

## THE HIGHER LIFE.

Cream of the Pulpit.

THE HELL OF SCIENCE.

Rev. Bennet, Disciple.

The hell of science is more sure and fearful than the old hell of theology. The old theology said you will be damned for your sins. Modern science says your sins not only have damned you, but they kill you, body and soul, so that you may drag through this world little better than a corpse, with not even enough life to realize that you are practically dead.

COMPETITION.

Rev. Pardington, Methodist.

Competition is sharp, merciless, in all branches of life. Fair and honorable competition is legitimate, and it is also helpful, as it destroys monopoly, and is a check on the avaricious greed of the merchant. A real man of the world makes success his only end of business, and his accommodating spirit is really a means to that end.

THE LAWS OF REASON.

Rev. Davidson, Methodist.

Every man is under sacred obligation to bring to the solution of the profound problems about him all of those mental faculties with which he has been endowed by the Almighty. Christianity is sanity, and whoever transgresses the plain laws of reason, basing the processes of reason upon known and knowable and self-evident facts, is to be spurned and rejected.

THE GOLDEN RULE.

Rev. Thomson, Methodist.

We judge the churches too narrowly. The Baptists stand for liberty of conscience as well as water. The Methodists stand for scholarship as well as evangelism. The Unitarians have us to better views of man and the Universalist to better views of God. Our speech concerning others should be golden if we put the golden rule into it.

BLIND JUSTICE.

Rev. Broughton, Baptist.

Everybody knows how many of the executive powers are purchasable. Let a man raise his hand against a gang of whiskey-drinking dudes, champagne-drinking dudines and bloomer-bicycle-riding dudets who congregate in some fashionable quarter to violate the law and play the devil, and there is not a tribunal in the county that will dare open its mouth.

WHAT MAKES OUR WORLD BEAUTIFUL?

The Burlington Hawkeye.

Goethe says: "the world is so waste and empty when we figure only towns and hills and rivers in it, but to know of someone here and there whom we accord with, who is living on with us even in silence, this makes our earthly ball a peopled garden."

Do you remember how tired you once grew of the little village in which you had lived for years? Every tree and shrub, every house and barn were painted on your memory; you could

close your eyes and see them perfectly. Yes, even hear the sound of the village blacksmith's hammer when the lights were out and the brawny blacksmith had long been asleep. You wanted to be rid of it all—to see new lights and hear new sounds while your mind forced its way out of the old grooves that were of necessity so narrow and restricted.

The time came when you said goodby to the dear ones on the little platform that fronted the low, tiny room you called the "station." Somehow there was just a little mist over the sunshine and the soft south wind chilled you a trifle—or was it that your heart beat a little heavily and the blood did not go bounding through your veins as usual.

There were others who noticed the mist that dimmed the sweet sunshine of the morning, others who felt the chill as you felt it, and some of them were going sadly back to a little home among the trees, and the chill was going with them to stay in their hearts while you were looking for your World Beautiful.

How long did it take you to find what your heart was seeking? True, a great city with its wonderful possibilities, with its undreamed-of attraction, soon swallowed you up as it had thousands before you, but did it satisfy the hunger of your heart or make you forget that quiet uneventful past that grew so monotonous to you that you fled from it? The years rolled on, but you could close your eyes and still see the little village nestling among the trees. You could still, in the quiet night-watches, hear the familiar sound of the blacksmith's hammer and sometimes, with a half-aroused consciousness, you imagined you heard the plaintiff cry of the "whippoorwill" from the curb of the old well, its favorite spot, at the close of the long, hot summer day.

If you could go back once more and be just as you were then how happy you would be. Your World Beautiful meant after all

home and love and the association with those hearts held you close to whom—imperfect as you were—you had become their happiness.

We have such vague unsettled feelings in regard to what we need to make us content and happy. It is always the thing just beyond us that seems a necessity. We are willing to exchange our gold for dress sometimes, if it only glitters a trifle more and we barter our greatest treasures for what in a moment of passion makes a strong appeal to our restless unsatisfied natures.

There is no real beauty in this world of ours that in some way is not the product of love. We may feast our eyes on some beautiful image, but it is only beautiful because it represents a living soul—a throbbing life and it is not marble longer but warm flesh and blood, capable of loving and of being loved. If this great round world were yours, yet held no other heart that was "living on with you even in silence," you could write after your name "A pauper."

It is God's plan for a happy life that it must be shared, must be fed by the fire from the altar of another life in accord with it. It is the greatest joy of life to minister to love. The unloving heart dwarfed and withered by its own selfishness is no fountain to send forth sweet waters that will make the life beautiful. The heart that loves as God meant it can find beauty wherever the object of that love is to be found, though it may be amid the sands of the desert. Love brought us the Christ and love unbars the gates of the eternal city to the poorest of his children. Would you have a "World Beautiful" fill it with love, love for God and man. "For love is the fulfilling of the law."

The Boy Was Onto Him.

I don't know whether the boy knew I was in the insurance business or not, but this is the conversation that followed when I stopped my horse where he sat on the chopping block:

Where is your father, sonny? Down in the orchard pressin' cider.

Is your mother home? Yes. She's in the kitchen, pressin' brother Ben's Sunday pants.

Where's Ben? In the parlor pressin' cousin Salley's hand.

Got a sister? Yes.

Where's she? In the sittin' room, pressin' autumn leaves.

Has she got a beau? Yes.

Is he there? No. He'll be up tonight, as usual pressin' his suit.

Where is the hired man? He's pressin' father to let him go huntin' rabbits.

And you?

I've been settin' on the tub o' new pickle all day, pressin' 'em down.

Any thing else pressin' around here?

Yes, time. Good day! So I drove on, and if ever they get struck by lightning there and burn up they'll have that smarty boy to blame for it.—Browning, King & Co's Magazine.

Very Suggestive.

Brevity is said to be the soul of wit. If applied to an epitaph on a tombstone, what then? But here is an epitaph, reported by a Boston paper, that is as brief as it is suggestive:

"Dorcas Wood,  
She was Good.  
At Eighty Seven  
She went to Heaven."

## See W. H. Dickson for Hardware.

Onward and Upward in my efforts to please the trade---this is my motto, and the many friends won for this store show how well I have succeeded.

### LANSING WAGONS OWASSO BUGGIES

In this department I can certainly interest all. They are acknowledged leaders, and having handled them many years I can recommend them as the BEST. Get others' prices then come to me. It will be money in your pockets.

I sell the famous Yellow Kid Disc Plow.

I handle the time tried Bement Farm Implements:

### Plows, Cultivators, Disc Plows, Harrows, etc.

They are the best, and you can well afford to come many miles to purchase such implements. They pay in the long run.

