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TARVER IS IN LINE FOR A BIG FIGHT

Dr. Jack Platt surely believes in the Texas white hope, Cass Tarver. Says the doctor-manager in a letter just received:

"I have Cass Tarver ready to take on any of the so-called white hopes with two weeks' notice. I would like to hear from all of them and especially from one Gill Hart who blew into the Texas Athletic Club at Fort Worth seven or eight weeks ago. The big boy is certainly in fine form. Remember that I wrote you several months ago that Texas will have produced a white world's heavyweight champion within eighteen months. Well, now, watch me make good through Cass Tarver.

"Some of you say money talks. Well, now, let some of these wise guys put up all the money they can carry and see how much I can cover. I'll bet I will have a place as big as a Pullman car sheet to have them fill in after I get through covering.

"I want to scrap in New Mexico and not for less than twenty rounds, although forty-five will suit me better. I do not think any of the white hopes can stay more than eight rounds with Tarver.

"Won't it be great to have a champion lightweight in Bobby Waugh and another Texas man, Cass Tarver, champion of the World?"

Who knows?

1000 FIREMEN AT AUSTIN THIS WEEK

Merkel is represented in the large body of volunteer firemen gathered at Austin this week and it is said that it is the largest gathering of its kind ever held in the state. Nearly 1,000 firemen from over a hundred towns are in attendance and it is expected that more will arrive. The parade which marked the opening of the affair was a half mile in length.

The sessions are being held in the hall of representatives at the state capitol.

The convention was called to order at 10 a.m. P. A. Heckman of Temple, chaplain of the state association, offered the invocation. Mayor Wooldridge welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city and Secretary of State C. C. McDonald represented Gov. Colquitt in discharging similar service for the state.

George W. Mendell delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Austin fire department. John S. McKinney, president of the association, and Jas. L. Storey of Houston responded to these addresses.

The convention will last four days. A feature will be drills, exhibition relay races and contests on Fifth street Friday.

Rev. R. A. Clements returned Monday morning from Albany where he has been conducting a meeting.

BAN ON DANCING MAY NOT BE LIFTED

Minneapolis, Minn., May 13.—Unless the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church overrules the action of the committee on state of the church, that part of the famous paragraph 260 of the church discipline which especially prohibits dancing, card playing and kindred amusements, will remain a law of the church.

By a vote of 100 to 51 the entire committee late today voted to reject the report of the majority of the sub-committee which favored the elimination of a portion of the paragraph and leaving the amusement question to the "conscience" of the individual member. Dr. James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, Syracuse, N. Y., chairman of the sub-committee which favored the striking out of that section of the paragraph, served notice on the committee that a minority report would be made to the conference.

WOODMEN SUPPER BRINGS IN MONEY

The box supper at Shiloh Saturday night was a complete success in every way and financially it surpassed anything of a benefit class that is pulled off in this place. The people of that community met almost as a unit on hearing of the box supper to be given by the Woodmen of the Shiloh lodge. Many visitors were also in evidence.

To start with a contest in which the prize cake was to be awarded to the most beautiful young lady receiving the most votes. Votes were one cent each and there was no restriction on the number any one person could buy and from the amount the cake brought the contest must have been very lively for when the pennies were counted \$41.50 had been spent for chances and the official in charge said they were ready for another go when he stopped it, for at that time the Woodmen had more money than they could use having received \$31.38 from other sources making the evening total \$75.88, a very neat sum indeed.

Notice to Parents.

In order that the children get the benefit of the public schools they must be enrolled during the month of May. All children that will be over seven and under seventeen on or before the first day of September are entitled to enrollment. Supt. R. L. Krigbaum is appointed to take the census, he is looking for you. If he does not find you see some member of the school board. Yours truly, 1713 Merkel School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Oualline returned to South Texas Sunday night. Mrs. Oualline has spent some three months here for her health and returns to the coast country in much better health than when she arrived here.

MINISTER FACES DEATH ON MONDAY

Boston, Mass., May 12.—The board of insanity experts selected by Governor Foss to examine into the mental condition of Clarence V. T. Richeson, the former clergyman under sentence of death for the murder of Avis Linnell, subjected Richeson today to the most exhaustive tests known.

The examination today was in the big music room of the sheriff's house. Richeson showed no trace of nervousness as he walked from his cell and at the completion of the long day's ordeal apparently was in excellent condition. The physicians avoided discussing with anyone the results of their examination, which continued uninterrupted from 9 a. m. until 11 a. m., when Richeson signified a desire for his dinner. Back in his cell he partook heartily of the special food, which is daily sent in to him from a restaurant outside.

About 2 o'clock he was taken again to the sheriff's house. The second session lasted until 5:30 o'clock. At its conclusion Richeson bade the visitors good afternoon and was returned to his cell, his carriage as he marched across the jail yard being one of apparent hopefulness, if not confidence. He ate a hearty supper and tonight was reading in his cell, as he had been allowed the Sunday papers, from which had been clipped all reference to his own case.

If the council declines to take any action on Wednesday Richeson will be at once removed to the Charlestown state prison, there to await the execution of the sentence of the law against him, which is that he be electrocuted during next week.

A fishing crowd went out to the river Monday night to try their luck and came back with the usual fish story. Claud Sears, Will Evans, George and Ross Ferrier constituted the bunch. All report a good rain around the upper Truby country.

'12 OUR GOOD READERS '13

The Old and The New '13

Late additions to our subscription list increases our circulation much to our satisfaction.

City—W H Gilliam, Dr J M C King, D C Hutcheson, J N Shelton, Austin Body, G H McDonald, J G Robbins, S B Barnett, Fred Guitar, J P C Hunt, T F Compton, Mrs Nan Thompson.

Routes—J H Bridges, D I Shelton, W I Burton, Mrs Effie Renolds, Mrs O M Holland, J F. Abernathy, W N Stonecipher, R B Wells, Jacob Foster.

Others—Dr C M McCauley, Abilene; D M Matthew, Nubia; Willie Joe Largent, Amarillo; Barney Garrett, Mart; W S Frederickson, Toyah; F G Bradley, Stith; E M Blackburn, Blair; Miss Bessie Medlin, Anson; Miss Mattie Murphy, Abilene; Miss Myrtle Conner, Baird; Walter Wells, Steel; J T Toombs, Nubia; Mrs Rufus Grisham, Hamlin; J L Vaughan, Moctezuma, Mexico.

THE SALT BRANCH SINGING SUNDAY

Sunday was a banner day for the singers of the county at Salt Branch and the weather being favorable the attendance was as good, people coming from all parts of the county to take part.

Abilene was well represented by Z. D. Hailey, E. D. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Free, S. D. Jobe, Prof. Bristow, Rial Griffith and others. The Merkel crowd was a feature at the gathering. Trent was well represented by Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Johnson, Miss Banner and A. McLaughlin.

Everyone reports a good convention and one of the best dinners that was ever served to the singing public. It is said that the crowd was so large in the afternoon that the house would not have held the ladies that attended had there been no men in the congregation.

Miss Lizzie Calvert, Miss Ina Jobe and Homer Jobe spent Sunday in Baird the guests of Miss Myrtle Conner.

MEXICO THE SCENE OF FIERCE BATTLE

Conejas, Mex., May 13.—Burning bridges behind them as they go the rebels of the army of Gen. Pascual Orozco who were yesterday defeated by the Madero troops continued their march in retreat today.

The rebels have destroyed five bridges and the federals have been seriously delayed in pursuit of them.

In yesterday's battle the rebel dead and wounded are now estimated to be 600.

Rellano, Mex., May 13.—Gen. Pascual Orozco has mustered his army near this place for final stand against the federals.

The supreme rebel commander now admits that the federals are far better equipped than his men in artillery and that he is retreating to the fortifications and trenches at this place as a protection against the guns of the Madero troops. It is from these same trenches that the rebels won their victory which caused Gen. Salazar to take his own life.

The rebels claim that the federals lost almost as many dead as themselves in yesterday's battle.

Roberts for Tax Assessor.

The Mail is authorized to announce to its readers in Jones county the candidacy of John H. Roberts of Nugent for tax assessor. The candidate is the son of one of the pioneer families of Jones county and this section who are known to all of the old timers. He is well qualified for the office and if elected will make a good officer. Give his claims due consideration before you vote.

