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MERKEL PARTY IN AUTOS TRYING TO SEE TEXAS IN THREE WEEKS

TOURING THE STATE

A Merkel party, traveling in the autos of G. E. Comegys and Jno. G. Jackson, left our little city Sunday afternoon for a tour of a good part of our big state. They will visit Waco, Austin, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and make an extended tour of the black land belt of central and north Texas before returning home by way of Wichita Falls and the route of the Abilene & Northern.

A combination of pleasure and outing was the inspiration for the organization of the party and they will advertise Merkel and the Merkel country along the route of their trip.

The personnel of the party will be found in the following reading matter which made up a special edition of the Merkel Mail printed just for the trip. There were 15,000 copies of this edition printed and about 10,000 pieces of other advertising matter all of which will be distributed along the route.

At the beginning of the trip Mr. G. E. Comegys was elected captain and will have charge of the party and Mr. J. E. Faucett was elected secretary and treasurer. An assessment was made which created a fund ample for the trip and the secretary will have the job of paying for everything bought by the members. They will have a good time.

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23 YEARS OLD

CITY IN CLOVER, JUNE, 1912

\$1.00 PER YEAR

RIDING AND PLOWING

W. M. (Bill) Brown of Wayne county, Kentucky, bought \$21,000 worth of our land from me. One tract, 400 acres, was level as the floor and not an inch of bad land, not a rock, stump or hole in it and the renter was riding behind two big horses and going up and down rows a mile long. Bill looked at him like he was a curiosity and said: "I'd give a gallon of good rye whiskey to see that fellow try to ride that thing on some farms in my country. I'll be gosh-blanged if he would not have to have some brakes and hold-back straps on his team and 'breeching' on himself to stay there."

Jas. Gilliam, Manager Armstrong Drug Co., says our country is good for everybody but doctors and druggists and they make money by owning good land.

UPS AND DOWNS

The history of every people and country has a few bad chapters. I have traveled over most of the United States and read enough to know that every state and section now enjoying prosperity has suffered setbacks and privation. The history of our cities read the same way—San Francisco and Galveston suffered disasters but they are bigger and better than ever. It is the same with the individual.

It has been too dry dry in West Texas and too wet in East Texas. It was the boll weevils in South Texas and the boll worms or something else in North and Central Texas. I know the variegated history of our now rich and prosperous black land belt. It may be a drouth in Texas, a deluge in the Mississippi valley, grasshoppers or green bugs in Kansas, etc. It is the bitter that goes with the sweet—just trials to test the metal of the people.

Our values are down now as the result of the two dry years but they are going back up, and then some more. Now is the time to buy a home or make an investment in our country.

EASY SAILING NOW

Sam Butman was raised at Searsport, Maine but when old enough went to sea for three years. He gave up his "life on the ocean wave and home on the rolling deep" to begin life in the Merkel country. He started as a shepherd working for his board. It was hard going then, way back in 1882 but now he owns the "B-T" ranch and farms of 6,700 acres, all improved and stocked.

He never stole any of it and you can do as well the same way—just start, then work, save and stick. Opportunities are better now and there is a big one waiting for you.

THEN AND NOW

In days gone by, our few farmers just planted the seed and that was all, for, as they argued: "If it rains enough it will make a good crop and if it don't it won't be no good nohow." It is different now. Ed R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and our A. & M. College say that our rainfall is sufficient to make a good crop on our soil every year, by proper conservation of moisture and cultivation, and some of our more progressive farmers have demonstrated this fact. It takes brains as well as brawn to run a farm.

BANK STATEMENT

T. A. Johnson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has been here 14 years and said: "Our bank has many good customers, with their farms paid for and desirable bank accounts who came here after I did and began life as renters. A man can cultivate more land and at less expense in our country, and I honestly believe now is the best time to make an investment in Merkel country land. I know values will never go lower and I expect a great advance as soon as we gather one or two more crops."

THE BLUE RIBBONERS

About 12 or 15 years ago Charlie M. Largent owned a drug store in Collin county. He lost his health making a living and came to a higher altitude. He got rich here regaining his health. He now owns 3,000 acres of our best land, "Blue Ribbon Herd of Herefords," known all over the south and wins more premium money and blue ribbons than any single exhibitor at the fat stock shows. He says this is the best stock farming country in the state.

GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD SCHOOLS

Our two buildings and system of public schools are the special pride of our people, for we have the best in this section. The country is not far behind for they believe in religion and education out here.

Reference: C. E. Evans, San Marcos State Normal, and Ed. White, Office Supt. of Education, Austin. The Merkel country started them off right and they started our schools off the same way.

OLD AGE, ETC.

A good country, like wine, improves with age. The only reason your values are higher is because you are older. Our country is just 25 years old. It would have been different if civilization had started at this end of the line and none of it would be worth a dern if old Christopher had not discovered America. This buffalo range was just discovered about a quarter of a century ago. We are young but growing.

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THE TEXAS TRAVELERS

The following Merkel party in a couple of autos are trying to see Texas in three weeks.

Personnel of party: G. E. Comegys, owner of Star Stores, Merkel and Clyde; J. E. Faucett, cashier Southern National Bank; R. O. Anderson, cashier The Farmers State Bank; Courtney Hunt, dry goods merchant; Jas. Gilliam, manager Armstrong Drug Company; Lester Ellis, manager Burrough's Drug Store; Creed Roberts, farmer and stockman; Jno. G. Jackson, editor Merkel Mail, real estate and farm loans.

Starting at Merkel the party goes to Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Port Lavaca, Corpus Christi, and along the Gulf coast to Galveston; then to Houston, Dallas and making a circle in the black land belt will go over a good portion of North Texas and to Wichita Falls, returning home on the route of the Abilene & Northern.

The object of the excursion is for the benefit of the outing and incidentally to advertise Merkel and the Merkel country.

Uncle Jake Foster sold land in Johnson county for \$75 per acre and bought a home in our country for \$30 per acre. He is tickled with his trade and enjoying better health. We have had one or two short crops but they fail sometimes anywhere.

MILO MAIZE MADE ON OAT STUBBLE LAND



1911-A DRY YEAR-1911

The above photo shows J. R. Lamar and his crop of milo maize on his farm two and one-half miles southwest of Merkel. The milo maize was planted on oat stubble land July 20 and this picture was made Oct. 9. Mr. Lamar made one-third to one bale of cotton per acre and his entire crop was in proportion. He made the second crop on all his feed, gathering conservatively 75,000 pounds of headed stuff and cut over 2,000 bundles of sorghum off three acres.

THREE OF A KIND

A clod-hopper or ordinary cow-man is the wealthiest and most aristocratic citizen we have in our country. The presidents of our three banks are just ordinary farmers and stockmen and banking is a side-line with them. They own good ranches and stock farms and can help you get along if you are the right sort.

John Sears, Southern National Bank, came here from Whitewright, Grayson county.

