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The Higher Life

Nothing Left.

Rev. Hall.

There is nothing left in Christian doctrine worth half an hour's debate in pulpit or Bible class which does not swiftly move to practical questions of what has God done for me, or what does He expect of me?

Powerful Sermons.

Rev. F. E. Larkin, Methodist.

Newspaper accounts of facts today concerning the awful results of a life spent in the pursuit of pleasure furnish us with more powerful sermons than any read from the pulpit.

Helpers.

Rev. Mason.

When we are all helpers we will no longer remain denominationalists. Heaven will be occupied by helpers, but not by religionists. The world needs true men and women from a divine standpoint.

The Question of Questions.

Rev. Grant, Baptist.

The question of questions of all life is to know what is best, the destiny that is highest; to attain that which will leave personal assets that death cannot take away.

A Noble Mission.

Rev. McArthur, Baptist.

God has given America a noble mission. We are not to federate for selfish aims and worthy ambitions, but in the defense of justice and the establishment of liberty all the world around.

Our Everpresent Lord.

Geo. D. Gelwicks.

The thought that our Lord is with us every moment of our lives is a very precious one. What a miserable lot would be ours if we could only have access to Him on the Sabbath. But thank God it is not so. He is just as near us in the midst of our humble daily toil as He is when we are worshipping Him in sanctuary. It is when we are vexed with the cares and anxieties of daily life, that we need Him the most, and just where He is, if we will, He becomes the most precious to us.

Have you ever stopped for a moment when almost overcome by some perplexing daily duty, and sent up a word of prayer to our Lord for wisdom to properly perform your task? If not, then you have missed one of the most blessed privileges that the Christian may enjoy.

Every child of God knows there is such a thing as "grace to help in time of need," but we can only begin to comprehend the wonderful power of His grace, when we strive to realize every moment of every day that He is close beside us every step we take, and is a "very pleasant help" in every duty that we may be called upon to perform.

Christianity is a vital principle that points a man to do right,

to deal honestly in business and pay his just debts if possible, and observe the golden rule. It is not all emotion.—Ex.

Matter.

Prof. Nesbitt, Unitarian.

Matter is eternal; it is the manifestation of spirit, and as long as spirit lives it must have a medium of manifestation. Death is merely a coming into our own, just as much as we deserve. We cannot live in error all our earthly life and then enter a life of bliss. We will be very much longer in the beyond; that beyond may be here; it cannot be far away.

Pure Hearts.

Rev. Monk, Methodist.

We can have pure hearts. The Saviour promises blessed reward to those whose hearts are pure. The sight of God and the view of the ineffable beauty and holiness will be the highest privilege. The pure in heart shall see God.

The Shirt Waist in the Pulpit.

From the Popular Bluff Citizen.

The Rev. J. B. Rice, pastor of the Methodist church, created quite a sensation by appearing in his pulpit clad in a neat-fitting shirt waist. Several members of the congregation were attired in the popular garment, which has apparently come to stay.

Religious Belief.

Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Christian.

Whatever seems calculated to disprove or discredit the ordinary systems of religious beliefs and opinions wrestling only with material observation, has always met with opposition and detraction; this ought not to be so, for a system that honors God and benefits mankind should be welcomed and sustained.

One Spirit.

Bishop Andrews, Methodist.

We are living in troublous times, and many are entertaining criticisms on the Bible. But the whole New Testament breathes but one spirit, and there is no room left in the New Testament for the exaltation of one class above another.

Our Tendency.

Rev. Faganani, New York.

Our tendency is to idolize doctrine and dogma, to esteem them as of vital importance to believers that the fate of God, the Bible, religion, is inseparably tied up with the fate of our ideas and beliefs regarding God and the Bible.

Watch For a Chill.

However slight at this time of year and in this climate, it is the forerunner of malaria. A disposition to yawn, and all tired out feeling even comes before chill. Herbine, by its prompt stimulative action on the liver, drives the malarial germs out of the system, purifies the blood, tones up the system and restores health. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

Poor old Lamar county rolled up 250 majority for whiskey. Trinity county went dry.

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

At Panama, Columbia, by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Dr. Chas. H. Utter, a prominent physician, of Panama, Columbia, in a recent letter states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady sixteen years of age, who had a very bad case of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a study for me, but I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better; inside of three days she was upon her feet and at the end of one week she was entirely well." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Notice to the Public.

I have purchased the real estate and insurance business of T. A. Johnson and will continue the business, with office in rear of the First National Bank, where I would be pleased to meet all having business in my line. If you have land to sell call and list it with me. If you want to buy, call and examine my list. If you want fire or tornado insurance I can place your property in some of the best companies in the world.

If you don't want to deal in land, or do not need fire insurance just now, call and let me show you what I have in the way of life insurance. I also write deeds and take acknowledgements.

Hoping to share a part of your business,

I am very respectfully,
W. W. Wheeler.

Mrs. Jim Dennis has so far recovered as to be able to visit her parents at Caps, being taken there Monday.

A Cure for Cholera Infantum.

"Last May," says Mrs. Curtis Baker, of Bookwalter, O., "an infant child of our neighbor's was suffering with cholera infantum. The doctor had given up all hopes of recovery. I took a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to the house, telling them I felt sure it would do good if used according to directions. In two days time the child had fully recovered, and is now (nearly a year since) a vigorous, healthy girl. I have recommended this remedy frequently and have never known it to fail in any single instance." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

One Woman's Punishment.

The ancients had a law whereby in the case of a very outrageous crime they would sometimes permit the criminal to live that he might suffer the shame of his crime, which they considered severer punishment than any they could inflict, and something like this must have been in the jury's mind that they let you live and look upon the faces of your children,

W. W. WHEELER,

Real Estate, Life, Fire and Tornado Insurance Agent, Notary Public.

Takes Acknowledgements, Draws up Deeds, etc. Office in First National Bank.

dren, the children whom you have made orphans.

Thus spoke Recorder Graff, the presiding magistrate in a New York court, last week, to the defendant.

