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SENATOR BAILEY RECONSIDERS ACT

Shortly before noon Saturday Senator Bailey tendered his resignation. This Vice-President Sherman declined to accept.

During the late afternoon a conference of democratic senators adopted a resolution urging Senator Bailey to withdraw his resignation, declaring that for the Texan to leave the senate now would be a national calamity.

Yielding to public clamor, Senator Bailey early Saturday night announced that he had decided to withdraw his resignation.

Greatest Excitement.

Washington, March 4.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey added to the excitement and to the extraordinary episodes surrounding the adjournment of the sixty-first congress today by resigning his office as senator from the state of Texas and a few hours later withdrew his resignation.

Angered by the attitude of his democratic colleagues in favoring the resolution approving the new constitution of Arizona, to whose radical features Mr. Bailey has declared his undying opposition, he wrote his resignation and took it to the vice president with the request that he announce it to the senate. Mr. Sherman decided to have nothing to do with it. Senator Bacon, imperturbed in like manner to announce it, took a similar position. Thereupon the Texan telegraphed it to Gov. O. B. Colquitt of Texas, who promptly refused to accept it, replying as follows:

"I decline to accept your resignation as a senator from Texas and respectfully ask you to withdraw it. Please wire fully."

Meanwhile the resignation was a subject of excited discussion about the capitol, many of Mr. Bailey's democratic colleagues expressing surprise at his action, and those who talked with him urged him to reconsider his action. Not a few prophesied that he would think differently of his decision "after he cools off" and would withdraw the resignation.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina, before he heard that Mr. Bailey had withdrawn his resignation, issued a statement in which he expressed profound regret at the Texan's action, characterizing it as "precipitate and unwise; the result of passion, which he will regret as soon as he cools off." He declared Mr. Bailey "the ablest man in the senate without exception and one of the best equipped men in public life." And that he had known for years that there was a coterie in the senate envious of Mr. Bailey and plotting against his leadership. The senator had played into their hands by his action, Mr. Tillman said.

"I knew Bailey was mad," said another senator, "but I never thought he would use his rage as a hatchet to split open his own head."

While Senator Bailey predicted his resignation upon the vote of the democrats on the Arizona constitution, many of his friends looked upon that vote as the "last straw" in a series of snubs

intended to show Mr. Bailey the futility of aspiring to the democratic leadership of the senate. Close observers of recent developments in the senate knew that a movement against him has been growing on the democratic side during the last few weeks and many believe the filibuster led by Senator Stone of Missouri and backed by a large following was due partly to a desire to show Mr. Bailey that his influence was waning. By withdrawing his objections to the tariff board bill in order to get an agreement for a vote on the Lorimer contest, Mr. Bailey alienated considerable of his following.

When the Lorimer-tariff board compact was made it was the belief on the republican side there would not be a filibuster against the legislative portion of the agreement. Otherwise the insurgent republicans who were a unit against Lorimer would not have agreed to the arrangement. A vote was taken on the Lorimer case and almost immediately obstructive tactics were begun by democrats against the tariff board bill. The only explanation Senator Bailey could make was that he was unable to call of his colleagues.

In this state of affairs it took little to arouse his anger to flame. All it needed was the open slap given him today when he advised against the adoption of the Owen motion in regard to Arizona statehood. Although that motion was defeated its defeat was due almost entirely to republican votes.

Washington, March 4.—Senator Bailey tonight sent the following telegram to Gov. Colquitt of Texas withdrawing his resignation:

Hon. O. B. Colquitt, Austin, Texas: You know how unalterably I am opposed to that populist heresy of the initiative, referendum and recall, and I would not be willing to remain in the senate or in any branch of the public service if a majority of the party friends associated with me were willing to give their approval to such vagaries. I construed the Democratic vote in the senate this morning on the resolutions approving the constitution of Arizona giving their support to those measures which I consider so subversive of our government, and under that impression I promptly tendered my resignation. The ablest and most conspicuous Democrats who voted that way have given me assurance, which of course, I accept without question, that they did not intend their votes to be so construed, and have made through Senator Bacon a statement to that effect in the open senate, expressly declaring that they utterly disapprove it. Under the circumstances, and at their earnest request, as well as at your own request, supplemented by many earnest messages from my friends in different parts of the state and some from other states I have concluded to withdraw my resignation. I am willing to work to the limit of my strength, so long as I can serve the public and at the same time obey what I understand to be the commandment of Democratic principles, but no office could tempt me for one

STOCK ELECTION SATURDAY 25TH

The qualified voters of this commissioners precinct will vote upon a general stock election Saturday, March 25th. The only comment that has come to the ears of our reporter has been in favor of the question and it is not thought that there will be any opposition to develop. It is certain that the law is a good one for the protection of the best interests of the people of a community as a whole.

Call Meeting of Confederates.

The members of the Merkel Camp, No. 79 U. C. V. are hereby called to meet at the city hall on Saturday, March 18, at 2 p. m.

This will be an important meeting as the officers of the camp are to be chosen for the ensuing year, delegates to the state and general reunions will be selected. This will also be the occasion for payments of dues to the camp and it is urged that every member, if possible, be in attendance.

All Confederates are invited to meet with the camp on this occasion.

A. A. Baker, Commander,
W. H. Hawkins, Adjutant.

Notice to the Public.

We will have our store open in every department, ready for business by Saturday March 11. Our Grocery and Millinery departments have been open for more than a week, but owing to the immense amount of work and the scarcity of help in marking and preparing our stock we were not able to open our Dry Goods Department as soon as we expected, but we are now ready to serve our friends in every department. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Notice, Delinquents.

This is to give notice to those owning property on which city taxes for the past one to three years have not been paid that unless paid before April 1, the same will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. If you would save this additional cost call and settle at my office.
G. M. Cauthen, Collector.

OUR GOOD READERS '12 THE OLD & THE NEW '12

The following is our list of immortals and to them we are under obligations for support and encouragement for the week ending with this issue.

A. E. Lewis, Carl, Okla.; S. J. Cotton, Caps; C. E. Johnson, Trent; J. T. Curb, Curbville, Ala.; Chas. White, Ardmore, Okla.; J. H. Lee, Fred A. Baker, Will Haney, S. G. Russel, G. L. Baker, J. R. Curb, J. H. Lee, George Brown, Mrs. E. C. Riney, city and rural routes.

I moment to compromise with a policy which I am certain would in the end destroy the government established by our fathers.
J. W. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Counts of El Paso arrived this week for an extended visit with friends and relatives and created much interest in local social circles by the announcement of their secret marriage Feb. 21st. On that date the Merkel boy was wedded to Miss Josephine Roberts, the charming daughter of J. B. Roberts, a wealthy citizen of the border city. The Mail joins with their friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

Local Play Was Winner.

