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The Value of Struggle.

That ineffectual struggle of years have seemed at times very futile to you, but in the eyes of God that ineffective struggling had an infinite value. At least 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 that was resisting. Never mind the failure; trial, attempt, effort, struggle—that shows you are alive. So long as you are fighting you are going upward. I believe it, that no one can ever fail who does no trying. Success is only an infinite renewal of fresh endeavors, an infinite number of fresh stars. Go on trying, and in these repeated trials there is at the last forever the success. Then look away from the clouds and cease to observe the wind. Let the Word of God speak into your conscience and heart; you are not men to be the slaves of lust or the slaves of your bad temper. You are men 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 away from these miserable clouds, and refuse to feel the severity of the wind, look out of yourself to God, his will, his power, his grace. What God wills is possible. Only try and try again; never mind the failures, but go on trying, and there is victory, sure and certain victory, at the end of the road.—Canon Charles Gore.

Alabama has disfranchised the illiterate negro and fully seventy five per cent of the colored population will hereafter have no voice in elections. The greaser population of Texas should be dosed with the same medicine.

Judge Reagan will not be a candidate for re-election as Railroad Commissioner. It is the general hope that he will devote his remaining years, or as many of them as will be necessary for the work, to the writing of a history of the Southland. As the only surviving member of the Confederate Cabinet and as a man whose mind is stored with many instances of Southern chivalry and heroism which history does not record, he is peculiarly fitted for the work. It is said he has long been compiling data for such a history.

Well drilling is 40c per foot for the first 100 feet, one price to all. One man can have a well drilled as cheap as another. I make no difference in prices to any one. E. D. COATS.

All clothing, over coats and duck coats AT COST at The Star Store.

Wind mills, pumps, pipe, etc. I can save you money on anything in this line. E. D. Coats.

The gin receipts at this place will go above the estimate by a few hundred bales this fall. It was estimated at the beginning of the season that 300 bales would be as many as would reach the Roby gin, but it has gone over the 400 mark and not quite done.—Roby Herald.

The Old Historic Alamo.

San Antonio is invested with many historic scenes, but none of them is equal to those associated with the thrilling events of the Alamo. This old fortress has its history written in the blood of heroes. Could it speak, every stone in its venerable walls would tell of deeds and encounters more daring and desperate than any connected with the struggles and sacrifices of ancient Thermopylae. In that famous battle there were a few Spartans left to tell the tale of slaughter, but after the storming of the Alamo there was no American survivor left to tell how his comrades fought, bled and died. After the smoke of the battle had cleared away, they were all silent in death, covered with the dust and blood of conflict. While in 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 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 died.

Originally the Alamo was a Catholic church, and was used for worship. It took its name from the cottonwood trees that grew around the spot. It was built of rough stones and cement. In February of 1836, Col. Ben Milam, with a small force of Americans, took possession of the city. After this, Gen. Santa Anna invested the city with an army of four thousand Mexican troops. In a battle that followed Col. Milam was killed. The Americans were then hard pressed, and they retreated into the Alamo, with Col. W. B. Travis in command. Davy Crockett and Col. Bowie and other leaders were associated with him. All told, there were only one hundred and ninety-two men, including the officers and twenty faithful Mexicans, who remained with them. A great many of this small number were sick, among them Crockett and Bowie. For several days this intrepid band held the Mexican hordes at bay, repelling all their assaults successively during the morning of the 27th. On the 28th Santa Anna's army entered the city. Such was the devotion to the struggle for independence inspired by this brutal performance, that the Alamo became the watchword of Houston's brave followers, and on the fields of an Jacinto, about a month afterwards the Mexican army and

COST SALE!

NOW GOING ON AT THE STAR STORE

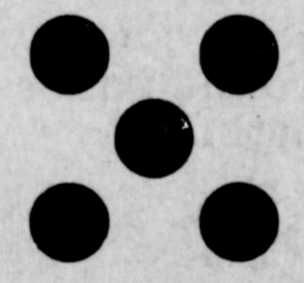
You should visit our store and get some of the genuine Bargains before it is too late. We offer our entire line of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Overcoats, Duck Coats and Ladies' Skirts and Capes at **ACTUAL COST!**

All best brands Calicoes.....	4c
Mattress Tick as low as.....	4 1/2c
Extra quality Feather Tick.....	12 1/2c
Good width heavy fleece Cotton Flannel.....	7 1/2c
Others ask 10c for it.	
Fair assortment of men's Shoes at about.....	half price.