Editor Hammill of the San Angelo Record was a pleasant visitor in Merkel last week, coming in Saturday and returning Sunday afternoon.

LAST MONDAYS RAIN IS VERY BEST YET

Not content with the good rain of last week which was in itself a good indication of continued prosperity to the Merkel country and at some places in the west was heavy enough to do damage, we were visited by another on Monday night that came in a slow way continuing throughout the night and of a class in itself that would make the great western rain maker C. W. Post sit up and think of a way in which he could make it visit his country in just such a desirable way. Mr. Post will not have to rely upon his blasting ways to start the prosperity of the western country for the rain extended out over part of that western country. At Midland a good rain fell on the heels of an eight inch rain last week and all country between here and there was equally soaked. East the rain extended as far as Cisco.

Locally the rain could not have been better. Around the Blair, Butman and Dora country the season was ideal. Stith and Noodle report a condition that could not be beat and it is now for us to grant with no pessimistic talk and feeling that the Merkel country is right in the midst of one of the best years if not the best that ever visited this country.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and daughter Miss Genevieve were social and business visitors in Abilene the first of the week.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

There will be children's day at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock May 26 and all are cordially invited to attend. All the cradle roll members are expected to be present. All the parents are earnestly requested to have the children come to the church when called together for practice.

Program Committee—Miss E. Love Hawkins, Dr. O. F. McMaster, Prof. R. L. Krigbaum, Prof. B. D. Black, C. N. Routh.

Recitation Committee—Mrs. R. A. Clements, Misses Effie Hutson, Georgia Moore, Leola Coats, Bertha Harris, Allie Jennings.

Music Committee—Misses Cleo Bowler, Laura Jennings, Fannie Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

Decoration Committee—Messdames Krigbaum, Jennings, Hale, Pickerill, Adams, Misses Eula Sears, Ola Pope, Mattie Paylor, Jessie Sutphen.

Publicity Committee—Rev. R. A. Clements, J. H. Warnick, W. L. Harkrider.

No Trespassing Allowed.

Every person caught trespassing on my premises will be prosecuted. Don't forget this means YOU. (1713) Vol Martin.

Miss Mary Guitar returned to Abilene Monday after a short visit to her brother Fred Guitar of this place.

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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	Rediscounts	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.

ORGANIZED 1904

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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Views on Mexico.

W. R. Bigham returned from the state of Chihuahua in Mexico Sunday and reports the conditions much worse than they have ever been in that part of the country. Mr. Bigham thinks the battle in the lower part of the state will be the most decisive of any they have ever had and says if the Red Flaggers are whipped that the state of Chihuahua will be ruined for the country will not be able to support the soldiers of the insurrection if they be thrown back on them but if they in turn whip the Federals it will be a godsend to the people in the state of Chihuahua but will be the ruin of the Mexicans government. He gives the direct cause of this last trouble to the return of T. J. Coggin to those parts and says it is too far gone now to

stop even if Mr. Coggin should leave the country.

The Mail predicts the next government of Mexico to be a Bighamist with a Cogginade insurrection which will no doubt be the final fight in the sister republic.

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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Good, large work mule, for cash or good note. Anchor Hardware Co.

JUST RECEIVED—A car of Studebaker buggies and two cars of Deering and McCormick binders. Anchor Hardware Co.

FOUND—Bunch of keys. Owner can have them by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

HAND WANTED—To work on farm by the month. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. tf

Climax of Red Tape.

This is a tale of a self-confessed murderer who wished to be arrested, as related by a writer in Le Matin, Paris.

Some time ago a man named Berge was stabbed to death at Algiers. Three men were arrested on suspicion, but, as they proved their innocence, they were released and the matter was shelved.

A few days ago a man called at the office of the local police commissary and said to that official:

"My name is Marius Yvorra. I killed Berges, and this is how I did it."

The commissary listened to the man's confession and said:

"You had better see my secretary." The secretary also listened to the man's confession, and, after a little reflection said:

"Now, look here, my good man, this is not the way to get arrested. You must write us a letter confirming the oral statement made to us. Then we shall be able to attend to you. Now, get along."

The man left the office, and, perhaps because he was not a good writer, he has not been seen since in Algiers.

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.

Laugh Earned Reward.

"I can't for the life of me see what a brilliant fellow like Skribbs saw to admire in that woman he married."

"It wasn't what he saw so much as what he heard."

"What do you mean?"

"I guess you never heard that merry laugh of hers."

"Do you mean to say that a brainy man would marry a woman just because she had a merry laugh?"

"Well—yes. Didn't you know that Skribbs was a joke writer?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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.

Colorado Jail Delivery.

On last Thursday night three out of four prisoners who were placed in the Colorado jail for keeping made their escape and at last reports they had not been caught, though the man who stayed behind gave the alarm just as soon as his companions had made their escape. He refused to go with them but waited until they were out of hearing before calling for help. They lowered themselves to the ground by means of a rope made from blankets after having pried the bars apart so as to permit their escape. They had just been carried from Sweetwater and were under sentences of from two to twenty years.

Robbery at Hylton.

Saturday night yeggmen entered the store of Sheppard & Guinn at Hylton and with the aid of nitroglycerine wrecked the safe and took from it \$20, all the money in the safe at that time, it being locked in a heavy tin box which the robbers took with them. They also entered the postoffice through the rear and took from it candies and canned goods to the extent of their wants. Officers were notified and are at work trying to apprehend the miscreants but if a clew has been found they are keeping it on the quiet.

Spending Appointments.

I will speak at the following places in the interest of my candidacy for re-election to the office of District Judge, to-wit: At Merkel Monday night May 20, at Trent Tuesday night May 21, at Tye Wednesday night May 22, at Caps Thursday night May 23, at Nubia Friday night May 24, at Potosi Saturday afternoon May 25 at two o'clock, at Dudley Saturday night May 25, at Ovalo Monday night May 27, at Tuscola Tuesday night May 28, at Moro Wednesday night May 29, at Buffalo Gap Thursday night May 30, at Shep Friday night May 31. Other appointments in Taylor county to be arranged later. I hereby challenge my opponent to meet me in joint discussion at each of the above places and let the sovereign people pass upon our respective claims.

Thomas L. Blanton.

J. M. Grayson of the Shiloh community reports the cotton of that country in fine condition saying that he had a good stand and most every other person he knew had cotton up and in good condition. He also reports the corn and maize as good as a person could ask for while the oat crop will not be as heavy as was expected, yet it will mcw with ease.

Dr. Sandefer's Address.

We regret very much omitting in our last week's issue mention of the literary address by Dr. Sandefer of Simmons college given here in connection with the commencement exercises at the opera house Monday evening May 4. The address came at the ending of the entertainment and was classed by all as one of the best talks ever made in this town. The usual wit of the orator was lacking from the address but he was content with bringing stress upon the necessity of the high school work which was heartily enjoyed by all the hearers.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Geo. W. Moore went to Abilene Saturday night to take his daughter Gertrude age 12 who was operated on for appendicitis the next morning. At the time of the operation she was considered in very serious condition but later rested better and it is now thought she will soon recover. Mrs. Mack Angus went down Monday to be with her during her stay at the sanitarium. Two of Miss Moore's uncles, Buck and Jim Moore, accompanied her and her father to Abilene, returning Monday afternoon.

Penitentiary Recruits.

Deputy United States Marshal J.V. Cunningham passed through here Monday enroute to Huntsville with 21 prisoners consisting of 2 white men, 1 negro and 18 Mexicans. The men were going for different length terms convicted on various offenses. The number will be increased before the penitentiary is reached though the small partition of the coach was well filled when they passed here.

Abilene Business Closes.

The Metropolitan Cafe, which has been one of the most popular places of its kind in West Texas, closed its doors for an indefinite time Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. The proprietor found that it was not a paying proposition at this particular season and concluded to close the place, temporarily at least, and await further developments—in other words, wait for improvement in business of all lines.—Abilene Reporter.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to cut, tap or in any way interfere with our wires or meters or other equipment. Those found so doing will be prosecuted. Merkel Electric Co.

