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For your accommodation the Texas & Pacific Railway Company will run a Special train, account of the

### MIDWINTER CARNIVAL.

to El Paso on January 13th 1902. This train will carry through sleeper and chair cars and will leave Terrell 5:09 a. m., Dallas 6:50 a. m., Ft. Worth 8:40 a. m., Weatherford 10:03 a. m., Thurber Junction 12:20 p. m., Cisco 2:06 p. m., Abilene 4:14 p. m., Colorado 6:56 p. m., Big Springs 8:45 p. m., Midland 10:19 p. m., arriving at El Paso early next morning.

A round trip ticket from Terrell, Sherman and intermediate stations east of Cisco will cost ONLY \$15.00.

and from Cisco and stations west of El Paso the fare for the round trip and may be used for return on special train leaving El Paso Saturday, January 18, or to leave El Paso on any regular train between the date of purchase and as late as Jan. 30, 1902.

The attractions at El Paso are numerous and this is an exceptional opportunity to see the Great West at a nominal cost.

See any ticket agent of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company or write E. P. Turner, G. P. & T. A., Dallas, Texas.

A. S. Hardwicke was up from Abilene today.

D. Boring left this morning for Big Springs.

County Attorney Bledsoe was in city today.

Patterson is complaining because The Mail has no orders for a good rain he says, is badly needed. It will attend to this matter and to allay uneasiness will vouch for some kind of rain inside of three weeks.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill Sunday. Congratulations are extended.

### Abilene Marriages.

W. O. Bowie and Miss Sallie Anderson will be married at Abilene this evening at 8:30 o'clock, at the Episcopal church. There will be a number of attendants. Mr. Bowie is a prominent lumberman of Abilene, while Miss Anderson, who is a sister of Mrs. Geo. S. Berry of this place, is one of Abilene's fairest and most popular young ladies whose friends are legion. In advance of the happy event The Mail extends its very best wishes.

Miss Rosa Trezevant of Abilene and Mr. W. A. Winfrey of Dallas were married at Abilene yesterday at 8:30 a. m., leaving on the east bound passenger for an extended bridal tour.

### A CARD.

Having been solicited by many friends to announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the treasurer's office of Taylor county, and believing that I have served the county to the public interest, and have made a record that I can conscientiously ask the public to investigate, I have decided to announce this week in the several papers of the county. After investigation, if the people of Taylor county find that I have served them faithfully and to the public interest of the county, and will give me sufficient support to re-elect me as their treasurer, I promise to serve them in the future as in the past.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain Yours truly,

J. H. THORNTON.

The Abilene Mercantile and Grocery Co. has been organized with a capital \$100,000, with C. H. Craig, John Davis, A. C. Conally, R. C. Crane of Abilene and John Roberts of Nubia and others as directors. They propose to do a general mercantile business. The Boston Store, a dry goods establishment with \$15,000 capital, was also organized at Abilene; directors unknown.

### A Shooting Bee.

On Tuesday near Delk in Jones county, C. C. Coons and Jesse Jackson had a serious difficulty which resulted in Jackson receiving a slight wound in the hip from a pistol shot by Coons, while Coons was seriously cut by Jackson. A late rumor reports the death of Coons.

We hope to get fuller particulars later.

Colonel W. F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," has given up his legal residence in Nebraska and established his home in the wilds of the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming. The spot which the noted scout has selected is in the midst of one of the most striking scenes of the mountains. An immense irrigation canal will be completed at a cost of \$1,000,000 and 120,000 acres of rich agricultural land will be placed under water. Colonel Cody will live in the most elaborately furnished log house ever erected in the world. The house has ten rooms and \$10,000 worth of paintings will ornament the walls, while all the appointments of the place will be on a scale heretofore unknown in the mountain recesses. In this syvan house, far from "the maddening throng's ignoble strife," the last of the band of Indian scouts and buffalo hunters expects to pass his declining days.

D. V. Godwin and Edger "Boaz" were over from Ansonia yesterday.

W. P. Thurmond is at Dallas on business.

Tom Johnson is smiling a fine large smile. His wife and babe are at home again.

### The Two Blind Chaplains.

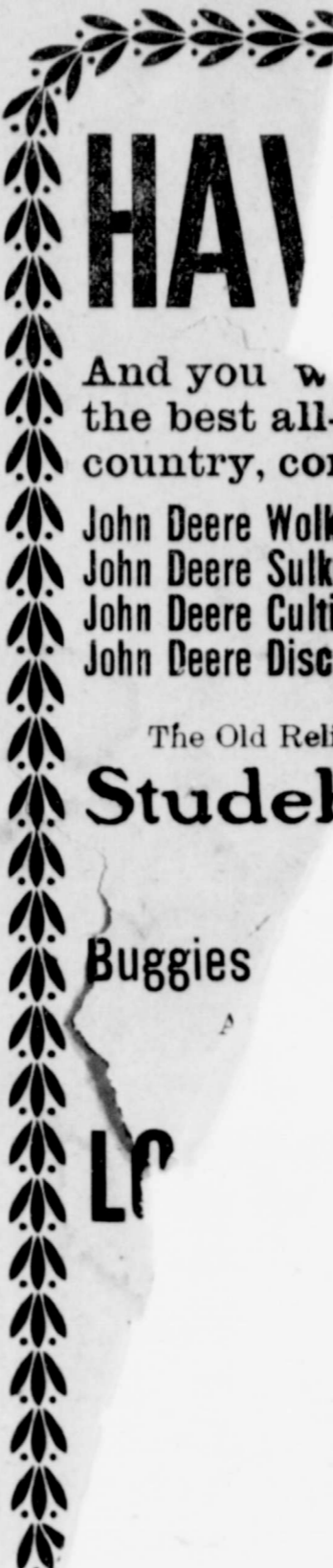
The two blind chaplains are among the most picturesque personalities in congress. Rev. Dr. Milburn, of the senate, with his long gray whiskers and his black slouch hat, is a familiar figure. He walks upon the arm of his daughter, gently feeling his way with a cane, and is always in his appointed place at the hour of noon, no matter whether it rains or snows, blows. His prayers are models of exquisite expression, and are uttered in a deep, musical, impressive voice. The newspapers are read to him every morning before he goes to the capitol, so that if there is any great event which needs to be mentioned in his prayer it is not overlooked. After prayer he is led around the chamber and shakes hands with the senators. Despite his lack of sight, he is a man of acute perception, and his talk upon "What a Blind Man Saw in Europe" is said to be extremely interesting. Rev. Dr. Couden, the chaplain of the house, hides his eyes beneath dark blue glasses. He is tall and dignified, and, like his colleague in the senate, is eloquent. His prayers are brief, but they condense a great deal into very few words.