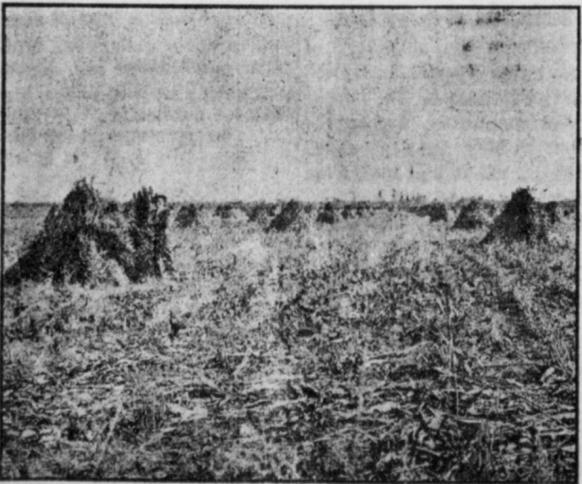
Tom Warren, F. & M. National Bank, came here from El Paso, Ark.

Jim Swann, Farmers State Bank, came here from Swann, Smith county. Another coincidence: They all made their money in the Merkel country.

WANTED—A LAUNDRY

Our little town offers a special opportunity and will give some inducement for the establishment of a good steam laundry. Our former laundry burned down and did not rebuild for we did not have fire protection at that time. We have waterworks now and good fire protection and our water is declared to be the best in the state for laundry purposes. The laundry was a paying enterprise and we refer you to Messrs. Clark & Simmons, Coleman, Texas, who operated it. They can tell you about the laundry business here and our town and people. We have little help here and our people patronize home enterprises.

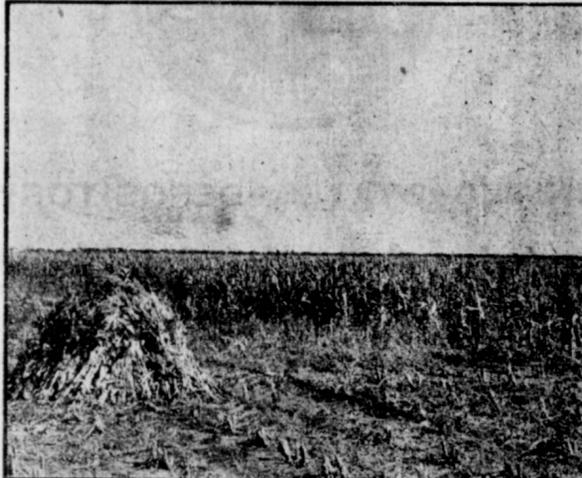
SORGHUM A SAFE CROP AND GOOD FEED



1911-A DRY YEAR-1911

The above photo was made on the farm of Ransom Meeks, three miles southwest of Merkel. We did not interview Mr. Meeks but the man who cut the feed told us he got about 4,500 big bundles off five acres. He had four acres more on oat stubble land which did almost as well. Ten acres more in kaffir corn and milo maize made him an abundance of feed and 15 acres in cotton averaged him about one-third of a bale to the acre.

KAFFIR CORN SURE CROP AND GOOD FEED



1911-A DRY YEAR-1911

This kaffir corn was raised by J. N. Teaff, 1 mile west of Merkel, planted in March and received only two rains during the entire growing season and produced 2,000 pounds to the acre. His yield of milo maize was much better, making over 50 bushels to the acre, both crops at this average making a profit equal or better than a good cotton crop at the present prices. He cultivated over 200 acres and attended to a good bunch of stock.

MY BANK LETTER

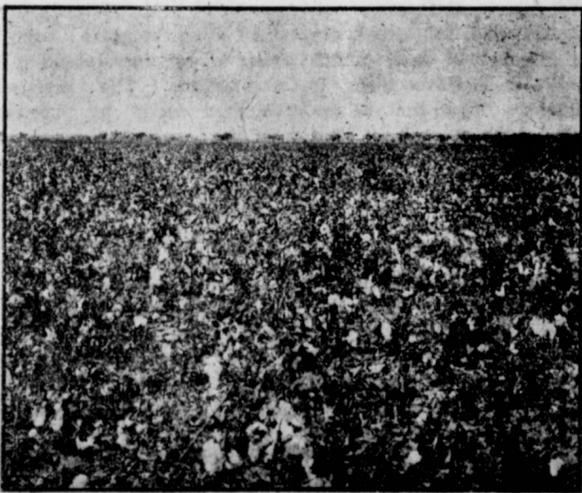
To Whom it May Concern: We are pleased to state that we are personally acquainted with Jno. G. Jackson, real estate agent, who has been a customer of this bank for five years and that we have found him to be honest and reliable in all of his dealings. We agree with him that this is the best time in the history of this country to make an investment in lands. From our past relations with him we do not hesitate to state that statements made by him relative to our country or property may be accepted without question.

Very respectfully,
The Southern National Bank,
C. L. Barker, Vice-pres.

A WORKER

W. T. Sherrill was a renter in Grayson county, but now owns 593 acres of our best land, bought from W. T. Sears, another Grayson county man on a credit. It was dry last year but he made 80 500-lb bales of cotton on 200 acres. This cotton went 102 days without a rain. He had 75 acres in feed and with his four boys cultivated all of the land and his children went to school until April and he never worked on Saturday during the year. He sold over \$4,000 worth of cotton and his feed and stock raised were worth more than \$2,000. He has a family of ten but has never had a doctor in the house for any of them since he came out here.

COTTON MADE 2-3 BALE ON TWO RAINS



1911-A DRY YEAR-1911

This cotton was raised by J. N. Teaff, formerly of Bell county, on his farm one mile west of Merkel and the photo was made after one-third of a bale had been picked from this field. The second picking yielded another third, making two-thirds of a bale to the acre, 43 big bales off 48 acres. He made 16 bales on another field of 32 acres. He finished planting this cotton April 29, and the first rain came July 13, nearly 90 days afterward.

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W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The Woman's Christian Union met in regular session at the Methodist church Monday June 10. The program was short and interesting and was planned to give instruction in regard to the principles and history of the W. C. T. U.

It is a gratifying fact that there is very little work in our town to engage the attention of a local W. C. T. U., therefore the main object of the Merkel union will be to bring the ladies of the different church societies into more intimate social relations. Each Ladies Aid has set aside the second Monday of each month for the W. C. T. U. meeting. It is confidently hoped that all the members of the several societies as well as many other ladies of the town will soon be on the W. C. T. U. roll.

Fishing Crowd.

Monday morning several of the Merkel young people took to the river for a weeks fishing and outing. Those going were Misses Maud Martin, Lizzie Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain, Mrs. Eva Perkins, Messrs Homer Jobe and George Ferrier. They made the trip in Ross Ferrier's car but he returned to town as he could not remain for the week.

Three days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.

