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MERKEL, TEXAS, THUSRDYY, APRIL 17, 1890.

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M. J. COX A Long Lost Sword Found.

ladies' hats this this week.

the weather clears up.

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Go South, Young Man. Frederick Mather, superintend-Within the past five or six years ent of the New York state fishery the growth of the South has commission at Cold Spring Har- been so great that newspapers, bor, has recently had a peculiar changed the famous saying of the direct from the manufacturers. I have also line of Queensware, Glassware and Farmi Implements. I have and interesting experience. At founder of the New York Tribune, nice line of Queensware, Glassware and Farmi on hand for sale both Corn and Oats. In fav I have a complete the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the 113th New southward instead of westward.

York regiment, which was shortly When Mr. Greely made his faafterward converted into twelve mous remark the West was a FARM and RANCESUPPLIES, batteries of heavy or garrison argreat undeveloped empire. It con-

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Straw Hats.

We have still a few hundred button shoes, all sizes, regular congress and button shoes; Han- straw hats on hand, worth from price \$1.00 per pair; special sale nan's, Burt's, Young's, and other 50c to \$2.00 apiece; special sale first-class makes, all sizes, hand- price "c. each.

VAIT ON THEM PROPERLY LAST SATURDAY AND MONDAY; THE RUSH E CALL EARLY AND WE WILL GIVE YOU OUR BEST ATTENTION

spectfully,

THE Rayner Monitor has been changed to the Texas Lasso, and is now in the hands of W. L. Sargent, formerly of the Mesquiter, under whose management it will flourish like the green bay tree. The MAIL extends the right hand of fellowship.

One of the pressing needs of to Merkel is more side tracks. This nipped is a great watering place for loco-1 who motives, and where more trains the meet than most anywhere along less the road, and as a consequence cars my- that have been left on a side track to be unloaded are moved from place to place, and it is no unusual thing to see our lumber men making switch engines of themselves two or three times a day in order ld to get their cars unloaded. We hope the rail road compny will look in to the matter and if they can't put in a side track, they will at least put in a spur, so that the suloading of freight at this point

all be greatly facilitated.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL the great ed away at his home in Washington on last Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. He was elected to Congress in 1863 and has been in continuous service ever since. He has imes. For all he has always been in the wrong side of tariff quesion, at least as we of the South nd West think, he was a great nd good man, and was with out restion the Democratic leader of e house. His loss will be ourned by both Democras and publicans.

san Antonio will have no fair s fall her citizens having failed TELLAL wise the \$25,000 bonus, asked. fair held in that

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sted on with that thou days of last view ... city of Sweetwater.

EAST BOUND. MAIL AND EXPRESS arrives 10:01 A. M.

### LOCAL POINTS.

Go to Cox & Clark's for fresh, potatoes, onlons and cabbage. John Brandon returned Friday from

his trip to Ft. Worth. For everything in the carpenter's last Tuesday morning, which will line call on Ozee, Bell & Co.

I H. Thornton paid the city of Abi- tion of the country. lene a visit on last Tuesday. Mrs. M. A. Butler was in Abilene

on last Tuesday. J. B. Jernigan and J. H. Robinson took in the city of Abileue on Tues-

Mrs. Buchanan will take one or two not only took a copy of the MAIL for

Ozee, Bell & Co. are now building a goods, at Mitchell & McLendon's. more regular. Ozee, Bell & Co. are now building, the upnice two story frame building, the upYour attention is called to the new The regular quarterly conference of the say, living

amine those new clocks just received. to give him a call when in need of attendance present. The house for We can suit you in prices and styles. anything in his line.

ceived a nice assortment of Jewelry and eye-glasses. Call and see them. T. Tucker in Mulberry Canon.

committee of the M. E. church.

G. F. west's.

Go to French & Warnick for fancy in the city.

You will believe Merkel is on a Saloon and you will get it. boom if you will go on top of our Masonic hall and take a bird's-eye view of the surroundings.

line of clothing bought in Cincinnati, in another column. at bed rock prices, and will sell them the same way.

was in our town on Monday serving the defendant is as happy as a clam at the best calico, 6c. per yard. some of our merchants.

J. H. Thornton don't boast of Abi sells him has not got here yet.

the best wholesale market in Texas. A. M. Keny has fitted up a paint- and univresally liked by his parish- Miss Lula Hammond, an accomplishshop in the rear of the building occu- ioners,

fill all orders for painting.

anybody. Give me a call and he con-fisherman's luck. vinced. No trouble to show goods. G. F. WEST. Respectfully,

with piping for a wash-house, bath- return with him to look at this part ter Jennie a birthday party to ce house and other modern improve- of the West.