Heavy Discount on.....	Bed Quilts and Blankets.
Good quality Ladies' Fleece Vests only.....	18c
Ladies' Onita Union Suits.....	45c
Regular 65c values.	
Children and Misses Union Suits.....	25c

Our prices on Cotton Checks, Bleached Domestic, Cotton Flannel and Sheetings, is lower than you can buy elsewhere.

The Star Store Co.



GOOD PRINTING

THE KIND YOU WANT

Kind We Do!

ON BUSINESS MEN'S STATIONERY, with recommendation, a point, in not be overlooked.

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THE HOME GOLD CURE.

An Ingenious Treatment by Which Drunkards are Being Cured Daily in Spite of themselves.

No Noxious Doses. No Weakening of the Nerves. A Pleasant and Positive Cure for the Liquor Habit.

It is now generally known and understood that Drunkenness is a disease and not weakness. A body filled with poison and nerves completely shattered by periodical or constant use of intoxicating liquors, requires an antidote capable of neutralizing and eradicating this poison, and destroying the craving for intoxicants. Sufferers may now cure themselves at home without publicity or loss of time from business by this wonderful "HOME GOLD CURE" which has been perfected after many years of close study and treatment of inebriates. The faithful use according to directions of this wonderful discovery is positively guaranteed to cure the most obstinate case, no matter how hard a drinker. Our records show the marvelous transformation of thousands of drunkards into sober, industrious and upright men.

Wives, cure your husbands! Children, cure your fathers! This remedy is in no sense a nostrum, but is a specific for this disease only, and is so skillfully devised and prepared that it is thoroughly soluble and pleasant to the taste, that it can be given in a cup of tea or coffee without the knowledge of the person drinking. Thousands of drunkards have cured themselves with this priceless remedy and as many more have been cured and made temperate men by having the "CURE" administered by loving friends and relatives without their knowledge in tea or coffee, and believe today that they discontinued drinking of their own free will. Do Not Wait! Do not be deluded by apparent and misleading "improvement." Drive out the disease at once and for all time. The "Home Gold Cure" is sold at the extremely low price of One Dollar, thus placing within the reach of everybody a treatment more effectual than others costing \$25 to \$50. Full directions accompany each package. Special advice by skilled physicians upon request without extra charge. Address Dept. 1, E. B. ... 232 Market St., P. O. ... All correspond

THE BELFAST LINEN CO.

(IMPORTERS.)

THE LARGEST CONCERN OF ITS KIND IN AMERICA.

A Few Lines on Linen.

Nothing evinces good taste and refinement in a home more than elegant table linen. Good linen appeals to refined people, whether they be rich or poor. Buying linen is more or less guess work, owing to the deceptive dressing that is sometimes put on new linen by unscrupulous manufacturers. That beautiful satin gloss seen on some linen is often artificial and the washtub only can reveal its true finish and texture. Good linen retains that gloss and poor linen loses it. The reputation of a house is therefore the only thing to go by. In order to give those who are not already familiar with our line an opportunity to test it at a small outlay on their part, we have made up from our regular stock of table linen a line of single table cloths. These cloths are of beautiful designs and full large for the average dining table. In offering these goods we invite a thorough test and guarantee that all future orders will be filled with equally as good quality of linen in every respect. We are selling these cloths at \$2.75 each and will be pleased to send one by express upon receipt of price. In remitting with order, please send either an express or postoffice money order. Do not send private checks.

A HANDSOME PIECE OF SILVERWARE.

