

THE MERKEL MA

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DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF MERKEL AND THE MERKEL COUNTRY.

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WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS....

With a Bran New Stock of the prettiest and best selected line of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes and Hats in Merkel--all bought for Spot Cash in the best markets of the country--and you will find our store

The Right Place to get the Right Goods at the RIGHT PRICES!

We are showing Popular Styles and Standard Goods in each department of our elegant line of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Notions, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, etc. No question about our prices being satisfactory--none can sell cheaper, quality considered.

We ask the people of Merkel and surrounding country for a liberal share of their trade, promising fair and courteous treatment and One Hundred Cents worth of Merchandise for every dollar left in our care. Come and look through our mammoth stock. No trouble to show goods.

Very truly yours,

The Star Store,

MERKEL MERCANTILE COMPANY, Props.

How to Succeed in Business.

Keep your liver in good condition by using Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box.) It corrects constipation, cures indigestion, biliousness, stops headache, gets your heart in the right place so you can smile at your neighbors.

Try reading The Mail.

No one knows the unbearable torture one undergoes from piles unless they are so afflicted. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is a quick, safe and painless cure. Price 50c in bottles. Tubes, 75c at F. M. Davis'.

A Tripple Hanging.

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

Come and see our new mouldings. Latest styles.

W. P. Browning & Co.

When children have earache, saturate a piece of cotton with Ballard's Snow Liniment and place it in the ear. It will stop the pain quickly. Price, 25 and 50 cents at F. M. Davis'.

The Higher Life

Obligations of Good Will.

From the Universalist Leader.

Just because it is so pleasant to receive courtesy and favor and service, it is one's duty to be thoroughly appreciative that he shall not allow himself to impose upon those whose delight is in generous and delicate ministrations to his comfort and joy. To give of one's self is right, and the genuine, loving giver often fails to put any estimate upon his gift, and is satisfied in its bestowal. But he that receives even the slightest evidence of love and good will is under obligation to esteem it and keep it in mind. It is ingratitude to receive without acknowledgment, and to take for granted any service rendered. It makes one selfish and unworthy, and more than often wounds the loving heart whose life spends itself for others. No one would really enjoy the reputation of selfishness, ingratitude, meanness, that such conduct deserves. No one need have it if he studies to be thoughtful and thankful, and more ready to give than to receive.

The Gospel of Going On.

Is not this a lesson we all need to learn?

It is easy to make a spurt, but hard to keep pegging away. As Mr. Dicken's friend would have us understand, "it's doing it." Confucius taught the Chinese this lesson by

"If I am building a mountain," said he, "and stop before the last basket of earth is put on top of my work, I have failed; but if I have placed but the smallest basketful on the ground, and go on, I am really building a mountain." Like the soldiers of Nehemiah at the time of the building of the wall of Jerusalem, of whom we read that they "held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared," so let us labor and wait, if it be necessary, until the stars appear.

Love, Kindness, Sympathy.

A. D. Linnell, Greenville, Miss.

I believe more genuine good is accomplished by personal work with individuals, by truly consecrated men and women, than is done or can be done by law. I hold to this theory--that love, kindness and sympathy can reach further, draw harder and hold closer than any law ever formed by man. You cannot by law compel people to join the church; you cannot by force hold them after they have entered. It is only by setting before them the picture of Christ and His great love for them, and their duty to be such men and women as He would have them be, and we can conquer the world and deliver it to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Immortal.

The Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, Presbyterian, New York City.

The question whether you personally will be immortal is going to be settled by you.

Merely stopping once in a while in the midst of our hurry and pathetically wondering whether everything does not leave off at the graveyard is silly. We ought certainly to spend as much thought and effort in getting ready to be immortal as we spend in getting our bodies ready to survive to threescore and ten. Our souls will live as long as there is in them enough of what we call spirit life to overcome the menacing influences to which, whether this side of the grave or another, the soul is liable.

Judaism Not Dead.

Rabbi Hirsch, Hebrew, Chicago, Ill.

The Christian says that Judaism became a memory and ended as a religion when Christ was born. Judaism is not dead. It is not a memory. It is founded on truth. It brings a memory of Palestine transposed into messages to the whole world. The non-Jew loves better the orthodox Jew than the reformed Jew. The orthodox Jew concedes what the Christian insists upon. The Christian approves the whining humility with which the orthodox Jew admits that he is an exile sojourning here on his way to Palestine.

Couldn't help getting a cold never cures it; but carrying home a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and using it as directed, will cure the worst kind of cough or cold. Price, 25 and 50c at F. M. Davis'.

If you want to increase your trade, advertise.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENCY.

I have applications on file in my office for from one to two sections of land within 4 to 8 miles of Merkel. Also for good farm lands anywhere in this country. If you have anything to offer, list it with me and I can probably find you a buyer.

A few good farms for sale at bargain prices, either for cash or reasonable time. Houses and lots for sale in any part of the town. You can still get choice lots out of the Sheppard addition, and the prices are low.

I write all kinds of Deeds, Mortgages, Commercial and Negotiable Papers.

Agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, whose assets is \$150,000,000.00.

Notary Public in office.

T. A. JOHNSON.

Office in First National Bank.

el Mail.

AN, PUBLISHER.

ed Every Thursday.

ELEPHONE NUMBERS:

ou know of any news item, we will consid-
a special favor if you will report same to
office, either by person, letter or over the
one to either of the above number

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES:

For District Offices \$10.00
For County Offices 5.00
For Precinct Offices 3.00

All announcements must be ac-
companied by the cash; no prom-
ise of future payment goes, and
no deviation from this rule will
be made. The above rates does
not include name on ticket. Ex-
tra write-ups of candidates ap-
pearing elsewhere than in this
column must be paid for at the
usual rates.

DEMOCRATIC.

(All announcements under this
head are subject to the action of
the Democratic party.)

For County Treasurer:
J. H. THORNTON.
(re-election.)
JNO. T. TUCKER.

For Sheriff:
J. V. CUNNINGHAM.
(re-election.)

For Tax Assessor:
C. C. JACKSON.
(re-election.)

For County Clerk:
S. H. GARRISON.
(re-election.)

For County Attorney:
T. A. BLEDSOE.
(re-election.)
HARRY TOM KING.

For County Judge:
W. W. KIRK.
D. G. HILL.

For Tax Collector:
BAYLOR CRAWFORD.

For District Clerk:
V. F. WOMACK.
E. B. BYNUM.
J. A. CHAPMAN.

For Justice of Peace, Pre. 5, and
Commissioner Pre. 2:
J. J. MILLER.
(re-election.)
W. W. WHEELER.

For Hide and Animal Inspector:
ROSS G. HALL.

For Public Weigher at Merkel:
T. F. COMPTON.
T. D. WIMAN.
T. H. CHRISTOPHER.
W. H. BROWN.
G. W. DUNNING.

They "Rushed" Her.

A young matron in Getmantown
who never lets small difficulties
daunt her wished to give a tea. Her
maid was inexperienced, but willing
and anxious to please. So Ellen
was told to open the door for the
visitors and that each one would
give her a card as she came in. In
the midst of the tea Ellen rushed
to her mistress in great distress and
in a stage whisper said: "Two got
in on one ticket, and I couldn't keep
them out."