My prices are always right, and goods the best. Come and see.

### BRIDGE and BEACH STOVES and RANGES

They are decidedly the best. Find a man who is using a Bridge & Beach and you will find one who has a satisfactory article. I have everything usually carried in an up-to-date hardware store, and sell honest goods at honest prices.

A full line of Single and Double Harness.

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## BUYING THE BEST



We sell the Farrand Organs, Mason & Hamlin, and others. Also a fine line of Pianos, nice line of Violins, Guitars, Mandolins; strings of all kinds.

**Basham, Shepherd & Co.**



# An Apology

We wish to apologize to the many customers who flocked to our store Saturday and failed to be waited on promptly and with that courtesy which we always try to show. The crush was so great and our help so limited, not to mention the lack of room with which we are handicapped, that we could not possibly do justice to all. However, we have more help now and are prepared to serve you faithfully and well. We are making the same bargain prices as heretofore advertised in these columns. Come and let us show you.

We have just received another big shipment of New York Pattern Hats, and the prices are still the lowest ever made on up-to-date Millinery.

## WATSON & BACON.

### THE MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN, PUBLISHER.

Published Every Thursday.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Office..... 57  
Residence..... 11

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.

#### Lovers

Of music will certainly admire Eleanor Waltzes. Be sure to visit Burroughs & Mann's drug store and secure a copy.

Tax Collector Baylor Crawford was here collecting taxes yesterday.

T. J. Coggin, a prominent ranchman who makes his home in Merkel, is in the city. He says range conditions are first class in his section of the country, and the general impression is that cattle will go through the winter in fine shape.—Colorado Stockman.

#### FOR SALE.

A few 6-weeks-old pigs.  
W. W. Wheeler.

News reached here this week of the birth to Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Heizer of Stratford, Texas, last week, of a fine girl. The Mail sends greetings to the little miss and congratulations to the happy young parents.

The ladies of the Christian church have announced a dinner for Thanksgiving day.

Dr. Adkisson performed an operation for the removal of a tumor from the eye of the little daughter of J. L. Harris, yesterday, which was successful, and the little one is doing nicely.

#### Cause of Lockjaw.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes cuts, bruises and like injuries to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by Burroughs & Mann.

#### FOR SALE

Surrey and double harness, good as new, for cash or on time.  
J. C. Hamm.

#### "Eleanor Waltzes."

Be sure to go to Burroughs & Mann's and get the latest waltzes. You are sure to like it.

#### A Pleasant Occasion.

One of the pleasant occasions of this week was an oyster supper Monday night, participated in by the officers and members of the local K. of P. lodge. The affair was stripped of all formality and the participants went in for a good time, and they had it. Four dozen to each man was said to be the way in which the oysters disappeared.

Many more such occasions are contemplated in the future, but hereafter, the women folks say, they will be in the game.

A. J. Leach has returned from Potosi.

#### Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had almost a fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by Rust & Pittard. Trial bottles free.

#### Music! Music!

Have received first edition of "Eleanor Waltzes" and same can be found on sale at Burroughs & Mann's drug store. If you want a nice, pretty and easy piece be sure and get a copy. It is the latest—"up-to-the-minute"—and you will be pleased.

Will Leeman.

#### My Guests Touch No Wine.

"The most effectual temperance lecture I ever heard in my life was preached to me on New Year's Day," said a young man recently, in the hearing of a friend.

"Why, Horace, where were you, and who delivered it?" was asked.

"I was visiting in Philadelphia, and with my cousin, John Levins, set out to pay a number of New Year's calls. It is not the custom now, as formerly, to set wine before the guests, but it is still done sometimes. Our second call was at the princely home of Franklin Graves, of whom you have heard. His lovely daughter greeted us, smiling and beau-

tiful, a very queen among women. There was also an elegant assortment of choice wines which the father pressed upon the guests. "Did you come to see papa or me?" was always the question asked of each guest; and so far as I know, there was but one answer, "We came to see you." "My guests touch no wine," she said. "I have other refreshments provided for them." The wine glasses stood untouched, the fair young girl flitted to and fro among the guests, ministering to their needs. The father gracefully acquiesced, and finally had the wine glasses removed.

"Did you ever witness anything so effectual as that?" said cousin John as we started up the street together.

"Never," I answered. "No temperance lecture ever touched me like that quiet speech, 'My guests touch no wine.' God helping me, it is the last time the glass shall touch my lips."

"I have since learned that more than one young man began reformation on New Year's Day as the result of that call."

"My guests touch no wine." They were simple words, quietly spoken, but what did they not imply?

This Christian girl performed a service as faithfully as though the kingdom of God depended upon her fidelity.—Ram's Horn.

#### A Snap.

Two-room house, lot and good well for \$115.

H. C. Williams,  
Merkel, Texas.

Our neighbor on the south, Runnels County, will exterminate the prairie dogs according to law.

The Mail gives all the news.

#### Grimes County Collections.

Hon. A. F. Brigance, County Attorney of Grimes County, who was here settling up the land affairs for his county, returned home last week. The work done by him was very satisfactory and the settlements were fair alike to the people and to Grimes county. The people generally, who had grounds for complaint because of the poor way in which former settlements had been made, spoke very highly of the treatment received from his hands, and they are gratified that the business is now in the hands of one who looks to justice and equity rather than his own personal convenience.

Mr. Brigance was here only a few days, but collected upwards of \$3,500 interest on Grimes County school land.

#### Prerequisites to Success.

The various periodicals about the country are stocked full of hints as to how to attain fame and fortune. Courses in this, that and the otherology or business are offered and apparently the only thing requisite for one to succeed in life is to send for Jim-John's course of instructions, read them and presto! Dame fortune stands waiting. All of which reads very prettily. About the best incentive to become famous or wealthy—the two, however, are generally synonymous—is poverty. The man who has, in the words of an old philosopher, "to git up and git" is the one to accomplish great things. Give a young man health, grit, poverty, and if he doesn't accomplish wonders it will be because he doesn't live long enough to carry out his plans.—Commercial-Appeal.



# Special Bargain DAYS

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# The Star Store,

Merkel Mercantile Co., Props. : Merkel, Texas.

Until then we cut out all such reports."

The above is from the Abilene Reporter, and in another place in the same paper we noticed a similar article. The Mail has never published any of these reports about the boll weevil which has been going the rounds, but does not doubt in the least the truthfulness of some of them. We have the weevils here and there is no use in disguising the fact. A genuine boll weevil was recently found in a cotton field in the Canyon—at least it was so pronounced by two gentlemen, both of whom have had considerable experience with the pest. More, the specimen found, we learn, was compared with a quintette of the breed brought here from McLennan county. The Mail firmly believes that almost every county in the State is infested with the weevil. If not, what caused them to spread so rapidly? Last year a few counties were infested and these were in the southern part of the State. This year they are all over South, North, Central and East Texas.

