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Judgement in Buying and Honesty in Selling makes this store the cheapest place at which to do your trading.

## Take Care of Your Dimes!

Let us save you enough on your fall purchases of Dry Goods to buy a large part of your other actual necessities.

THE DOLLARS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

You can not only save dimes, but dollars by trading with us this fall; we know that our prices are very low, and try where you will you can't beat them. We are not given to boastful statements, but there is one thing we can strongly emphasize--"OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT." A close inspection of our new stock will convince you of this fact. Come in and look around; we are anxious to "show you" whether you buy or not.

We are showing a pretty line of woolen Dress Goods in Venetians, Zibilien, Dress Flannels and Broadcloths, with Appliques, Laces, and Braids to match. Big line of Calicoes, Percales, Gingham, Madras and Outings--all new goods and new patterns.

**STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER**



For Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls

### LOOK AT THESE:

- Special value in yard wide percale at ..... 7 1/2c
- Heavy yard wide LL Domestic ..... 4 1/2c
- Good quality soft finish Bleach Domestic ..... 4 1/2c
- Best quality Feather Ticking ..... 12 1/2c
- Mattress Ticking ..... 4 1/2c
- Extra heavy good width Cotton Flannel ..... 8 1/2c
- Fair quality Cotton Flannel ..... 4 1/2c
- 25 inch round thread Cotton Checks ..... 3 1/2c
- 6 spools Clark's O. N. T. Thread ..... 25c

These are only a few of the many bargains we have in store for our customers.

We cordially invite the trading public to visit our store. You will always be welcome. We are in the market all the time for your cotton at top figures.

Very respectfully,

**THE STAR STORE,**  
LEADERS OF LOW PRICES.

### Below is a Few Articles a Nickel Will Buy:

- 10 balls Thread ..... 5c
- 5 papers Pins ..... 5c
- 2 bottles Ink ..... 5c
- 4 rubber tip Lead Pencils ..... 5c
- 4 cedar Slate Pencils ..... 5c
- Cork handle Penholder ..... 5c
- Keep fingers clean by using a "Morning glory" on your penholder; only ..... 5c
- Extra large Tablet ..... 5c
- 25 good Envelopes ..... 5c
- 12 inch School Rule ..... 5c
- 5 spools Embroidery Silk ..... 5c
- Box Bachelor Buttons ..... 5c
- Horn or rubber Fine Comb ..... 5c

Latest Styles in...  
**LADIES'**  
**MISS ES'**  
**CHILDREN'**  
**JACKETS.....**



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Merkel is still the recognized commercial center and cotton market par excellence of this section. If you are not trading with us you are getting the worst of the bargain.

Any man who hasn't enough patriotism to pay his poll tax would be denied the right of voting.

The main thing to do in life's struggle is summed up in the two words, Do Right.

The Mail is a clean, newsy paper, and one which can be profitably read by every member of the family. It gives all the news all the time, without fear or favor. Take it.

The miners should be given living wages.

Spindle Top seems to have direct communication with the infernal regions.

Election day is just twelve days off. There is very little anxiety felt over the result.

When miners or operators threaten the public welfare of the country, it should be the duty of the nation to step in and settle the differences, either by arbitration or otherwise.

Government by injunction is good in its place, but is always out of place, more's the pity. It is a safe retreat for designing persons of every calling and occupation, and there should be a law abolishing it. There should be no obstacle to the enforcement of the law.

The Republican party is largely to blame for the coal strike and should suffer in proportion to the suffering which its policy of protection forced upon others.

### Prohibition That Prohibits.

Those parties who have been telling the people of Texas that prohibition don't prohibit, ought to go down and consult the Fort Worth brewery. The brewery says that since June, in the thirty-nine counties that have gone prohibition in its trade territory its business has decreased 80 carloads per month of what it was formerly. Prohibition may not prohibit, but from this statement of the brewery it most certainly decreases the amount of drinking.—Bonham News.

The following, clipped from a Missouri exchange, will bear repeating: A good many men chew tobacco and smoke, too. Wouldn't it seem funny for your wife to smoke and chew, drink beer and eat limberger cheese and onions? Would you like to call such a woman your darling? She would be about as sweet as a last year's skunk. And yet you do the same thing and expect your wife to caress you. You are about as fit a subject for caresses as a full grown baboon.

The editor of the Merkel Mail must have been indulging in Peruna, judging from the way in which he strikes out at every other editor who dares to differ with him. The best cure for this

habit is a large dose of common sense. The advice is tendered without charge.—Abilene (Hico) Sentinel.

That's right, accuse others of doing what you are guilty of. The editor of the Sentinel would use something stronger than Peruna but for the fact that he can not run his face any longer. But a man of the Sentinel editor's stripe is not capable of giving advice on any moral question; hence, we must be excused if we tell him to—take another swig at the Peruna bottle with our compliments.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson of Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, this week.

W. W. Cypert returned to Hico Friday. He will move here about the first of the year.

Geo. H. Arthurs, who is in jail at Abilene for killing a section foreman near Midland, has been refused bail. He will not employ counsel, but is acting as his own attorney.

Work is progressing nicely on the new school building. The brick work on the Warren building was completed some time ago and the carpenters are now in charge.

Horace Wilson of Taylor county has bought the J. A. Jackson section of land three miles east of town and will move to this county. We are glad to have these good people locate with us.—Snyder Coming West.

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements.

## ALL THE PROFITS KNOCKED DOWN.

We have a well selected stock of JEWELRY and we must close it out. To that end all the profits have been knocked off. It is good stuff, new, and stylish.

We are receiving our Christmas Goods. Don't buy until our stock is all on display.

## BURROUGHS & MANN,

THE DRUGGISTS :-: NEXT DOOR TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK

# The Merkel Mail.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Office ..... 31  
Residence ..... 37

If you know of any news item, we will consider it a special favor if you will report same to this office, either by person, letter or over the phone to either of the above numbers.