Instead of spending thousands of dollars for advertising in the usual way, we decided to adopt a plan by which our friends and patrons would get the benefit of the large fund that would otherwise be spent for advertising purposes, while we at the same time would get the benefit of a permanent advertising. Our plan therefore is to distribute during the Holidays an attractive and useful souvenir. In selecting one that would be appropriate as well as serviceable we contracted with one of the largest and most responsible silverware concerns in the United States to furnish us with a special line of handsomely finished Silver Butter Dishes. As our name would naturally be expected to appear on these dishes in order to avoid their disfiguration, we have placed it on the underside where it would not be conspicuous nor detract in any way from the appearance of the dish. Having just received an advance supply of these handsome dishes, **from now until Dec. 15, upon request we will send one of them Free of Charge along with each order of Linen.** As this is no "Premium Scheme" to promote sales of our linens we wish it understood that these dishes are not given in consideration for orders. Neither are they for sale. A dish will be sent with one of the single table cloths above mentioned just as willingly as with a larger quantity of linen and will be as carefully packed to prevent injury in shipping. Our object is to distribute them judiciously and by this method we will know that they will go to people who use and appreciate good linen. We wish to repeat, however, that after Dec. 15 no dishes will be given away.

THE BELFAST LINEN CO.

(Southwestern Branch)

DALLAS, TEXAS.

THE MERKEL MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN,
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Invariably in advance.	

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Sensible Negroes.

From the tone of the speeches at the negro Baptist convention in Smith, the Booker Washington dinner incident has not harmed the colored brother's head. Rev. J. P. Robinson, one of the speakers, said, among other things:

We must not expect to be entertained in white hotels, white restaurants and the like, but we must have such things for our own entertainment and comfort. White people have shown

that you to do tend to some show them men who tell to and the

some houses and get some virtue. Do not let any one fool you by telling you that the white people of the south are not your friends, for they are; there are no better friends in all the world than the negroes and the white people. We are not begging for social equality, we are simply asking to live and become citizens of this great country. We want to accumulate property and show that we are worthy of citizenship in this great country. And then we will get all the equality we want and need.

RAISE HOGS.

It is a favorable time for Southern farmers to raise pork. They have a peculiar advantage over the pork raiser of the west, especially in a year of short corn crops, for there a short corn crop means a short hog crop; here it does not necessarily mean the same thing, because Southern farmers are not restricted to corn for pork production. In fact, there is a distinct advantage in growing and feeding crops other and more certain than corn. Corn is the best known feed for putting fat on hogs, but for no other purpose. Pasturage and not grain crops are far better for growth and growth is far more than half the hog. On account of the scarcity of corn and consequent scarcity of hogs in the great hog-producing northwest, pork is now high and must remain so for at least two years. Therefore, those who have hogs to market will find them more profitable than if the corn crop had been a much larger one. — and Ranch.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR.

"Something New Under the Sun."

All doctors have tried to cure Catarrh by the use of powders, acid gases, inhalers and drugs in paste form. Their powders dry up the mucous membranes causing them to crack open and bleed. The powerful acids used in the inhalers have entirely eaten away the same membranes that their makers have aimed to cure, while pastes and ointments can not reach the disease. An old and experienced practitioner who has for many years made a close study and specialty of the treatment of Catarrh has at last perfected a treatment which, when faithfully used, not only relieves at once, but permanently cures Catarrh, by removing the cause, stopping the discharges and curing all inflammation. It is the only remedy known to science that actually reaches the afflicted parts. This wonderful remedy is known as "SNUFFLES, the Guaranteed Catarrh Cure" and is sold at the extremely low price of One Dollar, each package containing internal and external medicine sufficient for a full month's treatment and everything necessary for its perfect use.

"SNUFFLES" is the only perfect catarrh cure ever made and is now recognized as the only safe and positive cure for that annoying and disgusting disease. It cures all inflammation quickly and permanently, and is also wonderfully quick to relieve Hay Fever or Cold in the Head.

Catarrh when neglected often leads to Consumption—"SNUFFLES" will save you if you use it at once. It is no ordinary remedy, but a complete treatment which is positively guaranteed to cure catarrh in any form or stage if used according to the directions which accompany each package. Don't delay, but send for it at once, and write full particulars as to your condition, and you will receive special advice from the discoverer of this wonderful remedy regarding your case without cost to you beyond the regular price of "SNUFFLES," the Guaranteed Catarrh Cure.

