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For School Incorporation.

I was glad to note The Mail's suggestions last week about incorporating the school district, with a view to building a new school house. I suppose none will presume to say that the school house we have is "good enough for a while yet." If so, let them visit the school some day, especially when the weather is windy or cold. The house is very inconveniently arranged, has large cold rooms, and can not be closed of nights and during vacations as to protect the inside properly. Through the summer, it is simply a public "play-house" for children. But few have the least idea of what an awful condition it is in when time comes to begin school in the fall. The windows and doors are all wrecked beyond repair. Besides all this, we now have the house seated to its utmost capacity, for 300 pupils; and have an enrollment of about 310, with new ones coming in every few days. If there are as many people here at the time of the next scholastic enumeration as are now here the funds will be sufficient for the employment of six teachers next year, and the number of pupils will certainly demand it. Would you think of adding to the present building? No, no, no!

Now, back to the question of incorporation. I hope all understand that the object of incorporation is for SCHOOL PURPOSES, ONLY, and is not related in the least to municipal incorporation. When done, it doesn't cost the citizens an extra cent, only as it is voted by TWO-THIRDS majority of the resident tax-payers; and where is the man who is not willing to be governed by a two-thirds majority of his fellow citizens?

Incorporation simply gives you the PRIVILEGE of voting an annu-

al tax of 25 cents on \$100 for building purposes, or of voting bonds for same. You could vote \$5,000 or \$6,000 worth of 20 year 4 per cent bonds, and the annual tax necessary to redeem them would be but a trifle. Moreover, incorporation gives several weighty advantages other than that of building. The district has reached the stage of advancement where it should be incorporated whether there is any building done or not. It gives the privilege of voting 25 cents instead of 20 cents on the \$100 for current school expenses. It also provides for six trustees instead of three. There is also a "president of the board," who does not vote except in case of a tie. Every school of this size, and larger, should have such a board. "In multitude of counsel there is safety." Also it provides for the election of trustees in December instead of April, thereby removing the probability of making the election of some teacher the leading issue in trustee election, as is common custom in many places.

Time and space deny me the privilege of stating here other benefits to be derived from incorporation. The right thing to do is, first incorporate the district, then take up the question of building and put it through or vote it down, as the two-thirds may desire.

Let those who are interested rally to the cause.

S. M. SEWELL.

Thanksgiving in Merkel.

Thanksgiving Day was ushered in by a dense fog which hung like a pale o'er the landscape, but the fog lifted about 10 o'clock and the King of Day burst forth bright and glorious. At 10 o'clock every store in the town closed and at eleven a large crowd had gathered at the Presbyterian Church to offer a mite

of praise to the Giver of all good. The services impressed one with the feeling that grateful hearts had responded to the amenities of the hour and were there by impulse, rejoicing in the fact that happiness and prosperity, peace and plenty had attended them during the past year.

The Odd Fellows were there in force and took a prominent part in the exercises. Altogether the day was well spent, and few of us can regret that we took a day off from our labors and observed Thanksgiving. May the passing of another year find us just as grateful.

Christmas Tree Exercises.

The following committees have been appointed to arrange for the Christmas tree, to be held at the Methodist church Dec. 24th: Committee on program:

- Clara Browning
- Laura Herring
- Dr. Warnick
- Prof. Sewell,
- Miss Armstrong
- Mrs. Dr. Leeman
- Mrs. Sewell
- Mrs. Clay
- Mrs. Will Mann
- Dr. Warnick
- H. C. Williams
- Ed J. Leeman
- Clara Browning
- Laura Herring
- Mrs. Harkrider
- Mrs. McCord
- Will Provine
- George Ferrier
- Claud Mann
- Dan Craven
- Pearl Clay
- Mamie Heizer
- Laura Jennings
- W. H. McCord
- Comer Clay
- Otho Williams
- Carrie Hargrove
- Maggie Hatton
- Arthur Browning
- Alonzo Bickley
- Victor Harris
- Luther Heizer
- Ed J. Leeman
- Lucy Leeman
- Sue Browning
- Duncan Browning
- Lillie Hamilton

Religious Thoughts.

The church is intended for all people. There is no limit, but no matter how great a sinner a man may be the church is for him just as much as for a very religious person. It is not right for people to criticise others in the congregation. This is the cause of many leaving a church. We don't like to hear stories that others have circulated about us. It hurts our tender senses and breaks friendly ties. We should take sinners into the church, and with the experience we have gained, bring them to the way of leading a holy life. We should welcome them to the church and invite them to partake of the waters

of life. It was intended for all those who are on the path of holiness. All in good faith should be invited to partake of the waters of life.

