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#### The Value of Struggle.

years have seemed at times very five per cent of the colored popufutile to you, but in the eyes of lation will hereafter have no it broke the growth of habit, at least it doubled the surface of the water, at least it was a glimpse of your best self, at least it showed that there was something alive ing you are going upward. fail who does no trying. number of fresh stars. from the clouds and cease to observe the wind. Let the Word of God speak into your conscience the first 100 feet, one price to all. and heart; you are not men to be One man can have a well drilled the slaves of lust or the slaves of as cheap as another. I make no your bad temper. You are men difference in prices to any one. to gain the victory over them; you are men to rise to the beauty of kindness, and gentleness, and self-restraint, temperance and purity. That is what you are men for; God sees it in your conscience. You can by looking thing in this line. away from these miserable clouds, and refuse to feel the severity of the wind, look out of The gin receipts at this place yourself to God, his will, his will go above the estimate by a power, his grace. What God few hundred bales this fall. ures, but go on trying, and there would be as many as would reach tory, at the end of the road .- over the 400 mark and not quite Canon Charles Gore.

Alabama has disfranchised the The Old Historic Alamo. That ineffectual struggle of illiterate negro and fully seventy dosed with the same medicine.

data for such a history.

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I can save you money on any-

E. D. Coats.

wills is possible. Only try and It was estimated at the beginning try again; never mind the fail- of the season that 300 bales is victory, sure and certain vic- the Roby gin, but it has gone done.—Roby Herald.

San Antonio is invested with God that ineffective struggling voice in elections. The greaser many historic scenes, but none had an infinite value. At least population of Texas should be of them is equal to those associated with the thrilling events of the Alamo. This old fortress Judge Reagan will not be a has its history written in the candidate for re-election as blood of heroes. Could it speak, Railroad Commissioner. It is the every stone in its venerable walls that was resisting. Never mind general hope that he will devote would tell of deeds and encounthe failure; trial, attempt, effort, his remaining years, or as many ters more daring and desperate struggle-that shows you are of them as will be necessary for than any connected with the alive. So long as you are fight- the work, to the writing of a his- struggles and sacrifices of ancient I tory of the Southland. As the Thermopylae. In that famous believe it, that no one can ever only surviving member of the battle there were a few Spartans Suc- Confederate Cabinet and as a left to tell the tale of slaughter, cess is only an infinite renewal man whose mind is stored with but after the storming of the of fresh endeavors, an infinite many instances of Southern Alamo there was no American Go on chivalry and heroism which his- survivor left to tell how his comtrying, and in these repeated tory does not record, he is pecu-rades fought, bled and died. trials there is at the last forever liarly fitted for the work. It is After the smoke of the battle had the success. Then look away said he has long been compiling cleared away, they were all silent in death, covered with the dust and blood of conflict. While in Well drilling is 40c per foot for San Antonio last week we made it convenient to visit this old fortress, now owned by the state, and to look through its chambers and inspect its relics and reminders of a by-gone civilization. It is a gloomy old structure, standing right in the heart of the city, and its quaintness Wind mills, pumps, pipe, etc. is made to stand out in striking proportions by virtue of the fact that modern improvements now surround it upon all sides. As soon as the eye rests upon it, a feeling of solemn awe creeps over the spectator. The spectres of the distant past rise up and pass in review, and the sound of guns, the flash of knives, and the deep mutters of the combatants in the death grapple cry out and tell how pioneers fought and

> for worship. It took its name Americans were fearfully thinned from the cottonwood trees that by Mexican bullets and their

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bayonets, until their dead bodies were piled up around the base are Being Cured Daily in Spite of Them-Originally the Alamo was a of the building. The slaughter Catholic church, and was used went on till 9 o'clock, when the grew around the spot. It was ammunition was exhausted. The Drunkenness is a disease and not weakness. A built of rough stones and cement. surviving Americans retreated body filled with poison and nerves completely In February of 1836, Col. Ben into the little ante-chambers and icating liquors, requires an antidote capable of Milam, with a small force of fought with the zeal of despera- neutralizing and eradicating this poison, and de-Americans, took possession of tion. And when these retreats may now cure themselves at home without pubthe city. After this, Gen. Santa were taken, all were dead but licity or loss of time from business by this won-Anna invested the city with an Bowie and Travis and Crockett, perfected after many years of close study and army of four thousand Mexican with a few sick and wounded, treatment of inebriates. The faithful use actroops. In a battle that followed and all of these were butchered is positively guaranteed to cure the most obsti-Col. Milam was killed. The A- in cold blood. Not one of them nate case, no matter how hard a drinker. Our mericans were then hard pressed, servived. But the havoc wrought thousands of drunkards into sober, industrious and they retreated into the Ala- in the Mexican columns was and upright men. mo, with Col. W. B. Travis in something to make one shudder. your fathers! This remedy is in no sense a noscommand. Davy Crockett and Two thousand of them were dead trum, but is a specific for this disease only, ar Col. Bowie and other leaders around the walls, on the roof, thoroughly soluble and pleasant to the tast were associated with him. All and in the building. Their blood that it can be given in a cup of tea or co told, there were only one hundred and brains were spattered over Thousands of drunkards have cured thousands of drunkards have cured thousands and ninety-two men, including the stones and on the ground, with this priceless remedy and as many more the officers and twenty faithful until it resembled a slaughter having the "CURE" administered by loving Mexicans, who remained with pen. Over three hundred of friends and relatives without their knowledge in them. A great many of this them were desperately wounded; tea or coffee, and believe today that they discontinued drinking of their own free will. Do Not small number were sick, among and all of this done by less than Wait! Do not be deluded by apparent and misthem Crockett and Bowie. For one hundred and fifty men who at once and for all time. The "Home Gold Cure several days this intrepid band chose to die rather than surren- is sold at the extremely low price of One Dollar, held the Mexican horders at bay, der to a merciless foe. This treatment more effectual than others costing \$25 renelling all their assaults suc- ended one of the most fearful to \$50. Full directions accompany each pack the morning tragedies ever recorded in the quested without extra the Santa history of our country. But it any part of the world atured was the doom of Santa Anna. 2332 Market St., Pl the Such was the devotion to the All correspo his struggle for independence inspired by this brutal performance, and

