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## THE HIGHER LIFE.

Rev. Abe Mulkey's Famous Sermon on Restitution.

Well, I actually walked down town front of Charlie Allen's, A. Fox's and S. A. Pace's concerns expecting them to call me in and give me my former salary, which had been \$100 per month. Wife and I knew, with that salary, we could economize and meet this indebtedness. We waited four days and during that time I kept on reading the Book. I came across such chapters as these:

I Thessalonians iv: 6—"That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter; because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified."

Exodus xxii: 1—"If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it or sell it, he shall restore five oxen for one ox, and four sheep for a sheep."

Luke xix: 8—"And Zaccheus behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold."

In other words, I saw the doctrine of restitution taught in this old Book, and I said to my wife: "If we ever got into one thing that is more practical than another it is the Christian religion." Why, I could read it in God's Word, and then I understood what that judge meant. I had been presumptuous in my prayers, thinking we could keep this substance and still expect God to provide other money for our debts; but God would not have it that way. Our prayers were answered, but in an opposite direction from what I expected. I said "I am not willing to stay in this house another moment, the very spondulicks we have put in this house should have been spent as restitution to Schiffer & Nephews, Garlington & Marsalis, Brown & Lang of Galveston, and all of those others that we owed, whose money we had spent, and even the very clothing on our bodies came the same way; and I said: "There has not been a thing I had to do with but had been purchased with stolen money." Wife said: "Mr. Mulkey, take my jewelry," as she threw her watch on my lap; "take the china out of the closet; take the carpet up; take the piano; take everything we have, but I am not willing to let the home go." Now, my friends, why did wife do that? It was the first law I had inculcated in wife's mind—the homestead law. I said: "Wife, you may read the Bible lesson on stealing, then the one on lying, and I will await your decision." Pastor, I want you to try that once in your congregation; one Sunday on stealing and the next on lying, and the next will be a call to some other appointment.

My friends, I remember when my wife turned honest. The following morning I went to Henry Damon and Ralph Beaten, two lawyers who are practicing in Corsicana today, and said: "Gentlemen, I don't come to you for advice; I come for you to attend to my business according to my own dictation and to get up

my papers in proper form." Why I proceeded this way I know not, but God knew; He was going to send me up and down throughout this world to preach this very sermon, and I did not know it. So, my friends, I said to these gentlemen: "Take everything we have and sell it and pay our debts."

Well, they saw fit to advertise, in circular form, everything we had. They itemized every article, and those dodgers were scattered everywhere. After they had been well scattered, one evening I came home from town and found my wife seated in the rocker, crying. I asked, "What is the matter?" She replied, "The news is current in town that you have gone crazy." I asked, "On what subject?" She replied, "Because, they say, you said you were going to sell your things and pay your debts if it killed every cat on the island." I asked "What did you tell them?" She said, "I told them that you had been crazy for twenty-five years, but that you were just now clothed in your right mind." Then I said, "Old gal take a shake. That is one time you told the truth if you never tell it again." I believe in congratulating a woman every time she tells the truth.

My friends, the day of the sale arrived and friends and strangers came from all through the country. I shall never forget it. Now, I did not have full evidence that my wife had gone into this transaction cheerfully. I was afraid I had over-persuaded her. But there was but little excitement. I knew we would hear from above. I knew if she went into it for God's honor and glory we would never have any trouble. I was afraid my wife might look back, as Lot's wife did (though she was a well preserved woman.) I wanted her to give God all the glory. The picture was not completed until the last day of the sale, and it is one that money cannot buy. My wife, aided by a servant, was in one of the rooms taking down the laces and

