

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## SOLDIER BOY IS ARRESTED HERE

Sunday constable R. C. Young arrested Pete Thixton of Trent on a charge of desertion from the United States Navy and left that night for San Antonio with him. Mr. Thixton is well known in the Trent and Merkel country and his many friends regret that such should occur but are very hopeful that he will be able to clear himself of the charges as his arrest came about only through his having remained with home folks over the allotted time allowed him on his furlough.

Mr. Thixton should have returned earlier but had planned to return Sunday night which date was after the expiration of his leave of absence.

## MEETING BEGINS SATURDAY NIGHT

The Christian meeting will begin Saturday night at the tabernacle. Jesse P. Sewell, President of Abilene Christian College will do the preaching. Elder W. G. Cypert is making special effort to have the meeting be a success and extends an invitation to the Merkel people to come.

The Methodist meeting will not end until Sunday night but we understand that the closing services of the Methodist revival will be held at the Methodist church and in that way divide the time of using the tabernacle with the other church.

### Merkel Country Best.

A. H. Barnes returned this week from a visit to Galveston and a trip through the central part of the state. In talking to the reporter he said: "Take it from me and tell the people this is the best country in the state. The Gulf of Mexico is the biggest tank though I ever saw in my life but the water isn't fit to drink. This is the country for a poor man if he ever wants to get rich. I would be rich now if I had any luck but I haven't it. In going home the other day I found a good low-quarter shoe—just one of them. If I had been George Moore there would have been two shoes, a suit of clothes and some loose change in the pocket. I will take \$1.00 for this one shoe or give the man who lost it 50 cents for the other one. Call at the Mail office and get it."

### Rabbit Bounty Still Good.

The report has been circulated around over the country that the jack-rabbit scalp bounty had been taken off. The Mail is informed by Judge Bledsoe that the report is erroneous and that the bounty is still in effect and will so continue until the commissioners see fit to call it off. Judge Bledsoe informs us that the county has already paid for over 16,000 scalps, all of which were killed in this county.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings of Trent came down Tuesday morning to visit Miss Pearl Rawlings.

## INSPECTOR BE HERE IN AUGUST

In our last week's issue of the Mail there appeared an article about Merkel being on a list from which the three cleanest towns in the state would be picked, though we did not give date of inspection.

Even now we do not know the exact date but the Inspector for Hollands Magazine will start on the work about the 15th of August and will visit Merkel some time within the next 60 days. He will report the conditions of our town and if that report shows that we have the best kept city under which class our town is listed then we will be advertised as living in the cleanest town in the state. On first thinking of the prize it is not much but if Merkel could win that distinction it would be one of the best advertisements possible to secure for any town. As for the prize money it could be used in many ways. With \$300.00 a fountain could be erected in a prominent place to mark a spot should future generation ever require that would show the interest the people have in their town and the civic improvement would in itself be outspoken.

Mr. Hall our City Marshal is very much elated over the prospects of Merkel winning the prize and in a talk with our reporter stated that he had several men whom he could place at work at a moments notice and with a very small cost could clean the business section of every piece of rubbish. Mr. Hall also favors a mass meeting for the purpose of getting the citizens together and going at the work in a systematic way this he declares will put an interest in the work that can be attained in no other way. Several who have expressed themselves also favor such a clean-up. Next issue we propose to give the views of the citizens and if possible get a mass meeting staged for the clean-up work whereby Merkel will be heralded as the cleanest city in Texas.

## JUMPS FROM TRAIN BREAKS HIS LEG

Monday afternoon Harve Farmer, junior member of the former W. B. Farmer & Son Furniture Co. of this place, boarded the passenger train No. 3 at this place with Trent as his destination.

On being informed that the train did not stop at that place he tried to alight from the passenger as they were nearing Trent over the grade just east of town. In doing so he was thrown in his attempt to get off and as a result he suffered a broken leg in the fall. Mr. Farmer managed to pull himself up to the top of the grade and called to John Daniel who passed shortly afterward in his car. Mr. Daniel brought the injured man back to Merkel where medical attention was given him and at the last report Mr. Farmer was resting very well.

### 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.

John Jones returned home from Putman Wednesday where he has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Rogers of Collin county are visitors and prospectors in our country, guests at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent. Mr. Rogers is a wealthy land holder of Collin county and expects to invest \$25,000 or \$30,000 in the Merkel country. We hope so.

## HELPS FLOAT TEAM AND BREAKS ARM

Saturday while H. S. (Dad) Wilson was trying to assist a dray team start their load on Front street he let his right arm become entangled in the rear wheel of the wagon getting as a result a broken arm for his sympathetic work.

In a talk with "Dad" he says that he has helped a balky horse the last time in his life and that he is too old to be doing such heavy work anyway.

## BANKS WILL CLOSE ELECTION DAY

Election Day, Saturday July 27th, being a Legal Holiday, the banks of Merkel will be closed all day.

Customers will please govern themselves accordingly, as the banks, in fairness to each other, positively will not transact any business on that day.

F. & M. National Bank.  
Southern National Bank.  
Farmers State Bank.

### Business Change.

The Cash Grocery has again changed its ownership to some extent. I. S. Allen, a partner in the business, has sold his interest to J. A. Buford. The deal was finished Tuesday, Mr. Buford taking immediate charge in the partnership.