Ed. S. Hughes & Co. call your special body. attention this week to their McCorto read their ad.

of uails, which were shipped during we have always the recent cut in freight rates, and he of mecan fill a bill as cheap as they can be So wi bought in Fort worth, Dallas or any- thing where else.

We will receive a nice line of in our town on last sunuay -

ground and the erection of the new M. rain would be of great help. E. church will be begun as soon as N. Thorpe, with Emerson, Talcott on last Friday. He is a genial gentle-We will save \$2.50 to \$5 on a

spent the day with him in Abilene itself. Mulberry creek was bank full on on last Saturday. give plenty of stock water in this por-Dr. J. T. McLendon left on Monday for Scotland, Arkanas, where he goes to locate in the practice of medicine. He would have probably located here society men,

fine shoes. We guarantee satis-MITCHELL & MCLENDON. J. L. Harris, one of our prosperous cessful. farmers, called on us Saturday and Dr. S. M. Hunter of Kansas has ing quality

more gentlemen to board. Rates reas-onable. himself, but sent it to T. J. Harris, in Mississippi. Let the good work go on. Lowe for the past week or more R. J. Reed has put up some hand- Just received—a handsome line delighted with the country, and Cannexin some lightning rods to his house of Prints, Ginghams, Sateens, says it is bound to be the best in the Lawns, Schambreys, and white the West when the seasons become ated.

Mrs. H. Bullard and Evidene Our goods are bought with spot the editor could not find a seat of the Mrs. H. Bullard and Evidene Our goods are bought with spot the day of the Vaughan were shopping in Abilene cash at headquarters. Therefore had to forego the pleasure of kary with hapter the services.

iting friends.

Jernigan & Co. dell'vered a car load Old Jordan whisky is hard to we also hope we may be able to get of lumber on Monday to the building beat, and don't you forget it. You as good one in each neighborhood. will find it at the Maverick Saloon. A new line of Shelf Goods, consisting of Pickles in gallon, 1-2 gallon and was in town on last Saturday and Sunday evening. His ideas in regard Jor datell and countries Cannel Goods to the state of th

ly conference and visiting friends. Should you desire a toddy made candies, chewing gum, and best eigars from the celebrated Kentucky Club whisky, call at the Maverick

W. A. Flint, the furniture man of Abilena, was in town last Monday, looking after his business interests. J. H. Thornton has in transit a nice His new advertisement will be found

Taylor county in the case of Cordelia pearl and dress buttons, Sc. P. M. Boyd, the gentlemanly sales- Baker vs. G. W. Dunning has been dozen; pencils, 10c. per do man of Bateman & Bro. of Ft. Worth, affirmed by the supreme court, and prints and lawns, 6 1-4c. per ya

high tide. lene Prices. But the man that under the College, brought his sister here the Mo. P. Telegraph system, stepped his S. V. D. Stout, of Atlanta Ga., ar- Sunday, and she will assist him in the afternoon was driven out by J. L. th

rels and boxes of groceries bought at through Eisher, Jones and Haskell we expect to hear from his visit in the couty. He is a clever nice gentleman near future.

I have just received a complete new turned home on Wednesday, and as in Merkel on last Sunday and will stock of Groceries, fresh from the mar- we have not received a report from spend a few days visiting the family ket, and can sell them as cheap as them we presume they had the usual of J. L. Vaughan. We how

H. P. Allen left on Thursday for a ly day. visit to his old home near Honey J. H. Thornton is having a new well Grove, and will be gone a week or two. dug and is going to put a windmill There will probably be several parties Mrs. H. C. Hayter gave their daug

J. S. Barnes calls your attention to locate here and his card will be found enjoyed themselves to the fullest his new ad, this week. He delivers in another column of the MAIL. He tent. Miss Jennie was the recipi free in the city any bill of 1000 feet or says that a three days rain just when of a number of handsome prese you need it is good enough for any- from her numerous friends. A

We call your attention to the adver- sation, plays, etc., the mick binders, twines, etc. Don't fail tisement of Bass Broc., of Abilene, invited in They are pleasant gentlemen to trada of G. F. West has just received 100 kegs with and are liberal adverti-

day visiting friends. He reports everything in his part of the country as The lumber is being placed on the being in good condition, but that a

& Co. of Dallas, paid our town a visit man and one with whom it is a pleas- tifully and ure to be, as we can testify to, having etation of al.

but says it is too healthful. The MAIL day from Al wishes him success, and being a young to have any man of merit, he will no doubt be suc- eye. He fa

ad. of W. A. Flint, the furniture man the M. E. church South was held het suit ag Call at French & Warnick's and exat Abilene. As he requests don't fail on last Sunday. There was a last him with so full that owing to being a little