While this is true it is only in certain localities that they have damaged cotton to any considerable extent. The boll weevil will never amount to much in this country except during very wet seasons. It is too dry for them. There is no use in becoming alarmed, but we have the boll weevil all right enough.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be numbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment for the yesterday.—Emerson.

### Bulling the Cotton Market.

Thirty-one bales of Fisher County cotton sold in a lump here yesterday evening at 9.81¼, spot cash. This is the record price for the week, here or at any of the neighboring towns. Our buyers are "bulling" the market and those who sell cotton here get the benefit. A large number of bales brought above 9:50, and very few went below that figure.

### League Program.

Leader—Edgar Maxwell.  
Subject—What David Teaches Us; I Sam, 16, 11-13; Ps. 19; John 7, 45.  
David as a Commander—Miss Edith Freemon.  
David as a Poet—Mrs. J. A. Leeman.  
David as an Organizer—Miss Carrie Hargrove.  
David as a Teacher—W. B. Mann.  
David as a Musician—Miss Myrtle Williamson.  
Synopsis of David's Life—W. H. Hand.

### Some Turkish Proverbs.

The master of the house is the guest's servant.  
He who has not rest at home is in the world's hell.  
Two watermelons can not be held under one arm.  
The mouth is not sweetened by saying honey, honey.  
Today's egg is better than tomorrow's hen.  
To the well man every day is a feast day.—Ex.  
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### The Companion as a Christmas Gift.

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The Youth's Companion,  
144 Berkeley Street, Boston Mass.

### Sheppard Addition for Sale.

This property is situated four blocks south of the business portion of town and consists of 71 lots nicely located in the heart of the residence portion. We will offer this property for sale through our agents, W. W. Wheeler, H. C. Williams and J. J. Miller, Merkel, at very low prices, with one-third cash, balance in one and two years at 8 per cent. This sale will begin on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1903, and will be pushed to a finish.

If you want choice of this property make your selection now and file your application with one of the above agents, to be confirmed on day of sale. Any information wanted as to prices, lot numbers, etc., will be furnished by agents upon application.

Remember the date and get in on the ground floor.

H. O. Wooten Grocer Co.,  
2t Abilene, Texas.

### Reading Club.

Some of the ladies have just completed the organization of a reading club, the object of which is to familiarize themselves with the leading authors and their works. The club starts off with a small membership, but it is hoped to increase the numbers, and meetings will be every Saturday evening. The club meets with Mrs. Geo. S. Berry next Saturday.

### Oyster Supper.

The Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society of the Baptist church will serve ice cream, oysters, chilli and hot tamales at the Flemming building Friday night, November 6. Everybody invited.

### "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, Prop. 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 Burroughs & Mann's.

### New Bank Organized.

The American National Bank was organized at Abilene Saturday with the following officers: J. G. Lowdon, president; O. W. Steffens and Geo. L. Paxton, vice-presidents; W. J. Thompson, cashier. The directors comprise the above and T. M. Wingo. It is expected that the bank will open for business about Nov. 1.

Dr. Hubbert, specialist of Abilene, is in the city today.

Claud Miller made a trial for the navy at Dallas last week, but failed to come up to the requirements. One of his feet was larger than the other, which knocked him out. Claud should try the Chinese method of reducing his "understanding" and perhaps he would be more successful.

### Boll Weevil Reports.

"Weevils of various kinds are found in Taylor and adjoining counties but no genuine Mexican boll weevils are here, yet. There may be next season, and when they get here and are pronounced such by competent authority, we will admit it and publish the fact.



# The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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## OUR "TALE OF WOE."

The Mail has never made it a point to dun people through the columns of the paper, nor will we do so now. However, there are times when the steer must be taken by the horns, and this is one of them. We have several hundred dollars due on subscription and to send out statements to all of them would entail quite an expense. We consider a majority of these accounts good. Therefore a request to pay them promptly is all that is necessary. The Mail is heavily encumbered with debt and we MUST collect what is due the paper.

Will you not send in what you are due? If possible, pay your subscription a year in advance and earn the lasting thanks of

THE PUBLISHER.

The farmer who buys bacon next year does not deserve to prosper.

Pension warrants to the number of 700 are being issued to ex-Confederates and their widows by the Treasury department at Austin. The warrants are for \$9.50 each, which is an increase of \$2.00 over last quarter.

The receipts of the Abilene Fair aggregate \$4,400, which is a falling off of about \$3,000 from last year. But considering the very busy season this is not so bad after all. We are glad to note that the association will be able to clear itself of debt.

Booker T. Washington, the Moses who is trying to lead the black man out of the wilderness, met with a reception during his recent tour of Europe the frigidity of which corresponded closely with that recently attained by scientists in the exploitation of liquid air.

A special from Abilene to the Fort Worth Record says there is a shortage of small change in Merkel, and that merchants are after nearly every farmer who comes to town, wanting to give him bills for small change. Well, that's a fact, but we've a-plenty of the "long green."

The day is fast approaching when the various labor organizations will evolve themselves into bands of law-breakers. Union of labor is a good thing, but when it seeks to promote discord rather than concord between the employer and employee, it is time to call a halt. These organizations now seem to be dominated by clicks who stoop to all kinds of lawlessness and even bloodshed to accomplish their purpose.

## PROHIBITION MATTERS.

The Sweetwater Review says business has been better every day in that town since local option went into effect in Colorado.—Colorado Clipper.

It is all right to make such an assertion, especially since there is an election on in that county and the Review is on the whistle wetting side of the question; but assertions without proof are not always to be relied upon. Merkel has received over twice as much cotton as Sweetwater, and every day cotton from Nolan County is sold here, from which we infer that all the trade does not depend upon the maintenance of the saloons.

The antis of Sweetwater have hit upon a new wrinkle. Either this or they are conducting their campaign along decent lines. The issue up there has been stripped of all verbosity and is put before the people in the form of a plain business proposition. Moral benefits vs. material advantages—this is the issue which the people are called upon to decide, according to the Review, the mouth-piece of the antis, in the following:

So far as Sweetwater is concerned, the Review is firm in the belief that prohibition will prohibit, and we are not prepared to deny the moral benefits of prohibition. But will the moral benefits of prohibition outweigh the material advantages which we must surrender to attain them?

Respectfully referred to the Baird Star for answer.

We would like for the Baird, Texas, Star to be careful how it uses the name of Leeman. Since picking up a part of the Star which referred to Leeman as a rank prohibitionist we have been careful to burn each copy as soon as read. Had the Williamsburg Herald chanced upon that part of the Star it would have again charged us with inconsistency—and the Star would have been called upon to defend a damage suit. We are willing to take a great deal, Gilliland, but the line must be drawn somewhere.—Collins (Miss.) Commercial.