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an Jacinto, about a month rwards the Moviesn army

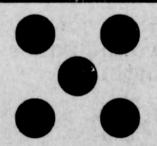
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that the Alamo became the der watchword of Houston's brave pion



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' Your

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unded the colored brother's for pork production. In fact, ing your case without cost to you beyond the head. Rev. J. P. Robinson, one there is a distinct advantage in Catarrh Cure. of the speakers, said, among growing and feeding crops other Sent prepaid to any address in the United States or Canada on receipt of One Dollar. Adother things:

tertained in white hotels, white putting fat on hogs, but for no restaurants and the like, but we other purpose. Pasturage and must have such things for our not grain crops are far better for own entertainment and comfort. growth and growth is far more

some houses and get some virtue. Do not let any one fool you by

### RAISE HOGS.

want and need.

Southern farmers to raise pork. ing disease. It cures all inflammation quickly They have a peculiar advantage and permanently, and is also wonderfully quick over the pork raiser of the west, Catarrh when neglected often leads to Conespecially in a year of short corn sumption-"SNUFFLES" will save you if you crops, for there a short corn crop complete treatment which is positively guaran-From the tone of the speeches means a short hog crop; here it teed to cure catarrh in any form or stage if used negro Baptist convention in does not necessarily mean the according to the directions which accompany Smith, the Booker Wash- same thing, because Southern once, and write full particulars as to your condion dinner incident has not farmers are not restricted to corn the discoverer of this wonderful remedy regardand more certain than corn. dress Dept. 1, EDWIN B. GILES & Co., 2330 and We must not expect to be en- Corn is the best known feed for 2332, Market St., Philadelphia. white people have shown than half the hog. On account well drilling to 40c per f nt you to do of the scarcity of corn and con- to 100 feet. I tend to some sequent scarcity of hogs in the drilling show them great hog-producing northwest, for, and nen who pork is now high and must re- with y tell main so for at least two years. Save to Therefore, those who have hogs P and to market will find them more

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When we placed the orders for most of these goods we were supposed to have the very finest of crops. Since then crops have been cut short, and now cotton is falling every day, and we have decided it is best to commence to unload.

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Half wool Dress Goods	6%с
Half wool Dress Goods, better grade	to 15c
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Good Domestics	c, 5c and 4c
Calico, the best	4c and 5c
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During this 10 days we will sell you Millinery Goods at about one-half the usual price.

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Black Worsted, the kind of suits to get married in, suits
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During this sale we will sell all our \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$15
Clay Worsteds, Fancy Worsteds, Serges and California suits at
We throw together for this sale all our \$8.50, \$9 and \$10 suits
and make you the very low price of\$7.00
We sell our \$6.50 suits for
We sell our 5.00 suits for
Boys' long pant suits, the \$7.50 line at
Boys' long pant suits, the 6.00 line at4.00
Knee pant suits \$1, 1.25, 1.50 up to

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Geo. P. Ide & Co. shirts, "The Gold" \$1.50 and	\$1.75	shirts,
this sale		\$1.20
"The Silver," the \$1.50 shirt, at		1.00
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The 75c line of shirts at		50c

We have not got space to give you prices all over the house, but if you will come and see us we will make you special low prices on every article in the house. We want to price you. Come and see us first, get our prices and then when you go to next house you'll know whether its cheap or not.



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ture and Science this office.

the anecdotes and miscellany have their share in making the

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M. D. Wheat and Miss Minnie Petitte were married at Abilene Monday, Rev. Chas, E. Brown, postor of the Methodist Church, officiating. A few friends were present to witness the auspicious event and bid the happy couple God-speed in their journey together down the ways of the fut-The article on the care of the ure. The bride is the adopted health which has been published daughter of Mrs. Thompson of