### Moore's Historic Mirror.

Charles Moore, clerk of the senate committee on the District of Columbia, has resurrected from the lumber room of the capitol a mirror that every vice president of the United States, with the exception of Theodore Roosevelt, is said to have looked into. The mirror, a small one, is in a gilt frame and was bought by John Adams, the first vice president, for use in the vice president's room. Adams paid \$40 for it, and there was a three-day debate in the senate as to whether the item should be allowed, the claim being made that to pay \$40 for a mirror was gross extravagance. The curtains in the senate finance committee room now cost \$600 a pair. Finally the bill was paid. The mirror was handed along from vice president to vice president until it reached Garrett A. Hobart. After Mr. Hobart's death the mirror was taken to the lumber room of the capitol. This last summer, after Mr. Roosevelt had left Washington and before he came back as president, Mr. Moore got out the mirror and had it regilded, intending to give it to Mr. Roosevelt.

### A Good Voice Very Rare.

The Vocal Physiologist says: "More money is thrown away on the education of the human voice than on the support of government. Of every 10,000 voices one may be listened to without pain; of every 100,000 voices one may be listened to with patience; of every 1,000,000 voices one may be listened to with satisfaction; of every 10,000,000 voices one may be listened to with sensations of joy. In all the millions of male singers there is but one Jean De Reszke. Of all the millions of female singers there has appeared none to equal or approach Patti. Yet, wonderful to tell, nearly every young man and woman on earth believes he or she has a fine latent voice which needs only cultivation to set the universe a-quiver with its quality. To agree with such a person, to maintain that the voice is there in embryo and must be trained and developed is to gratify its possessor under false hopes, to throw away the vocal teacher, at the point a career."



And you want the best all-around country, consisting of

John Deere Working Plow  
John Deere Sulkey Plow  
John Deere Cultivator  
John Deere Disc Harrow

The Old Reliable

Studebaker

Buggies

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J. H. WARNICK...BANKER...

Responsibility, = = = \$20,000

### The Only Negro Mayor.

Isaiah T. Montgomery, of Mound Bayou, Miss., is the only colored mayor in the United States. He is the wealthiest man in the city named, and, indeed, owns nearly the whole place. At a convention he gained prominence because of the clearness of his views on the negro question. Montgomery was born a slave on the plantation of Jefferson Davis.

### Voice Audible 18 Miles.

Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, where one man shouted the name "Bob" at one end his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is eighteen miles away. Dr. Young records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard at a distance of ten miles.

### Began as a Railroad.

Edwin Charles Madden, the third assistant postmaster general, is a Michigander. His great-great-uncle was Lord Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar. He entered the railroad business at the age of 16, and continued until January, 1891, serving thirteen years as a locomotive engineer. He was then appointed of registry clerk in the post office, and was rapidly promoted until President McKinley appointed him to the position

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### Jam Pot Wagner Autographs.

Autograph letters of Wagner have been discovered in use as jam-pot covers. A German journalist found them at the house of two maiden ladies, sisters of a musician long since deceased, who had formerly been in intimate correspondence with the author of "Parsifal." The ladies were exhibiting to him with much pride their cupboards full of jam, when the journalist saw some writing on the covers which he recognized as that of Wagner. The superior thickness of the paper, which almost resembles parchment, had supplied the reason for its application to this domestic use.



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# 15 DAYS OF FAST SELLING!

We are preparing to move into the building occupied by us before the fire, and during the intervening few days will sell everything in our mammoth store at

## Greatly Reduced Prices!

This is an opportunity to secure New and Up-to-Date Goods, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Furnishings, Etc., at prices never before heard of in the town. Come, inspect the goods and get our prices. They cannot be beaten any where, and we doubt if the prices can be equalled in this great country of ours, quality of goods considered.

# FITTS & SMITH.

Remember, Your Money Back if not Satisfied.

### THE MERKEL MAIL.

ED J. LEEMAN,  
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

Entered in the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

**Subscription Rates:**

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Invariably in advance.	

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**SPECIAL NOTICES.**  
Communications to insure publication must bear the signature of the writer, as well as the nom de plume under which they write. This is required merely as a guarantee of good faith. - Obituaries, Cards of Thanks, etc., are inserted at one-half the regular advertising rates. Positively no deviation from this rule.

#### MERKEL IN 1902.

Merkel's growth during 1901 was phenomenal. It marked an era of progress that should be very gratifying to every citizen of the town. Four years ago Merkel was known merely as a "wide place in the road," and we had few attractions and fewer enterprises of merit. But at the beginning of the Spanish-American war, when the first cannon boomed in defense of Cuban liberty, the reverberations seemed to awaken the dormant interests of the town, and our development since that time has been of a most substantial nature. However, the year just gone into history was the crowning year of all and marked the greatest epoch in the history of the town. A resume of the business interests shows a remarkable increase. Many of the old wooden buildings that were long an eyesore and a menace to public comfort and safety, have given

way to magnificent brick and rock structures, and during the first eight months of the year eight houses were built at a cost of, approximately, \$25,000, besides a number of wooden buildings. In the residence portion of the town we have a much greater increase, the total number built being in the neighborhood of 75. Many new business enterprises were established, and the population shows an increase of about 35 per cent. Few towns in the West can boast of such a growth. It is a record to be proud of. The country, too, has been rapidly developed, thousands of acres within Merkel's trade territory having been opened to settlement until there is hardly a vacant section to be found.

The disastrous fire of October 15, very naturally retarded our progress to a great extent. It was a hard blow to the town and a harder one for those who suffered loss, but with characteristic public-spiritedness and indomitable pluck we have survived the blow and enter upon the glad New Year with the determination to make this the most profitable year of them all. To that end we must work together harmoniously for the best interests of the town. We can then hope for a new era of prosperity. Industrial progress should be the watchword, and the first step will be the erection of a new school building.