Sent prepaid to any address in the United States or Canada on receipt of One Dollar. Address Dept. 1, EDWIN B. GILES & Co., 2330 and 2332, Market St., Philadelphia.

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Well Drilling Must Come Down.

I have reduced the price of well drilling to 40c per foot down to 100 feet. I am now drilling for, and with you save

HAVE A LOOK

And you will be convinced we have the best all-around general line in the country, consisting of

John Deere Walking Plows	::	Standard Disc Plows
John Deere Sulkey Plows	::	Standard Cultivators
John Deere Cultivators	::	and
John Deere Disc Harrows	::	Hancock Disc Plows

The Old Reliable

Studebaker Wagc

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Buggies, Phaetons, Surrie

All Grades and Kinds, V
Genuine Bar

LOOK at O

Prices

GEO.

—QUALITY— IS REMEMBERED

Long After Price is Forgotten

We bank on the Quality of our Goods, and we are satisfied to sell them on their merits alone. At the same time we want to remind you that we will compare prices with any concern in the country. Our stock, as you know, is bran new. Besides its newness it also has style and up-to-dateness to recommend it to you. Prices Right, Quality the Best and Style in Keeping with the Times--what more could you want? Are not those the essential points to be considered in the purchase of Dry Goods? We will verify these statements if you will come to our store and let us show and price our mammoth stock of Goods to you.

**Your Money Back if you are not Satisfied!
We Strive to Please.**

FITTS & SMITH, SPOT CASH MERCHANTS.

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A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

The Mail feels that just now is a good time to advocate those things which are calculated to be of greatest worth to the town. The fire has left us in a condition where, if careful and conservative business methods are not adopted and carried out by the merchants of the town, we are liable to experience business stagnation. Therefore, in view of this crisis, which is not at all improbable if we are not watchful, it behooves the least of us to reach out and grasp every opportunity and straddle every proposition that is advanced for the good of the town. Some time ago an effort was made to incorporate the town, but the plan was shortly abandoned because it could but have been a burden to the community at large. Since that time The Mail has been urging incorporation, not for

distinct and separate in meaning and results. To incorporate for school purposes does away with 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 the pupils enrolled, it will be seen that something must be 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 acquainted with the building must see that it is a waste of money to attempt to repair it. But there is a better way out of the difficulty, if we but take time by the forelock and work harmoniously together. Now to incorporate for school purposes will give us the privilege of voting an extra tax of 5 per cent., or we can vote school house bonds and float them and build a house without, you might say, feeling the cost. Stamford has done this; hundreds of other towns are doing it, and there is no reason why we should not do so. We must do it. Six years ago The Mail started the agitation for a new school house. The school building was then squatting serenely in insignificance where the north gin now stands. The town came interested, with

standard. But the town has outgrown the building. It demands larger and more comfortable quarters—a building commensurate with the growth and progress of the town in other respects. We can incorporate for school purposes, float bonds to the sum of \$5,000, and by the time school opens next September have a house built that will be a credit to the town and an honor to its citizens. The columns of The Mail are open for discussions on the subject, and those who are acquainted with the laws governing the case are especially urged to write their views. This is no time for laggards; we must have a new school building. The success of the school demands it; the future of the town demands it. What do you think about it?

THANKSGIVING.

The origin of the word Thanksgiving is really not known, but is supposed to be an inheritance from our forefathers. It is a word which is used to denote our reverence for God and a proper conception of the manifold and munificent blessings vouchsafed us by an Allwise Providence. Thanksgiving for us to-day is a time for rejoicing that life has been spared to us, that we have escaped the fate of those who have overcome the odds and hand for the decade

worth double its present value inside of half a dozen years. This is a natural result of the rapid development of the country and the consequent increased demand for homes. As a man remarked the other day: "We are making men and money every day, but not a foot of land has been made since Noah's flood." You may not have thought of this, but it is a fact and needs no comment other than expressed in its literal meaning. Hold on to your little farm—it will soon grow you a fortune.

