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OLD-TIMER WRITES FROM EL PASO

To our many friends in the Merkel country.

On our arrival in El Paso we found things in much the same shape as we left them in February. The "Red Flaggers" (rebels,) are in possession of the greater part of the state of Chihuahua and are operating the greater part of the Mexican Central as far south as Jimenz with men of their own. The officers and most of the train crews of the National lines are now in El Paso. The old American who was sent to Moctezuma to take my place when I left, had to leave and come to El Paso. As our goods were still in Moctezuma and at the mercy of whoever went there, I thought it best to enlist the assistance of the new powers so the first day we arrived I went across the river and stated my case to the head man of the "Red Flaggers" and asked him to please see that my things were taken care of as I was not able to go down for them. He received me very kindly and said he would write a personal letter to the parties in charge at Moctezuma and that my things would not be molested. He said he knew me and would do what he could for me with pleasure. We shook hands and parted on best of terms.

If the Federals should come along and do likewise we will suffer no loss. It is hard to form any correct idea as to who is ahead in the controversy. As for intervention, I can see but little more signs than three months ago. I do not look for it unless something more serious than anything we have had yet comes up.

El Paso seems to suffer for loss of business caused by the Mexican trouble. The enthusiastic El Paso merchants who were so eager to throw up their hats and shout "Viva Madero" a year ago are now going around with a good sized "gloom" on their faces. And so it always is the case where people mind other people's business more than their own.

The American trainmen have all left the National lines on account of the order that they should understand Spanish. If the Company can fill their places with Mexicans then the day of the "gringo" is over.

Should the war close and prosperity return then the help of the American may be needed. "Quien Sabe." J. L. Vaughan.

Call for Precinct Convention.

I hereby call a convention of the democrats of Merkel voting precinct to be held at Merkel, Texas Saturday, May 4, 1912 at 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to county convention and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Thos. A. Johnson, Mem.
Taylor Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

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

GARDNER DIES OF MENINGITIS

Soloman E. Gardner, the young Anson school teacher who was stricken with meningitis in Abilene at the Christian Training School dormitory Thursday morning died Saturday at 12 o'clock despite the very best medical attention and the injection of the Flexner serum.

S. E. Gardner, the father of the young man came down from Anson and was there when the end came to relieve the sufferer. The mother was sick and unable to come down.

The victim of this dread disease was blooming into noble young manhood, being just a little over 20 years of age, of good character, exemplary habits and a bright future ahead of him in his profession and general career. The body was prepared for burial and forwarded to Anson by the Laughter Undertaking Co. having been embalmed, enclosed in a metal casket and the box soldered with zinc and put in an airtight condition, according to the instructions of the health officers.

A permit had to be gotten from Dr. Steiner, state health officer, before the removal of the remains could be effected.

Mr. Gardner, the brother and teacher in the Christian Training School with his family, will remain under strict quarantine at the dormitory until all danger is passed.

The room where the younger Gardner died was thoroughly fumigated and disinfected early Monday morning and Drs. Cash and Estes assure the citizens that there is slight, if any, danger of another case in Abilene.

The heart of Abilene goes out in sympathy to the bereaved family.—Abilene Reporter.

EXAMINATIONS AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK

School examinations have been in force this week in the city schools. They started Monday afternoon and were concluded yesterday afternoon giving the teachers Friday to make their final reports and to pass upon the standing of each student.

No school will be held today and the pupils are at leisure until Monday morning when they will be assembled in their respective rooms and given their promotions and graduation honors of record. That will conclude the school work for the year of '11 and '12 with the exception of the commencement exercises on Monday night which will be held at the Opera House.

Miss Bessie McClatchy of Campbell has returned to her home. Miss McClatchy has been in charge of the Horn school near Noodle for the past session.

Lucien Dorman of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.

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

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For Sheriff:
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T. C. Weir (for re-election)
Felix R. Jones
For Treasurer:
J. H. Thornton
G. B. (Blue) Tittle
J. W. Red
J. W. Christopher
For County Attorney:
H. Rob. Keeble
For County Clerk:
W. J. (Dub) Young
For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo)
Baylor Crawford
J. C. Burleson
E. D. Stephens
For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)
C. B. Manly
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

GOV. COLQUITT SPEAKS SATURDAY

Gov. O. B. Colquitt will address the people of Merkel country at the opera house in our little city Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Friends and supporters of Gov. Colquitt invite and urge all to be present and hear the address of the candidate for re-election regardless of their present convictions. At this time Gov. Colquitt promises to answer the criticism of Hon. W. F. Ramsey, his opponent, and discuss in his customary dignified manner the issues which have been raised in the present campaign.

Every citizen of Merkel and the Merkel country should lend their presence to the audience to give a courteous and hospitable reception for our governor.

A letter from southeast Texas brings news that D. O. Huddleston and J. S. Bonds are buying cattle in those parts with the intention of shipping them here to pasture for market purposes.

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.

LARGE GATHERING GREET'S RAMSEY

The contest for the gubernatorial nomination was opened for our community Tuesday morning at ten o'clock when Hon. W. F. Ramsey addressed an audience which filled the Merkel opera house. Considering the hour this audience was a great compliment to the candidate who represent the prohibition sentiment and Judge Ramsey in evident appreciation of same as well as the attention and applause delivered one of his characteristic, earnest and eloquent addresses. He outlined his platform in very similar language to that of other addresses in this part of the state and the only diversion was his criticism of Governor Colquitt's record and the latter's speech at Sherman. This speech Ramsey characterized as the "Governor's Apology" and "His Dying Swan act," and in one reference stated that "it was a black swan at that." There was rapt attention and frequent applause.

Mr. Ramsey came up from Abilene in the touring car of Geo. L. Paxton accompanied by Mr. Paxton, Hon. K. K. Leggett, Judge A. H. Kirby, Hon. W. J. Cunningham, W. P. Mahaffey, Esq., Judge D. G. Hill and others. He was introduced by Mayor C. D. Mims and the entire party accompanied him to Sweetwater and heard his address there in the afternoon.

Mrs. Eva Perkins and little daughter Fay were here the past week visiting homefolks. They returned to their home in Abilene Sunday morning.

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

TRAIN KILLS MAN SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning as passenger train No. 8 was going into Abilene it struck Joseph A. Brasher of that place as he was attempting to get his cow out of danger.

It seems that Mr. Brasher had led his cow on the right of way to graze on the fresh grass and and at the time the train was nearing Abilene he started running down the track trying to scare the cow away from the track and it is supposed little thought of him self as the engine rushed upon him striking him a lick that threw his body into the cattle guards near by breaking almost every bone in his body.