French & Warnick have just re- Give us a call and be convinced. Our letter from Nubis this week will Dr. Streetman and wife, of Sweetty letter, short and to the point, and letter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. It is a chatter or spent letter from Nubla this week will be found on the 4th page. Mrs. Edwin Vickers spent a part of water, spent last Sabbath here attend- is the kind we like to get for publicating the question of the countries. last week visiting her mother Mrs. J. ing the quarterly conference and vistion. We hope our correspondent judge. ports
it last week visiting her mother Mrs. J. ing the quarterly conference and vistion. We hope our correspondent judge. ports will continue in the good cause, and piessaie, b

Rev. Rawlings delivered a lecture welt1-Pa quart jars, Canned Goods, &c., &c., at Sunday in attendance on the quarter- to the license of the saloon we think brackent are good, but we do not agree with notice him that all the good boys die and Whi the bad ones live, for the assumption by would apply equally as well to the trea gentler sex, and we believe the good row ones are still left.

> The rain washed down prices in Merkel and Mitchell & McLendon May will sell notions at flooded rates. 2 papers pins, 5c; 3 papers best Sharp's needles, 5c; 6 spools MAIL The decision of the district court of Clark's or Coat's thread, 25c; Thur Viel

MITCHELL & MCLENDON. Prof. Haynes, who is teaching in C. W. Hammond, superintendent of this week from Buffalo Gap, on last off in Merkel on Tuesday, and in the tr Go to J. H. Thornton's for grocer school. His school now numbers Vaughan to see the beauties of the

ed young lady of St. Louis, daughter pled by E. Hearn, and is prepared to G. F. West & Co., the fishing party of C. W. Hammond, president of the that started out on a fishing trip re- Mo. Pacific Telegraph system arrived her visit will be so plet ant that she will repeat it at an ear

On last Saturday evening Mr. an the young folks were invited. The Dr. S. M. Hunter has concluded to were about ten couples present, w spending a few hours in social cor

Several back east arragements

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J. M. Radford,

Elliott has I ught a half-inter-

aper and added his name to safe to ask this week:

as shooting scrape occurred Of J. L. Vaughan: Why don't particulars, enquire at this office. ve miles south of here on you talk louder? wounded and may die. The kill that turkey? ms that the sheep man had to ride horse-back? Jopling, which caused a hat?

ox and family, and Will spell succumb? e of the finny tribe, and kill the measles. ly tired of so much wind. grip.

buggy estaped without a scratch. . He was highly pleased A few questions that it is not

of an old settler: When is it go. drive either single or double, also a our continued success and ing to rain? or, how long is this good wagon, and pair of harness. Will wind going to last?

as done by G. W. Jopling, Of B. A. Cox: How do you like spect.

ove of sheep in on a pasture Of Jim Corrigan: Where's your pearance on to day on account of the

seen able as yet to get full Of the editor: How came you to was done however. s of the shooting. The have so many typographical errors .

nan at last account was still in your last week's paper?

opling stayed in Merkel on following the the shooting.

Of the foreman: How do you

h and family, took a trip to Mrs. Hoffman our music teacher has c, on Tuesday morning to been down with a pretty bad case of

But the wind was too strong The "grip" has not entirely left our trip was not a success so town yet as there are several yet comned home on Thursday mor- plaining of what they think is the

For Sale A pair of good work horses, will be sold on good terms. For further

There was another social party on ay week, in which a sheep. Of J. A. Ellott: Why didn't you R. J. Reed which was well attended Wednesday night at the residence of and an enjoyable time had in every re-

> The town presented a besieged apnumber of small houses which had blown down. No material damage

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ved a pleasant call on last rom Prof. Clack a gentleteaching in the Nubis od. He was well pleased per, and told us that he nge te have a letter from of the country in each L. We hope soon to have dant from each neighborwill make the MAIL a Der, and one that everyart of the country will

> request we again publish write-up of Merkel and t print enough papers nand of parties who e Mart to friends in nd those who wanted garticle. We were lish it, to correct at week's la-

night. ays aomebody's boy illed or erippled for on and off of moving seem to us that with Merkel, h almost every daily paents of this kind, that guit this kind of fun, and do it of their own vollparents should see that has not been two months oy about 16 years old was Abilene, and if our boys seen his mangled rere sure they would never off unother moving train. n stock the following brands of Whiskies: Belle of Nelson, Old Bell Brook and the celeentucky Club: I keep it the best brands of Wines and Cigars and ttention and courteous tended me. Don't fail

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WEST BOUND. EAST BOUND.

ranch sout five miles the sudden turn it threw the ladies and is dighted with out, but fortunately they were not and sorghum seed, for which the injured badly, only receiving a highest cash price will be paid at orette rough shaking up. The

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ture. Every farm and ranch in the heavier breeds a race of horses the present time in the surrounding country and is springing up that cannot be ex. plenty of room almost every house in Merkel celled in any country. have wells of fine water.

loam, and varies from two to six for sheep and goats. The wool thanks. All inquir feet in depth, and is underlaid by a product of Texas is very large, tance will be cheerfy strata of gravel. The surface of and the Angora goat has been by addrersing J. L. the country being gently undulat- found to be very profitable.

