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## MERKEL SCHOOLS CLOSE MAY THIRD

In just two weeks from today the schools of this place will close and the students will be at liberty to go their way rejoicing after having finished one of the best years of school work that Merkel has ever known. The work is more thorough and is being brought to a high standard just as fast as the school will allow.

The commencement sermon will be preached on Sunday evening May 5 by Rev. Woodward of the St. Paul church of Abilene and on the following evening Dr. Sandefer of Simmons college will deliver the literary address to the class which now consists of nine members.

Superintendent Krigbaum of the city schools in a short talk the other day said that it was his endeavor to bring the work of the school to where it would be recognized by the principal institutions of Texas and if the work continues as it has through this year he hopes to reach that standard by the ending of the term of '12-'13. Even at this early stage the work is far advanced in comparison to what the standard has been for the past. It is now compulsory for a student who enters for graduation honors to have some course in foreign language. However, one can finish in all other courses and will be given a credit for the work but they cannot have that honor bestowed upon them that the student gets who takes and masters the course as mapped out in the school.

This course when thoroughly done will entitle the Merkel school to affiliation with the state university and one of the steps that have been taken is the establishment of a laboratory for the study of physics.

### Election Pledges at Home.

It has developed that one of the candidates for treasurer of Taylor county in making visits to some of the parts where he was not so well known, walked up to the home of a Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith being away Mrs. Smith answered the call at the door and in reply to the question from the candidate if Mr. Smith was in answered, no. And when asked by the busy housewife if there was anything that she could tell her husband. Said candidate replied, yes, I am candidate for county treasurer and would like to exact a promise from Mr. Smith to vote for me in the coming election. Oh, that will be alright. He will promise replied Mrs. Smith for he has already promised the other three candidates the same thing.

Mrs. D. M. Garrison of Amarillo who has been here the past week visiting Mrs. R. E. Bowles went to Abilene Tuesday to visit friends before returning to her home.

We want your eggs and we pay cash too. Whitley, Son & Company.

### Rain in General.

From all parts of the country come reports that the rain was one of the best we have had for some time. The fall here is said to have been between a quarter and half an inch. At Colorado there was a small hail, enough to do damage to the gardens and flower beds. At Fort Worth the hail is reported to have fallen in chunks as large as bird eggs and that the people everywhere were seeking shelter.

## U. S TAKES STEPS TOWARD MEXICO

The affairs in Mexico are taking on a new aspect every day and it now seems that the United States does not propose to let her subjects be abused by either the Federals or the Rebels of that country.

A warning has been issued to Madero and to General Pascual Orozco against letting the lives of any Americans being endangered and this warning is very similar to the warning issued by the United States just before the war with Spain but in this case the officials of the sister government may see the fallacy of further antagonizing Uncle Sam and if they do they will no doubt profit by the experience of their former mother government and in such case the probabilities of war are not so bright.

Arms have been sent to Americans in different parts of Mexico for use should they be compelled to protect themselves.

A statement has been issued to the Ambassador in the City of Mexico and to the Consul at Chihuahua authorizing the statement that intervention was not contemplated by the United States.

## NEW AUTOMOBILES BEING PURCHASED

During the last few days the automobile industry has increased to some extent in Merkel. The first purchaser of the benzine buggies of late was Ben H. Moore the Rural Delivery carrier of Route two. He has installed a Liberty Brush on his route with the best of success and now makes the round some three to four hours sooner than usual and in that way gives the patrons of his route as good service as is given on the other routes where motorcycles are used.

Tuesday afternoon R. L. Bland of the Anchor Hardware Co. received a message from Dallas telling him that a five passenger Ford was on its way to him. The Anchor Hardware Co. has also sold another car that will be sent out to them in a very few days. It is a two passenger car and will be used by Dr. Armstrong in his profession.

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J. M. Dunagin and G. H. McDonald who are both practical gin men will have charge of the plant and the latter will make Merkel his home in the future. It is our understanding that work will begin at once and be pushed through to completion as soon as possible.

This new enterprise with our present excellent facilities will enable Merkel to handle a big crop and guarantee our farmers the best service possible.

## SNYDER BANKERS ARE CONVICTED

Thursday afternoon the case of the United States vs. John A. Wisner and T. F. Baker, charged with violating the United States banking laws, went to the jury and returned a verdict finding the defendants Wisner and Baker both guilty on counts one and four and Baker not guilty on count three of the indictment. A motion for a new trial was overruled and Judge Meeks sentenced each of the defendants to five years in the Leavenworth penitentiary. The defendants both showed disappointment when the verdict was read.

After this case was disposed of the court did very little work on the remaining docket but promised to come back after the Amarillo term of court is finished.

The Adrain, Miller and Rollins cases from Trent will come up at the next session of the U. S. court which promises to be a two weeks session.

Call for coupons at J. P. Sharp's when purchasing goods. They are good for free china sets. Ask about them.

### 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.

### Back to Mexico.

Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughan left here after a long visit to their daughter Mrs. Sam Butman. They will go from here to El Paso and then into New Mexico but unless conditions get very bad they will return to Moctezuma, Mexico in about 60 days. Mr. Vaughan says he still has that long in which to report for duty and he thinks he will use all the allotted time.

## MEXICAN IS KILLED NEAR SAN ANGELO

The report comes from San Angelo that a ranchman of that country shot a Mexican that was working for him, five times, all shots taking effect in the stomach of the Mexican who at that time refusing to fall was knocked down by the man with the gun from which the shots had been fired.

