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ABILENE TO HAVE AMUSEMENT PARK

Abilene is to have a great amusement park.

A Chicago concern will build the amusement park and turn it over to a local company now in process of organization. The Chicago concern to hold only a portion of the stock and the balance to be held and owned by parties in Abilene and all over Taylor county.

\$21,000 of the stock of \$25,000 is to be spent at once and the balance will remain in the treasury for the purpose of adding other amusements later on.

Among the amusement devices which will be purchased will be a "Roller Coaster" or "Figure 8," with a thirteen hundred feet ride and ten cars. Also a "Carousel" or "Merry-go-round," the latter to be enclosed in a building 60x60 feet, which will also contain a big stationary organ and other amusement devices too numerous to mention.

Concessions of various kinds, including ice cream, cigars, soft drinks, etc., will be let on a percentage or a straight basis, and preference will be given local men, but if not taken by them the company will handle them itself—Abilene Reporter.

Eva Darline Williams Dead.

The people of Merkel have lived in hopes for the last two weeks that the life of Eva Darline Williams the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams would be spared and the life so young and pure could be held in earthly state and friends could have the pleasure of her presence, but our only hope now is that we live such a life that in the end will gain for us the same home that she has secured in that city of eternal life.

For several days prior to Monday morning when death called the small sweet soul there was very little hopes for her life as her condition was such that could not possibly stand the assaults that after effects of scarlet fever were making on her constitution.

The funeral services were held at the home of H. C. Williams. Burial took place immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. R. A. Clements conducting the services.

The Mail sincerely regrets the loss of a life so sweet and offers profound sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Jno. Bourfiend Dead.

On last Thursday morning Mr. Jno. Bourfiend of the White Church community died of Bright's disease. Mr. Bourfiend had been a resident of the Merkel country for some time, once being in business here, having owned the Story wagon yard for some time but gave it up for farm life so that he could spend his time more at leisure. He was buried at White Church cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Spot cash for your chickens and eggs. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

C. W. Holcomb, Asst. Mgr. and Hot Air Dispenser for the Brantley-Draughon Business College of Fort Worth, dropped into Merkel last week, with both pockets full of meningitis bugs and smallpox germs, to spend a few days with his family. He reports everything flourishing in the Panther City but says Merkel looks better to him than anything he has seen, after traveling over a great deal of the state in the interest of the school he represents. He left Monday night for Fort Worth but said he would likely return soon to again make the City in Clover his happy home.

The cost of tuning or repairing your piano is comparatively small to the value received. I never charge in advance, so you take no chances. Spring time is ideal for this work. See me about it S. S. Scheidler. tf

FEDERAL COURT OPENED MONDAY

Federal court opened Monday morning with Judge Meeks presiding.

The first business of the day was to convict the two men from near McCauley. The man Kerns was charged with passing spurious coins and Sherman of both passing said coins and having molds in his possession. Sherman was convicted on two counts while Kerns was convicted on only one count, that of passing counterfeit coins.

Judgment by default was rendered in the case of J. E. Spencer, of Cross Plains, against V. R. Coons, for \$3,260.08, judgment being for the plaintiff.

Free Express Rates.

Agent Provine of the Wells-Fargo Express Co. has received instructions from superintendent F. L. Selleck of that company offering free transportation for food, clothing, money, bedding or anything in that line to the Mississippi valley sufferers, provided the articles are sent to reliable charitable institutions in charge of the rescue work in the flooded country.

All societies are urged to take this work into consideration and if possible send something that will be of benefit to the sufferers.

Merkel vs. Stith.

The Merkel High School baseball boys walloped the Stith boys all over the local diamond Saturday afternoon by a score of 11 to 4. Harrell and Shaffer of the locals worked well and held their opponents down to five hits while Breeding and Petty of the Stith aggregation were not so effective and allowed seven hits with more or less base pilfering that seemed beyond their control.

Time of the game, 1 hour 53 minutes. Umpire Britain.

A feature of the game was the hitting of Sharp of the school bunch.

We have just received a big car of oats, shelled corn, chops, shorts and bran that we will sell at bottom prices. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.

For District Offices.....	\$7.50
For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription price, per year.....	1.00

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For Public Weigher, Merkel:	H. H. Tittle
For County Superintendent	J. S. Smith

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Tax Collector	W. R. Cranston
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ROSCOE INSTALLS A WATER SYSTEM

Roscoe is now in possession of one of the best water works systems in that part of the country. They last week laid the last of the mains and turned the water into them to find that the pressure was sufficient to throw the water over the two-story buildings of that city.

The steel tank tower is 85 feet high and has a capacity of 50,000 gallons of water. In addition to the late improvements they have installed some two thousand feet of hose and a volunteer fire company has been organized. They are taking steps toward purchasing ladders as will be needed and a chemical engine to be used with the other apparatus.

We have the biggest stock of millinery in the west from which to select your spring hat. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. G. W. Jones of Baird, who has been here the past week visiting her sister, Mrs. F. W. Howell, returned to her home Tuesday morning.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

Mrs. H. Turner went to Abilene Tuesday morning to visit Alex Wisdom, who was operated on for appendicitis there last week. Mr. Wisdom's mother, who is attending him, reported to Mrs. Turner that his condition was not as good as it might be. We trust that Alex will soon be improved and he can be allowed to come back to our midst.

Miss Mabel Collins returned from Duffau, Texas, Sunday morning where she has been employed as music instructor for the schools of that place. It is said that the health conditions of that part of the country are the cause of the early dismissal of the work.

M. D. Ussery came in last week on a visit. He will remain here a few days yet and then will go on to Kennett, Mo., where he will engage in music work.

DISTRICT JUDGE CAMPAIGN OPEN

Judge T. L. Blanton requests that it be announced that he will open his campaign at the court house in Abilene on Friday night April 12th, and, having been challenged by Judge Blanton to meet him in joint debate upon the subject of their respective candidacies for district judge, Dallas Scarborough has agreed to meet him at the time and place mentioned, also at Ranger Saturday morning and Nimrod Saturday night.

Judge Blanton will open the debate, Dallas Scarborough will then speak and Judge Blanton will close the discussion.

It is useless to say that a huge crowd will witness this linguistic combat, on Friday night at the court house.—Abilene Reporter.

Notice.