Seltzer's an Old Odd Fellow.

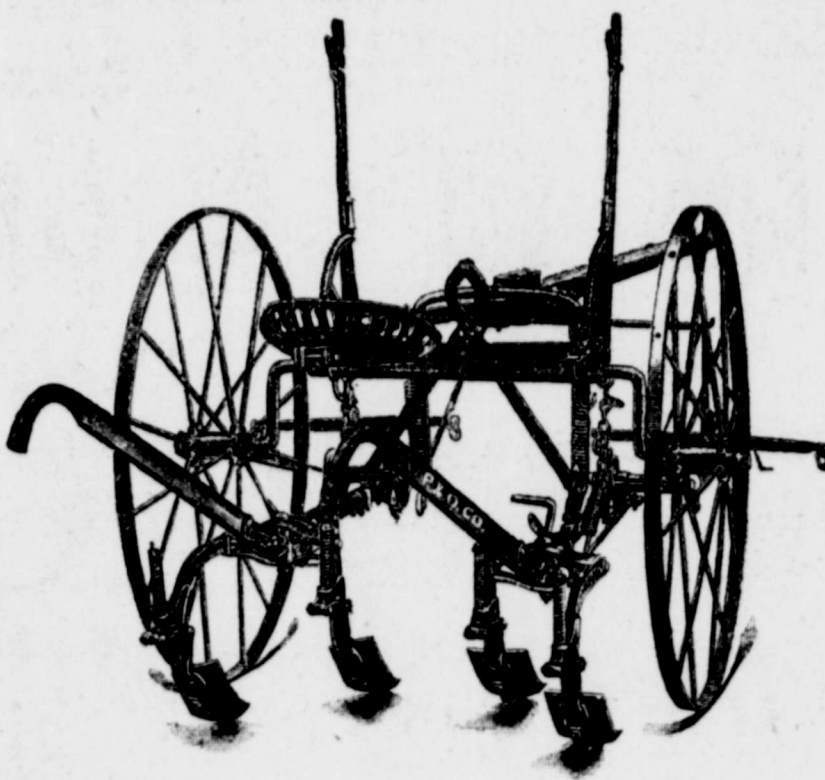
Abraham Seltzer, of Hamburg,
Pa., has been for fifty-seven years
an active member of Symmetry
lodge of Odd Fellows of that town.
He is the last survivor of the nine
charter members. Since its organi-
zation the lodge has had but three
secretaries. One served from 1845
to 1854, the second from 1854 to
1879 and the third from 1889 to the
present time.

YOU WANT THE BEST..

When you get anything in the "P. & O. Canton Line"
of Farming Implements, you get THE BEST....

...THE...
Success Sulky,
Canton Single
Row Planter,
Canton Two Row
Planter,
Victor Cultivator..

Have no equals, as evi-
denced by their grow-
ing popularity. We've
handled these goods
for 10 years because
they are what the suc-
cessful farmer de-
mands--THE BEST.



We also carry a
full line of....

GROCERIES,
GRAIN and
FEED.....



If you need a
BUGGY
call on us

G. F. WEST

His Hectic Flush Took the Pot.

A couple of young men prominent
in several of the best clubs have been
quite diligent in consulting the au-
thorities and diagnosticians of poker
since last September, when they en-
countered a new hand, relates the
New York Times. Having sudden-
ly decided to go hunting in the Adir-
ondacks, they went there the last
but one of the close season. As the
sleepers were all full, they had to
spend a night in a coach or stay over
in Utica. The New Yorkers saw
little choice between a Utica hotel
and a Mohawk and Malone coach,
so they decided to make the best
of the night's ride seeing they would
begin shooting so much the sooner.
On the train they found an ac-
quaintance bound for the sanitarium
for consumptives at Saranac. He
introduced them to a friend, and the
four sleepless, weary wights began
"a little game." As the party was
to break up at Saranac, they started
what they decided should be the last
pot just as the rays of the red sun
were breaking through the heavy
mists of the lower lake. There were
no chips, and the piles of coin and
paper assumed quite inviting pro-
portions. That last jackpot was a
big one. The game was called just
as the train stopped. At the show-
down there were three "full houses."
"Well, gentlemen," said the con-
sumptive as he calmly pocketed the
money, "I guess it's mine. I have
a hectic flush."

For the "Daughters."

A Washington City shopkeeper,
apropos of present and coming
conventions, has in his show win-
dow this placard:

.....
: D. A. R. TERS. :
: SHOULD WEAR OUT :
: G. A. R. TERS. :
:

"Bim, the Button Man."

Mayer R. Binberg, widely known
as "Bim the Button Man," because
he manufactures campaign buttons,
has filed a petition in bankruptcy
in New York. His troubles, how-
ever, are not due to any slump in
the button trade or to failure of the
prediction he made as to what face
should go upon the buttons, but to
outaj de business ventures.

NO. 5861
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank of Merkel

At Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the
Close of Business, Feb. 25, 1902

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 92,000.64
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	737.51
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	956.25
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6,000.00
Due from Natl Banks (not reserve agts)	2,832.24
Due from approved reserve agents	16,927.78
Checks and other cash items	823.25
Notes of other National Banks	100.00
Frac. paper currency, nickles & cents	55.96
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ	
Specie	\$3,333.75
Legal-tender notes (4,500.00)	7,863.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	
(5 per cent of circulation)	750.00
TOTAL	144,107.38

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus fund	3,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,960.76
National Bank notes outstanding	15,000.00
Due to other National Banks	216.47
Due to State Banks and Bankers	132.07
Individual deposits subject to check	98,283.71
Time certificates of deposit	3,840.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	14,704.37
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	6,500.00
TOTAL	144,107.38

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Geo. S. Berry, Cashier of the above-named
bank, do solemnly swear that the above state-
ment is true to the best of my knowledge and
belief.
GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6, day
of March, 1902.
H. C. WILLIAMS,
Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest: Taylor Co., Texas.
J. T. WARREN,
C. M. LARGENT,
G. F. WEST,
Directors

For Sale or Trade.

I have a good jack for sale,
medium size, 5 years old, or will
trade for work stock, cattle or a
good note.
2t W. M. N. Grimmet.

Miss Mollie Huffman has just
received a nice assortment of
millinery goods, including all
the latest creations of the mar-
kets, and should be glad to have
the ladies call on her. In the
Bennett saddle shop.

Business League Banquet.

Invitations have been sent out for
the annual banquet of the National
Business League, at the Auditorium
hotel, Chicago, February 27. Promi-
nent men of other states who are
members of the league have been
invited. Leslie M. Shaw, secretary
of the treasury, will speak on "The
Commerce and Industries of the
West." Harry A. Garfield, of Ohio,
of the late President Garfield, will
speak for his theme "The Reor-
ganization of the United States
for Social Service."

All jewelry is good, bad or in-
different. The kind Ustick has
is good—and cheap.

Would Smash the Club.

If members of the "Hay Fever
Association" would use Dr.
King's New Discovery for Con-
sumption, the club would go to
pieces, for it always cures this
malady—and asthma, the kind
that baffles the doctors—it wholly
drives from the system. Thous-
ands of once-hopeless sufferers
from Consumption, pneumonia,
bronchitis owe their lives and
health to it. It conquers grip,
saves the little ones from croup
and whooping cough and is posi-
tively guaranteed for all throat
and lung troubles. 50c, \$1.00.
Trial bottles free at Rust & Pit-
tard's.