## 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.

### Do You Want to Yawn?

Feel cold shiverings, aching in the bones, lack of energy, headache, and great depression? These symptoms may be followed by violent headache, high fever, extreme nervousness, a condition known as malaria. Herbine cures it. Take it before the disease gets a fair hold, though it will work a cure in any stage. J. A. Hopkins, of Manchester, Kan., writes: "I have used your great medicine, Herbine, several years. There is nothing better for malaria, chills and fever, headache, biliousness, and for a blood-purifying tonic, there is nothing as good." 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

### Farmers' Business

**WE GIVE particular attention to the business of farmers. We cordially invite them to make this their BANKING HOME.**

### Warnick's Bank, Merkel, Texas.

#### To Whom It May Concern.

Parties who owe interest on notes given for Grimes County School Lands please remit. The interest is now past due and I am compelled to report all delinquents to Commissioners' Court Nov. 1, 1902.

Haynes Shannon,  
3d County Atty. Grimes Co.

Deputy Sheriff Lon Cunningham was in the city Tuesday.

That fine folding bed that Watson & Bacon are going to give away to one of their customers is a beauty. Call for your ticket with every \$1 purchase.

# ...Buggies at a Bargain...

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

# GEO. F. WEST.

## Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

"—where the feathery palm trees rise and dates grow ripe under sunny skies."

As we leave Cuernavaca we notice that the conductor and brakeman change their uniform caps for light Panama hats and leave off their coats. When asked if they expected warm weather, they simply answered, "you bet;" and so we found it pretty soon. The road winds around the hill that the city is built on, and we get a very fine view of it. Many of the houses are almost hidden by trees, the churches and public buildings showing above the wealth of tropical verdure. A number of stately palms scattered through the city give it an Oriental appearance, and it resembles very much the pictures of the city of Damascus.

Our way is through a wide valley bounded by very high mountains. We get an occasional glimpse of "Old Popo," and although it must be a hundred miles away, it shows almost as plainly as when we were closer.

In addition to the three passenger coaches we have about a dozen freight cars, as it is a mixed train south of Cuernavaca. The third class coach is packed with Indians and peons who have been up to the city getting supplies, as this is Saturday. In our coach there are but few passengers—a civil engineer with two mining men going down to locate some mining claims, a German from Kansas City, with a young American who had lived many years in Mexico and Guatemala. They had a fine hunting outfit and were going to the mountains south of Iguala to hunt "tigers." The Mexican tiger is not a tiger at all, but a leopard, as he has spots, while the tigers are striped. But the "tigre," as the Mexicans call him, is quite a formidable beast, grows to a large size, and is always "spoiling for a fight." The skin is very beautiful and much sought after by hunters.

There is plenty of water, as we cross many small streams that come down from the mountains, while through the center of the valley runs quite a large stream.

Coffee will grow here, and there are some small patches around the houses, but corn and sugar cane seem to be the principal products. Around the city and along the mountain sides are small patches fenced in with rock walls. These are the holdings of Indians and have been handed down for generations. Some of them are not over an acre, while others have several acres. A house of reeds or thatch in one corner almost hidden by fruit trees and banana plants; others planted in corn or vegetables. Further down the valley are some large sugar plantations, with little narrow gauge railroads to take the cane from the fields to the mill.

Corn looks well here and is in about the roasting ear stage. We pass some small fields of rice partly under water; also some fields planted in ground cherries, like what grows wild up north, where they sometimes go by the name of "husk tomato." The Mexicans use them in soups or for making preserves, and they are found in every market.

There is plenty of water for irrigating everywhere. In one place the train ran along the top of a hill for quite a distance, and almost parallel with the road was a canal of water about six feet wide and quite deep. Where it came from I could not see, as the hill seemed to slope off on all sides. Perhaps the source was a spring.

Near Puente de Ixtla we were surprised to see another railroad, coming through a gap in the mountains from the east, and as we came up to the station a train on the other road also came in. This is a branch of the "Inter-Oceanic" and here is its present terminus. It is a narrow gauge.

Puente de Ixtla (Bridge of Ixtla) is named for a long iron bridge that spans a branch of

the Rio Balsas just south of town. For several years it was the terminus of this road and was quite a place. There is yet considerable traffic being done with the Inter-Oceanic and it is also a distributing point for towns and camps among the mountains. Our train is being delayed unloading freight at the different stations. It is very warm. All the windows are up and the main thing now is to keep cool. We are not sorry when the sun sets behind the mountains.

The bridge is a handsome iron structure. The water in the river is quite low and patches of corn are planted in the lowlands along the banks. One contrivance that beats anything I have yet seen for raising water is here. It is an immense wheel 12 or 15 feet in diameter made out of polls and has little buckets attached to the rim, which dip up the water and empties it into a long trough that carries it to the garden on the bank. The motive power is an Indian perched on a bench near the top and keeps the wheel moving with his feet.

After crossing the river we are in the State of Guerrero. It soon becomes dark and shuts off our view, but from the motion of the train we know we are still going down grade. The conductor tells us that Iguala Canon is a grand sight, but we can not see it and only know when we are in it by the noise of the train confined between the narrow walls as we pass through. It is 8 p. m. when we reach Iguala station, the end of this division, and find that like most Mexican towns, it is about a mile from the station. A hack takes us to town over the roughest kind of a road, through streets paved with cobble stones and lighted by gasoline lamps. The night is lovely and the stars shine brightly. Our old friend Polaris is quite low in the north, but we have a new one in the southern cross that just shows above the southern horizon. We quarter in a fine new hotel with a beautiful patio and fountains in the center. Our room is on the ground floor. It has no windows, but a large open space left above the door furnishes the only ven-

tilation. Not knowing what kind of people we were among, we kept the door closed and spent the night trying to keep cool and fighting mosquitos. Early next morning I went into the patio and found that all the other boarders had their doors open, and some were sleeping on cots outside. They had little fear of robbery, as the people here are noted for honesty.

Iguala is 147 miles south of the City of Mexico, and the elevation is 2,411 feet.

J. L. VAUGHAN.

Cotton is rolling in at a brisk gait, the price still ranging around the 8c mark.

The town, as usual, has been overflowing with prospectors week.

Manager Allen is putting a new telephone line to Roads.

### Williamsons Restau

Is the Place to go for....

### HOT LUNCHE

Meals served at all hours  
Everything neat & clean

## SHYLOC

Shylock was the man wanted a pound of human flesh. There are Shylocks now, the consumptive sickly child, the pale young woman, all want human flesh and they can get it—tal Scott's Emulsion.

Scott's Emulsion is flesh and blood, bone and muscle. It feeds the nerves, strengthens the digestive organs and thus feeds the whole body.

For nearly thirty years Scott's Emulsion has been the great giver of human flesh.

