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STREET CARNIVAL DURING NEXT WEEK

Beginning with Monday Merkel will put on a grand spring carnival that will last throughout the entire week. The Southern Amusement Company, which furnishes the major portion of the interesting features of the carnival, is a first class company in every respect and will render an up-to-date and strictly high class entertainment.

Among other unique features will be an old time plantation show, with a genuine colored band; the renowned Col. Faulkner, with his big wild animal show, giving daily exhibitions; the "Temple of Mirth," known also as the "Crazy House," will be a noteworthy feature; fresh from the great Venetian Exposition, the "Bohemian Glass Blowers," will show their wonderful skill; Professor Henley's Vaudeville Show will prove an attraction, being one of the most mirth provoking shows ever exhibited; in the "Congress of World's Wonders," the visitor will behold objects that will prove truly wonderful and entertaining, being one of the most wonderful aggregations of rare animals ever collected. Among them may be mentioned the famous talking cockatoo, the waltzing mice, that without any training, waltz and perform many other ludicrous antics. In the Reptile Show all the known species of snakeship is represented.

On the streets each evening, and in full view of everybody, Capt. "Dare Devil" Brown will make his famous and spectacular leap, headforemost, from a ladder 100 feet high.

The largest Ferris Wheel that is capable of transportation will be here for the accommodation of those who wish to make an ascension, also a "merry-go-round." A band of fifteen pieces will give free concerts each afternoon and night.

During the week of the carnival merchants will offer goods at prices that will be special inducements to the purchaser. These goods in many cases have just arrived, are new, fresh and up-to-date. People who live at a distance from Merkel are especially invited to come and enjoy the weeks' festivities and do their spring shopping at places where special inducements are made to the buyer.

To the Voters.

We are authorized this week to place the name of W. H. Sewell in our announcement column as a candidate for county judge of Taylor county. We respectfully submit the name and request the voters to give the claims of Mr. Sewell due consideration when placing their vote for we are confident that if elected he would make a good man for the position.

Personal guarantee on Hess insect powder, stock and poultry food at Armstrong Drug Co.

J. M. Williams came in from Abilene Wednesday afternoon to transact business.

BIG PICNIC HERE JULY 2, 3, AND 4

Every person get ready for the three big days picnic to be had at the usual place, Cozart Lake five miles south of Merkel. It will be a three days affair and is starting early in order to be a success.

The attractions for those days will be of varied kinds and amusements of different kinds will be there. Old soldiers reunion will be a feature of the gathering and the county candidates are to have speaking dates almost to suit themselves.

Base ball and horse racing will be one of the best attractions as a ball game is promised for every day by fast playing teams solely to interest our local fans. Then the racing will be apart from the grounds but close enough that all who want to can attend.

Lodges will be represented in full at this gathering and committees will be appointed from various organizations to look after their respective needs and interests. All are requested to look into this and to do anything they can to herald this gathering as an attraction that will bring people from out of town to see the Merkel country.

A complete line of fishing tackle and base ball goods. Armstrong Drug Co.

CARNIVAL QUEEN TO BE ELECTED

A rather unique and interesting feature of the spring Carnival week will be a voting contest conducted by the Local Fire Department for the most popular lady of Merkel.

Voting boxes have been placed at the different drug stores and votes are one cent each. Each contestant that is nominated receives with her first vote 100 free votes. Any unmarried lady is eligible. The votes will be counted at 4 o'clock each evening showing the standing of each candidate and the contest will be closed at 10 o'clock Wednesday night May 1 with one hour of voting from 9 until 10. The last bulletin will be posted at 9 o'clock and there will be one hour of silent voting.

The lady receiving the highest number of votes besides being crowned queen of the carnival and elected sponsor of the fire department will receive as a memento of the occasion a beautiful diamond ring now on display in the window of Rust & McCauley's drug store.

Stith Singing.

There will be an old-folks singing at Stith the 3rd Sunday in May. The old folks are requested to be present. Bring your Sacred Harp song books and also your dinner baskets well filled and enjoy a feast of songs. Committee.

The cigars are moist at Armstrong Drug Store.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.

For District Offices.....	\$7.50
For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
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W. H. Sewell

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Felix R. Jones

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J. W. Red
J. W. Christopher

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H. Rob. Keeble

For County Clerk:
W. J. (Dub) Young

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J. C. Burleson

For Tax Assessor:
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For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:
J. L. Banner

For Public Weigher, Merkel:
H. H. Tittle

For County Superintendent
J. S. Smith

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Tax Collector
W. R. Cranston

Commencement Sermon May 5.

The first work in connection with the closing of the city schools will take place Sunday morning. This will be a commencement sermon delivered by Rev. Woodward of the St. Paul church of Abilene.

This will be of special interest to all the students whether they are connected with the high school work or not and it is the wishes of the faculty that all school children be present to hear this sermon for it is calculated to be of special benefit to them.

It is not known yet where the commencement exercises will be held but Rev. Woodward will preach at the Methodist church at the above mentioned hour.

Will S. Frederickson of Toyah was here Monday visiting his parents. He has returned to that place to renew his duties with the railroad as inspector of cattle for the western division. Mr. Frederickson is an old believer in the Merkel country having made this place his home for a number of years and we are glad to see him in his present position.

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.

PLANT COW PEAS SAYS AGENT PEEL

Special Demonstration Agent Peel for Taylor county appeals to the farmers in this manner as to the cow pea. Suppose a merchant should wake up to a realization of the fact that his business was becoming run down at the heel and that he was not receiving the patronage or results that were desired. Wouldn't it be business policy for him to set to work to remedy the trouble and try to place his business again on a profitable basis? Just so with you Mr. Farmer. Look around and see if you have not been robbing your land by the practice of growing cotton continuously and never planting any humus into the land to help retain the original fertility of same.

So he urges you to plant any kind of field peas. They at present prices are a good money crop, besides they are the best soil building crop that you can plant. Try a few acres of kaffir corn or milo maize in six foot rows alternated peas, and after harvesting the grain and a portion of the pea crop, then turn under the stalks and pea vines while yet green and see what excellent results you will obtain. He considers this a very important matter and should have your immediate attention. Yes, peas and prosperity go hand in hand.

JUDGE RAMSEY ON TUESDAY MORNING

The Mail is advised by the Ramsey club at Abilene that Judge Ramsey has arranged to speak at Merkel Tuesday morning, April 30th at 9:30 o'clock and the place will be announced and advertised later by his friends and supporters. The Cleburne candidate is a clear and forceful speaker and our people are urged to be present and hear him discuss the issues of the present campaign.