lambrequins to be sold, and she was singing that sweet song, "Think of the Home Over There." I suppose, friends, that God had witnessed with the spirit of my wife as she was giving up her title to this bogus home that had been purchased with stolen money; that He had issued an order to His agents to lay off a plot of ground that cannot be made with human hands. The folks had thought we were crazy. A gentleman went to one of the bankers and said, "I want to borrow enough money to buy Abe Mulkey's homestead," and the bank-said, "I am a friend of yours, I don't want you entrapped; why, Mrs. Mulkey will plead insanity on the part of her husband and get the homestead back." Now, I can prove by any sinner that I was not crazy. When I heard my wife singing that sweet song I could hardly keep from shouting aloud while my goods were being offered for sale to pay my debts, but I thought to myself, if I shout they will think I am crazy sure enough and they will not bid up, so I kept quiet. But I picked myself up and went behind the house and put my head in a barrel and praised God anyhow, and nobody but God heard it.

Friends, when we moved those stolen goods into that neat home two big black mules pulled the float with a big black man driving them, and the old devil in the lead—a spiked team. We sold the last thing and there was nothing remaining that would scarcely bring a cent. Friends, I moved the remnants of that home into two rooms ten by ten feet, in a wheelbarrow, and Jesus Christ, I believe, was in the lead. And so my friends, right at this juncture I said I would do anything that was honorable for a living.

But there was an old-fashioned mother who did not believe a word of that. She said, "I will see if he is born again; whether old things have passed away and become new." There was never a prouder clerk stood behind the

## 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

counter, my hands as tender as any salesman's. This fond old mother wrote me a letter and said: "I heard that you said that you were going to do anything that is honorable for a living. Please find enclosed a five dollar bill. Come over and saw up my wood pile and the five dollar bill is yours." Well, I never would cut wood when I was a boy unless I was licked and made to do it. Since I had grown up, I had heard tell of a man who, while cutting stove wood, a stick flew up and hit him on the head and he died, and of course I was not anxious to die. But I said, "Louisa, this woman is putting me to a practical test, and I will get this wood pile cut if I have to gnaw it like a rat." And bless your soul I did the best job of my life. Well, I took \$3.75 of

that \$5 and paid some little security debts that I owed, and then I took the \$1.25 that was left and bought 25c bacon, 25c corn meal, 25c potatoes, a little molasses, a little flour and lard, took it home and said, "Wife, prepare us something to eat." I will never forget when my wife called me to supper that night. I looked about for the extension walnut table but it was gone. There was no china on the table; no silverware; the majority of the plates broken; parts of the backs of the chairs gone; the tablecloth as white as snow, but a hole in it here and there.

(continued next week.)

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

Chenault & Provine.



## MONEY!

is saved by

## BUYING THE BEST

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

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

# How About that Bill of Goods

If you haven't bought you soon will. We want you to make it with us. It will pay you, for we think enough of your business to give you merchandise that are absolute Bargains. We don't let our stock run down, but new goods are constantly arriving.



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**  
 Dark grey overcoat, extra heavy and extra length, fine wearer, worth 15.00, our price **10.00**  
 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**  
 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 **15.00**

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.



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.

### FOR SALE

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

### 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.

Select your holiday goods now before the stock is broken. We have an elegant line to select from.

### Rust & Pittard.

Mrs. Bernie Miller and children of Abilene visited over Sunday with the family of R. A. Miller.

J. H. Counts returned Friday from the east, where he had been to dispose of a car of horses.

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

We have by far the nicest line of perfume we have ever carried. All the different odors and at all prices.

### Rust & Pittard.

### 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.

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

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

### A Tripple Hanging.

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

### The Saddest Sight.

The saddest sight we have ever witnessed in Mason was viewed by a number of men last Tuesday on the lot across from Mr. Bierch-wale's furniture store. An aged couple who are chicken peddlers camped on this lot last Saturday. Besides a load of chickens for the San Antonio market, they had a pair of very lean ponies. Early Tuesday morning both these people were beastly drunk; the old man lying in the wagon and the white haired old woman on the ground shivering with cold. Kind hands had thrown an old quilt over her and when we saw the sad turnout, her head was resting on the ground and her white hair was rolled and inter-mixed with the dust and the sand. A quart bottle, half full of alcohol, an old tea cup and a jug set near by and these told the tale. Fifteen years ago these old peo-

ple sent their daughter to our school in Loyal Valley—a talented, pure young lady—who later married and now has a happy home in San Antonio. Other children they reared occupy stations of respectability, while this old couple have drifted down—down to the lowest depths of degradation, victims of that curse of Nations—alcohol.—M & P on Herald.