An Arkansas court was recently opened with prayer, for the first time in its history. A heavy docket was before the court, and several men received the death sentence.

An abstract of the Eleventh Census, just to hand, shows a remarkable increase in Texas industries over 1880. In the manufacturing department the increases are phenomenal, but none of the manufactured articles show as great an increase as that of malt liquors. In 1880 the value of this article was \$47,059, which increased to nearly two millions in 1890. Eighteen per cent were employed in its manufacture against 444 in 1890. No doubt that the in-

who made history in Texas have been suggested: Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, Albert Sidney Johnston, L. S. Ross, ex-Gov. Rusk and Richard Coke. These were all great men, but it seems that those noble fellows who sacrificed their lives in defense of the Alamo and Texas freedom are entitled to a niche in the Hall of Fame. Could we not inscribe their names instead?

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 amount. Other suits are to follow.

Senator Sebastian of Breckinridge has announced for reelection.

Fair No more important measure will come up before the next congress than that relating to the Chinese' exclusion. It are indeed

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in look-
t A. T. Hoadley, a healthy,
robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind.,
that for ten years he suffered
such tortures from rheumatism
as few could endure and live.
But a wonderful change followed
his taking Electric Bitters.
"Two bottles wholly cured me,"
he writes, "and I have not felt a
twinge in over a year." They
regulate the kidneys, purify the
blood and cure rheumatism,
neuralgia, nervousness, improve
digestion and give perfect health.
Try them. Only 50c at Rust &
Pittard's.

We have the largest stock and
nicest selection of Christmas
goods ever displayed in the town.
Make your selections now while
the stock is comparatively un-
broken.

Rust & Pittard.

G. W. Baggett was down from
Sweetwater Sunday visiting rela-
tives.

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

160 acres of land, adjoining
town, for sale. See H. C. Wil-
liams.

See E. D. Coats for prices on
well drilling.

The free distribution of a silver
souvenir is announced in this
issue by the Belfast Linen Co.

Joe Elliott was in from Ar-
lington this week.

The T. & P. pay car passed up
the road Monday.

D. W. Godwin was in the city
this week from Fort Worth. He
is on the lookout for desirable
ranch property, and the Merkel
Country may again call him its
own.

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.

The Mail is pained to chronicle
this week the death of Miss Bessie
Martin, which occurred at the
family home in Roscoe Sunday
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 enter-
ed at Roscoe Monday evening.

Miss Bessie was raised in Mer-
kel, 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
family. 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.

Land for Sale.

Land, with good
and barn. 21

"Last winter an infant child
of mine had croup in a violent
form," says Elder John W.
Rogers, a Christian Evangelist,
of Filley, Mo. "I gave her a
few doses of Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy and in a short
time all danger was past and the
child recovered." This remedy
not only cures croup, but when
given as soon as the first symp-
toms appear, will prevent the at-
tack. It contains no opium or
other harmful substance and
may be given as confidently to
a baby as an adult. For sale by
Rust & Pittard.

Cheapness without worth is
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, kaf-
fir corn, etc., besides several fat
hogs and a big turnip patch.
Good for him. May he grow fat
and live to a ripe old age.

10 per cent discount from reg-
ular prices on all jewelry in
stock, until the holidays are
over. Every article sold under a
guarantee.

Rust & Pittard.

Farmers from all sections of
the country report that since the
rains came wheat is looking fine.
It took on a new growth at once
and is looking healthy and vigor-
ous. With a continuation of the
very favorable seasons we may
hope for a bountiful harvest, and
a good wheat crop next spring
would partly make up for the
short cotton crop this fall.

Window glass, all sizes and
the right prices at Rust & Pit-
tard's.

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
section will be glad to know that
he continues to do business not-
withstanding his recent heavy
loss by fire.—Albany News.

A daughter was born to Mr.
and Mrs. W. A. Coggin last
Friday evening, at the residence
of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Wilkes,
and the little lady received a
royal welcome. Mr. Wilkes
bears his new honors of grandpa
with a becoming grace and dig-
nity that is quite pleasing to his
many friends.—Colorado Clipper.

