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The Higher Life

True Laws.

Rev. Harris, Universalist. The true laws of Christian growth is to look right forward doing the duties of today in the light of conscience and plan better things for the future.

Value of Training.

Rev. Larkin, Methodist. Many of us underestimate the

value of training. It is the trained hand, the trained mind, that counts in the hot competition of the present day.

Trusts and Combines.

Rev. Thomas, Independent.

the right to own the coal of the land, nor the necesities of life.

The World's Burden. Rev. Clarke.

God parcled up the world's burdens so much to each one and every man must bear his own burdens. In another sense we may bear the burdens one of another and grow sympathetic.

The Commandments.

Rev. Van Dyke, Presbyterian.

Christ lived up to the com mandments, hence his power. and men who have lived up to them have led powerful lives.

than a paper. The editor of an exchange remarks that he observed one in front of a store in his city not long ago which read: "B 4 U Buy Pants Come in and C Ours." He went in and there was not a confounded male clerk in the store, so he bought a fan and walked out.

An old maid once lived in our mind was neither frail or weakwas wrong because it was a hymn. DEVIATION FROM THIS. A plumcer caused her death one him see her hose.

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.

How many of our passengers



Have you notes on your land that you are going to be pressed on or unable to meet? If so, let us town, so we heard it said, who, if take them up and extend the payments for you? Or do you need money at all? If so, we have the you called a dress a gown, she money and will lend it to you if your land security and title is satisfactory to us. We lend on basis of would blush like poppies red. Her 40 to 50 per cent of the actual cash value of the land, hardly ever over 40 per cent, unless the land is well improved and nicely situated, then we can go as high as 50 per cent. Our interest is 8 per cent her modesty was rare, of autumn payable annually, and the interest is what we are lending the money for, and for that reason we make trees she'd never speak because no loans for less than five years, and really prefer ten year loans. All loans payable back by the their limbs were bare. When borrower in annual installments along with interest. For instance on \$2,000 loan for five years, \$400 night its sable shadows threw, of the principal and interest is paid annually for five years, at which time the borrower will get a she'd tumble in a swoon if the cur- release in full, and on \$2,000 loan for ten years \$200 of the principal is paid annually with interest, tains didn't hide from view the and so, on any size loan. Of course, as the principal is reduced the interest is also reduced. We The great world protests man in the moon. She neversang make no loans for less than \$500 and the larger the better it suits us. On all loans from \$500 to \$800 against the trusts and combines, a sacred song-a very modest we charge the borrower a fee of \$25 for our services, and on all loans from \$800 up our fee is 3 per and says that no monopoly has whim: to think of one she thought cent of the amount of the loan, which is to be paid to us, or retained by us, out of the loan. NO

> The borrower is to no expense except for getting up a complete abstract, which every land owner day-as the story goes-by ask- ought to have any way, and the cost of recording the deed of trust he gives and all other papers pering her in a careless way to let taining to the loan, which amounts to very little if your title is already up to date and perfect.

In case an applicant for loans declines to take the loan after applying for it, then and in such event, he (the applicant) will be charged with whatever expense we will have been to for him in the way of inspecting, attorney fees for examining his title, etc., but if we make the loan we bear these expenses ourselves.

No "red tape" at all about getting a loan, and it only takes a few days if your title is up to date and perfect. 200 acres of land is allowed each land owner as a homestead, on which we can't lend unless there is purchase money due on the land, which, if it is the case, we can take up and extend the payments all right. If your land is not any part of your homestead we can lend on it then whether you owe anything on it or not.

We have the money and are anxious to put it out, so don't hesitate to let us hear from you but it is much better for you to come and see us in person and bring your title papers with you, but if you can't do that, then write us the particulars fully and we will promptly take it up with you.



Press Pleasantries.

"I am going to marry your ughter sir," said the positive oung man to the father. "Well, où don't need to come to me for npathy," replied the father; 'I have troubles of my own."

The Hill County (Tex.) Record is the authority: "A new wrinkle is in the air. This time it is an attempt to graft strawberries with milkweed in order to get a plant that grows strawberries and cream. If this works, the next in order will be to fasten a refrigerator to the family cow in the hope of getting ice cream.

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The Mobile News says an artist in that city painted a dog so natural that the animal had hydrophobia during the hot weather. He's the same man who pointed a beer bottle with such silently about your home. The will that the cork flew out just as he was finishing it. And after he light of your departing day. Your was married he painted a picture arm will reach up to encircle some of his first baby so life-like that neck in a last clinging embrace. it cried, and his wife spanked it Your eyes will look up to catch before she discovered the mis- the last tender message-unspoktake.

visit a physician. The doctor with a feeble flutter. Lips always that thing."

ccasions when a bulletin God? .- Republic.

stopped to think upon the fact that many more times water fell on the surface of our country during the forty-eight hours of our recent great rain storm, than it contained in all the rivers and lakes in the continent? Just figure out how much water was necessary to soak one square mile of dry, perished earth and vegetation, saying nothing of the mighthrough the streams and rivers, and you will begin to realize the magnitude of God's sprinkling can, as well as his wisdom and mercy and power in distributing this ocean of waters over the heads of the people and on the face of our fair land, almost as harmlessly as a gardner watering his flower beds !- Word and

Some day the watches will move shadows will lengthen into twien because the heart is breaking.

Works.