The Commercial is edited by a man by the name of Leeman, but so far as known he is no relation to the brood in Texas, 99 out of every 100 of whom are rank prohibitionists. The name Leeman is synonymous with the virtue of total abstinence. If it is a sin to be a prohibitionist, then we own up to be the vilest sinner on the face of the earth. But there is the happy consolation of having lots of company, and it is a noticeable fact that there are no gamblers, no bums, no sots, no drunkards and no harlots in the bunch. The true, noble, virtuous, Christian women—God bless 'em—they are all there.

Some of Merkel's not very representative citizens came down to celebrate one day this week, and at last reports were looking longingly for liberty through the Nolan jail. Verily the way of the transgressor, at Sweetwater, is hard.—Review.

The Review must be mistaken, these men certainly do not live at Merkel, where the very air is redolent with the perfumes of prohibition that exudes weekly from the Merkel Mail. It can not be possible that after all these years of prohibition, and the continued admonition of The Mail that any Merkelites should still have an uncontrollable thirst for booze. Perish the thought. The Review should be more careful hereafter about giving the residence of

thirsty visitors.—Baird Star.

Possibly the aforesaid citizens were from Baird, where the air is stale with the fumes of rot-gut whiskey and anti-prohibition that exudes weekly from the Baird Star. At any rate we challenge the statement that they are Merkel citizens. Give the facts, Mr. Review, or else 'fess up that this is a campaign dodge.

The editor of the Star is one of those men who try to set themselves up as an example of moral perfection in the community in which they live. But when Gilliland was criticised by a preacher for the stand he was taking against morality by upholding the saloons, he flew into a passion and discontinued his Sunday worship. He sees no evil in the saloons, but is quick to see the imaginary evil in prohibition and prohibitionists. We have always known him as a moral, upright, honorable, Christian gentleman, but in impugning the honesty of others he has fallen from his pedestal. A few issues back the Star accused the writer of voting for prohibition to get whiskey out of our reach, when, as a matter of fact, it knew better. The writer is not given to boasting, but we have \$100 which the Star is welcome to if it will produce evidence of a single drink taken by the writer, anywhere or at any time.

The Mail is a prohibitionist by principle. Now let the Star define its position and tell why it is an apologist for the saloon, and the rambling discussion will be at an end so far as we are concerned. It is right and proper that this question be discussed from every standpoint, but if it can not be discussed fairly and without stooping to questionable methods, it were better that it be not discussed. The Mail is willing to meet the Star in discussion, but it will not stoop to further mud-slinging. That is all.

Puncture a man's deceit, put him in a ridiculous light before his friends and you have him on the road that leads downward.

People are living at home and trading with home people this year. This is as it should be. When we keep the dollars in circulation at home there's a chance that they will find their way into your pockets more than once.

The Albany News man bought 18 hens and a rooster, and the Abilene Reporter intimates that he ought to be arrested for saying he paid the cash for them. This scribbler has recently acquired six hens and a rooster, and we didn't get 'em on subscription, either. A newspaper man ought to be pardoned for investing his surplus in "dominicks."

Senator Gorman's speech last week, in which he severely criticised Roosevelt's negro policy, is considered a bid for the Democratic nomination for President in 1904. The speech was generally so taken by both Democrats and Republicans. "A white man's Government" is to be the campaign cry of Democrats, for it can not be doubted that the race question is prominently to the front.

## Sunday School Association.

A Sunday School Association will be organized at the Presbyterian church Sunday, Nov. 8, to embrace all the Sunday Schools of all denominations in precinct No. 5.

All are invited to attend and participate in the work.

# We Make Them

## Saddles Harness Lines Bridles Strap Goods

Also carry a full line of Harness, Chains, Collars, Whips, Blankets and Robes; in fact I carry a full line of everything kept in an up-to-date saddle shop. See me when in need of anything in my line.

Yours for Business,

# R. L. Hudson

## Life Rules of Leaders.

Tell nothing but the truth to any one. If a case arise where it is hard to be both truthful and courteous, put all the thought you can spare upon solving the problem.

Tell the whole truth to yourself. If you have made a mistake face the facts squarely. Do not worry about it, for a mistake is seldom fatal unless it has been repeated. But do not excuse it, for this means that you surely will repeat it until it becomes fatal.

Do not think about one piece of business when you ought to be thinking about another; and above all things, do not think about any business when you ought to be sleeping.

Believe in people's good intentions, even when you cannot approve their actions or concur in their judgment; but beware of concurring in their judgment or approving their actions merely because you believe in their good intentions.

Believe in your friends, in your associates, in your work. Believe in God just as fully as your intellectual constitution will allow—not necessarily as the subject of a creed, but as an unseen ruler of the universe, who is somehow going to bring things out more squarely than our limited division can comprehend.

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# J. T. WARREN.

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At any rate you cannot longer put off buying your winter clothing. While you are considering the question of clothing, remember the most comfortable feeling comes from the knowledge that you are correctly dressed, that correct shape is there, and more, that the shape will stay there. Our suits and overcoats are the shape retaining kind. They are the great **MAJESTIC MAKE**. The inside work is there, the proper tailoring is there, **AND THE PRICES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT!**

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### MRS. JANE HOPKINS'

make, are made to wear and to uphold the world-wide reputation they have gained by superior goods and workmanship. If you have not looked them over you had better come in and let us show you.

Remember if it's cheap, shoddy clothing you want, we haven't got it. It's dependable goods we handle, and no other kind.

**J. T. Warren.**



It's our shoes that we wish to talk to you about. They're the best made—the Hamilton-Brown. Don't take our word, but ask your neighbor who has bought his shoes of us for the past 10 years, or just come round to the store and watch us sell shoes.

Mens shoes from 1.50 to 5.00  
 Ladies " " 1.50 to 3.50  
 Boys school " 1.50 to 2.50  
 " pat leather, 3 to 5, at 2.25

Our misses and childrens school shoes are the best—the Highland Calf 1.00 to 1.50.

Our Security School Shoe, no better shoe made, at 1.35 to 2.00. Try them.

**J. T. Warren.**



### Broke Into His House.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of chronic constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Burroughs & Mann keep a good line Hair, Tooth and Clothe Brushes at hard times prices.

See Chenault & Provine before buying your dry goods and groceries.

### Merkel's Busy Day.

Saturday was by odds the busiest day Merkel has experienced this fall. The streets reminded one of the busy times of 1900, when the big cotton crop of that year was being gathered. All day long the streets were crowded with wagons and the sidewalks and stores thronged with shoppers. Everybody and everything were on the go.