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

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Pate & Rose shaving parlor.
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Mrs. Fred Blair of Dallas is
here visiting her parents Mr. and
Mrs. Vol Martin. She will spend
some two weeks here and will
then go to El Paso on a visit be-
fore returning to Dallas.

The beautiful Electrolier that
will be given away at the Elite
has the effect of real cut glass.
Ask for a chance when buying
gum.

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

During last week the business
firm of the Bradshaw Gro. Co.
changed, in which Mr. R. L.
Bradshaw absorbed the interest
of J. F. Shaffer. The firm will
continue under the same name.

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.

J. S. Bonds and D. O. Huddle-
ston returned from southeast
Texas last week with two cars of
cattle to be placed on range
here. They will return soon to
take up more cattle that are to
be delivered there.

Unless you are using the
American Beauty you are not
having the best bread that your
money will buy. Phone 465,
the cash store. Kent Street
Grain & Grocery Co.

The two-passenger Ford car
sold by the Anchor Hardware
Co. to Dr. Armstrong arrived
Monday and was promptly put
into service and the doctor led
his faithful horse back to the
barn for future service.

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

J. L. Banner was a business
visitor in the south part of the
county last week and returned to
Abilene Monday to attend the
commissioners court that con-
vened there Monday in regular
session.

When the baby takes too much food
the stomach turns; the result is indig-
estion, sourness and vomiting. Fre-
quently the bowels are involved and
there is colic pains and diarrhoea. Mc-
Gee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective
remedy for the stomach and bowel dis-
orders of babies. It is pure, whole-
some and pleasant to take. Price 25c
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nected with the Universal South-
western system so you may reach
every competitive market for
your crop and get the most for it.

Ask any Southwestern Mana-
ger or write

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and Telephone Company
DALLAS, TEXAS



To the Voters of Taylor County.

To prevent you from being
misled by false rumors I submit
the following which is self ex-
planatory 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 depart-
ment to write you our opinion as
to whether or not a blind man
can hold the position of tax as-
sessor if elected. Replying
thereto, I beg to state that this
department has several times ad-
vised 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

Miss Clara Moore chief opera-
tor for the Southwestern Co.
here attended the district meeting
of Southwestern chief operators
held in Abilene last week. Miss
Eufie Cypert and Miss Fannie
Pearl Moore went down Saturday
to be with their chief and to ac-
company her home.

There never was a time when people
appreciated the real merits of Cham-
berlain'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 be-
come acquainted with its good qualities.
For sale by all dealers.

GIVE YOUR LIVER A FAIR CHANCE

Stop Drugging it With Calomel—Dodson's
Liver-Tone, a Vegetable Liquid Medicine
Works Without Harm.

If your liver stops working it is a
mistake to try to whip it into action
with doses of calomel.

It's so much simpler and safer to
cure your liver troubles with the pleas-
ant tasting liquid, Dodson's Liver-Tone
You can get a large bottle at Rust &
McCauley's drug store for fifty cents
and every member of the family can
use it. Dodson's Liver-Tone is an all
vegetable liver medicine that starts
the liver to act within a few hours and
has no bad after-effects. No restric-
tion of your habits or diet necessary.

Rust & McCauley guarantees it to
be a perfect substitute for calomel and
will give you your money back if you
are not pleased with the medicine.

Get a bottle instead of calomel next
time.

Letter for Ramséy.

Cleburne, Texas }
May 4, 1912 }

C. T. Beckham, Trent, Texas.

Dear Bro:—Your letter to hand
and among the things you spoke
of was W. F. Ramsey who has
been my personal friend for
twenty years.

I assure you that Texas has no
greater men in it than he. He
is a clean, clever christian gen-
tleman, a staunch democrat and
a true prohibitionist. I doubt
very much if Texas has a greater
statesman since the days of Gen.
Sam Houston.

He is so universally popular
here in Johnson county, his old
home, that all party lines are
wiped out and he is the favorite
of all classes from the humblest
bank president top to the man on
the hillside with the hoe.

I don't think I overestimate it
when I say he will get 90 per
cent of the anti vote in Johnson
county. Now I will take it a per-
sonal favor if you and the other
good men of West Texas will get
a move on you and help elect for
governor a man who has convic-
tions of right and nerve and
principle to carry them into
effect. This is one candidate I
feel sure they can never be able
to go back into the junk pile and
scrape up anything against his
past life.

Sincerely your brother,
A. D. Beckham.

Local Firemen to Austin.

Delegates to the state meeting
of volunteer firemen began leav-
ing here Sunday morning for
Austin where the meeting is to
be held this year. Merkel was
represented by B. C. Gaither,
chief of the department here, O.
M. Sharp, F. A. Sanders, R. L.
Bland and H. M. Rose. They
will spend three days in the
capital city and are expected to
return Friday evening or Satur-
day morning.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The cigars are moist at Arm-
strong Drug Store.

J. K. Cauthen of Abilene was
on the streets Wednesday look-
ing after business.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3
cents each for all good second-
hand sacks.

Misses Ruth Miras, Allie and
Laura Jennings visited in Abi-
lene Wednesday.

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

Sam Swann left for Tyler Tues-
day night to enter the Tyler Bus-
iness College for the summer.

When words fail buy a box of
Hughes candies. All fresh. Bur-
roughs Drug Store.

Mr. Oran Edwards of Midland
is here visiting his mother Mrs.
West Edwards on Elm street.

For a burn or scald apply Cham-
berlain's Salve. It will allay the pain al-
most instantly and quickly heal the in-
jured parts. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Lake Renfro left for Put-
nam to visit her sister Mrs. W.
M. Isenhower.

Mrs. J. S. Burkhead returned
to Colorado Monday after a short
visit with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. B. Bell.

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

Miss Maud Jenkins returned
from Canyon City Tuesday. Miss
Jenkins has been in the West
Texas State Normal there during
the past winter.

Let us sell you Cream for en-
tertainments and ect. We hand-
le Alta-Vista. None better. Bur-
roughs Drug Store.

H. F. Groene is adding to the
comfortableness of his residence
with new porches and rooms add-
ed in a way that will make his
home very attractive.

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

D. T. Harkrider candidate for
county treasurer of Taylor coun-
ty was in the city Tuesday and
Wednesday looking after his
claims to the office.

J. E. Costephens of the White
Church community is making
new improvements preparatory to
handling more work on his place.
He is building a new tenant house
on his place and will have it
ready for occupation in a short
time.

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

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN
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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

EDUCATION BY FILMS.

Wizard Edison is going to revolutionize the school systems of the United States. He has declared his specific intention to spend some \$3,000,000 much of his valuable time, and all the tact and talent he possesses to accomplish this end.

It is hardly likely that any man, however great, can accomplish this in a given length of time. He can, however, do much to inspire others to make certain changes in the present methods. One point made by Edison is a valuable one and will no doubt be received with favor by the educators of the country. The educational value of moving pictures cannot be overestimated. The camera has come to a state of perfection that makes it invaluable. It is used in medicine, in surgery, in astronomy, in the mechanical field of industry, in every realm of science.

Even in churches motion pictures are used to intensify the interest in sermons by bringing vividly before the eyes of the congregation biblical scenes of impressive beauty.

In most of the medical colleges of the country clinics are photographed and are reproduced from time to time in order that students may become more and more familiar with the details.

Mr. Edison proposes to adopt the moving picture process of educating children. He proposes to substitute the camera for the blue back speller.

It is all right to familiarize the youthful mind with all of the geographical knowledge by using the moving picture camera, for the different scenes of the world, the great capitals, the races men can be easily transcribed to the screen. It is entirely possible that the geographical lessons thus given will be far more effective than the routine lessons of geographies and histories.

There are studies that can be thus successfully administered by the camera. Hygiene and physiology can be made an interesting field of study, so can botany and astronomy. Such pictorial lessons will be unquestionably beneficial, but when it comes to penmanship and spelling even the wizard will find his camera lacking.

Words which are themselves symbols make up our text books. They describe natural processes but they leave on the mind of the student only an indefinite and blurred picture. Substitute for the text books the actual processes of which a description alone is given and the picture becomes clear, distinct and convincing.