We will send you a couple of ounces free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,  
409-415 Pearl Street, New York.  
50c and \$1.00; all druggists.

# WE ARE FISHING

FOR YOUR TRADE WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF BAIT—

## PRICE AND QUALITY...

Our line of Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Collars, Whips, Laprobes, in fact, everything in Leather Goods, is complete, and the prices are very low. Give us a trial order.

Mr. G. W. Persfield, one of the best workmen in the State, is in charge of our repair department, and we guarantee every job turned out to be the very best.

### GREAT REDUCTION ON SADDLES:

\$30 Saddles now going at only ..... \$20  
\$25 Saddles now going at only ..... \$18

We can Save You Money on anything in our line. The goods must be sold.

**A. C. BENNETT,**  
THE SADDLE & HARNESS MAN.

## PRESCRIPTION 3363.

Cures Headache, Neuralgia and Colds...

Your druggist authorized to refund money if it does not benefit.

ABILENE... **BASS BROS. DRUG CO..**

## Division of the Profits

The people of the Merkel Country stayed with me during sons of prosperity, and now that the country is not in the t of shape, I am going to divide the profits with my customers. My stock is new and complete. It embraces rything in the saddle and harness line, and the best that ey can buy. Drop in and see me when in Merkel. I e employed an experienced workman and can turn out telass work on short notice. General repair work done.

**Z. F. GREEN...**

## NEW MILLINERY GOODS!

LEAVE for the market this week to buy my Fall and Winter Millinery Goods. It is my intention to buy a large stock, and of course the reputation of the establishment will be maintained by the purchase of only new, seasonable, fashionable goods. I ask that the ladies await the arrival of my stock, promising them that it will be best, cheapest and most up-to-date line ever carried in Merkel.

Watch for it!  
W a i t for it! Mrs. F. B. Hoople...

## ELLIOTT & MILLER

DEALERS IN

### Wind Mills, Pumps and Water Supply Goods...

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear; Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; a full assortment of pumps, piping from 1/4 to 2 in., plain and galvanized; brass cylinders and working barrels from 2 to 4 in. We buy in car lots and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.

## JIM YOUNGER DEAD.

Celebrated Outlaw, at Liberty on Parole, Commits Suicide With a Pistol.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 19.—James Younger, formerly a member of the James band of outlaws which infested the Western country a quarter of a century ago, committed suicide today by shooting. On a bureau in the room was found a long manila envelope, on one side of which was written:

"To all that is good and true I love and bid farewell. Jim Younger."

On the other side of the envelope were these words:

"Oh, lassie, good-by.  
"All relatives just stay away from me. No crocodile tears wanted.

"Reporters, be my friends. Burn me up.

"Jim Younger."

On another sheet of paper Younger had written this message, evidently his last words before committing suicide:

"Oct. 18—Last night on earth. So goodbye, lassie, for I still think of thee. A. U. G. Forgive me, for this is my only chance. I have done nothing wrong. But politics is all that Van Zandt, Wolfe and others of their stripe care for. Let the people judge. Treat me right and fair, reporters, for I am a square man, a Socialist, and decidedly in favor of woman's rights. Bryan is the smartest man these United States has ever produced. His one mistake was in not coming out for all the people and absolute Socialism. Come out, Bryan. There is no such thing as a personal God. God is universal, and I know him well, and am not afraid. I have pity for the Pardoning Board. They don't stop to consider their wives or to think of the man that knows how to love and appreciate a friend in truth. Good-by, sweet lassie."

The envelope contained a package of letters that had passed between Younger and a lady with whom he is said to have been much in love. The lady, who is prominently connected, is said to have reciprocated his affection, and it was reported at one time that they were to be married. The lady's relatives raised strenuous objections to the wedding, and a further obstacle was the fact that a paroled prisoner could not legally contract a marriage. The couple determined to disregard the objections of relatives, and an effort was made to overcome the obstacles to their marriage by securing from the State Board of Pardons a full pardon and restoration to citizenship. This effort failed, and this, it is thought, had much to do with Younger's intention to end his life. The lady is said to be now in Boise, Idaho, for her health.

The news was conveyed this evening to Coleman Younger, the elder brother, who wept. He said James had brooded over his failure to secure the privilege of getting married, although he did not expect his brother would take his own life.

Coleman said personally he had been very anxious to secure a full pardon so that he could go back to his old home in Missouri. He said:

"Our home is in Missouri, where seven of our brothers and sisters, two of them more than seventy years old, are living. Aside from the fact that they have needed us to help them get a livelihood, all our friends live



## WHEN YOU WANT

A Wagon that will not "fall down" when you need it the most, get an "OLD RELIABLE MITCHELL." It is the Strongest, Most Durable, Best Finished, Best Proportioned and Lightest Running Wagon on the Market.

ONE QUALITY ONLY—THAT THE BEST.

**ED S. HUGHES & CO.,**  
ABILENE, TEXAS

## S. W. SHEPPARD

Groceries  
Vegetables  
Fruits  
Country  
Produce  
and Fresh  
Meats, etc.

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

## Groceries, Furnishings, Notions

WE have moved into the building next door to War-nick's Bank. Our stock embraces Groceries, Furnishing Goods and Notions, and we flatter ourselves that you will not find a better, nicer or neater stock in the town. We are making very low prices, quality of goods considered. A trial order is all we ask and we are sure you will always be our customer.

Remember, our stock is fresh and new; we have no shop-worn stuff to work off.

**HILL & MARTIN.**

## REMOVAL NOTICE.

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

**ROLLINS & YOUNG.**

there, and I want to spend the remainder of my life quietly among them and do what I can to atone for the past."

### Judge Reagan on the Poll Tax.

"As I understand it the citizen pays a poll tax as the price of the protection of his person and personal rights by the Government and he pays a property tax as the price of protection of his property by the Government. A failure to comply with the law by the payment of such a tax is a breach of his duty, and bad faith to the Government on which he relies for protection and is a dishonorable neglect of public duty."

### 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.

Advertising is the secret of success in every business.

# We Are Here AND HAVE COME TO STAY!

We have purchased the Dry Goods Business of Austin Fitts, and will add new goods to every department. Beginning Saturday, October 18, we will offer the public some Rare Bargains, which the prices below will prove beyond a doubt. They constitute only a few of the many good things we expect to offer throughout this fall. Prices will be continued 30 days. We have goods in all lines in transit, which will begin to arrive shortly.