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### A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

a good time to advocate those see that it is a waste of money to things which are calculated to be attempt to repair it. But there of greatest worth to the town. is a better way out of the diffi-The fire has left us in a condi-culty, if we but take time by the from our forefathers. It is a manufacturing department the tion where, if careful and con- forelock and work harmoniously word which is used to denote our increases are phenomenal, but servative business methods are together. Now to incorporate reverence for God and a proper none of the manufactured artinot adopted and carried out by for school purposes will give us conception of the manifold and cles show as great an increase as the merchants of the town, we the privilege of voting an extra munificent blessings vouchsafed that of malt liquors. In 1880 the are liable to experience business tax of 5 per cent., or we can vote us by an Allwise Providence. value of this article was \$47,059, stagnation. Therefore, in view school house bonds and float Thanksgiving for us to-day is a which increased to nearly two of this crisis, which is not at all them and build a house without, time for rejoicing that life has millions in 1890. Eighteen perimprobable if we are not watch- you might say, feeling the cost. been spared to ful, it behooves the least of us to Stamford has done this; hun-have escape? each out and grasp every op- dreds of other towns are doing it, overcome portunity and straddle every and there is no reason why we ations the good of the town. Some time Six years ago The Mail started als ago an effort was made to incor- the agitation for a new school porate the town, but the plan was house. The school buildin was shortly abandoned because it then squatting serenely in could but have been a burden to significance where the nort the community at large. Since gin now stands. The at time The Mail has been urg- came interested. wi

> ion, not tor hool -

the burden of municipal affairs; there is no expense attached to it other than that agreed upon and voted in by the people. The great need of a new school house has started the agitation of this question, and it is one that should appeal to every property holder in the town. The Mail is informed that an additional teacher will be necessary next year, and as the school building is inadequate, even to the present demands upon it, and that, too, with a short attendance of Communications to insure publication must the pupils enrolled, it will be bear the signature of the writer, as well as the nom de plume under which they write. This is required merely as a guarantee of good faith.

Obtuaries, Cards of Thanks, etc., are inserted done. We must either build a couple of rooms to the building or divide the school and rent rooms elsewhere, or else build a new house. Those who are ac-The Mail feels that just now is quainted with the building must proposition that is advanced for should not do so. We must do it. ures

distinct and separate in meaning standard. But the town has out- worth double its present value who made history in Texas have and results. To incorporate for grown the building. It demands inside of half a dozen years, been suggested: Sam Houston, school purposes does away with larger and more comfortable This is a natural result of the Stephen F. Austin, Albert Sidney quarters - a building commen- rapid development of the coun- Johnston, L. S. Ross, ex-Gov. ress of the town in other respects. demand for homes. As a man were all great men, but it seems We can incorporate for school remarked the other day: "We that those noble fellows who sacpurposes, float bonds to the sum are making men and money rificed their lives in defense of of \$5,000, and by the time school every day, but not a foot of land the Alamo and Texas freedom house built that will be a credit flood." You may not have of Fame. Could we not inscribe to the town and an honor to its thought of this, but it is a fact their names instead? citizens. The columns of The and needs no comment other Mail are open for discussions on than expressed in its literal the subject, and those who are meaning. Hold on to your little acquainted with the laws gov- farm-it will soon grow you a erning the case are especially fortune. urged to write their views. This is no time for laggards; we must have a new school building. The ly opened with prayer, for the success of the school demands it; first time in its history. A heavy the future of the town demands docket was before the court, and

### THANKSGIVING.

An Arkansas court was recent What do you think about it? several men received the death sentence.

An abstract of the Eleventh The origin of the word Thanks- Census, just to hand, shows a giving is really not known, but is remarkable increase in Texas supposed to be an inheritance industries over 1880. In the were employed in its manuroainst 444 in 1890. No

to hand for the that the in-

surate with the growth and prog- try and the consequent increased Rusk and Richard Coke. These opens next September have a has been made since Noah's are entitled to a niche in the Hall

> Perhaps the first marriage ceremony ever performed in Texas by a woman took place in Johnson county the other day, which was brought to light when the marriage certificate was sent in to be recorded. The question of the validity of the marriage has been raised, though the ceremony was performed by a deaconess of the M. P. Church.

A short time ago the Attorney General filed suits against the breweries for alleged violations of the anti-trust law, and for a time it seemed as if they were up against a hard proposition. However, a compromise was effected and the breweries agreed to get new permits, at the same time paying nearly \$100,000 in fines into the State Treasury. Home breweries were fined \$7,500 and those outside the State double that amout. Other suits are to

Senator Sebastian of Breckindecade ridge has announced for reelection.

Fair No more important measure vill come up before the next ongress than that relating the he Chinese exclusion are indeed

### A Startling Surprise.

that for ten years he suffered of Filley, Mo. "I gave her a his taking Electric Bitters he writes, "and I have not felt a given as soon as the first symp-Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Rust & Pittard. Pittard's.

nicest selection of Christmas goods ever displayed in the town. Make your selections now while me stock is comparatively unbroken.

Rust & Pittard.

G. W. Baggett was down from Sweetwater Sunday visiting relatives.

Saturday looked like an old timer in Merkel. There have been few livelier days this fall.

town, for sale. See H. C. Wil- and live to a ripe old age. liams.

well drilling.

souvenir is announced in this guarantee. ssue by the Belfast Linen Co.

Joe Elliott was in from Arlington this week.

the road Monday.

this week from Fort Worth. He very favorable seasons we may is on the lookout for desirable hope for a bountiful harvest, and ranch property, and the Merkel a good wheat crop next spring Country may again call him its would partly make up for the

Horse and buggy for sale; worth \$175, but \$125 cash will buy them, Buggy good as new, horse in good condition. Apply at this office.