Senator Sebastian's attitude upon the quarantine line issue is a most conservative one. He recommends moderation in quarantine regulations to the extent that the small men may be allowed to cross over at any time with ticks or contagious diseases, an open season for

ring the year. He would also revise the quarantine law and take the making of it out of the hands of the board. The greed of the big cattlemen above the line, who are trying to retard the development of the country by keeping out the small cow men and "nestors," has brought an avalanche of abuse down upon the quarantine board and even the line itself. The result is that an effort to abolish the line will be made by a few eastern hot-heads. The present quarantine regulations are based on the much disputed theory that the tick is the medium through which disease is transmitted, but the regulations have been abused by unscrupulous persons and much bitter strife has been engendered. It is very evident that greed and avarice are behind many of the unjust applications of the quarantine laws, and if cooler heads do not come to the rescue the line must go. Let the law be enforced, but do not apply it for the benefit of the few and to the detriment of the many.

Looking back over the year just gone, we are filled with a feeling of mingled regret and pleasure—a regret for the many things left undone that could have been done, and a pleasure for the things accomplished. All of us, however unfavorably the circumstances, have had it in our power to accomplish greater things than those entered to our credit. Most of us have aspired to nobler things, but lacked the environments and hadn't the gift of "making the opportunity." Hence our failure. In a moral sense we have accomplished industrially and politically the country has made hands forward. There-

fore, the old year was good to us and while it also sent want and misery to many homes and scattered the ill effects of a short crop throughout the land, still we were sufficiently blessed with health and happiness and enjoyed the blessing of "scant plenty" to the extent that should prompt us to gratitude. We held on to a great many things last year which we should have let go—shaken off entirely. In the first place we should expel from our minds completely the things which cannot be helped—our past misfortunes and mistakes, our successes and failures. They should be remembered only for future improvement. Turn over a new leaf. Profit by these failures, and in the end peace, happiness and prosperity will attend you.

The losses by death of range cattle, should the weather prove severe, will be considerable during the next two months. Stock in many sections are ill prepared to stand cold weather, the long drouth having impoverished the ranges, making it impossible for them to get enough to eat, and their vitality is at a low ebb. In this immediate section, however, there are hopes that the losses will be very small.

The Mail acknowledges the receipt of Senator Sebastian's letter calling attention to his interview in the Daily Reporter. The Daily Reporter does not neighbor with The Mail, hence we do not feel called upon, however much we should like to do so, to publish the interview after it has been published in nearly every other paper in the district, with the Reporter does not

The Mail tenders its best wishes to its good friend and neighbor, Max R. Andrews, who is now sole owner of the Taylor County News, having purchased the plant. Max is worthy of any amount of prosperity, and we sincerely hope that it will be measured out to him by the cart load.

Life is too short to dwell upon things which only hinder our growth. If we keep the mind filled with bright, hopeful pictures, and wholesome thoughts, we shall make infinitely greater progress in every way.

Old 1901 was a pretty good year for the trusts in Texas. Just 1,343, with an aggregate capital of \$277,088,000, were incorporated.

James Stephen Hogg has evidently concluded that the best way to kill the octopus is to beat him at his own game.

The open season for deer hunting expired Jan. 1. But deer hunting should be continued indefinitely.

Let nothing postpone or destroy your will to do those things which ought to be done now.

May the two-year-old infant the Twentieth Century leave prosperity in its wake.

A dilatory spirit is one of the most delusive of all the temptations of the great destroyer.

The total capitalization of trusts is estimated at \$1,343,000,000, or one-half billion dollars.

Georgia is the only state which populists have the right to let out a few yelps.



e fragile babe and the grow-  
child are strengthened by  
y's Cream Vermifuge. It  
ys worms, gets digestion at  
and so rebuilds the body.  
25c at F. M. Davis'.

your Grain, Hay and  
n G. M. Sharp, the only  
Grain Dealer in Mer-

#### up the Agitation.

Surveyor Riney has  
ging of the meets and  
of the proposed indepen-  
at school district in hand and  
will survey and perfect the lines  
this week, after which the plans  
will be sent to the attorney gen-  
eral for his approval. It is hoped  
that all formalities can be gone  
rough with and the election  
ared inside of two weeks.

For the benefit of those who  
are unsettled in their opinions as  
regards the benefits to be derived  
from the incorporation of the dis-  
trict for school purposes, we  
submit the following condensed  
report of the Snyder district,  
which voted bonds and built a  
new school house last year:

Snyder was incorporated for  
school purposes only, the district  
embracing 16 square miles or two  
miles each way from the court  
house. \$5,000 of 6 per cent bonds  
were floated on a total taxable  
valuation of about \$243,000 (the  
valuation of the Merkel district is  
\$100,000 greater), which sold at  
a premium of \$125. A school  
building was built at a cost of  
\$6,100, \$1,000 of which was sub-  
scribed by citizens. The people  
are wonderfully well pleased.  
The school has grown from 200  
to 391 pupils, necessitating the  
employment of three extra teach-  
ers, and 60 extra houses have  
been built to accommodate the  
patrons of the school. Since the  
tax was voted the property valua-  
tions have increased fully 50  
per cent.

These are the advantages that  
have come to Snyder. For Mer-  
kel we have the promise of much  
greater benefits. Let every citi-  
zen be prepared to vote for in-  
corporation when the time comes  
and thus give the town the best  
shove forward it has ever enjoy-  
ed. In the meantime keep up  
the agitation.

F. P. McGuffin is sel ng choice  
steaks 10c per pour , roasts  
from 8 to 10c, other meats in  
proportion.

There is a time for all things.  
The time to take S i m m o n ' s  
Cough Syrup is when afflicted  
with sore throat, hoarseness,  
coughs or colds. It is guaran-  
teed to cure you. Price 25 and  
50 cents.

#### LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Jan. 31.

Song.

Scripture reading and prayer.  
Song.

Select reading—Lillie Hamil-  
ton.

Recitation—Edith Freemon.

Song.

Select reading—Walter Jordan  
Paper—Literature of Psalms—  
Carrie Hargrove.

Duet—Maud and Lydia Counts

Recitation—Ross Jennings.

Recitation—Mamie Heizer.