### Zachary Taylor's Tomb.

"Z. Taylor, Died 1850."

That is the inscription on the tomb of Zachary Taylor, twelfth president of the United States.

A correspondent who recently visited the tomb of "Old Rough and Ready" says for over a half a century it has lacked the care of a kindly hand and is fast falling into decay.

Apparently nobody cares.

The tomb lies five miles from Louisville, and is off the road. Ivy rots over the weather beaten blocks of granite. The fastenings on the door are red with rust. So far as is known, no key has turned the locks for fifty years. Visitors are rare. It is doubtful if half a dozen tourists visit the tomb during a twelve-month.

And this neglected spot is the last resting place of the hero of the Black Hawk and Florida wars. Here is the dust of that great soldier who with 4,000 American riflemen drove in retreat 20,000 Mexicans under Santa Anna at Buena Vista. Here are the remains of the American Cortez and president of the United States. He who conquered the swamps and everglades of Florida and made Mexico surrender is forgotten by his countrymen. Not one in ten thousand knows the place of his sep-

ulchre.

The plaintive words of Rip Van Winkle are appropriate: "How soon we are forgotten when we're gone!"—From Cleveland Press.

### 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.

### Thanksgiving Dinner Menu.

Roast Turkey or Boiled Ham  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Cream Potatoes Baked Beans  
 Salads  
 Cabbage Potatoes Salmon  
 Bread Butter  
 Mixed Pickles

Jelly Cake  
 Coffee with Whipped Cream.  
 Dinner 25c. Ice cream 10c extra. Get your tickets from the door-keeper as you go in. We assure you courteous attention. All are cordially invited to come.

It is understood that the Christian people of Bro. Dale's congregation will build a house of worship.

It is presumed that subscriptions will be solicited and that work will begin right away.

## SPECIAL

WHILE IT LASTS.

About 3 dozen men's suits at wholesale cost.  
 About 2 dozen boys' suits at wholesale cost.  
 Also about 40 children's suits.  
 A few ladies' jackets worth 12.50, this sale 7.15  
 A few ladies' jackets worth 10.00, this sale 6.35  
 A few ladies' jackets worth 5.00, this sale 3.75  
 Capes worth 2.00 at 1.00  
 Capes worth 1.50 at .75  
 Waists worth 1.50 at .85  
 Waists worth 2.50 at 1.40  
 Bring list; we sell strictly as advertised.

### DENNIS BROS.

Don't forget that we are in line on Groceries.

Get a

Bank Money Order.

## WHY?

Because it is always the cheapest, best, and safest way to send money. For sale at . . .

Warnick's Bank,  
 Merkel, Texas.

# 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.

### Local Option Association.

There will be a meeting of the friends of local option regardless of politics, at the city hall, Dallas, Texas, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1903, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of forming a non-partisan local option association for the State of Texas. If you are a friend to the movement consider yourself a delegate, and come. Reduced rates on all railroads.

H. A. Ivy,  
C. H. Jenkins, J Com.  
G. C. Rankin, Secretary.

Dirt was broken Tuesday for the Watson & Bacon store building. Dickson's hardware store is now on its new lot and will soon have a foundation under it.

Prof. C. E. Weir opened his school at Rock Crossing Monday.

Emzy Burroughs leaves today for Italy. He will visit Wagner, I. T., before going home.

Will Leeman is sick this week, being threatened with an attack of pneumonia.

### The Fort Worth Record.

A Democratic Paper  
for Democratik 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.