When you become tired of fooling with unknown piano tuners and egotistic piano experts, employ a man at home who can give local reference and make local bond. I will not only tune your piano but will keep it in tune for a year and will charge you no more than the stranger. If you have a violin, mandolin, guitar, banjo, zither, autoharp, mandola, bandura cello, bass violin or kindred instrument I will tune it for little or nothing. You didn't know this did you? Suppose you try me. S. S. Scheidler, opposite postoffice, Merkel.

Brought Here for Burial.

Tuesday morning just after midnight, Beulah, the 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Henry Harris of Trent died of typhoid fever. She was brought here for burial that afternoon.

The child had been sick for some weeks taking sick very shortly after her father had succumbed to the same kind of sickness. Rev. Clements conducted the services.

The Mail extends sympathy to the mother in her sorrow.

Notice to Hog Raisers.

I have a registered Poland China male for service. A. C. Rose.

AMERICANS ABUSED BY RED FLAGGERS

The reports of Americans being abused in Mexico are getting to be frequent occurrences. A few days ago Powell Roberts ex-chief of police in El Paso went across the border to look after some business and had only been in Juarez a few moments when he was arrested on a charge of being a spy in the employ of Madero. Powell was denied the privilege of communicating with friends and was thrown in a cell with drunken Mexicans who seemed to be charged with the same offense. He was then taken to Chihuahua but before being sent he managed to get a note to friends by a Mexican boy and upon his arrival at Chihuahua Mayor Kelly of El Paso had communicated with the proper authorities of the rebel consul and secured his release. That was on Saturday morning of last week, Roberts having spent the whole week in dirty Mexican prisons and on bread and sour beans given once a day as rations. Roberts reports that the safety of Americans in Mexico at the present time is very loosely guarded and that a person is taking chances on his life when he crosses the border.

Abilene Presbytery Meets.

Tuesday morning the Abilene Presbytery met in regular session, the meeting continuing over Friday. Among the Merkel representatives were Rev. Geo. L. and Mrs. Hamilton, Rev. A. A. Baker, Mrs. Vol Martin, W. L. Diltz, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Saddler.

Rev. Baker and Hamilton each were instrumental in helping conduct the services. Wednesday Rev. Baker delivered an address on Presbyterian Communication and in the afternoon Rev. Hamilton delivered a sermon to the representatives in attendance.

Wins Again.

The international Pure Food Show held in Paris March 1912, has just awarded Calumet Baking Powder the highest honors, giving them the Grand Prize and Gold Medal.

This, in addition to the highest award that Calumet won at the World's Pure Food Exposition in Chicago, gives Calumet the highest honors issued by two of the largest Pure Food Shows ever held and proves conclusively the superior wholesomeness, purity and uniformity of Calumet Baking Powders.

Will Campbell reports his part of the country in the very best condition that a person could expect. He has planted most of his feedstuff and will begin on his cotton planting at once. He also says his oat crop is in good condition and he is expecting a good yield from it.

Miss Hale of Caldwell who has been teaching school southwest of Trent the past year returned to her home last Saturday, her school having closed for the session the day before.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Alta Vista ice cream at H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ussery were in Abilene Wednesday visiting.

We have cream meal. Its as white as snow. Whitley, Son & Company.

Homer Rainbolt left Merkel for Stamford Tuesday morning where he will enter Stamford college.

Rev. R. W. Merrill will preach at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mr. Edwards of Midland was here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. West Edwards. He returned home Sunday morning.

Anything you need in the grocery and feed line. Try us just one time. Phone 252, Whitley, Son & Company.

M. W. Picklesimer and family left Merkel for Washington, D. C. Wednesday morning where they go to make their home in the future.

Miss Annie Steed of Baird has been here the past week visiting the family of J. M. Pate. She returned to her home Saturday morning.

You can get genuine Mebane Cotton Seed at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. Every farmer should get a start of this seed. It gives a better turn out than any other cotton.

WANTED—Everybody in Taylor and Jones counties to visit our store and purchase White Dove Flour. We guarantee it to be better. Whitley, Son & Co.

Mrs. H. M. Rose was called to Stephenville last week in response to a message telling her of her father's serious condition. However, a letter from Mrs. Rose states that her father is much improved and is now out of danger.

D. O. Huddleston was in town Tuesday to get the latest dope on the fate of the Allen outlaws and the progress of Hon. Cone Johnson's candidacy for the United States senate.

Joe Elliott who has been out on his ranch near Trent was called home Tuesday by the announcement in a message to the effect that his little girl was stricken with meningitis at his home at Arlington.

Notice to Hog Raisers.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Call Saturday. Alta Vista ice cream at Burroughs.

Highest price paid for produce. Hamblett & Rogers

G. E. Comegys went to Abilene Tuesday on business.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Judge Potter and L. H. King were business visitors in Abilene Wednesday.

The Nickle Store will appreciate your trade.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Miss Susie Penn were social callers in Abilene this week.

We have handled Alta Vista ice cream for years. It is the best. Burroughs.

W. G. Swenson, Geo. L. Paxton, Will Stith and others were here from Abilene Tuesday.

The dance that was to have taken place Tuesday evening was postponed to a later date.

Try White Dove Flour. It is guaranteed by Whitley, Son & Company to be better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Trent were here Wednesday shopping and visiting friends.

Rev. Jobe returned from points in the east this week where he has been helping in conducting meetings.

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Comer Clay and Master Comer Clay, Jr., are visiting Mesdames Judd Sheppard, Asa Sheppard and other Merkel friends.

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mrs. H. Silks, 29 Dowling Street, Sydney Australia. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

Little Madalene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt is quite sick at her home with scarlet fever, causing much anxiety by her parents and friends.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Our regular trade getter. Alta Vista cream at Burroughs Saturday.



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Opera House.

Currie and LeRoy's combined Vaudeville and Photo-Play Enterprises will be the attraction at the Opera House for three nights commencing Monday April 15. This organization presents something really new in the amusement line offering a program consisting of eight refined vaudeville and photo-play features all new. They come to our city highly recommended having just concluded a six weeks' engagement at Abilene.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin and Miss Eva Williams accompanied Mrs. O. W. Williams to Abilene Wednesday noon in attention to little Lenora Williams who was taken to the sanitarium for treatment but owing to her condition having improved she was brought back that evening.

Miss Gertrude Thornton is in San Antonio this week as a delegate to the State Praetorian convention that is in session there now. She will return the first of next week.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are the best thing on the market for constipation. Give these tablets a trial. You are sure to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by all dealers.