Dr. and Mrs. Adkisson were visitors in Abilene Monday to call on Mrs. W. Parten at the Alexander sanitarium.

Mrs. E. Horn of Abilene returned to her home Monday after having spent several days with her son Mr. Horn of the Noodle country.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

MIDLAND PRISONER TELLS OF MURDER

Last week a prisoner who has been held in the Midland jail confessed to a very brutal murder wherein a traveler of that country lost his life at the hands of a woman with whom E. F. Mansfield the prisoner is charged with being an accomplice.

Mansfield says he met Ed Sullivan and wife some time in February and that he was riding with them in a small wagon drawn by four donkeys and at the time of the murder he was in the back of the wagon washing the dishes when a shot rang out and upon looking around saw Sullivan falling out of the wagon while the woman was holding a smoking shot gun and after night he and the woman who he claims did the shooting buried the body under cover of darkness and traveled on as husband and wife. They were arrested on charge of theft as they had in their possession some things taken from a party in Midland county. They were then taken back to Midland and lodged in jail. The confession came as a surprise for many people only thought they were held on the theft charge but through efforts of an officer who suspicioned murder, Mansfield made his confession telling the officers where the body was located and upon going to investigate Sheriff Bob Beverly very easily found the badly decomposed body of the victim, thus corroborating the Mansfield confession. The feeling is very high in the Midland country but no fears of lynching are entertained.

Call For County Convention.

By virtue of my authority as County Chairman, and in keeping with the action of the Democratic Executive Committee of Taylor County, I hereby call a County convention of the Democrats of Taylor County, to meet at the Court house in Abilene, on Tuesday, May 7, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. to elect delegates to the State convention, which state convention will elect delegates to the National convention to be held at Baltimore.

The members of the Executive Committee will call precinct conventions to be held in their respective precincts, such precinct conventions to be held on Saturday, May 4, 1912, at such place and time as may be by the committee of the respective precincts determined, and such precinct conventions should be held between ten o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. on May 4, 1912.

S. P. Hardwicke, Chm.
Dem. Ex. Com. Taylor Co., Tex.

Judge K. K. Leggett, W. P. Mahaffey, B. A. Cox, C. B. Hunt, A. H. Kirby, G. L. Paxton, W. J. Cunningham and D. G. Hill were among the visitors in Merkel Tuesday morning to hear Judge Ramsey speak. They acted as escorts from Abilene to Merkel. From here Judge Ramsey was accompanied by G. L. Paxton, W. P. Mahaffey, J. T. Warren and Judge Hamner of Sweetwater.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF
The Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas

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	Rediaccounts	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.

J. S. SWANN, President
J. C. MOORE, Vice-President
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier.

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STATEMENT

Farmer and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller April 18, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$106,014.27
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	5,482.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	59,998.37
Total	\$179,257.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,236.73
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	118,770.66
Total	\$179,257.39

The above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

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Carnival Continues.

The Firemen's Free Street Fair and Carnival is giving our front street the effect of a great white way. Minimized to suit the conditions it is bringing good crowds out each night to see the curiosities. Owing to a neighboring town using their influence to keep the show from stopping here it was Tuesday night before the carnival opened as the contention of the opposers had to be looked after so as not to interfere with their contract here. A feature of the present week's bill will be the feeding of the giant snakes which promises to be an attraction worth while.

Exciting Runaway.

Last Friday after the I. O. O. F. celebration had closed at Nubia an exciting little runaway took place just north of that town

in which Felix R. Jones and Hurley Toombs had a very fast ride during which Mr. Toombs received a very painful cut on his left ear caused by being thrown from the buggy and the wheel passing over his head. Mr. Jones his companion fared better and kept his seat until the team was stopped.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

IN A TRIP TO THE JUNGLES OF AFRICA AND INDIA SHOWS

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Giant Boa-Constrictor Snake 33 Feet Long and Alive.
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Also Toby, sacred snake beautiful, laid and hatched 18 eggs at Columbus, Texas, first ever born in America, creating history. Now on exhibition in the big 7 and 1 1/2 shows for your approval. From all parts of the world; see rare animals, birds, Japanese waltzing animals and living curiosities. All combined in one grand show, under one tent, for one ticket. See all, nothing to equal this study of natural history. Seen at Chicago and St. Louis expositions, circuses or zoological gardens. Indorsed by the public and press everywhere. Specially for ladies and children. Best shows at the carnival on the Midway every night this week.

DON'T EXPERIMENT

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow this Merkel Citizen's Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are common symptoms of kidney trouble, and you should seek a remedy which is recommended for the kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use. No need to experiment. It has cured many stubborn cases in Merkel. Follow the advice of a Merkel citizen. Mrs. Emma Lofton, Merkel, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for years and have always been benefitted. I suffered from pains across the small of my back and sides. I had weakness of the kidneys. Fortunately I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and I got a box from Rust & McCauley Drug Co's. Store. They quickly cured me. Since then on several occasions I have used this remedy with excellent results."

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

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Giant Snake 33 ft. long, alive.
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Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

U. C. V. Reunion.

Macon, Georgia will hold the distinction of entertaining the United Confederate Veterans this year on May 7, 8 and 9th. All railroads are said to be giving round trip excursion rates to accommodate all who want to attend. Several have announced

their intentions of going from here in order to once more meet with their old soldier friends and to see the large gathering and to witness the display of patriotism as will be exhibited by those aged confederates who are left to remember the cause.

HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN CALOMEL?

Next Time Don't Do It, Its Dangerous—Try Dodson's Liver-Tone Instead—It's Safe.

You ought to know what a dangerous and uncertain drug the chemical calomel is. Perhaps you know several people who have been salivated by what they thought was a very light dose of calomel.

Next time you have an attack of biliousness, or when your liver has gotten sluggish, come to Rust & McCauley's drug store and ask for a bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone. You will find it a pleasant tasted liquid and a perfect substitute for calomel in every respect and without the dangerous after-effects of calomel.

Dodson's Liver-Tone gives the liver just the amount of gentle stimulation it needs to induce it to do its work properly and thoroughly. Rust & McCauley's drug store will give you your money back any time Dodson's Liver-Tone fails to prove itself a perfect substitute for calomel.

Texas Dentists Meet.

The thirty-second annual convention of the State Dental Association met in Abilene yesterday with a splendid attendance. The meeting was formally opened with prayer by Rev. A. W. Hall after which the regular business was taken up. Representatives from various parts of the state are in attendance. Dr. C. M. McCauley member of the board of dental examiners in this state is instrumental together with other Abilene dentists in giving the visitors a cordial reception. Merkel is represented by Dr. O. F. McMaster in lecture work on the application of somnoform.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Williams and little baby of Blossom, Lamar county are among the prospectors and visitors to our little town and country this week. Mr. Williams recently made some investments in the Merkel country and both on this visit expressed the favorable impression they had received of our country, climate and people.