READ OUR PREMIUM OFFER IN THIS AD.

## Dress Goods Department.

It is going to be one of marvelous beauty. We have a fine assortment embracing many novelties in new weaves and shades, ranging in price from 10c to \$1.25 per yard.

## Men's and Boys' Clothing.

The best line of men's suits ever offered at the prices in this country:

Men's black wool suits..... \$3.50  
 " grey " " ..... 3.85  
 " fine suits 10, 12.50, 15, 16.50, 18,  
 the kind city  
 stores ask you  
 one - f o u r t h  
 more for.

In boys' and  
 childrens cloth-  
 ing we have a  
 fine selection.  
 Youths' cloth-  
 from 3.00 to 10.  
 Children's will  
 range in price  
 from 50c to 5.00. Good suits at 1.00.  
 All wool suits 1.40. Bring in your  
 boys and let us show you how cheap  
 we can fit them up for the winter.



## Men's Extra Pants.

You can call for pants, breeches, or trousers—we have them, and they are worth more than we are going to ask for them. Prices range from 1.50 to 7.00, and we've stacks of them.

## Hosiery Department.

Don't forget this. We have some excellent values in mens, ladies, and childrens hose, all bran new, bought direct from the mills.

New Underwear for men, women, misses and children; union suits or two-piece suits for boys.



ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

In conclusion, just to show that we expect to be liberal with you, for every DOLLAR spent with us we will give a ticket, which entitles you to a chance at a beautiful Upright Bed worth \$40 that we are going to give away Absolutely Free. Dont fail to call for a ticket for every dollar's worth of goods bought.

## Hats and Caps

for men and boys, the best to be found at the prices—caps 25c to 1.50.

We handle the Lion Hat and we think there is no better anything near what we ask for it, 3.00.

The Liberty Bell is the best 1.50 hat on earth. Your money back if not satisfied with it.

## Boots and Shoes

for you all. We have quite a large stock of shoes on hand, but are going to double our shoe space. We are making ready for another big shipment which is due in a few days. We are handling some of the best shoes made, such as the W. L. Douglass, Brown Shoe Co., Laprelle Shoe Co. We are going to close out a lot of ladies' dongola, heel or spring, patent or stock tips, lace or button, sizes 3 to 6½, at 85c.

## Staple Department.

A good bleaching.....4¼c  
 4-4 LL brown domestic.....4c  
 4-4 Sea Island " .....4¼c  
 Outing 4½, 7, 8½, 10 and.....12¼c  
 Cotton cheks, good heavy, 34 yds 1.00  
 The better grade.....4 and 5c  
 Good shirting.....7¼c  
 The best " .....10c  
 8 oz duck.....7¼c  
 10 oz duck.....9¼c  
 The best Canton flannel to be found at the prices.

## La. Ready-Made Garments.

Skirts, Shirt Waists, Petticoats, ladies' and misses' Jackets at prices you would guess more, but they are marked in plain figures.

We have many bargains throughout this stock of goods that space prevents our mentioning.

Now we are here for business and expect to sell goods as cheap as they can be bought anywhere. We want to meet you, price our goods to you, and show you our way of doing business. It is one price to all and that the lowest. Mr. and Mrs. Fitts will remain with us and will treat you as they have always done. So make our store your regular stopping place when in MERKEL.

Successor to  
 Austin Fitts

# WATSON & BACON.

### His Life in Peril.

"I just seemed to have gone to piecee," writes Alfred Bee, Welfare, Texas, "biliousness and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard's

Lots of new goods to show you. If you want Watches, Rings, Charms, all kinds of Buttons, Silverware, etc., see Ustick.

Note the change in the advertisement of Burroughs & Mann.

Those beautiful \$1.50 waist patterns can be bought at removal sale for \$1.35.

J. T. Warren.

### Eclipse of the Moon.

An eclipse of the moon occurred Friday night, which entered the shadow of the earth about 10:30 and within an hour was totally obscured. The obscuration was not so dense that the moon could not be discerned, but it lasted over two hours.

The sun will be partly hidden the last day of this month, shadow will not be visible here.

have the nobbiest suits in at 10 per cent discount during removal sale.

J. T. Warren.

### Two Deaths Saturday.

Two burials took place at the Merkel cemetery Saturday evening, both being infants.

The first was the week's old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Patterson, who lives south of town. When first discovered the little was in death's clutches. It was the first intimation the parents had that the little one ill.

The second was the six month's old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Hargrove, which died of congestion of the brain.

The Mail joins the friends of both families in sincere sympathy over their great loss.

Buy school shoes for your children while you can get them for 10 per cent less than real value.

J. T. Warren.

### A Great Success.

The West Texas Fair, which closed Saturday, was bigger and better this year than ever before. Especially is this true of the exhibits of farm products and livestock.

In the livestock department there were more than 150 cattle, over one-half of which were bred. There were 100 pigs and over 100 mules. The poultry was also creditable. The exhibits of farm products were of anything of the kind before seen in this country, and this, too, in the face of a drouthy year and short crops. Callahan county walked off with first prize and Jones second. Other attractions were on a par with former efforts.

The attendance doubled that of any previous year. Fully 12,000 were on the grounds Friday, and the day was a lively one indeed.

The management deserves great praise for the success of the fair this year, which will enable them to place the association on a firm footing, and is a guarantee that ample provisions will be made for future entertainments.

### America's Famous Beauties

Look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores, pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains. Infallible for piles. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

If you need a hat see those at Hamilton's. They can't be turned down. He sells the celebrated Rothschild Bros. brand. The largest hat dealers in America.

### Out of Death's Jaws.

"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble that I had suffered with for years," writes P. Muse, Durham, N. C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Notice is hereby given that I have posted my pasture on Mulberry against hunting and fishing. All parties please bear this in mind.

W. C. Calvert.

LOST—Between Merkel and Abilene, one child's cushion buggy seat. Return to T. J. Coggin at Merkel. 2t

### Increased its Capital.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First National Bank, Monday, it was decided to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$30,000 to \$50,000, to become effective as soon as the usual formalities incident upon the change can be gone through with.