It is the old theory of seeing and believing and in this Mr. Edison is right but there will be limits which must be recognized in the long run.—Commercial Appeal.

It is safe to assume that the price of pork products will soar to an altitude much higher than has been reached up to this time. Hogs have not fared well during the last year and swine authorities are together in the expression that there is an alarming shortage. In practically all hog raising states except Texas cholera raged during the winter, in places completely wiping out herds. The

winter and early spring has been unusually hard for brood sows and the pig crop falls far below normal expectations. Texas is one of the best states for successful and cheap hog raising in the union, but notwithstanding this fact, our annual consumption of swine products exceeds the production many millions of dollars. The Texas farmers—bring it home, the Taylor county farmers—should get wise to their interests, and then get busy and raise more hogs than they have ever raised. Hog products are saleable every day in the year, if a man desires to raise for the market. The farmer who raises meat enough to do him for twelve months has a large proportion of the battle for a year's living won. There are too many homes without a pig pen and those who are prepared to raise hogs but continue to neglect the matter, are going to awaken to a realization that they have made a more serious blunder than ever before the first day of another January, if the signs of the present time count for anything. Plant hogs, at least enough for home consumption.—Abilene Reporter.

The investigation of the Texas Welfare Commission into the stock and bond law of this state is being watched with much interest in California. The last California legislature passed a law regulating the issuance of railroad securities which contained many of the essential features of the Texas stock and bond law but avoiding the difficulties pointed out by Frank Trumbull in his Houston address. The law is in the experimental stage in California and the Texas discussion is an intensely interesting one to state officials of that state.

Recent information from Bogota, Columbia, S. A., says Frederick L. Lockwood, clerk of the American legation at that place is in receipt of a complete set of literature gotten up by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association. The data and information contained in the booklets cover the agricultural opportunities of Texas fully and will be used by Mr. Lockwood in answering the many questions in regard to the Lone Star State. It is reported that many Columbian farmers will leave their country soon and Texas is sure to get the bulk of these immigrants.

The address of Frank Trumbull before the Texas Welfare Commission at Houston has created considerable comment in the Pecos country and is considered the most practical solution of the railroad situation that has yet been suggested. Pecos has been offering large bonuses for railroad construction but the lack of density in population and the heavy grades make it difficult to stimulate railroad construction. Favorable legislation is considered necessary in order to rapidly develop that section of the state.

Reports from the Burklay ranch east of Stamford state that a good flow of oil has been found at a depth of 670 feet and the stream has risen 50 feet above the ground. The owners of the well are highly elated and much interest is being manifested by prospective investors in that section.

The majority of visitors notice the condition of a city's streets and sidewalks the first thing. If the streets are unkept and the sidewalks few and far between they usually take the first train back.

Good roads are more essential than million dollar court houses. The one benefits the masses, the other the classes.

Experience shows that by devoting half your time to boosting the city your business will double as a result.

\$ - Merkel Country - \$ \$ BEST IN THE WEST \$

Bargains for Buyers; Buyers for Bargains

The level table and valley land, Taylor and Jones counties, between Divide and Clear Fork river; deep and rich soil; good water and inexhaustible supply; high altitude, good health, good schools, churches and people, (no niggers nor knockers;) a new country with new opportunities for men with money to invest or good men looking for a home.

GUARANTEE: Upon request I will send plat and description of any piece of property and deposit \$100.00 dollars in a bank to guarantee any proposition to be just as advertised and represented or pay all of your expenses. Honesty is the best policy and my style of doing business. I am not smart or slick enough to sell land any other way. I will give you a fair deal, sell you the best bargain of the kind at the time you buy and save you a lot more than my commission because I know my country, my propositions and my people. I will guarantee the following to be the best bargains in our country at this time.

BIG RANCH FOR SALE: Ten sections (two more leased;) 200 acres in cultivation; ranch house, big barn, corrals, sheds; everlasting wells, springs and creek; convenient to Abilene, Sweetwater, Maryneal and Merkel, An ideal ranch and the price is right. Price, \$7.00 per acre; \$15,000 cash and terms.

SMALL STOCK FARM: 800 acres (960 acres leased at six cents per acre goes with it); 15 miles southwest of Merkel, about 20 miles southwest Sweetwater; 90 acres in field, balance in grass; grass good and plenty of water. Price, \$7,000, \$2,500 cash and terms.

SECTION AT SACRIFICE: 640 acres 8 miles northwest Big Springs; all level red sandy land; 80 in field and all tillable; 4-room house and cistern. Owned by bank and offered at genuine bargain. Price, \$15.00 per acre; one-half cash. This will double your money in few years and worth more now.

400 ACRES LEVEL AS FLOOR: Ten miles southeast Merkel, 14 southwest Abilene; 225 in cultivation, every inch tillable; 4-room house and cistern; public road two sides. Worth \$40.00 per acre. Price, \$30.00 per acre; one-half cash and balance terms.

VALLEY FARM: Known as best in Merkel country; never made a failure; 2 miles of Merkel; highly improved; 225 in cultivation; good big house; well, cistern and tank; two orchards; a magnificent country home and first-class farm land; owner wants a ranch and offers for less than its worth first time on market in many years. Price, \$12,000; one-half cash and balance 1 to 10 years.

A REAL BARGAIN: 320 acres; 200 in cultivation; no house but windmill and plenty water; adjoining land held at \$40.00 per acre and not on market. This tract in lawsuit and must be sold. Price, \$8,000; \$4,000 cash and terms.

SMALL FARMS: I have several bonafide bargains in small farms to sell to actual settlers on good and liberal terms with small cash payment. Tell me what you want and I will do the rest.

PROPERTIES FOR EXCHANGE

SECTION, FLOYD COUNTY: This is a good tract of land, less than fifteen acres waste; 200 acres in cultivation; small house and barn; about 16 miles north of Floydada; within two or three miles of good school; owner lives at Merkel and offers at a bargain on good terms or will take some Merkel country land. Price, \$20.00 per acre.

A HOME AND FARM: Non-resident owns desirable residence in Merkel and good little improved farm close to town which he would like to trade for good black land or revenue-bearing property near Fort Worth or Dallas.

The owner of a most desirable little farm close to Merkel, will accept good residence property for equity of \$2,500; party must protect payment of \$1,000 due this fall and assume balance.

One client owns 160 acres second-class land, only partially improved, clear of encumbrance and will pay difference in cash for first-class land in Merkel country. Price, \$12,800 per acre.

I have a big ranch to trade for black land in the central part of the state. Must be worth the money.

A first-class bright new stock of goods, worth 100 cents on the \$1.00 to trade for land and cash.

Selling bargains for all cash is my specialty but if you have a bonafide value-giving trading proposition I will try to match you.

It is no trouble for me to show my country and my automobile is always ready to go. If you are looking for a home or investment come to see me. I will simply show you and then let you do as you please with your money, but listen; Now is the time. Do it now and make money.

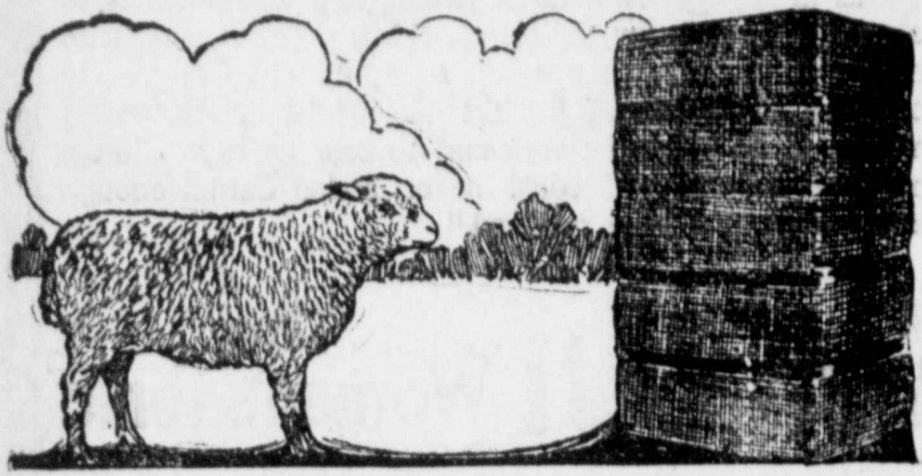
Reference: Our banks, merchants, farmers and stockmen.