The woman had been acquitted of the murder of her husband by the jury, although the evidence was conclusive and the judge had charged them to bring in a verdict of guilty.

The judge was right. Under some grievous conditions it is a greater punishment to live than to die. This is why men and women kill themselves.

Every time this woman looks at her children she will be reminded of her crime. Could Satan himself conjure a torture more exquisite?

Most murderers have a respite from the ghastly hauntings of their victims. This woman will have no respite.

There is something in the lineaments of every child that reminds the mother of the father's look. Every familiar gesture or tone or pose of the child will remind her of a happy hour with the dead. For every man and wife, however miserable, have had some happy hours together.

The pictures that come to that woman, reflected from the mirror of the children's faces, only death can turn to the wall.

There are many things worse than death. Never-ending remorse is one.

Is it any wonder Hamlet debated whether it were better to be or not to be? Is it any wonder Judas went out and hanged himself?

Our modern law and law makers and law enforcers take little note of the punishment which sometimes comes from living. Anguish of soul, pangs of remorse, the awful bitterness which comes as the aftermath of a crime transcend the punishment of death.

Death is mercy to many a criminal.—Kansas City World.

She Remembered Lafayette.

An interesting woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper McIntire, aged 107, has just died in Philadelphia, with teeth, eyes and faculties remarkably preserved to the last. Often she referred to meeting Lafayette in 1824, and recounted the pleasure experienced in shaking hands with the French general. When her brother, Lieutenant Francis Cooper, was stationed at Fort Mafflin during the war of 1812, she made frequent visits there, and during the civil war was one of the assistants at the old cooper shop refreshment building, where the Union soldiers were so well cared for by patriotic women.

Wilson Offers Encouragement.

President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton university, now pleasantly recalls for the encouragement of the mass of mankind that when he was graduated he managed to rank only about No. 40 in a class of 125.

The Introduction of Trousers.

Speaking of the centenary of trousers, Fashion, an English journal, explains that they "came in" on account of the high living prevalent 100 years ago. This produced a good deal of gout, whose twinges the tight fitting costumes in use at that period made unbearable. Hence the invention of the wider form of garment, which soon became popular. Among the "dandies" of the period, however, the new style was regarded with contempt, and when Almack's was at its height as a fashionable resort the great Duke of Wellington himself was once refused admission because he presented himself in trousers instead of the (for that time) orthodox nether garments.

Droll Answer Was Worth Money.

Like all men prominent in Wall street, James R. Keene is continually being asked for tips on the market. The other day an impecunious friend said to him insinuatingly: "Are you a bull or a bear, Mr. Keene?" Rather curtly came the reply: "I'm nothing!" "But maybe you'll recover; maybe you are not incurable," was his caller's droll remark. It tickled Mr. Keene, who said with a grim smile, "Come in and see me to-morrow," and they do say that the impecunious man's quick retort was worth money to him.

What Colors Do You Choose?

A number of poorly clad children stood before a ribbon store window one damp, cold rainy day. "I choose that color!" "I choose that!" "I choose that!" They forgot they were cold, they forgot they were wet and hungry and that it was a raw, cheerless day. They only saw the beauty before them and were happy. Readers, we are all children with life's own colors before us. What shall we choose? Shall we choose the green of envy, the black of despondency, the red of hatred and unrest? Or shall we choose the blue color of love and hope, the white of peace and prosperity, the amethyst of faith and content? Shall we not choose happiness, cheerfulness, gentleness, kindness, joy, repose, love and charity? For as we choose, so will we color our own life, and all peace, joy, contentment and happiness come only through thinking and choosing peace, joy, contentment and happiness.

What color do you choose?—Mizpah.

The Rule of Three.

Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to love—courage, gentleness and affection.

Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to delight in—frankness, freedom and beauty.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and a cheerful spirit.

Three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity and flippant jestings.

Three things to fight for—honor, country and home.

Three things to admire—intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to think about—life, death and eternity.—The War Cry.

The Merkel Mail.

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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 number

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For County Judge:
D. G. HILL.

For County Treasurer:
J. H. THORNTON.

For Sheriff:
J. V. CUNNINGHAM.

For Tax Assessor:
C. C. JACKSON.

For County Clerk:
S. H. GARRISON.

For County Attorney:
T. A. BLEDSOE.

For Tax Collector:
BAYLOR CRAWFORD.

For District Clerk:
V. F. WOMACK.

For Justice of Peace, Pre. 5, and
Commissioner Pre. 2:
W. W. WHEELER.

For Hide and Animal Inspector:
ROSS G. HALL.

For Public Weigher at Merkel:
T. F. COMPTON.

Cured Paralysis.

W. S. Bailey, P. O. True, Tex., writes: "My wife had been suffering for years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frost bites, and skin eruptions. It does the work." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

Religious Debate.

A ten days' debate will take place at Noodle postoffice beginning Aug. 26, between Elders A. S. Bradley of the Church of Christ and J. W. Chism of the Firm Foundation faction. Everybody invited. The following subjects will be debated:

1. The Scriptures teach that the Kingdom of Christ will be established in connection with the second coming of Christ. (Bradley affirms, Chism denies.)

2. The Scriptures teach that Kingdom Christ was established on the first pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. (Chism affirms, Bradley denies.)

3. The Scriptures teach that man in this life is wholly mortal, and will be unconscious from death to the resurrection. (Bradley affirms, Chism denies.)

4. The Scriptures teach that the spirit of man is immortal and will be conscious from death to the resurrection. (Chism affirms, Bradley denies.)

5. The Scriptures teach that the punishment of the wicked will be destruction, so that they cease to be as conscious beings. (Bradley affirms, Chism denies.)

6. The Scriptures teach that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal CONSCIOUS TORMENT. (Chism affirms, Bradley denies.)

7. The Scriptures teach that the birth mentioned in John 3-8 is in the resurrection of the dead. (Bradley affirms, Chism denies.)

8. The Scriptures teach that the birth of the spirit mentioned in John 3-8 is at the conversion of the man to Christ. (Chism affirms, Bradley denies.)

Anson papers please publish.

Advertising is the secret of success in every business.