Joint Discussion.

Saturday afternoon Hon. W. J. Cunningham and J. M. Wagstaff, both candidates for state representative for Taylor county, entered into one of the most friendly debates that has ever been held in Merkel. Both men made good impressions on the hearers for they plainly showed that they were not trying to undermine the other candidate by any foul means. Senator Cunningham opened the discussion with a short talk dealing with the issues in the campaign. He was then answered by Mr. Wagstaff who talked along the same lines, replying to statements made by Mr. Cunningham. The discussion was then ended by the reply from our former state senator Mr. Cunningham. A feeling of good fellowship was held throughout the speaking and every person went away thinking well of each of the candidates.

June 22. B. Y. P. U. Dinner.

Dinner will be served by the B. Y. P. U. Sat. June 22. The proceeds to help pay for their piano. In Gaither building.

ATTENTION LADIES—20 Dress Patterns given away absolutely FREE to the first 20 ladies entering our store Friday morning June 14, at 8 a. m.

J. P. Sharp. In charge of Chicago Adjustment Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Some fine milch cows. Fresh. See or phone R. D. Allen. 7t4

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Wagner motor-cycle in good condition. Will trade for good pony. See or write W. H. Craddock, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—Large 2,000 pound Alpine safe, 4 foot high, nice compartments for books and valuable papers. Cheap for cash or note. H. Turner, Merkel, Texas. 31tf

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

Salt Branch News.

June 13—Several of the young people from this place attended the all day singing at Nubia Sunday.

The Misses Smith and brother Carl called on Miss Lillie Wheat Sunday evening.

Holland Teaff and sister Miss Selena were visiting relatives at Tye Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Floyd has been real sick for the last few days.

Charlie West and wife of Merkel spent Sunday with Will Hays and family.

Mr. Thornton of Nubia spent Monday night with H. C. Floyd.

Mrs. Virgie Mobley was visiting Grandma Allen Sunday.

Miss Cora Hays is improving some.

Miss Mae Rainer came in last week from Abilene.

Grandma Hays left Tuesday to visit her daughter in Haskell county.

New Plumber.

Mr. Frank L. Turner has opened up a plumbing shop in his place of business. Will be with Mr. Wm O'Briant. Mr. Turner has been in the business for 25 years and is prepared to do plumbing and all kinds of repairs in his line. Leave your orders at Tin Shop. Windmills, pumps, bath tub, lavatories, hot and cold water put in and repairs made. Your work will be promptly attended to. Yours for business, Frank L. Turner. 14t4

We hear so much of late about this brand of flour, and that brand of flour, being the best, now we would like to have the privilege of putting up a sack of the Famous Old Peace maker that has been handled so long in Merkel, against one of these so called "best brands" Hogue-Hamilton Co.

All persons wanting rights, concessions or stands for the picnic July 2, 3 and 4 may see R. A. McClain and secure same not later than June 15.

1912 - \$250,000 - 1912

At the beginning of the year, you know I set my peg for a \$250,000 business during the year of 1912 and the first half, which of course is not the best part of the year for the real estate business I have made good.

On the day of my departure on an excursion tour of other parts of the state I closed two deals aggregating close to \$15,000. Of course you know that they were bargains for that is what the man with the money is looking for these days, here as well as elsewhere. I have bargains for buyers and buyers for bargains and if you have a bargain or want one I am your huckleberry. I am going to tell of the opportunities in the Merkel country on my trip and am going to have some buyers and want a few more real genuine bargains. Get right on your end of the line and list your land with me and I will get busy. The people are mighty good to me and I am going to try to do some good for them and our country. I do not keep any of the money I make but spend it advertising our town and country—just to get some more to spend. It pays to advertise.

In my absence my little business will be in the hand of Mr. T. E. Collins who is acquainted with my list and special propositions and if you have land to sell he will list it for me.

JOHN G. JACKSON

EXCLUSIVE LAND MAN
Merkel, Texas

Resolutions of Respect.

To the officers and members of Nubia lodge No. 496, I. O. O. F.

Dear Brethren—We, your memorial committee, beg to report that on May the 21st death invaded our ranks and took from our midst our friend and brother, E. H. Blackburn. Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That in the death of Bro. Blackburn, we lose a true and loyal member of our order, our community an exemplary citizen, his family a true and devoted father and brother.

2. That we extend to the friends and relatives of the deceased brother our tenderest expressions of love and sympathy and ask to share with them their sadness and sorrow.

3. That a copy of these resolutions, with the seal of the lodge thereon, be kept on the files of

our lodge and a copy of same be mailed to each surviving brother, sister and child of the deceased, and a copy be sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

Fraternally submitted,
J. W. H. Martin
D. L. Boyd
T. J. Toombs

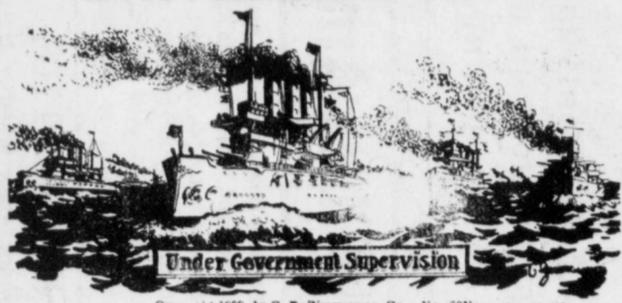
Bring your father and mother, sisters and brothers to J. P. Sharp's FORCED TO RAISE MONEY SALE. Something for everybody.

Oranges, Lemons, full line of Evaporated Fruits, Namely, Pears, Appricots, large Prunes, Apples, Peaches, Muscatells. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Three big days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.

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

H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Three days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th.

The B. Y. P. U. will serve dinner at the Gaither building Sat. June 22.

Miss Donnie Murry was the guest of Mrs. Frank Johnson last week.

The Elite has the only sanitary tobacco case in town. Their chewing tobacco is always moist.

Mrs. Reed Alsbrook of Sweetwater came in Saturday to visit the family of W. B. Alsbrook.

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

A ball and bat free with every boy's suit of clothes. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. W. Simpson returned to her home at Abilene Saturday after a short visit to relatives here.

New Potatoes, Cabbage, Home raised white Onions, Yellow Bermuda Onions, Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Seth Hamilton and J. S. Burns were in Sweetwater Monday attending the W. O. W. meeting held at that place.

Special prices on shoes this week. One lot at 50 cents per pair. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

E. W. T. Compton of Abilene was here Monday visiting friends and taking an outing for his health.

LOST.—Pair blue serge trousers, between the depot and Mrs. Templeton's boarding house. Finder return to C. L. Cash and get reward.

Miss Beulah Graham and her sister of Ovalo spent a few days here visiting the family of W. P. Duckett. Miss Beulah will go on to Dallas before returning home.

We want you to eat Alta Vista cream. Will keep open to serve after entertainments at night. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gentry returned to their home Monday after a short visit to Mrs. Gentry's father Mr. Dodd.