The Mail reaches a class of
folks that read advertisements.

If you want the best that is
going in the jewelry line, cheap,
see Ustick.



A Miraculous
Feat.

"It seemed that nothing short
of a miracle could save my little
daughter from an untimely
death," says City Marshall A.
H. Malcolm, of Cherokee, Kan.
"When two years old she was
taken with stomach and bowel
trouble and despite the efforts
of the best physicians we could
procure, she grew gradually
worse and was pronounced in-
curable. A friend advised

Dr. Miles' Nervine

and after giving it a few days
she began to improve and final-
ly fully recovered. She is now
past five years of age and the
very picture of health."

Sold by all Druggists.
Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special
prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a
celebrated German Physician, and
is acknowledged to be one of
the most fortunate discoveries in
Medicine. It quickly cures
Coughs, Colds and all Lung
troubles of the severest nature,
removing, as it does, the cause
of the affection and leaving the
parts in a strong and healthy
condition. It is not an experi-
mental medicine, but has stood
the test of years, giving satisfac-
tion in every case, which its rap-
idly increasing sale every season
confirms. Two million bottles
sold annually. Boschee's Ger-
man Syrup was introduced in the
United States in 1868, and is now
sold in every town and village in
the civilized world. Three doses
will relieve any ordinary cough.
Price 75c at Rust & Pittard's.
Get Green's Prize Almanac.

Apples

Green, evaporated and sun
dried. A shipment just arrived
direct from Arkansas.

J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is repor-
ed quite sick at New Orleans.

Why Duse Quits.

In a recent statement Eleanora
Duse declares that her forthcoming
American tour will be her last, and
she adds these somewhat uncomplim-
entary remarks about dramatists
and her fellow players: "I need not
repeat that I leave the stage without
regret, but at the same time honesty
compels me to say that I am almost
forced to the step. I can't be fore-
ever playing Dumas and Sardou,
Ibsen and Sudermann. No one of
account is writing new plays for
me, and those that are written
might as well remain unacted. That
means that I am threatened with
literary famine. Shall I wait until
the public tires of my repertoire?
That would be foolish and I have
always taken pride in avoiding acts
of folly. Besides I must escape
from the slavery of stage life. That
is no life at all. I assure you it is
hell—downright hell. Of many of
my companions on the boards I can
not think but with feelings of loath-
ing and suspicion. Most of the
players I meet are a contemptible
lot."

WE ARE COMING

● ● TO MERKEL ● ●

WITH A COMPLETE STOCK OF

Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes

WATCH FOR DATE OF OPENING.

MERKEL.

THE GLOBE.

ABILENE.

Another Shaw Story.

Secretary Shaw practiced law in Iowa before he went into banking. The other day he told some visitors how he won a case because one juror held out for him. A young fellow was on the stand. The opposing lawyer drew from him that he did not work, had no desire to work and was not ashamed of his laziness. "You come of a good-for-nothing family, don't you?" asked Shaw's opponent. "Oh, I don't know," replied the witness. "Isn't it a fact that your father is a miserable, worthless, low-down creature, with no ambition, and with no standing in the community," thundered the lawyer. "Can't say," replied the witness. "Perhaps you had better ask father himself. There he is sitting on that jury."

Jewelers' Dummy Clocks.

A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press that the dummy clocks used by jewelers and other dealers in timepieces as advertisements always indicate the hour of 8:18 to commemorate the precise moment at which President Lincoln was assassinated. There's nothing in this, Victor Smith declares. Lincoln did not arrive at Ford's theatre on the fatal evening until 9 o'clock, and Booth did not shoot him until after 10. His death occurred at 7:30 the next morning.

Advertising as a Science.

It has come to pass that advertising is recognized as a science. Its importance as a modern commercial factor is such that the University of Chicago includes advertising in the list of economic subjects for its lecture courses along with banking and the management of railroads and other great industries. In a short time John Lee Mahin, president of the Mahin Advertising Company, of Chicago, will lecture on the subject of "The Commercial Value of Advertising."

As the "Kids" Understood.

To scientific investigation of the ignorance of children as to the meaning of the songs they are required to sing in the public and private schools these two examples are submitted by the Philadelphia Times. Both are the experience of a teacher in a Philadelphia primary school. Her class was singing "America." When they came to the line, "My heart with rapture thrills," one little girl was heard shouting lustily, "My heart with rats are filled." In her Sunday school class a little girl sang the line in a hymn, "A charge to keep I have," as "Eight years to keep I have."

The Best is the Cheapest.

Not how cheap, but how good, is the question.

The Twice-a-Week Republic is not as cheap as are some so-called newspapers. But it is as cheap as it is possible to sell a first-class newspaper. It prints all the news that is worth printing. If you read it all the year round, you are posted on all the important and interesting affairs of the world. It is the best and most reliable newspaper that money and brains can produce—and those should be the distinguished traits of the newspaper that is designed to be read by all the members of the family.

Subscription price, \$1 a year. Any newsdealer, newspaper or postmaster will receive your subscription, or you may mail it direct to

The Republic,
St. Louis, Mo.

One of Shaw's Stories.

The other day a sojourner in Washington was complaining of a man out West who had made a lot of money by accident and at the expense of worthier men. "It seems a shame that such an ass should get so rich," said the visitor. "That reminds me," said Secretary Shaw, "of a man I heard of out in Iowa. He was playing seven-up one night with some friends, and although he was a good seven-up player he could not win a game. He sat for two hours and stewed and fumed and lost steadily. Finally he threw down his cards in disgust and said: 'The most alarming tendency of the signs of the times is the enormous prosperity of dog-gone fools,' and walked out of the room."

Sore on Civil Service.

Some strenuous citizen has written violently to William Dudley Foulke, the new member of the civil service commission, as follows: "H—I is full of such reforms as caused by your league. It is nothing but a setup job to protect those that was blanketed into the different depts by that failer of a democrat old Cleveland. And as soon as the democratic parts gets into power they will repel the Civil Servis Acts so quick that it will make the Officers of the Civil Servis Commission heads swim. The law is the biggest peace of Humbugery evry perpetrated upon the People of this country. You are afraid you will not have the offices to go around among your friends who are generally democrats and Rebels, men who don their level best to destroy this great Government. They discount every day the men who helped to make this great Country."

Fine watch repairing is the kind you want. That's the kind Ustick does. Guaranteed.

When you want grain or any kind of field seed, see G. M. Sharp.

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from Latrobe Vaughan of Torres, Sonora, Mexico. They are doing nicely, he says, but hot weather is approaching and Mrs. Vaughan and the children will return to Merkel to spend the summer. The summer there is too hot for women and children.

FOR SALE.

240 acres, 7 1/2 miles northwest of Merkel. 150 acres in cultivation, 2 good wells, 3-room house, barn, orchard, and other improvements. Price \$10.00 per acre, \$1500 cash, balance on easy terms. Apply to

T. B. Story.

The editor has got 'em—the mumps. He has a good case of them—in fact, thinks so much of them that he is sitting up with them of nights. If this issue of The Mail is below the standard charge it to the mumps, but if it is up to snuff the "devil" should have the credit.