The Girl from L Triangle Ranch, staged by our local talent under the direction of Frank Ferrier last Friday evening proved one of the best treats for our people of the season. It seems from the large attendance that our people were hungry for some entertainment as well as patriotic and Ferrier's cast of fun makers played their parts in such a manner that all were pleased with the purchase of their tickets. It was even a greater success from a monetary standpoint of view and a total of \$77.40 was realized by the sale of tickets and resulted in a net profit of \$57.40 which was given to the fire boys. The fire boys and the public acknowledge their obligations to all participating and patronizing.

Banker Buys Fine Bull.

The famous Blue-Ribbon herd of Herefords of C. M. Largent were shipped this week to Fort Worth where they will be entered in competition for the premium money at the fat stock show. However, before the cattle were loaded Mr. Largent made a sale of a fine two-year-old bull at a fancy price. The purchaser was banker J. T. Warren who is raising some very fine grade cattle. The Merkel banker took a fancy to the animal and stated that he was afraid to risk him at the shows for fear that he might not be returned to this country. John Sears shipped his cattle this week.

\$100 For Jersey Bull.

Another purchase this week which sustains our contention in regard to the increased interest in the stock industry in our country was made Monday by J. B. Walton who displayed for our eyes a certified check payable to the A. & M. College at College Station, for \$100, the price given for a yearling jersey bull which he will put at the head of his herd of dairy cattle. The young bull is registered and from dairy tested cattle, one of the best to be had anywhere in the state. Come to Merkel.

Bids For Sinking Fund.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Merkel will receive up until noon March 20th bids for the use of the waterworks sinking fund of the city. All bids are to be sealed and left with Jno. D. Gaither, city secretary. The right is reserved by the city to reject any and all bids.
Jno. D. Gaither, Secretary.

W. R. Cranston of Anson who who has been appointed tax collector of Jones county for the benefit of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Hampton, was a visitor to our city one day this week.

SIX PERISH IN FIRE AT CENTER

Center, March 4.—In a fire which was discovered about one o'clock this morning in the two-story brick building occupied by W. E. Fitze, six persons are dead and property to the value of approximately \$42,000 was destroyed.

The dead: Mrs. C. C. Locke, Will Booth, John Mull, Clifton Goodson, Jack Davis, J. L. Crawford.

The last named man was so seriously injured during the fire by falling debris that he died at 11 o'clock this morning.

In addition to the above list the following persons were seriously injured: W. G. Carahan, scalp wound; Ben Pearce, broken leg; Marion Davis, broken foot and sprained back; Wood Smith and Kirksey Martin were severely bruised.

Mrs. C. C. Locke occupied the building east of the Fitze building. While citizens were engaged in removing the stock of goods from the Locke building the second story of the Fitze building fell on the roof of the Locke building crushing it in and burying all the above named parties except Crawford under the debris. For some time the heat and smoke were so intense that no assistance could be rendered those in the ruins and it looked as if they would be slowly burned to death. During this time their cries for help could be heard by their friends and relatives. After 20 minutes the flames were checked sufficiently to permit a party of rescuers to enter the burned building and begin the work of helping the injured. It took about two hours to remove the injured and dead from the ruins.

Mrs. C. C. Locke's remains will be taken to Marlin for interment. The remains of Messrs. Mull and Goodson were taken to their homes in the country. The others will be buried here.

The loss by fire on stock was about \$15,000; Locke, about \$8,000; Fitze, about \$3,000; Center Feed Company, about \$3,000. Damage by removal of their stocks about \$1,000. Damage to buildings: Blount, \$5,000; Polley, \$2,000; Pearce, \$4,000; Rogers, \$1,000.

Burroughs for Treasurer.

The Mail announces H. Clark Burroughs as a candidate for city treasurer. Mr. Burroughs is our present efficient officer and his work has always been accurate and satisfactory. In the audit of our city business last year the auditor failed to find one single error in the treasurer's work and the money of the city was always on hand subject to the proper demands. So far there is no mention of any other aspirant for this office and Mr. Burroughs promises to serve to the best of his ability another term if it is the wish of the voters.

We have opened a mule and horse barn on Front street. We will buy and sell mules and horses and also will handle feed stuffs. Jones & Warnick. 114



-- NEW --

SPRING MILLINERY

The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.



WE will have our first showing of ready-to-wear and tailored Hats Friday and Saturday, March 10th and 11th. We extend to every lady and girl in Merkel and the Merkel community a cordial invitation to visit our store on these two days---FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, March 10 and 11.

Miss Jessie O'Briant has charge of our Millinery department. Miss O'Briant's reputation as a milliner in and around Merkel is enough to know anything bought from her in the millinery line is right. She visited the best millinery market in the United States this season and used every precaution to select the new things and to get this season's newest ideas. She has a lovely line of tailored and pattern hats to show you, and at popular prices. We have a full line of the well known Gold Medal tailored and pattern hats. We believe this to be the best line of millinery to be found anywhere on earth for style and prices. We bid one and all a hearty welcome to visit our millinery department Friday and Saturday, March 10th and 11th.

Watch for announcement of our Spring Opening at a later date

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

In the hope to make our paper of more interest to the majority of our religious readers and of some force for the promotion of our moral as well as material interests the Mail invited these contributions from our local ministers. Their cheerful acceptance enables us to promise this as a regular feature for our many readers during the new year.

Home Missions.

Matt. 28:19. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

The words of the text are the words of our Savior, and constitute what is termed the "Great Commission." This commission certainly includes the United States with her population of 96,000,000 people. But we should not overlook the fact, that it is no easy task to teach all the people in the United States because of the adverse conditions confronting us.

We may profitably study the task before us. 1. The foreign element of our population, within the past ten years no less than 10,000,000 alien immigrants have come to the United States, and consequently we have 20,000,000 foreigners now in our country. No less than nineteen states have a majority of foreign born and immediate descendants of foreign parents.

Our 1900 census showed 38 cities in the United States with a population of 100,000 and upward, and only five of this number had a majority of white Americans. New York, Chicago and Milwaukee are practically foreign cities on American soil. New York City is the home of 66 different languages. But mark you, the foreigners are not all in the North nor in the cities, but many of them are in the Middle and Southern states. West Vir-

ginia has 100,000 foreigners representing 25 different nationalities. Almost one half the population of New Mexico are Mexicans. Then the State of Texas has 350,000 Germans, 250,000 Mexicans, 75,000 Bohemians, 60,000 Scandinavians, 30,000 Poles, and 20,000 Italians, besides a number of other nationalities are represented. Many more of the Southern States have a heavy foreign population. The foreigners coming into the United States at the rate of 3,800 per day, which means more than 1,000,000 per year, are not being assimilated into our National life.

Truly one of the grave problems confronting, not only the Christian Church but our Civil government in the United States, is the unassimilated foreigner. We are told that the foreign vote in many of our cities is the balance of power. Their tendency is to segregate in our cities, and thus prevent their assimilation by our government. I should not be considered pessimistic when I say, Native land and fire-side are involved in the tremendous issue. We believe there is but one way to harmonize the foreigner with our government, and that way is to bring him in contact with the gospel.

We will not discuss just at this time what we have been doing toward christianizing them, but I will emphasize that we have only been playing at their chris-

tianization. But we have a greater problem before us.