Read These Prices.

List of new 18 size high-grade watches complete, in 20 year gold filled cases, hunting or open face, worth from \$30 to \$65.

21 jewel Vanguard	\$24.30
21 " Crescent Street	20.80
21 " Hamilton	23.30
21 " Rockford	20.80
21 " Bunn Special	20.30
17 " B. W. Raymond	17.50
17 " Appleton Tracy	17.80
17 " Hamilton Adjusted	16.35
17 " Illinois Adjusted	14.90
17 " Hampden Adjusted	14.30

The above list is for new goods, not second hand.

Can also furnish 7, 15, 19 or 23 jewel, 0, 6, 12, 16 or 18 sizes at equally low prices.

Remember the above price includes 20-year gold filled case, hunting or open face, and is for cash only. S. S. Scheidler, Opposite postoffice.

A Great Building Falls

when its foundation is undermined, and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Girl Completes Trip.

Many of the Merkel people will remember that during last year a young lady passed through the country on horse back on her way from Buffalo, Wyo., to Buffalo, N. Y., where she was to end her trip and receive a reward for her undertaking.

The young woman, Miss Claire, finished her trip a few days ago and was given a hearty welcome by the Chamber of Commerce of Buffalo and now Miss Claire claims the distinction of being the first woman to be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce of that city. She was lost in Illinois for some time and a searching party was sent out after her but they too were lost while she claimed that she was not lost in the least that it was only the town of Danville and the searching party and that they could not lose her under any circumstances.

Only a Fire Hero

but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box. "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises, It subdues inflammation, kills pain, Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

CROUP stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing syrup—50¢. Druggists.

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Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

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Let me submit you figures for new Cistern, Chimney, Flue, for any brick or cement building. All work guaranteed. Leave word for at the Elite.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Fresh Home-made candies at the Elite.

Alta Vista ice cream at H. C. Burroughs.

F. W. Powell was a business caller in Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

2000 Post cards 10c per dozen at the Elite.

R. A. Martin returned to Abilene Wednesday for further treatment to his fractured arm.

Our regular trade getter. Alta Vista cream at Burroughs.

C. G. Miller of Winters returned home Monday after having spent a few days with friends here.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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

Miss Peoples, one of the popular out of town ladies, went to Abilene the first of the week to visit friends and relatives.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

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

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

W. R. Bigham left for Midland Wednesday evening on business. He will then go to El Paso to look after his cattle interest of that section.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls heal up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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

H. F. Groene returned from points in Oklahoma Thursday morning where he has been in the interest of the Groene Co.

Notice.

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

O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

Giant Snake, swallows turkeys alive. Saturday Night 8 o'clock.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.



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Of course every farmer wants a telephone.

The thing is to have one connected with the Universal Southwestern system so you may reach every competitive market for your crop and get the most for it.

Ask any Southwestern Manager or write

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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.

To Trade.

Land nine miles from Toyah for residence in Merkel. Write full description and price. Address, Box 171, Stanton, Texas. 1913pd

Hail and Storm INSURANCE

Why not have your crops insured now? It will cost no more than it will if you wait until later.

E. D. COATS
Merkel, Texas

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

W. C. T. U. Organized.

Monday afternoon of last week many of the Merkel ladies met at the Baptist church and organized a local Womans Christian Temperance Union. The work of organizing was carried on by Miss Henderson and Mrs. Green, ladies well known in the work.

The first regular meeting was held on last Friday afternoon at which officers were elected. Mrs. M. Armstrong was elected president, Miss Mae Valentine recording secretary and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker treasurer. The time of regular meetings has not been decided upon but will be announced later and the restrictions are to the new members that they be of good standing and pay their dues in advance. It is the request of organization that all women who feel concerned file their application at once.

I. O. O. F. Celebration.

The Nubia I. O. O. F. lodge celebrated the anniversary of their order last Friday with public speaking and a well served dinner given in the new hall.

The speakers were Hon. T. A. Bledsoe, T. J. Toombs, H. H. Tittle and Mrs. Ensminger. Mrs. Ensminger speaking in behalf of the Rebecca lodge while the other speakers gave their time to the cause of the I. O. O. F. order. A well appointed dinner was served to the visitors also to the school children who went in a body to the new hall where the meeting took place. Everyone in attendance report the Nubia lodge as one of the best in the country and that the members of that part of the country take a great interest in the work.

To the Voters of Taylor County.

To prevent you from being misled by false rumors I submit the following which is self explanatory. John Vance.

Attorney Generals Dept.
State of Texas.

Austin, March 23, 1912.

Mr. John Vance, Abilene, Tex. —Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter requesting this department to write you our opinion as to whether or not a blind man can hold the position of tax assessor if elected. Replying thereto, I beg to state that this department has several times advised that there is nothing in the law of this state which makes a blind person ineligible to hold any office. Yours very truly,
C. E. Mead, Asst. Att'y. Gen. (Copy from original.) 3t5pd

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Snakes feed 8 P. M. Saturday.

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

Giant Snake shows, see waltzing animals at the carnival.

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

Mrs. John Skillen of Trent is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Sacred Snake beautiful, and brood of yong creating history.

This week all box candies at cost at the Elite.

Judge Potter made a business trip to Dallas the first of the week returning Wednesday afternoon.

The cigars are moist at Armstrong Drug Store.

Miss Lillian Welch of Abilene is here this week visiting her aunt Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds, and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Giant Snake eats all pray alive at Carnival Saturday 8 P. M.

The Methodist ladies are meeting with much success in their lunch room endeavor during this week.

Our ice cream is as good as can be found in Texas. Armstrong Drug Co.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

W. J. Compton of Abilene came in Wednesday afternoon from Abilene to look after business matter and to see old friends.

Our ice cream, like all the rest of our cold drinks, is of the very best grade and guaranteed to be absolutely pure. Armstrong Drug Company.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers), sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

J. D. Southworth made a trip to Anson this week going across the country. He reports the young cotton and feed stuff damaged by the sand storm of Sunday but says that very little of it was cut down, most of the damage being in sand drifts that covered much of the small growth.

Snakes, Animals, Rare birds all kinds from all parts of the world.

\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

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OUR FRIENDS ON THE TITANIC.

It is possible that every citizen of two continents feels sympathetic grief of the Titanic disaster and yet the acquaintance and friendship of some of these heroes bring the realization nearer home to our hearts.