The heart that has served you so A man went with his wife to well will send out life currents placed a thermometer in the wo- rich with words of love, will stiffen nent physician, of Panama, man's mouth. After two or three into silence beneath the parting Columbia, in a recent letter minutes, just as the physician was kiss! And then?-Arms will be states: "Last March I had as a bout to remove the instrument, folded over the quiet heart! Lovthe man, who was not used to ing fingers in their last tender years of age, who had a very such a prolonged silence on the ministry, will press lids over the bad case of dysentery. Everypart of his life's partner, said: sightless eyes. The one that loved thing I prescribed for her proved "Doctor what will you take for you best will press a last kiss upon the pallid lips and then seal

them for burial! What then? were sure she would die. A newspaper man is an enemy "The spirit will return to God who had become so weak that she bulletin board advertising gave it." What then? Brother, could not turn over in bed. What

We have just had this noted fine body of land surveyed and cut up into small tracts which is now for sale and on very liberal payments. This land is in Fisher County, about 8 miles southeast of Roby, on the Clear Fork of Brazos River and surrounding the new town of Sylvester, on the Orient R. R., which is now most all graded north to the F. W. & D. Ry., and ready for the track on which trains will be running to Sylvester as soon as track material can be gotten and put down. Sylvester is almost "foreordained and predestinated" to be a town of 2,000 or 3,000 people within a very short time after the cars reach the place, and now a pointer wor friends, and that is if you want to buy some good valley land near a good railroad town, then don't wait until this is all sold or picked over and the town is built up. Get in NOW on the ground floor and get the benefit of the increased value ty floods that rushed away all along the line as the town and surrounding country improves and settles up.

This land joins on all sides of this new town Sylvester, and then it is only about 22 miles north east of Sweetwater, Texas, and about 45 miles north west of Abilene, which you can reach with but little expense or trouble even now by private conveyauce, and it will pay you to get on the ground and get your choice of location and quality of land or town property at once. Our Mr. C. C. Compere is now located at Sylvester and can be found there most any day, and will be there until we sell the above described land; but as there is no postoffice yet at Sylvester, for loan in that territory or information regarding the above land, or about Sylvester property, you can write C. C. Compere, Roby. Texas, though it would be still better, however, for you to call and see him in person on the ground.

For Real Estate and Loans generally, write and call on us at our central office at Abilene, Texas.

Compere Brothers REAL ESTATE DEALERS AND MONEY LENDERS

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

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

Dr. Chas. H. Utter, a promipatient a young lady sixteen ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents She general principles, but there sister, how will you meet your to do at this critical moment was show you. a study for me, but I thought of

Cholera Chamberiain's Colic, and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The Baker, of Bookwalter, O., "an most wonderful result was effect- infant child of our neighbor's ed. Within eight hours she was was suffering with cholera infeeling much better; inside of fantum. The doctor had given three days she was upon her feet up all hopes of recovery. I took and at the end of one week she a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic. was entirely well." For sale by Rust & Pittard.

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

The Star Store.

A Cure for Cholera Infantum. "Last May," says Mrs. Curtis 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 recoverd, 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.

'Phone the news to No. 31.

The Merkel Mail. ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER. Publisned Every Thursday. TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Office Residence 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.

Skeleton Unearthed.

While making an excavation in his pasture, north of town, yesterday, C. P. Warren unearthed a skeleton of, presumably, an Indian or Mexican. It shows to have been under ground for years, and is reasonably preserved. When found the hands were straightened out by the body, but one leg was doubled under, which left the impression that the body had fallen backward, probably from a shot in the front, death being instantaneous. In the 60's the surrounding country was a stamping ground for the Indians, who ranged from Elm on the south to Clear Fork on the north, and it may be that the long sleep of this particular Indian was started by a ball from some trusty rifle in the hands of a soldier or civilian.

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 MON-EY by buying them now, while this car lasts. l mean to SELL them and will NAME YOU PRICES that no one else will duplicate.

GEO. F. WEST.

Rambling's Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

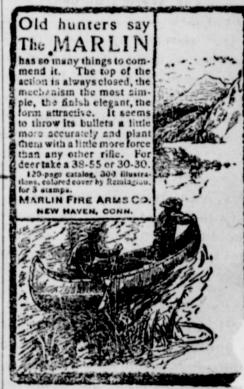
mense valley, and all the roads very good meal for 75 cents, or the continent are on each side of have to go down grade to reach on the European plan, where you the choir. The singers and orit. The view as the train winds pay for what you order. around the hills is very fine, the The city of Mexico, the capital where we sat. The music and early morning sun reflecting from of the Mexican Republic is in the domes and steeples of the great District Federal, similar to the and chanting were in Latin. city. At 6:30 a. m. we arrived District of Columbia in the United at the large depot of the Mexican States. It is distant from El Paso lars support the vaulted roof and

The city of Mexico is in an im- restaurants where you can get a

ry and several nice paintings. In any ordinary sized building the congregation would have looked large, but in this immense sanctuary the number of worshipers seemed small.

Two of the largest organs on ganist could not be seen fromsinging were grand. The singing

Two rows of eight massive pil-Central. A crowd of hacks await 1,224 miles, and although the city beautiful dome. Although these



The skull is on exhibition at Dr. Leeman's office and has attracted considerable curiosity.

NUBIA.

J. R. Toombs and E. M. Black. burn went to Abilene Friday.

There was an ice cream supper given at the home of Oscar Walker Friday night. A large crowd attended.

Misses Meda and Mae Rounsaville of Nolan visited Miss Lizzie Blackburn last week.

Miss Rhoda Leslie is visiting on the Divide this week.

Tom Toombs is reported up again and able to go to town.

A large crowd taken their dinners and went to the old Brandon place Sunday. The following couples were present: P. H. Watkins and Miss Meda Rounsaville, E. R. Watkins and Miss Rhoda Leslie, R. M. Davenport and Miss Mae Rounsaville, J. S. Toombs and Miss Lizzie Blackburn and T. T. Toombs and Miss Ola Walker.

Rosebud.

Rev. R. S. Heizer is threatened with an attack of typhoid fever, but was some better this morning.

One section of land about six miles north of Merkel for lease. See C. P. Warren or Joe Higgins at the Warren ranch.

their homes, or to the different sea level.

hacks, each carrying a little tin Aztecs about A. D. 1196. The elegant. flag near the driver's seat. The lakes in the valley must have blue flags charge \$1.00 per hour, been much larger than they are the red flags 75 cents, and the now, as the city was built of reeds yellow flags 50 cents per hour. A and straw and was on several ishalf hour is half rate. A half a lands, but at the time of Cortez dozen "corgadores" rush forward it was a well built city of stone, flag" hack accepting for his ser-

vices 10 cents. I notice as we start that a po-

liceman standing by visits the number of the hack, the number of passengers and destination in a memorandum book, and it struck me as a very commendable custom in a city like this, where so many tourists and foreigners come that cannot understand the language and could easily be imposed upon.