JOHN G. JACKSON

EXCLUSIVE LAND MAN
 Merkel, Texas

P. S.—Am in position to make loans on Merkel country farms at 8 per cent and my charges are reasonable.

Our Textile Fibres



OUR VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL COMPETITORS.

Cotton, from a worthless weed infesting the highways of agriculture, has become the world's most useful product. The splendor of its fibre attracted the attention of the inventive genius, aroused the courage of the manufacturer, plead for recognition of the producer and appealed to the wisdom of the consumer and with these powerful allies, it has fought its battles on every merchant's counter on the globe and has conquered 48 per cent of the textile trade of the world. Wool has been its strongest rival, but the result of the century's contest shows cotton to have passed from 21 to 48 per cent and wool moved downward from 36 to 16 per cent of the world's consumption.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the production, marketing and manufacturing of textile fibres.



WANTED—A RIDER AGENT

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

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

COASTER-BRAKES, \$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 us we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with 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 thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of 10 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 don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

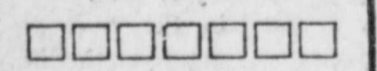
DO NOT WAIT but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.

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

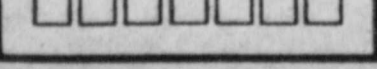
FRESH VEGETABLES

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

HOWELL PRODUCE CO., Merkel, Texas



THE VALUE of well-printed neat-appearing stationery as a means of getting and holding desirable business has been amply demonstrated. Consult us before going elsewhere



How Long a Lantern Will Burn.
A merchant at Olathe filled a lantern with oil, lighted it and placed it in his show window, offering the lantern as a prize to the one who made the best guess as to the length of time it would burn.
A young woman guessed forty-five hours and won the prize. The lantern burned forty-four hours and thirty-three minutes. One man who went to the trouble to work out the problem to a mathematical certainty, after figuring for an hour, gave the answer as three hours and eight minutes.—Kansas City Star.

Letter from Mrs. Goforth.
Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25-cent bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Caturrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw, and I can't just keep house without it." She is right.

CRYING FOR HELP

Lots of it in Merkel But Daily Growing Less.

The kidneys cry for help. Not an organ in the whole body so delicately constructed; not one so important to health. The kidneys are the filters of the blood. When they fail the blood becomes foul and poisonous. There can be no health where there is poisonous blood. Backache is one of the first indications of kidney trouble. It is the kidneys' cry for help. Heed it. Doan's Kidney Pills are what is wanted. Are just what overworked kidneys need. They strengthen and invigorate the kidneys; help them to do their work.

Read the proof from a Merkel citizen. E. W. Dennis, N. Main St., Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for some time. They have proven to be excellent for kidney trouble."

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.

Muscle Saver.

The woman who lives on the sixth floor of a no-elevator apartment house ordered some things of the grocer and begged that they be sent right around in a hurry. Soon the rattle of ropes in the dumbwaiter shaft proclaimed that the groceries had arrived. The woman took off the basket that held them and emptied the stuff out on her kitchen tubs. Then she followed the usual custom of setting the empty basket back upon the "dummy" and shouting "All right!" to the grocer's lad in the cellar. As she closed the dumbwaiter door a small voice piped up through the shaft. The woman listened a moment and then put her head into the shaft and called "What's that?" The small piping treble continued: "Trow de basket down, will yer, Mrs.? Me arms is near broke." And as the basket went hurtling down, the "Mrs." couldn't help but admire the lad's labor-saving idea.—New York Press.

STOPS SCALP ITCH

Dandruff and Every Form of Scalp Disease Cured Quick By Zemo.

It is simply wonderful how Zemo goes after dandruff. You rub a little of it in with the tips of the fingers. It gets right down into the glands, stimulates them, stops the itch and makes the head feel fine. No, it isn't sticky! Zemo is a fine, clear, vanishing liquid. You don't have to even wash your hands after using Zemo. And what a wonder it is for eczema, rash, pimples and all skin afflictions. Zemo is prepared by E. W. Rose Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., and is guaranteed by all druggists to give perfect satisfaction. Endorsed and sold in Merkel by the Rust & McCauley drug store. 3

Bucking Horses.

A touch of the spur or a flick of the quirt signals the start, says the American Magazine, in an article on our western horses. His knowledge of what to do must be a heritage from his ancestors, for all horses do it, and all American wild horses are sprung from horses that once carried men. He pops down his head and levitates straight heavenward. While he and you are high in the air he arches his back and stiffens his body to iron rigidity. Thus he comes back to earth. The sensation to the rider is as if his spinal column had been struck by a piledriver. The impression is not analyzed at the time, for the horse goes into the air again immediately. He swings to right or left, or he "changes ends" completely while in the air, and you come down facing southward, whereas you were facing northward when you ascended.

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.

Turn Over a New Leaf
By subscribing for THIS PAPER

Colquitt Offered Land.

During Gov. Colquitt's visit to the plains country he expressed a desire to own a quarter section of the plains country land where irrigation is being pushed and one of the large land owners of that country has prepared a contract for the governor's signature.

The following was clipped from the Abilene Reporter:

It is agreed between A. E. Harp of Plainview, Texas, and Governor O. B. Colquitt as follows:

A. E. Harp agrees to give Governor Colquitt 160 acres of land, choice of 18,000, known as the Callahan school lands, lying some ten miles southeast of Plainview, Hale county, Texas.

Governor O. B. Colquitt agrees to develop and irrigate said land, and if he fails to put it under irrigation within a period of twelve months after the next gubernatorial election, said land reverts back to A. E. Harp.

If Governor Colquitt deems it wise to start developing said land from an irrigation standpoint at once and expends any certain amount of money and is not elected governor of the state of Texas at the next election, A. E. Harp agrees to refund all money expended not to exceed \$2,000, in which event the land is to revert back to A. E. Harp.

Burglars Are Arrested.

News reached this city Monday that a supposed band of bold, bad burglars had just been arrested near the southern line of Taylor county, over in Coleman county, and that one of the bunch had turned state's evidence.

The implicated number about six or seven persons, being an old man, two sons-in-law and three or four sons.

The ones confessing reported some of this bunch robbed the store at Tuscola, belonging to Mr. Polson, stole the belt from the Lawn gin, robbed and burned the store and postoffice at Novice and committed other stunts of this kind.

In searching the house of one the defendants, Sheriff Futch recovered about eighty pairs of men's shoes.

The names of the parties arrested are known but not being sure of the initials they are not given in this article.—Abilene Reporter.

Firemen's Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Firemen was held Monday night and the proceeds of the carnival were checked to the satisfaction of all the members and a vote was taken on whether Merkel would send a team to Sweetwater on Thursday to race against the Roscoe team for a prize in the fastest reel race. All present were in favor of the trip and a team was selected to make the run but at that time the Sweetwater promoters had not fully staged the meet, however the team was selected so that in case the race should take place Merkel could be in position to win it and a record of 30 seconds is expected in case the pressure is good at that place and the local boys were confident they could capture a prize against either Roscoe or Sweetwater.

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

After Dinner Mints at Armstrong Drug Store.

Mrs. J. C. Hamner of Trent came in Monday morning to visit relatives.

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

Miss Eufie Cypert visited friends in Sweetwater Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

Get a box of Mint Chips at Armstrong's. The best that are made.

Miss Elma Sheppard spent part of last week in Abilene visiting friends.

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

Judge Coombs of Anson was in the city the first of the week on legal business.

Try those Mint Chips, the best ever brought to town, at Armstrong Drug Store.

P. L. Frederickson of the Trent country was in town Wednesday on his way to Abilene.

If Behrens-McMillen do not have what you want they will be glad to get it for you.

J. L. Banner and J. B. Ferrier were transacting business in Abilene Wednesday.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

J. H. Behrens of the Behrens McMillen Furniture Co. was in the city Tuesday on business.

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

Miss Mae Allen of Eskota is here visiting her sister Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

Try our Camp Springs Special the guaranteed flour. Bradshaw Grocery Company.