...Buggies at a Bargain...

I have a large stock of Buggies on hand—too large, in fact, for the time of year—and have decided to make prices on them that will compel them to go. Parties wanting anything in the Buggy line will SAVE MONEY by buying them now, while this car lasts. I mean to SELL them and will NAME YOU PRICES that no one else will duplicate.

GEO. F. WEST.

Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

The Indian has one complaint against the railroads; it is this: When there was no railroad corn was very cheap, but now since cars can take it to market it has advanced to \$5.00 per hectolitre (about 2½ bushels); but as settlers come in labor will be more in demand and the Indian will get it back in advanced wages.

One serious objection to Americans settling in this country, away from large towns, is the lack of society. The people are very hospitable and would make good neighbors, yet the average American loves society of his own kind. In the cities and larger towns there are good schools, for Mexico has a public school system similar to the United States; but the country districts are yet deficient in school facilities. The best way for Americans to do is to come in colonies. Large tracts of land like the one I spoke of for sale, could be bought up and divided among the colonists. They could then have their own schools and churches. This is the way the Mormans have done. In the Casca Grande country, Northern Chihuahua, they have many flourishing colonies, with fine schools and churches, the farms fenced, barns built and neat farm houses just like back in Utah. The government has granted them concessions, and their machinery and supplies are passed with little or no duty on them. I doubt not that other colonists could secure similar privileges.

I prefer this Zapotlan country, as it is a new country and the spirit of improvement has not found its way out here yet. In the Guadalajara valley it is a little different. It is an older settled country and has had a railroad for years, while Zapotlan branch has been built only about two years and the west part only a few months. The valleys in some places are from 20 to 30 miles wide.

Lake Chapala near Guadalajara is 90 miles long. A mam-

moth hotel is being built on its shore. The increasing number of sportsmen, tourists and invalids help to make a market for fine vegetables and fruits.

At Irapuato we change cars for the City of Mexico. The country south is beautiful and in a fair state of cultivation. There has been some rain here and vegetation is greener. The country is very thickly settled and we pass some large towns. Celaya, a thriving railroad town; here the Mexican National crosses the Central.

Queretaro, capital of the state of the same name, a city of 38,000 people. It is called the "opal town" on account of the opal mines near by. The Hercules Cotton Mills near here employ about 1800 operators. Here Maximilian was taken prisoner and with his generals, Miramon and Mejia, was shot June 19th, 1867.

"Night casts her sable mantle o'er the world and pins it with a star." We retire, expecting to reach the capital in the morning.

May 22nd.

The view from the car window this morning is very interesting. Beautiful groves of very large trees; fields of corn in different stages of growth, some just coming up, some waist high and others in the roasting ear stage. There seems to be no scarcity of water here, as the ditches and acequias all have water in them. Fields of the Maguay plant; the juice of this plant is pulque, the favorite drink of the Mexicans. The plants grow to an immense size; the large fleshy leaves are from 8 to 10 feet long. It takes about six years for the plant to mature, then it sends up an immense flower stalk about 15 feet high, which has lateral branches near the top, with yellow flowers, and later seed pods, which produce small plants; but the common way to propagate the plant is by small plants that shoot from the roots. When ready to put forth the flower stem the Mexican peon thwarts the purpose of nature by cutting out the large bud

with a curved knife, leaving a cavity large enough to hold a gallon of sap that looks like milk, which when fresh has a sweet taste, but soon commences to ferment. It then tastes like sour buttermilk and has intoxicating properties about equal to lager beer. As the intoxicating qualities increase with age, the government very wisely placed a limit to the age at which pulque can be sold, and any dealer selling "old pulque" has his stock confiscated and is also fined. When the peon collects the pulque he uses a very long gourd open at both ends; by putting his mouth to one end and extracting the air, the sap fills the gourd, which is then emptied into a large bottle made from the skin of a goat or hog, taken off entire. This bottle he carries strapped to his back. It is then ready for market. The plant having fulfilled its mission by filling a flower stalk or filling a skin bottle with sap, reverently folds its leaves and in a few days it is dead. From a thing of beauty it becomes a wilted, bedraggled wreck. The Maguay (or American aloe) has several varieties, some of them beautifully marked and all are most handsome plants. As we near the city the maguay plantations take the place of all other crops; some of the fields look to have hundreds of acres in them; the plants are set about 12 feet apart and the rows being perfectly straight and crossed, so that in any direction they make rows and are a pretty sight. From Tlalnepantla great quantities of pulque is shipped by express and along the roads leading to the city are wagons and burros laden with pulque, and many Indians carrying skin bottles on their backs, all going to the city with the morning supply. The early morning pulque traffic equals the early morning milk trade of some Northern city.

NOTE.—Some readers of The Mail have written for further information about Mexico, its government, religion, etc. I will try and answer them in the "Ramblings Through Mexico," and if any more wish to ask questions will be glad to answer them also. I took copious notes of the coun-

Old hunters say The MARLIN

has so many things to commend it. The top of the action is always closed, the mechanism the most simple, the finish elegant, the form attractive. It seems to throw its bullets a little more accurately and plant them with a little more force than any other rifle. For deer take a 38-55 or 30-30. 120-page catalog, 300 illustrations, colored cover by Remington, for 3 stamps. MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO. NEW HAVEN, CONN.



try passed over and have induced what items from history I thought necessary in making the information more easily understood. Our arrival at the City of Mexico did not end our ramblings, as we went a considerable distance south of the capita through the states of Mexico, Morales and partly through Guerrero into the tropics. About the most interesting part of our trip was the southern end of it July 31, 1902. J. L. VAUGHAN. Moctezuma Chihuahua, Mexico.

The Merkel Telephone Exchange has been repaired and is in good shape again. The management is very grateful to the people for their patient consideration, and hopes that perfect service will be given hereafter.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a world wide reputation for cures. It never fails and pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Mr. J. P. Moore died at his home south of town Tuesday, after a lingering illness of several weeks, and was buried here yesterday afternoon. He was one of the Canyon's very best citizens and his death is deeply deplored in the community. He leaves quite a large family and to them The Mail tenders its deepest sympathy.