Colisea," and after winding through streets, some paved with cobble stones and others with cement as smooth as a floor, dodging street cars of all descriptions, and bumping against vehicles of all SChool. kinds in the crowded streets, we were finally landed "bag and baggage" in the "patio" of the hotel. We were nearly an hour on the way from the depot, and I strangely suspect "John" had Prescotts's conquest of Mexico). taken us around to some parts of

city not on the route, so he could start out to see something of the lievos. collect fare for a full hour.

the standard of hotels in the north, a. m. Mass. We enter at the front east to west, and the interior are still very good, and their and find comfortable seats. Most height is 176 feet. The tower on charges are reasonable. Very of the people were sitting or kneelfew of them have restaurants at- ing on the floor, facing the altar

to help us with our bundles; we and the different canals were select one and places us in a "red crossed by draw bridges. (See

Merkel High School

Fall Term Opens Sept.

Thorough In-Our destination was the "Hotel Struction. Give us your patronage, build up your

CECIL E. EVANS, Prin.

May 22.-After breakfast we city. Our first stopping place tached. Their charges being for where several priests in rich vestroom, light and attendance, rang- ments were reading or praying. ing from \$1.50 to \$6.00 per day, This is called the "Altar del Per-

the passengers to take them to is in a valley, it is 7,350 feet above pillars are very large, the height and design prevents them from hotels. There are three kinds of The first city was built by the looking clumsy, but graceful and

> At the close of the services we started to make a tour of the interior, when we came to a much larger congregation in a sanctuary in the centre of the building, that we had been entirely ignorant of, as we could not see it from where we had been siting. This on Monday, Aug. 18, to continue audience chamber is well supplied with handsome pews. A large night. All are requested to tak number of images supporting a part. lamps were on the railings and divisions of the seats. This altar was handsomely gilded, and had a large number of images and paintings. It looked more modern than the "Altar del Perdon," but was more flash in its decorations and less interesting.

Along the sides of the building are a number of chapels with altars, dedicated to different Saints. One on the west side is dedicated to "San Felipe Jesus," a Mexican and thus help to Emperor. Iturbide is buried here and several Archbishops are buried beneath the floor. The heads of Hidalgo, Allende, Aldama and Jiminez, are buried beneath the Altar of the Kings. Hidalgo was the Washington of Mexico. The exterior is even more interesting than the interior. The front is covered with carv ings, statues, pillars and bas re-

The building measures 387 feet The hotels, although not up to was the Cathedral, and it was 10 from north to south, 177 feet from each corner of the front are "203 feet 6 six inches high," a number of fine bells are hung in the tower. In the west tower is one called Star, who taught music here "Santa Maria de Guadalupe," past two years, is visiting Mexican money. Near by are don," and is adorned with statua- nearly 17 feet in height, and worth city.

\$10,000. It was placed in pos. tion in 1792. The building stands on a platform 490 broad.

R. B. Reeves of Rio Vista, will begin a Masonic school in Merkel as per agreement, both day and

J. A. LEEMAN, W. M.

Ralls' Perfect Face Paste curc all skin eruptions; also removes pimples, freckels, etc. Sold by Burroughs & Mann.

Joe Elliott and wife of Arlington, former residents, are visiting in the city this week.

When in town make our store your stopping place, whichewanting to buy or not.

Burroughs & Mann.

Mrs. G. F. West, who has been sick for the past three weeks, is resting nicely this week.

Rev. A. A. Baker, assisted by Rev. Jake Hodges of Mineral Wells, is holding a successful revival meeting at Hodges.

The Tabernacle is nearing completion and will be ready for use by Sunday.

To each and every friend who so kindly gave assistance and showed sympathy during our recent bereavement, we tender ou sincere and heartfelt thanks.

T. B. Garoutte and children.

Miss Ola Armstrong of Risir

We are able to offer the Texas tock 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 iterature for the money. Let us hear from you with an order under this clubbing offer.

All Were Saved.

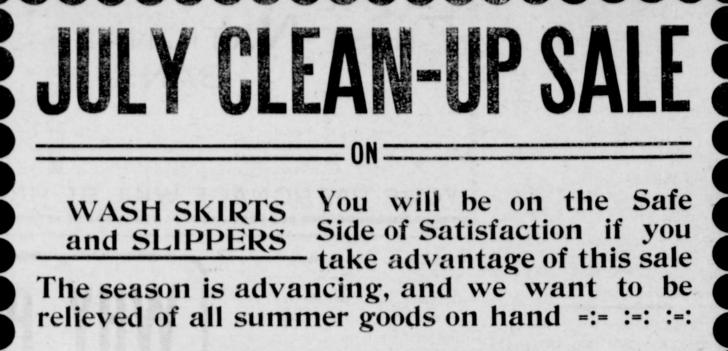
"For years I suffered such untold misery from bronchitis," writes J. H. Johnson, of Broughton, Ga., "that often I was unable to work. Then, when everything else failed, I was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. My wife suffered intensely from asthma, till it cured her, and all our 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.

Link-Bradley.

Mr. John Link of Jones county and Miss Lilly Bradley, of this place, were married at the residence of the bride's parents Sunday evening at 80'clock, Rev. L. R. Scarborough of Abilene, officiating. The groom is a prosperous young farmer, while the bride was one of our best girls, a dovoted Christian and the possessor of many womanly graces. The Mail joins their friends in sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Miss Nora Crim of Alvord, is visiting the family of W. P. Thurmond.

Miss Lucille Miller, a popular lady of Dallas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, and will spend some time here.



Note the Savings Offered:

WASH SKIRTS.