Quartette—Mr. and Mrs. Nor-  
n, Laura Herring, Luther Hei-  
S. J. R.

Recitation—Henry Counts.

Select reading—Effie Barnes.

Instrumental music—L u c y  
eman.

Sketch from reading course—  
ara Browning.

Closing song.

Sol Banks, who took a shot at  
, T. Cordill last week, is out on  
\$00 bond.

Herbine should be used to en-  
rich and purify the blood; it  
cures all forms of blood disorders,  
is especially useful in fevers,  
skin eruptions, boils, pimples,  
blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum  
and every form of blood impuri-  
ty; it is a safe and effectual cure.  
Price, 50c at F. M. Davis'.

For Sale—Good gentle family  
horse, either for cash or a good  
note. Apply at

The Star Store.

The Mail erred last week in  
stating that Mr. Popno had  
purchased the Coker place. It  
should have been Mr. Chenault  
of Hico, who has a most excell-  
ent family and will be a valuable  
addition to our town.

Top prices for green and dry  
hides.

F. P. McGuffin.

The young people were royally  
entertained by Mrs. J. C. Hamm  
Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith enter-  
tained the young folks in a pleas-  
ing manner Saturday night.

Phone G. M. Sharp when you  
want feed.

Mrs. Dr. Leeman has returned  
from a visit to her father in Van  
Zandt county.

When you want meats, vegeta-  
bles or fruits 'phone 43.

J. S. Stephenson and family  
returned Friday from a visit to  
relatives in McLennan county.  
Mr. Stephenson says there are  
general complaints of the dry  
weather down there, and times  
are gloomy indeed.

When wanting anything to eat  
'phone 43.

Last Saturday morning Ber-  
nice, the twelve year old son of  
a Mr. Bost, who resides north of  
town, was the victim of a sad  
accident in which he lost his life.  
While handling a small rifle it  
was accidentally discharged the  
bullet piercing the heart and  
causing instant death.—Anson  
Western.

We are showing the best \$1.50  
hat that ever happened.

J. T. Warren.

Rev. R. S. Heizer is at Brown-  
wood assisting in a meeting and  
will be absent a week.

Mrs. C. A. McCord received a  
telegram Sunday announcing the  
death of her father at Columbia,  
Ala. Mr. and Mrs. McCord are  
here on a visit to the former's  
brother, and the sad news was  
naturally very painful to them.

Buy McDonald Shirts and  
Overalls.

J. T. Warren.

Lewis Martin has purchased  
the H. D. Clark stock of groceries  
and took charge Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Brown at-  
tended the Scarborough recep-  
tion at Truby Saturday.

R. B. Ustick returned from  
Dallas Tuesday where he bought  
a complete set of tools, and will  
again engage in the watchmak-  
ing business in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogue of  
the Trent country are the proud  
parents of a bouncing boy.

Mrs. I. S. Allen has returned  
from Stephenville.

There are new rumors that the  
double daily train service will be  
inaugurated about February 1st.  
Perhaps they are just rumors,  
and that's all.

The Mail force have been feast-  
ing, this week, on hickory nuts  
and walnuts which grew in the  
Free State of Van Zar county.  
They are fine.

# To MAKE ROOM

## Not Money.

Below we give a few items which  
we propose to sell to make room==  
NOT MONEY:

Blankets,  
Comforts,  
Capes,  
Jackets,  
Du'k coats,  
Heavy Woolen Over Shirts,  
and Winter Dress Goods.

# J. T. WARREN

Many a bright and happy  
household has been thrown into  
sadness and sorrow because of  
the death of a loved one from a  
neglected cold. Ballard's Hore-  
hound Syrup is the great cure  
for coughs, colds and all pul-  
monary ailments. Price, 25 and  
50c at F. M. Davis'.

We are selling some stuff to  
make room, not money.

J. T. Warren.

Miss King of Melissa spent the  
holidays with her cousin here,  
Miss Ethel King.

G. T. Beach and son-in-law,  
Mr. Rains, with their families,  
left last week for Beckville, Tex.  
The health of Mrs. Beach is such  
that a return to their old home  
was advisable. The Mail follows  
them. They have its best wish-  
es.

5 gallons Pickles and Kraut  
\$1.50.

J. T. Warren.

#### Woodmen Officers.

At the last regular meeting of  
the Woodmen of the World, the  
following officers were elected for  
the ensuing 12 months:

G. E. Comegys, Consul Com.  
Bennett, Advisor Lieut.  
J. S. Barnes, Banker.  
John Elliott, Clerk.  
Otho Williams, Escort.  
J. M. Tipton, Watchman.  
Marvin Smit's, Sentry.  
E. M. Rust, Physician.  
W. F. Stanford, I. C. Bur-  
roughs and R. H. Collins, Board  
of Managers.

Whosoever has suffered from  
piles knows how painful and  
troublesome they are. Tabler's  
Buckeye Pile Ointment is guar-  
anteed to cure piles. Price 50c  
in bottles. Tubes, 75c at F. M.  
Davis'.

LOST—Three head of sheep in  
a flock, one with bell on. Will  
pay liberal reward for informa-  
tion leading to their recovery.

F. P. McGuffin.

The Mail is informed by Post  
Master Witt that the post office  
receipts for the quarter ending  
Jan. 1, were many dollars in ex-  
cess of any preceding quarter  
and that they passed the re-  
quirements of a third-class of-  
fice. This means that the office  
will be raised to a third-class or  
presidential office during the  
year, or not later than a year  
hence, which is another item in  
our progress.

Go to G. M. Sharp's for your  
bran, oats and wheat chops.

A letter from Jim Thornton,  
who is with the army in the  
Philippines, states that he is en-  
joying life and good health.  
He has changed to Co. H, 17th  
Infantry, and his address is Jolo,  
P. I.

Use Peace-Maker Flour,  
J. T. Warren.

The Mail extends congratula-  
tions to Will Berry of Sweetwater  
upon the advent of a son at his  
house.

Jack Angus spent Saturday  
Sunday in Abilene.

The properties of Ballard's  
Snow Liniment possess a range  
of usefulness greater than any  
other remedy. A day seldom  
passes in every household, es-  
pecially where there are children,  
that it is not needed. Price, 25  
and 50c at F. M. Davis'.