We have a nice line of Go-Carts and Baby Buggies.
W. P. Browning & Co.

NOTICE.

I will do your scavenger work, clean your yard and plow your garden. Would be glad to do your work and will appreciate it.

GEO. WORKMAN

Coughs

"My wife had a deep-seated cough for three years. I purchased two bottles of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, large size, and it cured her completely."
J. H. Burge, Macon, Col.

Probably you know of cough medicines that relieve little coughs, all coughs, except deep ones!

The medicine that has been curing the worst of deep coughs for sixty years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

NEW GOODS.

We are receiving our New Spring Goods. They embrace all the latest creations on the market, and we are pleased to announce that our stock is the largest and best selected we have ever carried. Come and see for yourself...

J. O. HAMILTON

Big Cut In Lumber Yard!

We have moved and remodeled our old sheds, erected a new one in center of yard and have filled all with a brand new stock of Lumber, Shingles, Sash Doors, Brick, Lime, Cement Building Paper, etc.

This cut has widened our yard driveways all around, which enables us to serve as many more of our customers at the same time with the best material ever brought to Merkel.

Our Lumber is of all dimensions—short, wide and long. Thick, but dry and bright, these things it takes, you know: To make your home good tight and strong—It is to your interest to buy of Burton-Lingo.

BURTON-LINGO CO.,

Lumber Dealers

J. S. Barnes,

Manager

WINCHESTER

FACTORY LOADED SHOTGUN SHELLS
"New Rival" "Leader" "Repeater"

IF you are looking for reliable shotgun ammunition, the kind that shoots where you point your gun, buy Winchester Factory Loaded Shotgun Shells: "New Rival," loaded with Black powder; "Leader" and "Repeater," loaded with Smokeless. Insist upon having Winchester Factory Loaded Shells, and accept no others.

ALL DEALERS KEEP THEM

It may not be proper to proceed the father of your best girl down the stairs, but a Monroe county boy had to, the other day.

A girl who covers up the key hole of the parlor when she has company must be a terrible suspicious person.

The man who does not agree with you is always an extremist.

The Spot Cash Merchants

...FITTS & SMITH...

The Spot Cash Merchants

TO Buy, and Where?

This is the Question
Until you look at the Values

After that, it is only a question of HOW MUCH to buy. MONEY CAN NOT BUY FAME, but the saving of from 15 to 25 per cent guaranteed to our customers has won fame for this store. It gives us great pleasure to call attention to our fine assortment of Laces, Embroideries, Percales, etc., and also to our stock of Shoes, which is complete. We have extraordinary values. It will cost nothing to come in, and we'll save you money before you go out. No trouble to show goods....

Yours for Close Prices.

FITTS & SMITH, Spot Cash Merchants.

THE MERKEL MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

Entered in the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

Subscription Rates:

One year	\$1.00
Six months	.50
Three months	.25

Invariably in advance.

ADVERTISING RATES	per month
One inch space	8.50
Two inch space	1.00
Quarter column (1 1/2 inches)	2.50
Half column (3 inches)	4.00
One column (6 inches)	7.50

Four issues constitute a month. All advertisements run and charged for until ordered out, unless limit is specified when insertion is made. Special prices on time contracts. Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

As a political acrobat, President Roosevelt is a decided success.

March, the windy month, is upon us, but if it can beat the record of the past month it will be a corker.

The United States is lax in its duty in the matter of Cuban reciprocity. As our wards, the Cubans are entitled to the best in the shop.

Judge McFall criticised Gov. Sayers' administration. Gov. Sayers called Judge McFall an "ungrateful wretch and a dog," but later apologized for his attack.

The senseless slobbering over Prince Henry is un-American, to say the least. It is all right to fittingly entertain representatives of other countries, but when \$50,000 is spent to pamper hisalutin royalty it becomes nauseating.

The Democratic state convention will be held at Galveston June 15.

The offer of Mrs. Irving of \$1,000 to the man who has never told a lie, has not yet been awarded. Evidently, there are not many Geo. Washingtons these days.

Dan M. Jones of Anson has announced for Congressman from this district, which makes five in the race. Mr. Jones is an honest, conservative man and would no doubt make a good Congressman.

The constitutional amendment to be voted on next November makes a poll tax receipt a prerequisite to the right of suffrage. It seems that a man who refuses to aid in the maintenance of the State government should be denied the right of suffrage. Again, an ignoramus has no right in the jury box, and the sooner the people awake to their rights in this respect the better it will be for the country at large.

THE DRUNKARD'S WIFE.

Habitual drunkenness is a direct cause for absolute divorce in thirty-five states of the Union. The Supreme Court of West Virginia has just decided that the same offense justifies a wife in deserting her husband and that in breaking off marriage relations the woman loses none of her dower rights. In his opinion the deciding Justice says: No woman is compelled to live with the worst of all brutes—a drunken brute—to the peril of her health and life, but she has a right to live apart from him until he furnishes her indubitable evidence of reformation.

Phone the news to No. 31.

Bernhart's Play a Failure.

Sarah Bernhardt's son, Maurice, is said to have made a complete failure with his first play, a tragedy entitled "Nini L'Assommoir," lately tried in Paris. The play was so full of bloodshed as to be ridiculous, and the audience, instead of being held in breathless suspense, is described as "laughing openly and rocking to and fro in its glee." Sarah Bernhardt was vastly disappointed at the result, and it is surmised that she is partly responsible for the making of the play.

Hoar's Little Joke.

Here is the latest most ascribed to Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts: A friend of the venerable statesman was suffering with a supposed case of appendicitis last summer and just as uneasiness was beginning the joyful news arrived that the illness was not appendicitis, but merely acute indigestion. "That is good news," said the senator. "I rejoice that the difficulty lay in the table of waters rather than in the appendix."

Mexican Love Letter.

A Mexican exchange prints a specimen love letter, written by a native of the sister republic to his innamorata, from which it would appear that the writer composed it with the aid of a dictionary. The letter is as follows: "Mme.—Most worthy of admiration! After long consideration and much meditation on the great reputation you possess in the nation I have a strong inclination to become your relation. On your approbation of this declaration I shall make preparation to remove my situation to a more convenient station, to profess my admiration, and if such obligation is worthy of observation, and can obtain commendation, it will be an aggrandizement beyond all calculation of the joy and exultation of your
"SANS DISSIMULATION."

A New Dead Sea.

The new dead sea, discovered by Dr. Seven Hedin, in Thibet, is described as enormous in extent, but so shallow that to navigate it one must wade half a mile to reach the boat, and must draw the boat half a mile before it can be floated with a load. But the most remarkable characteristic is the almost incredible amount of salt. Boats and oars quickly become as white as chalk; even the dress of the rowers soon becomes whitened, while drops of water sprinkled upon a dry surface leaves globules like candle drippings.

Red Pepper Their Best Protection.

A correspondent of a Virginia paper advises all unprotected women to carry a pocket full of ground red pepper as a means of defense. "Firearms in the hands of a woman are uncertain," says the correspondent. "They are not always available, nor is it practicable to have them always ready."

Only One of Her Kind.