Among those who lost their lives were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Risien of Groesbeck, Texas, returning from a visit to their old friends in England and although offered a seat in one of the lifeboats she stayed by the side of her husband in death as in life. Although not among the most noted they were good people and were loved and honored by those who knew them. They leave two sons, one our boy ohum and playmate, and many friends on two continents to mourn their loss. Mr. Sam Risien was an honored member of the Joe Johnson Camp, U.C.V. He served the confederacy as engineer under Capt. Raphael Semmes the hero of the Alabama and was a brave and efficient member of the crew of that dauntless commander.

In their sacrifice for the life of others Texas shares in the glory of the heroes of the hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The state convention of the Texas Sunday School Association composed of all denominations will convene in the First Baptist church of Dallas Monday night May 6, closing on Friday night. Indications point to the largest and most representative attendance of any convention ever held in the state.

Any pastor, superintendent, officer, teacher or pupil in any Sunday school in Texas may become a delegate by enrolling and paying the registration fee of \$1, which entitles one to a reserved seat in the main auditorium, a song book, badge, note book, pencil, etc.

The railroads have granted special round trip rates of one and one-fifth fare. On sale Monday May 6 and till noon Wednesday, good returning until Saturday May 11.

The committee at Dallas has secured a list of hotels and boarding houses where delegates can secure lodging from 50c up and meals can be secured at prices desired. All delegates should write at once to J. W. Logan, 408 Flateau Bldg., Dallas, to secure for them needed lodging.

Cotton exports for the fiscal year which ends June 20 will exceed by approximately 2,000,000 bales the highest export of any earlier year. The largest exportation for any previous year was that of 1907, aggregating 8,708,469 bales while the exports for the nine months ending March 31, according to the latest figures show a total of 9,418,297 bales, justifying the estimate that total exports for the year ending June 30 will exceed the former high record of 1907 by 2,000,000 bales.

Boosters accomplish at least two things—they increase the population and attract the attention of capital.

It now looks as if cynical folks who have accused this nation of shortsleeve diplomacy had almost caught it with the goods on. Even little Senor Madero, an apprentice hand in international affairs, thinks he sees a case of blundering on the part of our state department in dealing with complications growing out of the newest revolution down about Parral. Leastwise Madero, with some show of reason, that his government has committed no act that would justify the inference that it had overlooked the usual customs of civilized authority; that the American note reminding him not to overlook a bet in this particular was uncalled for, and that a copy should have gone to Orozco, who has no standing either in Mexico or internationally. All this Madera regards a diplomatic faux pas, as shooting over the responsible government of the republic to reach a guerilla chief out in the hills. Maybe Madero is right, and maybe he and Secretary Knox's acting assistant are partly right or partly wrong in the matter. But something had to be done when the eruptive insurrectos were found lapsing into barbaric habits in treatment of prisoners of war. Hence, the fine points of diplomacy can be taken up later on.—Star-Telegram.

Fort Worth is interested in the progress of livestock production in every section of the state. That east Texas is putting up more hog-proof fence and introducing registered stock is good news, indeed. The industrial agent of the Sunset-Central lines who has recently completed a trip into east Texas and its gulf-coast section says: "Probably no other industry in Texas shows greater and more satisfactory results than the hog industry. Prominent citizens are engaging in hog raising on an extensive scale. It is a fact that hog raising is becoming one of the most important industries."—Star-Telegram.

The new town of Camargo just over the Texas line in Oklahoma, recently celebrated the opening of the Wichita Falls & North Western, the first railroad into that town, by shipping a full trainload of Oklahoma hogs to the Texas packing house market. So great has the demand for pork become in the Lone Star state that shipments from all parts of the United States are being received daily at the Fort Worth markets. Our annual consumption of pork in Texas exceeds the production by \$24,450,000 which is a good argument for more hog clubs.

The Lasserre Comedy Co., playing two nights at the opera house here was one of the best companies that has ever visited our city. There was not a bad actor in the company, every line being brought out with profound emphasis to the character represented. Their two productions played here, Palls and A Bachelors Ward, were highly appreciated by our theater-going people.

Lettuce from the section of Kingsville is bringing the unprecedented price of from \$20 to \$25 per barrel and over \$500 per acre. One car of lettuce recently sold brought nearly \$1600 after being on the road fourteen days. Cabbage has sold as high as \$16 per ton this season and many cars have been shipped and the harvesting has just begun.—Arlington Journal.

The Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for February published by the International Institute of Agriculture of Rome, Italy, contained figures on the live stock census of the United States. Texas makes the best showing in live stock of any state in the union.

Cheaper freight rates and fast freight service enable the country merchant to turn his stock with a greater margin of profit.

Cotton Mills

WE MANUFACTURE ONLY ONE BALE OUT OF EVERY SEVENTY PRODUCED.

The factory is the farmer's market house and he must travel until he reaches it and pay the freight to destination. The Texas farmers ship their crop ten thousand miles to reach the factory. We have 15 cotton factories in Texas valued at \$2,229,000. We manufacture approximately 60,000 bales of cotton per annum. Building factories in Texas to manufacture the cotton we produce would require an investment of \$350,000,000. To gain control of the cotton industry, we must build factories.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the Fabrication of Cotton into Cloth and the establishment of Cotton Mills. O. E. Dunlap of Waxahachie is chairman of the sub-committee having the investigation in charge.

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\$10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$4.80

Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce you we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 cash with order \$4.55.

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One lot White Corduroy Dresses.....	5.00	Ladies Silk Petticoats \$3.50 to.....	7.50

Don't Forget to Look at Our Window of Muslin Underwear. It is Cheap

Millinery Specials

Every lady who buys a hat from us during this sale will be presented with a beautiful face Veil
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Neckwear of all kinds are to be seen in our store

Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

NO. 7481
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
THE

Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business April 18, 1912:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$104,329.78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	5.71
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	290.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	1,078.78
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,900.00
Other real estate owned.....	2,682.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	6,370.34
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks.....	393.15
Due from approved reserve agents.....	35,384.61
Checks and other cash items.....	255.07
Notes of other National Banks.....	5,630.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	235.70
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	11,739.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	312.50
Total.....	\$179,257.39

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	9,239.73
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	6,785.88
Individual Deposits subject check.....	11,958.28
Postal Savings Deposits.....	26.50
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	None
Total.....	\$179,257.39

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1912.
G. W. Johnson, Notary Public
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, J. T. Howard, } Directors

The chief operator Miss Winnie Sandlin for the past few years with the local telephone exchange has resigned her position with the Southwestern Company. She will be succeeded by one of the former assistants in this office.