I have added the handling of  
livestock to my business and  
would appreciate anything in  
this line. H. C. Williams.

The following are the officers  
of the Merkel Lodge I. O. O. F.,  
for the next term:

N. Harrison, N. G.  
Dr. G. H. Richardson, V. G.  
Chas. Craven, Sec.  
J. J. Miller, Treas.  
T. F. Compton, Rep.  
J. J. Miller, Alt.

Plenty of corn now at G. M.  
Sharp's.

The fourth Saturday night in  
this month is installation night of  
the Woodman camp, and an  
oyster supper will afford a pleas-  
ing digression from the general  
routine of business to be trans-  
acted. All visiting Woodmen  
are invited to be present.

East Texas and Louisiana  
Syrup.

J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Shell, who took sick  
Fort Worth where she was vi-  
siting her parents, was bro-  
me by Mr. Shell S.  
She is improving right al-  
are glad to learn.

Claud Bigham return  
Louisiana Sunday.



# Inventory Sale...

We will soon begin taking invoice preparatory to winding up our year's business, and everything in our store is being sold at Greatly Reduced Prices. Now is the time to get Good Goods Cheap. Come to us for Dry Goods and Groceries and get the worth of your money.

## J. P. Sharp & Company.

### Oldest Organ to Be Exhibited.

The organ in the chapel of the Episcopal church, on State street, in Portsmouth, N. H., is to be taken to Boston to be placed on exhibition, being the oldest in America. The organ was brought from London in 1713 and placed in King's chapel, Boston. While it was in Boston, Benjamin Franklin was the organist. It was sold to Newburyport some eighty years afterward, and in 1836 it was purchased by Dr. Charles Burroughs and taken to the chapel in Portsmouth.

### Belmont's Ten-Story Collar.

John P. Belmont is wearing a collar in Newington—perhaps because it was constructed in time for the New York Horse show—a stand-up collar three inches high in the back and hanging points in front which give it a clean almost completely fair look like the neckwear distributed to Gladstone by the caricaturists of London Punch.

### New York Towns and Liquor.

The returns from the late election in New York state on the liquor question are now in. The vote in 285 towns was against a license; 298 favored a part license, which would permit the sale of liquor at drug stores, groceries and other places where it would not be drunk on the premises, and 352 went for the full license, which would permit the saloons to do an open business and make them pay for it.

### Mrs. "Bo-9."

The telegraph operators in Washington who each day and night are compelled to send the name of Mrs. Bonine, accused of the mysterious hotel murder, an almost endless number of times, have devised a way to shorten their work. The numeral 9 is now used for the last syllable of Mrs. Bonine's name. The word as sent telegraphically appears "Bo-9."

### Queer Changes in Names.

Peerless street, in London, is a corruption of Perilous Pool. Golden square was originally Gelding square, and the name was changed at the wish of the inhabitants. Fetter lane has nothing to do with fetters, but only with fewsters, idle fellows, who once loafed in the neighborhood. Gutter lane, in the city, is really Gutheron's lane. Black's Foot lane, near Cannon street, should be named Duke's lane, being so named after the Duke of Suffolk. Cannon street has nothing to do with guns, but only with candles, which were used in it when it passed as Cannon street.

Many of the blotches, pimples and other affections of the skin are caused by the failure of the liver and kidneys to cast off impurities, which remain in the system. Herbine will stimulate the liver and kidneys, and cleanse the system of all impurities. Price, 50c at F. M. Davis'.

### Related to Santa Claus.

While the special train of Geo. Gould was on a side track in Missouri, says the New York Times, Mr. Gould stepped to earth to stretch his legs while waiting for a regular train to pass. It was in the rugged part of the state, well away from civilization. A typical inhabitant of the district stopped a pair of emaciated mules near the train. He hailed Mr. Gould and said: "Say, mister, we have a new baby at my dugout and we ain't got no soap. My old woman is so stuck up over it that she's making me drive fourteen miles to town to get some nice smelly soap, an' I thought maybe you'd help me out by gettin' me a piece of soap outen one of them fancy cars."

Mrs. Gould, who overheard the request, had the porter give the man several pieces of soap wrapped in towels, and several articles of tinned delicacies. The man seemed much surprised at such generosity, and as he turned to drive homeward he shouted back to Mr. Gould:

"Say, mister, you all must be some relation to Santa Claus."

### The Kentuckian Took Pie.

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, and Governor Shaw (before they had won their present titles) were stumping Kentucky and were invited into a barroom by a Louisville man. Fairbanks asked for Apollinaris and Shaw ordered a glass of buttermilk. The Kentuckian's native courtesy was not proof against action on the visitor's part. He looked from one to the other and then said to the bartender: "Under the circumstances, you may give me a piece of pie."

### Used Corpse in Revival Service.

A remarkable burial service was held at the Separate Baptist church of Kokomo, Ind., the other night over the body of young Claude Galimore. In connection with a revival service, penitents were asked to bow at the chancel rail about the burial casket. The body of the young man was used as a leverage to persuade sinners to seek salvation. It was kept in the church all night, and was conspicuous throughout the all-night service.

### The Secret of Long Life

Consists in keeping all the main organs of the body in healthy, regular action, and in quickly destroying deadly disease germs. Electric Bitters regulate stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, and give a splendid appetite. They work wonders in curing kidney troubles, female complaints, nervous diseases, constipation, dyspepsia, and malaria. Vigorous health and strength always follow their use. Only 50c, guaranteed by Rust & Pittard.

Frank Rucker was up from Abilene Wednesday.

### Dora Dots.

S. W. Hampton and wife visited Hampton John and family near Merkel Wednesday.

I. E. Lowe came in from Dallas county Saturday where he had been visiting his parents.

Everybody has commenced to get their land ready for another crop.

Miss Imy Linn visited Nolan Saturday.

C. B. Linn visited his parents at Dora Saturday.

Preaching Saturday night by Sister Cagle of the Holiness faith.

Mr. Bounds from the Canyon was on the Divide Sunday.

Rev. Eason was up from Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Singing Sunday night at Mr. Jenkins'.

Singing Sunday evening at Mr. Clark's.

Prayer meeting at Mr. Cromwell's Sunday night.

Mr. Wyatt was up from the Canyon Sunday.