## LAST CHANCE FOR THE CANDIDATES

As we go to press on Thursday afternoon every candidate aspiring to office in Taylor county is supposed to be in our midst making hay while the sun shines. They were billed to speak here at 2 o'clock and from reports coming from Abilene on Monday they were then going about over the country in bunches soliciting votes and campaigning, taking advantage of making speeches at every voting place in the county. Their last stand will be made in Abilene Friday afternoon at the corner of McGee's Drug Store, and next day is when so many of them will meet their "Waterloo."

### Notice.

I will open up a new stock of Groceries, Saturday July 27, first door west of Rust & McCauley at my old stand and would be glad to have all my old customers and every one else who buys Groceries to come around and give me a chance at your bill, you will find that I have the prices right. 19t-2 Walter Clark.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking the good Merkel people who assisted us in the care of our afflicted son. It is our prayers that the blessings of God rest upon them.

J. W. Tally and Family.

### Money to Loan.

\$250,000.00 to loan at 8 per cent per annum, on improved Farms or ranches, or will buy first lien notes on this class of property. C. L. Barker, at Southern National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Miss Bessie Medlin came up from Abilene Wednesday afternoon to visit friends.

## ELECTION RETURNS SATURDAY NIGHT

Through the Southwestern Telephone System the voters all over Texas will be awarded with the returns from the election on Saturday night.

The Southwestern people are making this effort in order that they can show to the people of Texas the efficient service rendered by their company and the speed with which business can be dispatched. For these reasons the people will be given the returns just as fast as they can be handled by the operators.

Mr. Burroughs has informed us that he will erect a bulletin board in front of his drug store where the returns in total form will be placed just as soon as they reach the Merkel office.

## KICK FROM HORSE BREAKS MANS RIBS

Mr. Perry Bradley who lives south of Merkel near the mountains and who came here almost before the mountains grew to their present size, was painfully but not seriously injured by a horse Wednesday afternoon.

It seems that Mr. Bradley was placing harness on the horse when something went wrong with the way the harness was being placed and as a result Mr. Bradley received a well directed kick from the horse that broke three of his ribs. A doctor was called and attended the broken parts leaving the patient resting very well but in a painful condition.

### Jolly Fishing Crowd.

Several Merkel people and visitors left Merkel for the river Monday to spend several days fishing. On returning they reported one of the best outings that they had ever had or expect to have. Those going from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and family, Miss Inice Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sears and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Horn of Caps and Willie Kirk of the same place. On reaching the camping grounds they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Ulris Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson. The party broke up Wednesday morning arriving here about noon, every member having a separate fish story to tell, but the catch made by Messrs Sears and Dennis will no doubt take the prize.

### Dr. King Away for Summer.

Dr. J. M. C. King left Monday night for Galveston where he goes for the summer. For some time the doctor has been in bad health and he hopes that the salt sea baths and the change of climate will benefit him. While there he will be under care of the dean of the state medical school which is located at Galveston. Dr. King when questioned as to when he would return replied that he was going to be away most of the summer and would under no circumstances return very soon if the change seemed to be helping his condition.

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### Topics for Sunday

Sunday July 28, Rev. G. S. Wyatt who has been preaching for two weeks in a meeting here will deliver three special sermons. Namely as follows:

At 11, a. m. Home.  
4:30, p. m. "True Womanhood." To Women only.  
8:30, p. m. "Watch." To men, women and children.

These services may be held in the Methodist church as the Christian brethren may want to use the tabernacle, but let that be as it may I hope that every mother, father and child will hear me who can. G. S. Wyatt.

T. J. Williamson of Trent was in town Wednesday on business.

### Farm Loans.

Merkel Country Farmers: If you need some money now or will want a loan this fall, give me your application for a loan on your land or for the sale of your first lien land notes. In the matter of quick and satisfactory service am confident I can please you and will give you as good a deal as you can get anywhere. My rates and fee reasonable.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

### It's Nature.

"What kind of a boat is the one yonder? It's made a bit with me."  
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### Blewett-Scott.

Wednesday at early-candle light Rev. Joseph Jacob united in holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Murhl Blewett of Dallas and Miss Dollie Scott of Abilene.

The marriage was performed at the ministers home in south Merkel in the presence of a very few as the occasion had not been announced. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Blewett returned to the Southside hotel where they took supper, going to the country soon after to visit friends.

R. L. Bland, Will Evans, J. G. Jones and another man whose name we did not learn spent the first part of the week on the river fishing. They reported a good catch with one or two extra large ones that made the trip seem like old times. None of the fish were brought back as the bunch was fish hungry and disposed of the finny tribe about as fast as they were caught.

Miss Kate Harkrider of Gonzales is here visiting her sister Mrs. Asa Sheppard.

### School Transfer Notice.

School patrons will please take notice that all applications for transfers must reach the county superintendent's office by August 1st., 1912. J. S. Smith, Co. Supt. Taylor Co.

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## The KITCHEN CABINET

WE ARE picking pebbles on the beach with an ocean of undiscovered truth lying in front of us.