Io. 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
lo. 1025.	Good quality Crash, elegantly trimmed, were \$2.00, now	1.60
No. 1023.	Crash, braid trimming, were \$1.50, now	1.15
Io. 1036.	Linen, open work trimming, were \$2.00, now	1.60

SLIPPERS and SANDALS.

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'hildren's	Patent I	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

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



friends or relatives are visiting

you, or if you are going or have

been off on a visit, please let us

The Texas & Pacific Railway

Company is now operating din-

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Louis, Mo.; also on Iron Moun-

tain train No. 4, between Arka-

delphia and St. Louis. This will

give north-bound passengers on

train No. 6, which is the fast

dinner and suppor and those on

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.

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know. It will be a great favor.

A Worm Killer.

J. A. J. Montgomery, Puxico. Wayne Co., Mo., writes: "1 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.

Fine assortment sweet pickels at Chenault's.

Ladies, try our Tripple strength Flavoring Extracts, they cannot be beat.

Burroughs & Mann.

Elder Bedichek of the Christian church will begin a protracted meeting at Cross Roads, in the Canyon, on Tuesday night after the fifth Sabbath in August. Everybody cordially invited.

Alec Harris and Sam Hunt spent Saturday in Roscoe, where they were in consultation with the business men with the view of putting up a gin.

Presbyterian Meeting.

Rev. A. A. Baker, assisted by Rev. B. M. Taylor of Paris, Tex., will begin a meeting at the tabernacle on Saturday before the fourth and continuing over the fifth Sabbath in this month. All christians are cordially invited to take part in the meeting.

See Burroughs & Mann for anything in the drug line.

Anson Western-News. Miss Abbie White of Roscoe, is

W. P. Thurmond left Sunday daight for St. Louis to lay in a full Yock of goods for the Merkel Mercantile company.

Otis Osborne and Miss Jessie Forester were married at Aspermont last week. Miss Jessie formerly lived here and has many friends who will wish her much happiness.

Mrs. Henry Herring visited the editor's family last week. She left Monday to join her husband at Bisbee, Arizona.

Miss Dota Garoutte has been employed as private tutor to the children of a wealthy family in Concho county and will take up her duties September 1. She has few superiors and The Mail congratulates the famity upon securing her services.

G.C. Sanderson, a prominent banker of Ennis, was here Friday visiting the family of W. W Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler was raised by his uncle, Mr. Sanderson's father, and the meeting was naturally a very pleasant one.

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

There are some complaints of boll worms near town, but the farmers agree that they are not doing any damage. Only in this immediate vicinity have complaints been made.

Mr. R. H. Collins says that his old home, Red River county, is almost entirely under water, he having received a letter to that effect last week. Great damage to crops, especially in the low ands, has been wrought, and the 's will foot up into the thou-

DR. E. B. GILBERT -> SPECIALIST K PRACTICE LIMITED TO THE EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

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

Miss Mabel George of Eskota was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Corrigan, Sunday.

Judge J. H. Beall of Sweetwater, is a candidate for District Judge to succeed Congressman Smith. Judge Beall is the best "Cannon Ball," the benefit of timber in the district.

No. 4, breakfast and dinner on Mr. and Mrs. Coke W. Harkrider of Abilene, were visiting in the cars. the city Sunday.

Rev. L. R. Scarborough began a protracted service at the Baptist church Sunday night. He is laboring zealously and earnestly much interest is being manifested and the meeting no doubt will be fruitful of good results. The town is ripe for a spiritual awakening.

J. M. Powell, who lives on the river north of town, says the rains have been ample, in fact, Noodle

was higher by two feet than at any time before during his residence of twenty years on his pleasant place. He had about twenty-five acres of cotton and feed stuff ruined by the flood. Another rain soon, he says, would help grass and the feed crop, but would in-

jure cotton.

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

E. W. T. Compton left last week for Portales, N. M. He will locate there if an opening presents itself.

The Mail's 'phore is 31. If W. W. WHEELER, you know any item of news, or if

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

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

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

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.

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

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

NOTICE.

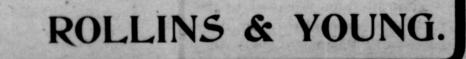
Our Photo Gallery will be open This service is a great improvefor work two days (Friday and ment over the Old Station Eat-Saturday) in each week until ing Houses and you are respectfully invited to give it a further notice.

Barnhill & Wife.



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



in the city visiting her friend, Miss Nora Witt.

Postmaster W. R. Witt of Merkel, visited his brother, Tom Witt of this city, the first of the week.

John Sears, proprietor of the Goodwin ranch near Merkel, was here looking after business Tuesday.

Mrs. Edgar Boaz entertained a party of friends in a delightful manner Thursday, at a course dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale went to Merkel Monday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Knox Pittard. They returned home Tuesday.

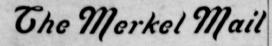
Miss Adrian Witt, a sweet young lady of Merkel, spent several days here this week, the guest of her cousin, Miss Nora Witt.

Prof. Cecil E. Evans and family moved to Merkel this week, where they will reside in the future, Prof. Evans having accepted the principalship of the Merkel High School. The people of Anson regret very much to give up the professor and family, but the good wishes of all go with them.

Martin Martindale, who was placed in jail here about two weeks ago, charged with horsestealing, is again a fugitive from justice.

He made his escape yesterday about 12 o'clock, by breaking a hole in the west wall of the jail; a piece of scantling about three feet long, which he had managed to get hold of in some way, was the tool he used in working his way to liberty.

After leaving the jail Martindale mounted a mule belonging to a farmer and left town in the direction of the Shinnery.



ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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The weekly press of Texas is to be commended for the promptitude with which it has turned behalf. down the advertising proposition of the whiskey trust. It is safe to say that every paper among which The Mail is pleased to be counted, could have used the money which the acceptance of this advertising assured them in advance of insertion, to great advantage, and some of them were tempted by pressing debts to sell out. In the main, however, the proposition was turned down. While The Mail is a losing game at this time and the \$25 which was assured in advance looked as big as the proverbial thirty cents in a crap game, the proposition was headed straightway toward the waste basket, and if there were any regrets that this coin found not its way into our empty exchequer, the thought liquor traffic. that we had a duty to perform partly alleviated the regret of "it might have been." We lost the money, but retained our self-respect; the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker must be columns are free of objectionable year is \$4.80, an increase of \$1.30 matter. The proposition covered since 1896. a stated number of lines of antiprhibition matter tending to show the failure of prohibition in states and localities where it has been tried, and contained no "objec- interfered with by man, usually tionable feature." It takes lofty spurn a cash proposition, but we coyote, the badger and the blackcan enumerate three score or more footed ferret. Their methods of who have the courage of their attack differ widely. convictions and have refused to sell out to the whiskey trust.

prohibition went into effect in Parker county, June 5, was disposed of in the county court at Weatherford last Thursday. A plea of guilty was made and a fine of \$25 and twenty days imprisonment was assessed, and yet prohibition does not prohibit.

The first local option case since

The legislators of Texas should be paid a reasonable competency and then demand labor commensurate with the pay. Texas laws will never stand the test as long as the influence and vote of a legislator can be purchased with a free pass and free lunch.

Fort Worth has a divorce mill which turns out a vast amount of grist. It is said divorces are becoming more common every day. This has been the case since 1897, when the law was changed to allow parties to testify in their own

No county in the state has brighter crop prospects than Taylor county, and the yield of farm products will be immense. Cotton and feed crops, which will and Indian Territory 95. make prosperity in any county, are very promising at this time.

The Mail is in receipt of a lead pencil and button from the Dallas Fair management. The date this year is September 27 to October 12, and it is to be bigger and better than ever.

have nominated a full state ticket. Unlik the Texas product, the platwhich deals exclusively with the

Mr. Bryan asserted that he is not hunting the Presidential nomination, but will not turn it down if it is thrust upon him.

The per capita apportionment stood off again, but our editorial for school purposes in Texas this

CAPITAL, -SURPLUS, -THE FIRST NATIONAL \$30,000 \$ 6,000 The detail of Accounts receive the per-BANK sonal attention of an officer of the bank. We guarantee prompt, accurate, and OF MERKEL economical service, and as liberal accommodations as are warranted by the ac-J, T. WARREN, PRES. count and prudent banking. F. WEST, VICE PRES Correspondence and personal inter-GEO. S. BERRY, CASHIER. T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER. views invited. YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

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Report on Cotton.

The monthly report of the statistictan of the Department of Agriculture shows the average condition of cotton on July 5 to have been 81.9 as compared with 84.7 on June; 77.2 on July 25, 1901; 76 on August 1, 1900; 84 on August 1, 1899, and a ten year average of 82.8. The condition in the principal states is reported as follows: North Carolina 86, South Carolina 88, Georgia 83, Florida 84, Alabama 77, Mississippi 80, Louisiana 81, Texas 77, Arkansas 92, Tennessee 95, Oklahoma 94

The roses bloom but a season, yet they come again. It is thus with our joys. We grow and labor and suffer, catching the fragrance and fruits of happiness just enough to keep from being commonplace. If the rose bush were all blossoms always, there would be nothing about it to ad-The Nebraska prohibitionist mire. If our life was all joy where would be the comparison, and without comparison the gratificaform contains but one plank, tion? Barring the shade and the shadow there would be one unvariable desert, an evanescent nothing of joy .- Exchange.

For a Range When You Can Buy ...A MAJESTIC.

PAY \$75.00

for from \$20.00 to \$30.00 less?' Ranges we sold in Abilene and Taylor County ten to twelve years ago are still in use. A better Stove for less money is WHAT WE CAN SELL YOU.

ED S. HUGHES & CO.,

Abilene, Texas

\$150. Thus we see the evil of high and his sense of smell is highly protective tariff."

It is claimed that 200,000 people in this state fail or refuse to pay their poll tax every year. This means a loss of \$200,000 to the school fund, besides will prevent, to a great extent, "repeater voting." For these reasons the a poll tax receipt a requisite to the exercise of suffrage should carry uanimously.

In Michigan married women are not allowed to teach in public schools, the presumption being that they have visible means of support. The position is given to young girls who have to earn their "ad" of Compere Bros., of Abiown living, which shows the just- lene, on first page. Read it careness of the law.

The Plague of the Prairie Dog.

The prairie dog has several mortal enemies which, when not serve to hold its numbers in check. courage for a newspaper man to Most inveterate of these are the

The coyote sneaks up to the border of a colony, hiding behind straggling tufts of vegetation. He The most plausible remedy for approaches when the animals are the trust evil is to place all arti- in their burrows and strives to cles manufactured by the trusts reach some object behind which on the free list. The evils of high he can hide and lie in wait until protective tariff are exemplified some unweary inhabitant comes in the following: "A Nebraska out to feed, when by a quick rush farmer who recently visited his it may be headed off and caught. old home in Sweden, was very The badger usually drives his much surprised to find that the prey into its burrow and then de-McCormick binder was selling in liberately digs it out. He is for Sweden at \$65, while the very one of his size, one of the most same kind of a machine costs the powerful animals in the world; American farmer from \$125 to his fore-claws are long and strong developed. On sniffing a prairie dog in his hole he simply bores down to his victim, which has no possible means of escape.

The black-footed ferret is built like a weasel, and, though much larger, is small enough to enter and travers freely the burrow of the prairie dog, so that he is able constitutional amendment making to pursue them to the ends of their holes and capture them with absolute certainty. He is, therefore, one of their most relentless and terrible enemies, and if sufficiently abundant, would quickly exterminate all the inhabitants of the largest colonies.

> Your attention is called to the fully.

Some Pertinent Suggestions Which Patrons Should Ponder Over.

The Merkel High School.

Below we produce a page from the catalogue of Merkel High School, which is full of meat and should be digested by every patron of the school. Parents too often make the mistake of criticising the teacher merely on the complaint of a child, when, if they would take trouble to investigate, the grievance would invariably be found against the child and not the teacher. Your attention is especially called to the fourth clause:

TO PARENTS.