Demonstration a Success.

The demonstration held at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co's. store Friday was a complete success and Messrs. Hilburn and Davis the men in charge said that their demonstration sales were the heaviest that they had at any such occasion as more Maxwell House coffee and Inner Seal cakes were sold at that time than at any other place where they had held demonstrations. Miss Blain, the lady who was instrumental in making the feed a success, served some 500 people with coffee and cakes during the day and threatened to quit at six o'clock in accordance with union regulations but so many more were to be fed that she continued to help the hearty appetites with more coffee and cakes.

Mrs. J. R. Hester is in Roscoe this week visiting Mrs. Jarmon of that place.

Fifty-three different kinds of perfume and toilet water at Armstrong Drug Co.

JURY SAYS NORRIS IS NOT GUILTY

The jury in the case of J. Frank Norris charged with perjury, returned a verdict of not guilty at 2:20 Wednesday afternoon.

At the time the verdict was read Dr. Norris was not in the court room but his wife thanked each of the jurors in person as the people filed from the court room. It is said that when the verdict was read that a great cheering broke loose in the court room and it was some minutes before the judge could get order.

When George Harris clerk of the court read the verdict the women of the crowd gathered about Mrs. Norris and began to sing "Tis The Old Time Religion" and "We Shall Meet On That Beautiful Shore." Many of the women wept when they saw Mrs. Norris begin to wipe the tears away from her eyes.

At the Opera House.

Manager Barbee of the Opera House takes pleasure in announcing that he has secured the Lasserre Comedy Company for a two nights engagement here commencing Friday April 26. This is one of the strongest Stock organizations ever organized to play the south and comes here on a positive guarantee of your money's worth or your money back.

The plays selected for this engagement are Mr. Brady's successful comedy of college life, "Pals" and Nat C. Goodwin's greatest success, "When we were 21."

The Dallas Times-Herald of Sept. 18, says: "The presentation of 'Pals' at the Orpheum Theatre by the Lasserre Comedy Co. played to a capacity house. Miss Summers is featured as the star and her success was marked. It is a story of college life at Harvard, with all traditions kept true, and the characters aptly portrayed, as the author of the play, a Harvard graduate, intended. The new play bears out the impression made by the Lasserre Comedy Co. during their last three weeks, that it is a creditable stock organization, that puts on its offerings with full attention to detail. In fact, the best company ever playing Dallas at popular prices.

Scarborough to Speak Here.

Saturday afternoon at three o'clock Hon. Dallas Scarborough will speak at the opera house on the issues of the campaign for District Judge of the District. Many of the Merkel people heard Mr. Scarborough when in debate with Judge Blanton his opponent at Abilene a few days ago and all reported good speeches by each of the men. It is Mr. Scarborough's request that all who can will come out and hear him and he also wishes to meet as many of the people in person as possible.

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Blanton Not Guilty.

Within ten minutes after the charge of Judge D. G. Hill, special judge in the case against Judge Blanton charging him with violating the quarantine restrictions which he was placed under, was read to the jury Monday afternoon, a verdict of not guilty was returned.

After the reading of the verdict some one started to applaud, but Judge Hill quickly admonished them and stopped it.

Judge Blanton then asked Judge Hill that he be permitted to thank the jury, which request was allowed.

The trial consumed the entire day, ending at about 5:30 in the afternoon. Judge Blanton acted as his own attorney while County Attorney Overshiner prosecuted.

The jury was as follows: Sam Reed, H. P. Lindsey, Luther Clark, W. H. Tinnen, J. T. King, and W. E. Harris.

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?"
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- Royal Patent flour..... 2.80
- Queen of the West flour... 2.60
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- Shell corn..... 1.05
- Shell corn..... 1.00
- Corn chops..... 1.85
- Kaffir chops..... 1.80
- Kaffir chops..... 1.75
- Wheat bran..... 1.75
- Oats, 5 bu. sacks..... 75c
- Cottonseed meal..... 1.60
- Meal and hulls..... 1.00
- Prairie hay..... 50c
- Alfalfa hay, per hundred... 1.40

SEEDS

- Rowden cotton seed per bu. 65c
- Maize seed per bu..... 1.50
- Red Top per bu..... 1.00
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WOLTERS MAKES
 GOOD IMPRESSION

Col. J. F. Wolters, candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Bailey spoke to the Merkel people here Tuesday afternoon.

There was a big attendance from the country, Nubia having an extra large delegation and the opera house was packed to its capacity. The distinguished candidate was introduced by Thos. A. Johnson in a short but appropriate speech and Col. Wolters made a good democratic talk to those present and judging from the comments made a favorable impression on our people.

Mr. Wolters was traveling in his Pullman automobile and had with him a chauffeur and press agent. A number of Abilene people were here to hear him and to mingle with our people.

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Blanton To Speak Here May 2.

Hon. Thos. L. Blanton will be in Merkel Thursday afternoon to speak to the voters on the issues of the campaign as are brought out in the race for Dist. Judge. The place for the speaking has not yet been chosen but will be announced in public later.

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AS REPORTED TO COMMISSIONER OF BANKING APRIL 18, 1912

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$41,588.08	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Surplus and Profits	2,180.62
Assessment Guaranty Fund	43.44	Bills Payable	None
Furniture & F. & R. E.	4,983.29	Rediscouunts	None
Cash and Exchange	16,863.06	Deposits	46,637.18
Total	\$63,817.80	Total	\$63,817.80

We call attention to the above statement of our condition as reported at close of business the 18th of April, 1912. The deposits of this Bank have increased since the last statement and at a time when naturally the deposits should decrease. There is a reason for this increase and we ask that you call and let us explain the reason. We are never too busy to talk to you.

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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 each with order \$1.50. NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES. NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not get 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. 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 5 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 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. Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above. Our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices. DO NOT WAIT but write us a postal today. DO NOT THINK OF BUYING a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.

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 "Wot mikes yer t'ink dat kinder dope?" inquired Ragweed Reggie, the Roving Reprobate.
 "Becuz if we hadenter went an' helped ourselves to dat cold ham in dat summer kitchen we'd never have seen dem winter clothes hangin' there!"--Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Same Thing.
 "And he said he was willing to die for me?"
 "Not exactly in those words, but that was the impression he was evidently trying to convey."
 "What did he say?"
 "He said he was ready to eat your cooking any time you said the word."
 --Houston Post

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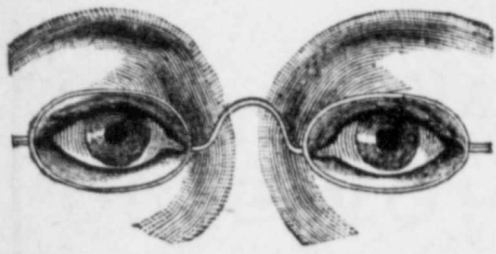
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Grandma Neill Dead.