Notice To Drug Users

I have moved into the building formerly occupied by the City Drug Store and earnestly solicit a share of your patronage.

McClain Drug Store

Anson Postmistress Dead.

Last Tuesday morning the news was flashed over the city that our beloved postmistress, Mrs. Clara A. Boynton, had passed to her heavenly home.

Mrs. Boynton had not enjoyed good health for a number of years and had been operated on for appendicitis at the Alexander sanitarium a few weeks ago. She returned home last Friday and everyone thought from her cheerful disposition that she was surely regaining her health. However there was evidently a hidden suffering of which she made no complaint, and on Monday night late she was suddenly called to the land of eternal rest. —Anson Enterprise.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

BUSINESS MEN ELECT HASTINGS.

F. S. Hastings has just returned to Stamford from a business visit out of the state and announces that he will actively take up his duties as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Mens Association and will spend the greater part of next week at the headquarters of the association in Fort Worth familiarizing himself with the work of the organization. Mr. Hastings has been for a number of years president of the Stamford Commercial Club and is an ardent city builder. He is a pioneer in western development and his genius as an organizer and his achievements in public work peculiarly qualify him to direct the affairs of the state association.

Mr. Hastings is one of the most progressive business men in the state and is one of the best known stockmen in the southwest. He has been associated with many gigantic industrial enterprises of state-wide importance and is familiar with the agricultural, commercial and industrial needs of Texas.

SMALL SALARIES FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Government is a big business institution, so large that only a few minds can hope to thoroughly grasp it, and yet it is managed in the main by men who are elected to office without reference to their business training or ability. The low salaries paid makes the positions unattractive to the average man of affairs unless he is endowed with an abnormal percentage of patriotism.

This is an age of commercial activity and we must depend upon our public leaders to hew through the jungles of thought and clean the paths of progress, and we need our best men in public service and the best way to get them is to pay good salaries.

EDUCATIONAL DAY IN TEXAS

An announcement signed by President Mezes of the State University, Chas. Puryear, dean of the A. & M. college, Dr. S. P. Brooks of Baylor, M. B. Bizzell, Lee Clark of the conference for education, R. B. Cousins and F. B. Bralley has been sent out to the citizens of Texas setting aside Friday, April 26, as education day in Texas and recommending that superintendents, teachers and boards of school trustees arrange for the observance of that day throughout the entire state. The movement was started by the late Alexander Hogg, the noted educator, and it is in his memory that the day is to be set aside.

The commissioners of Abilene have ordered an election to be held May 6 to determine the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$17,000 to be used for purchasing additional fire equipments and for the building of a crematory.

"Practice what you preach" is the reply of the consumer when he is reprimanded for patronizing the mail order houses.

Good roads make life's walk much more pleasant and profitable and we are coming so near some of those profits and yet are not deriving any benefit from the good roads proposition only when we make a trip to the eastern part of the county and then we can see the good and profitable issues that are brought out in a country when the roads are in shape to facilitate travel. A farmer can now go into our neighbor city with three or four times the tonnage that the farmer of our town can visit us when the roads are in bad condition. It is said that the farmer is the hardest opponent of the good roads issue and yet he is the man that is so concerned in the profits that can be derived from them.

If you do not see what you want ask for it. We have it here in Texas and Merkel will order it for you, and in that way will do away with the mail order business that takes the Texas dollar out of the state and never allows it to return. Buy a Texas trunk and pack it full of Texas made articles, strap it on the back of a Texas made automobile and you will at least have made a good start even if you do not succeed in your endeavor.

The modern sky pilots! Yes we have some of them here in our town. They are the men who boost the sky line of a city with improvements of all kind that tend to make the business and residential center of our town more beautiful and attractive, and the civic improvement league is one of the best ways in which to advance a city as a residential attraction. Help the Civic Improvement League and it will help you.

All is in readiness for the annual flower festival to be held in San Antonio the week of April 15 to 21. Arrangements have been made for the attendance of 2,000 soldiers from Fort Sam Houston who will be in line during the flower parade on April 20 and also act as a guard to the queen of the festival. Indications point towards the largest attendance in the history of this event.

The cat-o-nine tails that has been used in the state penal institutions for punishment applied on the convicts for misbehavior is to be discontinued. This new step in penitentiary reform is brought about through the efforts of Gov. Colquitt.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce will offer prizes to the Taylor county farmer boys and girls for the best crop of cotton, kaffir corn, milo maize and peanuts raised on two acres of land this season.

If the merchants of Texas were to buy all their goods from the jobbers and manufacturers of this state their total freight expense would be cut in half.

The San Angelo Water, Light and Power Co., of San Angelo has filed amendment increasing its capital stock from \$225,000 to \$500,000.

Galveston is second to New York as an export center. \$173,178,992 in export values pass through this Texas port yearly.

Eighteen hundred, three and four-year old steers were recently sold at San Angelo for \$33 each.

When you buy Texas goods you are taking money out of one pocket and placing it in the other.

See Texas goods first, is the slogan of the Jobbers and Manufacturers Association at Fort Worth.

A knock will sometimes lay you low but a boost will always bring you up.

Abilene is to have an amusement park to cost \$25,000.

Merkel Bargains

IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

Men With Money Can Make More Money

This is the best time in the history of our town and country to make an investment and I honestly believe that we have some of the best opportunities in the state right now. In the last thirty days and the past six months I have sold properties which are bound to make the owners money.

This is not just idle newspaper talk or a boastful claim of a real estate agent for I will make good on what I have to say about my town and country and my special bargains. If you will be as honest with me and are looking for a home or an investment and will give me one or two days in my car I will guarantee that you will put some of your idle money to work to help us right here in the Merkel country or you will lose part of your appetite and lots of sleep thinking about it and regretting that you did not do so.

One client reluctantly rode with me a few months ago, protesting against my courtesies because he knew he would not buy anything. I showed him our country and did not ask him to buy but he invested \$10,000 a few months later and was disappointed because another \$10,000 piece of property had been sold.

Another casually looked over our country last summer and came back a week or two ago to invest \$10,000. This was after looking over a big part of our state.

A prospector from Lamar county came and looked but would not buy, because he said "this is my first trip." He went home and after comparing conditions and opportunities for investment a week or so he wrote me that he wanted my proposition. He got it.

Another conservative client of Hunt county looked over my list and then investigated many other fields for investment with the result he bought one of our biggest and best farms from me.