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

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becomes merely speculative, dogmatic or ceremonial, it is rejected from its highest meaning and fails of its best results. The energy of true religion is directed toward present needs and opportunities. It is personal and immediate. It is not simply believing something that is past, and hoping for something in the future, but is also doing something now. The best religion is that which makes the best men and women.—Rev. Abram Conklin.

Composition on Breathing.

A boy, fourteen years old, who was told to write all he could about breathing in a composition, handed in the following: Breath is made of air. We breathe with our lungs, our liver, our lights, and kidneys. If it wasn't for our breath, we would die when we slept. Our breath keeps the life a-going through the nose when we are asleep. Boys that stay in a room all day should not breathe. They should wait until they get out-doors. Girls kill the breath with corsets that squeezes the diagram. Girls can't holler and run like boys because their diagram is squeezed so much. If I was a girl, I had rather be a boy, so I can run and holler, and have a great big diagram.—Southwestern Educator.

Land for Sale.

Tracts of land, with good wells and barn. 2 1/2 miles from Merkel, for sale at \$1000.00. L. Rawlins.

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We are agents in Merkel for these well-known brands of Black Leg Vaccine. They are the best on the market to-day. We can supply your wants for almost any quantity, and our prices are as low as you will find anywhere in this country. If you need anything in this line we should be glad to figure with you on either large or small quantities.

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There is food for thought in contemplating the enormous earnings credited to the giant steel trust, which declared a dividend of 12½ per cent during the month of October. We are told that the earnings of this corporation during that month were practically \$12,000,000 net, and that checks were sent to members of the corporation amounting to 12½ per cent of their nominal subscriptions, or to \$25,000,000 in the aggregate, the syndicate being for the nominal sum of \$200,000,000. This is practically the return of the entire amount actually paid in, and more than this, it is stated on reliable authority that the profits of the syndicate are largely in excess of the amount actually paid in. This, it is estimated, would be considerably over 200 per cent on the investment. The question at once arises, how were these enormous profits made? Are they the legitimate results of honest business methods, or is there something terribly "rotten in Denmark?" To make a few dozen millions of dollars in less than a year may not be such an herculean task, but it will be hard to convince the people of the fact. The Attorney General of the United States is supposed to hold down or prevent the evil effects of corporate power, and if he has done his duty it is clear to the casual observer that the Government has not limited the privileges of corporations. But on the other hand, let a labor organization seek to secure living wages for workingmen, whether by questionable or fair means, and the Government promptly steps in and stops the proceedings. It is owing to whose ox is gored. An interest sanctioned and protected by Uncle Sam has the world by the tail and a downhill pull. There is no possible show for the hold to slip.

If it is proven that quails do not devour bugs, worms, weevils, etc., there will be an aching void in the weekly press. The Dallas News goes so far as to say that all that part of youthful Texas which did not go out and try to kill each other on Thanksgiving Day at the strenuous game of football spread itself over the country to kill everything that had wings. And "the bugs sat on the wire fences and laughed till their sides were sore."

Political News.

Hanna is laying low and keeping mum on affairs political, but it is evident from the lay of the land that he is sniffing around the Presidential tree. Hanna as for this high office is in evidence.

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crookedness in office, and the plum falls to Thomas B. Ferguson, a newspaper man.

Hon. C. K. Bell, the present incumbent by appointment, is an aspirant for the office of Attorney General. So far he has an open field.

It is generally believed that Abilene will bring out a candidate for District Judge and possibly one for Congress. The cat is still in the bag, however.

Judge Gage of Pecos is a probable candidate for Congressman from this district. He has served several terms in the State Senate and is the peer of many men who are seeking political preferment.

Judge Smith of Colorado is an avowed candidate for Congress and is quietly building his fences. If there is any virtue in being an early bird, he ought to get the worm.

Senator Turner of El Paso has declined to stand for Congressional honors.

So far the Senatorial and Legislative offices have gone a-begging. Where is the usual healthy crop?

State Superintendent Lefevre has boldly confronted the pie counter for another dish.

Congressman Lanham is fully a length to the fore in the gubernatorial race. He is showing his blood, and it now seems as if he will be our next Executive.

In the meantime Charlie Culberson and Joe Bailey are making the best two United States Senators Texas has ever had.

James Stephen Hogg is busy boring holes in Beaumont and has no time for politics.

Editor Grubbs of Greenville, the gubernatorial candidate on the Industrial ticket, is gaining ground right along. He is a sound, conservative man and a tower of strength in his district.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says: "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

Dennis Bros. have enlarged their store building to cover the full width of their lot and are putting on a new awning and laying a rock sidewalk, which adds much to the looks and convenience of the premises.