Cashier Berry, in speaking of the change to a Mail reporter, said that the affairs of the bank had become so great and its patronage so extensive that the board thought it advisable to increase the capital stock in order that the demands of the surrounding country can be fully met. This gives Merkel one of the largest banking institutions in this country, and one which is reliable in every respect. Its growth during the past two years has been truly marvelous, and this step is but in keeping with the progress of the bank in other respects, as well as the rapid growth of the town. The bank and the town are to be congratulated all around.

J. M. Bryson was here from Dora Monday.

Mrs. Leeman of this place, Mrs. Clinton of Abilene and Mrs. Ward of Big Springs returned Saturday from Waco, where they attended the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. West Texas was well and ably represented, many of our ladies being honored with important offices. Mrs. Leeman was elected Grand Martha. The ladies, some three hundred in number, were royally entertained by Waco citizens—in fact, they were treated so nicely that they voted to hold their next meeting there.

Among the attractions provided for their amusement and entertainment was Paine's fire works, portraying the destruction Pompeii, which was very much appreciated.

For Delineators, Designers, and all kinds of magazines see Burroughs & Mann, the druggists.

During our removal sale you can buy Hamilton-Brown \$2.50 shoes for \$2.25 and our \$3.00 Thoroughbred hats for \$2.70.

J. T. Warren.

# A Great Removal Sale!

In Order to Reduce Stock before moving into our new Building we offer...

**10 PER CENT DISCOUNT**  
on ALL DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING and FURNISHING GOODS.

This sale will be on for 20 or 30 days and it will give everybody a chance to buy their winter bills of new and seasonable merchandise at 10 per cent less than actual value. No shoddy, shelf-worn goods, but everything new and bright. To get the benefit of this sale

**Cash Must Accompany the Order!**

Positively no goods charged at these prices. The goods are here for everybody. Come and get your choice.

This sale begins Friday, Oct. 24, 1902.

## J. T. WARREN.

MERKEL, TEXAS....

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.

10, 15 and 20 cent silver heart bangles only 5 cents at Ustick's.

Wood and feed taken in exchange for photos at Barnhill's.

The largest stock of shoes ever shown in Merkel at Hamilton's.

Photos—All kinds, from stamps up, at Barnhill's Gallery.

### Notice.

On and after the 15th of this month we will sell meat at the following prices:

Hind quarter steak 10c,  
Fore quarter steak 8c,  
Barbecue 12 1/2c.

It takes cash to buy fat cattle, and that is the kind we intend to keep.

When we sell meat at the above prices we expect cash on the first and must have it.

W. C. Watkins & Son.  
A. C. Bennett has the only knee pad manufactory in Merkel. Price only 40c.

One Merkel firm sold a \$75 bill of dry goods to a Runnells county farmer Monday, who lives just beyond Hylton. Merkel merchants are reaching out after trade, and they are getting it, too.

The application for an injunction in the Smith county prohibition contest was denied, and the law will go into effect Oct. 31.

McDonald \$1.00 overalls for 90c till we get moved.

J. T. Warren.

## MONEY SAVED

By Buying Your.....

### FURNITURE

Rockers  
Bedsteads  
Chiffoniers  
Fold. Beds  
Writ.Desks  
Iron Beds  
Dressers  
Tables  
Chairs  
etc.

Full and Complete Line of....

**Undertakers' Goods,  
Funeral Robes,  
Gloves and Shoes.**

We are showing a nice assortment of Carpets and Rugs—all grades, and the prices are in reach of every purse, large or small.

We are not subject to spasmodic spells of selling goods cheap for a day, but our motto is: **Best Goods at Lowest Living Prices, 365 Days in the Year.** Come and be convinced.

Yours truly,

**W.P. Browning  
and Company.**

Try reading The Mail.

### Goes Like Hot Cakes.

"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C. T. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from throat and lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it, and Rust & Pittard guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes, 50c and \$1.

### Cut Half in Two.

During the next few days, in order to reduce stock, I will sell all Bracelets at exactly HALF Price. Every one a rare bargain.

Ustick.

A swell line of neckwear at J. O. Hamilton's. 4t

We have suits for boys ranging in price from 75c to \$6.00 each. They are beauties. Also full line of youths clothing, boys knee pants, etc.

J. O. Hamilton.

W. P. Browning & Co. will give you a bargain in Sideboards and Folding Beds.

Remember to bring the cash to get advantage of the 10 per cent discount offered at Warren's. This is done to reduce stock prior to moving into his new building.

Mr. Holly of Nolan county sold cotton on the market here Monday and loaded out with supplies. He is one of the best citizens of the Dora community, and a substantial farmer.

### JUST WHAT YOU NEED.

#### Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets,

When you feel dull after eating.

When you have no appetite.

When you have a bad taste in your mouth.

When your liver is torpid.

When your bowels are constipated.

When you have a headache.

When you feel bilious.

They will improve your appetite, cleanse and invigorate, and regulate your bowels. Price 25c per box. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

#### Difficulties of English.

A versifier in the Bangalore Magazine thus depicts the difficulties of a foreigner in learning the English language:

When the English tongue we speak,

Why is break not rimed with freak?

Will you tell me why it's true

We say sew but likewise few,

And the maner of a verse

Cannot cap his horse with worse?

Beard sounds not the same as heard;

Cord is different from word;

Cow is cow, but low is low;

Shoe is never rimed with foe.

Think of hose and dose and lose,

And of goose and yet of choose.

Think of comb and tomb and bomb,

Doll and roll and home and some.

And since pay is rimed with say,

Why not paid with said, I pray?

We have blood and food and good.

Mould is not pronounced like could,

Wherefore done and gone and lone?

Is there any reason known?

And, in short, it seems to me

Sound and letters disagree.

#### Swapping Lids

Is practiced, but don't swap off Hunt's Lightning Oil for a worthless article. Ask your druggist or merchant for a free sample bottle.

#### Equal Rights.

A distinguished plaintiff on the Pacific coast recently asked for a divorce from his wife on the ground that she stayed out late nights, sometimes all night, without giving any explanation of her whereabouts. The judge listened patiently to the arguments of the plaintiff's attorney, and then calmly remarked: "A wife has just as much right to stay away from home-nights as a husband has; if it is wrong for a wife to stay out from her home at night, it is just as wrong for a husband to do the same, and if it is a reason divorce in one case, it is in the other." The suit of the plaintiff was denied, and the decision must have struck terror to the hearts of the men who believe in one law, or no law for themselves, but hold women rigidly to account for the slightest deviation from the path of virtue. Around the family hearthstone should be the happiest spot on God's green footstool for both husband and wife.