These are but a few of many conservative business men and farmers who have come and have been conquered and I mention them as proof of my claim. I have the first to come and be disappointed or say that our town or country has been misrepresented. Those who did not buy are walking advertisements for Merkel and the Merkel country for we have the opportunities and they are fair enough to tell their neighbors and friends.

SOME FEW SPECIALS

I am not going to make any extravagant claims that I have this whole section of country between the mountains and the Clear Fork river to sell at 50 cents on the dollar and if any other real estate man tells you that he has you may tell him for me on our own responsibility for the consequences that he is mistaken. The real genuine bargains, and I mean places to be bought below their actual values at the present time, are few and far between and when they materialize my advertising and pushing policy usually gets me the bargain for my exclusive list. I have no big number to sell below the actual value but I have a few.

No. 1: 640 acres of first-class level land eight miles west of Merkel, 400 acres in cultivation and all good, well improved and well located. A good home or a good investment. Price \$25.00 per acre

No. 2: Section at a sacrifice. 640 acres located in Big Springs country, 8 miles of Big Springs; all level land and red sandy loam; 80 to 100 acres in cultivation. The first man who looks at this place will buy it if he can raise the money. Price, \$15.00 per acre.

No. 3: 640 acres of first-class red sandy loam land located 15 miles north of Sweetwater, 250 acres in cultivation; creek through tract and everlasting water in creek, springs and wells; two sets of improvements. Is worth \$30.00 per acre but a bank tells me to sell it for \$20.00, all cash.

No. 4: 160 acres of land 7 miles of Merkel, on public road, good house, well and windmill; at least half rich valley field and not over 40 acres thin land on tract. Owner offers at \$20.00 per acre and will allow \$2.00 per acre money rent for this year. This is a snap.

No. 5: The most desirable place for a home, an improved farm in edge of Merkel, right at school and convenient for town advantages. This place can be bought \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acre below its value now.

AT LAST: I have several small farms to sell right and for small payments on good terms and a number of good trading propositions.

If you will tell me what you want I will tell you what I have got, but I have no time nor money for junk properties nor fictitious values.

JOHN G. JACKSON

Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Everything cheap at the Nickle Store.

T. J. Toombs was a visitor in Abilene last week.

Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers. tf

Mrs. T. E. Collins was visiting her parents in Trent last week.

Look for the Nickle Store when you want a bargain.

Clyde and Claud Sears were business visitors in Abilene Monday.

The Nickle Store has moved to the front corner of the Cranshaw Block.

Mrs. T. E. Paylor of Big Springs came in last Friday to visit friends and relatives.

Come to the barber shop in the rear of Southern National Bank and get a 15c shave for 10c

Ed Teaff left Tuesday morning for Troy to visit relatives and to see his old home, Belton. He will be away about two weeks.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Odel of Abilene who have been here attending the funeral of Jno. Bourfiend of White Church returned to their home Saturday morning.

If your piano needs tuning, voicing, polishing, regulating or repairing see S. S. Scheidler, opposite postoffice. tf

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cranston of the Hodges community were in town Friday morning to meet Mrs. Cranston's sister who came in from Big Springs on a visit.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin is Ballard's Snow Liniment, it is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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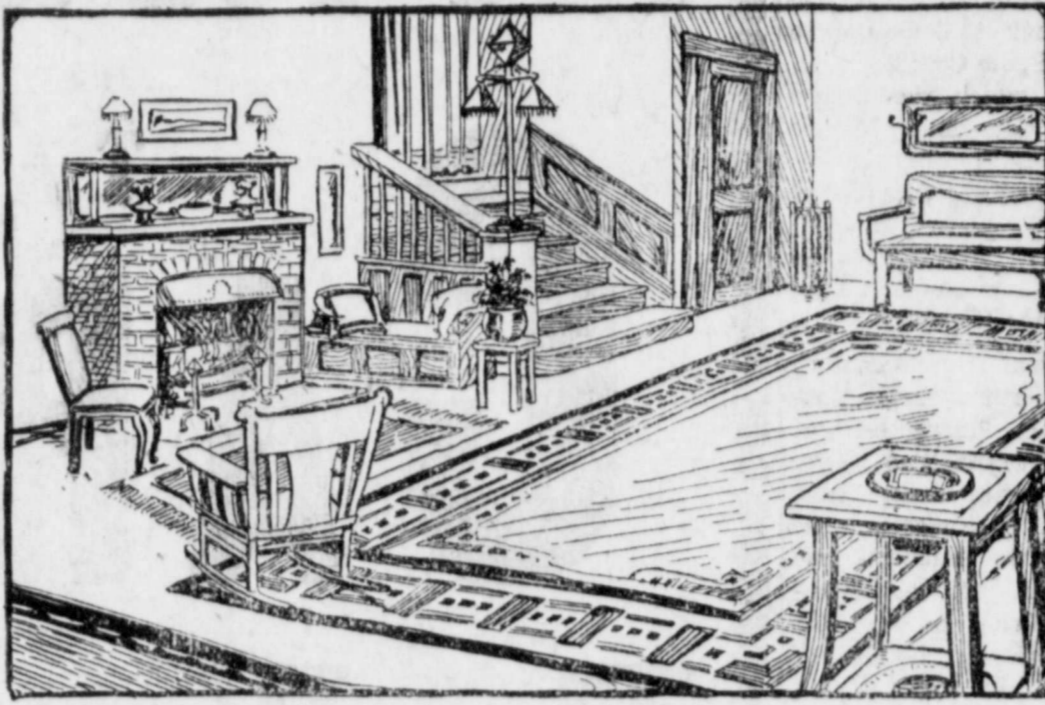
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Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co

MERKEL CALF WAS BEST AT FAT STOCK SHOW

"Bill," one of Blue Ribbon Herd, Wins Five Firsts, Sweepstakes and Championship.—Other Winnings of Merkel Cattle.

Hurrah for Bill! He is just a little calf, weighing only about 1,000 pounds, raised on the Blue Ribbon stock farm of C. M. Largent three miles north of Merkel, but he was big and good enough to distinguish himself, his owner and his country at the recent Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. He demonstrated the fact that we have the best country in the world for a healthy, growing calf and competition with cattle from every country and clime the judges very quickly decided that he was the best steer in the show. He was the winner of five firsts, sweepstakes and a championship. That was going some for Bill.