The Mexican cotton pickers were paid off Saturday and large numbers of them came to town (they always put in a full day shopping) to buy clothes and lay in supplies for next week.

Cotton receipts were light in the morning, but heavy in the afternoon. Forty bales were counted on the streets at one time. Fisher, Jones, Nolan and Runnels counties were represented here. Cotton sold at from 8:75 to 9:52 1/2.

James Baker was down from the ranch Friday. He looks well and weighs more than ever before, notwithstanding he is in his 70th year. Mr. Baker has been on the frontier of Texas 54 years and a resident of Taylor county 24 years—before the railroad was built. The Mail wishes for him the best that is in life.

### J. A. LEEMAN...

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON  
 Office, Burroughs & Mann's Drug Store, Merkel.

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### CUNNINGHAM & DALE, LAWYERS

Partners in Civil Practice only. Office over  
 Comper Bros., Abilene, Texas.

### Mothers

Who would keep their children in good health, should watch for the first symptoms of worms, and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. It is the childrens' best tonic. It gets digestion at work so that their food does them good, and they grow up healthy and strong. 25c at Burroughs & Mann's.

Joe Elliott was here from Arlington this week.

Dr. I. E. Smith of Weatherford was here Monday.

### Walden-Craven.

Prof. Burtis Walden of Seymour and Miss Etta Craven of this place were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Craven, Sunday morning. Immediately after the ceremony the young people took the 11:51 train for Seymour, their future home. Rev. R. B. Young officiated.

The marriage was a quiet one, only the relatives of the bride being present. May the richest blessings follow them through life, is the wish of The Mail.

### First Killing Frost.

The first killing frost of the season appeared last Friday night. However, the frost was spotted and damages was light. Here and there you will find cotton that is scorched, while on an adjoining farm there are no indications of it. This is the third light frost of the season.

### A Love Letter.

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." It's the best salve on earth. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

### Read Here.

See Ben Nisbett for up-to-date tonsorial work. Hair cutting a specialty. Everything nice and clean. Next to Star Store.

Buy a "Majestic" suit this time. For \$10 you can get fit, fabric and finish equal to the average \$12.50 suit.

J. T. Warren.

### To The Public.

Those who have second-hand goods for sale take them to J. C. Watkins.

Harry Hamm shipped out two cars of fat cattle Thursday. W. R. Bigham and J. W. Daniel shipped two cars Sunday.

L. H. Faw of Dora sold two bales of cotton here Saturday at 9:52 1/2, receiving \$111 for the two bales in crisp greenbacks.

Fresh car of flour at Warren's. Now would be a good time to lay in a supply. Straight Patent Flour at \$2, and Peace-Maker, \$2.25.

Sam Eason of Big Springs spent a couple of days here last week. Sam is well pleased with his location, but says he still has a longing for Merkel.

Some store keepers work hard to see how little they can get into their goods and how much out of their customers. We make new customers right along by reversing the process.

J. T. Warren.

### Beautiful Complexions

Are spoiled by using any kind of preparation that fills the pores of the skin. The best way to clear a 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 Burroughs & Mann's drug store.

### A Corn Mill.

I will grind your corn at reasonable prices; also have installed a turning lathe and can turn out anything in wood. See me.

R. L. Parker.

### G. W. Boyce's

New Grain House three doors west Watkins' Meat Market.

Just arrived, a new line of winter laprobes—all styles and prices. See me before buying.

R. L. Hudson.

### Land for Sale.

I have a few sections of land, also some smaller tracts, for sale on reasonable terms.

James Baker,  
 Trent, Texas.

See Burroughs & Mann for Pure Drugs, Medicines and Toilet Articles.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson is visiting relatives at Putnam.

T. J. Parton informs The Mail that a few of his neighbors are going to experiment with alfalfa next year, and he will watch the experiments with interest. Mr. Parton thinks alfalfa will do well here. The Mail does, too, and that it is a money crop all will admit. Let others try the experiment on a small scale.

J. W. Watson, of the firm of Watson & Bacon, came in Sunday from Troy, Texas.

### Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney troubles, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Rust & Pittard. Only 50c.

## A Full House!

We have just unloaded a full car of Furniture, direct from the factory. It contained

**IRON BEDS, ROCKERS,  
 TABLES, SIDEBOARDS,  
 ETC., ETC.**

This gives us one of the largest and best stocks of Furniture in this country, and the very low prices we are making ought to move it out. Drop in and let us show you.

**W. P. Browning & Co.**

A full line of carpets.

Old timers say that all signs point to an early and severe winter.

Mr. John Houston has moved his family here from Sulphur Springs and is occupying the Hill residence in North Merkel. Mr. Houston is a man of means and it is hoped he will invest in the town and become a permanent citizen.



At the recent session of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows" in Baltimore a resolution to permit the liquor dealers to join the order was defeated after a spirited debate. Liquor dealers are now barred from almost every secret organization except their own.

A Forney saloon publishes a notice to the pros to come forward and pay them so they can get out of the county when prohibition goes into effect.

The gin at this place passed the five hundred mark at noon Wednesday, with several bales in the yard to be ginned. Pretty good showing, this.—Roby Banner.

J. C. Hamm has ordered an automobile, which is expected to arrive soon, and The Mall hopes to be the first of his friends to fall under the good pleasure in the matter of taking the first spin. This will be the first automobile brought to the town. It will no doubt create considerable interest.

Go in any community, in any county, in any state and you will see it demonstrated that the farmer who grows and sells pork, mutton and beef from feed that he has produced from his own acres is as a rule well off and has made more money, with less labor, per acre of land in cultivation, than his neighbor who follows the one crop. It is not at all necessary for every one to be a stock-farmer in all that the word implies to make a success, but the farmer will be the most successful who, at least, grows his own supplies.—Stockman and Farmer.

We have two good second hand organs that we will trade for wood, cattle or good horse.

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ISAAC N. TAYLOR,  
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Office in First Nat'l Bank.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON to TRAVEL and supervise force of salespeople and make collections for manufacturing house. Straight salary \$20 a week and expenses. Salary paid weekly and expense money advanced. Previous experience unnecessary. Local territory. Business successful. Position permanent. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago.

**Cotton Receipts.**

The cotton receipts up to last night were 3,612 bales, the receipts for the week being 662 bales.

Prices this week ranged from 9 to 9:85.

**Special prices will be made on saddles and buggy harness during the next few days. Now's the time to buy. R. L. HUDSON.**

**Say!**

Remember the fourth Saturday in each month is a big day in Merkel for buying, selling and trading in good horses, mules and cattle. Buying and selling will begin at 10 a. m. and close at 4 p. m., followed up by expert broncho riding from 4 to 6. If you have a real bad outlaw that has never been stayed with bring him in. A rider will be on hand.