The geological formation of the without it. country indicates that at some period of the world's history this The growth of mesquite which Dow, Harris county: was the bed of the Gulf of Mexi- covers most of the plains furnish- vs. Texas and Pac co. The receding waters left a es a good supply of both fuel and Company, Harrison deposit which is the soil of this fencing posts. This tree is an McAdams vs. the vast region. The washings of this "acacia" and bears large crops of county. soil, carried eastward by the va- a sweet bean highly prized for Transferred to Aus rious streams, have formed the feeding stock, being preferred to Caldwell vs. the Si rich valleys of the Brazos, Colo- corn for fattening purposes. The county. rado and other rivers in Eastern mountain sides are covered with Motion for reheari Texas.

PRODUCTS.

This soil is very rich and is streams mostly consists of pecan, Motion or rehear -Rice, Hulard & adapted to the cultivation of corn, walnut, elm, cottonwood, willow, cotton and small grain. Sorghum Spanish oak, mulberry and wild Fargo & Co's.

With the exception of some The gin at severe northers during January, over 400 bales of Finest Agricultural the winters are not severe. There and the large is very little cold weather until af now growing wil ter Christmas, and February is al- erection of a mill ways pleasant. The continuous BEST WATERED COUNTRY breezes, mostly from the south, The society of a temper the heat of the sun in the country is first-cla In Western Texas--Has Beauti- summer, and the nights are al- as large a percen ways cool and refreshing. The members as in any winters are usually dry, the first United States. I rains begin in April, which are of byterian, Method Ever since the Texas & Pacific ten very heavy. The occasional denominations railroad has opened up the west. showers grow less frequent until organizatious. ern country the passers-by on the in June there is usually a few large Sunday school trains have been attracted and weeks of comparatively dry Women's Christian charmed by the beautiful country weather, thus giving the farmer Band of Hope. surrounding Merkel, and the time to reap and store his harvest Normal and Commer steady growth of this modest but which is then ready. The mid- Association, chartere enterprising little town. No pret. summer rains of August are heavy has a large two-story tier or more fertile spot can be and last a week or two; it puts educational purposes; found in the West. The town of the soil in good condition for fall lie free school is also Merkel was started in 1883 and crops and covers the prairie with management. Owing the growth has been steady. a good crop of grass to supply vanto get up a boom a time, but a lime, but a li the beauty of the location, the are very regular and with the ex- al center.

fertility of the soil, and the abund- ception of the memorable drouth In presenting ant supply of good water, have in- (1886,) have never been know to public we have en duced a number of intelligent and fail within the memory of the old- so as modestly as

their homes in and around Mer- As the country becomes more and find things bette kel. The present population is cultivated the rainfall will be more you, than have you abundant, as the water will be re- that we had over rac Merkel is located 17 miles west tained in the cultivated soil and We feel able to prov of Abilene. It is five miles from the evaporation will be more reg- said. Here we have the Jones county line, and seven ular than when it runs off the un- and made our hon miles from Nolan and the south. broken surface of the prairie into come all good citize east corner of Fisher counties. By the water-courses and is gone. munity. Those wish rail it is 430 miles west of Texar. The meteorological changes that home we would sar kana, and 438 miles esst of El follow the settlement and cultiva- time, as the price of Paso. Geograpically it is nearer tion of every new country will remain so low very l the centre of the state than any cause the vapor laden winds from By a look at of other town. The elevation is the Gulf to discharge their aque- columns it will be so 2,000 feet above the level of the ous contents before passing to the kel is represented b north. The dry belt of all the and general mercha western country is fast receding three lumber vards, One of the greatest attractions westward along with the red man ane drug store, one of Merkel and the surrounding and the buffalo, and will soon be livery stable, one for

STOCK RAISING.