In the past several years we believe that the herd of the local stockman has won more premiums and blue ribbons than that of any single exhibitor at the shows at Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio. The winnings in the most recent show demonstrate that the Merkel breeder is continually making improvement in his herd and winning for himself a most enviable reputation as a breeder. He has broken the record for both receiving and paying fancy prices for his cattle. He recently paid \$1,000 at Chicago for a bull calf claimed to be out of the best cow in the world.

We do not know that the following are all the premiums and winnings of the Blue Ribbon herd but the list is as we clipped at different times from the columns of the Fort Worth Record.

Blue Ribbon Winners.

Steer, spayed or martin heifer, 1 year and under 2:

1. Ed C. Lasater, Falfurrias.
2. C. M. Largent, Merkel.
3. Lee Brothers, San Angelo.

Steer, spayed or martin heifer, under 1 year old:

1. C. M. Largent, Merkel.

Yearling Sweepstakes.

In this class the herefords and

the shorthorns were equally divided, Frank Schofield entering Don and Carpenter & Ross Sunny Jim. Lee Bros. again entered Leedale Lad 10 and Ed C. Lasater a Hereford winner. Sedro F. Here again the Lee entry took away the blue ribbon.

In herefords Boog-Scott showed Dickinson III and Largent showed Polar Bear and A. & M. college showed an Aberdeen Angus, Augustus. The award went to the Largent entry, making 3 sweepstakes going to herefords to 1 going to the shorthorns. When it came to steers below the quarantine line the herefords swept the board, taking sweepstakes on calves, yearlings and 2-year-olds.

Champion Steer of the Show.

In the much-coveted grand championship class the herefords again demonstrated their superiority, winning over the Ohio shorthorn entry. Three steers competed, each a champion in his respective class—Glorious Choice as a 2-year-old, Leedale Laddie 10 as a yearling and Bill in the calf class. It didn't take the judges long to decide that the calf was the superior of either the yearling or the 2-year-old and C. M. Largent of Merkel was declared the owner of the champion steer of the show. Counting the championship, that little calf—and he was not so very little, weighing close to a thousand pounds—was the winner of five firsts, sweepstakes and a championship.

Champion steer calf, Bill, C. M. Largent, Merkel, hereford.

Champion steer of the show, open and closed classes: Bill, C. M. Largent, Merkel, hereford.

Registered Herefords.

Bull 2 years old and under 3:

1. Gay Lad, C. M. Largent.
2. Captain, J. H. McCaskey, Decatur.

Senior yearling bull:

1. Dixie Cannonball, C. M. Largent, Merkel.
2. Leedale's Warrior, Lee Bros., San Angelo.

Junior yearling bull:

1. Perfection, T. B. White & Sons, Watauga.
2. Texas Boss, C. M. Largent.

Senior bull calf:

1. Dixie Cannonball, C. M. Largent, Merkel.
2. Paragon 32d, T. E. Smith, Norman, Okla.

Junior bull calf:

1. Texas Lad, C. M. Largent.
2. Patrolman, C. M. Largent.

Herefords.
Cow, 3 years old and over, closed class—Victoria, C. M. Largent, Merkel; Warrior's Lass 3d, Lee Bros., San Angelo.

Cow, 3 years old and over, open class—Victoria, C. M. Largent; Warrior's Lass, Lee Bros.

Cows, 2 years old and under 3—Belle of Dixie, C. M. Largent; Good Girl 10th, and Leedale's Lass 22d, Lee Bros; Dela Sparks, J. F. Yearwood, Georgetown.

Junior yearling calf—Miss Royal Dixie, C. M. Largent; Miss Iris, T. E. Smith.

Senior heifer calf—Miss Dixie I, C. M. Largent; Leedale's Lassie 45th, Lee Bros; Miss Sophia, T. E. Smith.

Junior heifer calf—Texas Lass, and Dixie Princess, C. M. Largent; Leedale's Queen 7th, Lee Bros.

Senior sweepstakes cow—Victoria, C. M. Largent.

Aged herd, consisting of one bull 2 years old and over, one cow 3 years old and over, one heifer 2 years old and under 3, one heifer 1 year old and under 2, one heifer under 1 year old—C. M. Largent, Merkel; Lee Bros., San Angelo.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Post cards 5c per dozen at the Groene Art Store.

See our ad in this issue. Howell Produce Company.

Claud and Clyde Sears left for Fort Worth Monday morning to attend business.

We are receiving new tailored hats every week. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

R. H. Collins is again in the eastern part of the state looking after cattle interests.

NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS—I have a registered Poland China male for service. A. C. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Isenhower of Putnam came in Friday afternoon to visit Mrs. Isenhower's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones.

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Camberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

We are in receipt of a dollar from Dr. C. M. McCauley in payment for a years subscription to the Mail. Dr. McCauley is a regular reader of our paper and has not missed a copy of it in some time.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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Remember the date
Merkel, April 29th
To May 4th



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Saturday afternoon April 7, Mrs. W. A. Scott's class of Philathea girls were charming hostesses for an Easter egg hunt on the lovely lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister. The hours were supposed to be from four to six but the clock had only marked the time as three p. m. when the first little guests began to arrive beset of finding bunny and the pretty Easter eggs. This lovely affair had been beautifully planned. Booths were arranged on the lawn where dainty home made candies were sold. Dozens and dozens of gay colored eggs were peeping out of ever little corner, behind and under ever place imaginable. After the children arrived they went for a promenade. After this they were lined up on the walk waiting for the signal, "one, two, three, go," to see how many eggs they could find. This rush was very exciting and funny. Booth Warren proved to be the champion when it came to carrying eggs on a spoon. The sack race came in for its share of the fun and was followed by the hobble or three legged race. The guests were served with punch and cake. All present pronounced the afternoon an ideal one and trust that many more pleasant hours will be spent in this hospitable home.

Mrs. J. W. Powell entertained on Monday evening in honor of Miss Inice Moon. The evening was spent in the social game of 42 and after the champions were declared a course of ambrosia and cake was served to Misses Inice Moon, Mattie Taylor, Ina Jobe, Lizzie Calvert, Messrs. C. C. Franklin, Oly Shrrp, Ottis Barnett and Homer Jobe. The guests report one of the most delightful occasions and all join in chorus with having tasted one of the best cakes that was ever.

The Presbyterian ladies bazaar Friday and Saturday was a complete success both socially and financially. The ladies held their Saturday market as usual which has grown quite popular with the busy housewives. On Saturday Miss Bertie Diltz class of girls served a noon-day lunch.