The ranchman thinking the Mexican was dead left him where he was laying and started for town to report the trouble and 24 hours later when a party arrived he was still living having laid on the ground through a three-inch rain. He died before medical assistance could arrive.

It seems that the Mexican was employed to herd sheep and upon returning Friday evening several of the bunch were missing and the ranchman charged the Mexican with neglecting his duty. The Mexican promptly started the fight by drawing a long knife and rushing upon the man which terminated as above stated. The ranchman surrendered Saturday night to the sheriff at Senora. His name could not be learned.

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## MR. WOLTERS TO SPEAK AT MERKEL

Friends of the candidacy of Hon. Jake F. Wolters request us to give prominence to this announcement that he will address the voters of our town and country at the opera house at Merkel, Tuesday afternoon, April 23, at 2:30 o'clock.

The speaker is, as is well known to our readers, a candidate for the United States Senate to take the place of Senator J. W. Bailey, who is to retire.

The retirement of Hon. Cone Johnson and re-entrance of Hon. Morris Sheppard creates new interest in this race and all are urged to be present and hear the address of Mr. Wolters.

### Coahoma Has Big Blaze.

The business section of Coahoma, ten miles west of Big Springs, was practically wiped out by fire last Tuesday and eight or ten buildings were burned. The loss will be \$30,000 partially covered by insurance. W. N. Brown, cashier of the First State bank had a narrow escape from death, being asleep in the bank building that burned.

## MANY RABBITS ARE KILLED BY FARMER

J. P. Sibley who lives southwest of town was in Wednesday morning showing some of the scalps taken from Br'er Rabbit, eighteen of the pests falling victim to his deadly aim Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Sibley says that the rabbits are eating small garden stuff just as fast as it comes up.

The amount of the evening's work nets Mr. Sibley \$1.35, just 99 cents above what it costs him to kill the rabbits besides ridding himself of pests enough to eat a car load of young garden stuff. Several of Mr. Sibley's neighbors have agreed to buy ammunition for him if he will only help them.

Several parties have gone out of the late. On last week the Whittlers Club of Shiloh met in regular session and the members spent the afternoon in a rabbit raid and when the evening had passed it was found that 95 had been killed and on Tuesday afternoon another hunt was made to the satisfaction of 105 being killed by the Nimrods of that country.

On Saturday the farmers of Noodle will meet and go toward Shiloh while the farmers of the Shiloh country will work toward their neighbors and it is expected that the country around there will almost be rid of the small grain eaters.

### Simmons vs. Merkel.

It all happened last Friday afternoon in Abilene when the Merkel boys took the liberty of piling up a score of 13 to 9 against Simmons college and it came about in the following way. Woodrum was pitching for the Merkel bunch and was thinning the ranks in good style when the mighty Compere walked to the plate. Two strikes and three balls is how it stood at this instant. Our slab artist was winding up for the last shot and the suspense was terrible to the Simmons rooters and "yer out" yelled the umpire as the ball curved neatly into Ferrier's mitt and their hero strolled back to the bench growling. Later the mighty man fell victim of the same funny ball and again he departed with a growl. As for Ferrier our standby he just took deliberate aim at one of those bad ones from the handy paw of Andrews and sent the pellet into unknown regions for a round trip. Such was the way the game ran with Woodrum and Ferrier working all the way for Merkel while Allen and Andrews both took a trial at tossing the horse hide over to their friend Adams.

Mrs. I. S. Allen went to Abilene Wednesday to attend her sister, Mrs. W. Parten, who was at the Alexander Sanitarium last Saturday. Mrs. Parten is now resting well and her condition is said to be greatly improved.

Miss Lila Sandlin returned from Fort Worth last week on a visit to her mother and sister. Miss Sandlin has been employed as a stenographer in that city.

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**Mrs. Mary Dean Dead.**  
Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Mary Dean who lives six miles south of town died of pneumonia. Mrs. Dean has been a resident of the Merkel country for the last five years having moved here from Jefferson county, Alabama. She was a staunch member of the Baptist church and a lady well loved by all who knew her. She is survived by five children, all residents of the Merkel country as follows: Misses Laura, Stella, Katie and Ludie Dean and H. E. Stubbs.  
Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Saffle conducting the services.  
The Mail extends condolence to the bereaved relatives.  
News of the serious illness of little Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Berry at Tulsa, Okla., saddens the many Merkel friends of this family. Little Hazel was stricken with the dreaded meningitis but the prompt administration of the serum by an expert makes promise of recovery and such is the hope and prayer of all of our people.

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For County Superintendent  
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the free use of the harrow, at the same time destroy the small vegetation which is showing up so profusely. Lets use our very best judgment now in planting so as to feel sure of securing good stands and don't fail to plant the very best quality of seed that you can secure.

Will see you next week.

F. A. Peel.

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## Jones County Democrats.

To the Democrats of Jones Co:

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I take this means of asking the Democratic chairman of each precinct to see that the Primary Conventions are held on May 4, 1912, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. Walter S. Pope, Chm.  
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## Buried Here.