For Sale—Cash or easy payments, bicycle, good as new, with New Century Coaster Brake and gas lamp. Cheap. See Will Leeman.

J. C. Watkins has bought the second hand store and tinshop of J. B. Bell and moved his family back to town this week. Mr. Watkins has been in business here the past four years and by courteous and liberal treatment made many friends. He will treat you right in the future.

### 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 Oct. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

#### MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

Adkisson, G. B.

Adkisson, Gid

Barrett, Oris Glenn

Besales, A. W.

Cordill, W. T.

Ennis, M.

Kuyrkendall, R. W.

Jaco, Lige

Lucas, John

Moback, Charley

Mayo, Mrs. May

Nowell, L. S.

Paris Julian

Rollings, Ben

Rutherford, W. F.

Strange, Mrs. A. G.

#### Heaven Help Us

In our troubles, but use Hunt's cure for itch, tetter, ringworm, itching piles and eczema. Guaranteed.

News was received here yesterday of the death, at Bisbee, Ariz., of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herring, who recently moved there from Abilene. The little one had been sick only a few days, and its death was a sad blow to the fond parents.

Rev. R. S. Heizer will preach at White Church Sunday morning and at Rock Crossing in the evening; at both places he will administer the ordinance of baptism. On the following Sunday he occupy the pulpit here the last time before conference, winding up his year's work at Tebo.

#### Beautiful Complexions

Are spoiled by using any kind of preparation that fills the pores of the skin. The best way to secure a clear complexion, free from sallowness, pimples, blotches, etc., is to keep the liver in good order. An occasional dose of Herbine will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver, and so establish a clear, healthy complexion. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

#### NOTICE.

Having been asked by many to put in platform scales for the benefit of the public, I have made arrangements to do all such weighing as desired at the East gin, where receipts will be furnished.

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Yours truly,

T. F. Compton,

per Sam Hunt.

#### Ran a Ten Penny Nail Through His Hand.

While opening a box, J. C. Mount, of Three Mile Bay, N. Y., ran a ten penny nail through the fleshy part of his hand. "I thought at once of all the pain and soreness this would cause me," he says, "and immediately applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and occasionally afterwards. To my surprise it removed all pain and soreness and the injured parts were soon healed." For sale, by Rust & Pittard.

Mr. Lee D. Williams and Miss Callie Horton were married while sitting in a buggy in front of the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Heizer officiating, yesterday evening. They took the train last night for the east on a bride tour. The young people live north of town, are very popular, and The Mail joins in congratulations.

KODAKS—If you want to be 'in the push' get one. Any style or price—\$1 up. I represent the best houses.

Will Leeman.

# Watch this Space

# For Bargains!

Yours for Fall Trade,

# J. P. Sharp & Co.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

J. T. WARREN, PRES.  
G. F. WEST, VICE PRES.  
GEO. S. BERRY, CASHIER.  
T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER.

YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED

CAPITAL, - \$30,000  
SURPLUS, - \$ 6,000

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.

What is home without a newspaper? asked an exchange, on which another replies: "It is a place where old hats are stuffed into broken windows; where the wife looks like a bag of wool with a string around the center; where the husband has a panorama painted on his shirt front, and the neglected children grow up in ignorance and wipe their noses on their jacket sleeves. Ask us something harder."

Sunday evening fire broke out on North First St., at Abilene, and Christian's barber shop, McDaniel's confectionery and Compton's drug store were for a time threatened with destruction. Loss about \$500, partly insured. The efficient work of the fire department prevented a serious fire, which was started by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

#### We Can't Tell A Lie

When we say there is no shaking of bottles, no licking of spoons, no wry faces when Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets are used. 25c. No cure—no pay.

The injunction gotten out by the anti's in Van Zandt county was vacated by Judge Butler and

the law goes into effect next week. Another judge with backbone.

#### A Unique Philanthropist.

John G. Taylor, a wealthy retired banker of West Chester, Pa., is a philanthropist of an unusual type. He is spending his fortune erecting monuments in the Brandywine cemetery as tributes to the men who have figured prominently in our national history. He has already spent \$100,000 in this work and has just given an order in Italy for a monument to Wells and McComas, who killed General Ross, the leader of the British against Washington in the war of 1812.

#### Padlocks as a Necklace.

The cheapest and commonest iron padlocks made in South Staffordshire, England, find a market in India and constitute the only door fastenings of the native tribes. A large trade was formerly done in cheap cast padlocks, japanned in bright red or blue colors, which it was commonly said were bought for ornament rather than for use. The dusky beauties of the Dark continent strung them together and wore them in the form of a necklace.

#### Royal Signatures on a Window.

While King George of Gr was staying at the Park hotel Hiesbaden he noticed a window pane upon which his father, King of Denmark, had cut his with a diamond. King took off his own diamond engraved his name beneath the father's. A few hours a czar saw the window and immediately cut his name. The kaiser, who added his those of the three royal British diplomatist and an American millionaire are now striving to outbid each other in order to get possession of the piece of glass.

#### He Held Wilkes Booth.

Albert Chase, who died at the National Soldiers' home at Tog Me., on Saturday, was one of numerous characters who figured in the John Wilkes Booth tragedy. He was sergeant of the guard at navy yard bridge at Washington the night of the murder of President Lincoln when Booth passed. Chase held Booth for some time, but as Booth gave a good account of himself, he was allowed to go. Chase received a part of the Booth reward, however.

**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.

**He Learned a Great Truth.**

It is said of John Wesley that he once said to Mrs. Wesley: "Why do you tell that child the same thing over and over again?"

"John Wesley, because once telling is not enough." It is for this same reason that you are told again and again that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cures colds and grip; that it counteracts any tendency of these diseases to result in pneumonia, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Try a pair of "Our Family", line Star Brand Box Calf shoes for men, women, boys and girls. For sale only by

The Star Store.

We are prepared to fill your entire fall bill of groceries and provisions, and at prices excelled by no one.

Chenault & Hand.

We make a specialty of handling only the best groceries, fresh from the markets, and they are not old or musty when you get them. Give us a trial.

Chenault & Hand.