Read H. D. Clark's ad in this issue. He is a good man to trade with.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—"it completely cured and saved my life. I weighed 227 pounds." guaranteed for lung trouble \$1.00. & Pi

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.

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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 money 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.

G. M. Sharp will buy your dry hides. tf

Buy your Grain, Hay and Salt from G. M. Sharp, the only exclusive Grain Dealer in Merkel. tf

G. F. West is erecting a large warehouse on the lot just north of his mammoth store. It will add considerable to his floor space.

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, and if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office Jan. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

Burk, John
Blankenship, Bery
Blaty, Alvin
Gallagher, Miss Victory
Guitar, D C
Miller, Miss Mahaley
Mordock, Miss Ethel
Memorta, M W
McClure, Mr.

McClure, W N
McLendon, Mrs. Thankful
Pearce, F S
Pitts & Son, H B
Scully, M
Shelton, J O
Yates, W S
Westernhoover, W W
Woods, Mrs Cora

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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

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Studebaker Wagons,

Are the Best.

Buggies, Phaetons, Surries and hacks.

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Grain and Hay,
Produce

ts, clear of Johnson Grass—

ronage Invited.
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—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 brand 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.

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LET'S GO TO WORK.

The Mail's article on incorporation for school purposes has brought out favorable comments from the people. The need of a new school building is apparent to all. It is also agreed that a new school building is an utter impossibility by any other means than that proposed by The Mail last week. It is a fact, also, that such a move would be worth more to the town than any other one thing that could be advanced at this time. Then why not start the ball rolling? Have you given the subject that careful consideration that it demands? If so, what are your impressions? and can you advance any new ideas that would enlighten the people upon the benefits that would accrue to them should the plans mature? If you are opposed to it, what are the reasons for such opposition? The incorporation of the

not by any means impose a burden upon the people. The law limits the privileges attempted to be assumed under circumstances of this kind. We can go so far and no farther. We can vote in bonds with no risk whatever, and these bonds would be quickly gobbled up by the State at only 4 per cent. If they total \$5,000 the annual interest would only be \$200, and what is \$200, or even double that amount, to a district five miles square? This is the sum total of expense that would result from incorporation. To build a school building would enhance the value of all property many times greater than the cost of incorporation and expense of maintaining a n independent school district. It would give us a name abroad that would be the envy of many towns twice the size of Merkel. It would show our enterprise, our recuperative powers from the ashes of a terrible disaster; it would be an honor to the people and a credit to the town. Let us discuss this matter in all its different phases. It is of great importance, in fact, it is a crying need of the times—a move that should commend itself to every loyal citizen of the town. Put your thinking caps on and join with us in carrying the project to a successful termination. The Mail is going to do its utmost. We realize its importance to the town and community, and we are going to hammer away until something is done in the premises.

Self-interest underlies the motive for every political effort. Apply this to the Congress and be instructive.

Estimate actions not by their overt results merely, but by the real though latent power that is implied in them, and the most brilliant deeds of outward heroism will sometimes fall far short of those quiet victories over self, to which the Omniscient eye alone is witness. To control our actions sometimes requires a greater effort than is necessary to lead an army to victory. To stay the dart of anger, to control the impulse to speak wrongfully of another, to avoid the very appearance of evil—this requires the highest type of courage. We are all more or less heroes, and while the helpful words we speak, the kindly deeds we do and the grateful thoughts we think may not bring us honor and riches, they nevertheless penetrate to a higher region than we think. A man may leave a costly monument to perpetuate his memory, or he may only leave a good name. Which is preferable?

- Pull for a new school house.
- Talk for a new school house.
- Work for a new school house.
- We must have a school house.

Every time a man gets mad, the ill temper of another bursts forth until it finds its outlet in some petty quarrel. The man who has a downward

For the benefit of those who do not understand the law as applied to incorporation for school purposes we give the following facts: The law plainly states that there is no connection between incorporation for school and municipal purposes, and as the two are NOT RELATED in any way, one can not have control over the other. It goes on to state that in case a town is incorporated for school purposes and afterwards as a municipality it DOES NOT GIVE CITY AUTHORITIES CONTROL of the SCHOOL. Nothing could be plainer. The two are separate and distinct in meaning and results and are not related in any way, so that it is impossible for an "independent school district" to emerge into an incorporated town.

Said a substantial citizen and heavy tax payer: "Count me in on that school house proposition; it would prove the salvation of Merkel at this time." Another said: "Me, too; it would be a big thing for the town." Others have endorsed it. What do you think about it?