### STRAWBERRIES.

Doubtless God could have made a better berry; but doubtless God never did.

When the berries are plentiful, a dish of fresh fruit is most acceptable as a dessert or a salad. When the berries must serve a number, the following combination is well liked: Cut into quarters a few marshmallows, a few strawberries and a banana or two, cover with the dressing and allow to stand an hour to season. The dressing to be used for this kind of a salad is better if rather sweet. Equal parts of egg yolk and vinegar cooked together, then seasoned with any desired condiments and sugar and whipped cream added to taste makes a most desirable salad dressing, which may be kept indefinitely, adding the seasonings just before using. If there are several whites of eggs and a few yolks to use in the dressing, whip the whites before adding to the dressing.

If a green dressing is desired for color, chop a little parsley until very fine, put it in a bowl and rub it with the back of a spoon until reduced to a paste. A drop or two of alcohol will help in making it smooth. Add to the dressing.

A very delicious dessert may be prepared by serving angel food that has been baked in a sheet, then cut in squares and strawberries and whipped cream heaped on each.

Strawberry Fritters.—A dish that is not only attractive to the eye as well as to the palate, are the fritters, using an ordinary fritter batter and cutting the berries in half, add to the batter and drop into hot fat by teaspoonfuls. Roll the fritters in powdered sugar, arrange on a paper doily and garnish the plate with whole fresh berries.

For a first course at a breakfast or luncheon, strawberries washed and served unhulled, surrounding a mound of powdered sugar, all arranged on a doily covered plate, makes a very pretty way of serving the fruit. To mold the sugar, press into a small glass or egg cup then carefully remove.

*Nellie Maxwell*

### Do One Thing Well.

The chief reason that everybody is not successful is the fact that they have not enough persistency. I always advise young men who write me on the subject, to do one thing well, throwing all their energies into it.—John Wanamaker.

### Voice of Conscience.

A western Kentucky negro was in jail awaiting trial for stealing a calf. His wife called to see him. On her way out the jailer, whose name was Grady, halted her.

"Mandy," he inquired, "have you got a lawyer yet for Jim?"  
"Naw, sah," said the wife. "Ef Jim was guilty I'd git him a lawyer right away; but he tells me he ain't guilty, and so, of co'se, I ain't a'min' to hire none."

"Mr. Grady," came a voice from the cells above, "you tell dat nigger woman down that to git a lawyer—and git a good one, too!"—Saturday Evening Post.

**PILES** get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

## HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Merkel Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Merkel people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Merkel reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in faraway places. Read the following:

Mrs. J. V. West, of Merkel, Texas, says: "An attack of the grippe several years ago left my kidneys in a weak and disordered state, causing severe pains. As Doan's Kidney Pills were used with excellent results in my family, I used one box and it reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I have had no recurrence of the trouble since. I can highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for the good they did me."

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### New Byron Memorial in Greece.

In further commemoration of the poet Byron, whose name is still deeply revered throughout Greece, the government has just passed the plans for the erection in Mesolongian of a suitable monument, to be surrounded by a small ornamental garden, upon the spot where Lord Byron died in April, 1824.

Already a monument exists here in the "Heroon," or burial place of Greek champions of freedom, many of whose mortal remains repose beneath a large mound.

The initiative in connection with the idea of erecting this further memorial is due to the prime minister, M. E. Venizelos, whose admiration for the English poet and friendliness for Englishmen generally have been demonstrated upon more than one occasion.

## REMEMBER YOUR LAST DOSE OF CALOMEL?

You Probably Recall the After-Effects of the Calomel More Than You Do the Sickness You Took It For.

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Rust & McCauley Drug Company guarantees Dodson's Liver Tone to take the place of calomel, and will refund your money if it fails in your case.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending July 27, 1912:

Calley, Ernest  
Kennedy, Mrs. Drusie A.  
White, Hedley  
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.  
Baldibies, Sr., Miguel, (2)

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 10, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

## HARD-WORKING SWISS DOGS

They Are Used as Draft Animals and Are Not Always Well Treated.

An amended law for the prevention of cruelty to animals, such as that which came into force in England on New Year's day, is much needed in Switzerland. Not that the Swiss as a nation are cruel to animals, one of the best proofs of which is the number of sleek cats about. For when people have learned to be kind to cats they have generally learned to be fairly kind to animals in general. But, whether from thoughtlessness or some other cause, there is a good deal to be desired in the way draft dogs are treated in Switzerland. Dogs, as every visitor to the country must have observed, are still employed there for drawing or helping to draw all kinds of light carts. Most milkmen and bakers employ dogs when taking around milk or bread. Butchers and vegetable fruit sellers also use them. These dogs are, of course, all of strong build, but of very different breeds, those most commonly employed being of the St. Bernard or mastiff race. On a market day the streets of Berne are full of them. As a rule they do not look ill fed and their harness fits them well. Nevertheless, it is evident that they are often hard worked, for they may be seen lying stretched full length asleep on the cold, wet ground, or even on the snow, and this, after they have been heated by the exertion of pulling, frequently causes pneumonia or rheumatism.—Pall Mall Gazette.