The Geyer & Griswold Company, playing Ten Nights in a Bar Room, showed to a full tent last night, fully 600 people being in attendance. The acting was good, although the actors were at a disadvantage owing to the extreme cold, and their efforts were naturally strained. Under more favorable circumstances the play would no doubt have been greatly enjoyed.

J. C. Brown writes to have his paper changed to Arlington, rural route 3. He arrived safe and sound, and the family seems pleased with their new home.

R. L. Parker is building a frame store building just north of the tinshop which he will occupy when completed.

Lost—At the show last night, a black plush cape, lined with black and green striped silk. Liberal reward for its recovery.  
I. N. Williamson.

This world that we're a livin' in  
Is mighty hard to beat;  
You get a thorn with every rose—  
But ain't the roses sweet!  
—F. L. Stanton.

### 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:

D. H. Glover, Merkel.  
H. B. Chambless, "  
Joe Joiner, "  
D. M. Craven, "  
D. E. Compton, "  
J. B. Ferrier, "  
W. H. Brown, "  
A. W. Cook, Dora.  
W. I. Cogburn, Nubia.  
A. S. Hardwicke, Abilene.  
Miss Della Crain, Biggs, Cal.  
Frank Allison, Tulin, N. C. by D. M. Craven.  
Irvin Jennings, Hereford.  
Joe Jernigan, Lordsburg, N. M.  
W. R. Bond, Roswell N. M.  
G. W. Jones, Merkel.

### 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

### WHERE THE PREACHERS GO.

Rev. C. A. Evans Comes Here and  
Rev. R. B. Young to Blanket.  
Other Appointments.

The following appointments for the Abilene district were made at the Northwest Texas conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Fort Worth, Monday:

Presiding Elder—E. A. Smith.  
Abilene—J. R. Henson.  
Buffalo Gap circuit—E. L. Sisk.  
Merkel circuit—A. C. Bell.  
Sweetwater and Roscoe—W. A. Manley.  
Colorado—C. S. Field.  
Colorado mission—Supplied by J. C. Moore.

Sweetwater mission—L. B. Sawyers.

Big Springs—C. W. Irvin.  
Midland—L. A. Webb.  
Lynn and Terry mission—A. D. Roberts.

Gale mission—G. H. McAnally.  
Snyder and Dunn circuit—C. D. West.

Clairmont mission—Supplied by J. T. Trice.

Aspermont mission—J. E. Blaylock.

Roby circuit—M. H. Hudson.  
Haskell—J. H. Chambless.  
Haskell mission—G. A. Nance.  
Stamford—J. A. Biggs.  
Anson circuit—Z. B. Pirtle.  
Truby mission—C. H. Ledger.  
Albany and Moran—R. S. Heizer.

Putnam circuit—I. L. Mills.  
Baird—J. D. Odom.  
Clyde—Supplied by C. W. Young.

Spring Creek—T. N. Lowrey.  
Merkel and Caps—C. A. Evans.  
Rev. R. B. Young goes to Blanket where he started out as a preacher.

Rev. J. S. Chapman, former presiding elder of this district, is presiding elder of the Georgetown district.

It is presumed that Merkel has been made a three-fourths station, which will give us three sermons a month, the fourth Sunday going to Caps.

We have a large assortment of holiday goods on display, and more yet to arrive. Choose your gifts before the stock is picked over.

Rust & Pittard.

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements.

W. W. WHEELER,  
Real Estate, Life, Fire and Tornado Insurance Agent,  
Notary Public.  
Takes Acknowledgements, Draws up Deeds, etc.  
Office in First National Bank.

## J. M. PATE THE BARBER

NORTH FRONT STREET.

## DR. J. W. LITTLE, Resident Dentist.

EXAMINATIONS FREE — OFFICE IN FERRIER BUILDING.

## R. B. USTICK

DEALER IN

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Etc.