Gallea Combs was here from the Canyon Monday.

Clyde Pannel was up from the Canyon Monday.

A crowd of young folks met Monday night and Chaivariad John Brandon.

### Kat Klaw.

### Nubia News.

Mrs. Mary Blackburn and daughter have returned from O. T., where they spent Xmas.

Hurrah! for J. R. Toombs for he has broke up his land.

A. L. Forrester was in Nubia this week.

Bro. J. G. Cooper was in Nubia Tuesday.

Tom Toombs has got the mumps, he sure has got 'em.

T. J. Walker went to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Alex Harris was in Nubia Tuesday.

Ross Harris was in Nubia Tuesday.

### Rosebud.

They never did fail; they never will fail. What? Cheatham's Laxative Tablets—to cure a cold at once. Carry them in your vest pocket. Always ready. Guaranteed. Price 25 cents.

L. A. Matthews has purchased the Millman tract of 160 acres adjoining the town on the east, the consideration being \$15 per acre.

John Davis of Abilene was in Merkel Saturday.

The Indianapolis Sentinel has been doing some figuring in averages on the baby boy's chances in life. It says that the chances are 30 million to 1 that he will not become President of the United States or Vice President or chief justice of the supreme court. Yet it holds true that any baby boy may reach either of these places—that is to say, there is a possibility until the phenomena of his development surely count him out. The chances are 410,000 to 1 that he will not be a United States senator, 103,330 to 1 that he will not be a member of the House of Representatives and \$20,000 to 1 that he will never be governor of a state. All these figures are subject, of course, to certain special circumstances, possible or otherwise. One may presume that an Ohio boy's chances of becoming President is much better than the chance of a Delaware or Rhode Island boy, if he stays at home. The chances are 588 to 1 that he will not go insane, 1,250 to 1 that he will not go blind, 864 to 1 that he will not be inmate of a public almshouse, 400 to 1 that he will never be an enlisted soldier or sailor, 1,200 to 1 that he will never be a city policeman and 9,117 to 1 that he will never be president of a national bank.

We are now snugly fitted up in our new building. If you have not been in to see us come, whether you have business to transact or not. If you wish to entrust us with any business we will endeavor to serve you satisfactorily—if not, no harm done. If you have any valuable papers, such as notes, receipts, deeds, insurance policies, contracts, etc., it will not cost you a cent to store them in our fire proof vault, where they will be safe—no matter whether you have been a customer or not.

Jos. H. Warnick, Banker.

Justice court is in session today, having on the docket for disposal the case of Causseaux vs. Mel Trent.

### Fortune Knocks Once at Every Man's Door

and this may be the rap that will tempt you to court the fair goddess that rules the world.

The days of '49 were a wild scramble of the adventurer to find the yellow metal that has brought prosperity in its wake wherever found and made more millionaires than any other one industry. Mining for precious metals has been gradually narrowing down to a science until today it is considered the safest avenue for the investment of money with almost surely the largest returns.

### INTELLIGENT INVESTMENT

of small sums in the co-operative plan of mining has put not a few men and women on the road to prosperity. The company doing this advertising has four undeveloped but promising claims in a proven mining district and offers an attractive proposition to secure the co-operation of money to be used in the development of its property. It is now placing the first installment of treasury stock on the market at a nominal figure, and if you are interested, write for prospectus and other information. Address

Spanish Gulch Gold Mining Co., The Dalles, Ore.

## DRUGS..

### EVERYTHING NEW!

I have opened up a stock of Pure, Fresh Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, Wall Paper, Sundries, Etc., next door to First National Bank, and invite the patronage of all.

All Prescription Work is done by a Registered Pharmacist, insuring best results

Nicest line of Christmas Goods in the town.

F. M. DAVIS.

You've got the real thing when you get Hunt's Lightning Oil for burns, bruises, cuts or sprains. The most penetrating and healing liniment known. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.



**A GOOD THING.**

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75c at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

**Where Marriage is a Lottery.**

"Marriage is truly a lottery to the Chinese girl, for she knows not what she is getting until she is actually married," writes Sui Sin Far, in the Ladies Home Journal. "Sometimes it is a kind, good husband, an amiable mother-in-law, and much comfort; sometimes it is a tyrant, a mother-in-law who is eternally scolding, and a life that is weariness to both flesh and spirit. The ceremonies of betrothal and marriage cause much trouble and anxiety. The young man's family begin the negotiations. They engage a go-between to call on the girl's family and tender a proposal of marriage. If the young man is considered eligible by the girl's parents they consult a fortune-teller, who decides whether the betrothal would be proper. If his decision is favorable the go-between is given a card on which is marked the hour, day, month and year when the girl was born. This is delivered to the young man's family, who in their turn consult a fortune-teller. If he also pronounces favorably a festival is held by both families, the betrothal contract is signed, and the bridegroom makes a present to the bride of a pair of bracelets, but neither he nor she is present. The betrothal, however, is not considered binding until a paste-board card is interchanged by families. The bridegroom's family provide two of these cards, one having a gilt dragon on its face, the other a gilt phoenix. The phoenix card is retained by the young man's family as evidence of his engagement, while the dragon card is kept by the girl's family. The betrothal is then complete."

**Coughing**

"I was given up to die with quick consumption. I then began to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I improved at once, and am now in perfect health."—Chas. E. Hartman, Gibbstown, N. Y.

**It's too risky, playing with your cough.**

**The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the play will be over. Begin early with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and stop the cough.**

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. Leave it with him. We are willing.  
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

**Queensware at Cost.**

The holiday trade on Queensware was unusually heavy, but I still have a large stock, and during January you can buy anything in this line at **ABSOLUTE COST**. Come and look over and price my mammoth stock. At cost for 30 Days.