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

No. 354
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 18th day of April 1912, published in the Merkel Mall, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 3rd day of May, 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral.....	\$17,709.88
Loans, real estate.....	1,904.00
Overdrafts.....	374.87
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	\$8,216.33
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net.....	6,581.60
Cash Items.....	27.30
Currency.....	2,587.00
Specie.....	445.87
Interest depositors guaranty fund.....	272.06
Assessment for Guaranty Fund.....	36.43
Total.....	\$39,230.30

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....	2,166.71
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	23,818.33
Cashiers checks.....	215.26
Total.....	\$39,230.30

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, R. B. Johnson as vice-president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
R. B. Johnson, Vice-President
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of April, A. D., 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, L. E. Adrian, } Directors

John Ralph Adams came in Friday afternoon to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams. John returned to Texarkana Tuesday morning to renew his duties there, but left here with the wish that he could remain longer with Merkel friends.

We have a clean, cool, comfortable place and invite you to come in and make yourself at home when in town. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. E. M. Britian and son were visitors in Colorado last week.
\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

C. E. Whitaker made a business trip to Big Springs Saturday.
\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

D. E. Hern of Noodle was a business visitor in Abilene Monday.

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

J. M. Williams of Abilene was in the city a few minutes Saturday.

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

S. S. Harris one of the old time Merkel citizens was in town this week on business.

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

Mrs. Powell of Abilene returned to her home after having spent a few days with Mrs. W. T. Collins.

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

T. R. Morris left Merkel for Waco and Austin Monday morning where he will remain for some time.

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

L. E. Adrian of Trent was in town Tuesday on business and to hear Judge Ramsey speak. Mr. Adrian went from here to Abilene on the noon train.
\$5.00 in Gold, Free at the Elite.

No. 366
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 18th day of April 1912, published in the Merkel Mall, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 3rd day of May 1912:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral.....	\$35,788.36
Loans, real estate.....	5,439.23
Overdrafts.....	306.47
Other real estate.....	2,668.34
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,314.95
Due from approved Reserve Agents.....	\$12,275.69
Cash Items.....	104.30
Currency.....	3,152.00
Specie.....	1,331.07
Interest Guaranty Fund.....	339.93
Assesment Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	43.44
Total.....	\$63,817.80

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	680.62
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	45,114.41
Cashier's checks.....	522.77
Total.....	\$63,817.80

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of April A. D. 1912. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: R. O. Anderson, B. C. Moore, J. C. Comegys, } Directors

Paul Leeper has gone to Childress to accept a position in a lumber yard. His mother, Mrs. George L. Hamilton, accompanied him to Fort Worth where she will visit for a few days and will visit friends and relatives in Dallas, Decatur and Waxahachie.

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

Miss Irene Welch of Abilene returned to her home Wednesday morning after having spent several days here with her aunt Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

No. 10052
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Southern National Bank

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 18, 1912:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$101,753.30
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	14,000.00
Other real estate owned.....	8,504.42
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks.....	755.88
Due from approved reserve agents.....	15,226.02
Checks and other cash items.....	527.88
Notes of other National banks.....	1,150.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	190.00
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$5,358.00
Legal-tender notes.....	2,165.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	625.00
Total.....	\$162,755.50

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	4,235.15
National Bank notes outstanding.....	12,500.00
Due to other National banks.....	2,097.40
Due to approved Reserve Agents.....	481.30
Individual Deposits sub. to check.....	75,941.65
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	15,000.00
Total.....	\$162,755.50

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of April 1912.
(SEAL) L. H. King, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: C. L. Barker, M. Armstrong, John Sears, } Directors

Friday afternoon several of the Abilene people came up to see "Pal" at the opera house. Among them were Miss Red, Miss Hill and Mr. Roquemore.

Miss Cecile Haley of Abilene came up Friday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. W. E. Britian and to see her mother Mrs. R. A. Haley who was here from Matador.

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



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Forty-Two Party.

Misses Orra Long and Susie Penn were charming honorees at a pretty social function Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 when Mesdames B. H. Wheeler and J. P. Sutphen entertained with progressive 42 at the home of the latter. Beautiful hand-painted score cards were passed in which appeared the spring flowers. The hand-painted booklets were done in sweet peas and were given to the honorees at the conclusion of the games. 84 on a losing game was very popular and created lots of fun.

The players and guests were Misses Collins, Martin, Garrett, Conner, Paylor, Burroughs, Long, Sandlin, Mims, Williams, Williams of Abilene, Jennings, Sutphen, Adkisson, Lucile Sutphen, Mesdames Cladd and Fred Bigham, Rister, Scott, Russell, Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent, Masters Joe Largent and Charles Sutphen and the hostesses. Miss Alice Williams won high progression while Miss Long, contrary to rule, proved to be the loser. Music was furnished by Misses Burroughs, Mims, Adkisson, and Sutphen. The games were punched by Mrs. T. H. Largent. A delicious fruit salad and home-made cake was served.

Doll Day.

Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 6 will be a red letter day with the dear little men and women in Miss Orra Long's room. They had carried their dolls with them and invited their mamas to be their guests at the very best picnic just northwest of the north ward school building. Out door games were played, stories were told, then there was the loveliest lunch, a picnic lunch under the shade of trees.

Miss Flay Gunn assisted by her sisters Misses Mary and Amy Gunn was a most charming hostess Saturday evening. The occasion being the celebration of her seventeenth birthday. In the telegram contest Miss Bradford of Sweetwater and Clayton Brown were honored for writing the best telegrams, the prize going to Miss Bradford, a silver mounted shoe hook. Instrumental and vocal music selections were pleasant diversions of the evening. At an early hour delicious grape juice sherbet and devils food cake were served to the guests. As each bade Miss Flay good night a wish was expressed that she have many happy returns of the day.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico comes reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barcelona, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Friday evening April 26 Prof. R. L. Krigbaum entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer in honor of the teachers, seniors and juniors. Stringed music was furnished for the occasion. Various diversions had been arranged for the amusement and entertainment of the guests. In the peanut hunt each could eat all the peanuts he found. The games played were hull-gull, forty-two, bunco and travel. Then came the game of identification in which articles were to be searched for and identified when found. Cream and cake was served.

Flagged Train With Shirt.

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

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

Best kept nasturtium 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.

ENTRIES.

For the best premises, entire grounds and alley, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Emzi Burroughs, Mrs. John Sears, J. T. Tucker, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Taylor Jennings, Ed Scott, Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

For best kept back yard, Mrs. Phillip Pettit.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle. Prettiest geranium in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle.

Prettiest fern in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Prettiest carnation in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle.

Prettiest pot of ice plant, Mrs. Phillip Pettit.

Best kept lawn, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Mrs. John Sears.