Repairing a Specialty

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION  
Coughs and  
Colds Price  
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A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles.  
Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.



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### DINING CARS

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### 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.

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# 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 plume 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.

## THE MARCH OF PROHIBITION AND THE REASON THEREFOR.

Many things have conspired together for the downfall of the whiskey interests, but perhaps the most fruitful source of the steady march of prohibition can be laid at the door of the saloons themselves. Their wanton and open violations of the law, which have been openly winked at by the officers so long, have disgusted the people to the extent that they are up in arms against the saloon and its attending evils. The saloons know no law, recognize no authority. They are always against law and order, and are breeders of vice and corruption.

Below we print a few extracts from the speech of James W. Morrison, president of the Liquor Dealers' association of the state of Washington, in his annual address before their convention, just adjourned, at Seattle, which plainly shows that the association will furnish money to prostitute Congress and buy law:

## BOASTS OF LAWS KILLED.

"I regret to state that our legislative committee \* \* \* were unable to have the bill passed modifying what is commonly known as the landlord liability act.

"I am pleased to report, however, that your legislative committee did succeed in preventing the passage of a bill known as the high license bill.

"They were also responsible for having the local option bill so modified that it would be wholly impracticable and of no avail.

"The bill introduced to prevent the conduct of saloons within a stated distance of any public institution also met defeat at the hands of your committee.

## OUR ENEMY GAINING.

"Our common enemy is gaining on us in every city, town and hamlet in the country, because they are properly and we are improperly organized.

"If we would be a formidable, successful organization we will

have to do as other organizations had to do to become formidable and successful.

## MUST HAVE MONEY.

"We will first have to have money available—real money—and that money will have to come from our membership with the same promptness and regularity as is shown by them annually when they pay their state, county, city and internal revenue license.

## MONEY WILL SECURE LAWS.

"We want public sentiment; money creates it. You never read an article or an editorial in the public press favorable to the liquor business. We want justice—money alone will afford it. We want legislation that will protect our interests and our property and give us, like other tradesmen, vested rights in what we buy, pay for and own. Money alone will secure it.

## BE ALERT IN POLITICS.

"Already the aspiring politician for public office is laying his wires for the fall and spring elections. The liquor men should be up and doing.

"Care should be taken to ascertain the position of candidates toward the liquor interests.

## REGARDLESS OF PARTY.

"If aspirants for public office are found to be in harmony with us, work as a unit for their election, regardless of party. If known to be opposed to our welfare, move heaven and hell to defeat them."

Such are some of the remarkable announcements made. What do the people think of such acts of contemplated outlawry?

That the convention approves of Mr. Morrison's policy may be judged from the fact that he was re-elected judge of the association.

Money is to be raised for the prostitution of legislators and to buy law favorable to the unlawful traffic! Will the people submit to such injustice?

Of the hundreds of newspapers and magazines that reach this office, none are handled more carefully or read with more pleasure than Our Dumb Animals, published at Boston by Geo. T. Angel. Our Dumb Animals is all its name implies. It "speaks for those that cannot speak for themselves." Its creed "Glory to God, Peace on Earth, Kindness, Justice and Mercy to every living creature." A noble work is being done by it in the education of the people along humane lines. Under the heading of the magazine we find these beautiful lines from Cowper:

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Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon the worm."

Talk about immense stocks of goods. Baird can show larger sized stocks of dry goods, groceries and hardware than any town twice its size in West Texas.—Star.

Having been "badly worsted" in a former controversy with the Star, according to the Star and Sweetwater Review, we will not attempt to dispute the assertion for fear of being called to time. But we are from Missouri.

Bishop Duncan, who is presiding over the Northwest Texas conference at Fort Worth, hit the nail squarely on the head when he said, "Keep politics out

of your religion, but put all your religion in your politics."

The law against betting on horse races has been declared constitutional. But, like other prohibitory laws, it will be violated occasionally.

Saturday was one of the biggest days in a business way that Merkel has ever enjoyed. Six counties were represented among the shoppers.