**W. H. DICKSON**  
**HEADQUARTERS FOR...**  
**HARDWARE FARM IMPLEMENTS**  
**WAGONS WIRE NAILS ETC.**

**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 Feb. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M. Armstead, Della Hauze, P E Jackson, Mrs Emma Lauglen, Joe Jones, Miss Nettie Moore, Lillie Montgomery, Mrs Mollie  
" Rosa Peck, Dr. D C Privette, Miss Julie Stwell, J W Warnick, S H Wimberly, A M Wasen, T J

**New Century Comfort.**

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It keeps pain from burns, scalds, cuts, bruises; conquers ulcers and fever sores; cures eruptions, salt rheum, boils and felons; removes corns and warts. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

**A Tripple Hanging.**

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

Hamlet: "Angels and ministers of grace defend us: be thou a spirit or health or goblin damned," if I know a better place to buy Wind Mills and pumps than from Elliott & Miller. 4t

G. T. Cain of Trent is a new and valuable subscriber.

The T. A. Johnson real estate agency consummated the sale of the Berry lot, just south of the Telford building, Tuesday, to W. P. Browning. The lot includes a half interest in the 100 foot brick wall, the price paid being \$700. Mr. Browning is figuring on a brick house and it may be that work on the building will commence right away. The Mail congratulates him upon the acquisition of such valuable property and hopes he will push the work as contemplated.

A deal was closed Tuesday by which E. D. Coats becomes owner of the F. M. Polk rock building, occupied by J. T. Warren, Mr. Polk receiving the neat sum of \$2,900 for it. Mr. Coats put in 160 acres of raw land, located just north of town, at \$12.50 per acre, as part payment.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are in attendance upon the Bowie-Anderson wedding at Abilene.

**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 attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not haphazard 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.

**GOOD ADVICE.**

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases, and their effects; such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after eating, Low Spirits etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75c. Two doses will relieve you. Try it at Rust & Pittard's. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

**Harvard House in New York.**

The Harvard Club of New York city has determined to go on with the enlargement of its house, for the members have \$30,000 contributed toward the \$50,000 required before the building may be started. The addition will be made on three city lots on Forty-fifth street, directly in the rear of the present club house property, which have been bought by four members of the club, and are offered at cost to the club—that is, for \$121,000. The proposed building, which has been designed by McKim, Mead and White, will cost \$75,000. The membership of the club numbers 1,600, and enlargement is necessary; there must be a larger dining room, and sleeping rooms are to be provided for out-of-town members.

**Talk That Talks...**

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

**Right Goods at Right Prices!**

Our stock of General merchandise is complete we should be glad to 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 CO.,**

*Lumber Dealers*

*J. S. Barnes,*

*Manager*

**Post Mortem Supervisor.**

Mrs. Corwin, of Long Island, died and left an estate of \$20,000. She bequeathed \$8,000 to friends, and directed that the remainder should be spent on lectures on spiritualism, to be delivered at stated intervals in the county of which she was a resident. Before her death she intimated to a friend that she would come back occasionally to see how the fund was being administered.

**Kipling Was an Actor.**

Rudyard Kipling, during his residence in India, was for long regarded as one of the best amateur actors in that country. He often took part in theatrical performances in Lahore, being particularly effective in comedy parts.

Try reading The Mail.

**Two Brave Women.**

When Mrs. Charles D. Parker, of Chicago, found a burglar in her apartments she lowered Mrs. James T. Hackett, a friend, who happened to be with her, down the dumb to the basement. Mrs. Hackett notified the janitor, who came up and caught the robber.

**Mrs. Ward is a Linguist.**

Mrs. Humphry Ward is a mistress of Spanish, French, Italian and German. Her knowledge of Spanish literature is such that when only 18 she was asked to adjudicate in a Spanish essay competition.

**Was Postmaster Fifty Years.**

Mr. Walter F. Howe, for fifty years postmaster at North Leominster, Mass., resigned last Monday. His present office has been in use for the past thirty-seven years.



**J. HILL,  
BARBER.**  
Agent, Model Steam Laundry of  
Abilene.

**S. T. EASON, THE BARBER.**  
NORTH FRONT STREET.  
A genteel shaving parlor for  
genteel people.

**M. PATE, BARBER.**  
NORTH FRONT STREET.  
First class work and prompt and  
polite attention to all.

**DR. F. N. BROWN,  
DENTIST.**  
Nitrous Oxide Gas Administered.  
Office, Pine St. Abilene.

**J. J. MILLER,  
Justice Peace and Notary Public**  
Also fire insurance agent. Will write deeds,  
take acknowledgments, pay taxes on land, fur-  
nish abstracts of title and transact all other  
business entrusted to him.

**I. O. O. F. LODGE**  
No. 355 meets every Friday  
night. Visiting brethren cordi-  
ally invited to attend.  
S. H. Basham, N.G.  
T. F. Compton, Sec.

**DR. T. S. HOLLIS,  
THE DENTIST—**  
Office over Harris' Drugstore, Abilene, Texas.

**H. C. WILLIAMS,  
Real Estate and Insurance Agent**  
Notary Public  
Judgments, Draws up Deeds, Etc.  
2 AT WARNICK'S BANK

**A. LEEMAN  
Physician and Surgeon.**  
Office, Davis' Drug Store.

**H. RICHARDSON  
Physician and Surgeon.**  
Residence, West Merkel.

**BEST  
PASSENGER SERVICE  
IN TEXAS.**  
4-IMPORTANT GATEWAYS-4



NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

*The Streets  
are clean  
to our feet  
from  
our feet  
from  
our feet*

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

**Heads Should Never Ache.**  
Never endure this trouble.  
Use at once the remedy that  
stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Web-  
ster, of Winnie, Va., she writes  
"Dr. King's New Life Pills  
wholly cured me of sick head-  
aches I had suffered from for  
two years." Cures headache,  
constipation, biliousness. 25c at  
Rust & Pittard's drug store.

Hunt's Cure is not a misnomer.  
It does cure itch, ringworm, eczema,  
tetter and all similar skin  
diseases. A wonderful remedy.  
Guaranteed. Price 50 cents.

**Five Cent Concerts in Gotham.**  
The nickel concert is the latest  
thing in which a number of good  
hearted society women are interest-  
ing themselves. They are members  
of prominent music societies and  
have come to the conclusion that  
others ought to enjoy what they are  
permitted to possess. The idea is  
to furnish good music to the poor  
people and working people at 5  
cents a head. The concerts will  
be given in the public school build-  
ings, which have been gladly tend-  
ered by the board of education. All  
the music will be high class, al-  
though the programme will natur-  
ally vary, so as to fit the locality in  
which the concert is given. The  
first idea was to charge no admis-  
sion, but, on second thought, a  
charge was decided upon, so that  
self-respecting men and women  
could attend, without feeling that  
they were objects of charity. The  
price was placed at 5 cents, so that  
the concerts might be within the  
reach of all.