The opening of Congress is not looked forward to with any unusual degree of hilarity. At least there will be no fireworks display.

The man who has a downward

Who will be the first to announce for an office in Taylor county? The road so far is wide open and the early bird will no doubt encounter smooth sailing.

Make the non-residents—the men who do not support our various enterprises and are a drawback to the town because they hold their property at exorbitant prices—help build up the school.

The President in his forthcoming message to Congress will recommend the reduction of duty on sugar from Cuba and the Philippines. If this will result in lowering the price of the product in this country, it will be hailed with delight.

It was an old New England judge who once interrupted a lawyer in the midst of a spread-eagle speech by saying: "Mr. —, I wish you would take a few feathers from the wings of your imagination and put them in the tail of your judgement." There are lots of judges to-day who could use this saying to the relief of a long suffering jury.

Mason and Dixon's line, the famous old historic boundary of the South, is being resurveyed and will not be permitted to drop out of existence. The old stone markers, or posts, which marked the line, are being reset in solid cement bases, and iron posts are being substituted in places where the old posts have disappeared.

The man who is able to feed his cattle through the winter will find himself the possessor of some valuable stock next spring.

Every evidence of the fir

attractive man thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. When troubled with a constive habit, she takes a few doses of Herbine to cleanse her system of all impurities. Price, 50 cents at F. M. Davis'.

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 unbroken.

Rust & Pittard.

A. L. Hogue was down from the ranch Monday and remembered The Mail. Mr. Hogue has put his cattle on feed and says he thinks they will pull through the winter all right.

Dr. Warnick made a business trip to Fort Worth Friday.

Cheapness without worth is high priced. We give you value with price.

J. T. Warren.

J. A. Sosebee received a telegram Monday announcing the serious illness of his son, George, who has been attending a business college in Fort Worth. He went down Monday night to bring his son home.

Window glass, all sizes and the right prices at Rust & Pittard's.

Both the Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools have made preparations for a Christmas tree.

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

Rust & Pittard.

There is considerable interest manifested in our singing enterprise, but we would be glad to get more enlisted in the work than we now have. Come out Saturday night and see what we are doing. It is not too late to enter. You may enter any time. Next week the meetings will be at the Baptist church. Remember the time—Tuesday and Saturday nights.

S. M. Sewell.

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

League Literary Program.
Dec. 13, 1901.

Opening song.
Scripture lesson and prayer.
Song.
Response to roll call with literary quotations.
Vocal duet—Maude and Lydia Counts.
Recitation—Edith Freemon.
Select reading—Lizzie Hargrove.

Quartette—Effie Barnes, Laura Herring, Luther Heizer, Jesse Hall.

Recitation—Ross Jennings.
Instrumental solo—Duncan Browning.

Sketch of mission work in Japan—Alonzo Bickley.

Gin for Trent.

Alex Harris has bought a lot and will begin at once, possibly next week, the erection of a gin at Trent. The structure will be large and convenient and modern machinery will be installed, so that it will be a good thing for the community.

Trent has made rapid strides in the past year and

Disease and danger lurk in the vital organs. The blood becomes vitiated and the general health is undermined whenever the stomach and liver fail to perform their functions as nature intended. Herbine will tone up the stomach, regulate the liver, where other preparations only relieve. Price, 50 cents at F. M. Davis'.

Dress Making.

We have opened a dress making establishment in the Vaughan building, south of depot, and should be glad to have the ladies of Merkel and surrounding country call on us. Work first-class; prices reasonable.

Mrs. Waldroup,
Miss Hammonds.

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.

Smith & Davis have bought the Merkel Meat Market. Mr. Craven will remain with the firm.

The Mail is under obligations to Col. Story for financial favors, Mr. Story has a heart as big as a tub.

J. W. Campbell, W. A. Shepard and J. L. Tuckness are the good friends who were around settling up Monday.

The Need of Protection.

Early last Summer The Mail made the suggestion that some kind of protection should be made against fire in the town. It was stated at the time we never had a fire here, but that that was the best reason in the world why we should have protection. How true these remarks were is apparent to all. Some time and in some manner all things animate and inanimate pass under the chastening rod, and it is useless to expect that Merkel is now immune against similar disasters just because we have once suffered from lax of duty. Therefore The Mail again urges the citizens of the town to provide some means by which protection against fire can be had. It will only take a small sum of money to provide apparatus for use in case of fire, and we are sitting in our own light when we refuse to make such provisions. Merkel is unable to withstand another such calamity as that which befell her on October 15. One is enough for a life-time.