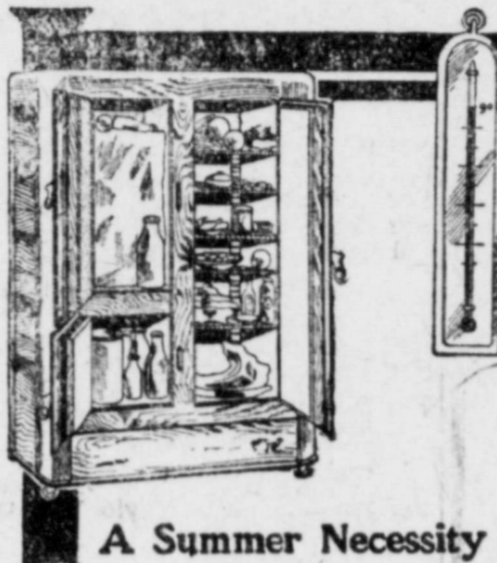
On last Monday morning Bessie Clove the 16-month-old child of Mrs. Henry Harris of Trent was brought here for burial. The little child had been sick with typhoid fever for some time and her death followed close upon that of her father who died of typhoid about a month ago and an older sister who was buried here just a week before little Bessie was interred.

The Mail is very sincere in extending sympathy to the mother and all relations so afflicted by the three late deaths.

## 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. 29t4pd

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The history of the case dates back to the time of separation of Elder and his wife, when it is alleged that he made slanderous statements about Mrs. Elder.

Elder was found guilty a year ago but his attorneys secured a new trial for him and will appeal the case.

There has been 15 pleas of guilty to charges of crap shooting and other minor offenses which the grand jury returned at the last session — Abilene Reporter.

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Sterling P. Miller of Dallas was here this week on a visit to his sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Grandpa Westenhover came in Wednesday night from Louisiana where he has been for several months.

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L. Sparkman returned home Wednesday evening from points in northeast Texas in answer to a call telling him that Mrs. Sparkman was very sick.

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.

The Methodist Ladies will serve cream and lunch during the week of the carnival. Program to vary from day to day. Place to be announced later.

Thomas Burnett of Dallas, editor of Burnett's Budget will preach at the Church of Christ Thursday evening April 25. Mr. Burnett is well known to the Merkel people, and it is his request that all who can will attend.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

P. G. Owens of Nugent was here the past week visiting. He returned by way of Abilene Wednesday morning, accompanied by Rotan Cypert of this place. They will go on a fishing trip down the Clear Fork in a few days.

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.

## 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.

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James Patterson.

**MERKEL**

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
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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.

### THE STEAMSHIP TITANIC DISASTER.

The great disaster which befell the White Star Liner Titanic, which crashed into an iceberg Sunday night and sank within three or four hours snuffing out the lives of more than 1200 is the most deplorable news of its kind in recent months. This was the greatest steamboat afloat, with possibly one of the most notable list of passengers aboard and the disaster and death list is the greatest in marine history. It was the maiden voyage of the giant steamer and aboard were many men who reckoned their wealth in the tens of millions. Some of the wealthiest men in the world and other members of the wealthiest families were among the passengers and supposedly among those who went down in a watery grave.

There is no rule but as a matter of courtesy and gallantry on the sea as well as on land men sacrifice themselves for the safety of women and children and this theory makes the conclusion that there was no distinction made between first, second and third class passengers. If so, be it to the everlasting shame and disgrace of those so responsible, for there is no difference in the value of souls. The lives of John Jacob Astor and his new bride with their wealth of \$150,000,000 were worth no more to them than those of the humblest husband and wife on the third-class list. The loss of life is horrible and all of two continents clamor for the list of those saved but we are nurturing the hope that every woman and child on the palatial steamer are safe and that the details will relate another story of the fairness, gallantry and courage of man in the face of such a disaster and death.

The only definite information at this time is that the great palatial steamer, with all modern conveniences and pleasures for a crew of nearly 1,000 and a passenger list of 1,500 is now at the bottom of the great briny, deep blue sea and with it went more than a thousand souls.

### "THE CLEANEST TOWN IN TEXAS."

The above caption is the ambition, hope and possible reward for many towns and cities in our state as the result of a great premium offer made by Holland's Magazine, a Texas magazine.

If there could be the proper interest aroused and the right kind of co-operation among our citizens we feel almost certain that the above title could and would be won by Merkel, the little city in Glover. Please do not take this as an idle boast of a newspaper until you know whereof you speak for as a natural condition our little town enjoys that reputation among many traveling men and others acquainted with hundreds of towns and cities over the state.

A very recent instance, a banker of Dallas alighted from a morning passenger and in company with several traveling men on his way to the hotel looked up and down our wide gravel streets and clean alleys and complimented the condition. A traveling man spoke up and said,

"this is the cleanest town in the state." All agreed and we have the names of all if you doubt our report.

This is the natural condition as the result of our natural advantages and the efforts of our mayor, marshal, council, civic improvement league, other clubs and our enterprising and progressive citizenship and why not let us organize, enter and win the reward and great advantages to result from such a distinction.

The Mail is ready and willing to do its part and we have interviewed enough of our citizens to know that we only need some one to start the movement.

Let's make Merkel the cleanest town in Texas.

### A NEW COURT HOUSE.

The political meeting Friday night which was first advertised for the court house and then changed to the Opera House brought out the fact that not only town people but many country people are afraid to attend any gathering in the court house when there is to be a large crowd. Taylor county needs a new court house badly. The present building is entirely inadequate for the county's needs and its condition is believed to be unsafe by hundreds of the best people of the county. In urging a new court house we feel that we are urging a public improvement that is for the best interest of all of our people. Lets have a new court house, and there is no reason to delay the matter.—Abilene Reporter.

A step in that direction would be one of the best that the county could make for at this present time the financial condition of the country is in such shape that would make the building of a new court house a very easy thing and if there ever was a county that needed a court house it is Taylor.