Best kept shade trees, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Best kept nasturtium bed, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Miss Ruth Mims, Mrs. G. L. Hamilton, Katherine Pettit.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard, Miss Annie T. Daniel.

Most artistic vine covered back fence, Miss Annie T. Daniel.

Prettiest rose bed or border, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. J. T. Tucker, Miss Mary Jennings, Mrs. John Sears.

Best collection of flowers, Mrs. J. T. Tucker.

For best kept alley, Ed Scott, Emzi Burroughs, Gordon Mims.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

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The Woman's Tonic

CHARACTER DOLL IS LATEST

Each Type is Made After the Portrait or Photograph of a Real Child.

Perhaps the most interesting feature about the jointed child dolls is the fact that each type is made after the portrait or photograph of a real child, and is often a copy of a living model. One traces the incentive for realism in doll manufacture to a lovely elderly lady in Munich. She is an artist, and one with a deep love for childhood. It seemed to her that when one considered all the passion of love which a doll inspires in the breast of its owner, that little girl ought to have a pet that looked more human than dolls have been wont to look. With this idea she developed in plaster, dolls that were exact imitations of the various peasant folk who came to Munich from Bavarian and other provinces of a Sunday. The holiday attire of each native village was represented. These delightful little figures of peasant life attracted the attention of the Empress of Germany many three years ago—at the time when they first appeared—and she made Christmas presents of them to children of the royal household. She was delighted with the human-looking manikins, and this fact did not take long to spread throughout the Empire and reach the ears of Americans. Now the artist in Munich has several artist assistants to aid her in developing new peasant faces and types, and factories eagerly await models from her studio to dress according to her designs.—Harper's Bazar

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

German Trade Advancement.

At one time the county of Lancashire, in England, produced practically all the sulphuric acid in the world. The commercial development in Germany and other foreign countries of a special process of manufacture, originally invented by an Englishman, has lost this trade to England. Similarly, the working out by Germans of a method of making artificial indigo has already revolutionized the indigo business and bids fair also to revolutionize the cotton dyeing industry. Four-fifths of all the dyes used in the world are made in Germany.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

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That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 48 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation. Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law—FREE auxiliary branches. Good POSITIONS GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions. Bookkeeping. Bookkeepers all over the United States say that Draughon's New System of Bookkeeping saves them from 25 to 50 per cent in work and worry. Home Study. Thousands of bank cashiers, bookkeepers, and stenographers are holding good positions as the result of taking Draughon's Home Study. Short-hand. Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Short-hand Draughon Colleges teach. Why? Because they know it is the best. DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE. Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXV. CUSTOM

PLATO reprehended severely one of his pupils for committing a wrong and the young man said, "Why do you censure me so severely for so small a matter?" and Plato replied, "But custom is no small matter."

Many of our citizens vote a ticket according to custom without reference to party platform or to the ability of candidates. We can permit ourselves to be such complete slaves of custom that we lose our identity and become the property of politicians. No country can prosper where the noble impulses of progress are fettered by the coils of custom and whose citizens follow its blind adherence the paths of habit.



PLATO REPREHENDING HIS PUPIL.

Let him who would mount the rostrum of progress break the shackles of custom and give liberty to thought, and freedom to action; loose the galling chain of habit that binds industry and fetters progress and demonstrate to his fellow-citizens that a scrap heap is a most powerful factor in civilization. Texas Needs Great Men.

SULPHUR TAKEN FROM WELLS

How It Is Forced From Great Depths in Louisiana by Means of Hot Water.

Within recent years Sicily, so long famous for its exportation of sulphur, has suffered from the competition of the United States. In Sicily sulphur is mined in the solid form. At Lake Charles, La., near the Gulf of Mexico, a little over 200 miles from New Orleans, sulphur is obtained from deep deposits in the form of a liquid.

Wells driven to a depth of 600 feet in search of petroleum revealed instead a rich deposit of sulphur. To obtain the mineral hollow tubes were driven into the earth. Each sulphur well consists of three tubes, one within another. Through the outer tube hot water is forced down, and it issues through perforations near the bottom. Through the central tube hot air is driven a little lower than the points where the hot water escapes. Through this third tube, inclosed between the other two, the liquid sulphur, dissolved by the water, rises to the surface under the combined influence of the pressure of the column of water and impulsion of the rising air. The liquid sulphur is led into wooden reservoirs, where it cools and hardens.

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How You Want It
When You Want It**

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Smoking in the Dark.
According to experts in the tobacco business the prevailing impression that a man cannot enjoy a smoke in the dark is erroneous. It all depends on the cigar. According to the best authority, sight plays no part in the enjoyment of a smoke, and it is pointed out that blind men are most inveterate smokers; in fact, blind men are expert in telling a good cigar from a poor one, as their sense of smell is so well developed. A New York cigar dealer says that one of his best customers is a blind man and he can tell a good cigar from a bad one by his sense of smell, even when standing a yard or more from his counter.

Most smokers do not like to smoke in the dark. They say it is necessary to watch the smoke ascend and to see the rings curl in order to thoroughly enjoy it, but cigar dealers say the enjoyment is really in the taste and not in the odor, and the sense of taste needs no light to make smoking enjoyable.

Painless Dentistry.
In the Sunday school teacher's experience the only kind of a dentist she had ever known was a man who pulled or repaired teeth, so when the nice little girl in her class said her father was a dentist the teacher concluded to patronize him. She knew his address and called one day with nerves braced for treatment of an unsound tooth. She was shown into a small workshop, whose sides were lined with big grandfather clocks. "Dentist?" the man exclaimed. "Great Scott, no; I'm a clock mender, but I know how the kid came to make the mistake. People in this trade always call the fellow who makes a specialty of tinkering with grandfather clocks a dentist. The wheels of most grandfather clocks of American manufacture are made of wood, and when the clock stops the wornout teeth have to be removed from the wheel and sound teeth put in. So I really do work with teeth and deserve the name of dentist."

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.—Mebane cotton seed that made bale to the acre. Selected out of the first picking. S. F. Haynes, Merkel, Texas. tf

LOST—Between Merkel and Warren school house a black crocheted handbag containing \$2.00 in change, a gold pin, stamps and some letters. Finder please leave at Groene's Studio and receive reward.

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.

Young Men Buy Garage

A deal consummated the first of this month sold the Merkel garage and oil business to M. C. Kelso, Edgar Jones and J. F. Hendricks, Jr.

All of the young men have taken a course in the Dallas school and are amply qualified for the work they have undertaken. They promise both local and transient autoists good work and fair treatment. They will continue to handle and sell the Texas Company oils.

The automobile business will continue to increase and the Mail wishes for this very necessary enterpris continued success.