The Twentieth Century Club postponed their meeting Saturday on account of the serious illness of little Darline Williams. They will meet this Saturday with Mrs. G. H. Adams at 3:30 p. m.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinnah & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

League Program.

Subject, Isaiah's Jerusalem home; The decadent city America's peril.

Leader, Miss Faye Lowrey.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Scripture reading, Isa. 1:21-24- Matt. 11:20-24- Leader.

Physical characteristics- Miss Minnie Harris.

Social conditions- Miss Pauline Johnson.

Isaiah's ministry in the city- Miss Genevieve Rust.

Lesson note- Miss Mamie Ellis.

Voluntary- Miss Faye Allen.

Song.

Offering.

Benediction.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples.

As a healing salve for, burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader, Floyd Dean. Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 12:18-31. Songs, 154, 84, 48. Give definition and meaning of the word church as held by Baptists-Bro. Jacob.

What is witnessing for God and where does the honor to bear witness come from?-Miss Sadie Collins.

Give the ways in which the church bears witness to God-Miss Margie Saffle.

Vocal duet-Misses Mary Lee Hicks and Ruth Merritt.

Closing exercises.

A Log on the Track

of the fast express means serious trouble ahead if not removed, so does loss of appetite. It Means lack of vitality, loss of strength and nerve weakness. If appetite fails, take Electric Bitters quickly to overcome the cause by toning up the stomach and curing the indigestion. Michael Hesseheimer of Lincon, Neb., had been sick over three years, but six bottles of Electric Bitters put him right on his feet again. They have helped thousands. They give pure blood, strong nerves, good digestion. Only 50c at H. C. Curroughs.

Program.

B. Y. P. U. Program to be rendered at Hebron April 14, 1912.

Subject, Devotional meeting; Fulfilling the law.

Leader, B. H. Moore.

Song, Pass me not, O Gentle Savior

Scripture reading from sermon on the mount.

Matt. 5:1-12-R. A. Reagan.

Prayer.

Matt. 5:13-16-Pierce Horton.

Matt. 5:17-26-Mrs. J. C. Nelson.

Matt. 5:38-48-Mrs. Myrtle Barnett.

Paper on any subject she may choose

-Mrs. B. H. Moore.

Quartet-J. O. Nelson, John Simmons, Mrs. John Simmons and Miss Lydia Teague.

Organization and election of officers.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Why He Was Late.

"What made you so late?"

"I met Smithson."

"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."

"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."

"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"

"Sure, that is what he needs."

Sold by all dealers.

From the Fire Boys.

Whereas, death has invaded the home of our friend and brother, O. W. Williams, assistant chief of our department and claimed for its victim, Eva Darline, his precious child who departed from this life Monday morning, April 8, 1912.

Be it Resolved, by the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department that we hereby extend to the bereaved father and mother our most profound and sincerest sympathies in their irreparable loss and that we can only commend them for consolation to the Savior who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of God."

And futher, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our department and the same be furnished our local papers for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Evans

R. A. McClain

Lester Ellis

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Are You a Woman?

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Obituary.

Mrs. Ellen Wells was born in Christain county, Mo., Sept. 8, 1859 and departed this life April 8, 1912. Mrs. Wells was a devoted christian having joined the Methodist church some twenty years ago. Her life has not only been faithful to God but she has been a good mother and wife and it was through God in his devine good that he saw fit to take from a happy home the one who was instrumental in making it such. She was married to J. B. Wells in 1877 and to this union there were born six children as follows: Lee Wells, Mrs. Sallie Vines, Leslie Wells, Evert Wells, Mrs. Stella Vines and Cecil Wells.

When God made his call upon the good lady she expressed herself as ready to go and soon made her departure to that land of promise and we now live in hope of being able to go to her when called by death.

Fortunes in Faces.

There's often so much truth in the saying "her face is her fortune" but it's never said where pimples, skin eruptions, blotches or other blemishes disfigure it. Impure blood is back of them all, and shows the need of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They promote health and beauty. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to take this the usual method of thanking our many friends for their kindness to us when we stood so sorely in need of them. Meré words express our feelings very poorly but may our future actions show them more.

O. W. Williams and family.

H. C. Williams and family.

Saves Leg of Boy.

"It seemed that my 14-year-old boy would have to lose his leg, on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote D. F. Howard, Aquone, N. C. "All remedies and doctors treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve and cured him with one box." Cures burns' boils, skin eruptions. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Card of Thanks.

On behalf of J. B. Wells, his children and myself I wish to extend to the friends and neighbors in Merkel our heartfelt thanks for their great kindness and attention shown my sister Mrs. Ellen Wells in her last sickness.

Respectfully, G. W. Chapman, Springfield, Mo.

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

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ICE! ICE!

Ice will be furnished to all patrons under the same conditions used here last year. Rates 60 cents per one hundred pounds. Deliveries to all parts of town. Phone 148.

H. M. WARREN, Merkel, Texas

Notice.

I will stand at Exchange Stable in Merkel a bay Rattler Brooks horse known as the Boney or Mashburn horse. Terms to insure \$10.00. A. C. Boney, Merkel, Texas.

Bitler Lake.

The most fun for least money. See Walton for season fishing privilege on his tank. Single trips 25c each. My farm is posted and I warn you not to trespass. J. B. Walton. 2914

FREE SHOW TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE FARMERS ESPECIALLY

We have made arrangements with the International Harvester Co. of Chicago whereby they have furnished us a Moving Picture reel of 900 feet, and we are to give a free demonstration

Thursday Night April 18 on Streets of Merkel

At our Store on the Corner of Edwards and Elm Streets

The reel takes up the early pioneers, showing means of the old reap hook as the first reaping process, on down to the old cradle blade; also the self-rake reaper, next steps toward the modern binder and on down to the present improved machinery. Also plowing is demonstrated in the above way, all of which will be pleasing and profitable to our customers.

We propose to give the above exhibition free and if you miss it you have missed a great treat. All it costs is the time coming to it. Everybody, young and old, are especially invited.

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WANTED--A RIDER AGENT

IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once. **NO MONEY REQUIRED** until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, prepaid freight, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. **FACTORY PRICES** We furnish the highest grade bicycles at actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue and study our superb models that will ride fully low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost. **BICYCLE DEALERS**, you can sell our bicycles under your own name plate at double our prices. Orders filled the day received.