Miss Elizabeth Marbury, of New York, holds a position which no other woman and no man in two continents can duplicate, simply because Miss Marbury has the field. She is general agent for both dramatists and authors, and she controls practically all the dramatizations for both sides of the Atlantic. She is Clyde Fitch's agent, and indeed there is hardly a successful playwright for whom Miss Marbury has not acted. It is interesting to watch the people who come up to her office in the course of a day. To see these she interrupts her two stenographers, to one of whom she dictates in English and the other in French. The other afternoon, in the course of less than two hours, F. Marion Crawford, Winston Churchill, Richard Harding Davis and Clyde Fitch occupied the chair beside her desk.

A New Tin Shop and Galvanized Iron Works.

Patronize home industry, and buy your Tinware, Well Casing, Well Buckets, Gut-tering, Spouting Roofing, Flues, Ventilators, Rain Proofs, Galvanized Iron Cisterns, Filters, Stock Tanks—in fact, everything usually kept in a first class Tin Shop. Repairing a Specialty.

Yours for Business,

REGISTER & BELL.

Where Cardinals Come From.

The influence of the Italians in the affairs of the church can be better understood when it is known that more than half the members of the college of cardinals are Italians. There are now sixty-seven cardinals, of whom sixty-one have been appointed by Leo XIII, since he was elected pope in February, 1878. Of these thirty-seven are from Italy and thirty from the rest of the world—eight from France, seven from Austria, five from Spain, two from Germany, two from Ireland and one each from Poland, England, Portugal, Belgium, Australia and the United States.

Big Price for Books.

Wordsworth's "An Evening Walk," original edition of 1793, brought \$320 at a recent London book sale. His "Descriptive Sketches in Verse," 1793, brought \$330, and "Poems," 1803, in two volumes, \$110. Coleridge's "Poems," Bristol, 1797, was sold for \$70; Walter Savage Landor's "Simonides," Bath, 1807, for \$95, and Gray's "Odes," from Horace Walpole's Strawberry Hill Press, 1757, \$200.

Call on G. M. Sharp for cane seed and seed corn.

Are you sick? If so, investigate the merits of Herbine. It is a concentrated medicine, the dose is small, yet it quickly produces the most gratifying results, digestion improves, the lips and cheeks lose their pallor, the eye becomes bright and the step elastic. Price, 50c at F. M. Davis'.

Smallpox in Merkel.

Three cases of smallpox developed in the family of Rev. Leach Friday and the number has since increased to five, every member of the family being down with the malady. The contagion was contracted at the home of Rev. Leach's brother in Callahan county, where the family visited a couple of weeks ago. It is of a very mild form, quarantine regulations are in force and there seems no probability of the disease spreading.

Dr. Grissard, health officer, was up Sunday and made a rigid investigation of the cases and the premises where confined. A nurse has been installed who will also answer as a guard. Dr. Grissard stated that the disease can be wiped out if the people use discretion in their social intercourse, but recommends that all be vaccinated as soon as possible, especially the school children. He says there are fully 75 cases of the disease in Taylor county, mainly on the south line. North of town in the Cross Roads community the Means family are down with it and have been for a week or longer. But in every instance the form is very mild and there is no uneasiness felt.

Let the people go about their business as usual. There is no cause for alarm, and it is hoped the disease will be stamped out in its infancy. The Mail, according to the agreement made with its farmer friends Saturday, will give a detailed account of the progress of the disease. At present there is no danger and the business men will see to it that rigid quarantine regulations are enforced.

Justice court was in session Saturday and assessed a few fines against some scrappers who raised a rough house at the pool hall the night before.

An amusing incident occurred here last Wednesday. A prospector from the east alighted from the train and proceeded to "see the sights." The morning was lovely, but along about noon one of those highly flavored "western rains," a sandstorm, blew up, and it raged ferociously for three or four hours, finally branching off into a combination of dirt and water. At the first whiff of sand the stranger sought the rear end of a store for shelter. As the wind grew stronger and the sand came thicker and faster he was heard to murmur, "Lord A'mighty what a storm—it do beat the band." Finally, when daylight seemed to recede and darkness made the scene more gloomy, he couldn't stand it longer, but got up and got and stood not on the order of his going. And as he passed out of the door he was heard to mutter: "Gosh darn such a country; I wouldn't have the whole world out this way. A fellow will carry off enough dirt to make a good sized tater hill." The east bound passenger that night included among its list of passengers a man who had run up against a West Texas sandstorm and came out—defeated.

Milk Cows for Sale.

Jersey and Jersey-Durham milk cows, fresh in milk, for sale, four miles southwest of Merkel. These cows have given 3 and 4 gal. of milk per day and when fed up will do so again. Will sell from \$25 to \$50, according to age, quality and grade.

J. T. Pardon.

For all pulmonary troubles Ballard's Horehound Syrup, taken in the early stages, proves a certain and sure specific. It is equally affective in croup and whooping cough, and if used in season prevents the further development of consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents at F. M. Davis'.

Rev. Sam Bristoe was in the city last week, leaving Friday night for his home at Duncan, I. T.

They never did fail; they never will fail. What? Cheatham's Laxative Tablets—to cure a cold at once. Carry them in your vest pocket. Always ready. Guaranteed. Price 25 cents.

Dr. Huckabay, recently of Hunt county, called on The Mail Friday. The doctor has located at Nubia where he will practice his profession and engage in the drug business. He will read The Mail.

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.

Sam Eason moved into his new shop Monday. He and Andrew will work together, having already put in a bath room, and their shop will be up-to-date in every respect.

S. J. Patterson was in town Saturday and left an order for a good rain, the sooner the better, he says. The Mail has his order on file and will see that it is attended to.

Sunday was Texas Independence day and as such a legal holiday. The banks were closed Monday in honor of the day, which was the only indication of a holiday in Merkel.

The little daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Chastain has been sick this week, but we hope for her rapid improvement.

March came in like a lamb and, according to the old saw, will go out like a lion. Therefore we can expect some windy weather this month, and it is safe to say that we will not be disappointed.

Mrs. Elsie Fisher (nee Miss Elsie West) came in Saturday night to spend a few days visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. H. Basham.

W. W. Wheeler announces this week as a candidate for Commissioner and Justice of the Peace from this precinct. In regard to his candidacy Mr. Wheeler says: "As you all know, I have served in this capacity before, and my record is before the people. The duties of the office were discharged to the best of my ability. If again elected, I promise equally as faithful service." Mr. Wheeler is too well known to require any eulogy from The Mail, but it might be well to state that he has an enviable record to his credit, and the people will make no mistake in honoring him with the position.

Dr. Gilbert, specialist of Abilene, was in the city yesterday.

•ABOUT GOOD• ..CLOTHING..

...Extra Good Goods...

don't always mean extra good clothes. Depends on the way they are made. Poor cloth cutters can ruin the finest materials. We buy from a manufactory who employ skilled workmen than others doing the work by contract as some do. It is the "cut" which our ready-made clothing excels the ordinary clothing. The excellence of the fabric is brought out by the correct and fashionable "cut."

Boys' clothing expected soon.

J. T. WARREN

THE PRICE MAKER OF MERKEL

Children often inherit feeble digestive power and colic of a more or less severe character results, when food is taken which is at all difficult to digest. White's Cream Vermifuge acts as a general and permanent tonic. Price 25c at F. M. Davis'.