Death knocked at the door and from the home of Mrs. Eliza Neill took from it that aged lady who has so long been a resident of the Merkel country and one who was well loved by all.

Mrs. Neill at the time of her death was 83 years of age and from that cause came her death which was regretted by all who knew her. She is survived by several children, Alec Neill of Winkler county, Thos. Neill of Trent, R. J. Neill and Mrs. J. L. McRee both of the Merkel country and George Neill of Milam county. She was a member of the Baptist church. Interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery in this city on Monday Rev. Scott of Trent conducting the services.

The Mail extends sympathy to the bereaved knowing well the consolation they have in giving up one so dear and that she has secured a happy home in the great beyond.

Anti-Slang Society.

The girls in a neighboring town have an anti-slang society. A certain Miss was elected president. Asked if she would accept, she replied: "Sure Mike, but gosh, girls, I am so rattled in my cupola that I'm certainly short on Gab. We are certainly hitting the high places and I never tumbled to such a poise before, but when I give you the high ball I expect you to get there, Eli, and whoop'er up for all that's out; I think I'm up to snuff enough so the flies won't light on me while doing the president stunt of this society act, but I won't stand for any monkey-doodle business from you gals while I'm running the ranch. We gals ought to extend an invite to the married ladies to get out and help us shoot this anti-slang business—it's getting to be fierce."—Longview Times-Clarion.

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New Bridge.

A new bridge is being built at the east end of North Front street has been detoured out of its course in order that travel could cross the small creek that furnishes the passage of refuse water from the central and south part of town. The new bridge is to be a substantial one of rock piers and will with the abutments be about 60 feet long so arranged that the street travel will not be changed in its course when going over that street.

San Angelo Negress Killed.

A clipping from the Abilene Reporter gives the news of a killing in San Angelo in which an Abilene negress Sallie Hill fired a shot from a shot gun and almost instantly killed Leile Brown of that place.

After being locked up in the jail at San Angelo Sallie refused to make any statement further than to say that she had a cause for killing the other negress.

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

We handle Hughes famous candies. All fresh. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. W. T. Thompson of Big Springs returned to her home after coming to Merkel in answer to a call to attend the funeral of her sister Mrs. Mary Dean.

Carnival week and carnival prices. Make our store your headquarters while in town. We are glad to have you with us. Whitley, Son & Co.

Next week all box candies at cost at the Elite.

While visiting the Carnival next week drop in at our store. Make it your headquarters.

Burroughs Drug Store.

For Hail Insurance on growing crops in old line companies. See Williams & Johnson.

Merkel, Texas.

Mrs. George Cary of Ira has been here the past week visiting the families of Mrs. Touchstone and Ellis. She returned by the way of Anson Tuesday morning.

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

The very best cold drinks and cigars at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Janie Roberts of Arthur, N. M., was in Merkel Tuesday on her way to Abilene to enter school. While here she was visiting friends.

We want you to bring in your produce to our store and buy your wants during carnival week. We have everything in the grocery line. Whitley, Son & Co.

Last chance to get a box of candies at cost. Elite.

Notice.

I will be in Abilene on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May attending the State Dental Convention.

O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

See us for Red Top Sorghum seed. Whitley, Son & Co.

Special Examinations.

On May 2, 3 and 4th there will be held in Abilene special examinations for the benefit of the ones who wish to take the examinations before the regular June term, it is also for the benefit of teachers who have certificates that expire before June.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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NEARER MY GOD TO THE.

The brave men and women who perished with the sinking Titanic went to their last resting place on the ocean's bed with "Nearer My God to Thee" on their lips. They were true martyrs who gave their lives that others might be saved.

What more impressive and what more pitiful spectacle can the imagination conceive, and what more heroic? "Nearer My God to Thee" was the funeral dirge chanted as the giant took the final plunge.

The great ocean was flecked with foam, the drifting lifeboats were lost in the distant darkness. The lights of the Titanic burned to the last. The eyes of those who had been saved were directed to the trembling and shattered mass of steel. Their hearts were with those who must in a few seconds meet certain death. Then from the decks of the great ship came the song, like a sob—"Nearer My God to Thee." It floated with impressive echoes over the restless water. There was a hush. The boats floated on silently. The sound of the song grew fainter. There was a sudden noise. The once powerful vessel arose in the air, then plunged into the ocean.

It was a fitting requiem, it was a noble anthem, it was a beautiful death song.

Nowhere in the world's history can be found detailed a tragedy of such pathos, nor can the mind of man imagine a scene more exquisite in its impressive agony.

Here were 1,595 human souls facing certain death, knowing that their lives were about to end, and their souls were preparing for that eternal flight, turning their eyes toward the dark heaven above and letting their hearts make a final appeal for peace in a hymn so beautiful, so sublime.

It is finished. The story of the disaster has been told. Men and women in this world are easy to forget. Soon the great tragedy of the Atlantic will become but a memory. But the song will live forever.

What an opportunity there is for a master mind to paint this tragic picture, what a chance for the poet to pour out his soul in descriptive eloquence but none are so great that they can portray the pitiful pathos of the midnight scene, nor can any one, unless he stood on the decks of the sinking ship, realize the infinite power there is in this wonderful hymn.

It brought peace to those who felt the cold clutch of death. It lessened the pangs of parting. It paved the way for the final dissolution.

"Nearer My God to Thee," and in a few brief seconds 1,595 agonized souls were gathered to the arms of their maker.—Commercial Appeal.

The Statistical Bureau of the Agricultural Department has announced the highest monthly wages paid in Wyoming, \$39.00 per month with board, and the lowest wages are paid in South Carolina, \$11.90 per month with board. The average farm wages in the United States is \$20.18 per month and in Texas \$18.40 per month.

Dr. W. B. Phillips of the University of Texas in discussing our Home Industries before the Texas Welfare Commission in Houston last week, presented with vivid accuracy a terrible arraignment of Texas consumers for their failure to patronize home industries. Our indifference to Texas-made goods has caused struggling industry many a heartache and has forced our Texas producers to seek foreign markets at a considerable expense and embarrassment. There is no more pitiful sight than a shipment of Texas-made goods on its journey to the foreign market meeting a similar consignment from an eastern factory on its way to the Texas market. Patronize home industry.