Don't miss the big show Tuesday, June 25 given by ladies of the White House at Dr. McMaster's on the lawn.

See the moving picture show at the opera house on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Miss Pet Sears came in Sunday from Nashville, Tenn., where she has been in school during the past year.

At Burroughs Drug Store Alta Vista cream and cold drinks after all night entertainments.



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There is no need of moving to town.

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DALLAS, TEXAS



M. D. Ussery came in from Kennett Mo., last week where he has been doing singing school work. He will be here a few days and then go to Cleburne where he will take the same line of work up.

S. H. Estep of Trent was taken to the Alexander sanatorium Sunday for an operation. At the last report he was resting very well but improvement was very slow.

Bert Hudgins came in Wednesday from Denton where he has been in school the past year. He left the same night for points east.

Mrs. J. N. Shelton has been sick for the past ten days with rheumatism but is some better as we go to press.

There will be prayer meeting every evening next week at the Baptist church from five to six o'clock. All are urged to attend.

Who are the ladies of the White House? Come and see June 25 on McMaster's porch and lawn.

Children's day exercises will be held at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker left Wednesday for Cleburne where she will visit friends.

See the Nigger Minstrel at Dr. McMaster's June 25.

Come and meet your friends at picnic 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.

WHAT KIND OF COMPETITION DO YOU PREFER? READ THIS.

The fact that J. P. Sharp is placing a sale of remarkable low prices on his goods we find that we have some competitors that have been running sales month in and month out and the people of this community know the fact that these sales have always been a bluff and the fact that I am putting on the first sale of my career as a merchant in the city of Merkel this same competitor is trying to make the public believe that he is going to give them something unusual. But the old proverb says: "You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all the time but you can not fool all the people all the time." Therefore, be sure you are right, then go ahead, that is the policy of J. P. SHARP.

Mrs. C. C. Shaver of Roscoe was in Merkel last week the guest of Mrs. Vol Martin and Miss Valentine. She left Sunday for Abilene to be with Mr. Shaver during the Summer Normal after which they will go to San Marcos.

Mrs. McCullough of Snyder left here Saturday for Paris where she will make her home. She was accompanied by her daughter and son Miss Thelma and Master Glen. While here she was the guest of Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Misses Haley and Young of Abilene were here this week visiting the former's sister Mrs. W. E. Britain. Miss Haley left for her home at Matador Tuesday and Miss Young returned to her home the same day.

G. B. Tittle is in the southern part of the county this week looking after the interests of his candidacy. He will visit all the towns in those parts returning here Saturday morning and go on to Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Alta Vista ice cream and cold drinks after all meetings and shows. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. W. H. Ware of Rising Star left for Cisco Monday after spending several days visiting Mrs. R. L. Moore. She will visit in Cisco before going home.

We will save you money on that trunk, suit case or hand bag. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Miss Lula Thornton was in Abilene Sunday and Monday visiting friends and relatives.

See the beauties of the White House June 25, full moon.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles left for Enid, Okla., Wednesday on a visit to Mr. Bowles mother.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

July 2, 3 and 4th.

Cigars that are moist all the time at the Elite.

A. L. Hogue was a business visitor in Abilene Monday.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Brown of Trent was in town Monday.

Don't forget to eat dinner with the B. Y. P. U. Sat. June 22. They will appreciate it.

A \$2 50 safety razor with every gentleman's suit. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

G. W. Brown of Roscoe came in Sunday to visit friends and to look after business.

The greatest event in the history of modern Merchandising for 15 days at J. P. Sharp's.

Rev. J. W. Saffle left for Hamilton Saturday where he will be for some two weeks preaching.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. H. H. Pierce left Saturday for Hanley after visiting the family of S. S. Randall.

Wrapped Bacon, Breakfast Bacon, Star (Skinned) Hams, Dry Salt Meat. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Ed J. Leeman came in Monday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. Judd Sheppard.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Sallie Orr is here visiting the family of Dr. J. A. Adkisson. She returned with Mrs. Adkisson from Tennessee.

Many valuable gifts given away FREE during our Sale. Come in and investigate.

J. P. Sharp

Miss Louise Trott and Mrs. Cherry came up from Abilene Friday afternoon on a visit to Mrs. R. E. Bowles.

Eat dinner with the B. Y. P. U. Saturday, June 22, and help them for a good cause.

We will make some special prices on Maple Syrup, until our stock in this line is reduced. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Several of the Abilene candidates were on the streets Saturday shaking hands with friends and meeting others.

WARNING—Don't be misguided by any other so-called sales. Remember it is J. P. Sharp, Friday June 14, at 9 a. m.

Misses Loraine and Ruth Hogan of Greenville are here visiting their uncle B. C. Gaither. They will be here several weeks with their relatives.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The home of Mrs. W. E. Britain was a scene of beauty with seated guests Thursday evening. Those ever welcome games of 42 and Bunco were played. All were ushered to the dining room where a delicious bowl of punch graced the table. It was declared to be the best ever made. Mrs. Britain needs no introduction as to her cunning way of entertaining her guests. Those enjoying the evening were Misses Winnie Warren, Fanny Burroughs, Gene and Carrol Rister, Mary and Flay Gunn, Virginia and Ona Hamblet, Eva Walters, Pauline Johnson, Elma Sheppard, Ruth Merritt, Inice and Roxie Moon, Tommy Coggin, Messrs. John West, Ottis and Lowe Barnett, Ben Merritt, Olly and Parker Sharp, Claude Sears, George Ferrier, Jim Brown, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Robert Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain.

Apron Party.

One of the greatest evenings of pleasure was that at the home of Miss Ina Jobe Wednesday evening. The scene was a crowd of girls enjoying life. Miss Jobe had planned every feature with great taste. After hours of merriment the crowd seated on the floor and here ate refreshing cream and were merry. Those present were Misses Lizzie Calvert, Effie Hutson, Bera Stallings, Ona and Pauline Johnson, Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Inice and Roxie Moon, Eva Calvert, Eugene Rister, Mrs. Bishop Hunter, Lillie Russell, Faye Douglass, Ina Jobe, and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Class Meeting.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Pauline Johnson's home was opened with loyalty to the Philathea class of the Methodist church. In the cake contest Misses Eva Walters and Ezma Allday cut for the prizes, Miss Walters winning, received a beautiful handmade cook book. Cream and cake were served to the class.

Two Day House Party.

Miss Annie T. Daniel honored a few of her friends last week with a house party lasting from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. Those attending were Misses Solie Hemphill and Juanita Harris of Abilene and Willie Bigham, Messrs. L. E. Adams, Ernest Reynolds and M. M. Hamill of Abilene and John Daniel.

League Program.