Headquarters at  
4t STORY'S WAGON YARD.

The stores of Hill & Provine and Chenault & Hand have consolidated, and the firm name is now Chenault & Provine. The new firm invites your careful inspection of their goods and prices.

Dr. Hubbert, the specialist of Abilene, straightened the eyes of the little son of L. H. Faw of Dora yesterday. The doctor will be here again Nov. 7, and hopes to meet all the afflicted.

**Don't Become Discouraged**  
But use Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box.) Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see that it's "Purifier" and manufactured by the A. C. Simmons Jr. Medicine Co.

We have as nice line of Box Stationery, tablets and envelopes as has ever been in Merkel. Inspect it.

Burroughs & Mann.

Lunch baskets—all sizes and prices—at Browning's. Just the thing for school children.

Mrs. Hoople has an elegant trimmed hat worth \$15 which she is going to give away. Every purchase to the amount of \$1.00 entitles the purchaser to a ticket, and the one holding the lucky number will get the hat free of charge. Those who have already purchased hats are entitled to tickets. Call and see the hat, which is now on exhibition.

Chenault & Provine is the name of the new firm. You want to see them before buying your dry goods and groceries.

Buy your hats from Mrs. F. B. Hoople and get a chance at that fine hat.

**To the Ladies of Merkel and Surrounding Country.**

We have moved to the Woodard building, just across the street from First Nat. Bank, and have fitted up a toilet room for the accommodation of the ladies who come to Merkel to trade.

Come and see us; make yourselves at home, and get our prices on all millinery goods.

Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

**Pretty Tough to Scratch**

For a living and relief also. Hunt's cure will cure you of itch, tetler, ringworm, itching piles, eczema. Guaranteed by all dealers.

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We are always in a position to take care of our friends and customers. We want your business and will treat you right and make it to your interest.  
**GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.**

**More New Buildings.**

Watson & Bacon closed a trade Monday for the Dickson lots, now occupied by his hardware store, the consideration being \$1,500. Mr. Dickson purchased the Geo. S. Berry lots on the opposite corner and will move his store onto them. The houses on these lots were sold to J. M. Norris, the understanding being that same are to be moved at once.

Watson & Bacon will erect a handsome brick business house, 50x90 feet, and contractors are now making plans for the building. These gentlemen are to be congratulated upon acquiring such valuable property, and their purchase denotes that they are permanent fixtures of the town.

In addition to this, the Masons are maturing plans for the erection of a two story brick building, 25x100 feet, on their lot. It is hoped to complete the arrangements at an early day, and it can be said with a certainty that the building will be built.

These two buildings will add much to the looks of the town and with two exceptions, will complete two solid blocks. The exceptions are a 25 foot strip next to Warren's and a similar strip between the Flemming and Ferrier buildings. Let the good work go on.

**List of Immortals.**

Following is a list of The Mail's friends who have remembered it in a substantial way since last report. Note what good men they are:

- F. E. Allyn, Merkel.
- C. L. McNeas, "
- J. J. Miller, "
- G. W. Moore, "
- T. J. Parton, "
- E. C. Brown, "
- P. D. Brown, "
- W. W. Johnson, Trent.

**Resolutions of Respect.**

To the officers and members of Nubia Rebekah Lodge, No. 204, I. O. O. F.:

We, your committee, appointed to draft suitable resolutions of

respect to the memory of our departed sister, Donnie E. Martin, submit the following:

1. That in the death of sister Martin the lodge has lost a true Rebekah and a noble Christian friend, and while we mourn our loss, we realize that it is her gain. Let us as true Rebekahs be submissive to the will of God, who rules all things for the best;

2. As a lodge we will strive more earnestly to make the paths of the afflicted ones smoother and brighter.

3. Our deepest sympathy is tendered the bereaved husband and children, that our charter be draped and that the members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minister, a copy be furnished the Texas Odd Fellows, a copy to The Merkel Mail, and a copy sent to the sorrowing family.

Mrs. E. C. Riney }  
Mrs. Alice Davenport } Com.  
Mrs. Rhoda Watkins }

"Locoed" will no longer be the watch-word of the cowboy of our Western domain, if the undertaking that has just been started by the Department of Agriculture bears the fruit that is expected of it. One of the experts of that department has been sent to the Plains to make a careful study of the poisonous loco weed, and the report of his investigations will be submitted to the public as soon as it is in shape for use. The present investigations are under the care of V. K. Costnut, agrostologist of the department, and field agent, and there is strong hope that he will be able to hit upon a remedy for the evil.

Esan, the snake eater, while giving an exhibition at Lake Charles, La., Monday, was bitten on the tongue by a moccasin and will probably die. He will be remembered by Taylor County people as the lad who performed the disgusting feat of biting off snakes' heads. Nauseating? Well rather.

# Don't Be Fooled; Buy Right!

It is not what you pay, but what you get that determines whether you have paid too much for an article. Our policy is to give every purchaser his money's worth, and charge only enough profit to keep in business. Glance over our prices on the following lines and see how much money we can save you:

DRY GOODS	CLOTHING
Percale 7½, 8½ and 10c	\$15 suits for \$12.50
Momie cloth 12½c	Absolutely all wool suits at 10.00
Zibeline Fancies 15c	Good all wool filled 6.50
Covert cloth 10c	Boys and youths suits from 1.75 to 7.50
American calicoes 5c	
J. J. Clark's thread 8 spools for 25c	
SHOES	GROCERIES
\$2.00 ladies shoes, for \$1.75	Tennessee sorghum, per bucket 45c
1.75 and 1.50 ladies shoes for 1.35	Cooks Pride Soda, per pound 5c
4.00 mens shoes for 3.75	2 bottles Dental Snuff for 45c
3.00 mens shoes for 2.75	10 pounds XXXX, Ljon or Arbuckle Coffee \$1.00
1.75 and 2.00 mens shoes for 1.50	Come and price other goods.

Yours for Business,

# J. P. Sharp & Co.

"The Price Setters," : Merkel, Tex.



## CATTLE INSPECTION

will not trouble you if you feed them Bass' Medicated Stock Salt right; there is a wrong way.

If the Salt is given them in feed, so that each one is given his dose regularly, in such quantity that it acts as a gentle laxative, it is impossible that cattle or horses can have TICKS, LICE or BLACKLEG, and they will fatten much faster.

When Salt is left in the pasture for cattle to lick, they will not

always lick enough to make it satisfactory, unless very salt hungry.

If given all they will lick twice a week, cattle will take it regularly, and be free of ticks and blackleg.

We pay for feed and salt if cattle fed as directed by us are not free of ticks in two weeks.