Onion sets, garden seed, seed potatoes, dwarf milo maize and red top cane seed at T. J. Warren's.

C. C. Sharp, who has been visiting his sons here, left Saturday night for his home at Stephenville. He was very well impressed with the country, but did not fall in love with the sandstorm.

Ladies' Skirts and Men's Suits are the new things at J. T. Warren's. Call and see them.

The Mail editor had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Mr. J. L. Banner Saturday. Such men as he is a substantial addition to our country, and The Mail opens its arms to them.

You can exchange eggs for dry goods or groceries at J. T. Warren's.

Miss Grace Sheppard entertained the young people Saturday night, it being her seventeenth birthday.

We are prepared to do all kinds of painting, roof, house, etc., and would be glad to do your work. Call at Martin's store.

Workman & Munn.

Highest market price paid for cotton seed. Bring them in.

G. M. Sharp.

Clark Burroughs and Henry West are enjoying the mumps.

Can't Keep it Secret.

The splendid work of Dr. King's New Life Pills is daily coming to light. No such grand remedy for liver and bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing constipation, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and indigestion. Try them. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Go to G. M. Sharp's for your bran, oats and wheat chops.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vickers of Pecos, and Mrs. J. W. Daniel of this place came in on the Abilene canon ball Sunday from St. Louis, where they purchased spring gonds. Mr. and Mrs. Vickers left the following morning for Pecos.

J. T. Warren unloaded a 30,000 pound car of Peace-Maker flour Monday.

We are now in a position to remit money for you direct to the State Treasurer or General Land Office. Please call at this bank when wanting to transact business of this kind.

The First National Bank.

Lockjaw from Cobwebs.

Cobwebs put on a cut lately gave a woman lockjaw. Millions know that the best thing to put on a cut is Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the infallible healer of wounds, ulcers, sores, skin eruptions, burns, scalds and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Buy your Grain, Hay and Salt from G. M. Sharp, the only exclusive Grain Dealer in Merkel.

H. B. Chambliss is a new and highly appreciated subscriber to The Mail. Bert knows a good thing when he sees it.

See G. M. Sharp for your seed oats, free of Johnson grass.

G. H. Deason, the barber, wrote his obituary Saturday and left that night, with his family, for Stephenville.

We have in stock 14,000 feet of pipe, all sizes from 1/2 to 3 inches, plain and galvanized—in fact, we have more pipe than money. We will make special prices to reduce stock.

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Go away Satisfied at the treatment received at our hands. They are delighted at the Prices, too, and the Quality of the Goods sold them, and are almost sure to come again.
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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

**CAPITAL, - \$30,000
SURPLUS, - \$ 5,000**

The detail of Accounts receive the personal attention of an officer of the bank. We guarantee prompt, accurate, and economical service, and as liberal accommodations as are warranted by the account and prudent banking.
Correspondence and personal interviews invited.

C B Hurt C L McNees
T A Milner J W Dulaney
Jno Guitar L D Kennedy
J J McGregor W R Arnold.

DORA.

A severe sand storm struck Dora Wednesday.

I. E. Bryson went to Merkel Friday.

A. R. Sanders went to Sweetwater Friday.

Weaver Sanders came in from Sweetwater Friday where he has been attending school.

The young people enjoyed a musical at Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Saturday night.

Henry Porter went to Nubia Saturday.

Singing Sunday evening at Mr. Elliott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Mitchell county are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elliott this week.

Carroll Sanders is very sick this week. We hope he will soon be restored to his wonted health.

Mrs. Sewell came up from Valley Creek Saturday to visit her parents.

Miss McClure of Valley Creek came up Saturday.

Kat Klaw.

NUBIA.

T. J. Walker went to Abilene Monday.

P. H. Watkins visited at Lee Pribble's Sunday eve.

Lon Walker visited at S. H. Leslie's Sunday eve.

The farmers and merchants in Nubia say that they need rain and need it bad.

The candidates spoke at Cross Roads Tuesday night.

Tom Toombs made a pleasant call at T. J. Walker's Sunday eve.

H. H. Toombs called on Wm. Perry Sunday.

The Evangelist closed their meeting at Bethel Sunday night.

Rev. J. G. Cooper preached at Center Point Sunday.

Jim Denton can go hunting now for he got a horn through the mail Tuesday.

Rosebud.

Rosebery in Another Novel.

Lord Rosebery, who was made the chief character in Morley Roberts' political novel, "Lord Lindithgow," appears again in a novel called "Lord Paddocklea," the title of which, of course, refers to the ex-premier's addiction to horse racing. The author is unknown, but is said to be a conspicuous member of parliament.

Try reading The Mail and see if you don't feel better.

DRUGS..

EVERYTHING NEW!

I have opened up a stock of Pure, Fresh Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, Wall Paper, Sundries, Etc., next door to First National Bank, and invite the patronage of all.

All Prescription Work is done by a Registered Pharmacist, insuring best results

Nicest line of Druggists' Sundries in the town.

F. M. DAVIS.

TOWN and NEWS

WEEKLY BUDGET OF HAPPENINGS THROUGH THE COUNTY....

ABILENE.

District court has been in session all the week with Judge Lindsey presiding. The grand jury was sworn in Monday morning and given quite a lengthy charge by the court, and immediately went to work. Up to Wednesday noon they had returned five felony indictments four of which was for arson and one for theft. All of the parties have been arrested and are now either in jail or out on bond.

The civil docket is unusually heavy this term and it is very doubtful if half of it is disposed of. The docket is as follows: Grimes county has six suits for notes and foreclosure of liens and the following are the defendants: P W Catham, H O Bell et al., G H Seymour and P G Huffman, C F Tubbs et al., J T Anderson et al., James Oxford.

Jim Chapman vs. A H Belo & Co., suit for personal damages to reputation, passed subject to call.

Ashby Williams et al., vs. Mrs S S Shelly et al., plaintiff required to give security of cost.

I P Allday vs. E B Trescott, trespass to try title, no order.

Rebecca Fowler vs. W F Fowler, divorce, plaintiff required to secure cost.

H C Hale vs. Montgomery Baggs, passed to third week of court.

The appearance docket is as follows:

Ball & Burney vs. D C Newton et al., trespass to try title, continued for service.

J T Wyatt et al., vs. W M C Hard, trespass to try title, continued for service.

J A Moore vs. Odessa Moore, divorce, plaintiff required to secure cost.

A E Mayfield vs. Maggie Mayfield, divorce, same order.

W M G Mackechney vs. M E

White et al., suit for foreclosure and judgement.

W J Raspberry vs. S W Shepard, suit for debt and foreclosure of vendor's lien, passed subject to call.

Abilene Cotton Oil Co vs. T & P Ry C, suit to recover overcharges in freight rate, passed to fourth week.

Geo L Paxton vs. James Beilby, suit on note and foreclosure, passed pending settlement.

J M Daugherty vs. J L Taylor, suit on note and foreclosure, passed pending settlement.

W H Roe vs. Sallie Roe, divorce, plaintiff required to give bond for cost.

J M Pearce vs. Mollie Pearce, divorce, same order.

Thos Railsback vs. M M Clack, trespass to try title, continued to perfect service.