Leader, Miss Jackie Jennings. Subject, The Openness of Strength. Scripture lesson, Dan. 6-10; Acts 4:13-20. Song. Prayer. Song. The lesson incident—Dennis McDonald. The issue at stake—Olly Shaffer. Wherein lay Daniel's strength—Miss Virginia Hamblet. Personal thought—Mrs. Johnson. Reading—Epworth Visitor. Collection. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

TIMELY WARNING TO CALOMEL USERS

Calomel is a Form of Mercury, and if it Stays in the Human System, its Effect is Terrible. Ask Your Doctor

Any physician will tell you that mercury, if it remains in the body, will soften and rot the bones, a disease doctors call necrosis of the bones; Calomel is a form of mercury, and to keep clear of danger it's a safe plan to take no calomel at all, especially as there is a better remedy.

Both children and grown people will find a perfect substitute for calomel in Dods' Liver-Tone; a pleasant, vegetable tonic that induces the liver to act and which never has any bad after-effects. In fact Dods' Liver-Tone will do every thing that calomel does without any of the dangers of calomel. A large bottle costs only 50 cents, and Rust & McCauley's drug store will refund your money if you are not satisfied.

Chas. Holcomb left Monday morning for Abilene and other towns near where he will work in the interest of a heating and ventilating machine.

A SQUARE DEAL

The Rust & McCauley Drug Co. Back Up Their Claims with a Guarantee

We say to you that in our estimation there is no better nerve and blood tonic—nor one better able to bring the greatest relief in the shortest time—than Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic.

We have had ample opportunity to note the varying degrees of success attained by different preparations with this class of ailments. We feel that we are qualified to judge.

On the other hand, we have a reputation to sustain, and could not afford to recommend an article in which we did not have positive faith. But we do more than recommend Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic. With every bottle we guarantee satisfaction or your money back.

Warm weather is less bracing than the cold, and decreases the powers of resistances to disease. You become fatigued with less exertion, and ordinary work or pleasures are a much greater drain on your resources. As a result some part of the system breaks down, and refuses to do its work. You don't feel good. Something is wrong. You are depressed, easily tired, lose your appetite, lose flesh, your complexion is bad, your heart "thumps" too easily—and one of these symptoms is a danger signal you can't afford to ignore.

You need something to repair that nervous system, to tone up that stomach, and cleanse that blood. We believe Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic will help to do it. It is a specialized food and body builder that, through its action on the nerves and blood, aids in restoring them to perfect health—that develops an appetite and assists in converting the food into rich, red blood, and blood into brawn and brain. Price, \$1.00. Sold in this community only at our store. The Rexall Store. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Cunningham For Representative

In this issue of the Merkel Mail will appear the announcement of Hon. W. J. Cunningham of Abilene as a candidate for Representative from Taylor county. Mr. Cunningham is well known to the voters of Taylor county, having represented this, the 42nd Judicial District as district attorney from 1903 to 1907 at which time he resigned the district attorney's office to succeed Senator A. S. Hawkins as State Senator. Mr. Cunningham did not offer for re-election to the Senate although he had no opposition for the office at the time he announced his intention of retiring from that office. He is for Hon. Morris Sheppard for the United States Senate but stated in his speech last Saturday at Merkel that he would be bound by the state primary vote of Taylor county and would vote for the candidate receiving the highest vote for the United States Senate in said primary in Taylor county. Mr. Cunningham stands for judicial reform both in civil and criminal procedure, and is in favor of increasing the school age from seven to twenty years. We ask our readers to give Mr. Cunningham's claims a careful consideration.

Youthful Musician Here.

Merkel is honored at present in the personage of one of the greatest musicians of the country for his age. Master George Leeman, age four years, and a prince of good fellows. He has been a master of the piano for over a year.

Wednesday afternoon he held a crowd of people wonder struck at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store while he played seven or eight selections including Dixie and Casey Jones. His singing of "My Irish Rose" in accompaniment to the piano was without question the greatest thing of its kind ever heard here.

Master George is here with his mother from Duncan, Oklahoma on a visit to his aunt Mrs. Jud Sheppard.

Rabbit Scalps Still Good.

To The Merkel Mail. The Commissioners Court of Taylor county at its recent meeting decided to prolong the Jack Rabbit scalp bounty to an indefinite time owing to the fact that there are still thousands of these pests in the county. This notice is desired because many have made inquiries as to whether or not the Bonty is still in force. T. A. Bledsoe, County Judge of Taylor County.

The Chicago Adjustment Co., of Chicago, Ill., has taken charge of J. P. Sharp's entire stock for 15 days and there will be something doing every minute.

LETTER FROM THE BOOSTERS

Waco, June, 12.—It may be that a few of your several dozen cash readers would like to hear from the Texas Travelers, so just listen.

Dirty and dusty the auto party reached this city yesterday afternoon after spending two delightful nights on the road. The first camp was made at Rounders' Bend a short distance the other side of Coleman and the second night the cots were pitched on Prickett creek near Hamilton. Convict labor was used for cooking and Jas. Gilliam and Lester Ellis acted as chief dishwashers. The duties of chambermaid were enforced upon the secretary and Capt. Comegys did nothing but fight mosquitoes and sleep. Even during the trial of Courtney Hunt the captain acting as judge slept during the entire proceedings. Lester Ellis was prosecuting attorney and R. O. Anderson defended the accused. He was charged with stealing a widow woman's dipper and the evidence of J. E. Faucett and Creed Roberts made a conviction inevitable, to say nothing of the oratory of Ellis which shook the acorns of the trees in the vicinity. Thus Mr. Hunt has been a convict since, compelled to do most all the work and shot in the heel every time he tries to escape. It was bitter cold each night after midnight in camp and unintentionally no cover was provided for Creed Roberts. In a linen duster for a night gown it is reported that he suffered considerably and as a result of the exposure calculated to damage his health a charge of cruelty to animals has been made against his brother-in-law and his trial is booked to come off at 10 o'clock today.

In the organization of the party and election of J. E. Faucett as secretary the idea prevailed that everything else would be easy but here the trouble began. According to the rules and regulations the secretary is to pay all legitimate expenses out of the general fund and the disturbing factor is to ascertain what is legitimate. In my mind it is the most illegitimate outfit I ever saw and mehtinks there will be several more assessments before we make the circuit and start homeward. The party is registered at the Metropole and Secretary Faucett is paying for the entire party but Jim Gilliam and Creed Roberts insist upon eating at the chile joint.

Seeing Waco.

The newspapers this morning contained two articles of interest to the Merkel people. The first was a story of our party and the second of the promotion of J. W. Prater to assistant chief of police. He is known here as in the days when he made flapjacks at Merkel, just as "Bill." Everybody knows and loves "Bill." When he heard we were in town he took off his uniform and helmet and has been with us since. He has done everything and then some. The first was a sight-seeing trip with our party, two newspaper reporters and some friends of "Bill." It was a jolly crowd and lots of fun. We had a great time. We saw all of Waco inside and outside. "Bill's" wife is in good health and happy as ever.