2. The saving of our people. Only 33 per cent of the people of the United States are members of any church. The facts are appalling in many places. For instance New Orleans has a population of not less than 350,000, with only 31,000 protestant church members. San Francisco 416,000 population, and 10,000 church members. You can scarcely find a town of 5,000 or more people, whose church membership will exceed one third the population. Have you stopped to consider our own town. Possibly a conservative estimate would be to say, Methodist 300, Baptist 150, Presbyterians 75, and Christians 150, which would make a total membership 675. So when you think of our population you can see at once that there is a great work needed. Last Sunday was "State Rally Day" for Sunday Schools, and there were only 425 in Sunday School in our town. Then when we consider the drift of population to the cities where the worldly and evil attractions are so much greater than in the country the problem of teaching the gospel to our own people become graver. Our authorities say in 1800, one in thirty-three lived in the cities. In 1900 one in three lived in the cities. Our problem is graver still when we think of the increased wealth of our people—that which is the root of all evil. In 1850 wealth of the United States was \$7,000,000, and in 1904 it was \$107,000,000. At this rate of increase the wealth of United States in 1940 will equal the present wealth of the United States, Great Britain, and all the British colonies,

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Spain, Germany, Russia and India. But while a consideration of these problems present to the church of our Lord in the United States, a great task, we should not despair but be nerved for the conflict, remembering "If God be for us, He is more than all who can be against us." Our God has placed at our command three things with which we must accomplish our task, prayer, life and treasure, but we must desist from discussing them now. May we all be led by our God and do the best within us. A. M. Martin.

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of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and then try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel trouble. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. L. Baker was among our renewals this week and therein lies an interesting story. He has renewed just this way every year we have been in Merkel and made frequent use of our advertising columns but we could not remember his name and face at the same time. The last time he came to see us and we asked him his name he told us but said if we did not know him the next time he was going to mash our pious looking face. Somehow we managed to remember and there was no trouble. Mr. Baker believes we are going to make lots of money this year. He has twenty acres of wheat and oats which have saved him lots of feed money and will soon begin planting, not until the mesquite trees put out, however, as that is his sign. He says the early bird catches the worm but that it is sometimes the cut-worm. Come some more.

The report was brought to our little city Monday of the accidental shooting of Peter Cook, son of J. M. Cook. It seems that the victim of the accident was a party of serenaders and while playing with a pistol at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee the gun was fired and a bullet passed through a part of the lower abdomen and calf of the leg. The wound is not considered serious.

Notice announcement of our showing of ready-to-wear and Tailored hats Friday and Saturday. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

B. C. Gaither & Sons have bought of the Texas Seed Company a car of the celebrated Mebane Triumph cotton seed which they advertise in this issue. Our merchants are lending every assistance possible to our farmers in the improvement of their crops. Come to Merkel to trade and buy the best of everything.

Hon. Chas. Lednum whom we reported serious ill at his home in New Orleans is now in our city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barker. Mr. Lednum was given a vacation by the Court of Criminal Appeals of which he is a member and will spend several months in the west for the benefit of his health.

Got your eye on the new store? Get yourself lined up with a store that you can buy from what you want. We want to make a friend and customer of every man, woman and child in Merkel and the Merkel country. We will appreciate your patronage and will treat you right. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

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Many a Merkel Reader Will Feel Grateful for this Information.

When your back gives out; becomes lame, weak or aching; When urinary troubles set in. Your kidneys are "in a bad way." Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Here is local evidence to prove it:

J. L. Harris, Merkel, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me more good than any other remedy I ever used and I think they stand alone as a cure for kidney complaint. My back gave more or less trouble for several years. At times the misery was in the form of a dull, throbbing ache, then it changed to sharp, shooting twinges. The kidney secretions also caused me a great deal of annoyance, being too frequent in passage. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley's drug store, my health has been better and my kidneys have given me no further trouble. I have recommended this remedy to several of my neighbors and consider it a pleasure to do so."

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Hargrove For Marshal.

The Mail is requested to announce in this issue that Eugene A. Hargrove is a candidate for the office of city marshal and he will appreciate your vote and influence. Eugene is a Merkel boy and his life and habits known to our people prove him capable and worthy of the office in the event of his election. He promises faithful and impartial discharge of his duties and asks you to give his claims careful consideration.

Christopher for Marshal.

We are requested to make announcement this week of the candidacy of Tom H. Christopher for the office of city marshal. Mr. Christopher needs no introduction or commendation at our hands. He has been in this town and country for nearly twenty years as a farmer, school teacher, merchant and carpenter and during all of this time he has ever been loyal to the interests of our little city. He asks and will appreciate fair consideration at your hands.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

W. M. Jenkins pays the highest prices for chickens, turkeys and eggs. tf

Car Texas Red Rust-Proof seed oats at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store. tf

H. C. Williams is spending the week in Abilene as a member of the petit jury.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Miss Forrest Bradford has returned to Sweetwater after a visit in our city the guest of Miss Lyska Pitzer.

Don't fail to see W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and best prices for your produce. tf

Judge W. T. Potter, J. B. Ferrier, W. A. Moon and E. D. Coats were among the visitors to Abilene Tuesday.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists. \$

King & Jackson have rented and fitted up quarters in the West building over Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company for their real estate office.

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded. \$

W. H. Clements of Putnam is among the newcomers to Merkel. Mr. Clements is making his home in our city but in the last month or so has purchased two farms, consisting of 340 acres in the Merkel country.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can. For sale by all dealers.

A good citizen who owns a big farm in a country which is territory for another town said to us this week: "I saved a good sum by buying my seed oats in Merkel and shipping to another town. Everything is cheaper in Merkel." Trade at Merkel.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

From Nubia.

March 7.—The weather is still very warm.

Allen Campbell, who has been visiting her parents for the past week returned home Tuesday.

Grover Blair and Miss Hattie Hunter were at the debate at Butman Friday.

There was a singing at Mr. and Mrs. Toombs Saturday night.

Kyle Blair, Guy Boyd, Will and John Toombs went to Merkel Saturday.

Miss Jessie Sutphen is teaching school here for her cousin who is attending the Grand Lodge at Waco.

Mrs. J.S. Blair left Sunday for Bruceville where she will visit her brother, W. J. Anthony.

Loacha Sutphen visited her sister at this place Friday night.

Arthur Clark visited his sister, Mrs. E. F. Stanley, Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Blackburn visited Ed Blackburn Friday.

Brown Eyes.

Noodle Dots.

March 7.—The weather is fine now.

The freeze did not kill all the fruit and the trees are blooming nicely.

On March 1 Andrew Barbee and Miss Leta Callaway were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Harrison officiating. The event took place at the new bridge on the Clearfork between Bush and Noodle.

Pete Cook was accidentally shot Saturday night while out with a party of charivari merry-makers and is reported very low at this writing.

Clayton Goode has returned from Lawton, Okla.

Sunday school was well attended and Rev. Bailey filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Rev. J. J. Gentry is to preach at the Horn school house Saturday night before the fourth Sunday.