A. Fitts made a business trip to Mansfield this week.

### A Sad Death.

this week the death of Miss Bessie he continues to do business not-Martin, which occurred at the withstanding his recent heavy family home in Roscoe Sunday loss by fire.—Albany News. night, whither the family recently moved. She had only been sick a few days and her condition was not thought to be serious, but along toward the last she rapidly grew worse, death coming all too quick. The body was entered at Roscoe Monday evening.

Miss Bessie was raised in Merkel, where she grew up among pleasant surroundings, and was very popular with the every one. She was a bright vivacious young girl who carried sunshine with her wherever she went, and her death is a source of great grief to the many friends who loved her. Just blooming into lovely young womanhood, the visit of the grim destroyer seems doubly cruel.

May God comfort the bereaved To them The Mail tenders its heartfelt sympathy.

Tom Johnson and John Mann & are playing the "devil" in the print shop these days-that is, they make the suggestions while the devil does the work. But their company is appreciated, even if they don't bring cigars ? with them every time.

I and for Sale.

land, with good and barn.

"Last winter an infant child Very few could bel. sin look- of mine had croup in a violent t A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, form," says Elder John W. robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., Rogers, a Christian Evangelist, such tortures from rheumatism few doses of Chamberlain's as few could endure and live. Cough Remedy and in a short But a wonderful change followed time all danger was past and the child recovered." This remedy "Two bottles wholly cured me," not only cures croup, but when twinge in over a year." They toms appear, will prevent the atregulate the kidneys, purify the tack. It contains no opium or blood and cure rheumatism, other harmful substance and neuralgia, nervousness, improve may be given as confidently to digestion and give perfect health. a baby as an adult. For sale by

Cheapness without worth is We have the largest stock and high priced. We give you value with price.

J. T. Warren.

R. J. Hannah dropped in The Mail office Friday and renewed his allegiance to the paper. There is nothing the matter with Mr. Hannah this year. He has gathered 20 bales from 50 acres of cotton, his corn averaged nearly 20 bushels to the acre and he has a world of sorghum, kaffir corn, etc., besides several fat hogs and a big turnip patch. 160 acres of land, adjoining Good for him. May he grow fat

10 per cent discount from reg-See E. D. Coats for prices on ular prices on all jewelry in stock, until the holidays are The free distribution of a silver over. Every article sold under a

#### Rust & Pittard.

Farmers from all sections of the country report that since the rains came wheat is looking fine. The T. & P. pay car passed up It took on a new growth at once and is looking healthy and vigor-D. W. Godwin was in the city ous. With a continuation of the

> short cotton crop this fall. Window glass, all sizes and the right prices at Rust & Pit-

We are glad to see by the advertising columns of The Merkel Mail, that The Star Store is again in the front rank. Mr. Thurmond's many friends in this The Mail is pained to chronicle section will be glad to know that

> and Mrs. W. A. Coggin last bruises, burns, felons, ulcers, berlain's Pain Bâlm was prompt-Friday evening, at the residence eruptions, boils, corns and piles. ly applied and five minutes later of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Wilkes, Only 25c. Guaranteed by Rust the pain had disappeared and no and the little lady received a & Pittard. royal welcome. Mr. Wilkes bears his new honors of grandpa flour for winter. J. T. Warren is with a becoming grace and dig-selling 500 lbs. Peace-Maker for nity that is quite pleasing to his \$10. many friends.—Colorado Clipper.

What's the matter with Grandpa Tom Coggin?

### **Facts About** JEWELRY.

Every article in my stock is thoroughly good and reliable.

My lines are so comprehensive and varied as to insure satisfactory selec-

My guarantee stands behind every article I se' and my reputation well known

Quality ered

## **888888888888888888888** Announcement

It affords us great pleasure to announce that we have opened for business again, since the disastrous fire of October 15th. We are now located with a line of General Merchandise, as before, in the Polk building, one door east of the Largent corner, where we shall be glad to get a share of your business. stock is new and up-to-now in every respect. We are in a position to give you as much for your money as anybody.

### Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm.

Now is the time to buy your

line, which was recently com- injuries without maturation and pleted from Abilene to Colorado, in one-third the time repuired by is being extended on west to Mid- the usual treatment. For sale by land.

Sam Wallace was down from Roscoe Sunday.

We have a complete stock of Hamilton-Brown Shoes; every pair new and up-to-now.

J. T. Warren.

Dr. Leeman has received the appointment by the Commissiongers Court as Precinct physician Mail's list since the fire. This is

> served a cept

### Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.

The little daughter of Mr. J. Salve, that wholly cured a horri- and thrust one nail entirely Turner, Dempseytown, ble fever sore on his leg. Noth- through her foot and a second A daughter was born to Mr. ing else could. Positively cures one half way through. Chammore suffering experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is The Northwestern telephone an antiseptic and heals such Rust & Pittard.

> Gainesville Lard and Hams are good enough. Try them. J. T. Warren.

> E. D. Sherman called around last week and paid for three copies of The Mail.