### FACT ON NEWSPAPER LAW.

Judge James Ellison of the Kansas City Court of Appeals, handed down the following decision in the case of O. D. Austin of the Butler, (Mo.) Record by Burge, other members concurring and published 137 S. W. Reports, 618:

"The preparation and publication of a newspaper involves much mental and physical labor as well as an outlay of money. One who accepts the paper by continuously taking it from the post office receives a benefit and pleasure arising from such labor and expenditures as fully as if he had appropriated any other product of another's labor and by such act he must be held liable for the subscription price."

Most of the towns of Texas are recognizing April 25 as a day for the state clean-up of towns and all commercial clubs are taking the work in hand. As it happens Merkel is just a little ahead of the average towns of the state this year and has not only had a clean-up day but made a whole week of it, but to show that our hearts are set right we will not slander the occasion so if any particle of dust or other refuse substance is found in the city on that day it will no doubt be promptly hurried out of town, as it always is.

Out of 204 counties that have boys and girls out in competition for the prizes that are to be given by the Texas Industrial Congress, Taylor county stands 27th in the list of contestants with 36 of the Taylor county people having entered their names on the list as wanting part of the prizes. Ford county stands ahead in the list with 146 entrants and Nueches county second with 120.

Make the house-cleaning and yard-cleaning event of the same importance and the doctor will call less often.

## THE LAND AGENT

There is really no one who loves a fat man or a land agent, and unless I can rid myself of a lot of superfluous flesh and conduct my business so as to make clients of my friends and friends of my clients I am going to quit the land business and run for office on a platform calculated to suit everybody.

These remarks as a prelude for my column of the choicest bargains in West Texas are prompted by some of my experiences in the commission business. In my very short experience I have had but very little trouble because I try to be fair and square with all of my clients and then simply ask for the same kind of treatment coming back my way. The trouble in any business is not the fault of the business but rather that of the individuals interested and most all troubles in business are traceable to one cause—misunderstanding.

The laws are not favorable or unfavorable for a commission man against the client but are wisely written for the protection of both parties. A real estate contract is but an agreement between two parties and in which one must faithfully perform his duties to exact the same fulfillment on the part of the other party. If you agree to pay me a commission in the event I sell your farm I must sell your farm to collect my commission. You put the price on your farm and I put the price on my labor. If I get your price for you then you should be willing to pay me my small commission for my work.

The greatest trouble to my mind is the failure of parties to have a definite understanding and I want to have you know my contract and my way of doing business. If you have land to sell, I am confident I can serve your interests and earn my commission by finding you a buyer and if you are willing to give me the benefit of your very best price and terms and agree to pay me in the event I make you a deal I will do my level best. I must sell your land to collect my commission and when I do then you owe me that amount just the same as if I had grubbed mesquite trees or dug a ditch. Some people think selling land is just like shooting fish but it is a mistake. I have never yet found a "sucker" and never sold a piece of land to anybody but who knew more about the land when he saw it than I did. I am not very smart and never have claimed to know much about the business—just enough to know that I do not know it all, that I am not slick enough to fool anybody if I wanted to and that I have got to be honest and make good what I have to say. In the beginning I told the people I had just little enough sense to know a bargain when I saw it and that I was big enough fool to spend my money advertising it until I found a buyer who had both sense and money. This is the way I have done all of my business and in fact, all of my propositions have sold themselves after I got the man with the money to look at them. It is the only way to do business and I believe that I have done as much for the progress and development of my country since I have been in the land business as any man in any other occupation.

The business of the real estate agent is to exploit the real, genuine and bonafide opportunities of any town and country and the days of "wild-cat" exploitations and wilful misrepresentation are gone. The man who reaches the goal of success in this line or any other must travel the straight and narrow path and while I have no wings sprouting on me I reflect with some pleasure and satisfaction that my town, my country and my propositions have never yet disappointed any of my prospectors. We have got the best town and country in this section and now the best opportunities in the state and I took just as much interest and did just as much to advertise our opportunities and to show visitors and prospectors before engaging in the commission business as afterward. I had all but the monetary interest. I still have the same interest and then the commission. Now, I am after the commission, the money and when I earn a small amount I want the real dinero. It takes it to run the business and if you have any idea that a land agent does not need all that is coming to him forget, it and don't talk it around his creditors.

This is written so that we may become better acquainted and do business without any misunderstanding. If you will come in and tell me what you want I will tell you what I have got and if you have land to sell I will tell you how I will sell it and when you understand my real estate contract you will simply know it to be a fair deal for both of us. It will protect both of us and then there is no chance of the very probable VERBAL misunderstanding. It is the kind a fair man wants and if you are not willing to give me a square deal just because I am a poor real estate agent I can do without your business as well as you can do without my services. I am going to give people a fair deal and get a square one in return.

I have no favorites, all land owners look alike to me. I am in business for my health only except the commission and if you have land to sell better see me at once: Something doing.

### SOME FEW SPECIALS

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 \$27.50 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.