It is very important that all children enter school at the beginning of the school year. A delay of a few weeks or months discourages the children in their school work, and also tends to impair or disorganize classification already made. Parents are therefore requested to enter their children in school as early in the school year as possible, and to assist the teachers in securing prompt and regular attendance.

Parents are requested not to give their children encouragement or permission to attend "parties" or "entertainments" during the evenings of school days or during the school term. Successful school work demands the full time and the careful attention of all pupils.

If parents will see that their children study at home as suggested by the teachers, it will assure more satisfactory progress in school.

Parents should remember, when reports of rough or cruel treatment of pupils in school are current, that such accounts usually give an EX PARTE statement and therefore it is best to hear the teacherls explanation of schoolroom troubles before criticising his action. The children who have the least trouble in school and do the most satisfactory work are those whose parents give endorsement to the teacher's efforts to enforce good discipline and also give encouragement to their children in obedience to school regulations. Teachers and parents have the same object in view-the mental and moral good of children, and their training of proper habits and right conduct-therefore, both parents and teachers should be ready and anxious to pass judgement upon all school differences from common interests, free from personal and selfish motives.

Patronize home industry and buy your Tinware, Well Casing, Well Buckets, Guttering, Spouting Roofing, Flues, Ventilators, Rain Proofs, Galvanized Iron cisterns, Filters, Stock Tanks-in fact, everything usually kept in a first-class Tin Shop, of Bell. Repairing a specialty. Yours for Business, Jno. B. Bell, Jr. -----Millinery... Latest Styles, **Newest Designs Most Stylish** Effects I can suit you in Price, Quality, and Style. MRS. F. B. HOOPLE ------Add to Phone List. Little, Dr. J. W. office,76 Phillips, T. W. res.4 Burroughs & Mann drugs.....46 Just arrived choice nev dried apricots at Chenau'

Second - Hand Store

and New Tin Shop.

Physician and Druggist.

& Sturgeon, a prominent arm at Rocky Hill Station, ., writes: "We were requestod by Dr. G. B. Snigley to send for Herbine for the benefit of our customers. We ordered three ? "on in December, and we are ad to say, Herbine has ven such great satisfaction that e have duplicated this order hree times, and today we gave 'r salesman another order. reg to say Dr. G. B. Snigley asure in recommending ard's.

Roscoe Herald.

After spending several weeks Abilene attending the Normal .ss Minnie Walker returned to er home in this city Friday mornıg.

L- John Childress, who has been it Merkel for some time working is night telegraph operator, reurned to his home in this city urday morning.

Mrs. J. C. Perkins returned to her home eight miles southwest Roscoe Friday morning. She has been in Merkel three weeks isiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. '. Martin.

> Board of Trade met Tuesight to form a plan to build sin at Roscoe. Mr. Harris, who s a gin man at Merkel, met with the board and said he would take a \$1,000 share, and a committee of four was appointed to take stock in the gin.

WE ARE STILL GROWING.

Plans for Another Brick Business House.

T. Warren has accepted plans







The Twice-a-Week Republic is specifications for a large not as cheap as are some so-callbusiness house to be erected ed newspapers. But it is as in the corner lot occupied by his cheap as it is possible to sell a former building, which was first-class newspaper. It prints burned last October. Contractors all the news that is worth printare figuring on the building and ing. If you read it all the year work is to commence right away. round, you are posted on all the The structure will be modern in important and interesting affairs very respect. The plans showed of the world. It is the best and reliable newspaper that money and brains can produceand those should be the distinguished traits of the newspaper in the east, but the south side that is designed to be read by all

why their renditions should not be raised.

Mrs. S. T. Eason has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Fitts and daughter left Monday night for Sweetwater and will go from there to Midland, in the hope that a change of climate will greatly benefit the former's health. She has been sick for a month with a severe attack of asthma.

was here yesterday in the interest of his school.

The bonds of the Merkel Independent School district have been lithographed and approved by the Attorney General and now

feet wide, with 20 footwalls, nich is to be partitioned in the enter. The main front will be vill also show a partial front, hough plate glass will only be ed on the east. Taken all in ", it will be by far the most elab-

business house in town.

direct to P. Browning & Co. are also intemplating the erection of a Ack business house on their lot djoining the Telford building on south, but plans have not been .le for the building as yet.

The first anniversary of the fire will find the burnt district more ne was considered a calam-.ty, has proven a blessing to the town.

A new school building, a new depot, several new stores and a lost of new residences-this is the way we grow.

Watkins & Son have secured he services of J. E. Paylor and Insure you fair treatment. Try them. All orders promptly filled.

All transfers of children to Mertel school district should be made at once. Delay may cause failure to transfer.

W. P. Thurmond's new resilence is nearing completion and 'll be ready for occupancy by ne latter part of the month. It is a beauty.

'Phone 75 when you want somenice to eat. Paylor knows ts you; prices to suit

the members of the family. Subscription price, \$1 a year. Any newsdealer, newspaper or postmaster will receive your subscription, or you may mail it

> The Republic, St. Louis, Mo.

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, and if not called peautiful and attractive and with for will be sent to the Dead Leta greater air of business vitality ter office July 1. When calln even before, and what at ing for them please state advertised.

> MATTIE R. WITT, P. M. Amerson, J. H. Baker John, Barber, J. W. Brown, Chas. R. Chapman, Chas. Consterdine, Claude H. Gentry, Mrs. Lula Green, Mrs. Mattie Hand, Vaud Kindred, O. Pamley, T. C. Rogers, N R Shelby, J. E. Shields, Mrs. Fikie Trafton, Mrs. Rosey Torbett, G. P.

and Diarrhoea Remedy has a cures. pleasant and safe to take. sale by Rust & Pittard.

Miss Tennie Polk has been sick Merkel's cap. this week, but is better at this time.

ABILENE.

Several members of the board of trade appeared before the commissioners court this morning and proposed that they would purchase a road scraper if the court would have the roads leading into Abilene properly graded. did not learn.

under treatment.