There was a large crowd out at the literary society Friday night. The program was well rendered and the music was furnished by Messrs. Mark Kyle and Walter Phillips.

John Sears and family visited the family of J. E. Jones Sunday.

Jo Callaway has returned from Colorado.

Miss Leta Jones visited Miss Aileen Barbee Sunday.

John Beene of Coryell county is visiting friends and relatives at Noodle.

Miss Lela Herring visited Miss Lucile Beene Sunday.

Misses Hattie Herring and Stella Goode visited Miss Glover Sunday.

There will be a joint debate between Noodle and Prairie View at the Horn school house Friday night March 17. Blue Rose.

Dora Items.

March 6.—Sunday school is progressing nicely.

School was dismissed this week on account of the teacher's sister, Mrs. Elbert Dean, being sick.

Claude Grounds of Baird is at Dora this week.

Mrs. Love and family will move to Sweetwater soon.

J. G. McKinney of Ranger, N. M., has bought half interest in the Dora blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Hanks went to Sweetwater Tuesday.

Walter Howell is able to be up.

The singing at Maude Hanks was an enjoyable affair.

Lillie Love is up after being in bed last week.

C. A. Garvin and family were visiting at the home of Tom McCoy last week.

John Curry is at Waco this week. A Friend.

Shiloh Clippings.

We are tickled to death over our fine season and green pastures. Most everybody planting some early corn, sorghum and gardens.

Terrel Winters is now able to fill his place as superintendent of our Sunday school.

Miss Prebel is on the sick list this week.

Road working Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Lollar visited Mrs. Williams Monday.

Misses Mary and Amy Dyess visited relatives near Kale Saturday.

A large crowd of Shiloh's people attended the debate at Noodle Friday night.

There was a musical entertainment at Mr. Sanders Saturday night.

Miss Nobie Sanders, who is attending school at Merkel, visited her parents Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Dyess went to Abilene Saturday.

While Misses Mary and Irene, and Joe Green were returning home from the entertainment at Mr. Sander's Saturday night their horses became frightened and ran away. No serious injuries.

O. A. Hill and family visited friends and relatives near Anson Sunday and Monday.

Misses Ida and Dee Hale were called to the bedside of their sisters little child of near Prairie View who has been very sick with pneumonia.

Happy Hooligan.

William Robert Russell.

It is but a short time since we announced the coming into this world of young William Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Russell and now it becomes our sad duty to mention his return to the Giver of life. Then there was naught but joy in the hearts of his happy parents, their relatives and friends and now there is sorrow and grief.

The death occurred at the home in Dallas Sunday morning at 8 o'clock as the result of brain fever. A telegram the day before summoned the little fellow's grandmother, Mrs. Woodrum, who successfully nursed him through his previous serious spell but this as well as all other efforts of family and physician were in vain.

The remains were brought to Merkel Monday afternoon and laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery. The Mail joins with the friends of the young couple in sincere sympathy.

Card of Thanks.

The Mail is in receipt of a card of thanks from Stith and the writer failed to sign any name and in the card no mention is made that enables us to know who was the writer. We are in hope that this notice will make known the error so that correction will be made.

Mere Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a success in the cure of kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble take Hall's Texas Wonder. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

Obituary.

On Feb. 25 the angel of death descended and carried to a brighter and better home the spirit of Mrs. J. A. Hamner of Merkel, Texas, who was at the time of her death visiting her daughters, Mrs. E. A. Oualline and Mrs. R. A. Rollins and other relatives at Willis, Texas.

Mrs. Hamner was born in this county, Montgomery, Feb. 23, 1850 and was married to Mr. J. A. Hamner April 21, 1871 and died Feb. 25, 1911 aged sixty-one years and two days, was married 39 years 10 months and two days and leaves her husband and five children to mourn her loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamner moved from Montgomery county to Coleman county in the year 1882 and from there to Taylor county in 1886 where they engaged in farming and stock raising and are numbered among the most prosperous and earliest settlers of that country. It is a remarkable fact that Mrs. Hamner was born, reared and married in the same county in which she died in old age. Her death was sudden, resulting from stroke of apoplexy from which she died the next day. She was baptized into the Church of Christ when about 36 years of age and has lived a devoted christian life since. The names of her children are as follows: Messrs. Will and Cal Hamner of Trent, Texas; Mrs. J. A. Woodard of Merkel, Texas; Mrs. E. A. Oualline and Mrs. R. A. Rollins of Willis, Texas. She was interred at the Conroe cemetery in Conroe, Texas where all of her children together with several relatives and a host of friends were present.

It is true to life that the fairest of flowers are rarest and are always gathered first so it seems to be the will of the master who doeth all things well to pluck the brightest jewels from the earth to add to the lustre of his crown. In view of thoughts like these the following poem is dedicated to her memory and to the ones who mourn her loss.

In making up his jewels
And gems of precious worth
The Lord sent forth his angel
And plucked one from the earth
And from the countless millions
And gems of beauty rare
He gathers from the number
The fairest of the fair.

Just as we gather flowers
That grow along the way
With petals sweet and fragrant
That bloomed but yesterday
So gathers He his jewels
To treasure up above
Where joy among the angels
Will ring in songs of love.

Imagine then a picture
Of all that heaven means
Of life that's everlasting
And joy that never weans
Imagine too the pleasures
Of such a home, sweet home
Where sorrow cannot enter
And only joy is known.

Then why should we be stricken
With grief because she's gone
She's only found a sweeter
A brighter better home
Although in gaining heaven
She leaves a vacant chair
We know with crowns of glory
She fills another there.

R. A. Rollins.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Mar. 11, 1911:

Burke, Nora
Jones, Mrs. Jeff
Alson, A. J.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 25, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Come to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and high prices for produce. If

REAL ESTATE

In the beginning let us impress upon you this fact: We are going to do a legitimate business along legitimate lines—absolutely no wild-catting. If you have got a bona-fide proposition; if you need the money or want to sell for any other reason and will make the price right we will find the buyer. Show us the value and merit of your deal and then we will show the other fellow. That's all there is to it.

ATTENTION PROSPECTORS

The only reason we can offer you the best investment in this section of the country is the fact that values are down as the result of the drouth, while the land is the same as it was before. The drouth is broken and values, like water will seek its level. You know land that will produce one-half to a bale of cotton per acre is worth more than \$25.00 to \$30.00.

Now, what do you think of this: One hundred acres, 50 in cultivation, 20 more good, dark sandy loam, 9 miles of Merkel, 4 miles View City, handsome two-story house, 7 rooms, two wells, windmill, etc., for \$25,000. This is the best on our list this week. The improvements cost \$1500 and the first man with \$1,000 cash will get the place and good terms on the balance. If it looks good to you get busy.

SOME GOOD ONES

On the following all that we ask is you look and then abide by your own judgment. We know they are bargains and will make the buyer a good profit this year. Now is not the best time to sell but it is the best time to buy and we can deliver the goods. If you make the deal now you get the rents for this year.