Lewis Martin purchased the Reed stock of groceries moved his other stock to that building, combining

We are able to offer the Texas Stock Journal, or the Texas Farm Journal, in connection with The Merkel Mail, at \$1.50 per year for the two papers. This is less than three cents per week for the two. The Journal is the standard Stock and Farm publication of Texas, and with The Merkel Mail, you can not buy any more valuable literature for the money. Let us hear from you with an order under this clubbing offer.

The little child of W. P. Thurmond has been quite sick during the past week, but is now resting nicely.

The Methodist protracted meeting, owing to the indisposition of the pastor and other causes, has been postponed until next month. It was to have begun last Saturday.

Miss Hunter, who has been visiting her grandfather, B. I. Lowe, left Sunday for her home at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. J. H. Fultz of Sweetwater was visiting her mother, Mrs. Jeffries, this week.

Miss Lillard of Sweetwater was visiting her sister, Mrs. Thurmond, this week.

All Were Saved.

"For years I suffered such untold misery from bronchitis," writes J. H. Johnson, of Broughton, Ga., "that often I was unable to work. Then, when everything else failed, I was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. My wife suffered intensely from asthma, till it cured her, and all our experience goes to show it is the best croup medicine in the world." A trial will convince you it's unrivaled for throat and lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Rust & Pittard's.

To Our Subscribers.

The Mail is unavoidably cut down to a 6-page paper this week. How long it will continue as such, we do not know, as its size very naturally depends upon the patronage given it. We have been playing a losing game during the past three months, hence expenses must be cut down to conform with receipts. Our advertising columns are coming up slim, and the future looks like a bread and water affair. Perhaps we have had too much rain.

Mrs. W. H. McCord is visiting friends at Midland this week.

W. L. Johnson and wife of Baird are in Oklahoma for a few weeks. Mr. Johnson has never fully recovered from the small pox and is there recuperating.

Prof. C. E. Evans moved his family over from Anson this week and is occupying the Elliott residence in South Merkel. The Mail is glad to have this most excellent family as citizens of the town.

Terrell Winter was in after garden hoes Monday. The weeds are making a rush, he says, but if they grow faster than cotton they are daises.

A big shipment of trunks and valises just received at the Star Store.

W. W. Wheeler has purchased the insurance and real estate business of T. A. Johnson. Read his announcement in this issue.

Z. F. Green spent Monday in Abilene.

Geo. S. Berry went to Sweetwater Monday.

JULY CLEAN-UP SALE

ON

WASH SKIRTS and SLIPPERS

You will be on the Safe Side of Satisfaction if you take advantage of this sale

The season is advancing, and we want to be relieved of all summer goods on hand :-: :-: :-:

Note the Savings Offered:

WASH SKIRTS.

No. 1040.	Fancy Suiting, assorted colors, were \$1.75, now.....	\$1.35
No. 1014.	Duck, solid colors, were \$1.50, now.....	1.15
No. 1026.	Fancy Covert, nicely trimmed, were \$1.75, now.....	1.35
No. 1025.	Good quality Crash, elegantly trimmed, were \$2.00, now.....	1.60
No. 1023.	Crash, braid trimming, were \$1.50, now.....	1.15
No. 1036.	Linen, open work trimming, were \$2.00, now.....	1.60

SLIPPERS and SANDALS.

American Lady, Patent Leather, were \$2.50, now only.....	\$2.15
Isla, Patent Leather Sandals, were \$2.00, now only.....	1.50
Children's Patent Leather, 6s to 8s, were 85c, now only.....	70c
" " " 8s to 12s, were \$1.00, now only.....	80c
" " " 13s to 2s, were \$1.25, now only.....	95c
Try a pair of our gents Patent Leather Colt Skin Shoes, worth \$5.00 at.....	3.00

If you don't know shoes, you have to depend upon the reputation of the shoe. We carry Hamilton & Brown's.

J. T. Warren.

DR. E. B. GILBERT — SPECIALIST —

PRACTICE LIMITED TO THE EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

Permanently located at Abilene; will be in Merkel at Horner's drug store every Monday.

New Meat Market.

We have opened a meat market on the south side and will keep only the best of fresh meats. Give us a trial order. Also handle cold drinks.

J. W. & L. M. Watkins.
Phone 39.

Prescriptions filled with the purest medicines only and by an experienced druggist, at Burroughs & Mann's.

A. J. Hill and the boys, with their families, returned last week from the Plains.

Hackney Richardson came in Friday from Benson, Ariz.

J. D. McGaughey of Stamford and Miss Lou Castles, one of Anson's popular young girls, were married last week. "Buff" is the last of old T Diamond outfit, which worked the range of several adjacent counties, to assume the roll of benedict, and The Mail tenders him its very best wishes.

Rev. Richmond Heizer of Wortham, son of Rev. R. S. Heizer, was here this week.

Your attention is called to the ad of Rollins & Young in this issue.

Mrs. Fitts has been very sick the past week with asthma, but is much improved, we are glad to learn.

The Mail's 'phone is 31. If you know any item of news, or if friends or relatives are visiting you, or if you are going or have been off on a visit, please let us know. It will be a great favor.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company is now operating dining cars on trains 5 and 6 between Jefferson, Texas and St. Louis, Mo.; also on Iron Mountain train No. 4, between Arkadelphia and St. Louis. This will give north-bound passengers on train No. 6, which is the fast "Cannon Ball," the benefit of dinner and supper and those on No. 4, breakfast and dinner on the cars.

The cars are the latest pattern. Have electric lights and fans, choicest tableware and the most modern conveniences in general. The cuisine is incomparable and meals are served a la carte. This service is a great improvement over the Old Station Eating Houses and you are respectfully invited to give it a trial.

For Sale—Two good lots, desirable location, fenced, a well. Must go quick. Enquire at this office.

Form a good habit by buying your drugs, paints and oils at Burroughs & Mann's.

Wood Beds and Mattings, all kinds, are going at greatly reduced prices. Call and see them.