The Texas Welfare Commission held its first session in Houston last week and adjourned to meet there again Tuesday, April 30th, and invited the heads of our railway systems and members of the Texas Railroad Commission to meet with them and discuss the railroad situation. There is only one railroad construction gang at work in Texas at the present time, that of the Houston and Texas Central, filling a gap of forty miles between Stone City and Giddings, and very little money is being spent in improvements and the situation is thought sufficiently serious to justify a get-together meeting.

In response to the call of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association for a "State clean-up day" the city council of Stamford, together with the Commercial Club, has arranged to make April 25th a "clean-up day" in truth and in fact. The town will be divided into ten districts, with business men as captain and two lady lieutenants for each of the ten districts. The council has ordered that all men who assist in the good work on the 25th will be given credit of \$1.50 on their street tax, or if they find it impossible to work and will pay \$1.00 in cash they will be given credit for \$1.50.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association of Fort Worth has issued a booklet entitled "Taxation" which is wide in its scope and among other subjects shows the injustice of some of the state tax laws and offers suggestions toward equalizing taxes in all its applications. The booklet will be mailed to any address free of charge upon receipt of four cents in stamps to cover postage.

The San Antonio Express has adopted a unique plan to help towards the extermination of the pesky house fly and prizes have been offered to the boy who "swats" the most flies in a stated time, which is from June 1st to 31st. While this plan of action places the killing of flies in a commercial light, nevertheless no one will complain, for the means justify the end and an interest will be created not to be created otherwise.

Guests at the Pontchartrain hotel (Detroit) were agreeably surprised this week when delicious, juicy Texas strawberries were served at their meals for the first time this year. The berries proved to be a great contrast to the brand previously served, for the Texas berries seemed to carry with them the spirit of the Sunny South.

The bureau of statistics, agricultural department, has made an estimate of the stock of wheat in interior mills and elevators March 1 and report 98,597,000 bushels on hand. The Texas mills and elevators have 1,365,000 bushels in stock.

Be loyal to your home town, stand up for it at all times and in the long run you will receive your reward.

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YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogues and study our superb models at the secondary and tertiary prices. These we clear out promptly at prices less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$100 profit above factory cost. Orders filled the day received. 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 \$6 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and

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The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but in introducing we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash order \$4.55). 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 this, 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 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 10 percent (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 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 offer.

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J. L. MEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.

Boy Kills Many Rabbits.

During the last few days Archie Rose one of Merkel's boys has added to his belt 128 scalps from jack rabbits and two wolf scalps at a cost of \$3.25 for ammunition. The 128 rabbit scalps

at 7 1-2 cents per scalp would make a total of \$9.60 and the two wolf scalps are worth \$1.00 which made a total of \$10.60 with a cost of \$3.25 for ammunition leaves the boy the nice sum of \$7.35 for his net profit to say nothing of the sport. Death to the jack rabbits.

Our Great Spring Opening Sale

WILL BE THE GREATEST ATTRACTION DURING SPRING CARNIVAL WEEK

Special-Price Inducements Offered Every Customer Who Comes to Our Store

THE GREAT PRICE CONCESSIONS WILL BEGIN SATURDAY, APRIL 27

And will Continue Through Carnival Week. :: During This Time we Will Offer

10 PER CENT OFF ON ALL SHOES AND SLIPPERS
10 OFF ON ALL MEN AND BOYS HATS
10 OFF ON ALL MEN AND BOYS PANTS

\$20.00 Men's Blue Serge Suits will be sold for\$12.50 | \$22.50 High Art Suits will be sold for.....\$12.50

LIKE REDUCTIONS WILL ALSO BE MADE ON ALL OTHER SUITS

DRESS GOODS AND NOTIONS

Our Dress Goods and Notion Departments will offer exceptional inducements to all who love pretty fabrics and low prices Most noticeable among these will be our huge line of Laces, Embroidery, Flouncing, Trimmings, White Goods

42-inch White Dress Linen will be sold for only.....12½c

50c Embroidery Flouncing will be sold for only..... 25c

85c Embroidery Flouncing will be sold for only..... 50c

Our entire Lace lot comprising our 10c, 22½c and 15c values will be sold for only.....5c

One lot of 10c and 12½c Embroideries will be sold for only.....5c

These are only a few of the host of great values that will STRETCH your dollars upon this occasion

WE INVITE ALL TO MAKE A THOROUGH INSPECTION

Parten Dry Goods Company MERKEL'S EXCLUSIVE
CASH STORE

THE STORE OF HIGH - CLASS BARGAINS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

W. E. Shelton of Cisco was here on business this week.

Fresh meal and flour at G. M. Sharps.

Jno. Foff made a business and social trip to Winters Saturday.

Alta Vista ice cream at H. C. Burroughs.

B. F. Cox made a business trip to Abilene, Winters and Baird Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

C. C. Franklin has returned from Stanton where he has been visiting friends and on business

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

Miss Lela Clark of Blair was a visitor in Abilene this week for the purpose of taking work in music.

200 pounds of candies that were broken in shipment are to go at half cost during Carnival week. Come to the Elite.

Mrs. W. E. Britain and mother Mrs. Mrs. R. A. Haley of Mator made Abilene a social call Wednesday.

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

Mrs. E. B. Owens of Byers, Clay county returned home Wednesday after having spent some time here under treatment of local doctors.

J. H. Estus now a traveling representative for good things to eat that come from Libby's brands was in town Friday visiting friends and seeing the changes that have come over Merkel in the past few years. Mr. Estus was formerly connected with W. L. Harkrider and N. C. Sinclair in their respective lines of business here.

Let us sell you Cream for entertainments and ect. We handle Alta-Vista. None better. Burroughs Drug Store.

A bunch of Abilene candidates were in town Tuesday afternoon to attend the speaking and to meet the people. Among them with other visitors were A. C. Bledsoe, Baylor Crawford, W. T. St. Johns, Judge Overshiner, H. Rob Keeble and McDavid.

Kreso Dip in half and one pint bottles, one gallon cans and in bulk. See us before buying. Armstrong Drug Co.

Henry Orr of Putnam came in Saturday afternoon to visit his mother and other relatives and friends. Mr. Orr has been away from Merkel for some time but it still seems good to have his smiling face among us.

Base ball returns at the Elite every afternoon from the Texas, American and National Leagues.

Alec Wisdom is at home from a short stay at the Alexander sanitarium. He seems to be in good health and is suffering no ill effects from the trouble only the appendicitis walk so many people acquire.

Mrs. F. W. Yeager and little daughter of Winters were here last week visiting friends.

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, 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.