Have Your Buggy Or Auto Painted

I have just made arrangements for a building for a short time in which to paint buggies and autos and can repaint buggies and autos in a satisfactory way and at a very reasonable price. Phone No. 50 Powell the Painter.

Speaking Postponed

Hon. Thos. L. Blanton has changed his speaking date here on account of the carnival and will announce a date later for his campaign speech.

Dr. S. L. Davis of Clayton came in Monday afternoon to visit old friends and to attend the annual convention of the State Dental Association at Abilene. It was with regret the Merkel people gave Dr. Davis up to another town but we are very glad to again have him with us, even in a short visit.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and two children left Merkel for Wildersville, Tenn., Thursday morning to visit relatives. They will be gone about two months. Miss Madeline remained here to look after the wants of her father in their home.

The library will be open here after on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock. All members are requested to take notice.

Mrs. E. W. Davis of Winters returned to her home Thursday after having spent several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Church.

Doctor and Mrs. McMaster are Abilene attending the convention of dentists. They will return Sunday morning.

Dr. Sterling Davis attended the Dental Association at Abilene Wednesday.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXIV. BEAUTY

THE GREEKS loved beauty, but ugliness gave them a pain like a blow. They planted in human life a love for the beautiful which has lifted mankind into a brighter world and widened the horizon of human happiness, and the lives of their great men were models of human effort and examples of marvelous achievement which have encouraged and inspired the world.

There is no nobler deed than to plant in the garden of civilization flowers that will blush and bloom and shed their fragrance to future generations.



THE GREEKS LOVED BEAUTY.

Let those who would pluck roses of fame, plant seed thoughts that will blossom along life's highway and laden the atmosphere with progress; scatter prosperity germs in the life of state that will flourish and bring forth the fruits of industry and open up the gates of wonder on a world of opportunities as inviting as a night full of stars. Texas Needs Great Men.

Impervious to Hard Knocks.

All stories about the hardness of negroes' skulls were put into the background by two happenings which occurred the other day. Following a quarrel, a negro, Henry Lewis, was shot four times in the head at a range of less than five feet. After penetrating the flesh the bullets flattened and dropped to the floor. The man was taken to hospital, but was soon permitted to go to his home. His assailant escaped. Another colored man, William Puffen, while harnessing a mule, was kicked on the head and knocked down. Getting to his feet, he discovered the mule lying on the ground. Examination showed that its leg was broken. Puffen was taken to the Germantown hospital, where six stitches were put in his scalp.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Ruthless Destruction of Books.
Napoleon was indirectly responsible for the destruction of a vast quantity of books. In 1812 he framed a law allowing goods to be imported from the United Kingdom, provided that the importer shipped an equivalent quantity of French goods to this country. French merchants generally met the requirements of this law by shipping books to the value of the wares they wished to import. Having served to gain the necessary permit, the books were thrown overboard on the way to England, as there was no demand for them here. Shippers could well afford to do this, for coffee and sugar were then about ten times dearer in France than in England. It has been estimated that books to the nominal value of four million dollars were destroyed in this way.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

TERRIER AND THE LIONESS

Little Dog Braves Wounded Wild Beast and Saves Life of His Master.

That victory is not always a matter of size or strength was pleasingly illustrated in the case of the dog that did his duty so effectually in the incident here related.

A man named De Beer had started early one morning for a journey on foot in Matabeleland, leaving his boy to pack up and follow him. He had not gone half a mile when he heard a growl and, turning, saw an immense lioness about fifty yards away and rapidly approaching. She was within twenty paces when he fired. The shot broke the beast's jaw.

The second shot broke one of her legs. The third, fired just as she sprang on De Beer, missed altogether and the man was borne down.

In a few seconds he was mauled and bitten and his left hand severely injured. There seemed little hope that he could escape alive, for his gun was out of reach and the lion, lying on him, prevented him from moving.

But with De Beer was one companion, a little terrier. The tiny animal flew bravely at the lioness' ear, got a good hold and hung grimly on. This made the brute shift a little, and De Beer was able to reach his rifle again with his right hand and shoot the lioness through the chest. She fell dead on top of him, his left hand still in her mouth.

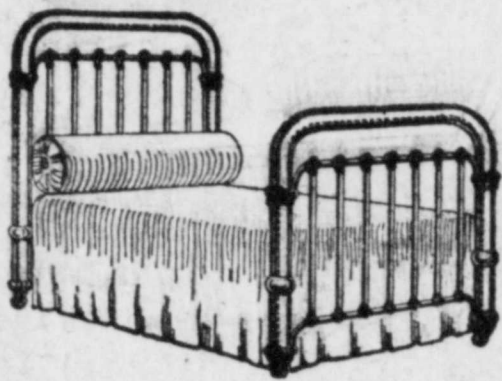
There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you are your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all dealers.

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

Our 10-Days House-Furnishing Sale

COMMENCING MAY 2 - CLOSING MAY 11

Special features of interest to every home maker as well as special values in furniture and Rugs in this BIG 10 - DAYS SALE. This is right at the time of house cleaning season when you have been thinking of buying that beautiful rug, piece of furniture or iron bed. Almost every piece of furniture upon our floor carries a price ticket upon which the price is plainly marked. This price is absolutely uniform and the same to all. We urge you to investigate. Go to other stores, look up catalogues, then come to us and we will get your business. If you can't come in ask your neighbor about it. Let these few articles serve as an example of what we have to offer you at this particular time and don't fail to see them.



This big 2-inch continuous post bed, in white or vernis martin full size, weight 135 lb. **\$8.00**
We furnish slats with all beds.



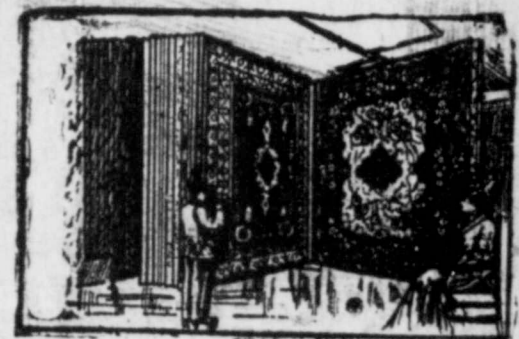
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9x12 \$3.75 Matting Rug, our sale price **\$3.25**
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9x12 Axminster Rugs, about 45 lb., sale price **19.50**

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Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkuzn Items.

April 30—We had a good shower Saturday night which is fine on the large acreage of cotton planted this last week.

Everybody is too busy to make or collect news these days.

Mr. Keene from Shep moved into the "job" house since our last writing. Odie Mitchell and Miss Alice Hefferman "hied awas" to the county capital Wednesday and were married. We wish them a long and happy life.