of good pure water that is to be Texas has always been noted last but not least a found at a depth of from 25 to 50 for its stock raising qualities. The weekly newspaper, feet. This water is cool and clear rich grasses of these plains can-MAIL. In addition and free from mineral, and is not not be excelled for the production and commodious affected by the longest drouth of beef. This is the natural home north side just h either in quality or quantity. It of the horse; here he is free from Mr. G. F. West can be used with success for irri- many of the diseases, that on April 1st by gating if necessary, at a small cost are common in the Eastern goods firm. compared yob California and States, and the spirit and endur- tate deal-

cle dependence for agricultiverbial. With the importation of susiness is w

The short grasses and herbage sive Committee f The soil is mostly a dark sandy near the mountains are favorable article, and to w

ing and well supplied with water All kinds of stock except sheep courses prevents any stagnant wa- do well without care or protection ter or marshy lands. The soil is during the winter. Nature abund- vs. the State, Willis remarkable for remaining moist antly provides for them. Sheep murder in the secon through the severest drouth, should be fed a little during the years; R. L. Blanke when less favored land would be months of January and February, State, Bell county, parched and vegetation destroyed. although thousands pass through two years.

cedar which is excellent for fenc- \_\_ J. F. Smith & Bro.

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ce ginned last fall, of wheat ries a lantern. By day and night it is dangling at his belt. It resembles a thin, flat box Each end of

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s' western when drawn out, a lantern. The nd there is of church of church inder, to hold his candle. A small rtion of the medicine chest, with half a dozen aptist Pres- little boxes, each containing a Christian small portion of medicine, a fan, a burishing pipe and a short sword, all form a part of the outfit. The belt of a Japanese is, therefore, a very imurishing portant part of his dress.

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Texas.

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while millo maize, dhurra and kaf. of five oak dot the prairie fir corn can be successfully raised many places. for forage. All kinds of vegetables and vines grow well. The The natural location of Merkel experiments in fruit culture have is favorable to a mercantile center. There's a lucky girlli proven that the peach, apricot and The passes from the southwestern seks, Ill., if the following plum do well. The apple has not part of Taylor and part of Nolan from the Iriqonis Coun. been so successful except on old- counties, and the beautiful and to be believed; "Yest er soil and by a little irrigation. prosperous farming district of house, gathered the bo The almond tree flourishes and Mulberry Canyon, all have one struments which she the native pecan could be culti- outlet to the plain six miles south use and sat down to nated with profit. Grape culture of Merkel. The direction of the copying. Wishing to is very successful.

CLIMATE AND RAINFALL.

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LOCATION.

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The Cleero-Clionian society was organized on last Friday night, with a W. R. BLANCHARD, pretty full membership. The officers theasurer, and Rane McMillen, critic. mine committee on program provided Woman' be Equal to that of

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come in when in town and tell us so, and if they do not, tell us that, as we don't wish ro force our paper on anybody. If it is not handy to come in, least the trouble of writing us a postal improving it. card. Please give this your atten-

DURING the past two! have partly turned over

the West. A "boom," as we understand the term, is an in inflat-Ad ertising rates made known on least drop to a natural value sometime. It is true our populahad been given to us by some of their from 15 to 30 bushels of wheat, make no charges for the papers that ginning to find out the real value they have turned on the faucet? is it mildly. The MAIL force have been sent in this manner and ginning to find out the real value they have turned on the faucet? is it mildly. The MAIL force have been sent in this manner and ginning to find out the real value consequently they must be worth at of the land and are buying and

ed valuation of property, which must of necessity collapse, or at that there are twice as many acres

Hogg, Ti criticism by those bearing them letters of his name is Dr. Tolar. personal prejudice and by others,

WE object to the word "boom" as contains at least applied to Merkel and this part of ofhonesty and con tion has more than doubled and in cultivation as there were six months ago, but what of it? The bushels of oats and from a fourth

idea of land that will produce 25 to 40 bushels of corn, 30 to 60 man who gets the prize, regard to three-fourths of a bale of cotton to the acre, having an inflated ANOTHER fine rain on last Mo value, when you can buy it at day night, just when we began sday: from \$4 to \$8 per acre, within need it, and still they say this ters, Calvert, Browning, Vaughan, from three to twelve miles of a drouth-stricken West. We wou at Jernigan, the Misses' Una main line of railroad is ridiculous. just like to ask some of the croa Georgia, Mitchell Fannie Dun-The fact is there is no boom ers if they had the controling and Donnie Kindred. To say please drop us a postal card. We here. The people are just be- the water how much oftener woulde were pleased to see them is to

mination for governor. They for a man that is the man for the orce pulled itself together before the all bear records of good Democrats place; we mean Dr. Alf H. H. Totizers with other and good men, and have the abililar of Abilene. There is no ques- have a hearty invitation to call again as much or more reading matter are elected. To a delegate attend. liene that West Toyas can possible their visit pleasant for them: than several that are much larger ing the convention, with no ax to hope that West Texas can possitive to grind or friend to reward, it is bly get any other state office. The Cicero-Clionian society in size. If our business continues a dead guess and a matter of seri-therefore we ought to unite on this to increase we will enlarge and con- ous conjecture as to which of the one office, the one to us of mor tinue in so doing, for we intend four can lay the best claim to his importance than even the govern ing matter in the Mail, if we have lives of prominence devoted to public service must stand to be knows the needs of the great and nie Dunning, secretary; R. A. Martin, growing west, and the nine first sistant secretary; Chas. Harris, and Rane McMillen, critic.

opinion he will reap the barren have our confidence and have the best interest of the state at heart, and in the futnere will be a "dead duck" in Texperior that the partical ship that weights the gubernatorial chair made.