Agent McCord requests that all who contemplate taking advantage of the cheap rates to the Old States during the Holidays will please hand in their orders for tickets on or before Dec. 17, so he can have them here on date of sales as advertised.

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 and my well known name is a guarantee.
- 4 Our prices are so low that you can afford to buy.

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. Our 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.

J. T. Warren.

Praise the bridge that carries you over either a flood or cough. Ballard's Horehound Syrup has brought so many over throat and lung troubles, such as coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc., that its praises are sung everywhere. Price, 25 and 50 cents at F. M. Davis'.

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

Dr. Warnick presented The Mail with a choice lot of apples Saturday, which were part of a shipment received from a friend in New Mexico. They were beauties and extra large and the treat was enjoyed very much. The Doctor never forgets The Mail.

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

Miss Carrie Woodard visited her parents at Roscoe Sunday.

Bank of _____ has been _____ leading _____ west. _____ and _____

Worms take refuge in the small intestine, where they can easily multiply. White's Cream Vermifuge will destroy these parasites. The verdict of the people tells plainly how well it has succeeded. Price, 25 cents at F. M. Davis'.

Are you a subscriber to The Mail? If so, you are satisfied, are you not? It is worth the money asked for it.

The Mail congratulates Prof. and Mrs. Chastain upon the birth of a daughter.

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

Will Leeman spent Sunday with his sister, Lucy, who is attending school at Weatherford.

Miss Laura Herring has returned from Abilene.

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

Twenty-odd bales of Fisher county cotton were on the streets at one time Friday and they brought top prices.

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 charge to any one.
E. D. COATS.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment has been thoroughly tested for many years, and is a positive cure and is a positive cure for this most distressing and embarrassing of troubles. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents at F. M. Davis'.

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

Henry West spent Sunday in Weatherford.

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

Dr. Leeman and I. S. Allen left Monday for Houston to attend the Masonic Grand Lodge. They will vote to have the headquarters moved to Fort Worth.

Dr. I. E. Smith Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Weatherford, will be in Merkel Dec. 13 and 14.

MILLINERY.

In order to reduce stock, during the next few days I will make greatly reduced Prices on Ready Trimmings Hats.
Prices were formerly very low, but this will put them within the reach of all.
Call in and look at my

Hoot



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 CONVINCEN 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.



NOTICE.

We will be in Merkel for a few days, working in the interest of dentistry. All concerned please call and see us. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Dickenson & Jones.

WANTS TO GO HOME.

Holiday excursion rates to the old states are beginning to be advertised by the railroads. The time is approaching when the farmer, having his crop all in and disposed of, and with a wad of bills in his pocket, begins to think of his boyhood home, and has a sort of itching to get back and see the old folks. He wants to see how the old mill race looks in which he used to swim and catch minnows. He wants to see the big stores as he remembered them when a boy. He thinks of the pretty girls and his boy playmates. Well, he goes back. He wonders if that little thread of water can be the mill race he used to think was so much of a stream. How the stores have shrunk up. They look so small to him now. The girls and boys he finds are gray-haired, and the boys and girls of now are the children of the ones he knew. He comes back to Texas satisfied to remain. The old home is home no longer.—Exchange.

ATTACHED THE TRAIN.

The westbound Choctaw passenger train was attached the other day by the Sheriff of Parksburg, Ok., and detained until a judgement of \$76 was satisfied. When the engineer was about to leave the station he found that his engine was prevented from continuing on its journey because of a logchain which had been fastened to it by the Sheriff. A discharged employe had secured the attachment. H. E. Yarnell, treasurer of the road, with headquarters at Little Rock, was in his private car at the rear of the train, accompanied by a party of Eastern friends, whom he was entertaining on a hunting trip. The conductor hurriedly told him what had happened, and, after parleying with the determined Sheriff for half an hour, Mr. Yarnell got together \$76.00 and was the

costs in the case, and the train was allowed to proceed.

CARRYING BURDENS.

Christian Advocate.
Every one carries some burden. It may be an affliction in the home. It may be a lurking disease, known only to the sufferer and a few intimate friends, silently making inroads upon his system and bringing the end nearer every day. It may be a wondering son, whose way the father deplores, and whose doom dreads. It may be a financial calamity, which has swept all away. But whatever the trouble, there is a message in the Gospel to meet the case. There is a bright promise for the darkest day. God has not forgotten the troubled soul. He has remembered him in his will, saying: "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

CONGRESS IS WIDE OPEN.

Avalanche of Measures the Only Feature in the House.