Lo Fletcher vs. D E Coffman, injunction, passed to third Monday of court.

May O Roberts vs. W A Minter, Sr, trespass to try title, passed subject to call.

J D Kincaid vs. Nettie Kincaid, suit for divorce, granted.

W W Cameron vs. City of Abilene, trespass to try title, plaintiff required to give bond for cost.

Eugenia Robinson vs. Joe Robinson, divorce, plaintiff required to give bond for cost.

T D Wiman vs. G M Lowe, trespass to try title, continued for service.

Nettie Thornton vs. R C Thornton, suit for divorce, plaintiff required to secure cost.

Mary F Steed vs. Thaddeus F Steed, divorce, continued for service.

W N M Grimmet vs. Underwriters Fire Association of Dallas, suit of insurance policy, passed pending settlement.

W N M Grimmet vs. Continental Fire Association, suit on insurance policy, passed to third week of court.

Besides the above ones there are a number of minor importance, such as suits on notes and foreclosure, and the Tate-Oliver injunction.

Residents of Abilene who have been howling for a railroad will soon have an opportunity to practice what they preach. Parties are expected here soon with a proposition looking to the running of a line from Vernon south to Abilene. It is also estimated that this line will have nothing in common with the much aggitated 'Sorghum Line.'

Quite a number of Merkel citizens are here this week attending district court.

PETIT JURY—3RD WEEK.

T D Bruce	W E Avery
S W Brown	E A Blank
W R Morris	Theo Goedeke
C P Linsman	R D Bumpass
S P Martin	A J Newton
W H Brown	N M Dudley
J M Gunter	Geo Fisher
C W Leake	J W Holmes
D Gordon	G S Brown
E H Fuqua	J H Barrett
J S Hughes	J F Johnson
T J Parton	Ed J Leeman
W N Haynie	N P Kirby
G S Anderson	Thos Buck
W L Harkrider	J E Burleson
C M Largent	A M Herron
W E Dorch	R M Jones
R C Malone	R A Pollard.

PETIT JURY—4TH WEEK.

H C Billman	A R Moon
S J Brown	G W Wiggins
G A Lilly	J Henslee
H C Ponder	J W Moore
T B Cross	E H Boone
L F Cummings	E S Kean
J H Campbell	W A Franks
J J Medaris	J W Lackey
J A Forer	D W Bynum
D E Snow	J S French
C P Bennett	J L Altman
J C Montgomery	T J Poe
J H Lucas	A C Albro
H C Mitchell	J T Ensor

Groceries...

I have purchased the Smith & Davis stock of Groceries, which has been added to and enlarged and is now most complete. I am in a position to save you money on your monthly bill of supplies.

Give me a trial order.

'Phone 39...

C. E. DAVIS

THE FACTS IN THE CASE...

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS gives the facts in the case

SPECIALLY EDITED...

If you'll read The News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not hap-hazard go into The News' make-up.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED...

You need THE MERKEL MAIL, because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need THE NEWS, because it gives you all the State news. The Merkel Mail and The Semi-Weekly News one year for only \$1.75, CASH IN ADVANCE. The News is promptly stopped at expiration of time paid for. Subscribe now.

The president of the national council of Switzerland has had to resign to quiet the uproar in the country caused by his acceptance of a Legion of Honor decoration from President Loubet, of France.

Having a Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Between the hours of eleven o'clock a. m. and closing time at night on Jan. 25th, 1901, A. F. Clark, druggist, Glade Springs, Va., sold twelve bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says, "I never handled a medicine that sold better or gave better satisfaction to my customers." This remedy has been in general use in Virginia for many years, and the people there are well acquainted with its excellent qualities. Many of them have testified to the remarkable cures which it has affected. When you need a good, reliable medicine for a cough or cold, or attack of the grip, use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are certain to be more than pleased with the quick cure which it affords. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

To The Voters of Taylor County:

My name will be submitted to the voters of the Democratic primary election to be held April 12, as a candidate for County Judge. When I retired from office nearly two years ago, I never again expected to serve the people of Taylor county in the capacity of County Judge. However, after the death of Judge C. M. Christenberry, I yielded to the demands of my friends and fellow citizens and accepted the office for the unexpired term of Judge Christenberry.

I did not expect however, to become a candidate for the office the next term, and had so stated, but I have been solicited and urged by many citizens from all parts of the country to enter the race for another term, and I do not feel that I should refuse to permit my name to be presented for re-election. The people of the county know me and my past record, and if they desire me for their next County Judge and elect me to this office, it is needless for me to say that I shall appreciate their support and their renewed confidence in me.

It is not my intention to make a canvass for the office as my duties are such that I have not the time to do so, and besides, the people know my past record and if they desire my services again, I take it that they will make it known at the polls. In conclusion, I desire to thank the people of Taylor county for their many manifestations of kindness and support.

Respectfully,
D. G. HILL.

J. A. Chapman announces as a candidate for District Clerk of Taylor county, subject to action of Democratic primary April 12. Mr. Chapman has lived in the county only three or four years, but during that time has carried himself in a way to make many friends. He served two years under M. C. Lambeth while he was in office and demonstrated his ability to manage the affairs of the office in a praise-worthy manner, and if elected he promises that his best efforts will be used in official duties. Give his claims your attention.

Chronic Diarrhoea.

Mr. C. B. Wingfield, of Fair Play, Mo., who suffered from Chronic dysentery for thirty-five years, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy did him more good than any other medicine he had ever used. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Phone the news to No. 31.

Hardware, Implements.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

I carry the best lines that money can buy. They are the best on the market. The prices are right.

A few of our specialties: Bible and Lansing Wagons, Bement Cultivators, Bement Planters, Yellow Kid Disc Plows, Bridge and Beach Stoves, Crockeryware, Queensware, Glassware, etc.

WE KNOW HOW TO APPRECIATE YOUR TRADE.....

W. H. DICKSON

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, and if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office Feb. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

- Benson, Willie G
- Burk, John
- Hallmark, Miss Callie
- Heyser, J E
- Jones, Scott
- Jones, Mrs Eugenia
- Minter, Mrs Lucy
- Moore, Miss Ruby
- Moore, Miss Clara
- Peck, Dr D C
- Russell, T F
- Thornton, Mike
- Thompson, Roder
- Williamson, B M
- Walton, Mrs Patience

A bran new stock of wall paper in all the latest patterns, prices ranging from 10 cents up. Come and see.

Rust & Pittard.

Hunger's Threat.

Austin, Tex., March 2.—As has previously reported, there is more destitution in this county than ever before. At Weberville much suffering is reported among the negroes, and the following sign has been tacked on the doors and barns of the well-to-do citizens:

"To the Wealthy: If you don't open up your smokehouse and cribs to us, we will have to open them ourselves."

Our vault equipment is modern in every respect, thus affording the greatest possible security.

We have just put in a line of boxes for taking care of our customers valuable papers. Call and make yourself familiar with this department of our bank.

The Warnick Bank.

There's a young man in Merkel, Of society he's in the best circle, But a young girl from Rise, Who makes "goo-goo eyes," Guyed him till his belt wouldn't burkle.

The prohibition election at Colorado Tuesday resulted in favor of the anties by a majority of 12.

C. C. Jackson and J. A. Chapman were in the commercial center this week.

Have you a sweet tooth? We handle Lowney's candies, all kinds and prices.