### 25 Cents is the Price of Peace.

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25c. For sale by all dealers.

### Catch Smelts by the Wagonload.

A great run of smelt is now going up the Sandy river, the first one in about eight years. The little fish are to be seen in a solid column coming from the Columbia river.

Hundreds of persons, attracted by the sight, are catching the smelt in dip nets and buckets and hauling them away by the wagonload. Farmers are coming in by the score every day from every direction and from long distances to get a supply of fish for pickling and smoking.

The run probably will last for several days, and then the season for the smelt will close until next winter.—Troutdale correspondence San Francisco Chronicle.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver.—A condition which invites disease. Herbine is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Dinner Saturday July 27.

The Baptist Philathea Sunday school class will give a dinner Saturday July 27 and ask the cooperation of the people in making it a success.

### Farms for Sale.

Four good black land farms in coast country for sale. One of the best farming sections in the state. Reason for selling, too far away from property.

O. F. McMaster, Owner.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. F. W. Howell left for Baird Monday where she will visit for a short time.

Luther Swafford of Anson is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hora of Caps were here this week visiting the family of J. T. Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baggett of Sweetwater were down Wednesday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin and L. F. Garoutte of Snyder are here this week visiting the family of T. B. Garoutte north of Merkel.

Mrs. O. W. Williams and little daughter Lenora were guests of Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. T. J. Coggin, at the Coggin home north of Merkel Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Bigham left for Fort Worth last week where she went to have her eyes treated. Mrs. Bigham has a host of friends here who hope her condition will soon improve.

Miss Hattie Payne of Waxahachie spent from Friday until Wednesday in Merkel the guest of Miss Willie Bigham. After her visit here she went to Sweetwater to visit a brother.

Miss Leila Clark returned to her home in Abilene Monday. She was accompanied by Miss Florine Lamar who will spend a few days in that city and then go to Baird and Putnam for short visits.

Misses Lucile and Nora Belle Duckett came in Wednesday afternoon from Fort Worth to visit their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett.

W. R. Bigham is at home from California where he has been for the past few weeks. He reports the general California country somewhat behind this in its condition.

Dr. M. Armstrong, T. L. Grimes and Frank Armstrong left Merkel Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, ate dinner in Colorado and took supper in Midland, leaving Midland at 10 o'clock next day they took dinner in Big Springs and arrived in Merkel that evening at 7 o'clock, making the round trip and stopping at many intermediate places with no car trouble at all.

Mrs. M. E. Scribney and son returned to Collin county Thursday morning. They had been here visiting Mrs. Scribney's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hartley.

**MERKEL**

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

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### THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

The two big parties have left themselves only four and a half months for their presidential campaign.

This will be ample time, for the ground has been plowed and harrowed, as it were, by the preferential primaries and the virile disputes and discussions as to the merits of the opposing candidates. There really seems very little left to be said on either hand and so far as the information of the general public is concerned, the election might fall next month. In the campaign now opening the same straw will be threshed out as was gone over in the pre-convention days; nothing essentially new will be brought out.

But in previous years this short campaign would not have been satisfactory. Before the telegraph, the telephone and the fast mails carried the news so far and so fleetly it required weeks and months for candidates to get their claims before the country. Before and just after the Civil War April, May and early June were the favorite convention months. Prior to that period the campaigns were much longer, for literature was hard to distribute through the sparsely settled districts, and campaign orators often traveled on horseback to tell the people the political story of the times. Perhaps the longest campaign was that of Martin Van Buren, which extended from May, 1835, to November, 1836, a period of a year and a half between the nomination and the election.

It is something for which to be grateful that in these days we are spared such an infliction of politics. From June 18 to November 8 is quite as long as the country can afford to be excited and distracted from business by the obsessing demands of orators with their political pyrotechnics. We have virtually been in this campaign since the spring, and nobody is going to be sorry to see it ended. The shorter, the better, for the aspirants and the voters.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

### THE DISPOSED CANDIDATE.

The average candidate begins his rounds in March, he quickly acquires a willing to shake, how-do-you-do, have one on me and I was raised on the farm appearance, to which he passes out in profusion to every male representative of the human race, hoping thereby to increase the possibility of his becoming a likely candidate for some county office. He is invited to be present at the picnic to put his claims before the voters, but on the road over there he sees several men over across a field and there is no gate through which he can drive. On thinking that there might possibly be four votes in that crowd of four men he hot-foots it over the newly plowed ground for about a mile to meet face to face with four representatives of the Greaser Mexicans who offer him no consolation whatever. He is not downed by such trivial matters so goes on to the picnic where he missed the crowd as most of the ladies were there but their husbands had to plow

or go to town that day. Mr. Candidate pats the baby on the head and is promptly offered the vote of the not present father.

On the morning of election day he sits down and figures out that he has spent 113 days at work \$310 of hard earned money that his wife needed and that night he is resigned to his fate and then some would be friend tells him that the chances are mighty good for him to get the office in two years. The question before us is, will he try it?

Under the new law placing the State Normals under a board consisting of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and four other directors, the Presidents of the Normals have been able to do a great deal toward unifying courses. The entrance requirements have been raised and the course lightened, which will contribute largely toward giving Texas better prepared teachers.