W. P. Browning & Co.
Merkel Camp No. 719, W.O.W.—meets every second and fourth Saturday night in each month at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

G. E. Comegys, C. C.
John Elliott, Clerk.

NOTICE.

No more fishing or hunting allowed in my pastures.

Parties who have had permission, please consider cancelled.

Respt.,
J. T. Warren.

Burroughs & Mann sell smoking tobacco and the best cigars, cheroots, etc.

NOTICE.

Our Photo Gallery will be open for work two days (Friday and Saturday) in each week until further notice.

tf Barnhill & Wife.

The Methodist protracted meeting at Tebo closed Saturday. There were several conversions and additions to the church, and much good was no doubt accomplished.

A Worm Killer.

J. A. J. Montgomery, Puxico, Wayne Co., Mo., writes: "I have little twin girls, who have been bothered with worms all their lives. I tried everything to relieve them which failed until I used White's Cream Vermifuge; the first two doses brought four worms from one of them, the next two doses, twelve, one of them measuring twelve inches; the other child was only relieved of four worms. It is a most excellent medicine." White's Cream Vermifuge is good for children. It not only destroys worms, it helps the child to perfect growth, wards off sickness. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Golden Sheaf and Superior Flour at Chenault's. Every sack guaranteed.

The International Tailoring Co., of New York and Chicago, are the largest and most reliable makers of men's clothing to measure in the world. We are the local agents for this famous house and have over 450 samples of their latest styles to show you.

The Star Store.

The Abilene summer normal closed last week after a profitable session.

Mrs. Sewell returned from Missouri last week, where she spent the summer with her parents.

Miss Birdie Collins has returned from Carbon, where she attended the normal.

J. B. Winship of Fisher county was in town Monday buying salt and other groceries from Chenault.

Miss Sallie Powell, who has been visiting Miss Hargrove, has returned to Dublin.

Mrs. J. C. Perkins returned to Roscoe Friday. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Hall.

All straw hats, ladies' waists and skirts at actual cost at the Star Store.

Borax washing compound 6 pounds for 25c at Chenault's.

Dr. Gilbert, specialist for the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat, made his regular weekly trip to Merkel Monday and was busy most of the day. He is doing a large practice and the people generally are satisfied with his services. He will be here next Monday.

Fine assortment sweet pickles at Chenault's.

Protracted Meeting.

Rev. Lee R. Scarborough, pastor of the Baptist church of Abilene, will begin a protracted meeting at this place next Sunday, to continue indefinitely. Rev. Scarborough is earnest and zealous in his discourses, an able minister, and the meeting will no doubt be productive of lasting good. The co-operation of all is invited.

It is understood that the Presbyterians will hold a meeting in the near future, but The Mail has not been advised of the time.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

We have moved into the big corner building formerly occupied by the Globe, where we should be pleased to have you call on us when in Abilene. We will make it to your interest to do so.

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The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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WHO IS IN THE RIGHT?

The saloon element has "it in" for The Mail in great shape, and, as a result of its recent utterances anent the status of the prohibition movement in this county, are using it as a basis for winning District Judge Lindsey over on their side. The paragraph which they are harping on was included in the item noting the granting of the injunction, as follows: "But it is safe to say that the trial will be put off to the extreme limit." One of the chief promoters sends us word that we shall be "pulled for contempt." Contempt of what, or whom? Whose name was used? Funny, isn't it?

But The Mail wishes to put itself in a clear light. First, what is an injunction? It is the weapon of tyrants and oppressors, who, failing to win by fair and honorable means, do not scruple to use it to carry out their purpose. Its creed is rule or ruin. It despises the laws of the land and holds the people in contempt. It takes government out of the hands of the people and places it in the hands of the few. Second, it has always been the rule in contests of this kind to favor the losing side, or the under dog in the fight, and it is natural to suppose that this will be no exception to the general rule. In most cases the antis have pleaded for more time in which to get ready for the affray—not because it was really needed, but in order to defeat the execution of the law as long as possible—and, fearing to be accused of unfairness, the presiding judge has invariably granted an extension. Now, out of the thirteen separate counts in the contest papers which the antis brought to bear, only one of them, in the opinion of Judge Lindsey, is of sufficient importance to warrant an injunction. This is the plea that the required number of notices of the election were not posted. Eight notices were made out and six of them posted, which is one more than the law requires, but the antis claim that only three were posted, and the injunction was issued on this score. So far Judge Lindsey has shown a commendable spirit of fairness, and we believe that both sides will be given justice throughout the trial. The pros will probably apply for a dissolution of the injunction this week. The antis then have a ten days' respite, after which it is discretionary with the judge whether the case comes up for trial or is postponed. It has been the rule, in nearly every contest of this kind, to prolong the struggle, which has placed the judges of our courts in the attitude of favoring the whiskey element. If Judge Lindsey manifests that spirit of fairness which

is due both sides, he will be commended; but if he exceeds his authority, or aids in the defeat of justice, the people ought to know it, and it is the intention of The Mail to give the facts in the case, regardless of whose toes are trampled upon. However, Judge Lindsey is a fair-minded man and will do his duty.

Local option carried in this county by a safe majority, but the whiskey trust seeks to set at naught the will of the people by the instigation of an injunction, which is inimical to free government. Will the people of Taylor county submit to such a perversion of their will?

Last year Fort Worth abolished whipping in her public schools and as a result the bad boys ran things to suit themselves. Corporal punishment must be exercised in the schoolroom. It is the only way to reach a certain class of pupils, and then, too, the average boy must needs have his daily trouncing, for it is a necessary adjunct to his growth and development and to the absorption of knowledge and wisdom. Fort Worth has come to realize this fact, and now her teachers divide their time with "teaching the young ideas how to shoot" and "tanning their jackets."

Republicans are already calling for tariff reform. The necessity of a change in the tariff is palpable to even the most rabid administrationist, but the party will not go on record as favoring a revision to any appreciable extent, as such a course would endanger the entire system and render the party susceptible to an inglorious defeat in 1904. The Democrats will remodel the tariff if any remodeling.