Miss Erma Alsobrook is the guest of her brother Reed Alsobrook and wife of Sweetwater this week.

Porch chairs, swings and folding cots will help make the summer days comfortable. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

W. B. Garrett of Abilene was in town Saturday visiting his cousin Mrs. A. C. Rose. He returned Sunday night.

Beautiful Electrolier to be given away free at the Elite. A chance with every 5c package of gum.

Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at Blair Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and requests the attendance of the Blair people.

We will pay the spot cash top of the market price for 100 dozen fryers. Kent St. Grain & Grocery Company.

Mr. O. Baulch of Venus arrived here Sunday to visit relatives and friends, he went to Caps Monday to visit his parents.

"Camp Springs Special" the flour with quality. Guaranteed to give satisfaction. For sale by Bradshaw Grocery Company.

Miss Willie Harris returned to Colorado Monday. She has been here visiting the family of Uncle Joe Harris.

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



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt opened their home to a few special friends in the younger set in honor of their son and daughter Ben and Ruth. Various parlor games were played while the lawn was beautifully and artistically lighted for the out door games. Croquet came in for its share in the entertainment. The goose chase was a complete success. Each girl was timed as she endeavored to drive the goose from a given point to the goal. Misses Virginia Hamblet, Eva Walters and Fannie Burroughs were victorious in the drive and had to draw straws for the piece of bronze statuary. Cozy corners were arranged for the progressive proposals. These corners were decorated in hearts and the handiwork of cupid. Each were numbered. Corresponding numbers were drawn by which the couples were assigned to a given cozy corner. When it was announced it was a leap year proposal the boys were muchly alarmed and called for their hats but acted on a woman's prerogative and accepted a majority of proposals. Miss Fannie Burroughs received the highest number of acceptance and was called on for a toast. This she gave in her winsome way, toasting the "old" maids left behind. Heart score cards were used for the games.

Music was furnished by Misses Carrol Rister and Bessie Touchstone. A three-course menu was served to Misses Eva Walters, Carol and Gene Rister, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Fannie Burroughs, Bessie Touchstone, Ruth Merritt, Messrs Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, C. C. Franklin, Garrett of Abilene, Jack Provine, Rufford Evans and Floyd Dean.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler's class recital was well attended Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson. Hand painted programs were given to the guests. Each pupil proved to be an artist in her particular selection. Miss Lucile Sutphen received the medal for the highest average on the year's work. Miss Lois Hogue was given the gold medal in the contest. Misses Fannie Swann, Louise Warren, Lucile Sutphen and Madaline Adkisson tied for second honors. The judges were Mrs. J. S. French, Misses Mabel Collins and Ruth Mims. Mrs. French gave quite a well deserved compliment to Miss Bowler.

The following pupils were on the program: Misses Mary Parten, Mildred Hogue, Louise Warren, Julia Martin, Dovie Teaff, Mary Teaff, Nell Tracy, Madaline Adkisson, Lucile Sutphen, Lois Hogue, Faye Allen, Zora West Fannie Swann and Carroll Rister.

Mrs. J. T. Shaffer's home on Oak street was the scene of a delightfully appointed social function Saturday evening when the Baraca class with Miss Love Hawkins teacher were hosts and hostess.

The seniors of the Merkel High School were honored guests. Rhymes from Mother Goose Melodies were to be illustrated. As each accomplished his specimen showing his artistic temperament, the specimen was pinned on the wall. Then the guest were left to recall the special rhymes that had inspired the artistic temperament as they viewed some of the drawing. Delicious cream and cake were served to Misses Allie Jennings, E. Love Hawkins, Laura Jennings, Minnie Harris, Mattie and Gladys Christopher, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. Ernest and Stephen Duckett, Sam Swann, Simpson Christopher, Ira and Ollie Shaffer, Dennis McDonald and Mr. Seago.

Saturday evening Miss Zora West was the charming hostess to a few friends who were invited to play 42. At the conclusion of the games delicious punch was served to Misses Willie Harris, Dorothy Lee Potter, Genevieve Rust, Hattie Bell and Zora West, Messrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Taylor Jennings, Raymond Touchstone and John West.

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.

Tuesday afternoon a call meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held in the home of our president Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton. Nine members were present. Mesdames George West and R. A. Martin were unanimously elected to club membership. A number of important matters were discussed. The club will give a special club prize for the best rose in a pot. The judges for the pot plants will not be called on to render their decision until October. Let us all work for our civic improvement and the public library of Merkel. Come up to the Library room in the Arthur Thornton building and join the eldest sister of the civic improvement movement for good books head the civic improvement work everywhere.

Tuesday afternoon the members of the Methodist Philathea class met with the Misses Hamblet. Eight members responded to roll call. New work was planned this being a special business meeting. Dainty cake and strawberries were served to Misses Fannie Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Ezma Allday, Pauline Johnson, Jessie Sutphen, Eva Walters, Ona and Virginia Hamblet.

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.

Robbins-Newberry.

Wednesday morning Mr. L. R. Robbins and Mrs. Rosie Newberry very quietly made their get-away to Abilene where in the presence of a very few friends they were married at the court house soon after the 9 o'clock train arrived in that city. After the marriage they left for Caps where they will spend a few days with friends and relatives. They were accompanied from here by Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman and Mrs. R. E. Bowles witnesses of the marriage and escorts to the capital city. They returned that evening.

Their many friends though somewhat surprised are extending congratulations and hope for their immediate return to our city.

"Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted, and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch, and less than one box cured me entirely." J. M. Ward, Index, Texas.

League Program.

The Bible and Pentacost. Leader, Miss Jessie Sutphen. Song. Responsive reading, Ps. 119:1-24. Song, My Mother's Bible. Lesson, Jer. 36:1-26; 27-32. Acts 2:1-4 Comment by leader. Prayer. Proof of the inspiration of the bible. Judge Potter. Results of attempts to destroy the bible—Miss Georgia Moore. How shall truth survive?—Miss Leola Coats. The spiritual meaning of Pentacost—Bro. Clements. Song. Reading, Personality—Miss Fannie Burroughs. Piano special—Miss Laura Jennings. Offering. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

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.

Refrigerator season is here, and Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. is the place to get a refrigerator at a reduced price. They have a nice one for \$75.00.

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 writing 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 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'Briant \$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.

The time has been extended from May 1 until June 1 in which entries can be made for the different prizes offered under the auspices of the Twentieth Century club. Reread the list and be sure to make your entries by this date. To insure prompt attention phone 64 when you wish to make 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, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Conna Adams, Mrs. J. G. Hale.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle, Mrs. R. H. McClain.

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

Prettiest fern in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton, Mrs. R. A. McClain, Mrs. John Boden.

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

Prettiest pot of ice plant, Mrs. Phillip Pettit.

Best kept lawn, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

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, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Jackie Jennings.

Most artistic vine covered back fence, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

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, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

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

Best canna bed, Miss Madaline Hunt.

Best kept premises, Conna Adams.

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CITY ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance, Entitled an Ordinance prohibiting the abuse of any fire apparatus belonging to or used by the Fire Department of the city of Merkel, Texas, and prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Sec. 1: BE IT ORDAINED, by the city council of the city of Merkel, Texas, that it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, acting for himself, for any other person or for any corporation, to ride, drive or propel by the application of steam, gasoline or any other substance of force any vehicle, automobile, hack, buggy, wagon, engine, or car or other movable and moving vehicle of any character, over any fire hose belonging to the city of Merkel, Texas, or used by the members of the Fire Department of said city at any time, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction therefor, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00.

Sec. 2: The fact that the city of Merkel now has no ordinance protecting the fire fighting apparatus while in action, from the danger of being rendered

useless by thoughtless or careless persons, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the rule requiring Ordinances to be read on three several meetings be suspended and the same is suspended, and that this ordinance take effect and be in full force from and after its final passage, and it is so enacted.

Finally passed May 6, 1912. R. A. McClain, City Secretary. Examined and approved, this May 6, 1912. C. D. Mims, Mayor.

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The Texas pork barrel will be investigated by the Texas Welfare Commission. Col. I. T. Pryor of San Antonio is chairman of the sub-committee having this subject in charge.

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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 a.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.