Austin County Tin We heartily agre timents contained but our experience is qualifications or ability a following that "swap," will be the best, eg man in the field, and the man makes the best trades will be of ability, qualifications or

Now that Hall is out of to appear as if it was used to pecially this and buckle on their ar-

The Democratic mor and get in their best licks and confusion reigned.

WE UNDERSTAND that R. M. principaly who bear them prejudice Two men living near Merkel be-Hall will not be a candidate for and for reasons unknown to them- coming discouraged and getting the office of Land commissioner.
We presume he has relinquished just such prejudices, and to much the idea of making the race in or the ides of making the race in orcare cannot be taken not to allow week, we understand, have rented to itchell; Oration, Rane McMillen; recder to get his "knife" alittle sharp- such men to represent a communitheir places back for the year. It Dustion, Miss Beulah Wilkerson. Queser for Hogg. In this we think he ty at a convention. As much care is an old but true maxim not to cityo for debate: "Should be exerted in the selection cross a bridge antile you come to will make a great mistake, for al. should be exerted in the selection cross a bridge until you come to a m though we are opposed to Hogg. though we are opposed to Hogg, selection of a nominee for gover- very few indeed would ever think of n if Hall does show up in the con- por. Let us send broadminded of leaving here after once making prob yention with his little knife, in our men to represent us-men who a purchase, as at the a go

Laredo is on a big boom and capital is flowing in from all sides. Jay Gould spent Friday in Ft.

Worth, enroute back north. to be worked by electricity.

The T. & P. railway will build a new freight depot at Dallas, soon, and repair the passenger depot.

city in the Panhandle country, cent; Baptists, 25 per cent, and OFFICIAL DIRE had a big town lot sale on last the Methodists 60 per cent strong. Thursday, and the sales footed up The latter have a splendid church \$60,000.

W. S. Carothers, formerly o Austin, was shot through the heart on last Friday, the office of Dr. Bibb, at Capaltiilo, Mexico. It was supposed that Dr. Bibb shot

Hon. H. D. McDonald opened the gubernatorial campaign at Bonham on last. Saturday. He public questions in an able and carnest manner.

county have decided to have an ment at the school house Thursold time nominating convention day evening, and poor Joe and will nominate county officers. was made the "scape-goat," as his The prerequisite for a seat in said best girl was cat-eyed-but don't convention will be that the party tell him. The house was full to voted for Ross at the last election overflowing, and all seemed to enand will support the nominees, and joy the hour but poor Tom, who has not affiliated with any other did not want to pay his quarter, future. political party.

The largest locomotive in the world has just been placed on the Big Four road. It is sixty feet in R. F. Slaughter, Jr., Meets His Death at the Hands of W. length, in weight 1,300,000 pounds. It has two boilers, between which Special to the Ft. Worth Gazette. the cab is placed, which is as large | KAUFMAN, TEX., April 12 .-- A as a small house. On the pilot gloom was cast over our city yestwenty people can be seated. It terday evening by the report of the requires two firemen and one en- killing of R. F. Slaughter, Jr., by gineer, and its inventor claims it W. M. Pardue, a prominent young can, under favorable conditions, lawyer of this city, also justice of make ninety miles per hour .- the peace of Preinct No. 1, which Tradesman.

the northern and eastern states of cause of the shooting, as we are the terrible loss of life and prop- informed, was the seduction of day. Loss \$2000 erty by wind and water. Among Pardue's sister by Slaughter. On about \$3000. the late victims of the elements are learning of the misfortune of his Johnstown, Pa., and the country sister, Pardue armed himself and adjacent to Sharon, Ohio. A large went to Slaughter's house, which portion of the former was again is four miles northwest from Kaufinundated by the Conemaugh riv- man, and not finding Slaughter at er during last week, and the for home, inquired of his wife where mer was devasted by a cyclone on he was, and on being informed of the same day.