Our party met C. H. Graves who owns valuable Merkel property, is president of the First State Bank & Trust Company here and making money fast as ever. He has three thrashers at work on his grain crop.

We met Will Adams here who has made money by realty investments at Abilene.

Notes and Personal.

There are some good and bad roads and crops between Merkel and Waco. In McLennan county the oat crop will average 60 bushels to the acre and some fields have made 100 bushels. The corn crop is suffering from the dry weather and must have rains in the next week or ten days. The feed and cotton crop in the Merkel country surpasses the crops between here and Fort Worth.

The two cars made a good run thus far. The Cadillac suffered a blow-out and broken rear spring, while the Buick stripped a cog wheel in the differential and lost the top to the generator. This damage is being repaired and the party leaves in the morning for Austin.

Jno. G. Jackson who stayed over at home Monday to sell a couple of farms joined the party here.

Hill for District Judge.

We are advised by the friends of Judge D. G. Hill to place his name before our readers as a candidate for the office of District Judge of this district. Judge Hill is a well known and honorable man and it is our request that you give his claims due consideration when placing your ballot.

Don't forget the picnic at Cozart's tank July 2, 3 and 4th.

Young Women

Read what Cardui did for Miss Myria Engler, of Faribault, Minn. She says: "Let me tell you how much good Cardui has done me. As a young girl, I always had to suffer so much with all kind of pain. Sometimes, I was so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I got a bottle of Cardui, at the drug store, and as soon as I had taken a few doses, I began to feel better. Today, I feel as well as anyone can."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Are you a woman? Then you are subject to a large number of troubles and irregularities, peculiar to women, which, in time, often lead to more serious trouble.

A tonic is needed to help you over the hard places, to relieve weakness, headache, and other unnecessary pains, the signs of weak nerves and over-work.

For a tonic, take Cardui, the woman's tonic.

You will never regret it, for it will certainly help you. Ask your druggist about it. He knows. He sells it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 54

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C. L. Cash The Tailor

The ladies of the White House will give a porch and lawn entertainment at the home of Dr. Mc Master June 25 for the benefit of the parsonage. Splendid program, ice cream and cake will be served. Children 15 cents Adults 25.

The Walker cottage is looking fine in its new coat of yellow paint with a trimming of white. The effect seems to make the place look very cool and clean, the yellow being a light shade.

Mrs. H. K. Reid of Winters returned home after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff.

B. C. Gaither and J. L. Banner were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Don't fail to see Ladies of the White House June 25.

B. D. Black was a visitor in Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Ina Coleman of Paris returned to her home Tuesday after an extended visit to her cousin Mrs. Wesley Edwards, nee Miss Laura Jennings.

Mrs. T. E. Collins went to Trent Wednesday afternoon to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Miss Clara Hoya and Miss Ruth Mims were in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends.

Baby show at Cozart's tank 2, 3 and 4th. Will name date, prizes and particulars next week.

W. A. Cozart was in Abilene Monday on business.

It is now well known that not more than one case of rheumatism in ten requires an internal treatment whatever. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts at each application. Try it and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. Sold by all dealers.

CHOOSE THE STORE

Whose Reliability You Can Depend on When Buying Your Dry Goods and Groceries

The greater number of those connected with this store having done business in Merkel for a number of years affords ample opportunity for the public to judge how well we qualify under the heading of Reliability. It is our purpose to carry the best lines of merchandise in the city. Below we call your attention to only a few of the many bargains we are making for the cash, and ask you to come in and inspect these goods before purchasing.

One lot of Embroidery 44 inches wide, worth \$1.50, now . . . \$1.00
One lot of Lawn, 7½c, now going at 5c
One lot of Lawn, 15c to 12½c, now 7½c
One lot of Lawn, 35c, now going at 25c

We will make you special prices no Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Shirts and Neckwear. See them. Special prices on all Ladies Ready-to-Wear. Don't fail to get our prices before buying for

We are Never Undersold

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

BENEFIT DINNER IS QUITE PROFITABLE

The dinner given Saturday at the Gaither building for the purpose of raising money to help pay for additions to the city schools whereby the schools here could be made to affiliate with the most prominent schools of the state, more especially the state university.

The proceeds from the dinner brought in the nice sum of \$60.15 and the ladies were at a cost of \$4.15 for the dinner which leaves them the nice sum of \$56.00, more than half enough to equip the school with a laboratory that will be required when the schools here wish to affiliate with the university.

Not content with letting the work go half finished the ladies are going to do the same thing again next Saturday with the hopes of raising the amount wanted and from the interest shown in the work last Saturday it behooves every person who can to eat at the Gaither building on Saturday and price charged for the meals set out at that place for 25 cents cannot be equaled in any place. Help a good cause and let your smiling face be seen in the rush Saturday at the Gaither building.

Auto for Sale or Trade.

My high wheel auto, good running shape, will sell cheap for cash, or trade for horse and pay difference if any. Going to get a new machine. First reasonable offer will be accepted as I wish to dispose of it before going north. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

Call for Democratic Meeting.

Call of Democratic County Chairman for meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Taylor county.

I hereby call a meeting of said committee to convene at the court house in Abilene, on Monday, June 17, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., to transact such business as may properly come before said committee.

This will be an important meeting of the committee, as at this session assessments will be made, the position of the candidates on the ticket determined, campaign committee named and other matters in detail will be attended to.

It is important that each member of the committee be in attendance as this is the most important of all committee meetings.

This June 8, 1912.

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

Something Extraordinary.

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS," the new monthly magazine of the Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (tickets will be good until October 31st for returning and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost, address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Lowney's chocolates in fancy boxes at the Elite.

ANNOUNCEMENT AT J.P. SHARP'S STORE



JACK LONDON

Manager in Charge for Chicago Adjustment Company.

After twelve years of active business in the city of Merkel without conducting any special sales, I wish to make the announcement that I have employed the Chicago Adjustment Co., of Chicago, Ill., to conduct one of the greatest sales ever promoted in the history of West Texas. Mr. Jack London, representing the Chicago Adjustment Co., will be here personally to conduct this Special Sale. The entire stock has been turned over in his charge and Merchandise will be out to prices that will startle competition and open wide the eyes of the buying public.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that we have never been guilty of buying job lots

and Bankrupt stocks and offering them to you at would-be reductions. Such goods would be dear at any price. My reputation in the past is better known to you and you may come to this store Friday morning June 14 expecting to find bargains that you have never heard of before, and you won't be disappointed, and every piece of merchandise sold during this sale will have my bona fide guarantee behind it.

In conclusion we wish to state: To the first twenty ladies entering our store on the morning of our opening will be presented absolutely FREE a Loyd DRESS PATTERN. Come early and avoid the rush.