Wanted—Cheap Corks.

If any ingenious person can invent a substitute for corks in champagne bottles he may be sure of a very comfortable fortune, for champagne corks are expensive, a really good cork costing as high as ten cents.

The reason for this high cost is principally the length of time that must elapse before a cork grower can realize on his investment. Champagne corks are made only from the finest Catalonia corkwood. After the tree is planted 30 years must elapse before it is ready for the first stripping, but this bark is too coarse for champagne corks, as is the second bark, taken off eight years later. Another eight years must pass before a champagne cork crop is gathered, making in all 46 years that the grower must wait before he can get any material return from his trees.

Furthermore, champagne corks are cut by hand and not by machinery, as are less expensive corks, as they must be perfect in size and shape, or else the quality of the wine will suffer.—Harper's Weekly.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS.

CLOCKS AFFECTED BY COLD

Change in Weather Causes Oil in Bearings to Get Gummy and Hard.

Two or three times in the course of a month this man's clock had stopped with no apparent reason, for when he swung the pendulum it would start off again and run all right. But it also now began to display another eccentricity; occasionally it would strike once about 15 minutes before the hour and then strike the rest of the strokes for that hour at the regular time. So he thought he had better take it to the clock-maker.

There on a shelf behind the counter he saw ranged along a dozen or more clocks of almost as many styles.

"All patients," said the clockmaker, "and most of them with slight ailments like yours. We always have many clocks brought in with colds. They run along all right, but when nasty weather comes the oil on the bearings gets hard and gummy and then the clock is liable to stop. It needs cleaning and reoiling."

"It is always so; we have more clocks brought in to us when the weather is bad than at any other season."

HOW INDIANS MADE HISTORY

Only in Tradition Does History Live and Only One Version of Story Is Ever Heard.

If we could only get at the facts of the history of our Indian tribes, it would be of interest to compare these with what is related as the fortune of most civilized nations. It is only in tradition that the history of the Indian lives, and only one version of the story is ever heard. Sometimes this is so true to nature that no room for doubt can be found. Such is the following chapter from the annals of the Beavers, a Canadian tribe.

One day a young chief shot his arrow through a dog belonging to another brave. The brave revenged the death of his dog, and instantly a hundred bows were drawn. Ere night had fallen some eighty warriors lay dead around the camp, the pine woods rang with the lamentations of the women; the tribe had lost its bravest men.

There was a temporary truce. The friends of the chief whose arrow had killed the dog yet numbered some sixty people, and it was agreed that they should separate from the tribe and seek their fortune in the vast wilderness lying to the south.

In the night they began their march; suddenly their brethren saw them depart, never to return. They went their way to the shores of the Lesser Slave Lake, toward the great plains which were said to be far southward, by the banks of the swift-rolling Saskatchewan.

The tribe of the Beavers never saw this exiled band again, but a hundred years later a Beaver Indian who followed the fortunes of a white fur hunter found himself in one of the forts of the Saskatchewan. Strange Indians were camped about the palisades; they were members of the great Blackfoot tribe, whose hunting grounds lay south of the Saskatchewan. Among them were a few braves who when they conversed spoke a language different from that of the others; in this language the Beaver Indian recognized his own tongue.—Harper's Weekly.

Regarding Fruit Trees.

Complaints have been filed with the Mail about peach trees dying from some trouble affecting the bark on the southwest side of the tree, seemingly an insect but from the following letter we judge the cause of the loss is from the trees being trimmed too high to shade the body and in that way cause a loss and it was from these complaints and requests that we asked the department to give a remedy and if possible to state the cause of the peach trees dying. Most of the people telling of losses state that they occurred during the hot summer months of last year.

College, Station, May 13, 1912. Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sirs—Yours of the 8th to the College, regarding insects on fruit trees, has been referred to me for reply.

We are unable to say, without a more complete description, what the insect is that is working on the trees. It is quite possible that in some cases the primary trouble is what is called "sun scald." Sun scald usually occurs on the southern part of the tree trunk near the ground and is due to the lower limbs being pruned too severely. Such trees as peaches, for example, should be pruned and trimmed so that the lower limbs will shade the entire trunk of the tree during the middle of the day. After the bark has been blistered by exposure to a very severe hot sun a great variety of insects are likely to be found in the injured portion where they go to feed on the decaying wood and bark.

Before giving specific recommendations as to what to do for these trees we should have specimens of the insects and of the diseased bark, so that if possible we can tell exactly what the trouble is. However, a very good general treatment to prevent such things as borers and to keep the bark of the trees healthy, consists in spraying or whitewashing the trunks of the trees with a good strong lime whitewash to which is added about three pounds of arsenate of lead to each 50 gallons of whitewash.

Yours very truly,

Wilmon Newell,

State Entomologist.

A Fishing Crowd.

As we go to press several of the Merkel business men are making arrangements to start on an extended fishing trip to the San Saba river. The anglers are arming themselves with all needs of a fisherman and steel rods with reels attached are in evidence at Rust & McCauley's drug store, the place of meeting, for L. Brown, W. B.; Fred and Jim Guitar, T. A. Johnson and Claud Comegys. The trip will be made in the large touring car of W. B. Guitar of Abilene. A cook will be taken along so as to give the fishermen all the time they want and the catch has been systematically figured out.

Simplified Spelling.

"We find in the letters we receive," said the correspondence clerk, "some marvelous examples of simplified spelling, some of these unconsciously phonetic, some evidently deliberately intended, some that, though they serve their purpose wonderfully, verge on the comic. For instance, we received yesterday a letter from a man who starts off in this way:

"What fx would follow—" and so on.

"Of course, the meaning of that was perfectly plain, but the bookkeeper and I had to waffle over it for a moment, and when we showed it to the stenographer he said that the man who could write words like that ought not to stop at simplified spelling, he ought to go right ahead and invent a new shorthand system."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Dr. J. M. C. King made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown spent Wednesday in Abilene visiting friends.

FOR SALE—A good, large work mule, for cash or good note. Anchor Hardware Co.

Felix R. Jones candidate for sheriff came in Wednesday to further canvass for his race.

Mrs. John Eoff and daughter Mrs. M. D. Ussery are in Winters visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Harve Warren returned from Anson Wednesday where she has been visiting her sister.

Mrs. Powell an aged lady of Blair is reported very sick. She is the mother of Mrs. S. E. Adcock of that place.

Mrs. T. A. Johnson is spending this week with her mother in Gorman. She will not return until the latter part of next week.

JUST RECEIVED—A car of Studebaker buggies and two cars of Deering and McCormick binders. Anchor Hardware Co.

Miss Willie Bigham returned Monday from Durant, Okla., where she has been visiting friends. She also visited Mrs. Belle Kunze of Fort Worth while enroute to Durant.

The stork has been very busy for the last few days and has added five to the population of Merkel and the Merkel country. To George Davidson and wife of the Canyon, a fine boy on Tuesday; to A. A. Tatum and wife of route 2, a boy on the 12th; to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sleeker of North Merkel, a girl on May 9; to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click near Trent, a girl on May 14 and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith of route 1, a boy on May 10.

Sunday Railroad Rates.

Persons wishing to make short trips on Sunday over the Texas & Pacific will now meet with a very low rate in case they can go and return between the hours of 12 o'clock Saturday night and 12 Sunday night. The rate is one fare plus 10 cents with a minimum rate of 50 cents for any trip. This will allow the Sunday travelers to spend the day with friends in near-by towns at a very low cost.

Operation For Appendicitis.

Wednesday afternoon Gladys daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans was carried to Abilene in an auto from the local garage. The trip was made on short notice in order to get the patient to the Alexander sanitarium for the operation Wednesday night. Thursday morning she was doing as well as could be expected after an operation for appendicitis.

Modern Awning.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson is having his business property improved this week with a new and modern awning extending from the rear of McClain's drug store around to the City Meat Market. This improvement is a great help to the appearance of the property and only leaves the front of five business houses on Front street with the old-style awning. The new ones are gradually pushing out the old awnings supported by iron columns and as soon as they do it will promote the appearance of that block about 100 per cent.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

May 13—There was no school here the latter part of the week as the teacher Miss Gladys Christopher was called Tuesday to the bedside of Mrs. John Hughes at Blair. We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Hughes. She was a most estimable lady and this world is poorer for her death but we trust we may be richer by her influence. We extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

G. W. Wilson, wife and daughter Mae attended the commencement exercises of the Merkel high school Monday night. They have been handing bouquets to Merkel in general and the graduation class and Dr. Sandefer of Abilene in particular ever since their return home.