The opening of the Fifty-Seventh Congress Monday did not differ materially from other openings. After the calling of the roll and the Speaker and members had taken the oath there was a brief session of hot resolution-introducing and then came the customary drawing for seats. Tuesday the President's message was read and the House joined the Senate in adjournment out of respect to the memory of President McKinley. The official announcement of the death of the late President was made by President Roosevelt's message.

Several thousand bills were introduced in the House Monday. Congress had barely opened before it was whispered around that the Republicans would make a determined effort to reduce Southern representation, and there is no longer any doubt that a bitter sectional fight is ahead on this question.

The estimate submitted is

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 Best Christmas Gift for a Little Money.

Sent as a year's subscription to the Youth's Companion \$1.75 will buy the fifty-two weekly issues of the Youth's Companion for 1902.

It will buy the two hundred and fifty fascinating stories in new volume for 1902.

It will buy the fifty interesting special articles contributed by famous men and women to the new volume of 1902.

It will entitle the new subscriber who sends in his subscription now to all the issues of the Companion for the remaining weeks of 1901.

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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.

Brain-Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's favorite remedies at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Special Almanac.

Acorns and bois d'arc apples are being sold for feed in Lamar county.

Miss Ford of Boston, Mass., who is spending the winter at the Butman ranch, in the Canyon, was the guest of Miss Dota Garoutte at her home north of town, Sunday.

When wanting anything to eat 'phone 43.

Cotton made a spurt Wednesday of about 75 points, but lost out to-day and fell nearly back to its dead level. The market is still uncertain, but there is every indication of an early rise soon. The market really hinges on the government report, which will settle the question. If the report is good, the market will settle up. If it is bad, the market will settle down.

J. T. Warren, Pres.
S. F. West, V-Pres.
Geo. S. Berry, Cash.

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We guarantee satisfaction to our customers, and offer them the services of a reliable and conservative Banking Institution which is at all times willing to extend every courtesy consistent with sound business methods

We solicit your business

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles, Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure.

Buy the Best Stove
The
Celebrated
Bridge and
Beach.

Yellow
Kid
Disc Plows

They will do
the work
every time.

Queensware

I am overstocked on Queens-
ware and until Jan. 1 will sell

● AT COST ●

this line of goods. Many ar-
ticles suitable for Christmas
Presents and worth double the
prices asked for them. Come
and take a look at the goods.

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Baker Perfect Barbed Wire is the BEST...

Headquarters for
Hardware
Implements
Glassware
Etc.

Bible and
Lansing
Wagons

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

The rebuilding of the bur-
district brings to mind the e-
cient work done by Miller & Rus-
sell in this town. That these
buildings, or the rock and brick
work to them, came through the
angry flames practically unin-
jured, is due to their knowledge
of construction work and the care
and patience with which they
looked after every detail of the
work. It also shows that they
are experienced workmen and
thoroughly understand their bus-
iness. These gentlemen have
constructed eight buildings in
Merkel and are engaged in put-
ting back two of those which
went through the fire. It is
hardly necessary to state here
that the buildings they have
erected stand as monuments to
their efficiency. But the editor
of The Mail, who knows both
gentlemen intimately and has
had personal dealings with them,
does not hesitate to recommend
them as honest and reliable gen-
tlemen and worthy of every con-
fidence. May they live long and
prosper.

DR. JOS. H. WARNICK, PRES.
WM. H. DUNNING, CASHIER.

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Our vault equipment is modern in every respect. We are using the Mosler Patent
Screw Door Safe, with triple Yale Timer, affording the greatest possible security.
It is our purpose to deal justly and liberally with all. Our patrons will receive every
courtesy and accommodation 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 Mer-
chandise is complete, and
we should be glad to show
and price it to you.

J. 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 brand 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-LINGO

Lumber

J. S. Barnes,

READ THE MERKEL MAIL
IT GIVES

THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

When you read a thing you
like to feel that it's the truth.
The Dallas Semi-Weekly News
gives the facts in the case.

SPECIALLY
EDITED.

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

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED.

You need The Merkel Mail,
because it's your local paper.
It gives a class of news you can't
get elsewhere. You need The
News because it gives you all
the State news. The Merkel
Mail and The Semi-Weekly
News one year for only \$1.75,
cash in advance.

The News is promptly stopped
at expiration of time paid for.

Dora Dots.

Not much news this week.
Cotton is just about picked
out.

The young people report a
royal good time at the candy
breaking at I. E. Lowe's Friday
night.

The young people of the neigh-
borhood met at the school house
Saturday night and organized a
Debating Society.

Preaching Sunday morning by
Rev. Eason of the Holiness faith.
Singing Sunday evening at I.
E. Lowe's.