One of the best improved farms in the Merkel country, well located, 6 miles of Merkel, 140 acres, 100 in cultivation, no better soil anywhere, all level good land. The owner has another opportunity and will sell for spot cash for \$26.50 per acre. He refused a few years ago \$35.00 for this land and if you do not buy it before April 1 he will not talk to you for less than that figure.

Here is a genuine good bargain and one for a man of small means. The owner is a professional man and will sell 100 acres, well improved, 60 acres in cotton, 10 in feed and you get the rents for \$22.50 per acre. He does not owe a dollar on this property and will sell for \$750 cash and give liberal terms on the balance. Let us show you.

We have best list of improved and raw lands to be had in this country for we know lands and our business. If you will let us know your wants we will do the rest. No trouble to answer letters and no commission unless we make the sale.

We have a good nine-section ranch in Reagan county to sell for \$7.50 per acre.

WE DO ALL KINDS OF NOTARY WORK

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Meals served regularly, three times daily, only 25 cents. Short orders any hour of day. The best of service at reasonable prices and we solicit your patronage.

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OUR JOB WORK

Is neatly printed and easily read. Try us

Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF TRENT at the Close of Business

TUESDAY, MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

LIABILITIES		RESOURCES	
Capital Stock	\$15,000.00	Loans and Discounts	\$28,347.65
Surplus and Profits Earned	2,804.35	Overdrafts	None
Borrowed Money	None	Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	34,401.34	Banking House	3,500.00
Cashiers Check	88.60	Furniture and Fixtures	2,100.00
		Stocks and Bonds	372.97
		Cash and Exchange	17,707.70
Total	\$52,294.29	Total	\$52,294.29
Individual Deposits March 1, 1911		\$34,401.34	
Individual Deposits March 1, 1910		26,081.01	
Increase		\$ 8,320.33	

We respectfully call your attention to the increase in our deposits over last year. Notwithstanding the drouth which prevailed over this section last year, our bank has made a steady growth. There's a reason. Your deposits are protected in this Bank by **The Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas.**

IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY

J. S. SWANN, President
T. J. WILLIAMSON, Vice-Pres.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. R. Toombs was in from the Canyon one day this week.

J. W. Daniel was among the business visitors to Abilene Tuesday.

I. C. Hale has moved to Taylor from Trent and orders the change of his address.

We are glad to report the recovery of the children of E. O. Baker living in the southeast part of our city.

Don't buy your spring hat until you have seen the New Spring Millinery at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Horton who live about nine miles east of our city are the parents of a very fine boy since last Thursday.

John Elliott, J. M. Dunnagin and Mrs. Mack Angus left Sunday for Waco to attend the Grand Lodge meeting of the I. O. O. F.

Tom and Will Largent accompanied the Largent cattle to Fort Worth this week, Mr. C. M. Largent making the trip on the passenger.

S. Jack Cotton of Caps was perambulating around on our streets Saturday and gave us a dollar, therefore we were glad to see him. Trade at Merkel.

WANTED.—Sow with pigs or gilt over 7 months old. See, write or phone me. J. S. Hutson, Merkel, Texas. It

John Sicklesmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children and like most children take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

Miss Lillian Faucett of Abilene visited her brother, J. E. Faucett, cashier of the First National and friends in our city this week.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.

T. M. Pribble brought to our office one day last week a very curious looking and odd-shaped egg, the product of his Rhode Island white chickens. We are not positive but take this as an omen to mean that the year of 1911 will be one of peace, prosperity and plenty for Merkel and the Merkel country. So mote it be.

Merle Alsobrook who has been attending the Christian College at Abilene is at home nursing a severely burned face which was the result of a practical joke of a schoolmate. A pipe was filled with powder and tobacco and given to the Merkel boy to smoke with the results above mentioned.

We received this week 250 cases of what we believe the swellest line of Ladies and Misses slippers ever brought to Merkel. We have everything new in the Suates, Velvets and Satins as well as the Patents and Vicis. Be sure and see us for your slippers. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

C. B. Byrant and Tom Sears, wealthy citizens of Whitewright were among the visitors and prospectors to our city this week. They were the guests of the latter's brother, John Sears at his ranch north of the city.

OUR FRATERNITIES

Merkel Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 355, meets each Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows hall. R. C. Hampton, N. G., John Banner, Secretary.

Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14, meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday nights in Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Rosa Newberry, N. G., James Shaffer, Secretary.

Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon of each month in the Masonic hall. W. E. Farmer, W. M., Henry Hicks, Secretary.

Eastern Star meets in the Masonic hall the first Monday night after regular meeting of A. F. & A. M. Mrs. H. T. Merritt, W. M., Mrs. G. H. Adams, Secretary.

Merkel Camp W. O. W. No. 719 meets 2nd and 4th Friday nights in the Woodmen hall. Rev. Geo. A. Crane, C. C., Seth Hamilton, Clerk.

Merkel Grove W. O. W. Circle No. 563 meets each 1st and 3rd Friday afternoon in the Woodmen hall. Miss Etta Burns, Guardian, Miss Pearl Rawling, Clerk.

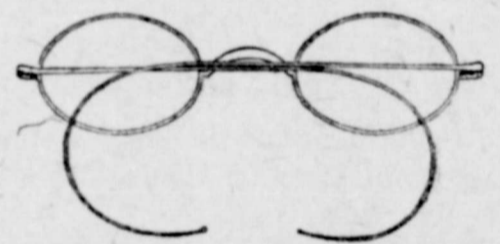
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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.—Rhode Island White eggs from Prize winners for sale at \$1.00 per 15 at home. Mrs. T. M. Pribble, Merkel, Texas. 17-2-tf

EGGS.—Pure Rhode Island Red (the Reed strain) \$1.50 and \$1.00 per setting of 15, first and second pens, respectively. R. A. Ellis, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR SALE.—Four good jersey milch cows. Tom Largent. It



Good glasses will protect the eyes and headache will vanish, your health will improve. W. M. Scarborough, Oph. D., and graduate Optician.

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Dr. Britton Here Sunday.

Dr. Britton, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist will be in our city at the offices of Drs. Adkisson & Miller, Sunday, March 12th.

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**TWO SWEETS
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Notice, Dental Patrons.

In order to accept the invitation of an eminent dentist to spend several week in his laboratory at Chicago I will be absent from my offices in Merkel and Abilene after Saturday until the middle of April. I regret to thus leave my work here but the opportunity for such valuable experience is one I cannot afford to neglect. Dr. C. M. McCauley.

At the Presbyterian Church.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday as follows: Preaching 11 a. m., subject "Creeds and Confessions," 7:30 p. m. a sermon for the young people.

Everybody cordially invited to attend. Geo. A. Crane.

A Family's School Attendance Record. Few families can boast of the school attendance record of the four children of J. R. Dannatt, assistant overseer of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, who have been connected with the local school for 17 years.

They have attended for an aggregate of thirty-two years and one month without missing a single attendance. The record is as follows: Harry Dannatt, five years and five months; Charlie, ten years and five months; Neume, seven years and ten months, and Ada, eight years and five months. The school is about two miles from the family's residence, and the distance traveled by the quartet in journeying to and from school exceeds 30,000 miles.—London Daily Mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mail makes but a modest charge of \$2.50 for municipal announcements and it is the proper way to present your name to our people. You know it is the paper the people read.