For the first time in the history of the State, the Department of Education has issued a bulletin on Consolidation of Rural Schools, School Buildings, Plans and Local Taxation. This is in line with the policy of the Department to extend its services in every way possible for the improvement of all the schools. A liberal distribution of this very practical bulletin will do much to advance the educational interest of Texas.

It is a crime to injure the sight, deform the body and dwarf the mind of children with improperly lighted, poorly seated and unscientifically ventilated school buildings. The Conference for Education in Texas will send plans of modern buildings free on request.

Of the twenty thousand teachers in Texas, ten thousand have second grade certificates. Under the new certificate law we may expect a gradual increase in the number holding first grade certificates and a consequent gain in the efficiency of our schools.

The merchants of Brownwood have decided to assist the farmers in the marketing of cotton and will buy the staple on the local market. It is believed that more cotton will be sold here this season than ever before in the history of the city.

The Bugbee Land and Cattle Company of Clarendon has been organized in this city, capitalized at \$300,000. The property of the company consists of 50,000 acres of land and 30,000 head of live stock.

A steer weighing 1,530 pounds was received at the stock yards in East St. Louis, Ill., the 10th. It was shipped from the Lasater ranch near Falfurrias, Texas and sold for \$137.70.

The progressive citizens of Ovalo have organized a commercial club. The following officers were elected; James E. Hurt, president and M. G. Jenkins, secretary.

A city's destiny usually lies in the hands of a few men. If they are the right kind we need have no fear of the ultimate outcome.

Some men are born great others achieve greatness by striving for the welfare of their community.

Money spent in advertising will return to you with a usury rate of interest attached.

It soon gets monotonous when one man does all the boosting.

Cold cash always receives a warm reception in a live town.

A town is as dead as it looks.

## Wanted: Good Farm Loans EIGHT PER CENT INTEREST GOOD FARM LANDS ON MY LIST TO SELL

It seems to me that I should be able to do some business with you on one of these propositions and I promise that I will give you the very best service possible and then will appreciate your business more than anybody.

I believe that I have a cash buyer for every real genuine bonafide bargain in good farming land and I want just such a bargain for every buyer who comes to me this season. I want the best land on the market in the Merkel country for that is my specialty—selling good land to good people. I will do my best for you and hope to do you some good—but if not I will do you no harm. My commission for selling land is just 5 per cent—no more and no less. I do not want more or accept less.

### MONEY TO LOAN

I am promised a connection to handle all desirable loans wanted in the Merkel country and I hope that I am entitled to your business. If you want to borrow money on well improved farming land or an exceptionally good piece of unimproved land I will make you the best contract in the country.

Yours for lands and loans

## JOHN G. JACKSON

Merkel, Texas

### Reputed the Idea.

Old John, the gardener, had been drinking again, and when he became sober Mr. Brown called him down. "This won't do, John," said he. "As I have told you before, I will not have a man in my employ who drinks."

"Oh, sure, 'twas but a mite of a drop I was atter takin', Mr. Brown, an' I was niver to say dhrunk at anny time in me loffe."

"John," said Mr. Brown sternly, "you are a hypocrite."

"A Dimycrat, is it?" flashed John indignantly. "Well, sir, not to be puttin' too foine a p'int on, I've heard say ye was a Dimycrat yerself!"

### A Child's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 78 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### Rural Financier.

Boggs had managed to ditch his car, and after hailing a passing farmer tried to arrange a dicker for help.

"Why, ya-as, brother," said the farmer, bringing his team to a standstill. "I'll help ye out. Le's see what it'll come to—one day's use o' the team, \$5—"

"One day?" retorted Boggs. "Tisn't going to take you a day to haul that machine out, is it?"

"Why no," returned the farmer, "but arter I get the \$5 I don't callate to do no more work untill to-morrow." —Harper's Weekly.

### This Is So.

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of Itching skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief.

### 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 liddle, don't be farceful. Why ever should I want to marry if I possessed all that money?—London Opinion.

### Chiggers and Mosquitos

Are now in their glory—their business is good and they are happy. There is no earthly use of letting them chew on you, however, if you do not like their ways. A little Hunt's Lightning Oil applied to exposed parts will keep them off and immediately relieve the irritation caused by their bites. Rub a little on and see for yourself.

### Great Sea Monster.

While one of the gardeners in Broomhall gardens was digging a trench recently, says the London Globe, he came upon an ancient sand bed. On further excavations being made for the purpose of securing sand for gardening purposes, a huge bone was discovered. The bone is believed to be one of the vertebrae of a whale or other great sea monster. If that be so, the waters of the Firth of Forth must have extended at least a quarter of a mile farther inland at some very remote period. The osseous find was deposited in Lord Elgin's museum at Broomhall.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hunt's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hunt's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hunt's Family Pills for constipation.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

The election returns will be correctly posted at Burroughs' Saturday night.

Frank Hunter left Saturday morning for Odessa.

We handle all leading brands of cigars. Burroughs.

E. A. Click was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Jim Hunter of Odessa is here this week visiting relatives.

A cool smoke and a cool place to smoke at Burroughs'.