Preaching Sunday night by
Rev. Manney of Roby.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. C.
Jenkins, Sunday, a boy.

W. M. Beall, O. D. Beall and
Will Perkins killed hogs Mon-
day.

Preaching Monday night by
Rev. Bates of the Methodist
faith.

Mr. Holden went to Nolan to
gin Monday.

Ben Billingsley came in Mon-
day from California.

with success to The

father, J. M. Blackburn, Tues-
day.

Lon Watkins visited at S. H.
Leslie's Sunday.

R. M. Davenport visited at F.
M. Dudley's Sunday.

Luther Hudson visited at F.
M. Dudley's Sunday.

We understand that Mr. and
Mrs. Cagle are to hold a meeting
at Cross Roads during Christ-
mas.

News scarce.

ROSEBUD.

Coughs and Colds in Children.

Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.

I use and prescribe Chamber-
lain's Cough Remedy for almost
all obstinate, constricted coughs,
with direct results. I prescribe
it to children of all ages. Am
glad to recommend it to all in
need and seeking relief from
colds and coughs and bronchial
afflictions. It is non-narcotic
and safe in the hands of the most
unprofessional.—Mrs. Mary R.
Meleudy, M. D., Ph. D., Chicago,
Ill. This remedy is for sale by
Rust & Pittard.

It is seldom that a poor pencil
pusher comes within the bounds
of neighborly sympathy to the
extent that he is permitted to
aid in the dissection of a turkey.
But the order of things was re-
versed Thanksgiving, when an
invitation was presented from
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson re-
questing our presence at their
festal board. The table fairly
groaned with its burden of good
things, and we have never before
eaten a heartier meal, or one that
possessed greater culinary excel-
lence. May the kind host and
hostess live to enjoy many more
such occasions, and invite us to
every one of them.

J. A. Sosebee and son arrived
from Fort Worth, yesterday.
George shows the effects of his
recent illness, but we hope to see
him out soon.

F. M. Davis, the successor of
Davis & Wood in the drug busi-
ness, has opened up at the same
old stand. Everything is brand
new and shows up nicely. Read
his ad.

John Mann is behind the coun-
ters in Davis' drug store.

Center Pointers.

Our neighborhood is quiet and
everybody is done picking cot-
ton and thinking of preparing for
another crop.

Our literary school is now in
progress with very good attend-
ance, Miss Fannie Clack of Abi-
lene teacher.

Health of the community good,
except colds.

Preaching yesterday and to-
day at the school house by Rev.
J. G. Cooper of Abilene, attend-
ance very good considering the
north breeze.

Our music school began last
Wednesday night with a nice lit-
tle crowd, several old settlers at-
tending. This is the first enter-
tainment of this kind Center
Point has had and the people are
greatly interested. We are go-
ing to have a fine string band by
the time our school closes. One
of the pupils says he can enter-
tain a crowd himself by that
time as he can play "Greencorn"
now. So, hurrah! for the Point.
She is coming to the front in a
rush. G

Dr. Hollis of Abilene was in
the city yesterday on profession-
al business.

Mrs. Chastain has been quite
sick for several days, but The
Mail is glad to state that she is
improving at this writing.

There is food for thought in
Prof. Sewell's communication,
found elsewhere in this issue.
Read it carefully.

Uncle Sam has bought the
Danish West Indies, the price be-
ing between four and five thou-
sand dollars.

Asthma

"One of my daughters had a
terrible case of asthma. We tried
almost everything, but without re-
lief. We then tried Ayer's Cherry
Pectoral, and three and one-half
bottles cured her."—Emma Jane
Entsminger, Langsville, O.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
certainly cures many cases
of asthma.

And it cures bronchitis,
hoarseness, weak lungs,
whooping-cough, croup,
winter coughs, night
coughs, and hard colds.

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

Consult your doctor. If he says take it,
then do as he says. If he tells you not
to take it, then don't take it. He knows
best. We are willing to pay for our
share of it with him. We are willing.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

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First class work and prompt and
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Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds,
take acknowledgements, pay taxes on land, fur-
nish abstracts of title and transact all other
business entrusted to him.

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night. Visiting brethren cor-
dially invited to attend.
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to our front
See a point*

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GEN'L PASS'G AND TICKET AGENT,
DALLAS, TEXAS.**

You cannot afford to trifle with
a cough. It may result in some
serious if not fatal malady.
Take time by the forelock
use Simmon's Cough
Guaranteed. Price 2

For family use in numberless
ways Ballard's Snow Liniment
is a useful and valuable remedy.
Price, 25 and 50 cents at F. M.
Davis'.