Misses Effie and Bertha Reynolds were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Little Loyd Perry has been right sick but was improving last reports.

Marvin Cox and Key Wilson went to Potosi Friday to attend the closing exercises of Lytle Cove school Friday and Saturday night.

John Collins has bought the farm of B. F. Culbirth on Elm creek near the schoolhouse. We understand Mr. Culbirth intends moving to Baylor county. They have many friends here who will regret to know of this move from our community.

The literary society Friday night was largely attended as usual and all report a good time.

Ben Harrison and Miss McNeas teacher of Hillside school attended the entertainment at Elm Grove school house Friday night. Miss Sallie Perry of Dora was also among the guests.

Otho Culbirth and Jim Atkins were among the young people who went to Potosi Friday.

J. A. Wills made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. McDaniels and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Hefferman this week from Sweetwater.

Mesdames J. E. Hallmark and J. C. McWilliams visited relatives at Shep over Sunday.

The singing at John Collins Sunday afternoon was much enjoyed by those present.

Blair Echoes.

April 30—The sand storm Sunday did considerable damage to growing crops around Blair.

Bro. Williams preached at the church

Sunday.

Bro. Hamilton did not fill his regular appointment Sunday on account of the sand storm.

Mrs. L. N. Stevens returned Monday to her home at Lampasas accompanied by Mrs. L. M. McGehe and little son.

The singing Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan was enjoyed by all.

Blair has a broom factory now owned and managed by Otto Webster.

Mrs. Joe Morrison and children returned last week from Loraine where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Emma Campbell of Rock Crossing was here Friday visiting her son Rufus Little and family.

The fruit supper Friday night in the home of Mr and Mrs. S. J. Reeves was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Powell and brothers of Sylvester attended the Reeves entertainment Friday night.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and son James were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunter of Nubia were business visitors to Blair last week.

F. D. Addison was a passenger to Coleman Friday.

Mrs. S. E. Akcock was on the sick list last week.

W. N. Moore and grandson William of Comere visited relatives at Blair Monday.

Mr. Neely, news gatherer for the Abilene Reporter, was among friends here last week and also attended the I. O. O. F. picnic at Nubia Friday.

Mr. Sherman and family of Trent visited the family of E. M. Sherman Friday and Saturday.

Jacob Reeves visited friends at Sylvester Saturday and Sunday.

M. A. Powell is on the sick list.

Quida

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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Mulberry News.

April 30—Rev. Williams from Abilene preached here Sunday.

We were visited by a shower of sand here Sunday which killed some of the cotton in this community.

D. F. Rogers and sister Mrs. C. L. Britton were called to the bedside of their mother Mrs. Rogers of Warren last Tuesday. She is still very ill.

Mr. Whitescarver of Salt Branch called on his daughter Mrs. Bettie Chancey Sunday morning.

C. L. Britton and son Robert made a business trip to Abilene last Friday.

Singing Sunday night at C. S. Harrisons. A very good crowd out.

C. S. Harrison made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

D. F. Rogers and family visited Chas. Rogers and mothers of Warren Sunday.

Hamilton Chancey and wife visited Mr. Whitescarver and family of Salt Branch Sunday evening.

Sunday school here Sunday. A very good crowd out.

A few of the young people attended the party at Tye Saturday night and had to drive to get home before the rain.

Dewdrops.

Dora Doings.

April 30—Health of this community is good at present.

Cotton planting is the order of the day.

We had a very good rain Saturday

night but the wind blowed so hard Sunday that the ground dried out considerably and the farmers began planting again Monday.

Mrs. Dalby and Mrs. Perry visited Mrs. George Whitaker Tuesday.

Mrs. Lofton of Merkel is visiting her sister Mrs. Jim Bryson who has been on the sick list.

The party given at Jim Rhodes Tuesday night was quite an enjoyable affair. Ross Ardman returned from Dallas Friday where he has been attending the grand lodge of I. O. O. F.

Lee Magee and family visited at Thomas McCoy's Sunday.

There will be preaching at Dora the first Sunday in May. Everybody invited.

A. R. Sanders of Sweetwater was visiting near Dora last week.

Uncle Josh.

Shiloh Clippings.

April 30—Everything growing nicely. We had a nice shower Saturday night followed by an old time sand storm.

One of Lon Martin's little girls has been sick this week. We hope she will soon be up.

Dick Morgan's baby has been very sick the last few day. We hope for her rapid recovery.

Some of the Shiloh folks heard Dallas Scarborough speak at Trent last Saturday night.

Notwithstanding the sand storm there was a large attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

There was singing at Terrel Winters Sunday evening.

School superintendent Cunningham spoke at Shiloh school house last Tuesday night, subject being consolidation of Shiloh and Grayson schools. Shiloh was opposed to the move.

The W. O. W. met Thursday night instead of Wednesday.

The B. Y. P. U. rally starts at Shiloh on Friday and will continue until Sunday. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday. Everyone invited.

Rev. A. Eason was a Merkel visitor Friday.

Booster.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by all dealers,

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

April 30—Preaching Sunday by Bro. Ryal Griffith of Abilene.

Messrs. Austin and Houston Robert, son, Burley Taylor and sister Miss Oma attended the singing at Jim Rister's of Mount Pleasant Saturday night.

Joe Higgins and family of Warren attended church here Sunday.

J. W. Hardy and daughters, Wesley Hardy and family went fishing on Bitter creek last week.

Bro. Ryal Griffith took dinner with Will Higgins Sunday.

J. L. Barker and wife, Jess Higgins and wife were visiting Ezra Barker and wife Sunday.

Misses Oma Taylor and Gardie Higgins took supper with Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

The severe sand storm Sunday destroyed many acres of cotton out this way.

Blue-Eyed Girl.

Butman Community.

April 30—Our community is dotted here and there with bare fields as result of the dreadful sand storm that visited us Sunday. Nearly all the people had nice crops of cotton and feed started and it was a hard day's fight to save any at all though many did.

A party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner's Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Misses Bama Richburg, Victoria Warlick and Messrs. Sam and Lewis Butman of our community attended a social at Mr. and Mrs. Hines of the White Church community Friday night.

Mulberry band boys met at Mr. Costephens Saturday night to practice.

Misses Lillie and Laurie White visited Misses Lottie and Margie Butman Sunday.

A nice crowd met for Sunday school Sunday at the usual hour.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger and Mona Whetsel were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

A large crowd attended the singing at Mr. White's Sunday night.

A Sunday school rally will be held at Butman school house Sunday May 5. Preachers are expected from Merkel and Abilene.

Ned.