Miss Dean and Miss Howard of Simmons College came up Friday afternoon for a short visit to Miss Fannie Swann. They returned home Monday morning.

The best equipped and most sanitary soda fountain in town. We try to please every customer. Armstrong Drug Co.

Albert (Pat) Clay came in last week from Sherman to visit friends and see the old town. He will remain here about a week before returning.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Warren of Abilene have been here this week visiting the family of their son J. T. Warren. They returned Wednesday morning.

We especially invite you to visit our Soda Fountain when thirsty. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. B. A. Cox of Abilene was here this week visiting her sister Mrs. G. F. West. She returned to her home Monday morning.

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.

C. V. Bigham left Merkel for points west Tuesday afternoon in the interest of the cattle business.

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.

Miss Rose Norris and Miss Nora Kelso were visiting in Trent Saturday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

2000 Post cards 10c per dozen at the Elite.

E. P. McMillen made a business trip to Fort Worth this week.

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

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

J. A. Woodard was in Dallas the first of the week looking after business.

During Carnival week. Post cards 10c per doz., at the Elite.

W. T. St. Johns of Abilene one of the present candidates for county office in Taylor county was in the city Saturday.

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

Wesley Edwards one of Merkel's popular cattle buyers made a business trip to San Angelo Monday.

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.

Carl Evans was a visitor to Sweetwater last week. Mr. Evans is contemplating making Sweetwater his home in the future.

When words fail buy a box of Hughes candies. All fresh. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bowles were visitors in Abilene Wednesday. They were accompanied by Miss Louise Trott who is visiting them.

Fresh Home-made candies at the Elite.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Merkel Party Entertained.

Last Saturday afternoon two automobile parties of Merkel made a trip to Abilene to attend a dance given at a regular meeting of the U. C. T. of that city.

Those going from here report the Abilene entertainers as the best ones they ever met and that their evening was one of the best ever spent in enjoyment, they having special attention given them in order that their evening there would be one of enjoyment and one to be remembered by those who attended, and upon their preparation to return they were made to say that they would return at some time and partake of some more of the Abilene hospitality.

Those going from here were Misses Thornton, Coggin, Sheppard, Daniel, Collins, Sheppard, Messrs. Guitar, Daniel, Ferrier, Walker and Groene, the parties being chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown. The Mail is authorized to again thank the U. C. T. people for their way of making a visitor feel at home.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

Friday evening April 19 a delightful and enjoyable dance was given at the Thornton building. The meeting was ideal for dancing. Music was furnished by the Sweetwater stringed orchestra. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn of Abilene, Misses Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Elma Sheppard, Olga Sheppard, Ezma Allday, Lulu Thornton, Mabel Collins, Miss Trott, Messrs. Clayton Brown, Olly Sharp, Homer Easterwood, Dr. George Miller, John Ayers, Davis and Estes of Abilene.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

Saturday afternoon the Twentieth Century Club met with Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Three members were added to the roll for next year, Misses Inice Moon and Sophia Howard as new members, Mrs. W. A. Scott from a leave of absence. Miss Ruth Mims directed the lesson, act IV, of Twelfth Night which was most enjoyable. The club will meet with Miss Evelyn Williams Saturday, May 4.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

The home of Judge and Mrs. W. T. Potter was turned over to the young people Friday evening when the Epworth League entertained the B. Y. P. U. A very interesting program was beautifully rendered.

W. M. and A. Society Program.

The following program will be rendered by the Woman's Mission and Aid Society of the Baptist church Monday night April 29:

- Leader, Mrs. Swann.
- Song, "I gave my life for thee."
- Prayer.
- Bible readings.
- Comment on these readings—Mrs. Warren.
- "Cast thy bread upon the waters," solo—Miss Ethel Roberts.
- Parable of the unjust steward—Mrs. Teaff.
- Missionary opportunities—Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.
- 23rd Psalm—Miss Jewell Hicks.
- Piano solo—Miss Fannie Swann.
- Home mission facts, paper—Mrs. Smelser.
- The motive and measure of giving, paper—Mrs. Causseaux.
- Open conference on stewardship and those who tithe.
- Quartet, "Enlisted as a volunteer."
- Prayer, That God's people may hear and heed the message of Malachi, Everybody invited.

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.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

Moore-Mosley.

On Sunday afternoon at the home of James J. Bright of Trent and in the presence of a few relatives and friends B. C. Moore of this city was married to Miss Josie Mosley of that place.

Mr. Moore is one of Merkel's most promising young business men, being connected with the Farmers State Bank in the position of assistant cashier of that institution while Miss Mosley is a charming and accomplished lady of the neighboring city.

Rev. Jacob of this place officiated and in doing so deprived Mr. Bright of his beautiful and charming granddaughter but at the same time was instrumental in making another happy if not more so. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will make Trent their home for a short while but will in the near future move to Merkel in order that Mr. Moore can better devote his time to his position here.

The Mail pours out congratulations and hopes that their married life will be one of sublime happiness.

Baker-Sears.

Some two weeks ago Uncle Jimmie Baker of Trent stole a march on his friends, going down to Putnam where he was solemnly married to Mrs. H. C. Sears a widow lady of 56 years who lived at that place.

On returning home several people who were at the train the evening Mr. Baker passed through remarked that he looked 30 years younger than usual and that he looked good for at least 60 more, but these people did not know what good luck Uncle Jimmie had come to.

The Mail extends congratulations to the elder couple and it is our sincere hopes that their married life will be one of pleasure and entirely free from the worries of life at old age.

Sublett-Roberts.

Sunday afternoon Mr. B. Tiry Sublett and Miss Maggie Bell Roberts drove to Trent where they honored the little city with the second wedding of that day. They were married while seated in their buggy, Elder W. G. Cypert officiating.

After the marriage they returned to Merkel where friends and relatives had prepared to receive them. Infare was given at the home of the bride's parents in northwest Merkel. A guest who was present stated that the affair was one to long be remembered for the occasion was one of merriment and all thoroughly enjoyed the delicious supper as served to the newly married, together with others—R. J. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tyler, S. W. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

The Mail force and their many Merkel friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

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.

League Program.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Subject, The man of the hour.
- Leader, Dr. McMaster.
- Scripture lesson, Isa. 53.
- Comment on lesson—Leader.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- What o'clock?—Miss Ola Pope.
- A generation estranged from Jehovah—Ernest Duckett.
- The man on the horizon—Miss Minnie Harris.
- Letters from the girls telling what they consider an ideal boy.
- Prayer.
- Miscellaneous.
- Offering.
- Benediction.

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.