For City Marshal

T. F. DUBOSE
W. N. HALL
L. A. FREEMON
EUGENE A. HARGROVE
T. H. CHRISTOPHER

For City Treasurer

H. CLARK BURROUGHS

For Alderman

J. N. SHELTON

Remember

That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for everybody

Y. P. S. C. E. Program.

Subject for Sunday 12th, 6:30 p. m. "First Aid for the Tempted."

Leader, Tom Douglas.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Scripture reading, Heb. 2:14-17.

Song, "Yield Not to Temptation."

Prayer.

Temptations overcome.

Clippings.

General participations.

Pastor's 5 minutes.

Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, March 12, "Faith."

Opening by president.

Roll call—Answer with scripture verses.

Leader, Miss Flay Gunn.

Scripture reading—Isaiah 53:1-12.

Prayer.

A paper on the scripture prophecies that point to Jesus as the Savior—Miss Fannie Swann.

Talk on the connection of sin, repentance and faith—Miss Nola Whitley.

Song No. 145.

Importance of faith—Miss Alice Valentine.

The kind of faith needed.—Miss Genevieve Rust.

Give scripture quotations on paragraph II in quarterly—Miss Margie Saffle.

Song.

Collection.

Closing exercises.

Intermediate League Program.

Subject, "The Christian and his Enemies."

Leader, Conna Adams.

Songs and prayer.

Scripture lesson, Matt. 5:43-48, by leader.

Prayer.

Song, "More Love to Thee, O Christ."

Talks on lesson by members.

Scripture reference—Numbers. Song, "Nearer, My God to Thee."

Select reading—Vida McNeese.

Duet—Dorothy Lee Potter and Roxy Moon.

Select reading—Emzy Burroughs.

Roll call.

Collection.

Song, "Blest be the Tie."

Dismissal, Lord's prayer in concert.

Freemon for City Marshal.

The Mail received this week a letter from L. A. Freemon at Olustie, Okla., authorizing us to announce his name as a candidate for city marshal. Mr. Freemon is one of our best citizens, a man with strong convictions of right and wrong and possesses the courage of same. He would make a good officer if elected and we ask you to give his claims consideration. He will be home in a couple of weeks to look after his interests in the race.

Shelton for Alderman.

The Mail takes pleasure in presenting the name of J. N. Shelton as a candidate for alderman. This good old citizen would well represent the laboring interests on the board and it is well to recall that he has always favored and done his part in every movement for the good and progress of our little town. He is a good man and will make a good alderman if elected. Give his name fair consideration.

Amber Cane Seed at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store. tf

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Mrs. Clayton McCauley entertained March 4th in honor of her little son, Master Dallas McCauley. Games were enjoyed by the following little men and women: Madalyn Hunt, Frances Hamm, Hazel Harkrider, Mary Parten, Lenorra Williams, Hugh and Virgil Mayfield, Morris Hogue, Wilbur Parten, Eugene Potter, Marion Johnson, Clayton and Douglass McCauley of Abilene and the host.

The little guests were formed into line in the parlor and marched through the reception hall into the dining room to music furnished by Miss Genevieve Rust. The dining room was beautifully decorated in red and white. The streamers of white from the chandelier were caught by large bows of red ribbon at the corners of the table. In the center of the table was a large white cake with six red candles. A two course luncheon was served, sandwiches and coffee, cake and pineapple sponge. The color scheme was carried out in the refreshments. Dallas received a number of birthday remembrances. Miss Genevieve and Master Q. Rust assisted Mrs. McCauley in entertaining the guests. May Dallas have many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson was the charming hostess to a few friends Friday March 3rd at her home on South Oak Street. A well appointed dinner was served. The guests were Mrs. Benard Hanks, Mrs. John R. Makechiny, Mrs. Len Faucett, Mrs. Will Beckham, Messrs. Scott Hollis and Creed Roberts all of Abilene, who came in the Hollis touring car. Mesdames Deavenport Gaither and N. C. Sinclair, and the editor of the Buzz-Saw were also included in the list of dinner guests. The afternoon was given over to conversation and games.

The Zenobia Club meets with Mrs. T. A. Johnson, March 17, 1911, at 3 p. m. Lesson, Japan, Vol. III. pages 186 to 224. The hotel in Kyoto, 186 to 191—Mrs. G. H. Adams. The two Japanese religion 191 to 196—Mrs. C. Hunt. Japanese Buddhism in the new temple of Higashi Honguauji, 196 to 203—Miss Williams. The Shoe Shops, 203-211—Miss Jennings. Cloisonne Work, 211-214—Mrs. R. A. Martin. Tea plantations near Kyoto—Mrs. Otho Williams. Visit to Harnna, 217-222—Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

Miss Lyska Pitzer was hostess to an informal 42 and bunco party Monday evening at her home on Elm street. Among those present were Misses Elma Shepard, Eunice Nisbitt and Fannie Burroughs; Messrs. Choc Jones, Otis Barnett, Merle Alsbrook, Rufford Evans, Parker Sharp.

King Henry VIII.

Act III, Scene 2 and Act IV.

1. What is Wolsey's bearing during the scoldings of the lords?
2. In this scene, from the king's exit on to the end, whose work do you think it is? Mention some aspects of the longer speeches that seem un-Shakespearean.
3. What three instances illustrate the promise of the Prologue that the play shall exhibit how mightiness meets misery? Is there a progressive rise in dramatic effect?
4. How are we informed of the divorce of Katherine? What attitude did she persist in maintaining towards the court set to judge the case?
5. Describe Anne Bullen's coronation procession.
6. What is the dramatic purpose of scene 2, act IV, in following the events of the preceding scene?
7. How did Wolsey end his life? Comment upon his sad end.
8. How does Katherine describe his life? Was Griffith's account as true as the queens.
9. What is symbolized by the masque?
10. What trait in Katherine does the conduct of the messenger call out?
11. Is the last scene in which Katherine appears convincing in its truth to nature?

Club meets March 18 at 3:30 p. m. at the regular meeting place. Miss Ora Long, leader.

Miss Elizabeth Browning of Louisburg, Ky., who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Duncan Browning, left Friday for Abilene to visit friends, she also visit her cousin, Mrs. J. B. Steele at Ryan, Ok., before returning home. Miss Browning accompanied her to Abilene.

Mrs. W. T. Berry and children have returned home from a three months visit to Baird and Abilene. Mrs. Berry was the honoree to a number of social functions while away. Her many friends are glad to welcome her home.

Miss Genevieve Berry is at home from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Sweetwater, Abilene and other points. She spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Long, in Borden county.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bigham of Midland have returned to Merkel and will occupy their new home, the Hamm property. We are glad to welcome this family back and it is with regret that we give up the Hamm family to the far west.

Jack Gambel and sister Miss Nina of View were guests of Miss Winnie Sandlin Friday and attended the play Friday evening and were dinner guests of Miss Pearle Rawlings Saturday.