Sold by

J. T. WARREN,  
Merkel, Texas.

Bass Bros. Drug Co., Abilene, Texas.

## Burton-Lingo Co., Lumber Dealers.

A full and complete line of Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Brick, Lime, Cement, etc. We can save you money on any size bill.

J. S. BARNES, M'n'g'r.

## ELLIOTT & MILLER

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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.

**WORMS!** **WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUCE!**

Most in Quantity. — Best in Quality.

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED

Prepared by **JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.**

For Sale by BURROUGHS & MANN, Merkel, Tex.

### New T. & P. Schedule.

The following passenger schedule is now in effect:

#### DAY TRAIN

No. 6, east bound, . . . 11:51 a. m.  
No. 3, west bound, . . . 4:55 p. m.

#### NIGHT TRAIN

No. 4, east bound, . . . 11:25 p. m.  
No. 5, west bound, . . . 4:15 a. m.

### Hope and Wisdom

Both are contained in Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets. Try them. 25c. No cure—no pay.

### 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.

Chappel, J. H.

Jack, Fred.

Sloan, Dr. C. E.

Woolems, J. N.

Maderama, Abeline.

Lopez, Victorian.

Ortiz, Maria Lenora.

Rivera, Nicola.

### Laugh and the World.

Laughs with you, have chills and you chill alone. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets cures, gives an appetite and strength. Most convenient chill tonic on earth. Can carry in the vest pocket.

In order to close out our clocks we will make you the lowest price ever made for a short time.

Burroughs & Mann.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

No one who is acquainted with its good qualities can be surprised at the great popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only cures colds and grip effectually and permanently, but prevents these diseases from resulting in pneumonia. It is also a certain cure for croup. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. It is also pleasant to take. When all of these facts are taken into consideration it is not surprising that the people in foreign lands, as well as at home, esteem this remedy very highly and very few are willing to take any other after having once used it. For sale by Burroughs & Mann.

### The Mail and Dallas News \$1.50.

Hereafter the price of The Mail and Dallas News, both for one year, will be only \$1.50, either to new subscribers or renewals. This gives you 156 papers a year at less than 1c a copy.

Take advantage of this offer now.

IT IS NOT WHAT YOU GIVE so much as what you get when you want photos made. Where there is beauty we take it, and where there is none we make it. AT BARNHILL'S GALLERY.

See those nice pattern and street hats on display at Mrs. Hoople's. For quality, style and price they can not be excelled.

### Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by Burroughs & Mann.

### Flournoy Trial.

One of the hardest fought cases that has occurred here for years terminated in our District Court this week. This case was transferred from Jones county. George Flournoy was charged with the killing of Jim Owens at Stamford last May. Jim Owens was said to be under the influence of whiskey and was making some disturbances, and George Flournoy, the City Marshal, arrested him and started to take him to the lock up, but on their way they got into trouble, and the outcome of it was, Jim Owens lost his life. In less than one hour one hundred and four of the representative men of Stamford signed Flournoy's bond, believing that he had killed Owens in the discharge of his duty as an officer. They did not stop at that either, they put up the money to employ some of the best legal talent in western Texas to defend him, Judge Steele of Anson, Judge B. B. Greenwood of Stamford, and Webb & Hill and Mathews & Blanton of Albany. On the other hand, Jim Owens had a host of good friends who believing that he had met his untimely death without a cause, were here assisting in the prosecution, Judge Cunningham of Abilene, Judge Jno. B. Thomas of Anson, and Judge A. A. Clark of Albany. The trial lasted three and a half days. This was one of the most interesting trials that has taken place here in a number of years, during the argument of the case the court house was crowded to its limit for seating capacity, and the ladies turned out in great numbers. The prisoner's desk was one solid profusion of flowers, placed there by admiring friends. A court house scene like this is always a sad affair to us. On the one side sat the prisoner at the bar with his gray haired father and mother at his side with broken hearts, pleading for the acquittal of their son. On the other side sat the loving companion of the deceased, Mrs. Owens, pleading for the conviction of the accused. It is not for us to say which of these two men were to blame, but before closing we are going to venture an opinion: Had it not been for the demons of hell that lurk in strong drink, Jim Owens would have never been killed, and George Flournoy would have never been a prisoner at the bar. The case was given to the jury about 10 o'clock Thursday morning and was out about five hours and brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant.—Albany News.

### The Red-Headed Tribe.

"I have been deputy clerk in the district clerk's office here now for over a year and during that time I have seen only one red-headed man on trial for a criminal offense," said Deputy clerk Leech yesterday afternoon. "This man was indicted for bigamy and he had more wives than the law allowed by at least a few. Furthermore, I have never seen a red-headed person on trial for lunacy. I have never seen a red-headed person convicted of being a vagrant, and I have never seen a red-headed person who was a dullard.

"The tribe of red-heads is a glorious tribe. No wonder the ladies sometimes use artificial means to make their hair a rich auburn color. The smartest woman the world ever saw—Cleopatra—was red-headed. The brightest minds of the world's history, I believe, were red-heads. The tribe is not large, but select. None of the lower races have red-heads. A red-head in Africa would be a curiosity. The same can be said of China and the South Sea islanders. They flourish best where the highest grade of intelligence is found. They are so seldom encountered in the criminal courts that when one is seen there it creates comment. I have been told by many people who should be in a position to know, that there are precious few red-headed people in the insane asylums of this country, and it is an undisputed fact that there are precious few in the jails and houses of correction. Those who are so unfortunate as not to be red-headed do not realize what distinguished company they miss being in. May the tribe increase."—Fort Worth Record.

Mr. R. L. Atkins, piano merchant, of Cincinnati, O., accompanied by his wife, niece of T. B. Garoutte, came in last Thursday and will spend ten days visiting here before going to San Antonio and other Texas points.

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J. T. Warren.

### Quarterly Conference.

Quarterly conference of the Methodist church convenes Saturday. Preaching Saturday at eleven and at night, also Sunday, by Presiding Elder E. A. Smith. Methodists generally are invited to attend and get the benefit of the closing services of the conference year.

Attention is called to the card of Cunningham & Dale, lawyers, of Abilene, in this issue. The Mail takes pleasure in commending them to the people and bespeaks for them a liberal patronage.

### Methodists to Meet.

The Northwest Texas Annual conference, Methodist Episcopal church, south, will convene in this city Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Wallace W. Duncan will preside over the conference.

Bishop Duncan is well and favorably known in Texas, and his coming will be welcomed by not only the Methodists of Fort Worth and the Northwest Texas conference, but by the more than two hundred thousand loyal Methodists and as many adherents of the Southern Methodist church in the state.