> Many new subscribers-about 100—have been added to The

We are making extremely low -day to prices on Seth Thomas clocks. editor They are bargains at the prices asked.

an appreciable increase.

Rust & Pittard.

Millard Coggin accompanied a train of cattle from Colorado to o last week.

### Startling, but True.

"If every one knew what a Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Vt. N. Powell jumped on en inverted grand medicine Dr. King's New got a box of Bucklen's Arnica rake made of ten penny nails, Life Pills is," writes D. H. "you'd sell all you have in a day. Two week's use has made a new man of me." Infallible for constipation, stomach and liver troubles. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

> We have our own delivery now and can get goods out as soon as ordered. Try us.

J. T. Warren.

B. F. Mallory of Kent county came in Sunday from Mississippi. where he disposed of a car of

B. Brown was up from Abilene, Sunday, visiting home

Say, you man who swiped our paste pot, please call around and bring it with you.

I. S. Allen was up town Saturday for the first time in six weeks.

T. J. Coggin and J. H. Ensminger are two of The Mail's good friends who advanced their subscriptions 5 years last week. We are grateful to them.

Ladies capes and skirts at wholesale cost at

#### The Star Store. Don't Become Discouraged,

But use Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box.) Many imitations of subscriber to The the original, so be careful and you are satisfied, see that it's "Purifier" and manufatured by the A. C. Simmona Jr. Medicine Co.



Style, Quality Fit and Finish are what you want.



Where will we buy our Cloaks, Hats, Groceries and Dishes to-day? You need a nice dress and shoes, and I am going to get me a new Coat and a pair of Boots and the boys want an Overcoat."

"Why at Sharp's, of course. You know that's the best place to trade, and we have always found things just like they say and we'll go and load our wagon."

TRIAL WILL CONVINCE YOU OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THIS CLAIM

# J. P. SHARP & CO.



Business follows the house that makes the lowest prices and that carry GOOD GOODS.



### Thanksgiving.

have gathered to observe and Youth's Companion. perpetuate the annual festival of To whom it may concern: Thanksgiving. No holiday in the Parties indebted to us will year can claim a nobler birth- please come in and settle at once, right than this, none is richer in either with C. W. Harris at -no pay. tender memories. Other days Nubia or at our gin at Merkel. may touch the pride of race or 3t fan the fires of patriotism; this speaks of home, the family and the fireside.

celebrate, this alone is distinctively American. We mark the birthday of Washington, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the dates of epoch-making battles; but in this house, lots, wells and barn. 21/2 we are not peculiar. countries observe the birthdays \$12.50 per acre. of their illustrious dead and the anniversaries of great events in All itching diseases are emtheir history. All Christian na- barrassing as well as annoying. tions keep Christmas. But in Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve this, our Thanksgiving, we have and permanently cure all forms a day peculiarly our own.

It was instituted more than 250 Price 50 cents. years ago by the fathers who sought religious liberty on the and in spite of temptations to turn it into a mere occasion of feasting and merrymaking, it has always retained much of the reverent and thankful spirit which called it into being. Wherever the aims and achievements of the founders of this nation are honored, the day which they set apart for "thanksgiving and praise" is still observed. Our brothers across the Canadian border also keep it. Often in the past it has been on a different date from that which we observe. This year it will be on the same

We are apt to think of the Pilgrims and Puritans as a stern and joyless company, of noble aims, no doubt, and dauntless courage, but so given over to religious thought and observation as to have neither time nor tolerance for the lighter and pleasanter side of life. Let us remember, then, that this holiday, the sweetest and tenderest occasion in the year, comes down to us from them; and that joy and feasting and good cheer had with them, as they should have ir surest foundation E.

h reverently ac-

knowledges the Divine gifts of All over the country families life and health and harvests .-

Harris & Hunt.

At best life is but short. not make it shorter yet by rank morning. Thanksgiving servi- each other in the terrible con-Moreover, of all the days we neglect of that cough of yours, ces were held at the Presbyterian flict of the sixties. Those who when one bottle of Simmons' Church, which were no doubt wore the blue and those who Cough Syrup would cure you. very beautiful and impressive. Guaranteed. Price 25c and 50c.

### Land for Sale.

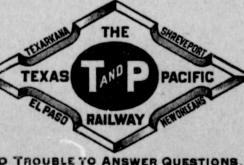
320 acres of land, with good Other miles south of Merkel, for sale at

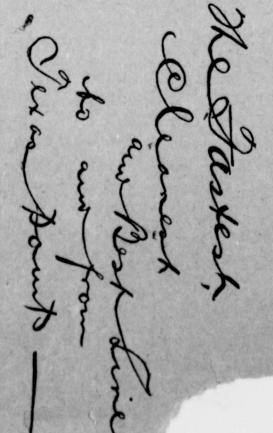
Mrs. E. J. Rawlins.

of scuch diseases. Guaranteed.