Miss Mattie Christopher of Merkel is spending the week with her sister Miss Gladys Christopher.

While placing some large pipes in position at his irrigating plant east of Inkum Friday Mr. Sellars of Abilene had his leg badly crushed and broken by a falling pipe.

There was an entertainment at A. F. Williams Saturday night.

John Brookreson and family of Buffalo Gap visited the family of O. H. Wilson Saturday and Sunday.

The young people's literary society was largely attended Friday night, some from other points being present.

W. M. Hallmark and family of Shep visited relatives near here Friday.

Charlie Christopher came out with his sisters Sunday returning home in the afternoon.

Arthur Culbirth of Potosi visited the family of B. F. Culbirth the latter part of the week.

Mr. Johnson and wife from Caps were visiting the latter's father J. A. Wills Sunday.

J. W. Hallmark and wife who have been on a month's visit to their children at Shep and Wingate returned to their home Friday.

Messrs. Wheeler and Bigham of Merkel were buying cattle in this section this week.

\$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.

Noodle Dots.

May 13—The sand storms that we have had recently have proved very destructive to crops, many of the farmers having to plant over.

A good many of the Noodle people attended the box supper at Shiloh Saturday night.

Prof. Laney will sing at Noodle Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited to come.

Miss Hattie Herring who has been very sick is reported convalescent.

Our school will be out next Monday week and we are expecting a big time that day.

Our childrens' day will be next Sunday week.

Everybody is proud of the fine rain we had Monday night.

Robert Medlen is in our community this week.

Miss Lettie Jones visited Miss Callie Cook Sunday.

Several of the Noodle people attended singing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon. Joe and Dock Calloway of Bush were visiting at Noodle Sunday.

Misses Leta and Emma Green were visiting in our community last week.

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.

Shiloh Clippings.

May 13—We had a nice shower last Thursday night and everything is doing very nice only for the sand storms which keep the farmers busy trying to save their little stuff. Some have sustained great loss on account of the sand, having to plant over as many as three times while others are more fortunate.

Lon Martin has been suffering with a dislocated knee for the last few days. We hope he will soon be well.

Friday being the last day of our school the school children and a few visitors took a day off and adjourned to B. L. Jones' pasture where they spent the day picnicing. All report a delightful day.

Prof. DuBose was called to his home at Cisco Saturday on account of sickness. We hope he found his folks better.

There was a dance at Bill Winters Friday night. Large crowd attended.

The W. O. W. lodge at Shiloh gave a box supper Saturday night for benefit of purchasing their regalia. A very large crowd was present. Among those present were Prof. Cunningham, J. E. Tyson and Ennis Winter of Anson. Prof. Cunningham made a fine talk on Woodcraft after which he sold the boxes. The prize cake for the prettiest girl present was won by Miss Dora Pomroy of Shiloh.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening, the union being organized two weeks ago. They expect a great good to reward their efforts.

Atlas Phillips leaves Monday for Abilene and other points where he expects to work at repairing gins.

There will be a singing at W. L. Boyd's Saturday night. Everyone invited.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico comes reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed to 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.

Mulberry News.

May 14—Have a cool norther on hand but cotton and feedstuff looking well considering the weather.

Farmers are busy plowing their crop. Several of the people from here attended the singing convention at Salt Branch Sunday.

Miss Annie Watts was shopping in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Daniels' sister from Fort Worth has been visiting here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Callie Britton called at John Burns' Sunday.

Cal Buford and wife of Abilene visited the latter's parents Sunday.

Misses Sallie Harrison and Annie Rogers were guests of Mrs. Popham Monday.

Miss Maggie Lee Chaney was the guests of Miss Annie Rogers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Chaney visited Mr. Whitescarver on Salt Branch Sunday.

Sam Spencer was the guest of Marvin Harrison Sunday.

Singing at Mrs. Martin's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harrison called on John Burns Sunday.

Hamilton Chaney called at D. F. Rogers Tuesday.

Misses Ollie Rogers and Nora Harrison spent Saturday with Mrs. Adeline Britton.

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.

Butman Community

May 13—This community was visited by a nice rain last week.

The ice cream supper given at the home of D. D. Coats Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Maude West was shopping in Merkel last Friday.

Miss Willie Coats was visiting relatives in our community last week.

Mr. Pannell is on the sick list this week.

Lee White was trading in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. L. H. Burrus was the guest of Mrs. D. D. Coats one day last week.

DeWitt Phillips of Dora attended the ice cream supper at Mr. Coats Friday night.

Pealy West and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Cordill.

Miss Ludie Dulin was the guest of Miss Lillie White last Tuesday.

J. E. Costephens transacted business in Merkel last Saturday.

Mr. Riggans and family spent Sunday with J. A. Dulin and family.

Mr. West and family spent Sunday afternoon with Chas. Brown.

Zelma and Dillard Snow of White Church attended the party at Mr. Coats Friday night.

Butman school closes next Friday night May 18.

Compere Items.

May 13—Health is very good. Everything is moving along nicely in our community.

We have had some splendid rains during the past week.

Several of our young people attended the singing at Salt Branch Sunday. They report an excellent time.

Rumor has it that we are to have a new gin at Compere and we hope the report is true.

Rev. Linn filled his regular appointment here Sunday and the attendance was good.

Some of our farmers are complaining of not having a good stand of cotton.

W. N. Moore our groceryman made a trip to Merkel Saturday.

Billie and Misses Ruth and Clairce Moore left Saturday for Blair to spend a week visiting.

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

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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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XXXVIII. APPEAL

PHILLIP, the Macedonian king, while drowsy with wine was trying a case and the prisoner after sentence was pronounced, exclaimed, "I appeal." "And to whom do you appeal?" inquired the astonished monarch. "I appeal from Phillip drunk to Phillip sober," replied the prisoner, and the king granted the request and at a rehearing gave the prisoner his liberty.

The people drowsy with the wine of discord oft-times pronounce a verdict on public questions which they reverse in their more calm and deliberate moments. The next best thing to making no mistakes is to correct them.



A PRISONER APPEALING FROM PHILLIP'S DECISION.

Let those who balance the scales of justice and weigh out the destinies of their country, avoid the bar-room of suspicion where envy and hatred are served and where the atmosphere is poisoned with the fumes of discord; touch not the wine cup of ambition sparkling with dishonesty and bubbling with deceit abstain from the use of class prejudice that benumbs judgment inflames the mind and dethrones reason. Texas Needs Great Men.

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Apple Trees for Old Age.

Easterners are prone to view with surprise the large-sized fruit which comes from western states, and even to wonder why similar orchard products cannot be raised in New England. Their wonderment should cease. Our farms can produce luscious fruit in abundance with proper effort, says the Boston Globe. A speaker at the New England fruit exhibition in Horticultural hall has said that there is no better insurance against old age than a good orchard. After a certain number of years ten acres of an apple orchard will be a steady source of income. The same authority believes that the shortsightedness of New England farmers is almost criminal for allowing this source of wealth to go undeveloped. We have the soil, market and climate, and should take advantage of these great assets.

Tomlinson's Letter.

Simmons' Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for constipation and disordered liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs. M. M. Tomlinson, Oswego, Kansas. Price 25 cents.

An Injunction Wanted.

"Do you favor limiting the powers of the courts?"
"Just now," replied the statesman. "I'm in favor of extending them. What I want is some way to get an injunction that'll prevent publications from putting all the funny stories into print before I get a chance to tell 'em to my constituents."

Actual Facts.

For upwards of fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known. No matter the name—less than one per cent of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

Last Resort.

Matrimonial Agent—Yes, sir, I think we can suit you perfectly. Ah—our preliminary fee is five guineas.
The Client—Five guineas? My dear laddie, don't be farcical. Why ever should I want to marry if I possessed all that money?—London Opinion.

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.