What's the matter with Grand-
pa Tom Coggin?

5 Facts About JEWELRY.

- 1 Every article in my stock is thoroughly good and reliable.
- 2 My lines are so comprehensive and varied as to insure satisfactory selections.
- 3 My guarantee stands behind every article I sell and my reputation is well known.
- 4 Quality is never sacrificed for low price.
- 5 I

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 be-
fore, in the Polk building, one
door east of the Largent corner,
where we shall be glad to get a
share of your business. Our
stock is new and up-to-now in
every respect. We are in a po-
sition to give you as much for
your money as anybody.

J. T. Warren.

Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm.
Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Vt.
got a box of Bucklen's Arnica
Salve, that wholly cured a horri-
ble fever sore on his leg. Noth-
ing else could. Positively cures
bruises, burns, felons, ulcers,
eruptions, boils, corns and piles.
Only 25c. Guaranteed by Rust
& Pittard.

Now is the time to buy your
flour for winter. J. T. Warren is
selling 500 lbs. Peace-Maker for
\$10.

The Northwestern telephone
line, which was recently com-
pleted from Abilene to Colorado,
is being extended on west to Mid-
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 Commission-
ers Court as Precinct physician

Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.

The little daughter of Mr. J.
N. Powell jumped on an inverted
rake made of ten penny nails,
and thrust one nail entirely
through her foot and a second
one half way through. Cham-
berlain's Pain Balm was prompt-
ly applied and five minutes later
the pain had disappeared and no
more suffering experienced. In
three days the child was wearing
her shoe as usual and with ab-
solutely no discomfort. Mr.
Powell is a well known merchant
of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is
an antiseptic and heals such
injuries without maturation ap-
in one-third the time required by
the usual treatment. For sale by
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
Mail's list since the fire. This is
an appreciable increase.

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

Rust & Pittard.

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

subscriber to The
you are satisfied,

Startling, but True.

"If every one knew what a
grand medicine Dr. King's New
Life Pills is," writes D. H.
Turner, Dempseytown, Pa.,
"you'd sell all you have in a day.
Two week's use has made a new
man of me." Infalible for con-
stipation, 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
horses.

B. Brown was up from Abi-
lene, Sunday, visiting home
folks.

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

I. S. Allen was up town Satur-
day for the first time in six
weeks.

T. J. Coggin and J. H. Ens-
minger 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
the original, so be careful and
see that it's "Purifier" and man-
ufactured by the A. C. Simmon
Jr. Medicine Co.

Style,
Quality
Fit
and
Finish
are
what
you
want.

OLD LADY...

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."

A 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.

All over the country families have gathered to observe and perpetuate the annual festival of Thanksgiving. No holiday in the year can claim a nobler birth-right than this, none is richer in tender memories. Other days may touch the pride of race or fan the fires of patriotism; this speaks of home, the family and the fireside.

Moreover, of all the days we 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 we are not peculiar. Other countries observe the birthdays of their illustrious dead and the anniversaries of great events in their history. All Christian nations keep Christmas. But in this, our Thanksgiving, we have a day peculiarly our own.

It was instituted more than 250 years ago by the fathers who sought religious liberty on the shores of Massachusetts Bay, 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 day.

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 with us, their surest foundation.

knowledges the Divine gifts of life and health and harvests.—Youth's Companion.

To whom it may concern:

Parties indebted to us will please come in and settle at once, either with C. W. Harris at Nubia or at our gin at Merkel. 3t Harris & Hunt.

At best life is but short. Do 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.

Land for Sale.

320 acres of land, with good house, lots, wells and barn. 2 1/2 miles south of Merkel, for sale at \$12.50 per acre. 3t

Mrs. E. J. Rawlins.

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

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*The Sharpest
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and Best Service
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Open Your Mouth

And swallow one. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets combines all the qualities of the best lipid chill tonics. Dose always ready. Dose always the same. No cure—no pay.