#### BEST shores of Massachusetts Bay, PASSENGER SERVICE IN TEXAS.

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### Open Your Mouth

And swallow one. Cheatham's next spring, will do good work-Laxative Chill Tablets combines \$125 and \$100 per pair.Cash or all the qualities of the best lipuid good note or will take vendor chill tonics. Dose always ready. notes and pay the difference. Dose always the same. No cure

The merchants closed their Time is playing sad havoc with stores to-day at 10 o'clock and the veterans of the two great Do will not open again until Friday armies which were pitted against

A good plug horse, good con- pearing from among us, and dition, price \$35. Cash or good

### Dr. J. H. Warnick. Women and Jewels.

behind them. Jewels, candy, flowers, man- The report of the adjutant that is the order of a woman's general of the Grand Army of preferences. Jewels form a mag- the Republic read at the recent net of mighty power to the aver- national encampment at Cleveage woman. Even that greatest land, Ohio, shows that the total of all jewels, health, is often number of deaths for the year ruined in the strenuous efforts to preceeding was 7,055 reducing make or save the money to pur- the membership in the ranks of chase them. If a woman will the organization to 269,507 sur-Surplus and Undi-\$1704.86 risk her health to get a coveted vivors. gem, then let her fortify herself Six years ago the membership against the insiduous consequen- lists of the Grand Army showed ces of coughs, colds or bronchial an enrollment of 357,630, or 88,affections by the regular use of 123 more than at the present our customers, and offer then Dr. Boschee's German Syrup. It time. Thus in this half dozen the services of a reliable and will promptly arrest consumption years more than one-fourth of in its early stages and heal the the entire membership of the oraffected lungs and bronchial ganization have joined the phantubes and drive the dread dis-tom legions whose white tents ease from the system. It is not are pitched on the hillsides and a cure-all, but it is a certain cure in the valleys, waiting for the for coughs, colds and all bron-bugle's note to tell them that the chial troubles. You can get Dr. morning cometh. G. G. Green's reliable remedies There is something deeply paat Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's thetic in the fading away of the moves the unhealthy tissue up-Special Almanac.

reading matter this week, due in dividual members of both armies exist. Price, 25 cents. part to a temporary increase in it may be said that in time of ly to the stubborr gasoline en in respond to We hope

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Two pair of mules, three's J. C. Warren, Pres. S. F. West, V-Pres. Seo. S. Berry, Cash.

# wore the gray are rapidly disap-

Dr. J. H. Warnick.

The Passing of the Veterans.

them now, will know them no

more forever, except in the mar-

# soon the places which know tial memories which they leave

of Merkel

vided Profits

We guarantee satisfaction to conservative Banking Institution which is at all times willing to extend every courtesy consistent with sound business methods

### We solicit your business

White's Cream Vermifuge retwo great armies which forty on which worms thrive; it brings, years ago were such stern and and quickly, a healthy condition The Mail is unusually short of powerful realities. For the in- of body, where worms cannot

advertising patronage, but main-battle they acquitted themselves so distressing and annoying eroes, and that in time of than piles. Tabler's Buckeye av acquitted themselves Pile Ointment is daily curing the two great cases of years' standing of itchsappeared ing and bleeding piles. The ch char- cure begins on the first applicathe tion, a little perseverence makes for the cure complete. Price 50c blue in bottles. Tubes, 75c.

12 hundred pour k cow. White

A. J. HILL,

### BARBER.

Agent, Model Steam Laundry of Abilene.

### S. T. EASON, THE BARBER.

genteel people.

### J. M. PATE, BARBER.

NORTH FRONT STREET.

First class work and prompt an polite attention to all.

### DR. F. N. BROWN, DENTIST.

Nitrous Oxide Gas Administered Office, Pine St. Abilene.

### J. J. MILLER,

Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds, take acknowledgements, pa9 taxes on land, furnish abstracts of title and transadt all other business entrusted to him.

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

Visiting brethren cor-died of a night mare. dially invited to attend.

S. H. Basham, N.G. T. F. Comgton, Sec.

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Office over Harris' Drugstore, Abilene, Texas.

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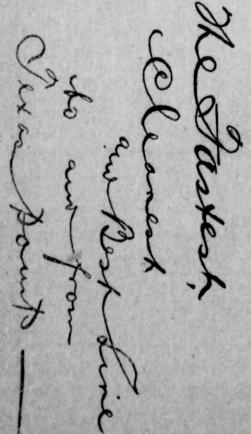
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E. P. TURNER, GEN'L PASS'R AND TICKET AGENT. DALLAS, TEXAS

Ever ready, always reliable, are Cheatham's Daxative Tablets. They cure a cold quicker their advertiseme than any known remedy. Easy pleasant to take.

FOR SADE—Good gentle family horse. Apply at

The Star Store.

Never try to coax a cold of cough, use the remedy that unfailingly conquers both. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the greatest specific for all throat A genteel shaving parlor for and lung troubles. Price, 25 and 50 cents.

A tramp ran into a printing office and said that a man had just swallowed a two-foot rule and was dying by inches. The editors started out to learn the particulars of the death and meeting a doctor told him about the case. He said he once had a patient that swallowed a thermometer and died by degrees. A couple of bystanders then chipped in. One said that it reminded him of a fellow down in Justice Peace and Notary Public Kansas who swallowed a pistol and went off easy. The other said he had a friend in New Jersey who swallowed a pint of apple jack and went off in good spirits. We once heard of a man No. 355 meets every Friday who ate some horse flesh and We once asked an old German if his son, who swallowed a tape measure, had died by inches and he replied that his son "vent oud in the ally und died by the yard." -Exchange.

#### Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the Real Estale and Insurance Agent sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives perfect pro-Attorney-at-law & Notary Public. tection against all throat, chest Well Drilling Must Come Down. and lung troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and well drilling to 40c per foot, up doctor's bills. A teaspoonful to 100 feet. I have first-class stops a late cough, persistent use drilling outfits, which are paid the most stubborn. Harmless for, and should be glad to figure and nice tasting, it's guaranteed with you on a well. I can also to satisfy by Rust & Pittard. save you mrney on wind mills, Price 50 and \$1.00. Trial bottles pumps, etc. My stock is large

> The News is indebted to E. L. Collings for some missionary lam work on his recent hunt. He brought home with him two bear cubs that he killed his own selfby pulling the trigger of a gun. News.

Work on the Kansas City. Mexico & Orient railroad will be resumed at Sweetwater December 1st. Thomas Trammell reoffice in Kansas City last week stating that a construction outfit consisting of 25 mule teams and other necessary equipments would reach Sweetwater during the latter part of the month. is understood that the construction work will be pushed forward with all possible speed, and that the construction crew will be increased with local teams and outfits from other parts along the line as they can be spared .-Sweetwater Reporter.

In this issue of the paper a handsome piece of silverware offered free as a Holiday by the Belfast Lin-

For catarrh and colds in the head, Hunt's Lightning Oil is a sure cure. A few drops taken internally relieves and cures cramp colic, cholera morbus and such troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

### Women and Jewels.

Jewels, candy, flowers, manthat is the order of a woman's preferences. Jewels form a magnet of mighty power to the average woman. Even that greatest of all jewels, health, is often ruined in the strenuous efforts to make or save the money to purchase them. If a woman will risk her health to get a coveted gem, then let her fortify herself against the insiduous consequences of coughs, colds or bronchial affections by the regular use of Dr. Boschee's German Syrup. It will promptly arrest consumption in its early stages and heal the affected lungs and bronchial tubes and drive the dread disease from the system. It is not a cure-all, but it is a certain cure for coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Special Almanac.

At best life is but short. not make it shorter yet by rank neglect of that cough of yours, when one bottle of Simmons' Cough Syrup would cure you. Guaranteed. Price 25c and 50c.

All itching diseases are embarrassing as well as annoying. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and permanently cure all forms of scuch diseases. Guaranteed. Price 50 cents.

I have reduced the price of and prices down to rock bottom.

Thanking you for past favors,

Respectfully, E. D. COATS.

High Ideals. Undertak

In order to do our best work He declared he did. Anyhow, we must have a lofty conception he brought them home with him, of what the work ought to be. and reports the crowd having Tne man who is satisfied with killed ten bear and six deer! chromos can never become a He is not at home to his friends good artist or utilize his powers. for a few days on account of pre- The man who thinks his city or paring a sufficient account of community can only be moderwhat really did happen, which ately good will never be at his we shall give to our readers in best as a citizen. The man who due course of time.—Pecos is satisfied simply "to pass" his examinations will never accomplish much as a student. "If we cannot reach the stars, we must try to get as near them as we can," said a wise writer. Even ceived a dispatch from the head common duties must be done with a noble spirit, and the little things of life must become glorious, because of the way in which men meet them. Life is to become perfect, not through single great acts of individuals, but through the common efforts of all. Mountain peaks do not show the general altitude of a country; the

### ED S. HUGHES Hardware Imple.

Abilene, Texas

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Groceries Vegetables Fruits Country Produce and Fresh Meats, etc.

We sell almo everything afford ed by the market, and sell at reason able prices. Come to us for your groceries.....

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Furniture Line

We have a fine line of Rockers, Faney Tables, Folding Beds, Side Boards, Iron Beds, Springs, Bed-Room Suits, Window

Shades, Rugs, etc. . These goods are going to be sold if low prices are any inducement.

W. P. Browning & Co.

### Blackleg Vaccine ...

We are agents for Pasteur and Parke Davis Blackleg Vaccine, and can supply almost any amount, wholesale or retail, at any time. Call on us for anything not obtainable at home.

Bass Bros. Drug Co.

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to correct the live as it is sure you have one

Through the liver it cures Indige Constipation, Malaria and those arise from a lack of proper dige food. At druggists, 50 cents

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ated and ich.

llow Kid lows y will do the work

# **Queensware**

I am overstocked on Queensware and until Jan. 1 will give

Greatly Reduced Prices

on this line of goode. Many articles suitable for Christmas Presents and worth double the prices asked for them. Come and take a look at the goods.

## W. H. DICKSON

Baker Perfect Barbed Wire is the BEST ...

Headquarters for

Hardware **Implements** Glassware Etc.

### Bible and Lansing Wagons

**Best High-Grade** wagons on the Market.....

her heart, and she is never free

OS. H. WARNICK, PRES. H. DUNNING, CASHIER.

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DOES A GENERAL BANKING AND EXCHANGE BUSINESS.