East Texas was flooded last week, which played havoc with crops in many sections. In places the precipitation amounted to twenty and thirty inches, and considerable suffering other than crop damages was felt along the Sabine and other streams. This has been an exceptionally hard year, the weather cutting all kinds of antics, but after all there will be enough prosperity to go around.

The antis of Montague county, says the Graham Leader, tried to enjoin the publication of the prohibition order in the Montague Democrat. They got the injunction granted, but when it came to serving the writ the editor had gone "a fishing" and the "sub" was in the Territory. The "devil" went ahead and got out the paper and the law went into effect in due time.

The Mail acknowledges the receipt of a season ticket to the West Texas Fair, which will be held at Abilene Oct. 14 to 18, inclusive. This is a home affair and should be looked forward to with pleasant anticipations. More than this, we should encourage and aid the management in every way possible. Keep the West Texas Fair in mind.

Immigration to the west will be unusually heavy this year. Already there are rumblings of a heavy traffic in farm and ranch lands, and it is evident from the present outlook that there will be a rapid advance in price. The man who has a good farm is strictly in the swim.

Limestone and Houston counties went dry last week by large majorities. More will follow this week, and the good work will spread all over the State.

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Press Pleasantries.

A Kansas editor wrote a nice little puff for a milliner in which he was glad to see her "stocking up." Meeting the scribe on the street, she soaked him with her parasol and threatened to tell his wife. The unsophisticated editor has never been able to find out what was wrong with his item.

A Springfield newspaper reporter who is a "proud father" is said to be responsible for the following: "He walked away the hours while his heir in gurgles strong kept the bedroom walls a-ringing with a stirring marching song. Not a swear word did he utter as the wind whisked up his back; not a murmur did he mutter as he trod the upturned tack. But he inwardly decided that when baby's years are four, he will get a walnut paddle and he'll even up the score."

A duck which had laid several dozen eggs during the season, complained that while her working record was better than the hen's, the latter had books and poems written in her honor, while no one had a word of praise for the duck. A wise old rooster standing by said: "You lay an egg and waddle off without letting everything in the neighborhood know it. If you want to cut any ice around here, you must advertise."

The latest comes from Missouri and excels anything yet reported for rapid growth. A farmer in Pike county bought some pumpkin seed and started home with a package in his vest pocket. A shower came up and thoroughly drenched the man, dampening and sprouting the seed in his pocket, which immediately began to grow and entwine tendrils about his body and wagon seat. He quickly took in the situation and put his team down to a run in order to get home. There was two miles yet to go, and the vigorous plant kept hard at work all the time, and when he reached the front gate his wagon was loaded with pumpkins. Quite a number were found along the roadside which had been knocked off by the wagon spokes as the vines hurried through them.

The bank trust, with a capital of \$6,000,000, will establish houses in most of the principal cities. Galveston and Houston will be invaded by this gigantic combine of Massachusetts capitalists.

The Republican State convention will be held in Fort Worth Sept. 9. The executive committee declares for the nomination of Roosevelt in advance of the convention.

Shall we organize that commercial club, or shall we squat down on our hunkers and wait for something to turn up?

As a result of the prevailing strike, coal has gone up \$1.00 per ton. This is the way to avoid losses through strikes.

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The Mail tenders Editor Bulloch of the Roby Banner its deepest sympathy in his sorrow over the death of his wife. Death is sad under any circumstance, but when a wife and mother is called hence in the zenith of her power and influence, it is painfully so. May an Allwise Father temper the bleak winds to the shorn lambs.

Merkel is in the heart of an immensely rich trade territory and by judicious united efforts can command a large trade. It will take a long pull and a strong pull altogether to accomplish this result, however. Are we willing to expend some surplus energy in this direction?

An exchange says, "Andrew Carnegie takes life easy." Who wouldn't take life or anything else easy with a daily income of \$50,000? A man who can't give money away as fast as he makes it would be a chump if he didn't take things easy.

Cotton is taking on a remarkable growth as well as a very heavy fruitage. With a good rain during the latter part of this month and a late frost, barring unlooked for disasters, the crop will be the largest ever grown in this country.

There is a disposition among lawyers to disregard the occupation tax law by refusing to "pony up," and a test case will be made to determine the constitutionality of the act. Lawyers should be the last to violate the law.

The pea crop is going to be unusually large in this country, and it is a paying crop, too. It will be an item in the prosperity of the country. But save the fodder for feed.

Watch the cane and milo maize grow.

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Johnson, T. A. res.	8
Little, Dr. J. W. office,	76
Phillips, T. W. res.	4
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Physician and Druggist.

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A Card to the Public.

It has been reported, either unthoughtedly or for the purpose of injuring my practice, that I am contemplating leaving Merkel. This is an error and I have said nothing to no one which could be construed to mean that I am going to move away. I sold my place with certain conditions, which probably gave rise to the rumor, but it is my intention to remain here and continue in the practice of my profession. The party to whom I sold my place has backed down on the deal which leaves me no other course to pursue but to remain, even if I desired to leave.

I am very grateful to all and sincerely thank them for their kindness and support, and for a continuation of the same.

J. A. Leeman, M. D.

DORA.

Kat Klaw has failed to write the last two weeks but will try and send in a few dots this week.

The young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at Mr. and Mrs. S. A. D. Ground's Wednesday night.

Tom Wyatt and Milton King came in Wednesday from N. M., where they have been for some time.

Mr. Linn went to Abilene Thursday.

Mr. Elliott went to Merkel Thursday.

Bud Holland was up from Valley Creek Saturday with a load of peaches and watermelons.

Nubia and Valley Creek ball teams played at Dora Saturday, resulting in a score of 18 to 24 in favor of Valley Creek.

No preaching Sunday. The young people have been taking in the meeting at Brooks Chapel this week.

Mrs. Lowe and daughter, Miss Verder, of Dallas county, who have been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks, returned home Monday.

The young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at Dr. and Mrs. Richardson's Monday night.

Robert Lowery left for his home in Hill county Tuesday.

Kat Klaw.

Seriously Injured.