Rust & Pittard.

GOOD ADVICE.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases, and their effects; such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after eating, Low Spirits etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75c. Two doses will relieve you. Try it at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

We have the finest line of Carpets and matting ever shown in the town.

W. P. Browning & Co.

To the Merchants.

We have on hand and ready for inspection a complete assortment of Fans and other advertising novelties, and a full line of Sample Calendars will soon arrive. We can supply your wants in any kind of advertising matter and at prices that can not be beaten by foreign concerns.

See our line and let us have your orders.

Elder L. A. Dale, Evangelist of the Christian church, will preach at the Presbyterian church Wednesday night. Everybody invited.

"How lovely," is the general expression from feminine lips after viewing our stationary department. 'Nuff said.

Rust & Pittard.

Bought the Whole Outfit.

The Foundry Methodist church, of Fourteenth and F streets, in Washington, desired to move to another part of the city. John F. Walsh, the Colorado millionaire, who is buying much property in Washington had his eye on the church corner and dropper into the church one night while an ice cream social was in progress. He astonished the young ladies by the prodigality of his expenditures. Finally the pastor came around. Mr. Walsh introduced himself. "I'm having a good time," he said. "I like to buy things. Have you anything else for sale?" Nothing except this church property," replied the pastor. "All right," replied Walsh. "I'll take that, too." And he did, paying \$200,000 therefor.

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ma, tetter and all similar skin
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Stevenson's "V."

Robert Louis Stevenson was particularly
attached to the "v" in his
name and utterly adverse to the
"ph" form of spelling. Letters of
admiring autograph hunters did not
often draw him, but one day in
Samoa a letter arrived containing
praise so judicious that he said:
"That I must answer." Then his eye
caught the envelope, addressed to
R. L. Stephenson. "Step hence,
Step-hen-son!" he cried, and,
crumpling the offending missive,
flung it on the fire.

Didn't Want Her Immersed.

Flora Bender, of Frederick, Md.,
"got religion," as they sometimes
say in that section, and wanted to
be baptized. The preacher was
willing, but as in her case baptism
would mean immersion in a neigh-
boring creek her parents objected.
Miss Flora insisted, though warned
that she was not strong enough to
stand such an ordeal. Then her
parents got out an injunction re-
straining her until the water shall
be of a more congenial temperature.

The Wind Supply of Congress.

There is a touch of humor in one
feature of the severely scientific ar-
rangement for ventilating the na-
tional house of representatives.
This is in the little zinc slides un-
der the desks, by which the amount
of wind necessary for each member
is carefully regulated. "Two fingers
full" is said to be a normal allow-
ance, strange as the finger may
seem as a unit of congressional
wind. Some members take more,
as might readily be imagined, and
express a desire that no limit be
placed on the supply of fresh air
permitted to creep up the legs of
their desk and allowed to emerge
through the grating designed for
that purpose. Others, who regard
ventilation as "the most insane of
modern fads," order no air at all,
and their wishes are gratified. Au-
tomatic arrangements keep the tem-
perature of the legislative halls at
an even figure, not varying half a
degree in weeks. Certainly the
confused legislation due to the bad
air of the past will no longer be ex-
cusable. Every jury and court
room ought to be similarly supplied.

The Devoted Depews.

Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew calls
every afternoon at 4 o'clock at the
Grand Central station for her hus-
band when he is in New York. She
drives up to the directors' entrance
of the station and enters. In half
an hour the door is opened by Sen-
ator Depew, who escorts his wife
to the carriage door and they both
drive away. This regular pro-
gram never fails to interest a num-
ber of women who stand about and
watch and get a view of a new hint
from Paris each day.

Deserved Much More.

A man in Baltimore, convicted of
slutting up three horses in a stable
without food for ten days, was fined
\$5 and costs and "severely lectured"
by the judge. The poor, starving
animals were the bottom out of
their troughs. It was pleaded that
the man had the best offense of the
lot.

New Idea of Cold Weather.

One of the devoted brethren of
whom Farquharston tells has a
new and decidedly original idea of
the cold weather. He says: "De
good, aye, maik, de hot sunshine
fer de leg, ter sleep in; but Satun
jumps later de blizzard fer ter cool
off, en puffs en blows twell de sun-
shine freezes, en de price er coal
goes higher dan ever some er des
sinners'll go."

The Vice of Nagging.

Clouds the happiness of the
home, but the nagging woman
often needs help. She may be
so nervous and run-down in
health that trifles annoy her. If
she is melancholy, excitable,
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headache, sleeplessness, consti-
pation and fainting or dizzy
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For Another National Park.

Katherine Louise Smith tells in
the Outing of the need—and the op-
portunity—for a new national park
in North Central Minnesota. There
stands today a piece of ancient for-
ested America (in fact, the only
great northern pine forest between
the Rocky mountains and the At-
lantic ocean) which it is possible
still to save from destruction.
Within the limits of the Chippewa
Indian reservation, along the Leech'
Cass and Winnebagoish lakes,
there are, as if ready and waiting
for this purpose, 611,592 acres of
land and 218,270 acres of water
surface. It is the land of the origi-
nal Dakota and Ojibwas—the
cradle of Northwestern story and
tradition.

An Anti-Corset Crusade.

Dr. Mareschal, a celebrated
French physician, recently lectured
before a large assemblage of fash-
ionable women in Paris and deliv-
ered himself of a sensational tirade
against corsets. Not only that, he
is trying to secure legislation mak-
ing it a prison offense for any
woman under 30 to wear a corset;
those over that age may do as they
please. The measure he advocates
also provides rigorous formalities
regarding the manufacture and sale
of such articles.

A Kansas Gaffer.

"Speaking of grafts and graft-
ers," said a Topeka man to a Wash-
ington interviewer the other day,
"I knew a man out in my state who
had your man beat to death. This
fellow advertised a sure potato bug
exterminator. He inserted the ad-
vertisement in all the farm and
country magazines and journals,
offering to send his exterminator
for \$1. He received dollars by the
thousands. What he sent them was
a little package, containing two
small, square blocks of wood,
marked 'No. 1,' and 'No. 2.' The
printed directions that went with
the blocks read something like this:
'Hold block No. 1 in the fingers
of the left hand, the smooth surface
up. Place the potato bug upon the
smooth surface. Grasp block No. 2
firmly between the index finger and
the thumb of the right hand, and
bring it down sharply on the back
of the bug. This device has never
failed to exterminate the bug.' Of
course, it wasn't long until the post-
office people were riding his neck.
If I'm not mistaken, he got ten
years."

Meaning of Odd Names.

The following gives the meaning
of the names of the principal High-
land clans in Scotland: McIntosh,
the son of the First; McDonald, the
son of Brown Eyes; McDugall, the
son of Black Eyes; McOanechy or
Duncan, the son of Brown Head;
McGregor, the son of a Great Man;
McCulthbert, the son of the Arch
Druid; McKay, the son of the
Priest; McTaggart, the son of
the Priest; McCleod, the son of the
Wounder; McLean, the son of the
Friendly One; McIntyre, the son of
the Carpenter; Campbell, Crooked
Mouth; Cameron, Crooked Nose;
Stewart, High Stay or Support.

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