W. O. Boney was in Abilene Monday on business.

A person gets good service when drinking at Burroughs.

Oscar Pate was down from Sweetwater Sunday visiting his parents.

The house that caters to your wants. Whitley, Son & Co.

Miss Lila Sandlin visited her sister Mrs. John Greene of Abilene Sunday.

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

Wilber Barnes came in Sunday from the west to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

Will Hutcheson was down from Trent Sunday visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson.

Mrs. W. G. Davis of Grandview was here last week visiting the family of H. L. Pickett.

Miss Ina Sheppard visited her cousin Georgia Sheppard of Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith returned home Saturday from a two weeks visit with relatives in Talpa.

Miss Eula and Elizabeth Haskew of Stamford came in Saturday afternoon to visit their cousins the Misses Swafford.

A traveling man after drinking at Burroughs complimented their service. Suppose you try them.

Miss Stella Martin and Arthur Martin of Sweetwater came down Tuesday to visit the family of T. A. Johnson.

Throw away your wash board and buy Clean Easy Soap, 10 minutes to the boiler full. Rinse that's all. Whitley, Son & Co.

H. C. Burroughs returned Saturday from Fort Worth, Mineral Wells and other points where he has been visiting and on business.

Remember that the Old Reliable Peace maker flour is to be found only at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith of Ozona were here last week visiting the family of W. H. Laney. From here they visited in Forney before returning home.

Get the habit of buying from a cash store. It will put dollars in your pocket. Ask your neighbor if he believes this statement. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Mrs. E. Hall is at home from Waco where she has been visiting Mrs. Will Clifton. While away she visited her old home at Kosse.

Buy it now. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency. For sale by all dealers.

# THE LAST DAY OF OUR Great Sacrifice Sale!

And in order to make it the greatest and biggest day of our sale we are absolutely going to sacrifice all profits and almost half the wholesale cost of all Men and Boy's Clothing and Ladies' and Misses' Oxfords. :: :: ::

We have about 25 men's blue serge suits that are absolutely worth \$20, for Saturday only **\$10.00**

We have just received these beautiful blue serge suits and they are THE LATEST SPRING STYLES

All Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 patent, kid, white canvas, white buck and gun metal pumps and oxfords **\$2.45** FOR SATURDAY ONLY

Misses' \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$1.75 patent pumps and oxfords, for Saturday only **\$1.35**

## W. D. Woodroof & Co.

### Election returns at Burroughs' Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown came in Monday morning from visiting in different parts of the state. Mrs. Brown had been visiting her sister in Melissa while Mr. Brown has been visiting relatives in Temple. They met in Dallas and were accompanied home by Miss Mary Brown of Temple who will be their guest for a short time.

Mrs. M. L. McDonald came in from Colorado Tuesday where she has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Dorn for the past week. On returning here Mrs. Dorn accompanied her sister for a short visit.

W. M. Rasberry left for Cleburne Wednesday morning where he will visit relatives. For some time Mr. Rasberry has been making his home with his daughter Mrs. R. E. Bowles of this place.

Ben T. Merritt of the F. & M. National Bank is out of town on a week's vacation and will visit Dublin, Mineral Wells and other points.

#### A Hero in a Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck himself if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so called cures for years, without benefit, and they also improved my sight. Now at 70 I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

### "SPRINGY" FEELINGS

#### How to Get Rid of the wrong Kind and Get the Right

Unless you are in perfect health, Spring usually leaves you with a "Springy" feeling. You welcome warm weather, but you don't seem to enjoy it as you expected to. You are lacking in ambition, get tired too easily, "wind" not as good as it ought to be. It's the wrong kind of a feeling.

You need a tonic—a system builder, something to restore ambition, strength and "wind."

Rexall Sarsaparilla Tonic will do this, or we will refund your money. We guarantee it to overcome the things that have drained your vitality, to put your blood in shape, and repair the waste and bring back the healthy functions of every organ. You may not be seriously affected now, but you may be if you neglect yourself. One of the greatest dangers of being weakened and run down is your greatest liability to other diseases, should any extra strain be thrown on one of your bodily organs, and your greatest susceptibility to contagious diseases.

Don't put it off, thinking you will feel better in a few days. Be on the safe and healthy side by at once taking our advice and advantage of our guarantee. We tell you that Rexall Sarsaparilla Tonic will aid to give you the right kind of "Springy" feeling—make your blood richer and purer, your nerves stronger, your eye brighter, your complexion better, your muscles more elastic and tireless, and we take all the risk in proving it. A bottle containing 128 adult doses costs \$1.00. Sold in this community only at our store. The Rexall Store. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Mrs. Fred Blair of Dallas who has been here for some time visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin left Monday for El Paso where she will join her husband in their new home.

### Meet me at Burroughs Saturday night for the Election Returns.

H. H. and G. B. Tittle were passengers to Abilene Monday. G. B. Tittle will join the candidates there in a tour of the county. Speeches will be made at most every voting box in the county during the week.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles returned last week from visits in Oklahoma and Texas. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Winn of Fort Worth who will spend a few days in the City in Clover the guest of Mrs. Bowles.