Dr. Warnick was called out to Salt Branch Monday to see Mrs. Ward, who had been seriously injured in a runaway. She and her boy, about 6 years old, were on their way to Stith to attend religious services, when the horse which they were driving to the buggy became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Ward succeeded in holding the horse in the road for a distance of over half a mile, but on reaching the church he turned out and the buggy struck a tree, throwing the occupants to the ground. Mrs. Ward sustained a fracture of the right jaw and is suffering from concussion of the brain, besides other injuries. She has been unconscious since the accident and is in a precarious

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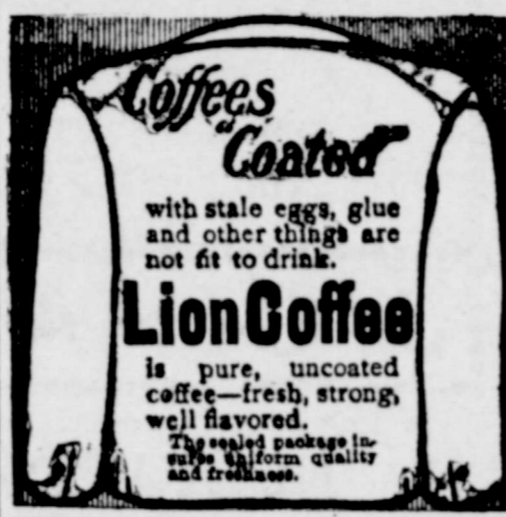
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condition. The little boy sustained a fracture of the arm, but is not seriously injured.

The Mail deeply deplors the accident and hopes that both parties will soon be restored to health and strength.

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MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

- Amerson, J. H.
- Barber, J. W.
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- Chapman, Chas.
- Consterdine, Claude H.
- Gentry, Mrs. Lula
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- Hand, Vaud
- Kindred, O.
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- Shelby, J. E.
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Center Point.

Editor Mail:— I will give you a few dots from our section.

Health of the community good. Everybody seems in a good humor and fine spirits since the rain.

Cotton is doing fine at this time. A good portion of it bids fair for a half bale to the acre, and feed crops are good also.

Mrs. Violet Bynum, who has been visiting her son, T. H. Spears, for three months, left Sunday for her home in North Alabama, accompanied as far as Decatur, Ala., by J. L. McLane, who is en route to North Carolina on a visit and to bring his mother to the beautiful Merkel Country. We hope for them a pleasant trip and that they will find their old friends in the distant east in good health.

We hear that young Sam Patterson has sold 100 acres of land to J. M. Hall for a consideration of \$14 per acre.

With best wishes to The Mail, I will close.

Sorrel Top.

NUBIA.

There was a church meeting at Cross Roads Sunday eve.

Joe Brandon and wife of Scurry county, who have been visiting in the Canyon, returned home Monday accompanied by Miss Josie Reynolds.

Z. F. Turner went to Merkel Monday.

Will Riney of Abilene was visiting in the Canyon last week. Jim Toombs, P. H. and E. R. Watkins went to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Freemon of Merkel visited her sister, Mrs. Dr. Martin, last week.

E. M. Blackburn was in Nubia Sunday.

Singing at John Turner's last Sunday night.

Eli Cordill and family, who went to the Plains some time ago, have returned to their home in the Canyon.

Misses Annie and Willie Bloxom of the Divide were in

Nubia Saturday.

Misses Ola Walker and Lucy Clark of Center Point were in Nubia Saturday.

The Nubia first nine is to have a game of ball here Saturday.

Rosebud,

Shatters All Records.

Twice in hospital, F. A. Guldge, Verbena, Ala., paid a vast sum to doctors to cure a bad case of piles, causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve soon cured him. Subdues inflammation, conquers aches, kills pains. Best salve in the world. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Joe Elliott of Arlington, a former citizen of this place, is in the city this week.

Representatives of the various churches, in conjunction with the business men, held a meeting Tuesday and decided to erect a tabernacle in which to hold the approaching religious meetings. About \$300 has already been subscribed and the amount, it is hoped, will be swelled to \$500. It is the intention to build a shed which will be a credit to the town and in which all meetings can be held in the future.

Mrs. I. T. George has gone to Weatherford to visit her daughter, Mrs. Vaughan.

Miss Alice George spent last week with friends and relatives at Eskota.

Little Katie George of Eskota is visiting her cousins, Misses Chinniccie and Ovella George.

Whistler at West Point.

Among the famous men who were for a brief term cadets at West Point were Edgar A. Poe, the poet; Matt H. Carpenter, the eminent lawyer and statesman of Wisconsin, and James McNeal Whistler, the celebrated painter. Whistler remained three years at the academy. The Army and Navy Journal gives the following curious story why he did not pass his examination: "The subject given him in chemistry to discuss before the academic board was 'Silica,' which constitutes 8 per cent of the solid matter of our earth. Whistler, it was said, in perfect innocence of the subject, but with his characteristically charming manner, described silica as an 'elastic gas,' or a 'saponifiable fat.' The young ladies in the audience smiled approval, but the stern academic board dispensed with Whistler's further valuable services at the military academy."

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the Declaration of Independence,
which is in the government arch-
ives, and which has become illeg-
ible, and the life of Benjamin
Franklin, written by himself
(the only manuscript entirely in
his own handwriting), which
changed hands a few weeks ago
and was added to a private col-
lection in New York city. The
Franklin manuscript was discov-
ered in France some years ago,
in the possession of the descend-
ants of M. Le Vaillard, to whom
it had been given by William
Temple Franklin, Franklin's
grandson.

Couldn't All Be Tailors.

Among the stories that are be-
ing raked up about King Edward
is one that he was at a London re-
ception recently where the guests
were not selected with an eye sin-
gle to the possession of blue blood.
One of them was a costumer of
vast wealth and international rep-
utation. He approached the king
and said with somewhat of an air:
"The crowd is rather mixed this
evening, your majesty, is it not?"
King Edward is said to have re-
sponded with an amiable smile:
"Well, my dear sir, we can't all
be tailors, you know," and the
costumer had his lesson.