The case of Dowie shows for one thing that Uncle Sam allows some people too much liberty. Blasphemers should be suppressed.

Surely, of all the burdens that erring mortals can take upon themselves, a foolish and impotent wrath is one of the heaviest.

The Taylor County News of last week was as meaty as it was big—an ideal paper.

Tom Johnson came up out of the dust of defeat slightly begrimed, but smiling.

The national bird will be the main filler at the national feast next Thursday.

Every farmer in this country should have a packing house at home.

The man who can raise hogs and won't, don't deserve to prosper.

What has become of Grover and that third term boom?

## The Deadly Cost of the Philippines.

The nation does all that can be done for its dead who meet their end in the distant islands of the Pacific. They are buried in the soil they loved and their friends are given the opportunity of paying the last tribute of respect to their memories. But why need they have died? Has the mortality of the Philippines not been totally unnecessary? The war has been over for years, yet the deaths go on. Disease has succeeded sword and firearms and insanity stalks hand in hand with death. Such is the cost. What is the gain? Nothing that can recompense the nation for loss of the thousands of lives that have been sacrificed to the thirst for conquest. We paid twenty million dollars for its lands that we do not want and that so far have failed to even pay the interest on the investment and, in addition, have cost us millions more and will cost us millions still. Taken altogether this Philippines situation is the most regrettable feature of American History.—Boston Traveler.

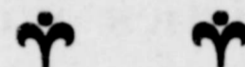
## Boy's Composition on Ducks.

Ballinger Banner-Leader.  
The duck is a low, heavy-set bird composed chiefly of meat and feathers. He is a mighty poor singer, having a very hoarse voice caused by getting so many frogs in his neck. He likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach, which he fills with water on going in swimming over his head, to keep from sinking. He can quack loud but can't sing a little bit. Some doctors are called quacks because they are such cheap ducks. The duck has only two legs and they are set on so far back on his running gear by nature that she came purty near missing his body. A quack doctor has only two legs, but they are fastened on his body low down. His bill is not so broad as the duck's but a heap longer and harder to pay. Some ducks when they get big have curls in their tails and are

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called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch, but just loaf, and go in swimming and eat. If I was going to be a duck I'd be a drake every time.

## Poor, But Successful Men.

We have fallen under a universal witchcraft. A sense of the power and luxury in money, beyond all the wonder-tales, has suddenly come to us. It has turned our fashionable society into a materialism which is no longer ashamed of its poverty of ideals. It is hard and merciless of heart; it is skeptical of unworldly motives; its smartest relish is for the strokes and ruses of the manipulators of finance. In times like these it is good to remember Agassix, who

refused to lecture at \$500 a night because he was too busy to make money; Charles Sumner, who declined to lecture at any price because he said, as senator all his time belonged to Massachusetts; Spurgeon, who refused to come to America to deliver fifty lectures at \$1,000 a night, saying he could do better—he could stay in London and try to save fifty souls; and Emerson who steadfastly declined to increase his income beyond \$1,200 because he wanted his time to think. Such stories of fine haughtiness did not seem quixotic to the young man in college thirty years ago. A generous idealism was abroad, and it was unashamed.—Francis Bellamy in Every-body's.

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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 VERMIFUCE!  
Most in Quantity. — Best in Quality.  
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.  
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.  
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crying, "More, more!" It will go on paying when children now in their cradles become grandfathers."—Dallas News.

#### Why Buy Money Orders

when you can get bank exchange just as cheap? In case your exchange gets lost we can always issue you a duplicate free. If your money order gets lost you cannot get a duplicate, as the Government will not issue them. We can give you exchange on any point in the United States.

We also have the largest bank vault in Taylor county, and the largest bank safe (fire proof.) We are always pleased to take care of your private papers free. The First National Bank, by Geo. S. Berry, Cashier.

#### Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins!