LOST—About 200 yards west of Jno. Wheeler's residence in south Merkel, a roll of bedding containing three quilts and a pillow. Will pay for return. Ed Rider.

Mrs. S. J. Ayers returned to her home at Tye Monday, after having spent a few days here visiting her son W. C. Ayers and attending the Methodist meeting that is in progress.

Miss Lillie Mae Perry of Abilene was here the first of the week in interest of a music class which she hopes to establish here.

#### Help for Those who Have Stomach Troubles.

After doctoring for about 12 years for a bad stomach trouble and spending nearly \$500 for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before—Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers. Samples free.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Election returns from all over the State at Burroughs' Drug Store Saturday night.

Mrs. Fred Collier of Sweetwater is here visiting her uncle, J. H. Counts.

C. L. Barker and son Charlie were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Jim Tucker of the Canyon went to Abilene Tuesday on a business trip.

Thos. Neill and John Smith of Trent were in Merkel Tuesday on business.

Mrs. R. A. McClain returned Wednesday from the west where she has been visiting.

Miss Leila Clark came in Tuesday from Abilene where she has been visiting for the past week.

Miss Jewell French of Alvin is here this week visiting her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine.

Mrs. W. A. Scott returned from Sweetwater Tuesday where she had been visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrhl Wheeler spent Wednesday and Thursday in Abilene the guests of Mrs. J. P. Sutphen.

Mrs. Arthur Hays of Franklin is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tally of Trent and other relatives.

Mrs. V. M. Sutphen of Meridian came in Saturday on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine.

Rev. S. A. Barnes of Abilene was in Merkel Tuesday night helping with the Methodist meeting.

Miss Leno Largent returned from Abilene Tuesday afternoon where she has been visiting friends for some time.

Misses France Burroughs and Dora Lee Potter went to Abilene Wednesday, where they are taking music under instructions of Mrs. Bass.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy children. White's Cream Vermifuge destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church will serve dinner at Walter Clark's grocery store next Saturday. Price 25c. Vote your own sentiments, but eat with the ladies.

FOR SALE—I have a good Jersey cow and calf for sale. Cow is fat and giving milk. Calf about three months old. Will take good note due in the fall.

C. L. Barker.

Thos. Stanford came in last week from Seattle where he has been for some time. Mr. Stanford will be here during the next month visiting his parents after which he will return to his home in the state of Washington.

Butter smokes at 329 degrees, Lard at 400 degrees. You can heat CRISCO to 455 and it will not smoke. This is the secret of the dry crisp fried foods that Crisco makes. For frying for shortening for cake making, you will find it at Whitley, Son & Co. Phone 252.

Dysentery is always serious and often a dangerous disease, but it can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has cured it even when malignant and epidemic. For sale by all dealers.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miller-Keeton.

Monday July the 22nd, 1912 at 10 o'clock at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Adkisson. Rev. R. A. Clements of the Methodist Church united in the holy bonds of marriage the lives of Dr. George L. Miller and Miss Clara Keeton, only the immediate members of the family being present to witness the ceremony.

The bride in this pretty home wedding is a Tennessee girl, from Medina, Tenn., but for the past year has made her home here with her uncle Dr. J. A. Adkisson, where she has won many true friends by her natural reserves and nobleness of character.

Dr. Miller is well known to the medical profession, coming here five years ago, from Chicago. He is a member of the medical firm of Drs. Adkisson & Miller.

The bride wore a beautiful White Silk Marquisette over pink. Her going away gown was a Tan Tailored Suit with Shoes, Gloves and Hat to match.

Dr. Miller and his young bride had all their plans made to give their friends a complete surprise. But, "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley." The "bunch" got wise Sunday evening and started their plans in motion.

As usual the lateness of the 11:38 a. m. train caused a delay and disappointment to all. The bride and groom had expected to get out of town before their secret was found out. The "bunch" was ready to give them the shower of old shoes and storm of rice. A medicine the Dr. had always enjoyed giving to his young friends, but had hoped to escape himself.

After visiting the doctor's home in Chicago, they will spend sometime in St. Louis, Mo., Lake Charles and Winnipeg and other points, they will also visit the bride's old home in Tennessee.

After Sept. 1st they will be at home to their Merkel friends in their home 501 Elm street.

Needle Work Circle.

The Needle Work Circle was royally entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Willie Bigham who named as her guest of honor, her cousin, Miss Hattie Payne of Waxahchie.

Many beautiful pieces of fancy work were brought, some near completion, others with the work just started. This Circle bids fair to be a regular art exchange! It is so interesting to see the designs bud and bloom with such remarkable rapidity. The busy needles seem to keep time with the lively conversation. Several instrumental selections were given by Misses Collins and Mims. After an hour or more of faithful work, Miss Bigham rewarded all with dainty refreshments. Those present were Misses Mabel Collins, Ruth Mims, Maude Martin, Annie T. Daniel, Elma Sheppard, Genevieve Rust, Hattie Payne, Mesdames Davenport Gaither, I. S. Allen, R. A. Martin, J. M. Gilliam, W. H. Dickson, Claude Bigham, W. R. Bigham and the hostess. Little Miss Alice Bigham and Master James Milton Gilliam. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Claude Bigham, July 30th, at 4:00 p. m.