It is expected that the sessions of the conference will be held in the city hall, but the devotional exercises will be held in the several Southern Methodist churches of the city.—Fort Worth Record.

A fashion article says that hereafter the ladies are to go without hips. Strange how easily the women can shed their various parts at the dicta of fashion. It gives one the creeps to see a flat bosom where the day before was a front that looked like two watermelons.—Sherman Courier.

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Look after your eye sight, and have your eyes properly fitted with the best lenses made.

Mr. Strickland had samples of his big boll cotton on exhibition yesterday, which attracted much attention from the farmers. One hundred bolls of the cotton, we are informed, weighed 2 1/2 lbs., while some think it will take fully 100 bolls of the average cotton grown in this country to produce a pound. Mr. Strickland was in a dry streak this year, which goes to prove that his improvement is fully as prolific and will stand droughts as well as the native product. Improvement ought to be the desire of every farmer, and it is hoped that this cotton will be given a thorough trial.

The Texas & Pacific pay car passed up the road Monday.



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### Items From Various Sources

#### What's the Trouble

With your back, old man? Rheumatism? Too bad, too bad. I advise you to try Hunt's Lightning Oil. It is said to be a wonderful remedy.

#### 1880 vs. 1903.

John Ballew.

The first crop I made in 1880 in Texas was made with a wooden plow-stock and an old Spanish pony named Shake. I would plow old Shake until nightfall and tie a post oak rail to him and turn him out to graze. In the morning I could trail him up by the print of the rail. That was after man began walking on his hind feet and communicating with each other by placing faces in close proximity and making grimaces and signs and grunts and growls and smiles. The sons of the soil had quit feeding on wild roots and herbs and had begun to reckon with each other about the cultivation of the choicest products. He had begun to read and think and it was good for him. Then the steel plow came, and the cultivator and the riding wheel plow and today it has been announced that a steam disc plow has been installed and will start in a few days turning the fertile soil of old Falls county. This is progress.

Old Shake and my antique wooden plow would not compare very favorably with this modern innovation. Of course it is not now and never was the part of wisdom to give ear to fanciful theories unsupported by actual demonstration, but we are not so antiquated that we do not believe in steam plowing. In the dismal past we had our scruples about any kind of a plow and to put a critter in the crop would be to tramp it to death. But we have allowed the modern new way of farming to crowd these old fogy notions out of our advanced methods of doing things and today what a transformation! Where the long horn and the green horn roamed the grass-clad plains now the man with old Beck and Kit in front of him and a riding plow on springs between him and the rich, mellow sod, he is plowing on after the man with the steam plow and old Falls throws down the gauntlet. While these two modern farmers follow each other along up the line of progress. It has brought us this far and it will surely carry us on. It was "the old hayseed." Then it was the farmer. Now it is the

progressive agriculturalist. It is a keen pleasure to know that we are on the up grade.

The long horn and the green horn are slowly but surely walking off the stage. The razor-back is relegated to the realms of the past. Transformation after transformation has taken place and a new era dawns on Texas—grand old Texas, glorious old Texas. The song of progress sweet as the song of angels, swells out on the morning air.

Joe Milsap has resigned his position as constable of this precinct. Under prohibition there is too little money in the office. Mr. Milsap has accepted a more remunerative position, watchman for the new Federal building.—Abilene News.

#### Farmers, Raise Turkeys.

J. W. Stanfield of Peede has two acres of cotton that will make three-fourths of a bale per acre, while his other cotton will make only one-fourth of a bale to the acre. Mr. Stanfield says the two acres are located near his residence and he has fifteen turkeys which make three raids a day in the patch searching for boll weevils. He says they fairly ride the stalks after the bugs. He wants more turkeys.—Kaufman Sun.

#### After the Jarrot Murderer.

A Fort Worth Telegram special from Colorado City says:

The grand jury, which has just adjourned at Lubbock, found seven indictments for felonies and four bonds were placed at \$5,000 each. Some of these, as the Telegram reporter is informed, are against persons charged with murder of Attorney J. W. Jarrott in August 1902. Nearly everybody in West Texas is familiar with the tragedy. Mr. Jarrott was charged with lending encouragement to the settlement of the country and he had some enemies on that account. So one day when he was out to his ranch, west of town, alone, he was shot to death by unknown parties and his body was not found for several days. Several attempts have been made to punish the guilty, but up to the recent court they have been unsuccessful.

#### Increased Capital Stock.

Stockholders in the Roscoe Lumber Company met here Monday and decided to increase the Company's stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The increasing volume of business and the opening

of new yards has made this step necessary. The company is now one of the strongest in western Texas and has able men behind it.

The stockholders here Monday were J. C. Hamm, president, Merkel; J. S. Cordill, vice-president and general manager, Big Springs; W. F. Walker, Stanton; G. H. Johnson and F. M. Cordill, of Roscoe.—Roscoe Herald.

#### Local Option Finally Wins.

The news from Austin is that the supreme court has refused to grant a writ of error from the Fort Worth Court of appeals in the Haskell county local option case, holding that the action of the Fort Worth court was final and that it (the supreme court) had no jurisdiction to reopen the case. This leaves the decision of the Fort Worth court in favor of local option in full force, so that prohibition will go into effect as soon as the publication of the notice is completed. Perhaps it will be so in reality before that time, as we understand the saloon license expires on November 8 and it is not probable that the proprietors will renew it for the short time between that date and the completion of the notice.—Haskell Free Press.

#### Masonic Home Report.

At a meeting of directors of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Fort Worth, held in that city a few days ago, the following condition of the home was made public:

Receipts	\$78,897.50
Amount expended for constructoin of the new buildings, current expenses of the home, insurance, etc	55,443.66
New loans made	12,736.16

Cash on hand	\$10,726.74
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The amount of the permanent fund now invested being \$68,132.74, and other assests of the home, including 212 acres of land, buildings, electric light plant, farm stock and other improvements, amounting to \$109,733.70, showing the total assests to be \$207,866.44, the home is now considered complete in every respect, and capable of caring for 150 inmates.

Cast your bread upon the waters,  
Far and wide your treasures strow,

Scatter it with willing fingers,  
Shout for joy to see it go;

You may think it lost forever;

But as sure as God is true,

In this life and in the other

It will yet return to you.

—Trine.

The Minnesota training school at Redwing, has adopted a spanking machine, which entirely supersedes the old manual method of correction. The superintendent is well pleased with the machine and says the humiliation of being spanked by a machine is a greater terror to the unruly than a much sterner chastisement by the old method.

#### Do You Want to Yawn?

Feel cold shiverings, achings in the bones, lack of energy, headache, and great depression? Those 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, Manchester, Kan., writes: "I have used your great medicine, Herbine, for 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 Burroughs & Mann's.

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