Miss Juanita Harris of Nugent was the week-end guest of Miss Annie T. Daniel and attend the play Friday evening given by our young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. V. White and children of Abilene are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

CHURCH NOTICES

[We will be glad to make any announcements of services, special programs or other items where no revenue is to be received, free of charge. Notices of entertainments for revenue or charging admission, at half the regular price.—Editor.]

At The Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunbeam Band 3 p. m.; Junior Union 4 p. m.; Senior Union 6 p. m.; Ladies Aid on Monday 3 p. m.; prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.; choir practice Friday 7:30 p. m. We cordially invite the public. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

At The Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.; prayermeeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.; Ladies Missionary Society Monday 4 p. m. after each 3rd Sunday; regular session meetings on Thursday 7:30 p. m. on or before the first full moon in the month. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

Northside Church of Christ.

Bible study every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Communion services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7:30. Preaching 1st Sunday in each month. Every body cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Geo. W. Cypert.

Methodist Church Services.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Junior Leagues at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m., followed by Teacher Training Class meeting; Choir practice Saturday 7:15 p. m.; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first and third Mondays at 2:30 p. m.; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

Miss Lulu Lednum who was called to New Orleans on account of the serious illness of her brother returned to her home in Merkel Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Lednum.

Don't forget that the "Belles of Blackville" will be at the opera house this month. Benefit of the library.

Mrs. Vernon Jones and baby of Bagwell are visiting the formers mother, Mrs. R. H. Collins, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt of Haskell are here visiting their son, J. P. C. Hunt, and family.

Mrs. Fred Groene and little son George are back from a visit to relatives in Abilene.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson visited Mrs. John Sayles, Jr., of Abilene Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Eva Perkins of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin last week.

Mrs. Cowser of Anson is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown are at home from their trip over Texas.

W. R. Bigham and daughter, Miss Willie, are in Marlin Wells.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel visited Abilene friends Friday.

A Swollen Jaw

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Do you ever wonder how you can remain young, or why other women older than you, look younger than you do? The secret can be put in a few words: "Preserve your health, and you will preserve your youth." By "health" we mean not alone physical health, but nerve health, as, sometimes, magnificently strong-looking women are nervous wrecks. But whether you are weak physically or nervously, you need a tonic, and the best tonic for you is Cardui. It builds strength for the physical and nervous systems. It helps put flesh on your bones and vitality into your nerves.

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PROGRAM SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Following is the program for the Sunday School Institute to be conducted at the Methodist church in Merkel March 18 and 19, by Rev. R. B. Bonner, Conference Sunday School Secretary of The Northwest Texas Conference. The following live topics will be discussed by live Sunday School Workers. Select from these topics those you are most interested in and be ready to ask questions and to help discuss them.

Opening Session.

10:00—Special Prayer Service for our Sunday School Work.

The Importance of the Sunday School and its Place in our Church Work—R. B. Bailey.

How to Build up and Maintain the Sunday School—A. M. Martin.

Modern Sunday School Plans; Such as May be Used in Your School—R. B. Bonner.

Material Equipment. That, that is necessary to the best work—Miss Love Hawkins.

Moral and religious benefits—R. B. Bonner.

Can a modern, up to date school be carried on in the country and small towns?—M. H. Hudson.

General Discussion.

Afternoon Session.

2:00—Special prayer service for the adult class movement.

The adult class movement. (1) What means to our work. (2) How to organize and conduct. (a) Young men's classes. (b) Business men's classes. (c) Women's classes—R. B. Bonner.

Special days and how to use them. (1) Children's. (2) Decision. (3) Promotion. (4) Rally—H. C. Williams.

General discussion.

Sunday school dynamo.—A. M. Martin.

Teachers. (1) Their qualifications. (2) General equipment. R. B. Bonner.

The urgent need of teachers and how to supply them.

The teacher. (1) Preparing the lesson. (2) Teaching the class. B. W. Hudgins.

General discussion.

Prayer and praise service.

Address—Our young men and how to reach them—R. B. Bonner.

Second Day—Morning Service.

9:30—Special prayer service for officers and teachers.

Opening exercises of Sunday school.

Teachers training department.—R. B. Bonner.

The home department.—R. B. Bailey.

General discussion.

The teacher's meeting. (1) Its

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benefits. (2) Its difficulties. (3) How to hold them.—Miss E. Love Hawkins.

Sermon.—R. B. Bonner.

Afternoon Session.

2:30—Special prayer service for pastors and superintendents.

The pastor and his place in the school—M. H. Hudson.

The superintendent. His qualifications and his work.—R. B. Bonner.

The secretary. His office and its importance—B. W. Hudgins.

Other necessary officers and their work—R. B. Bonner.

General discussion.

The official council. (1) Of whom composed. (2) Their work.

Conventions. Duty and benefits of attending.

General discussion.

Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c per bottle sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Cisco Mill Burns.

Cisco, March 5.—About 1 o'clock this morning the Cisco Milling Company's building was discovered to be afire. The fire department responded readily and soon had several streams playing on the fire. The building was old and a frame structure and could not be saved. The property was owned by G. W. Troxell and M. B. Spoon. They had just unloaded five cars of corn last week. The building contained about ten cars of grain and was insured for \$8,000 and the loss amounted to about \$13,000.

It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for skin eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, boils, fever sores, burns, scalds, cuts and piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Election Notice.

Acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, it is ordained and notice is here given that an election will be held at the city hall in the city of Merkel, Texas, on Tuesday the 4th day of April, 1911, as the law directs. At which election the following city officers shall be elected for said city: A mayor, two aldermen for a full term of two years, one aldermen for a term of one year to fill the term of H. L. Propst resigned, a treasurer, secretary and marshal, each for a term of two years.

It is further ordered that J. J. Stallings be and is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election.

Given under my hand and seal at Merkel, Texas, this 2nd day of March, 1911.

W. W. Wheeler, Mayor,
Merkel, Texas.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

International S. S. Lesson

Elisha Restores a Child to Life.

For Sunday March 12.

Shunem, of the tribe of Issachar and lying between Samaria and Carmel, was in the heart of the wheat belt of Palestine and on the highway of travel. Here, on his own estate, lived an independent farmer, whose wife was characterized by thrift, piety and contentment. She recognized Elisha as a servant of the Lord, and, as such, extended her hospitality to him. The room she made for him on the wall has passed into a proverb, "The prophet's chamber," as has also her response to the prophet, when he asked her if he would name her husband for preferment, "I dwell among mine own people." She might have said:

"My crown is in my heart, not on my head,
Not decked with diamonds and Indian stones,
Nor to be seen; my crown is called content,
A crown it is that seldom kings enjoy."