Two bold highwaymen compelled a storekeeper named J. H. Spark, at Cheek, I. T., thirty miles north of Gainesville, to give up several hundred dollars in cash on last Friday. He recognized one of them as a young man named Sawnsey living near there, and he was arrested and placed in jail. The other robber made good his escape.

est man lost his pocketbook con- sheriff. He was accompanied taining \$250; and when the finder City Maraball A. M. Gleghorn,

terest for the use of the money. tal tragedy. Mr. Slaughter has a Naturally the finder refused this wife and one child. Both parties the meanest man brought suit for fair is sadly deplored by all. the interest, and the most heart. Slaughter is the son of Capt. R. less justice gave the meanest man F. Slaughter, county attorney of judgment for \$1.45 costs.

variety, yet he serves notice on An inquest will be held over his party that the McKinley tariff Slaughter's body this morning. bill will lift that state out of the A little shooting scrape occured Director Conklin is preparing Republican column and set it at Madisonville on last Saturday Lizzie, the gentle and intelligent fedown among the democrats with night at a school exhibition given male of the Cole pair of elephants an emphasis that will cause the at Madisonville in which C. W. in the park, for carying children party that saved the Union (?) to Worly and Moses King were the adout the park next summfeel like a jimson weed in a west participants. Neither were hurt is in a quandary over tern tornado. Mr. Peters should but it is thought there will be of fare for elecnot borrow trouble. The bill was more trouble from the difficulty. would like not framed to pass. That coming King accused Worly of slandering interest

Correspondence.

NUBIA, Texas, April 10th, 1890. MR. EDITOR:

Nubia, like Bohemia, is surround-The coal mines near Laredo are lation within her walls of 350 persons. Of these, about 1 per cent three per cent saturated with the "oil of infidelity," and 94 per cent hold to the Christian religion.

Vernon, a flourishing young The Presbyterians are 8 per building, (perhaps the best in the county) which bespeaks the prosperity of the organization. This T. H. Conner, building, however, is used by all B. D. Shropshire, Dist denominations; free of charge.

Rev. Chambliss has charge of H. A. Porter, the M. E. church, and holds services every third Sunday.

Bateman & Bro., of Ft. Worth, Rev. M. M. Norris, (Methodist) T. O. Anderson, have bought out the wholesale es- preaches every first Sunday; Rev. John B. Neill, tablishment of A. F. Starr & Co., S. H. Blair, (Baptist) on every see J. A. Thomas,

and have now one of the ker, (Cumberland Presbyterian) on C. E. Pratt t wholesale grocery houses every fourth Sunday. These gen- J. A. Pratt, J. T. Tucken tlemen all have more than ordina- Cope and R. C. Lyons, ry ability; hence, the small per cent of non-believers.

Farming is the leading industry J. B. Jernigan, of the Canyon, as the stock and presented his views on various post business have about 'played'. County Court, first Me Parson Norris has gone into the hog business. Success to his enterprise.

The Democrats of Navarro Prof. Yatt gave an entertainbut the Madam made him pony XIV.

### KAUFMAN KILLING.

M. Pardue.

occured about three and a half miles northwest from Kaufman, Every day news comes from about 2:30 o'clock p. m. The M. Coldman & Co his whereabouts Pardne went off in the direction indicated by Mrs. Slaughter, and soon met Slaugh- discharged a load of shot into ter sitting in his wagon. Pardue left arm, and will probably his then got out of his buggy and to have his arm amputated. went up to Slaughter, and after a few words drew his pistol and fired three shots at Slaughter, two of which took effect, one striking him in the small of the back and coming out in front, the other striking him in the cheek and coming out at the back of his head. After The champion meanest man and the shooting Pardue got in his the most heartless justice live in buggy and was hastily driven back Surgis, South Dakota. The mean- to town and gave himself up to the

returned it to him after a mont who witnessed the shooting, but spent in finding to owner, he de- was wholly ignorant of Pardue's this county. Slaughter died at 5:

deficit already cast a shadow be him and then the shooting commenced,

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Erastus Graham, Su sioners. PRECINCT OFFICERS R. J. Reed,

TERMS OF COUR gust, October and Commissioners' Cour Monday in Febr August and Nove

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was destryed by i

Rev. M. C. Porter of F prominent Methodist was found dead in his bed home on last Sunday morni wife died only a week before ing only been married a fe

John M, Ross of Denten, Tex while out hunting on Saturds

John Wold an ex-saloon kee er committed suicide at the M Clelland Hotel Waco, on Saturda night, by taking morphene. H saloon was closed some time sinc and it was supposed that this wit other reverses, caused him to com mit the fatal act.