**His Plea is Abatement.**  
A correspondent of Law Notes  
sends it the following unique peti-  
tion: "This is to certify to the  
Honorable Supreme Court of Mis-  
sissippi, at Jackson, Miss., Greet-  
ing. I pray said Honorable Court  
on Examination of an application  
for admission to the Bar at —,  
Miss., on October 28th, 1901, to  
please excuse my bad work for I  
was sick all the time while I wear  
tear at work with a fever. I also  
father pray said Honorable Su-  
preme Court that they may recom-  
end that I be licensed to practice  
Law in the State of Mississippi as  
the Law directs, their wear one oth-  
er person examined at the same  
time. My work incorporated the  
questions in the examination like  
this X (1) What is Real property.  
Real property is any property that  
is permanent fixed and immovable  
and cannot be carried out of its  
place. I further remain yours  
truly friend, J. D."

**Wigwagged His Proposal.**  
There is a romantic story about  
Lord Kelvin's second marriage. In  
the early '70s he, then Sir William  
Thompson, was in West Indian wa-  
ters, on board his schooner yacht,  
the Lalla Rookh. As a recreation  
he took up the question of simply-  
fying the method of signals at sea.  
He had been talking of it at the  
dinner table of a friend in Madeira,  
and the only apprehension that  
seemed able to grasp it was that of  
his host's daughter, a lady he great-  
ly but silently admired. "I quite  
understand it, Sir William," she  
said. "Are you sure?" he ques-  
tioned, half doubtfully. "If I  
sent you a signal from my yacht do  
you think you could read it and  
could answer me?" "Well, I would  
try," she responded. "I believe I  
should succeed in making it out."  
The signal was sent; and she did  
succeed in making it out and in  
transmitting the reply. The ques-  
tion was: "Will you marry me?"  
and the answer was: "Yes."

**Would Have It Forgotten.**  
Senator James K. Jones, general  
manager of both the presidential  
campaigns of William Jennings  
Bryan, seems to have concluded  
that the dead past should bury its  
dead. In his self-prepared biog-  
raphy in the new edition of the Con-  
gressional Directory, it is said, he  
has omitted the line which former-  
ly said that he was chairman of the  
Democratic national committee in  
1896 and in 1900.

**A Cure for Lumbago.**  
W. C. Williamson, of Amherst,  
Va., says: "For more than a  
year I suffered from lumbago.  
I finally tried Chamberlain's  
Pain Balm and it gave me entire  
relief, which all other remedies  
had failed to do." Sold by Rust  
& Pittard.

**Richest Men in the World.**  
A contributor to Chamber's  
Journal asserts that at least one  
half of the millionaires of the  
world are Americans. In a list  
of noted rich men who are report-  
ed to be worth \$25,000,000 or  
more, there are included 44 Amer-  
icans, 20 citizens of Great Brit-  
tain, 9 Austraians, 4 Germans, 4  
Frenchmen, 3 Russians, 3 South  
Africans, 3 Spanish Americans 1  
Spaniard, 1 Belgian and 1 China-  
man.

Beit, the Diamond King of  
South Africa and Li Hung Chang  
are credited with being the rich-  
est men in the world, their for-  
tunes being rated at \$500,000,000  
each. The third place is assign-  
ed to Robinson, of South Africa,  
who is said to have a fortune of  
\$400,000,000, while Rockefeller  
comes next with \$250,000,000.

In each of the cases specified  
there is clearly a large exaggera-  
tion of the fortunes and conse-  
quently the summary as a whole  
is discredited thereby. It is quite  
probable, however, that the esti-  
mate that one-half of the million-  
aires of the world are citizens of  
the United States is not far  
wrong.

One of the most convincing evi-  
dences that the monetary wealth  
of the world is in the United  
States is to be found in the fact  
that New York has become the  
financial center of the world. At  
the present time it appears that  
the deficit in the British budget  
for the year will exceed \$300,-  
000,000, and it has been pointed  
out that had such a condition  
existed 25 years ago there would  
have been great uneasiness and  
alarm in the money market of  
the world, whereas today, de-  
spite the large expenditures for  
military purposes in China, South  
Africa and the Philippines, and  
vast industrial enterprises under  
way in all parts of the globe,  
there is no disturbance whatever  
in the world of finance. No  
difficulty is found in obtaining  
capital for the largest kind of  
enterprise, and the world moves  
along as if the British financial  
situation were a matter of no  
particular moment.

Judge E. E. Solomon of Baird  
called on The Mail Thursday. He  
was representing a building and  
loan association.

Olin Balch came in with his  
bride from McLennan county  
Thursday. The Mail does not  
know the name of the bride, but  
nevertheless extends best wishes  
to the happy couple.

R. B. Ustick will occupy a  
window at Fitts & Smith's and  
will be ready for business next  
week.

**Caught in His Own Trap.**

A Springfield, Mass., bridal couple  
who planned to outwit their ter-  
mentors recently were victims of  
their own cleverness. They went  
to the railroad station by separate  
routes and it was also in their plan  
to get into separate cars. The  
bridegroom comfortably located in  
the smoker and the bride sought an  
inconspicuous seat in a passenger  
coach. The bride, however, in her  
hurry, got the wrong train and,  
unaware of her mistake, went on  
to Pittsfield, while the groom went  
unsuccessfully north and arrived  
at Northampton.

**All in One**

The Upper part contain  
a 50-lb flour bin with sifter,  
a moulding board,  
a tilting sugar bin, with  
close fitting lid,  
three drawers, one with 6  
partitions for spices.  
In the lower part are  
3 large drawers for table  
linen, groceries, etc.  
ample cupboard room for  
cooking utensils. Shelves, brackets, mirror and top piece  
make the Cabinet as handsome as it is convenient. It is  
mounted on the finest ball bearing casters. If you have any  
reason to believe that your kitchen work would not be less-  
ened and that you would not feel better and happier with a  
Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet than without it, won't you kindly  
tell us what is the reason? If there is none, may we not  
have your order?  
Yours truly,  
**ED S. HUGHES & CO.**  
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