## JOHN G. JACKSON

Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel

# 10 PER CENT OFF

## ON ALL SHOES AND SLIPPERS, CLOTHING AND MEN AND BOYS' HATS AT

# Parten Dry Goods Co's

Our stocks in these three departments are entirely too large for the space in which we have to carry them and we have decided to make this extra reduction on our already low prices in order to reduce these departments to their regular size. **Two Weeks of the most Extraordinary Bargain Giving ever heard of at the Beginning of the Spring Season.** Now is the time to supply yourself with your spring and summer Footwear, Clothing and Hats. This 10 per cent reduction will be made on every article of merchandise in these three departments, including our "Packard" Low Cuts for Men and our "Selby" Low Cuts for Women. Thus

Our \$1.50 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only .....	<b>\$1.35</b>	Our \$4.50 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only.....	<b>\$4.10</b>
Our 2.00 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only .....	<b>1.80</b>	Our Men's \$1.00 work Pants will cost you only .....	<b>90c</b>
Our 2.50 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only .....	<b>2.25</b>	Our \$1.50 Dress Pants will cost you only.....	<b>1.35</b>
Our 3.00 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only .....	<b>2.70</b>	Our 2.00 Dress Pants will cost you only.....	<b>1.80</b>
Our 3.50 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only .....	<b>3.15</b>	The best suits in our store which were advertised to sell at	
Our 4.00 Shoes and Slippers will cost you only .....	<b>3.60</b>	\$12.50 will cost you only.....	<b>11.25</b>

Thus this 10 per cent reduction will be made on prices that were advertised in our Spring Opening Sale, making an extra 10 per cent reduction on our already low prices. It will pay you to get busy quick.

**THIS 10 PER CENT EXTRA REDUCTION WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY 2 WEEKS**

**Parten Dry Goods Company** MERKEL'S EXCLUSIVE  
CASH STORE

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Phoebe Foy is in Clyde this week visiting her sister.

G. M. Sharp wants all your chop and bran sacks.

Miss Willie Bigham was a visitor to Fort Worth last week.

See our ad in this issue. Howell Produce Company.

Mrs. Austin Boyd was a visitor to Abilene Saturday to see her parents.

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

Rev. J. W. Saffle made a trip to Abilene Saturday returning the same evening.

Free with cash bills at J. P. Sharp's, Bonita Gold China cup and saucer or china table set.

W. W. Wheeler, Jack Provine and O. H. Cordell were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

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

Mrs. J. A. Buford and mother, Mrs. McKay, were Abilene visitors Wednesday morning.

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

Mrs. O. W. Williams went to Abilene Saturday to take her little daughter Nora for further treatment at the sanitarium.

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.

Mrs. O. W. Williams returned from Abilene Wednesday afternoon, where she had made the second trip since our last issue to take her little daughter, Nora, for operation. On returning it was found that the operation was of minor importance, and that the child's condition was doing very well.

If your sack of flour does not show the American Beauty Rose it is not the best you can buy with cash. Kent St. Gr. & Gro. Co.

Will McGar of Stanton was here last week visiting his sisters Mesdames Groene and Comegys. Mr. McGar departed on the mid-night train Friday night.

Our money is not so good but what we can and will pay cash for your eggs and produce. Whitley, Son & Company.

Miss Gertrude Thornton returned from San Antonio Tuesday evening after having spent a few days as the local Praetorian representative in that city.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson came in Wednesday afternoon from Abilene on a visit to the former's parents.

Be sure and visit our store Friday. You will be served with coffee and cake free. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

A new boy is reported at the home of Thos. McGee of Blair the youngster making his arrival Sunday.

Our regular trade getter. Alta Vista cream at Burroughs.

### ANSWERS THE CALL

**Merkel People Have Found that this is True.**

A cold, a strain, a sudden wrench, a little cause may hurt the kidneys. Spells of backache often follow or some irregularity of the urine. A splendid remedy for such attacks, a medicine that has cured thousands is Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands of people rely upon it. Here is one case:

J. W. Hendrick, farmer, Route 1, Anson, Texas, says: "I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as a first-class kidney remedy. I have used them and also know of many other people who have taken them with good results. Several years ago I had a very severe case of kidney trouble. My back was lame and I was not able to do my usual work.

Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills so highly recommended I obtained a box and as the result of their use, I was cured."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### Notice of Election.

In conformity with an order passed by the Board of Trustees of Merkel Independent School District, on the 5th day of April 1912, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City Hall in Merkel, in the said Merkel Independent School District, on the 4th day of May 1912, for the purpose of electing three (3) Trustees for said district.

R. E. Counts is duly appointed Manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general laws of this state.

I. S. Allen, Pres. School Board.  
1913 J. H. Warnick, Secretary.

### 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.

Mesdames I. S. Allen and R. A. Martin returned from Abilene Monday afternoon where they have been attending relatives in the sanitarium. Mrs. Allen reports the condition of Mrs. W. Parten as being just fine and that an early recovery is expected. Mrs. Martin was there to attend Mr. Martin while he underwent an operation for an unknitted broken arm. Mrs. H. Turner says the condition of Alec Wisdom is as good as could be expected just now and that if nothing new develops he will be in condition to return here in a short time.

Rowden cotton seed, 65c per bu.; maize seed, 3c per lb.; kaffir seed, 3c per lb.; millet seed, 3c per lb.; Red Top seed, \$1.00 per bu. Kent St. Grain & Grocery Co.

J. R. Adcock received a letter last week from his daughter Mrs. Belle Kunze of Fort Worth stating that she was suffering some from the effects of vaccination but a later report states that she is getting along fine.

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.

Mrs. W. Parten and sister Miss Lurlyne Long went to Abilene Friday where Mrs. Parten is to enter the Alexander sanitarium for treatment.

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.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Plenty corn and oats at G. M. Sharp's.

Don't forget our treat Friday. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

G. M. Cauthen and G. J. Robbins made a business trip to Putnam Wednesday.

Ask to see our hand painted china dinner sets and Gold China cups, they're free. J. P. Sharp.

W. A. Scott and J. D. Southworth were business visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Alta Vista ice cream at H. C. Burroughs.