Tom Gunn and Mrs. Jinks were married Monday night.

for consideration up to this morning.

rapidly as possible.

to inmates of the big Landon mother have a nobler son. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera hotel that burned in San Angelo Sunday morning. The boys were clothing.

only need the signature of the school board, when they will be registered and put on the market. It is believed that they will be placed at good figures, several good offers having been made on them. This is another feather in

Strayed or stolen from Merkel, one 3-year-old jersey cow, branded 74 (connected) on left hip; some ear marks. Tell

J. H. Warnick.

Good Son, Indeed.

Robert Edward Lee was a model at home and school. The death of his father when he was a lad What the court's decision was I left mother an invalid. At once his final love and sympathy ren-J. P. Radford, father of the dered him a "son of consolation" wholesale groceryman, J. M. to her, He was a pupil at school Radford, was buried in the city in Alexandria, and daily, at the cemetery Sunday afternoon. He close of school, instead of rushing died at Austin where he was out with the boys to romp, he would hasten home in a run to wait upon his mother, and see that she had her daily drive. He The county commissioners are would help her from her sick in session this week but it is too chamber to the carriage; with afearly in the week to give any of fectionate care arrange the pilthe business transacted. Noth- lows for her; then, taking his seat ing but accounts have come up beside her, seek eagerly to divert and entertain her mind throughout the drive. Sometimes he Work on all of the new busi- would exclaim, with boyish seriness buildings is being pushed as ousness, "Mother, if you want to get well you must keep cheerful." Abilene's baseball aggregation He did the marketing for her, have returned from their trip to looked after the horses and gave Ballinger and San Angelo. They her medicine. During her last were defeated at both places but illness he mixed every drop of rendered some material assistance medicine she took. Never did

She realized his worth, and when he left home to enter world wide reputation for its all in the hotel when the building West Point she exclaimed: "How It never fails and is took fire and some barely escaped can I live without Robert! He is For and most all of them lost their both son and daughter to me."-

Things and Thoughts.

Uncle Sam's **Mail Service**

requires physical and mental ability of a high degree to withstand its hard labors. The high tension to which the nervous system is constantly subjected, has a depressing effect, and soon headache, backache, neuralgia, rheumatism, sciatica, etc., develop in severe form. Such was the case of Mail Carrier S. F. Sweinhart, of Huntsville, Ala., he says:

"An attack of pneumonia left me with muscular rheumatism, headache, and pains that seemed to be all over me. I was scarcely able to move for about a month when I decided to give

Miles' Pain Pills and Nerve Plasters a trial. In three days I was again on my route and in two weeks I was free trom this and gaining in fesh and strength

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

Look Pleasant, Please.

Photograpeer C. C. Harlan, of Eaton, O., can do so now, though for years he couldn't, because he suffered untold agony from the worst form of digestion. All physicians and medicines failed to help him till he tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for him that he declares they are a godsend to sufferers from dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Unrivaled for diseases of the stomach, liver and kidneys, they build up and give life to the whole system. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Rust & Pittard.

'Phone the news to No. 31.

EASON & HILL. STORE BUILDING THE MERKEL BARBERS.

Razors sharp, Towels clean.

Bath room in connection. Your patronage solicited.

J. M. PATE, BARBER. NORTH FRONT STREET.

First class work and prompt and polite attention to all.

J. J. MILLER, **Justice Peace and Notary Public** Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds, take acknowledgements, pay taxes on land, fur-nish abstracts of title and transadt all other business entrusted to him.

I. O. O. F. LODGE

No. 355 meets every Fliday Visiting brethren cornight. dially invited to attend.

N. HARRISON, N. G. CHAS. CRAVEN, Sec.

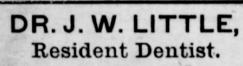
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Office over Harris' Drugstore, Abilene, Texas

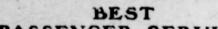
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EXAMINATIONS FREE-OFFICE IN FERRIER BUILDING.



Husband Dead, Asks Divorce. 'After mourning her husband as dead for twenty-seven years, Mrs. Nancy J. Heritage has filed suit in the Wayne county, Ill., circuit court, asking a divorce from John Heritage on the ground of desertion, in Jersey City to Chicago. The dupes order that she may be reinstated on the rolls of the pension department as the widow of Silas Williamson. Previous to the war Mrs. Heritage was wedded to Williamson and after their marriage he entered the army and was killed while fighting for his country at Shiloh. The widow drew a pension for a while and then married a man by the name of Clevenger, who died, leaving one son. In the course of time the widow married John Heritage, and they were apparently a happy couple, living on a farm near Mount Erie. One day, twentyseven years ago, Mr Heritage, who was working for a neighbor, disappeared. Mrs. Heritage mourned her husband as dead, and by economy and hard work has made a living. She is now growing old, and, being the widow of Soldier Williamson, has applied to be reinstated on the pension rolls. The pension department is particular about such matters, and inquired for evidence of Mr. Heritage's death. While the widow felt sure of her husband's death, no proof could be made, and the only thing to do was to obtain a divorce on the ground of deser-

The Richest Judge.

tion.

The wealthiest clergyman in the United States was the late Dean Hoffman, whose estate is valued at \$25,000,000. The wealthiest judge is Justice P. Henry Dugro, of the New York supreme court. He is variously styled P. Henry, Phillip H. and Phillip Henry Dugro. The value of Justice Dugro's estate is well up among the millions. Inheriting a large fortune from his father, he has by shrewd real estate speculation, increased it twenty

Caught With Green Goods. If reports are true, the cupidity of postmasters is now undergoing the test of a clever device in the old familiar green goods line, originated in New York and worked from New are second, thand and fourth class postmasters, who dare not complain to the authorities, which is a feature of the subtle ingenuity of the plan. It is stated that within six month's more than a thousand postmasters have been swindled out of sums ranging from \$250 to \$1,-000 each. Only postmasters are invited to participate and they are offered counterfeit stamps manufactured from the undestroyed plates of the government-undistinguishable from the genuine. When the rendezvous is reached, all the old-fashioned bunko games of substitution, etc., which have been repeated in greengoods enterprises for a generation are practiced, and the credulous postmaster retires from the scene a heavy loser, with no one to pity him should he dare make known the details of his discomfiture. It is sad commentary on the integrity of public officials that so many have been tempted by this rascally bait.