In Nolan County.
Mr. John H. Cockran and Miss
Fina Cowen were quietly united
in marriage at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. J. T. Pruett Sunday
evening, Rev. W. H. Harris of-
ficiating.

C. W. Roberts' telephone con-
struction outfit reached here
Sunday, and the full metallic
line from Abilene to this point
is completed and ready for busi-
ness. The line will be extended
as far west as Midland.

We are informed that the
Nolan gin has turned out some-
thing over 600 bales this season,
and there is yet quite a number
of bales not ginned. The Hylton
gin has turned out something
like the same number though
not so many.—Sweetwater
Reporter.

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

In Fisher County.
H. J. Hadderton had an en-
gagement with a pole-cat Sun-
day night. Hat went after him
with a No. 10, rapid firing gun,
and shot the cat and a saddle
both all to smash the first round.

Riley Trent, Edgar Vickers and
John Camp were up from Eskota
Thursday. Riley and Edgar had
been charged with violating the
quarantine law, and made bond
for their appearance at the next
term of county.

Rev. T. N. Lowery, the new
Methodist minister preached his
first sermon at the M. E. church
last Sunday. He assisted in a
meeting here last summer and
proved himself to be an able
preacher and the Methodist peo-
ple should congratulate them-
selves on securing his services
for another year. His family
will arrive this week.—Roby
Banner.

Safe, swift and sure is the
proper description of Cheatham's
Laxative Tablets. Cure colds in
a day. Can be carried in vest
pocket. Easy to take. Guar-
anteed. Price 25 cents.

Texas News Notes.
Gen. W. H. Young of San
Antonio, who was a distinguish-
ed Confederate officer, died Fri-
day.

Prof. R. B. Cousins of Mexia
is being mentioned for State
Superintendent.

Negroes at Corsicana have or-
ganized a Law and Order League
and pledge themselves to aid
officers in detecting crime.

Methodists will erect a \$30,000
church at Waco.

Lamar county farmers will
diversify with peanuts.

Innovation in Marriage Ceremony.

An innovation in marriage
proceedings was presented in
New York recently when Henry
Kellogg Willard and Miss Helen
Wilson Parker became husband
and wife. Instead of being at-
tended by

accompanied by his very best
friend, he could not possibly
make a more appropriate selec-
tion than to choose the woman
who gave him birth, who trained
him in childhood, lavished upon
him the bountiful riches of a
mother's heart, and during her
declining years, pays to him the
tribute of constant thought and
anxiety for his welfare.—Com-
moner.

My friend, are you suffering
from any painful and annoying
skin disease, such as ringworm,
tetter eczema or anything similar.
If so, just try one box of Hunt's
Cure. It never fails. Guarant-
eed. Price 50 cents.

Henry Ward Beecher, that
well-known Brooklyn preacher,
was once asked by a newspaper
reporter to furnish him a copy of
a remarkably eloquent prayer he
had made. Beecher wrote him:
"You request me to send you my
prayer on Decoration Day even-
ing. If you will send me the
notes of the oriole that whistled
at the top of my tree in last June,
or the iridescent globes that
came by millions on the last
waves that rolled in on the
beach yesterday, or a segment of
the rainbow of last week, or the
perfume of the first violet that
blossomed last May, I will also
send you the prayer that rose to
my lips with the occasion and
left me forever—I hope it went
Heavenward and was registered
—in which case the only record
of it will be found in Heaven."
Beautiful, isn't it?

No equal on earth has Hunt's
Lightning Oil for rheumatism
and neuralgia, as well as sprains,
cuts, burns, bruises, and insect
bites and stings. Guaranteed.
Price 25 and 50 cents.

Later accounts of the Wabash
disaster in Michigan place the
number killed at 85.

Geo. M. Pullman, son of the
late millionaire, is dead.

Honor Roll.
Of Salt Branch School, Miss
Callie Totten, teacher. The fol-
lowing are the names of those
pupils, who have been perfect in
attendance, and have averaged
95 per cent in deportment, dur-
ing the past week:

- Lester Wheat.
- Curtis Newton.
- Clarence Newton.
- Melvin Newton.
- Willie Rotan.
- Lonnie Rotan.
- Eddie Rotan.
- Roy Banner.
- Ralph Golightly.
- Guy Brown.
- Robert Balch.
- Minnie Epps.
- Roy Adams.
- Jesse Mowry.
- Weasley Hardy.
- Roy Mowry.
- Arley Mowry.
- Luther Wheat.
- Bershia Wheat.
- Maxie Banner.
- Mary Epps.
- Minnie Agnew.
- Ethel Agnew.
- Jim Epps.
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