J. G. Rainer of Floydada was here this week looking after business interests.

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

Felix Jones was in town Tuesday and Wednesday looking after the sheriff race and attending business.

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

C. V. Bigham returned from Midland last week after having spent a few days in that city shaking hands with old friends.

We have had a good rain so come in and try a sack of White Dove Flour. It's better. Whitley, Son & Company.

Miss Eva Williams went to Abilene Tuesday to see little Nora Williams who was operated on there Tuesday.

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.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### A Pleasant Evening.

Saturday evening April 13 the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson was the scene of a beautifully planned entertainment for the seniors, high school teachers and a few friends of the juniors. The juniors were hosts and hostesses for this delightful occasion. The juniors assisted by Mrs. Johnson and Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler had decorated one room in gold and white, the 1912 class colors. Old rose and silver, the class colors for 1913 were used in another room. A miscellaneous room was given over to college and high school pennants.

Various games were played. Bunco and 42 were given preference. Music selections were given and greatly enjoyed. Delicious sherbet and small cakes were served. This came as a complete surprise as earlier in the evening the juniors had served the guests with red stick candy and a glass of water. Hand painted favors were given to the guests. These favors were small pennants in old rose and silver carrying out the class colors.

The guests of honor were Misses Minnie Harris, Clara and Murtice Saffle, Leola Coats, Clementine Barker, Faye Lowrey, Messrs. John West, Rufford Evans, Sam Swann.

A postponed meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams Saturday afternoon April 13. The sand storm brought forth a few excuses. Those who braved the elements were more than repaid. The lesson under the leadership of Miss Long was splendid. The program was carried out with the exception of one member. We had two young guests, Misses Ina May Adams, Lucile Edwards who played and sang several selections of late music. Yes, we will remember these little sunbeams. Ina May was radiantly happy as she poured punch to each. As we lingered to talk with her the smiling face of Lucile Edwards greeted us over the bowl of violets that had been daintily arranged in bunches and were pinned on us as souvenirs of a pleasant and profitable afternoon spent in the Adams home. The club will meet this week in regular session with Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Prof. Black's class of boys entertained Dr. Warnick's class of girls at the home of Prof. Black Friday evening. Several progressive games were played in which Miss Roxie Moon and George Smith were winners. They received a beautiful box of—candy? No. The box held a horned toad that completely surprised the champions and their friends. Bananas and other fruits were served to those present who were Misses Faye Allen, Zora West, Almeda Harris, Roxie Moon, Murtice Saffle, Bessie Touchstone, Dorothy Lee Potter, Eva Calvert, Jackie Jennings, Mattie Christopher, Messrs. Emmett and Ennis Grimes, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Raymond Touchstone, Roger Hamblet, Ollie Shaffer, ShirHe King, George Smith, Conna Adams, Ulyses McNeas, Noel Moore.

The Baraca class of the Methodist church met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. F. Shaffer in a regular business meeting. The following officers were elected for the 2nd quarter: President Dennis McDonald, V-President Ernest Duckett, Ira Shaffer Secretary, Adam Sibley Asst. Secretary, John Moore Treasurer, Taylor Jennings Asst. Treasurer.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the Baptist church Monday afternoon in a social meeting. A short business session was held in which a special course in Bible study was planned. The second and third Mondays will be devoted to the Bible Study Class. All members of the church are requested to join this work.

### 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.



# YOURS

Yours for uniformity.

Yours for greatest leavening power.

Yours for never failing results.

Yours for purity.

Yours for economy.

Yours for everything that goes to make up a strictly high grade, ever-dependable baking powder.

That is Calumet. Try it once and note the improvement in your baking. See how much more economical over the high-priced trust brands, how much better than the cheap and big-can kinds.

Calumet is highest in quality—moderate in cost.

Received Highest Award—World's Pure Food Exposition.

Saturday evening Mrs. E. Hall served a six o'clock dinner. The married teachers and their wives were guests of honor. Places were laid for Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Routh, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Black, Misses Bessie Medlen—Melissa Smith, Jewell Garrett, Mattie Murphy and Faye Lowrey.

### 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.

### League Program.

Topic, The Desolation of Emptiness.  
Leader, Miss Willie Coats.  
Song, The Fight is on.  
Responsive reading.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Report on Isaiah—Noel Moore.  
Scripture lesson, Isa. 24:1-6; Luke 13:34-35.  
Condition of Samaria and Judah—Miss Burnice Rainbolt.  
Reasons for this evil condition—Ralph Bradley.  
Our danger as a nation—Miss Jewell Pate.  
Our needs as a nation—Miss Eva Williams.  
Our personal duty—Miss Allie Jennings.  
Prayer.  
Song, America.  
Debate, Resolved, That ---- is our greatest national evil—Messrs. T. A. Johnson, H. C. Williams, John Moore and Simpson Christopher.  
Special music, violin and piano.  
Offering.  
Miscellaneous.  
Benediction.

### 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.

### Civic Improvement Prizes.

For the best kept premises, entire grounds and alley—1st prize, \$20.00 in gold by the First State Bank and Southern National Bank and one-half dozen pictures by the Groene Studio; 2nd prize, Merkel Light Company \$7.50 in wiring house or \$5.00 in merchandise; Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company \$5.00 in merchandise.

Best kept shade trees—1st prize, J. P. Sharp, \$3.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Anchor Hardware Company \$3.50 in merchandise.