**What Theodore Roosevelt Says.**

An article on "The Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, to be published in the November 6th issue of The Youth's Companion, of great public interest. The article was written by Mr. Roosevelt had not even been nominated for the Vice-Presidency.

Nothing was then further from thought than that he would soon exercise the great power which are entrusted to the president of the United States.

In view of the circumstances, it possesses an importance than ordinary, and it is early looked for. The Youth's Companion continued all the subsequent issues of 1902, will be sent free to subscribers from the time of subscription of \$1.75 is received for the 1903 volume. The new subscriber will also receive The Companion Calendar for 1903, lithographed in twelve colors and gold. Full illustrated sample copies of The Companion will be sent to any address free.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,  
Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.

Go to Watson & Bacon's for suits.

Isaac N. Taylor was here from Abilene yesterday.

G. M. Sharp has partly closed a deal for the Telford brick building, now occupied by Watson & Bacon.

# ... THE BEST DRAWING CARD ...

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Implements  
Wagons  
Buggies  
Barbed Wire  
Nails, Stoves  
Tools  
Etc. Etc.

We claim that we handle the best line of Hardware Implements, etc., on the market. We have handled 'em long enough to know this. They are the cheapest because they last the longest. Come and take a look at our mammoth stock.

Hardware  
Queensware  
Glassware  
Tinware  
Graniteware  
Crockeryware  
Etc. Etc.

MERKEL,  
TEXAS.

## W. H. DICKSON.

**Caesar Conquered Britain**

Malaria was conquered by Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box.) Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

W. P. Browning & Co. sell the best Sewing Machine on the market at \$18 and \$20.

**A Tripple Hanging**

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

We have some odd lots in youth's and boy's clothing. We are offering at less than manufactures cost. Ask to see them. The Star Store.

For nice, fresh groceries cheap see

Chenault & Hand,

Nice line of men's pants just received at

The Star Store.

Now's the time to advertise.

New shipment of late style belts just received at the Star Store.



**Miss Ida M. Snyder.**  
Treasurer of the  
Brooklyn East End Art Club.

"If wompn would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctors' prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for.

"In consulting with my druggist he advised McElree's Wine of Cardui and Theford's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."

Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to homes that have been barren for years. All druggists have \$1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

**WINE OF CARDUI**

The past three weeks have been made up of beautiful days and nights and the weather is all that the farmers could hope for. Just what effect it is having on the cotton crop, or what the probable yield of the crop will be is an enigma which only time can solve. Cotton is still fruiting, but is opening very slow.

**"It Goes Right to the Spot"**

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment will give prompt relief. "It goes right to the spot," said an old man who was rubbing it in, to cure rheumatism. C. R. Smith, Propr. Smith House, Tenaha, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for several years, and have found it to be a fine remedy, for all aches and pains, and I recommend it for pains in the throat and chest." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

I have gone into partnership with Dr. J. H. C. King for the practice of medicine and wish to close up my old books. Therefore, all who are indebted to me for professional service will be expected to come forward promptly and make settlement. Don't delay. Thanking all for past patronage and soliciting a continuance of same for the new firm, I am

Very truly

J. A. Leeman, M. D.

**A Texas Convict has \$45,000.**

Captain Luther, one of the State Penitentiary Agents, was asked how former Express Messenger Biehler, who was convicted of stealing a package containing \$60,000 from the express company at San Antonio several years ago, was getting along. He replied that Biehler was out on the farm and seemed to be doing well. He is serving a sentence of five years and according to the good behavior rule he will be released in about sixteen months. Biehler stated to Captain Luther that he still has \$45,000 left out of the \$60,000 that was taken from the express company. Asking how he expected to make use of the money when he was released as the express company would swoop down on it, Biehler replied that he intended to avail himself of the protection afforded through the means of the bankrupt law. He thinks by this means that he can forestall any effort the company may make to recover the money.—Houston Post.

**Aunt Lucindy**

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her, says its fine for swellings, toothache, colic, weak back and backache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty-nine grandchildren and ought to know what she is talking about.

Watson & Bacon is a new firm in Merkel, but the bargains they are offering will soon build them an established trade.

**Epworth League.**

All members of the League are requested to meet at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The following program will be rendered:

Song.  
Scripture lesson, "Treating a gracious invitation lightly." Matt. 22:1-10.—Mrs. Norton.

Prayer by Leader.  
"Another Feast," Luke 14:16-24.—Miss Anna King.

"The Feast in Heaven," Rev. 19:1-9.—S. M. Sewell.

Song.  
Sentence prayer by Leaguers, "The great invitation," Rev. 22:12-17.—Mrs. Sewell.

"Wisdom's invitation," Prov. 9:1-6.—Miss Eva Williams.

Song.  
"Christ's invitation," Matt. 11:28-30.—Miss Nannie O'Zee.

"The invitation accepted," Ps. 65:1-4.—Albert Clay.

Song.  
"True religion"—Miss Edith Freemon.

"The bridegroom and the bride"—Miss Duncan Browning.

"The invitation to the wedding"—Comer Clay.

Song.  
"The invitation refused"—Miss Clara Browning.

"Result of persistent refusal"—Miss Carrie Hargrove.

A talk encouraging our young people to do more personal work in the League.—Prof. Evans.

Song.  
Benediction.

**Those Who Love Us.**

Under this head will be given, each week, a list of subscribers who have paid their subscriptions to The Mail. It will answer as a receipt:

Miss Della Crain, San Jose, Cal. \$1.00

Miss Dota Garoutte, San Angelo, 2.00

T. A. Horton, Armour, 1.25

Get your name on this list. It will pay you to see our shoes before you buy. We keep the kind that wears.

Watson & Bacon.

## Deadly

**Grasp of Grip Prostrated Me.**

**Dr. Miles' Nervine Built Up My**

**Shattered Nerves and Gave Me an Appetite.**

Of the millions of people, who today suffer from nervous or heart weakness, a large percentage trace the cause directly to deadly LaGrippe. It is a germ disease, and makes a direct attack upon the nerves, putting an extra strain upon them at the time their vitality is at the lowest ebb. If LaGrippe has left you with a shattered nervous system, with loss of appetite, lack of energy, insomnia, frequent headaches and morbid tendencies, you should strengthen the weakened nerves with Dr. Miles' Nervine. It will undo all that grip has done, bring back appetite, rest and restore the nerves to their normal activity.