White Dove Flour, "it's better." So said one of the leading ladies of Merkel. Whitley, Son & Co.

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, Parton 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 casa.

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.

ENTRIES.

For the cleanest alley—Ed Scott.

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.

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Bright eyes are among the most radiant of beauty's jewels, since they give animation and light to the entire face. A dull eye means a heavy, drooping expression, a condition to be avoided by the employment of extreme measures on the part of the girl who would attract.

A harmless and generally satisfactory way to bring brightness to the eyes is to bathe them with a solution of boric acid and tepid water. Put in a basin full of tepid water as much boric acid as can be placed on a dime. When it has entirely dissolved bathe the eyes gently. Do not be afraid to allow the water to get into the eye, as it will remove all inflammation and tend to make this important beauty feature clear and brilliant, at the same time giving a restful and strengthening effect.

"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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All women, who suffer from the aches and pains, due to female ailments, are urged to try Cardui, the reliable, scientific, tonic remedy, for women. Cardui acts promptly, yet gently, and without bad effects, on the womanly system, relieving pain, building up strength, regulating the system, and toning up the nerves. During the past half century, thousands of ladies have written to tell of the quick curative results they obtained, from the use of this well-known medicine.

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Mrs. Jane Calahan suffered from womanly trouble for nearly ten years. In a letter from Whiteville, N. C., she says: "I was not able to do my own housework. My stomach was weak, and my blood was wrong. I had backache, and was very weak. I tried several doctors, but they did me no good. I used Cardui for 3 or 4 months, and now I am in the best health I have ever been. I can never praise Cardui enough." It is the best tonic, for women.

Whether seriously sick, or simply weak, try Cardui.

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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.

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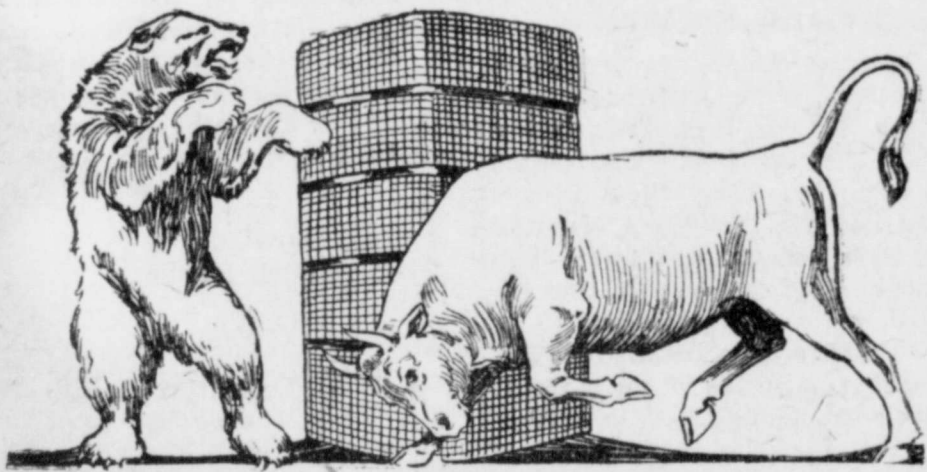
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The Texas Welfare Commission is studying methods of marketing cotton. W. T. Loudermilk of DeLeon is chairman of the sub-committee having the subject under consideration.

Cosmopolitan Community.

Confusion of tongues in St. Gilles the industrial suburb of Brussels, Belgium. Here the Flemish, Walloon and German elements meet. Statistics prepared for the government, on the language question show that of 63,239 adults who form the population of St. Gilles, 10,163 men and 14,213 women speak French only; 2,483 men and 3,445 women Flemish only; 90 men and 172 women German only; 12,595 men and 14,902 women both French and Flemish, 711 men and 795 women both French and German, 30 men and 38 women both Flemish and German, and 959 men and 643 women French, Flemish and German.

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T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:04 p.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 11:38 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 12:19 a.m.
Train No. 8 " " " " 9:02 a.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:02 a.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 4:48 p.m.
Train No. 5 " " " " 4:28 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " " " 4:20 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. T. Berryhill et ux., to J. D. and L. D. Gaither part lot 1 in block J, R. E. Edmisson subdivision of Sheppard's addition to Merkel, \$500.

F. M. Cordill and wife to Sam Butman 5 acres land out of N. W. cor. of the north ¼ sec. 64 in block 5 T. & P. lands, \$70.

J. T. Turner to F. M. Cordill same as above described property, \$75.

J. C. Neal and wife to T. L. Wallace lots Nos. 1 and 2 in block No. 12, Trent, \$1,000.

T. J. Toombs and wife to Nubia I. O. O. F. ½ acre land out of sec. 14 in block 9, \$15.

Mamie Sasser of Fannin county to G. H. McDonald and J. M. Dunagin of Jones county, undivided interests in lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and north ½ of block 4, college addition to Merkel, \$375.

Your Capital.

Your spare time is your unemployed capital. Think of the idle moments you lose at night that could be profitably spent in taking by mail lessons in book-keeping, shorthand, business letter writing, business English, arithmetic, etc. For prices on home study by mail address Jno. F. Draughon, president, Nashville, Tenn. For catalogue on courses at college, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

Good in Low-Voiced Reply.

We have discovered in our home that if the table talk gets too noisy one of the family may bring the rest to order by speaking in a sudden whisper. Parents often sacrifice much to give their children dancing and music lessons, but the most lovely accomplishment of all, a soft and pleasant-speaking voice, is something they may themselves develop in the children. I find that a child reflects almost instantly the tone of voice of one who speaks to him. A very gentle and low-voiced reply to an excited or angry child reduces his next remark to half in volume. To answer the vexation of a little child in a whisper catches attention, often brings a laugh and is far better than to stamp the fretful tone deeper by mimicking it, as parents sometimes do. Example is better than precept. Parents who have themselves learned self-control, and that it is never necessary to raise one's voice in order to speak with dignity and authority, are teaching their children priceless lessons. That a soft answer turneth away wrath is a cardinal maxim for the household.—Good Housekeeping.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXIII. PATRIOTISM.

DURING a famine the Roman government commissioned Pompey to procure food from foreign countries and when the expedition was confronted by an angry sea and he was urged to delay in order to avoid danger, he replied, "It is not necessary that I live, but it is necessary that I go," and he went. The human race moves forward only when it has great men to meet the emergencies of civilization and a citizenship that applauds self-sacrifice in leadership.



THE PATRIOTISM OF POMPEY.

Let those who would make their names ring across continents and reverberate through the corridors of time, brave the perils of civilization and sacrifice their lives to succor humanity and preserve the resources of their country.