Best kept alley by boy under 15—1st prize, West Texas Hardware Company \$5.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hogue-Hamilton Company \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard—1st prize, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company \$4.00 in merchandise, 2nd prize, Parten Dry Goods Company \$2.50 in Merchandise.

The most artistic vine covered back fence—1st prize, Elite Confectionery \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Merkel Oil & Cotton Company \$1.00 cash.

The most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda—1st prize, S. S. Scheidler, Jeweler, \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hamblet & Rogers \$1.00 cash.

For the prettiest and most artistically arranged flower bed by girl under 15 years—1st prize, Banner & Son \$3.00 music roll; 2nd prize, Burton-Lingo Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest rose border or bed—1st prize, W. L. Harkrider \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Bradshaw Grocery Company \$1.00 cash.

Best kept lawn—1st prize, Rust & McCauley Jewelry \$2.50 in merchandise, Merkel Mail \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize, Star Store \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best general collection of flowers—1st prize, Armstrong Drug Company \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Clark & Allen \$1.00 cash.

Best canna kept by boy or girl under 12 years—1st prize, Merkel Lumber Company \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize H. C. Burroughs \$1.00 in merchandise.

Best kept nasturium bed—1st prize, R. A. McClain Drug Company \$2.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, W. M. O'Brian \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot—Rust & McCauley Drug Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest geranium in pot—Merkel Telegram \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest fern in pot—G. M. Sharp Feed Store \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest carnation in pot—Whitley Grocery Company sack best flour.

Prettiest pot of ice plant—Merkel Telegram 1 year's subscription.

The merchants have made it possible to offer the above prizes. We desire to have each man, woman and child in Merkel interested in civic improvement to enter for one or more of these prizes. Entries should be made by May 1, 1912. The contest closes Oct. 15, 1912.

When you wish to enter for any of the above prizes phone to Mrs. W. H. Dickson. It is the wish of the Twentieth Century Club that a number of entries be made for each prize. Let all join in this laudable work for a cleaner, prettier and healthier Merkel. Just a little work each day will accomplish wonders.

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Songs.  
Prayer.  
Matt. 18:28—Lola Armstrong.  
Matt. 28:20—Hazel Harkrider.  
Phil. 4:19—Mabel McNeas,  
Maet. 18:20—Rosa Laney.  
John 3:36—Katherine Pettit.  
Matt. 10:32—Mona T. Christopher.  
John 14:2—Marion Johnson.  
Ps. 103:13—W. L. Harkrider, Jr.  
Matt. 6:33—Raymond Clements.  
John 3:16—Eula Ayers.  
Benediction.

"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.

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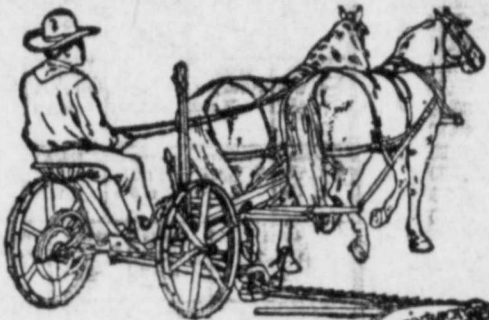
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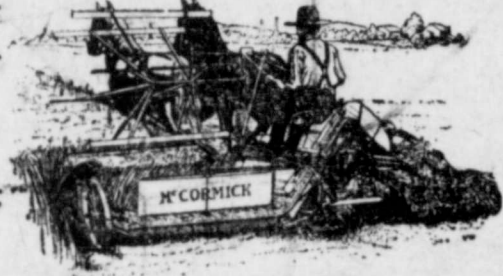
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### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Salt Branch News.

April 16—Miss Annie Higgins was the guest of Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were visiting Misses Essie and Dewie Floyd Saturday.

Several of the Warren young people attended singing here Sunday evening. J. L. Barker and wife attended preaching at Stith Sunday and were guests of Ezra Barker and wife.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were visiting Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annie Higgins spent Saturday evening with Misses Gardie and Lula Higgins.

Grandma Barker spent last week with Ezra Barker and wife near Warren.

Mrs. Hays was shopping in Merkel Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hester and daughter Miss Ora were visiting Mrs. Higgins and daughter Miss Gardie one evening last week.

Grandma Hays is visiting Mrs. Mae West of Merkel this week.

Jim Rainer of Floydada is visiting Ellis Petty and family.

Grandma Allen has been right poorly the last week.

Mrs. Barker visited Grandma Allen one evening last week.

Dr. Adkisson was called out to see little Earl Beavers Saturday evening. The little fellow is resting well at this writing.

Clyde Williams was taking in the sights at Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Taylor was visiting Grandma Allen Thursday evening.

Miss Gardie Higgins was visiting the Misses Smith Friday afternoon.

Misses Ida Taylor, Cora and Alma Hays were guests of Miss Ruth Allen Sunday.

Walter and Eush Buford attended singing at Merkel Sunday night.

Misses Maggie Allen was visiting Miss Neva Hays Sunday.

Mesdames Lyles and Robertson were visiting Mrs. Porter Petty Sunday.

Lester Wheat came in Friday accompanied by his brother John who returned home Sunday.

Miss Annie Higgins spent Sunday

morning with Miss Gardie Higgins. Mr. and Mrs. Roach from Caps were guests at Bob Allen's Sunday. Miss Osee Teaff is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Harris were visiting at Bob Allen's Sunday. Several men and boys were out hunting Tuesday. Blue-Eyed Girl.

#### Shiloh Clippings.

April 15—Outside of a few sandstorms we are having very nice weather again and every one is rushing their planting now. Most all have some feedstuff up which seems to be doing nicely.