Look for our big ad in this issue. Don't be misguided by so-called sales. Be sure you are at the right place then come in. Wanted.—Extra Salesladies. Apply of Manager.

J. P. SHARP.

Jack London in Charge.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking our many friends for their faithful service rendered during the sickness and death of our mother Mrs. F. J. Rogers.

Mrs. M. A. Britton
W. J. Rogers
C. R. Rogers
D. F. Rogers
J. A. Rogers
Jessie Rogers

Free Lecture.

At southside Christian church by bible lecturer S. W. Williams Saturday June 15 at 8 o'clock p. m., and Sunday 11 a. m. Subject, The Three Worlds. All are cordially invited. No collections. Undenominational.

Lowney's chocolates in fancy boxes at the Elite.

MORRIS SHEPPARD COMING TO MERKEL

Hon. Morris Sheppard candidate for United States Senate will pay Merkel a visit Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. His speech will be on the campaign and he will give the Merkel people one of the best speeches of the year.

The race for United States Senator seems to be between Sheppard and Wolters each of which have seen fit to pay Merkel a call while to other candidate Hon. Choice B. Randell did not place our city on his route of speaking dates but jumped from Abilene to Sweetwater passing through here on the evening train. It is not for the fact that he seems to be loosing out in the race but it will at least have some effect for it is the common custom of candidates aspiring to high offices at the hands of the people to give Merkel consideration when making a whirlwind campaign of the state. All the voters are requested to be out and hear Mr. Sheppard and his place of speaking will likely be at the opera house or the tabernacle.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauqua at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.



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LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

Four-leaf clover: "Be Mine."
Good luck and prosperity.

IRRIGATED ORCHARD

Joel H. Counts owns a very desirable home, orchard and truck patch in the edge of Merkel which shows the possibilities of our country. All of the water to irrigate 10 acres is pumped out of the ground into an artificial elevated lake which furnishes the rest of the power necessary. Three windmills do the work and he makes an easy and independent living on his little ranch.

GOOD ROADS

Our country has the best natural roads in the state and they will be graded and graveled in the next year or so—we have our own gravel. We know this will be done because people having so much done for them by nature are willing to do a little for themselves. Then, living in our country will be even better and lands worth more. Come to Merkel.

IT'S E-Z

All values in Texas are going up but here is the problem. If land in the older sections can be bought for \$100 to \$150 per acre and in my country for \$25 to \$40 per acre and both advance \$25 per acre which is the best investment, the per centum? Here is the opportunity for the speculator as well as the man looking for a good home in a good country.

DO IT NOW

The rich man's secret of success was to buy when low and sell when high. Our values are down and improved land, producing 1/2 to 1 bale to the acre can be bought for \$25 to \$40 per acre, and easy terms for the actual settler. Do not always be a renter but come to Merkel and get a home.

RENTERS BECOME OWNERS

The average renter back east can be a home-owner here. You can make a small cash payment and then pay out your home just as easy as paying rent all of your life. Most of our home-owners started life this way or rented land the first year or so. You can do as well and get the benefit of the increase in values if you buy now.

A GOOD WIND

If you have heard a few old knockers talk about the "windy west" let me tell you. At almost every home you will find the faithful wind and windmill pumping water from underground for domestic use, man, beast and to irrigate the garden. It beats "the old oaken bucket" process and I believe that He knew his business when he made this world, all of it. It's a good old wind and every night in the summer sleeping is just delightful. Come to Merkel.

ROSE BETWEEN TWO PEACHES

If anyone asks you: Abilene (10,000) is just 17 miles east of Merkel and Sweetwater (6,000) 25 miles in the opposite direction. They claim everything (and got it too) except our farming land and good water. They will tell you we have the bestland hereabouts. Theyno.

GREAT DAY COMING

Good land here sells for \$25 to \$40 per acre; in older sections \$100 to \$150; in Iowa and Illinois as high as \$250, and in older countries \$1,000. There is going to be an adjustment. It will all go up but I'll bet we go up faster. "Doing it" now.

R. H. Collins, farmer and stockman came here 11 years ago from Red River county with less than \$5,000 but has got more now. The first thing he did was to go in debt on land. He says: "This is the best country I ever saw in my life. It will grow and fatten a rule quicker and cheaper." It is a good farming country, too. The first farm I bought for \$1,800 made the first year 48 bales of cotton on 63 acres and paid me \$550 rent and I sold it for \$3,600. The water and health here even beat my native state, Kentucky. I can recommend this country to any farmer or stockman.

T. J. Toombs, like most of our people, has no land to sell at present values, for he says that even during the dry years his land has paid him as well as the higher priced land in Dallas county and Tennessee where he lived. He owns 2,000 to 3000 acres of land in the rich Nubia community in the Canyon valley, but came here with nothing. He went in and put up \$50.00 in cash with a friend's wagon and team at \$250 as the first payment on his first piece of dirt.

In the newspaper business at Abilene and Merkel for the past eight years I have learned enough stories of success to fill a half dozen little papers like this but that matters not. It all, after all depends on the man as much as the country. If you work you will win and if you shirk you will lose.

L. L. Miller of Farmersville, who has sold about \$50,000 worth of our land in the past year said to me one day: "I was prejudiced against the west for 20 years but got over it. Collin county is, of course, the best in the state but when any of my clients want to go west I recommend your country for you have the best I have ever seen in that section."

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport, farmer, banker and candidate for railroad commissioner, bought 400 acres from me and said: "Your country offers good opportunities for men who can not acquire homes where values are so high and I believe now is the time to buy."

S. A. Hawthorne of Carthage, who bought \$20,000 worth of our lands last fall said: "We have the surest country, I believe, but figuring the value of your lands and the amount one man can cultivate you can make a crop only every three years and even up with us."

The next president will be a democrat and our postmaster, H. W. Derstine, will lose his job but that will be alright. He has plenty and made it all stock-farming. He made his first crop or two with pony teams and no feed but sorghum and our native mesquite grass.

T. R. Lassiter came here from Red River county for the benefit of his family's health seven years ago. He said: "Am well pleased and my people are well. I believe now is the time to buy a home in this country."

Scott Smelser owns a home in town, brick building, truck patch and farm now but he had to borrow money to make his first payment on a piece of raw land in the Canyon valley ten years ago. He raised everything.

R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank is one of the few born in this country and old enough to vote. His father was one of the pioneers and his son has just been growing up with our country.

If you have asthma, rheumatism, heart, lung or stomach trouble, malaria, biliousness, constipation or any ambition to make more money, come to the Merkel country. Ask your doctor or anybody.

H. L. Propst is worth \$25,000 to \$30,000 now but he started to work for wages in the Merkel country. He says it's easy—just buy good land and big mules and then plow early and deep. That's his idea and he got there.

W. F. Pendleton of Farmersville owns two of our best farms, bought last fall and said: "As soon as you raise one or two good crops I believe values will double in the Merkel country."