It is better to wear a diadem of good deeds than to don the purple of authority, and more noble to contribute a life toward the prosperity of one's country than to spill blood on the field of battle. Texas Needs Great Men.

STONES THAT ARE SOCIABLE

Traveling Pebbles of Nevada When Separated Move Rapidly Toward a Common Center.

"Traveling stones," from the size of a pea to six inches in diameter, are found in Nevada.

When distributed on a floor or other level surface, within two or three feet of one another, they immediately begin to travel toward a common center, and there lie huddled like a clutch of eggs in a nest.

A single stone removed to a distance of three and a half feet, upon being released, at once started with wonderful and somewhat comical celerity to join its fellows.

These queer stones are found in a region that is comparatively level and little more than bare rock. Scattered over this barren region are little basins, from a few feet to a rod or two in diameter, and it is in the bottom of these that the rolling stones are found.

The cause for the strange conduct of these stones is doubtless to be found in the material of which they are composed, which appears to be lodestone or magnetic iron ore.—Harper's Weekly.

Saw No Future for Pittsburg.

"Pittsburgh" of the ninth edition of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" had quietly become "Pittsburg" in the tenth. The former, to which America has now officially reverted, is the original spelling. When General Forbes captured Fort Duquesne in 1758, he named it Pittsburgh in honor of the great English inspirer of victory. In 1784 Arthur Lee described the place in language which seems strange to those who know "the smoky city" of today: "Pittsburgh is inhabited almost entirely by Scots and Irish, who live in paltry log houses. There are in the town four attorneys, two doctors and not a priest of any persuasion, nor church or chapel, so that they are likely to be damned without the benefit of clergy. The place, I believe, will never be very considerable."

HE NEVER EVEN TOOK AIM

But the Tyro at Hunting Brought Down Two Birds, and Shot No More.

"Only once in my life did I ever do any shooting," said a traveling man, talking to a group in the cafe of one of the big New York hotels, "and that once I made a real hit. It was in a western town to which my trip had carried me, and the natives had arranged a prairie chicken hunt for the following day. Of course I was invited. I protested that I was out of practice, but they insisted that I go along, and some one furnished a gun for my use.

"As the only stranger in the party, they let me go ahead, following the dogs closely. I didn't even know what a prairie chicken looked like; whether they would run along the ground or fly. Suddenly I heard a tremendous whirr, the sound, as I came to know, of the birds taking wing. So excited was I that, without raising the gun to my shoulder, I pulled the trigger. 'Bang!' went the gun, and two of the birds fluttered slowly to the ground.

"He never even took aim," shouted one of the hunters, and my reputation was made. Thereafter I rested on my laurels, not attempting another shot throughout the day, or ever since."

To End Log Rafts.

Columbia rivermen believe that the recent disasters overtaking a number of the ocean-going log rafts which were being sent from the river to California have been the means of sounding the doom of this method of shipping lumber down the coast. In support of this conclusion it is pointed out that the steamer Carlos, on her last trip, took out a deckload of piling from Stella. Heretofore the great bulk of the piling from that point has been shipped to California in the form of rafts.—Shipping Illustrated.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

OUR SPECIAL SHOWING

During the Carnival week we will offer a special showing of seasonable goods, and at very attractive prices. Our stock of dress goods is filled to overflowing with everything new and pretty and the prices on same are invariably right. Embroideries, Laces, Notions, etc. in great varieties, ranging in prices from the cheapest to the very best. We have just what you want in Shoes and Low Cuts for men, ladies and children.

WE CARRY A FULL STOCK OF GENTS FURNISHINGS

Do not forget us when you think of Groceries. We carry the celebrated Peacemaker Flour and will say that we do not believe there is a flour milled in this state superior to this make. Try a sack and be convinced. We want your business, will treat you right and will sell you goods that will satisfy you every time you buy.

Hogue-Hamilton Company

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman Community.

April 22—The recent rains have improved the prospects for a good grain crop and the general condition of this part of the country is better than it has been for several years.

The literary society met again Friday night with the new officers in charge. Sam Butman, Sr., and son Will went to Merkel Saturday.

Everybody reported a fine time at the 42 party at Mr. Matthews Saturday night.

A crowd of young people from this community attended church at Dora Sunday.

Mrs. Madge Butman and Miss Victoria Warlick attended preaching at White Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick of Buffalo Gap are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews.

The boys of this community and White Church are talking of organizing a base ball team to be known as the "upper-end" team.

The band boys have been practicing and will soon be able to furnish plenty of good music.

Theodore Clark and John Jones visited Will Butman Sunday night.

Miss Lottie Blassengame visited Miss Lottie Butman Sunday evening.

School will close here Friday, May 17. Nan the Nipper.

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.

Noodle Doings.

April 22—The farmers are most all busy planting. Some have cotton and feed stuff up and looking well considering the cool weather.

Sunday school and singing were well attended Sunday. It being such a beautiful day made us feel like the "Good Old Summer Time" was not far ahead of us.

Estell Church of Stith was a pleasant caller at the home of U. W. Beene Sunday.

O. A. Hinson visited Garland Glover Sunday.

Misses Bulah Jones and Mary Wasson were the guests of Misses Helen and Mary Thompson Sunday.

Miss Lillie Nichols of Trent is staying with Mrs. Zell Seago attending school here.

Those who went to the fish fry on the river from here were O. A. Hinson, Frank Sosebee, Garland Glover and Misses Lucile and Bessylea Beene. They report a fine time and a good dinner but not many fish.

O. R. Golightly and family from near Anson were visiting D. H. Glover and family Sunday.

The party at Ben Wheeler's was well attended and enjoyed by all Saturday night.

Miss Ruby Wheeler visited Mrs. Eoff Sunday.

Garland Glover and Misses Lucile Beene and Allie Glover spent a few pleasant hours at the home of Jack Hurd Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Hurd's mother, sister and brother were visiting her Sunday. Their home is at Ovalo and name we did not learn.

Lee Williams and family visited at R. Horton's Sunday.

Rev. W. K. Horn was among relatives and homefolks Sunday.

U. W. Beene and wife spent Sunday with T. S. Wasson and family.

J. L. Glover of Clyde will sing here next Sunday 28th. Everybody come.

S. W. Taylor of the Salt Branch community is in this part of the country looking for feed.

What is the matter with White-Dove? Are you sitting back with your head under your wing? Wake up and tell what you know. Two Scribblers.

Mulberry News.

April 22—Rev. Rister preached here Sunday. A good crowd out for services.