Our vault epuipment is modern in every respect. We are using the Mosler Patent Screw Door Safe, with triple Yale Timer, affording the greatest possible secvrity. It is our purpose to deal justly and liberally with all. Our patrons will receive every courtesy and adcommodation within the range of prudent Banking

## Talk That Talks...

It's nice to do business with plenty of nice, new goods and plenty of appreciative customers. We have the

### Right Goods at Right Prices!

Our stock of General Merchandise is complete, and we should be glad to show and price it to you.

. O. HAMILTON.

# Big Cut In Lumber Yard!

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

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

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

### BURTON-LINGQ

Lumber Del

J. S. Barnes,

AD THE MERKEL MAIL--( TT GIVES ALL

THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

When you read a thing you the political world through sharp like to feel that it's the truth. The Dallas Semi-Weekly News supposed to enjoy are as dead gives the facts in the case.

> SPECI ALLY EDITED.

If you'll read The News a while you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not haphazzard go into the makeup of The News.

> TWO PAPERS YOU NEED.

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### Rebuilding the Burnt District.

Mr. Telford let contract yesterday for the rebuilding of his brick house, which was gutted by the fire of Oct. 15. Miller & Russell have the contrect and work is under headway. The building will be rebuilt as it was before the fire. This will be exceedingly good news to the people of Merkel. It shows that the loss which the town sustained through the fire was not so calamitous as generally believed. It shows, also, that the people of the town have confidence in its future.

be occupied as a drug store at once. Let the good work go on.

Herbine sweetens the breath, brightens the eyes and clears the complexion without the slightest ill effects whatever, and insures the natural bloom of health. Price, 50 cents.

Moralities.

the foundation of his fortune in fraud, and the money he possessproves a curse to his children. There is no getting away from the moralities-they pursue us day and night and from year to year. The "thou shalt nots" of the decalogue are unrepealablethey represent the Eternal Stand on any street corner and note their infallible working. You need The Merkel Mail, The sins of the fathers are writbecause it's your local paper. ten in the faces of the children It gives a class of news you can't The men and the women who get elsewhere. You need The pass that way are paying the News because it gives you all penalty of intracted law. It is the State news. The Merkel an old and neglected book, that Mail and The Semi-Weekly Bible of yours, but take it down News one year for only \$1.75, this morning and turn to the twentieth chapter of Exodus and The News is promptly stopped note the things written on the tables of stone. Failure to observe these things are responsible for your resort to sharp practice and consequent unrest. And try as you may, there is no way of escape—the things there written have been vindicated through the centuries. All the squalor that we see-all the cruelty that we discern, came as the direct result of failure to observe the things commanded there in that in immortality, clustered around twentieth chapter of Exodus. the white robed Angels of Hea-Men, may deny God-they may ven, amid her mighty host where scoff at religion-they may deride parting will be no more! Weep the Bible, but they can't escape not, weep not. the penalty of violated law. And this particular law—this one that Moses brought down from the livestock to my business and The building purchased by Mr. mount-asserts itself constantly; Berry has been completed. It will it never stands repealed. Challenge any one of the ten commandments and it will bring clear and emphatic in condemnation of wrong-of deception-of sharp practice. Then note in the circle of your acquaintance how querring are its workingn-how transgression brings sorrow and misery and recklessness and destruction. Run back over your arsider it strange own experience and note, how en should every infraction brought on you "Every de-trouble and distress. t is moth learns for itself that the candle burns." And every individual is made aware of the ct that this is a universe of law, he must either conform him-

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Dora Dots.

News scarce.

R. M. Ground carried the mail Friday.

Several of the farmers went to Nolan Saturday to gin.

Preaching Sunday evening by Rev. Cooper of Abilene.

Singing Sunday night at B. Jenkins'. S. W. Hampton and family

and Mr. Bowman and family went to Nubia Sunday. J. M. Bryson has been very ill

this week.

Milton King went to Merkel Sunday. The people of the neighbor-

hood picked cotton for Mr. Norton Monday. Mr. Elliott went to Merkel

Tuesday. Tim Dennis went to Merkel

Tuesday. The mail carrier was late Tuesday on account of a breakdown. Born-To Mr. and Mrs Jim Rhodes Tuesday, a girl.

Mr. Rounsaville of the Canyon was on the Divide Tuesday.

Mr. Linn went to Sweetwater Tuesday after goods for his from temptation. A man rises in store.

Will Linn has been on the sick practice, and the honors he is list this week.

Will close with best wishes to sea apples. Another man lays The Mail.

KAT KLAW.

### In Memoriam.

Miss Bessie Martin died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Martin, at Roscoe, Texas. After lingering for nearly three weeks, she at last succumbed to that dreadful disease, slow fever, on the night of Nov. 25, 1901. On the following evening friends and relatives gathered at the home to witness the funeral conducted by Rev. Kirby-there to view the last time, amid shedding of tears, the face of a loved one whose spirit hath taken its flight. A host of friends followed her lifeless corpse to its last resting place to be assigned to mother earth. Have known Bessie since a child; she lived an example worthy of imitation. Just entering into womanhood she possessed the qualifications of an obedient daughter and loving sister. 'Tis sad! Father, mother, sisters, weep not! She is not dead, but sleepeth in Jesus. spirit hath taken its flight to younder regions. Her body to put away mortality-again to rise

J. V. White.

I have added the handling of would appreciate anything in H. C. Williams. this line.

# Coughs

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

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

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

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