All kinds of strings and repairs at Basham, Shepherd & Co.'s.

"There is not much difference between an epigram and an epitaph. An epigram says unkind and untrue things about the living; the epitaph says kind and untrue things about the dead."

#### Program of 20th Century Club.

Nov. 21, 1903.  
Roll call—Current Events.  
Lesson.  
Sketch of Thomas Nelson Page—Mrs. Johnson.  
Reading from "Red Rock"—Mrs. Dickson.  
Comments on Page or his Works—Club.  
Parliamentary Drill—Miss Opal Harkrider.

All is not gold that glitters. Our holiday goods is one exception. It must be seen to be appreciated.

Rust & Pittard.

The residence of Mrs. Fannie Finley at Abilene, valued at \$1,650 and insured for \$1,100, was destroyed by fire Saturday.

Wanted—Small family to live on farm. Apply to undersigned 6 miles southwest of Trent.

1t J. W. Bettes,  
Trent, Tex.

#### Harps, Harps, Harps!

Fine assortment from 5c to 75c each.  
Basham, Shepherd & Co.

### 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.

# WE GIVE AWAY!

## DIAMOND RINGS, WATCHES FLOUR, SUGAR and COFFEE

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		Boys' Clothing Department.		Ladies' and Children's 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, 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 chldrens union suits, heavy weight, 35c and up 25c	
<p>Mens Bootees, big line 3.00, 3.50 and.....\$4.50 Mens heavy work shoes.....1.00 Mens dress shoes 1.35 and.....1.00 Mens better grade 1.50 up to.....4.00 Boys dress shoes 1.25 and.....1.00 Boys better grade 1.50 to.....2.50 Misses shoes, satin calf.....75c Misses dongola patent tip.....75 and up Misses better grade 1.00, 1.25 up to.....2.50 Ladies satin calf.....80c Ladies dongola patent tip.....80c Ladies better grade 1.25 to.....1.50 Ladies nice dress shoe 2.00, 2.50 to.....2.75 Ladies extra nice dress shoe 3.50 and.....4.00</p>		<p><b>FABRIC, MAKING, FIT AND STYLE, ARE THE REQTISITE OF A GOOD SUIT.</b></p> <p>We offer the best attainable in each particular in Boys' clothing.</p> <p>We've all the varieties that any one could ask for and in well made and trust worthy goods.</p> <p>They are the kind of suits your boy would like and you would appreciate.</p> <p>Great saving opportunities are in store for you. Come at once and investigate. Note prices:</p> <p>Boys two-piece suits only 40c Boys better two-pice 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</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
<p><b>Staple Department.</b></p> <p>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</p>		<p><b>Skirts and Jackets.</b></p> <p>No lady should pass our skirts and jackets, as we have the newest things to be had and prices that we defy competition.</p> <p>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</p>		<p><b>Dress Goods.</b></p>	
<p><b>Men's Hat Department.</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>Mens fur hats, good \$1.00 Mens fur hats, better grade, to 2.50 \$1.50 Mens Stetson hats Boys' hats, good 25c</p>		<p><b>Notion Department.</b></p> <p>In this department we can save you many dimes and a dime saved is a dime made. Note some of our prices:</p> <p>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</p> <p>And many other good values that space will not permit mention.</p>		<p><b>Mens' Furnishing Department.</b></p> <p>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</p>	

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

# S. W. GRIMES & CO.,

SOUTH SIDE,

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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.

#### A Man Missing.

Quite a sensation was caused here Saturday by the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Taylor, who is working here as bookkeeper for several local firms. He retired at the usual hour, but failed to show up next morning, and a thorough search failed to locate him. His effects had not been disturbed, except that a revolver was missing, and the fear became general that he had made away with himself. Sheriff McGaughy and his helpers searched diligently all day Saturday without result, and a searching party had started to the country Sunday morning, when they met the old gentleman coming into town.