SECOND HAND BICYCLES. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$3 to \$8 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail prices.

\$10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$4.80
Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 cash with order \$4.50.

NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES
NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year.

DESCRIPTION: Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of a per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at **OUR** expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is as safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

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Notice the thick rubber tread "A" and puncture strips "B" and "D" also rim strip "H" to prevent rim cutting. This tire will outlast any other make--SOFT, ELASTIC and EASY RIDING.

SHE NEEDED THE EXERCISE

How Man Dodged Criticism for Allowing Lady of Ample Proportions to Row Him.

Allen had been visiting friends on their houseboat, moored off Edgewater, on the Jersey side. When it came time to leave Mr. and Mrs. Wilson volunteered to row Allen and Miss Wilson, sister of the husband, to a dock near the Fort Lee ferry.

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson are of ample proportions, and Allen didn't like the idea of allowing his hostess to row, especially as it was rough and the tide was coming in. So he protested. "No, I must row," he said.

"Couldn't think of it," returned Mrs. Wilson smiling. "I need the exercise, you know. I don't get exercise on the houseboat." And she had taken the second pair of oars and settled herself in the seat behind her husband before Allen could bestow himself and baggage and assist Miss Wilson to a seat in the stern.

"What will those fishermen think of me, allowing a woman to row me?" he protested. "I'm going to explain it to them as we pass. I don't want to get in bad."

Sure enough as the boat passed the fishermen on the piers Allen called out: "The lady needs exercise!" And the fishermen, appreciating the situation, grinned, and by their demeanor indicated they absolved Allen from appearing to take it easy.—New York Herald.

DODSON'S LIVER-TONE BEATS CALOMEL

No Need Now to Risk Your Health Taking Dangerous Drug—New Remedy is Guaranteed.

Next time your liver gets sluggish and you feel dull and headachy go to Rust & McCauley's drug store and get a bottle of the successful medicine, Dodson's Liver-Tone.

It will start your liver, gently but firmly, and cure an attack of constipation or biliousness without restriction of habit or diet.

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a pleasant tasting vegetable liquid, for both children or grown people. Its use is not followed by any of the bad after-effects which sometimes follow taking calomel. Rust & McCauley's drug store will give you your money back if you do not find it a perfect substitute for calomel.

Man Gets Life Sentence.

Geo. Brown the man who has been on trial in Ballenger for the murder of his wife the history of which dates back to Sept. 9, 1911 at the defendants home in Brownwood. Brown has been on trial for several days and when the verdict was read he seemed to take it without much emotion and his attorneys at once gave a notice of appeal.

Brown claimed he did not commit the crime but that his wife was murdered by a would-be burglar and the story seems to follow the trend of the Beattie case.

Notice.

After April 1, 1912 I will stand TOM, (the original Dr. Craddock Jack), at my place three miles south of Trent, Texas the first three days of each week and last three days at my home place three miles west of Merkel. 'S. A. Derstine. 294pd

Stock Breeders' Notice.

The Armstrong Jack and my two horses will make this season at my barn 5 miles north of Merkel for \$10.00 to insure. 12t3 James Patterson.

In the Garden of Eden.

"Did you know this was my birthday?" asked Eve.
"Could I forget it?" answered Adam.
"Let's see—how old are you, this year—now don't answer—let me guess. You are—ah—seven!"
"You hateful wretch!" cried Eve.
"I'm only five, and you know it."
"But that is just like you men—you try to pretend that the time is dragging and that your wives are growing old! Just because you are over six, and have lots of gray hairs, you think you can insult your wife!"
Eden was never the same after that.

SAN SALVADOR'S NAME LOST

Identity of Island on Which Columbus First Landed Is No Longer Certain.

San Salvador is perhaps the most interesting historical point on the American side of the world, as it is the island upon which Columbus first landed. Yet it has lost its name. In view of the history not only of the Bahamas group, but of the American continents as well, it is far from surprising that the identity of the famous island should have been long lost; or that the re-identification should have been delayed until the middle of the last century, when Captain Becher of the British navy, by application of the description, contained in Columbus' journal, to the course from Gomer to the Bahamas, determined clearly that Watling's Island alone met all requirements of the case.

IS PROTECTING ITS INDIANS

Government of Brazil Treats Them With Solitude and the Results Are Good.

The Brazilian government appears to have found a way of dealing with its Indians which is altogether different from that so extensively employed in North America where the "civilizers" proceeded on the assumption that "all good Indians are dead Indians."

"The government of Brazil," says L'Tolle du Sud de Rio de Janeiro, "is always occupied with more or less solicitude in the amelioration of the lot of the natives, who are yet numerous in a great part of the country. In a short space of time the most encouraging results have been obtained. A great number of tribes, protected by the administration, are becoming civilized little by little. The result of this is an increased production of cultivated foods offering superior advantages to an industry, consisting only of hunting and fishing, which has been the sole resource of many indigenous tribes. In the state of Parana the Indians belonging for the most part to the nation of the Caincangus are cultivating their lands in maize, rice and sweet potatoes. The natives of the valley of the river Tibagy have recently constructed five sugar mills, very crude, it is true, but nevertheless a great step in their progress."

FRESH VEGETABLES

Radishes, Turnips, Turnip Greens, Mustard Lettuce, new Onions, Celery and fruits for the table. We also give the highest market price for all kind of farm produce.

HOWELL PRODUCE CO., Merkel, Texas

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

FREE -- FREE!

At Our Store Friday, April 19

Big Demonstration OF THE Natl. Biscuit Co. Great Products

On this date, April 19, we will conduct a sale of our famous line of Bulk Cakes. With each pound purchased we will give one package of UNEDA BISCUITS absolutely FREE.

We will serve you with Coffee and Cake that have no equal in quality. The coffee will be made from the famous Maxwell House Blend and the cakes will be of the National Biscuit Company's make

While in our store we invite your special attention to Our Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Departments We are showing the latest styles, and the prices are the lowest that have ever been made in Merkel.

Big Demonstration OF THE Maxwell House Blend Coffee

Come and enjoy a cup absolutely free. NONE BETTER. Three-pound Cans.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Mulberry News.

April 8—Bro. Lynn filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

A large crowd out for Sunday school. Singing Sunday night at Dan Channeys was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Sallie Harrison and Miss Annie Rogers were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

The farmers are busy planting feed-stuff. Garden truck looks fine.

