than six to one. Who said our population wasn't increasing at a healthy rate?—News.

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.

All but seven districts in Taylor county levy special taxes for public school purposes. We doubt whether another county in Texas could show as good a record. It is certainly a good index as to the character and enterprise of the people living in that county.—Ballinger Banner-Leader.

Rain and Hail.

On Tuesday night the long wished for rain came to the delight of our town people. It was just such a rain as was needed to put water in our tanks and did not extend into the farming belt enough to do much damage to cotton. The rain was accompanied by a severe hail, though the stones were not large enough to break out window lights, however, it was large enough to do damage to open cotton. Just south of town the rain was very heavy and on Wednesday morning parties coming in reported hail 12 inches deep still lying on the ground. We have had better seasons than that which fell Tuesday night, but none as hard.—Aspermont Star.

In Jones County.

Anson Western-News. The election last Saturday on the issuance of bonds for the purpose of erecting a county jail carried by about 70 majority. The vote was small throughout the county.

Through the kindness of County Clerk, J. D. Pickens, we are able to give out the information that there has been recorded 150 births in Jones county in the last 4 months and only 13 deaths.

The heavy rain and hail which fell in several parts of the county Tuesday night, almost demolished the remaining cotton in the field, several farmers report over two-thirds of their cotton beat in the earth.

Burton-Lingo Co., Lumber Dealers.

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

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

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.

The Mail and Record, \$1.35.

A CARNIVAL

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



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

HANCOCK DISC PLOWS
STANDARD DISC PLOWS
HARDWARE and TOOLS

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