Our school closed last Friday and teacher Miss Elida Pearson and children went to the creek for a day of fun Saturday. All report a good time.

Mrs. Martin gave the school children a party Saturday night.

Miss Stella Watts was the guest of Miss Martha Bird Sunday.

Singing at Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniels was enjoyed by all Sunday night.

Miss Ethel Culp was the guest of Misa Claudy Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Nona Allen and Mrs. Barker from Salt Branch visited Mrs. John Burns Monday.

Ollie Brown called at Charles Harrison's Sunday.

Robert Britton and Miss Martha Bird were out at singing Sunday night.

Mesdames Brown, Bird, Harrison, Horton, Rogers, Ayers and daughters Misses Lula and Linnie Ayers visited Mrs. John Burns Monday evening.

The farmers of Mulberry gathered in at John Burns' last Thursday and planted his crop.

Had a shower of hail in this part of the country Friday evening but did no damage.

Hamilton Chancey and wife took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Harrison Sunday.

Arthur Rogers from Hebron visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Callie Britton visited Charley Rogers and mother Sunday.

The farmers are as busy as bees this week planting. Dewdrops.

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 Hessheimer of Lincoln, 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.

ZEMO MAKES ASTONISHING ECZEMA CURES

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Every day ZEMO gives relief and cures men, women and children in every city and town in America whose skins are on fire with torturing ECZEMA rashes and other itching, burning, scaly, and crusted skin and scalp humors.

ZEMO and ZEMO (ANTISEPTIC) SOAP, two refined preparations will give you such quick relief that you will feel like a new person.

We give you three reasons why we recommend and endorse ZEMO and ZEMO SOAP for all skin and scalp eruptions.

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Endorsed and sold in Merkel by the Rust & McCauley Drug Store. 1

Inkum Items.

April 22—Two good showers the last week were gladly received especially by those farmers who had sown oats.

"Garden sass" is now seen on some of the housewives' tables.

Ernest Perry lost a very valuable mare Thursday from something like paralysis.

Oliver and Arthur Wilson made a business trip to the Winters country Wednesday and Thursday.

Ben Harrison of View was in this section on business Thursday.

J. W. Hallmark and wife are visiting their children in the Shep and Wingate communities.

M. W. Triplett of View was over Thursday for a fine Jersey cow he had bought of G. W. Wilson.

T. E. Reynolds made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

John Perry and family of Dora visited his son Clifford, Sunday.

Mr. Scoggins of Winters was in this section on business Monday.

There was a singing at J. T. Burlington's Sunday afternoon.

Eli Pruitt of Haskell is visiting old acquaintances and friends in this community.

Elmer Chapman left Saturday for Kent county.

Miss Alice Hefferman is visiting relatives at Sweetwater this week.

Messrs. Shaffer of Moro were in this section buying horses the latter part of last week.

Jim Richards of View was at Inkum on business Thursday.

O. L. Owens and wife were trading in Merkel Monday. An Observer

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.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

Blair Echoes.

April 22—Mrs. McGehee of Odessa is here visiting her son and daughter Prof. and Mrs. McGehee.

Mr. and Mrs. Claburn accompanied by Miss Lois Rains visited relatives in Jones county last week.

Eli Cordell and Dolph Coats of Nubia and W. A. Campbell of Blair attended the county meeting of the Farmers Union at Lawn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rister of View visited in the home of Prof. and Mrs. McGehee Sunday.

Miss Lela Clark who has been taking a course in music at Abilene visited homefolks Sunday.

Harry Walker of Abilene was among friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Graves is seriously sick with pneumonia we regret to announce.

Bro. Baker preached to a large crowd here Sunday.

Death entered the Dean home last week and bore away the mother, Mrs. Mary Dean. Weep not dear children, your mother is not dead but asleep in Jesus to await the coming of the resurrection morning.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson of Brown county was here last week to attend the funeral of her mother Mrs. Mary Dean.

Mrs. Orma Horton of Thalia is here visiting her son Jeff Horton.

James and Orie Mayfield attended to business Saturday in the "City in Clover."

Blueford Tittle of Merkel was a passenger to Lawn Saturday.

Roland Gowens is spending several days on business at the capital city.

F. D. Addison was on the sick list last week. Qiuda.

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.

Special Notice.

The Taylor County Singing Convention which was postponed will meet at Salt Branch May 12. Everybody come and bring a singer. If you are coming on the train write to Burley Taylor, at Merkel not later than May 8. The committee will not meet the train unless some one comes. All classes are invited and asked to bring their leader.

W. E. Petty, President.
Miss Oma Taylor, Sec.

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 CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

April 24.—Bro. Saffle of Merkel filled his regular appointment here Saturday.

Bro. J. M. Reynolds of Abilene preached a fine sermon for us Sunday.

C. E. Whitaker and wife of Merkel attended church here Sunday and were guests of J. W. Teaff.

Bro. J. M. Reynolds and daughter of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. M. Hays and family.

Joe Higgins and family, of Warren, attended church here Sunday and were guests of Will Higgins and family.

Miss Ida Taylor was the guest of Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Osee Golightly and family were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Maggie Foster and Eunice Higgins were visiting the school Friday afternoon.

Misses Essie and Dewie Floyd were shopping in Merkel one day last week.

Grandma Hays returned home Saturday after spending the week with relatives at Merkel.

Mr. Stanley and wife of near Merkel were at church here Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Hester is spending a few days with relatives at Roscoe.

Jim Rainer spent a few days with his daughter Miss Mae in Abilene last week.

Mesdames Barker and Nonia Allen were visiting Mrs. John Burns of Mulberry Sunday.

Price, the little son of H. C. Floyd has been on the puny list this week.

Mrs. Butler received the sad news Tuesday morning of the death of her sister Mrs. Mattie Smith of Sherman. The remains were shipped to Honey Grove for burial. Mrs. Butler has the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of her dear sister.

Blue-Eyed Girl.

Shiloh Clippings.

April 22—We are having delightful weather the past few days and everything is growing nicely. The stock also seems to be improving.

The rabbit hunters are having deadly effect on the rabbits, killing over two hundred the last two hunts they have gone on.

The W. O. W. met Wednesday night.

We had a delightful little shower on last Friday evening.

There was a very large crowd present at the party given by Atlas Phillips Friday night. People from Trent, Noodle and Kale were present. All report an enjoyable time.

Some of the Shiloh folks enjoyed the party at Ben Wheeler's Saturday night.

Rev. Nall preached Saturday and Sunday to a large crowd.

The singing class met Sunday evening at the church house for practice. There was a large crowd out and the class seems to show great improvement.

Booster.

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.