Hamilton Chaney and wife visited their father and mother of Salt Branch Mr. and Mrs. Whitescarver Sunday.

Mrs. John Burns who has been sick for the last three weeks is improving fast and we hope will soon be up again. Misses Nora Harrisop and Ollie Rogers visited Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chaney Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely and it was all a mistake about it closing on account of scarlet fever. It will continue on.

Misses Stella and Edna Watts visited Miss Ollie Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Buford from Abilene are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore this week.

There was a party at Mr. and Mrs. Owens Saturday night.

D. F. Rogers made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday. Dewdrops.

Shiloh Clippings.

April 8—We are having some cold weather yet but things seem to be growing slowly.

Some are still planting feed and some have feed up. Many are now planting cotton. Stock is doing nicely on wild rye and early grass. Our fruit crop which we thought killed seems only slightly injured and we can expect a good supply this year. There are many young gardens around and they seem to be doing nicely.

There was a delightful Easter egg hunt on the river last Saturday evening.

Many Shiloh people were present at the Baptist rally at Trent Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Nall preached here on last Sunday.

We have organized a singing class here and we expect to have some very nice singing.

Our literary society has been postponed indefinitely on account of the busy season.

There was an egg hunt for the little folks last Sunday at Frank Hale's. They had a dandy time.

The party at Bill Barnes' on last Friday night was well attended and everyone present reports a fine time.

Walter Williams was badly hurt by a horse last week. We hope he will soon recover. Booster.

Salt Branch News.

April 9—There was no preaching Sunday afternoon on account of sickness in the home of Rev. Clements.

Sunday school was very short Sunday on account of so much sickness in the community.

J. W. Hardy and daughters were visiting Wesley Hardy and family Sunday.

J. W. Teaff has been real sick with lagrippe.

Mrs. Ada Higgins was visiting Mrs. Mary Risinger Saturday evening.

Miss Annie Higgins spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Gardie and Lula Higgins.

Nim Teaff and son Arch from Tye were visiting J. W. Teaff and family Sunday.

Several of the young people met at the home of Charles Higgins Saturday and went fishing. All report an enjoyable time.

We are glad to report Nim Teaff able to attend school this week.

The farmers are all busy planting this week.

Mesdames Barker and Butler called on Mrs. Ben Campbell Monday evening.

S. W. Taylor and wife were shopping in Merkel Monday.

School is rather short this week on account of so much sickness in the community.

Ezra Barker, wife and babe were visiting at J. L. Barker's Sunday. Blue-eyed Girl.

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Inkum Items.

April 8—J. E. Hallmark and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of another little girl into their home.

There was a singing at Mr. Culbirth's Sunday afternoon.

The Inkum community was largely represented at Merkel Tuesday, T. E. Reynolds, G. F. Atkins, G. W. Wilson, J. A. Wills and others.

O. H. Wilson and wife were trading in Merkel Monday.

M. W. Triplett of View came to Inkum Wednesday on his mail route. He is at last out from scarlet fever quarantine at his home.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson with her little niece Fannie Lou Marshall were trading in Merkel Tuesday.

Valentine Tyler who has been absent for several weeks returned home Friday.

There was a social entertainment at Clifford Perry's Friday night. All report a fine time. Misses Bryan and Perry of Dora were among the guests and also Mr. Clark from that point.

There was an egg hunt at G. F. Atkins Sunday evening. Quite a number present to enter into the joy of the children in hunting colored eggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Parmley of near Tye attended an egg hunt at J. T. Fuqua's Sunday afternoon.

Two cattle buyers from View were in this section the first of the week.

Miss Lottie York with Millard King and wife of Tye were visitors at J. T. Fuqua's Sunday.

G. W. Wilson was saddened last week to learn of the death of his distinguished kinsman Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee known as Bob Taylor or "Fiddling Bob," and with him will mourn many old Tennesseans of this state. Senator Taylor was a grand man in many respects and his lecture on the subject "There is a God" I believe is not surpassed in the English language and Senator Taylor's address of welcome to Texans on Texas Day, Sept. 26, 1907, during home-coming week at Nashville is equal to the grandest effusions of any clime. Our beloved southland has lost one of its ablest statesmen, one of its sweetest singers, one of its grandest men.

J. T. Fuqua carried a load of cane seed to Merkel Tuesday.

J. A. Wills and wife visited relatives at McCauley over Sunday.

Observer.

Saved By His Wife.

She's a wise woman who knows just what to do when her husband's life is in danger, but Mrs. R. J. Flint, Braintree, Vt., is of that kind. "She insisted on my using Dr. King's New Discovery," writes Mr. F. "for a dreadful cough, when I was so weak my friends all thought I had only a short time to live, and it completely cured me." A quick cure for coughs and it's the most safe reliable medicine for many throat and lung troubles—grip, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, tonsillitis, hemorrhages. A trial will convince you. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair Echoes.

April 8—W. M. Clark returned Friday from Goldwaite where he had been visiting relatives for several days.

J. H. Ray of Coleman visited the family of J. M. Reeves last week returning Friday accompanied by Miss Lizzie Reeves who will visit with her sister Mrs. J. H. Ray.

S. E. Adcock is real sick we regret to announce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley of Nubia attended church here Sunday.

The new trustees for this district are James Campbell and J. W. Mayfield.

Prof. Dee Ervin of Compere visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Homer Long of Nubia was a Blair visitor Friday.

Walter and Gene Spurgin of Compere visited the family of Mr. Ervin Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker are the proud parents of a new son in their home since last week.

Miss Ethel Jones has been on the sick list since last week.

Andrew McGehee returned last week to his home at Odessa. Quida.

Dora Doings.

April 8—We have been having some real Easter weather.

Mrs. H. Phillips and Mrs. Rosa Dalton were visiting in Merkel last week.

Our school was closed Friday on account of our teacher being called away, some of his relatives being real sick with meningitis.

There was a party given at J. D. Jones' Saturday night and quite a crowd of the Divide folks attended. All report a big crowd and a good time.

C. F. Sanders and family visited Dolph Coats Sunday.

Miss Beulah Whitsel of near Nubia attended preaching at Dora Sunday.

DeWitt Phillips visited in the Canyon Sunday.

There will be preaching at Dora the third Sunday. Everybody invited.

J. M. Bryson is on the sick list this week.

Mark Whitaker and family visited Tom Whitaker and family Saturday and Sunday. Jack.