C. A. Bickley of Merit, Hunt county, has bought several of our best farms. He got them all in the Merkel country, after looking over this section.

The man who moves here now will share in the progress and prosperity of our country which he will help to develop, and the same applies to our little town.

Ed S. Hughes of Abilene, hardware man, capitalist and now builder of steamship line for his native state made all of the money in this country.

Our abundance of water makes this an ideal country for gardens and one of my neighbors, R. J. Adcock, has fresh vegetables most of the year 'round.

J. E. Faucett, cashier of the Southern National Bank and merchant now was a stenographer at \$10 per when he came to Merkel.

Courtney Hunt is worth \$15,000 to \$20,000 cash and good notes but he started in business on less than \$1,000. He is a hustler.

J. G. and G. P. Bradley came here from Dallas county about a quarter of a century ago with just their teams. They own a 2,000 acre stock farm now.

Col. J. H. Parramore and Capt. Clabe W. Merchant of Abilene are wealthy now but they made it all in the cow business out here.

The Groene Studio is the best in the state but the proprietor came here in 1905 with less than a \$1,000 outfit.

G. E. Comegys, owner of the Star Stores at Merkel and Clyde came here from Missouri. He was shown.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss," but who wants to be a moss-back? Move to Merkel.

There are some of course who failed, like everywhere else but no space for them here. Nobody loves a failure or a fat man.

The only reason there are any knockers on any part of our state is just because Texas is so big and some people are so little.

ECZEMA? TRY ZEMO

Has Cured Worst Cases and you Can Try It at our Risk

Yes, try Zemo. That's all you need to get rid of the worst case of eczema. You take no chance, it is no experiment. Zemo is positively guaranteed to stop itching, rash, raw bleeding eczema, make a pimpled face smooth and clean. Zemo is a wonder and the minute applied it sinks in, vanishes, leaves no evidence, doesn't stick, no grease, just a pure, clean wonderful liquid and it cures. This is guaranteed. Zemo is put up by the E. W. Rose Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., and sold by all druggist throughout America, and in Merkel by the Rust & McCauley Drug Store.

6--SPECIAL BARGAINS--6

If you are looking for a home or good investment I can help you and save you money. I know the values here and the people who want to sell. I will mail you plat and description of any kind of proposition and guarantee what I have to say. I am not smart enough to fool anybody if I wanted to and that's not my idea of doing business. If you will tell me what you want I will tell you what I have. The following are a few of my best propositions:

No. 1. 640 acres 8 miles of Big Springs, all level and red sandy loam; 80 acres in cultivation and 4-room house. Owned by bank and offered for only \$15 per acre.

No. 2. Ten section ideal ranch (one-fourth tillable) all good grass, everlasting water; improved for farming and ranching. Price \$8.00 per acre. \$15,000 cash and terms.

No. 3. 400 acres 10 miles southeast of Merkel; 225 in cultivation and every foot first-class and level. Price, \$30 per acre; \$5,000 cash and terms.

No. 4. An ideal country home, within 3 miles of Merkel, 320 acres known as best farm in our country (never made a crop failure) 225 in cultivation; big fine house. Owner wants a ranch and offers at best investment in country. Price, \$12,800; one-half cash and balance 1/4 to 10 years.

No. 5. 160 acres of good land, 3 miles of Merkel; 80 in cultivation and average improvements. Bargain at \$25.00 per acre. 1/2 cash and terms.

No. 6. 160 acres, 3 miles of Merkel; 100 in cultivation, balance good grass; pretty good improvements and good home. Price, \$25.00 per acre; \$1,500 cash and terms.

I have a number of small farms and some stock and good grass land propositions for sale. Tell me what you want and I will do the rest.

JNO. G. JACKSON
Real Estate Agent, Merkel, Texas

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkom Items.

Arthur Wilson and Marvin Cox have been cutting grain in the Circle Cross pasture farms the past week while Lem Dudley has been harvesting on Elm creek below the school house.

T. J. Burselon is quite sick. Dr. Kendrick of Tuscola is the attending physician.

Owing to grain harvest the attendance at the literary society was not as large as usual but an interesting program was much enjoyed by those present.

J. P. Fuqua made a business trip to Merkel Friday.

Misses Doggett and Broughton of Shep attended the literary society at Elm Grove last Friday night.

J. E. Hallmark and wife carried their baby to Merkel for treatment Friday. We are glad to learn that it was improving.

Miss Flippoe of Tuscola is visiting the family of Mr. Swindle this week.

G. W. Wilson and wife visited relatives at Caps Thursday.

Quite a number of young men from the Canyon and several from Shep were at Elm Grove Friday night at the literary society.

Prohibition Election Called in This County.

In accordance with the election laws, a prohibition election cannot be held sooner than two years after the last election was called. This time restriction is not recognized, however, by the people in recommending Hunt's Lightning Oil for neuralgia, rheumatism, headaches, etc. For thirty odd years it has been acknowledged to be the best. Sold everywhere in 50c and 25c bottles.

Mulberry News.

June 11—Bro Watts preached here Sunday.

Bro. Popham conducted prayer meeting Saturday night.

Misses Lula Ayres and Callie Popham and Owen Ayers went to Tye Sunday night to children's services.

Little Jeff and Clyde Chancy have been right sick but are better at this writing.

J. D. Rainer and Wiley Rogers are on the sick list this week.

Singing Sunday night at C. S. Harrison's.

Arthur, Oscar and Paul McMurry of Salt Branch were at the ice cream supper at D. F. Rogers Friday night.

John Burns and children returned Sunday from Morrison's ranch where they have been spending some few days.

A jolly crowd out Friday night at Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Rogers for the ice cream supper.

Miss Allie Glover and Jess Glover of

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Noodle spent Friday night with their sister Mrs. D. F. Rogers.

Miss Clara Daniels was the guest of the Misses Watts Sunday.

Miss Nora Harrison spent Sunday evening with Misses Frankey and Maggie Lee Chancy.

The farmers are still wanting to see it rain. Cotton is still growing but feed stuff needs rain.

Wiley Rogers spent Saturday night with relatives on Salt Branch.

Famous Stage Beauties

look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores or pimples. They don't have them nor will any one who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Blair Echoes.

June 11—Work began Tuesday morning on the tank that will be used for the gin that is to be erected here \$600.

Misses Jessie and Elma Clark attended the singing at Nubia Sunday.

O. W. Reed, wife and children accompanied by Miss Gladys Demere all

of Weaver Springs visited relatives at Blair Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Horton is reported some better after a long illness.

Miss Amabel Moore returned Saturday from New Mexico where she has been attending school.

Those that attended the singing Sunday night at the home of Miss Mae Peoples report a nice time.

E. M. Sherman and son Milton were Merkel visitors Monday.

Roland Goens is visiting at Abilene for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Top White from over on Mulberry visited the family of J. M. Reeves Sunday.

Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.