Mr. Taylor explained that he was ill Friday night and arose to get the benefit of the air, wandered into the country and became too sick to return. He suffered considerably from exposure.—Sweetwater Review.

Otis Orsborn and lady and Miss Clara Orsborn came in from the Forrester ranch Saturday evening. Otis informed us that the hail of last week ruined about six bales of cotton for him. He had already picked out six bales and had that much more in the patch when the hail struck it and demolished the whole business. At the present price of cotton this is a pretty heavy loss.—Aspermont Star.

The Review is pleased to learn that the reported suicide of Miss Nina Harris was a mistake, or rather that it was another young lady of that name, and not the daughter of Rev. W. H. Harris.—Sweetwater Review.

#### Antis Win Out.

Wednesday the Commissioners Court met in Sweetwater and canvassed the election returns. The result was declared in a way that Precinct No. 1, which includes Sweetwater and Roscoe and went anti by fourteen majority, will remain wet, and No. 2

which went pro will be dry. In the order for the election it is said there was some irregularity which made the election in each precinct independent of the other. As we understand it the two precincts were described separately when they should have been described together. Therefore the contention was sustained that there were two elections.—Roscoe Herald.

#### 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.

#### Deals In Realty.

The following deals in real estate, effecting this end of the county, are reported from the Clerk's office:

W. A. Brown to G. C. Sargent, tract of land lot 14 league 124 Grimes county land, \$1100.

T. A. Horton to Eliza Phillips, lot 5 block 12 Merkel, \$50.

D. A. Nordyke to T. A. Horton, lot 5 block 12 Merkel, \$175.

J. D. and C. I. Moore to T. J. Toombs, 57 acres of land out of section 4, Burrell and Caswell survey, \$500.

Vol Martin, through sheriff, to Tennant Shoe Co., 200 acres of land off E. side section 19 block 18 T. & P. land (two miles N. W. of Abilene) \$25.

T. & P. R'y. to G. I. Miller, lot in Trent, \$25.

P. B. Causseaux to G. I. Miller, lot in Trent, \$60.

#### Just a Dream.

Harry Brown in the Journalist.

I saw a pedestal made of gold, it was set with shining jewels, each one of which represented a virtue.

The diamonds were truth, the pearls purity, the rubies love, the turquoise strength.

On the pedestal stood the figure of a woman, with her hands clasped on her breast, and her head turned away so that I could not see her face. All was quiet and peaceful, and as I was kneeling there, worshipping and

looking up to her as all goodness and nobility, she put out her hand and gently, oh, so gently, lifted me to my feet, and in a voice full of music and pathos told me to come and stand beside her and be what she was.

Then it came to me, why was I worshipping this woman? Who was she?

I started to mount the pedestal, and stumbled, and but for her strong, true, helping hand I would have fallen. Finally I was standing beside her, and she turned her face toward me, a face so pure and beautiful; ah, but it was heaven's own; with its wistful dark brown eyes, vein-crossed forehead, silver-tinted hair and lips with love thought in either corner of the mouth; but it was not the eyes, her hair or her lips that made her so beautiful and good; it was that holy, peaceful, contented light that shone forth from every feature, telling of a soul that had done its duty while on earth.

Need I tell you that that sweet face was mother's.

#### 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.

Lost—Monday, a heavy mackintosh overcoat, greyish color with velvet collar. Finder will greatly oblige me by leaving same at J. P. Sharp & Bro.'s store.

W. C. Copeland.

A Putnam county girl says that a kiss is the anatomical juxtaposition of the orbicular muscles in an excruciating exquisite contraction. If that girl will come up here and let a Sparta boy kiss her just once she will not talk so lightly about it again. When the infinitesimal tintinnabulations of concentrated quintessence of double geared supernal bliss begins to permeate her anatomy she will be willing to call a spade by its usual name instead of using some obscure jargon to convey her thoughts.—White County Favorite.

### 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

## GEO. L. PAXTON,

ABILENE, TEXAS.