On last Friday night there was a party at Earnest Sellers a large crowd being present and all report a nice time.

Many Shiloh folks attended the meeting at Noodle Sunday where dinner was served on the ground.

Sunday morning there was a nice crowd out at Sunday school.

Sunday night the singing class met Mr. Mayberry's for practice. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Ideal Howell of Trent was visiting here Sunday also being present at the singing practice.

Monday night we were visited by wind, rain and hail. The hail did not do much damage and the rain which was badly needed was welcomed by all. Cotton is coming up and will do nicely after our little shower. Booster.

#### Mulberry News.

April 16—We are having some more rainy weather.

The farmers are busy planting cotton this week. Some maize is coming up.

Mrs. Sallie Harrison made a business trip to Abilene last Friday.

Misses Ethel and Eula Culp and Ollie Rogers spent Sunday with Misses Stella and Lillian Watts.

Mrs. John Barnes is reported worse at this writing.

Miss Nora Harrison and brother Marvin have been visiting friends in Abilene this week.

D. H. Glover and wife of Noodle visited their daughter Mrs. Annie Rogers Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Singing at Mr. Bird's Sunday night. Dewdrops.

#### Inkum Items.

April 16—Mr. Permitter of Merkel made a business trip to this section Tuesday.

J. W. V. Holmes, banker of Sweetwater with a party of friends came out to Inkum and over to his pasture in an auto Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Oklahoma came in to visit awhile with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McWilliams on Wednesday.

The literary society met Friday night. An excellent program and a crowded house is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher of Merkel parents of Miss Gladys Christopher, teacher of Elm Grove school, visited their daughter Saturday and Sunday.

Madison Denton and wife are entertaining a son at their home since Thursday.

Clifford Perry and wife visited the former's parents at Dora Sunday.

G. W. Wilson made a business trip to Ballinger the latter part of the week.

Some of the young people of this section attended a party at John D. Porter's near Dora Saturday night.

A little child of A. J. Booth's was thrown into a state of coma Tuesday by inhaling the fumes from an empty oil can. The little fellow remained in this condition for several hours.

There were quite a number of people present at the singing Sunday afternoon at Mr. Culbirth's.

C. C. Barnes of Castle Perk community was at Inkum Monday on business.

Mr. Carter of Tuscola attended the meeting of the literary society Friday night.

Farmers are busy planting feed and cotton these bright days. Observer.

#### Blair Echoes.

April 16—R. C. Lyon of Buffalo Gap was here this week on business.

E. M. Sherman and W. A. Hall have moved two business houses over in Halltown.

Roland Goens was at Buffalo Gap and Abilene last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere visited relatives at Weaver Springs Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Dean is very sick with pneumonia we regret to announce.

F. D. Addison attended to business at Herndon Tuesday.

Prof. and Mrs. McGehee have a fine son stopping at their home since Sunday.

Miss Jessie Williams visited home-folks at Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayburn of Alabama are here to make this their future home.

Miss Mattie Reeves was shopping in Merkel Tuesday.

Clarence Demere who has been here visiting relatives left Tuesday for Corpus Christi and Aransas Pass.

We regret very much to announce the serious illness of H. E. Stubbs.

Walter Clark and family of Merkel visited Wm. Clark and family Sunday.

Zelma and Dillard Snow from White Church were Blair visitors Saturday.

Misses Gladys Demere and Nora Bloxom of Weaver Springs were shopping at Blair Saturday.

Joe Brown was a Merkel visitor Saturday. Quida.

#### Dora Doings.

April 16—This country was visited Monday night by another big rain which was very much appreciated although we had a good season before it came.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitaker are the proud parents of a big boy.

The farmers of this community had begun to plant in good earnest when stopped by the rain.

Adrian Phillips, wife and child visited friends in the Canyon Sunday.

Tom and Oal Oliver went over west of Nolan to break sod.

There was a party given at J. D. Porter's Saturday night which was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Lillie Garvin spent Sunday night with Miss Eula Elliott.

We are glad to know that Lansford Brownfield is able to be at home again.

C. F. Sanders visited in Nolan Sunday. Jack.

#### 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.

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#### Butman Community.

April 15—The grain crops in this part of the country are beginning to need rain. Most all the farmers are busy planting cotton and feed.

The Sunday School at this place is progressing nicely with a large attendance each Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Neighbors visited Mrs. Sam Butman Friday afternoon.

Rev. Busby preached at the school house Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Several young people from Nubia attended church here Sunday.

A farewell party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Porter Saturday night in honor of Miss Ida Brien teacher of the Prairie View school. A large crowd of friends were present among whom were several from Inkum. Many games were indulged in until the clock struck twelve and told them it was time to go home. Everyone assured the hostess that they had a fine time.

A large crowd attended the singing at Mr. Dalby's Sunday afternoon.

Earl Perkins made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

Several of the young people of this community made a geological survey of Castle peak the other day. After reaching the summit and reviewing the surrounding country they proceeded to examine the formation of the rocks. Sam Butman, Jr. said that without a shadow of a doubt the peak was once covered with water and Theo. Clark found a curious kind of stone which was round and smooth. He said he believed it was a petrified eye of a hippopotamus or some other salt water fish. After they had lunch prepared by Misses Victoria Warlick and Bamma Richburg they returned home bringing souvenirs of their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughan left Monday for Choctote, N. M., where he has accepted a position with the Rock Island railroad.

The Live Oak literary society will meet Friday night April 19.

Nan The Nipper.

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