Quelling an Eleph

Little Willie, the elephant who occupies the middle cage in the elphant house at central park, has been causing his keeper a good at deal of trouble recnetly, and severrl times has made vicious atgas, is a Republican of the Ingalis to within ten minutes of his death. over him, is thoroughly afraid of the puppy. When the elephant is drinking the puppy frequently

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rai the regiment was ordered into the soil was unquestioned, pe the field as infantry. They, howev- poured into this great empi. er, clung to their title of the Sev- a way that cast the famous enth New York artillery, a desig- stampede to California in the nation they had received on being shade. These immigrants includtransformed into gunners. On ed not only farmers, but farm June 16, 1864, Lieutenant Mather hands, biacksmiths, carpenters, was in command of L company, masons, storekeepers, journalists, which was the color company of teachers: in short, representatives the regiment, and belonged to the of every sort and kind of employ-First Division of the Second ment. More than this, there was Corps, commanded by General room for every one of these immi-Hancock. The command was grants. A new empire was to be moving on the enemy's works at built up from the very foundations. ate forces rushed through the gap, erybody. and the right of the 113th or 7th In the South the case is some-SALE. New York Heavy Artillery were what different. The undeveloped taken prisoners. To save the col- resources of the South are greators Lieutenant Mather determined er than those of the West, and to bury them. This he did, and much more varied. The foundahe was in the act of burying his dations for a grand empire are alsword, a presentation from Bat- ready laid, however. What is tery I, on which his name was en- needed now is the superstructure, graved, when a Southerner and the material required for this stepped up and said: "Look here, is of a different nature from that Yankee, just drop that," and or- required for the foundations. A dered him to move inside the en- few years ago a young man could emy's trenches. "I obeyed the go West and find an opening in order," says Captain Mather, "and almost any line of work. The des was carrying my sword, in its mand for workers exceeds the scabbard, and belt in my hand, supply. In the South, on the othwhen a man in plain clothes de- er hand, the supply of unskilled manded it of me. I saw he was a labor is still equal to the demand, civilian, who had only come out but skilled labor is wanted. to have a shot at us, and I resist- If a man has a trade-if he is a ed. During our struggle, and just good farmer, miner, blacksmith, as the man was about to strike carpenter, machinist or skilled in me with his fist, an offier came up any one branch of labor or workand indignantly asked if he was he will find an opening awaiting about to strike a prisoner. The him. If he has a little money laid man fell back and I handed my by he can take that with him and sword to the officer, who, think- reap as substantial benefits as ever ing I was wounded, offered me he could have reaped in the West. hospitality, and I wrote his name If the young man who contemplates ing I was wounded, offered me he could have reaped in the West. and address on a new York Trib- striking out boldly into the world

> with fish culture in the Southern same size as the rest of the brood, states have always been trying to but had growing from the back find some trace of him. A few close to the tail an excresence, 10th Alabamin L. Brewster, which in appearance bore a marked ing the war, died. many, resemblance to a human hand, or ern paper published that of a monkey. The ly out ttached to a wrist about and co. which grars natural palm and in the palm and in tween the palm and site tail. tional Tribune, and I saw it. I communicated with Captain Brewster's representative, and on the first of the month the old sword, scabbard and belt once more came

York Tribune.

memoranda with the name of the

man who had my sword. I had

some idea he was a Georgia man,

Jas. Brint, a farmer living near Plano, Texas, was run over by an H. & T. C. train on last Friday, and horribly mangled. His head was completely severed from his body, his arms and legs broken in drawn from the race for congress, several places. He left a wife and in favor of Hon. R. B. Hubbard, sgveral children.

Petersburg, Va. On the right Villages, towns and cities sprang was the Irish Legion, and the two up with such rapidity that there bodies diverged. The Confeder- was room and employment for ev-

une that I had in my pocket. will stop and consider the founda-Nothing could have been kinder tions upon which the North, the than the behavior of my captor. I West and the South are built he was subsequently confined in pris- will see at a glance which secons at Macon, Ga., Charleston and tion offers the most inviting field Columbus, S. C., and lost the to his energies.

A wonderful chick was hatched out week before last by a hen beand in my travels in connection longing to Dr. Ellis. It was the with a web like vissue, similal which unites the toes of a duck. The chick was in other respects, of normal structure, except that it had but four toes on each of its bard has an indentation where a feet in place of five. The bird ball struck it in the battle. They was a curiosity to those who are relics of a by-gone feud, but I were called in to look at it, and, prize them very dearly."—New as the doctor was anxious to have it live, he of course took so much care of it that it died of too' much cherishing. It lived five days, however, and is now preserved, hand and all in alcohol.-Denison Gaz-

Judge Felix McCord has withwho will no doubt be elected.



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call on

tempts to strike him and get out unreasonable demand, whereupon are well connected here. The afsmaller than a cat, has been tied in Willie's cage. This precaution ing of has proven effective, for Willie, who has killed several keepers. Representative Peters, of Kan. 50 this morning and was conscious and is almost as high as the roof a store.

drives him away with a snap.