Oarlyle and "Captains."

When it was first announced that his royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia, would be the guest of honor at a festive breakfast to which would be bidden to meet him a chosen company of "captains of industry," 100 in number, it is probable that very few, if any, of the they ever knew, the origin of that ndw distinguished title, says the Century. It was only after taking their places at table and opening the beautiful little parchment covered books prepared for the occasion, setting forth the names and distinctive achievements of the chosen captains of industry that many readers discovered in a brief sentence quoted from Thomas Carlyle the source of the newly conferred degree. "One class of captains and c anmanders of men, recognied as the beginning of a new, real and not imaginary 'aristocracy,' has already in some measure developed itself; the captains of industry; happily the class who, above all, or at least first of all, are wanted in this time." It was, in fact, seven years earlier, in 1843, that Carlyle had already given the title "Captains of Industry" to a chapter of "Past and Present," with frequent use of the term in other papers. Supports Hospital With Autos. Baron Henri de Rothschild, who is a distinguished physician and a specialist in infantile diseases, not only drives motor cars, but manufactures them. His automobile business is now to be pushed forward on new lines. A scheme has been elaborated under his instructions for turning it to philanthroplc purposes. Next door to his hospital for children he has opened a motor car factory, and all the profits of the latter are to be devoted to the former. He expects to sell than the right," said a Philadelphia about 100 cars a year. In this case tent of \$40,000 per annum.

S. W. SHEPPARD

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We sell almost everything afforded by the market, and sell at reasonable prices. Come to us for your P ceries.....

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

ELLIOTT & MILLER

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Wind Mills, Pumps and Water Supply Goods ...

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear:

Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; a full asso

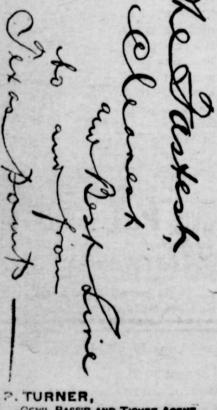
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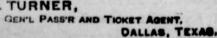
cylinders and working barrels from 2 to 4 in. We buy in ca

and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.



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MORE LIVES ARE SAVED BY USING. Dr. King's New Discover **Consumption, Coughs and Colds** Than By All Other Throat And Lung Remedies Combined. This wonderful medicine positively

cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, LaGrippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. NO CURE. NO PAY. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial Bottle Free.

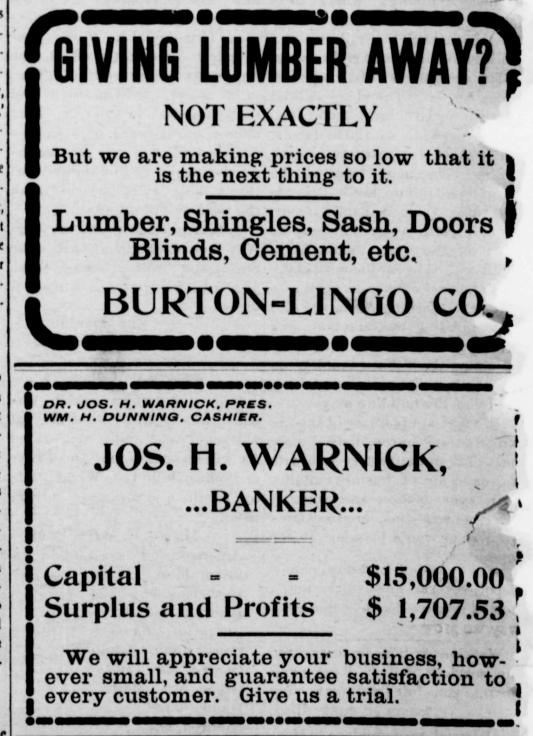
Try reading The Mail.

generation of judges, not yet having attained his forty-seventh year, and has been on the bench ever since 1886. Justice Dugro has a quaint fad. He is one of the most expert carvers in the world, and his interest in the Hotel Savoy is so intense that he spends a good deal of his time in the kitchen, seeing that the food and service are satisfactory. The close personal supervision has made the Savoy bill of fare famous the world over. When there is a crush in the dining room, he throws off his coat, his judicial ermine, so to speak, and buckles to with the carvers until the hurrah is over. Few of the hundreds of thousands who have dined at the Savoy realied at the time that the perfect cut of roast beef set before them was carved by the hands of one of the distinguished justices of the supreme court of New York. Think of having a carver with a salary of \$17,500 a year, and a property of millions!

The Cobbler's Explanation. "The avarage person, man or woman wears the left shoe out sooner cobbler. "Many people wonder at the hospital will benefit to the exthis and can't understand why it should be. Long experience has taught me that it is a peculiarity of most people to come down harder on the left foot, throwing the right foot a llittle forward. This is borne out by the fact that everyone takes a longer step with the right foot than with the left. People who get lost in an open country, such as our Western prairies, always travel in a circle if they have no compass to guide them. That is because one foot takes a longer step than the other, and that is also why the left shoe wears out soonest."

Oil for Street Sprinkling.

The experiment of sprinkling the street in front of the Orange, N. J., Memorial hospital with oil has proved successful. The comfort of the patients has been largely increased and the dust has been laid as never before when the street was sprinkled with water. The experimental tests have been carried out through the efforts of several young men who secured the contribution of the oil from a manufacturing concern.



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 Liniment, 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.

The Second Actor Knight.

Charles Wyndham, the manage and comedian, has been made Knight. Henry Irving was th only great actor raised to knigh hood in England before now. Squire Bancroft was raised knighthood for other than dramati reasons.

The Mail reaches a c folks that read advert