"I want to write this testimonial for the benefit of those who have suffered from that dreaded disease—LaGrippe. I suffered several weeks with it, and nothing I tried seemed to benefit me in any way, shape or form (I suffered almost death) and finally my daughter recommended Dr. Miles' Nervine to me and I can truthfully say from the first day I felt better than in weeks. It gave me relief, built up my shattered nerves and gave me a splendid appetite. I cannot speak too highly of it and want to say, each and every one who has suffered from LaGrippe will find instant relief by getting a bottle of Dr. Miles' Nervine. Insist on having it and take no other. It is simply splendid. Hoping this will benefit some poor sufferer I remain, —MRS. GEORGE B. HALL, Jackson, Tenn.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

**BEST PASSENGER SERVICE IN TEXAS.**

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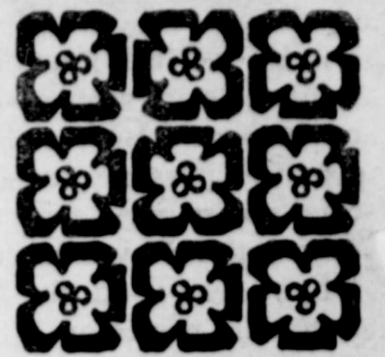
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To meet your wants for anything in Dry Goods or Groceries. Just received the largest and most complete stock of Dry Goods, Hats, Gloves, Shoes, &c, that we have ever shown.

Notwithstanding the shortage in crops, OUR BUSINESS has INCREASED MORE THAN 50 PER CENT. Nothing has done this except fair, square, business-like dealing, and more good goods for the same MONEY than other firms.

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Bath room in connection.  
Your patronage solicited.

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NORTH FRONT STREET.

First class work and prompt and polite attention to all.

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#### Justice Peace and Notary Public

Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds, take acknowledgements, pay taxes on land, furnish abstracts of title and transact all other business entrusted to him.

### I. O. O. F. LODGE

No. 355 meets every Tuesday night. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.

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CHAS. CRAVEN, Sec.

### DR. T. S. HOLLIS,

#### THE DENTIST—

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#### 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 Bottles Free.

### DR. E. B. GILBERT

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

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### The Higher Life

#### Love of Christ.

Rev. Van Dyke, Presbyterian.  
To believe that the love of Christ, from which nothing can separate us, is no other than the divine love at the heart of things and created them for himself; to believe that the sacrifice is none other than the divine sacrifice—the one event that reveals God most perfectly—surely this is the faith; so wide, so high, so deep that the more we try to put it into words the more we realize that it cannot be spoken. It is not a doctrine; it is a life. It cannot be explained; it must be lived, and if we live it, we know we shall never die.

#### Rev. McCullagh, Presbyterian.

The only way to test the power of Christ to forgive sins or the efficacy of prayer is to comply with the conditions which God has laid down and put them to the test of experience. Whether faith in Christ can give strength in trial, impart patience in suffering, fill the soul with peace can only be settled by each one for himself.

#### Rev. Hall.

The need of our time is independent cooperation in our church work as illustrated by the Christian endeavor movement, the interdenominationalism of which movement says: "Let sects live, but let sectarianism die." Let us have a healthy criticism, but above all else let us have an enthusiastic consecration which will cement in spirit the whole church.

#### Rev. Neil, Baptist.

As natural death is the gate through which we pass into God's kingdom above, so death to sin initiates us into God's kingdom on earth. With many people the Christian life is simply an orthodox creed, or a happy state of the emotions; but the apostle teaches us that the Christian life is a striking spiritual life.

#### Rev. Swift, Methodist.

I think I see evidence that points to the fact that we are keeping pace with God. The future is bright with hope. The forces that are most essential to the growth and prosperity of national life are characterized by energy and expansion instead of weakness and decay. A spirit of unselfishness prevails.

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J. T. Warren.

#### A Boy That is Wanted.

A writer who has given some thought to the boy question says that this is the kind of a boy who can nearly always get employment and who is always respected by the best people: "A boy will ing to do, willing to learn; one smart enough to know that he does not know, one who knows the difference between belief and knowledge. A boy who is not hunting for an easy snap. One who will be deceitful enough to act pleasant when he doesn't feel just that way. One who will stick to his job when others go fishing and hunting. A boy who can't find enough hard and difficult work on the farm. One who will not expect the business to fit him, but will make himself fit the business. One who will live on push, patience, pluck, perseverance, promptness and pride. One who prefers a clean sinner to a dirty saint. A boy who knows that all any proprietor wants him to do is to do right. A boy who knows that there is a bright future for him if he will work for it. A boy who knows that belief or disbelief neither makes nor unmakes facts. A boy who does not expect to 'put in time,' and get pay for it, and who is willing to pay for his schooling.—Ex.

#### The Oldest Man.

Prince Wolkonski writing to the Svet (Vienna), quotes a most remarkable case of longevity in the village of Marewka, in the government of Smolensk. Sinip is the son of a serf and was born in May, 1775. He is therefore 127 years old. Sight and hearing have not failed him, and he is sufficiently active to be able to walk two versts to the village church, to do odd jobs in the farmyard, to weave sandals and knit stockings. The old man, whose father died at 80, and whose mother reached the respectable age of 120, can remember quite distinctly the days of the Empress Catherine II. and the Napoleonic war.

#### Old, but Always Sickly.

Watts, the English painter, was a delicate, sickly boy, does not know what vigorous health is like, but has lived to see his 86th year. He never blew a cloud of tobacco smoke, he is a teetotaler, he goes to bed and gets up with the chickens. "I am a very negative sort of a person," he says, "I cannot say that the joy of life has ever been mine, I enjoy my work; I am immensely interested in it, and am continually endeavoring to improve."

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together in perfect harmony. I am very careful about the way I employ men. I want that every man in my employ is sober and of general good character as well as a good worker. That, I think, is one of the best aids to success."—Sir I. Lipton, millionaire merchant.

T. A. Horton came in Tuesday from Armour, Texas, where he moved last summer. Cotton in his section, he says, is better than it is here, although in some places boll weevils partially destroyed the crop. The feed crop is almost a total failure. Mr. Horton will spend the week here straightening up his affairs.

Read the page ad of Watson Bacon in this issue. They offer some rare bargains.

The free term of Merkel High School begins Monday.

E. B. Bynum of Abilene was in the city Tuesday.