Pronunciation of Arkansas.

Speaker Henderson and Con-
gressman Hepburn are both Iowa
men, but they do not follow the
same rules as to the pronunciation
of proper names. The other day
Mr. Hepburn had the floor and
Mr. McKee desired to ask a ques-
tion. "Mr. Speaker, I yield to the
gentleman from Arkansas," said
Hepburn, pronouncing the last two
syllables of the state name as though
it was Kansas. "The gentleman
from Arkansas has the floor," said
the speaker.

Large Prices for Manuscripts.

Twentythree letters by Charles
Lamb, sold separately, brought
\$2,018 in London recently and
eleven letters by Shelley sold in
one lot brought \$805. The origi-
nal manuscripts of Keats "Un-
felt, Unheard and Unseen," and
the "Hymn of Apollo" sold for
\$345 and that of parts of "Cap and
Bells," for \$1,725. Lamb's "The
King and Queen of Hearts"
fetched \$1,200, a first edition of
Keats' "Lamia, etc.," \$355 and of
his "Endymion" \$345. Pope's au-
tograph manuscript of "The Pas-
torals" brought \$355 and D. G.
Rosetti's manuscript of "Henry
the Leper" \$280. A first edition
of Pope's "The Rape of the Lock"
was sold for \$305, one of the Wav-
erly Novels \$325, and one of
Charles Lever's works \$505. Ga-
win Douglas' "The Famous Vic-
tories of Henry the Fifth," 1617,
\$985.

Calls Tolstoi "Blasphemer."

It is a curious anomaly that in
Germany, the country where free
thinking is supposed to be most
prevalent, a Berlin theater direc-
tor and a Leipzig publisher should
be under trial for "blasphemy" be-
cause they circulated Tolstoi's let-
ter to the holy synod. The defend-
ants, Loewenfeld and Dietrichs,
were acquitted, but the state's at-
torney at Leipzig has appealed to
a higher court. One of the oddest
features of the case is that he free-
ly allowed that Tolstoi's writings
were moral and religious, but that
letter was an attack on the ortho-
dox church of Russia, it was also
an attack on the principles of the
church of Germany, and could not
be overlooked.

An Old Statesman's Redivivus.

George H. Williams, who has
just been elected mayor of Port-
land, Ore., is the same man whom
President Pierce made Chief Jus-
tice of the territory of Oregon
back in 1853, who was a United
States senator during the recon-
struction period, attorney general
in Grant's cabinet, member of the
joint high commission to nego-
tiate the treaty of Washington,
and who was nominated by Presi-
dent Grant to the chief justice-
ship of the United States Su-
preme court to succeed Salmon
P. Chase. This nomination was
withdrawn at Mr. William's re-
quest, when a bitter opposition
developed, growing out of Mrs.
Williams' social prominence,
which was resented by influential
women at the capital. Later Mr.
Williams gained the name of
"Landaulet" Williams, due to a
charge that one of his handsome
turnouts had been purchased with
public money. Since retiring
from Grant's cabinet he has quiet-
ly practiced law in Oregon. He
is now almost 80 years old.

Wholesale Restaurants.

There are over forty wholesale
restaurants in New York. This
fact is typical of the great and
swift scale on which New York—
even the poor part—live. Their
customers are not hungry individ-
uals, but retail restaurants, eating
booths, oyster stands and free
lunch counters. There was a time
when every place of this sort own-
ed and used its own kitch, but the
increase of rents, the decrease in
the size of store property and the
greater economy necessitated by
keen competition have brought
the wholesale restaurant into ex-
istence and made it a financial suc-
cess. Most of these affairs are on
the East side and are managed by
Germans, Jews, Swiss and Eng-
lish, their numbers being in the
order named. They supply roast
beef, lamb, veal, mutton, corn
beef and pork, pot roasts, baked
and boiled fish, fried oysters,
clams, scallops, eels, fish balls and
soft-shell crab, boiled potatoes,
cabbage, turnips and beets, cooked
and ready to serve.

Russell Sage's House Rent.

Circumstances appear to show
that Russell Sage does not believe
it is cheaper to move than to pay
rent, even though the landlord
should become progressively
grasping as the years go by. For-
ty-two years ago Mr. Sage rented
a house from Elbridge T. Gerry
for \$700 a year. Twenty-one years
ago Mr. Gerry raised the figure
to \$3,000 a year. Now it is \$12,-
500 per annum, and Uncle Russell
refuses to move, though no one
knows what he may do next year,
when, it is said, an advance to
\$45,000 will be demanded.

Grandson of Commodore Hull.

Charles H. Hull of Marshall-
town, Ia., a grandson of Commo-
dore Isaac Hull, who commanded
the frigate constitution in her mem-
orable fight against the Guerriere,
visited the Charleston navy yard,
a few days ago, for the purpose of
seeing the ship on which his grand-
father fought. He made himself
known to the officers, and every op-
portunity was given him to look
over "Old Ironsides" thoroughly.
Mr. Hull made the trip—his first
visit—to the Atlantic coast chiefly
to see the famous old vessel and on
his way he visited the commodore's
grave at North Murray Hill cem-
tery, in Philadelphia. At the navy
yard he was shown over the ship re-
pairing works, and by way of com-
parison after his visit to the frigate,
was taken aboard the modern cruiser,
Newark. When he left he was
given a relic from the Constitution.

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ever small, and guarantee satisfaction to
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Vast Increase in Manufactures.

According to statistics com-
piled by the census bureau and
now in the hands of the printer,
the total capital invested in man-
ufactures in the United States in
1900 was \$9,835,086,909, which is
50.7 per cent more than that in-
vested ten years ago. The value
of the manufactured products
turned out increased 38.9 per cent
during the decade.

Number of Volcanoes.

Since the disasters in Martinique
and St. Vincent somebody has
taken the trouble to count up the
world's volcanoes. The total, ac-
cording to the Paris Siecle, is
about 1,000, of which 325 are still
classified as active. "Extinct" vol-
canoes, however, are suspect. Af-
ter the destruction of Pompeii
suvius lay quiescent for thr
turies.