The merchants closed their stores to-day at 10 o'clock and will not open again until Friday morning. Thanksgiving services were held at the Presbyterian Church, which were no doubt very beautiful and impressive.

A good plug horse, good condition, price \$35. Cash or good note.

Dr. J. H. Warnick.

Women and Jewels.

Jewels, candy, flowers, man—that 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 insidious 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.

The Mail is unusually short of reading matter this week, due in part to a temporary increase in advertising patronage, but mainly to the stubborn heroes, and that in time of battle they acquitted themselves as well as the two great heroes, and that in time of peace they acquitted themselves as well as the two great heroes. We hope a tussle will be the result. For the sake of the blue-eyed girl.

Two pair of mules, three's next spring, will do good work—\$125 and \$100 per pair. Cash or good note or will take vendor notes and pay the difference.

Dr. J. H. Warnick.

The Passing of the Veterans.

Time is playing sad havoc with the veterans of the two great armies which were pitted against each other in the terrible conflict of the sixties. Those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray are rapidly disappearing from among us, and soon the places which know them now, will know them no more forever, except in the martial memories which they leave behind them.

The report of the adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic read at the recent national encampment at Cleveland, Ohio, shows that the total number of deaths for the year preceeding was 7,055 reducing the membership in the ranks of the organization to 269,507 survivors.

Six years ago the membership lists of the Grand Army showed an enrollment of 357,630, or 88,123 more than at the present time. Thus in this half dozen years more than one-fourth of the entire membership of the organization have joined the phantom legions whose white tents are pitched on the hillsides and in the valleys, waiting for the bugle's note to tell them that the morning cometh.

There is something deeply pathetic in the fading away of the two great armies which forty years ago were such stern and powerful realities. For the individual members of both armies it may be said that in time of battle they acquitted themselves as well as the two great heroes, and that in time of peace they acquitted themselves as well as the two great heroes. We hope a tussle will be the result. For the sake of the blue-eyed girl.

J. T. Warren, Pres.
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White's Cream Vermifuge removes the unhealthy tissue upon which worms thrive; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of body, where worms cannot exist. Price, 25 cents.

There is probably no disease so distressing and annoying than piles. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is daily curing cases of years' standing of itching and bleeding piles. The cure begins on the first application, a little perseverance makes the cure complete. Price 50c in bottles. Tubes, 75c.

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Ever ready, always reliable, are Cheatham's Daxative Tablets. They cure a cold quicker than any known remedy. Easy pleasant to take. Price 25c.

FOR SADE—Good gentle family horse. Apply at The Star Store.

Never try to coax a cold or cough, use the remedy that un-failingly conquers both. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the greatest specific for all throat 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 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 who ate some horse flesh and died of a night mare. 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 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 protection against all throat, chest and lung troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Rust & Pittard. Price 50 and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

The News is indebted to E. L. Collings for some missionary work on his recent hunt. He brought home with him two bear cubs that he killed his own self—by pulling the trigger of a gun. He declared he did. Anyhow, he brought them home with him, and reports the crowd having killed ten bear and six deer! He is not at home to his friends for a few days on account of preparing a sufficient account of what really did happen, which we shall give to our readers in due course of time.—Pecos News.

Work on the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad will be resumed at Sweetwater December 1st. Thomas Trammell received a dispatch from the head office 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. It 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 their advertisement

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.

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Well Drilling Must Come Down.

I have reduced the price of well drilling to 40c per foot, up to 100 feet. I have first-class drilling outfits, which are paid for, and should be glad to figure with you on a well. I can also save you mrney on wind mills, pumps, etc. My stock is large and prices down to rock bottom. Thanking you for past favors, I am

Respectfully,
E. D. COATS.
High Ideals.

In order to do our best work we must have a lofty conception of what the work ought to be. The man who is satisfied with chromos can never become a good artist or utilize his powers. The man who thinks his city or community can only be moderately good will never be at his best as a citizen. The man who 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 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 above the air. my high

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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.

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It is impossible to have good health with a bad liver. It is nearly as impossible to have had health with a good liver, as you think, that the stomach, the bowels, the kidneys or the

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