Another jewel shines out in the dark hour of her bereavement—Faith. She believed that the son given to her under such unusual conditions, and taken from her in such an inexplicable manner, could be restored to her. * * * The prophet, from his eyrie on Mount Carmel, saw the Shunamite approaching. The unusual hour toward evening, and not a Sabbath or new moon, as well as the speed with which she traveled, excited his apprehension. But he failed not in courtsey. His servant was dispatched with salutations. A moment later the bereaved mother was clasping the feet of the man of God. Gehazi, self-appointed guardian, of his master's dignity, cold and obtuse, was for thrusting the woman aside. Sympathy is penetrative, and Elisha had

"A tear for pity, and a hand
Open as day for melting charity."

He said to his officious servant: "Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her, and the Lord hath hid it from me." * * * The outcome of the incident is familiar. The prophet's expedient of sending his staff to be laid on the face of the dead child; the mother's importunity, expressing itself in the asseveration: "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee;" the failure of the expedient of the staff; the night journey to Shunem; the restoration of the child; the announcement; "Take up thy son," brief, pathetic, beautiful.

The world was surprised and delighted when Layard uncovered the bas-reliefs which depict scenes of an extinct civilization. But all the while we had in the Bible authentic pictures which vivify the common life of thirty centuries ago. * * * This little domestic incident is enshrined in a writing which bears the dignified and ambitious title of the "Book of the Kings." * * * The hospitality which is inspired and graced by piety will not fail of its reward. Need is of more religion in the social functions of our day. * * * The spiritual analogy of this incident familiar to the church since the days of Origen. Staff of formal religion can not awaken the dead soul, though it were a golden and jeweled crosier. Only the breath of the divine spirit can quicken into life.—Rev. D. W. Clark in Commercial Appeal.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY

The leading styles in headgear are the tailored "Elzee" Hats. You are cordially invited to come in and inspect our line and get more familiar with this line, for any lady desirous of a smart jaunty hat can't well afford to miss seeing and wearing the "Elzee" hat. There are large and small shapes, suitable for all features and pocket books.

Great interest is assured in small turban styles; some with high crowns and brim that has a slight roll.

Soft straws are very much in favor, some of the models being made without any stiffening to fit closely over the head and down over the back of the neck.

The medium size hats are good. Also a demand is for hats made entirely of flowers. Roses are most popular yet small flowers are good. If we should happen not to have just what you want already made up we will gladly take your order and guarantee satisfaction. We expect a new shipment of tailored and dress patterns in this week. Don't fail to see them and select while they are fresh and new. We also have an exceptionally good assortment of veiling; don't fail to see them.

WOODROOF BROTHERS

Child Burned to Death.

A most deplorable accident happened in the Golan community last Saturday, in which the year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byrum was burned so badly that it died, and Mrs. Byrum was painfully injured. We have been unable to obtain detailed particulars of the accident, but learn that Mrs. Byrum was attending to an incubator, when the lamp in it exploded, scattering burning oil over her and the child, who was with her. Mr. Byrum was not at home and arrived just in time to keep the house, which had been ignited by the explosion, from burning up. The remains of the child were interred in the cemetery at McCauley Sunday.—McCauley Tribune.

For Diseases of the Skin.

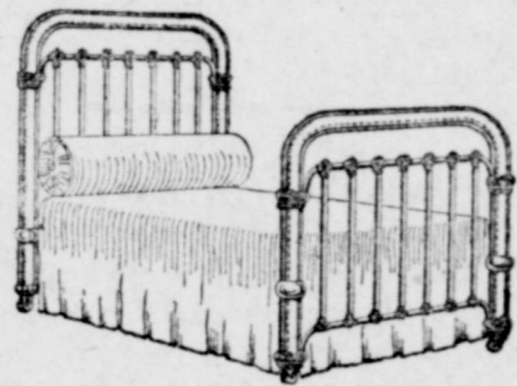
Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers itch are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the smarting almost instantly. Lots of cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

\$75,000 Fire at Celeste.

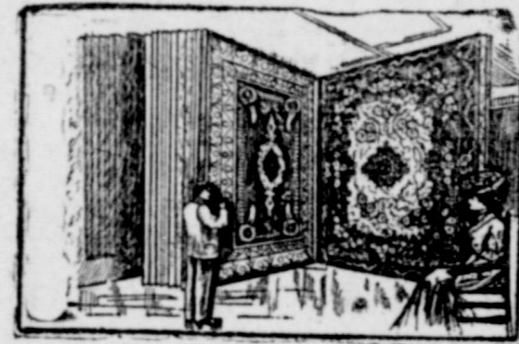
Celeste, March 6.—Seventy-five thousand dollars is the approximate damage inflicted in the business section of this place by a fire this morning. Flames originating at four o'clock in the rear of a restaurant swept through six brick stores and office buildings.

The state bank of Celeste and the Courier newspaper office were among the heaviest losses sustained. Much of the stock in the mercantile establishments burned was saved.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.



Successful HOUSE Cleaning



When you begin cleaning the house you are in a hurry to get through. Everyone else is cleaning house at the same time. Often it is hard to find in a hurry just the piece you need to fill a bare spot or just the rug for the floor. Look around now, make your selections, begin forming in your mind an opinion of what you want. When you find something you want have it laid away. This plan simplifies house cleaning.

New round dining table, pedestal style, new style and construction.

It would be well for you to come in this week and see the new patterns in davenport and iron beds. There are of course many other things you will want to see.

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would have been about as welcome to a Cooper of Oswego, N. Y. as a merciless lung racking cough that defied all remedies for years. "It was most troublesome at night," he writes, "nothing helped me till I used Dr. King's New Discovery which cured my cold completely—I never cough at night now." Millions know its merits for stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, sore lungs, lagrippe, asthma, hemorrhage, croup, whooping cough or hay fever. It relieves

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T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel... 9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 11:29 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 11:18 p.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel... 5:31 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " " " 5:11 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 6:46 p.m.

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Notice.

To the Public: Notice is hereby given that my wife, Elizabeth Scheidler, did on or about the 15th day of January, 1911, without any cause or provocation whatever, leave my bed, board and home, and that in consequence thereof, I will not hereinafter be in any wise responsible to any person, persons or corporation for any debts or other obligations which she, the said Mrs. Elizabeth Scheidler, may incur either in her own name or on the faith and credit of myself.
S. S. Scheidler.

Afternoon in Merkel.

I went to Merkel Saturday to spend the afternoon. About 4 o'clock the wind, which had been blowing at a 40-mile rate since about 4 o'clock in the morning, quieted down, and by three or four o'clock Merkel merchants seemed to have about all the trade they could well handle. Two months or more ago the knockers got it well circulated that 250 or more families had left the Merkel district, but I found by enquiring of farmers who live in that section that not more than 25 families had left and more than half that number had returned, and this, together with several new comers, there are now more farmers living in the Merkel district than two years ago. I took in the business district and all the merchants there two years ago are there yet, and they have not had a business failure which speaks well for both town and country.—S. L. Neely in Abilene Reporter.

Aged Farmer Suicides.

Texarkana, March 6.—Because his family refused to come south with him Charles Wilson, an aged farmer of this section, burned his house and hanged himself in his barn near here. The man was thought to have been temporarily insane.

A Neighbor of Yours

as well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism. we're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crick in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's snow Liniment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.