True Southern Hospitality.

On Thursday evening of last week at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston, five miles southeast of town was the scene of true southern hospitality. Neighbors and friends participated in the pleasures of a delightful lawn party, which Mrs. Huddleston and her daughter Mrs. Luther Huddleston had so successfully planned.

More than 250 two hundred and fifty persons were present to enjoy this neighborhood affair. The Scheidler orchestra of Merkel furnished a number of enjoyable selections for the occasion, others gave solos and duets.

Delicious cream was served to those present. A number of Merkel people were present and reported a lovely time.

Spirellas.

The name is a synonym of ease and comfort. If you wear a Spirella once, you will never wear any other make of corsets. Let me take your measure. Phone 122. Miss Nola Whitley.

On Saturday, July 13th, little Miss Marion Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard, celebrated her second birthday at the home of her grandparents, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Potter, on Austin Street.

Quite a number of her baby friends, each bringing some sweet little remembrance of the day, came about 7:30 o'clock and enjoyed an hour or so of fun on the pretty lawn. Many games were played, at the conclusion of which delicious ice cream cones were served.

Each little guest in their own sweet way wished the dear little hostess many more such happy days.

Those present were Marie and Ray Adkisson, Will and Craig Rainey, Pearl, Maude and Lloyd Gilliland, Melba and Weston West, Paul Causseaux, Alice Bigham, Maurice Middleton, Lula Lee and Elizabeth Barker, Dixie Howard, Mary Comegys, Flora Frances, Jack Anderson, Evelyn and Son Jackson, Don Woodroof, Mildred Hamm, Eugene Potter, Hazel and Elizabeth Harkrider and Snooks Sheppard. Several of the mothers were present to witness the pleasures of the perfect evening.

Mrs. Davenport Gaither entertained the five hundred club Friday afternoon at her home on Rose street. The house was decorated with roses and green flowers. Cut glass and hand painted China formed a most beautiful background. Electric fans made the room delightfully cool and inviting after several enjoyable games iced water melon was served to Misses Mabel Collins, Ruth Mims, Genevieve Rust, Elma Sheppard, Olga Sheppard, Mrs. W. H. Dickson and the hostess. Mrs. J. G. Jackson will be the hostess this week.

Why Take Calomel

When Simmons' Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives? (In yellow tin boxes only.) Tried once used always. Price 25c.

League Program.

Subject.—Missionary Work. Manual Training and Missionary Efficiency.

Leader—Simpson Christopher.

Song, Work for the Night is Coming.

Prayer. That we may learn how to carry heavy burdens.

Song, Bringing in the Sheave.

Ten minute talk by leader.

A five minute paper on the Significance of Introducing Manual Training into the Public Schools—Frank Smith.

Prayer. That we may provide better equipment for our Missionaries.

Talk on Lesser Topic—Willie Coats.

Reading, Epworth Visitor.

Miscellaneous.

Collection.

Benediction.

If you are a housewife you cannot reasonably hope to be healthy or beautiful by washing dishes, sweeping and doing housework all day, and crawling into bed dead tired at night. You must get out into the open air and sunlight. If you do this every day and keep your stomach and bowels in good order by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed, you should become both healthy and beautiful. For sale by all dealers.

Women Fought With Pitchforks. A duel with pitchforks took place at Dijon, near Paris, France, the other day, between two women. They both worked in a biscuit factory, and were continually quarrelling. The women in their workroom, tired of the perpetual bickerings, advised them to settle their differences in a fight. The two women armed themselves with pitchforks and fought in a lonely field. News of the duel soon spread, and the police hurried to the field, where they found one of the women lying unconscious with a wound in her head.

\$100 Per Plate

was paid at a banquet to Henry Clay in New Orleans in 1842. Mighty costly for those with stomach trouble or indigestion. Today people everywhere use Dr. King's New Life Pills for these troubles as well as liver, kidney and bowel disorders. Easy, safe, sure. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Measurement.

"Your wife thinks a lot of you, doesn't she?"

"I suppose I might say so," replied Mr. Meekton. "When she starts in to tell me what she thinks of me it takes a long time."

H. C. Floyd, Optician.

If you have Headache try Rest Ray Lense. H. C. Floyd, with S. S. Scheidler.



Oh! heart of mine, we shouldn't worry so! What we've missed of calm, we couldn't have, you know! What we've met of stormy pain, And of sorrow's driving rain, We can better meet again, If they blow.

SUMMER DISHES.

Something new, odd or unusual always appeals to the cook, as her ingenuity is constantly strained to keep good things and variety at the same time.

Cabbage and Cherry Salad.—Take two cups of chopped white cabbage, toss it together with the salad dressing, made by cooking together equal parts of egg yolk and vinegar; add seasoning to taste of salt and sugar and just before serving time add a drained cup of cherries.

Date Tapioca.—Make a custard of a quart of milk, three tablespoonfuls of sugar and one beaten egg. Cook two tablespoonfuls of minute tapioca in the milk until thick, then stir in the egg and sugar. When cold add a cupful of chopped dates.

Chicken Pie.—Put all the pieces of chicken into a quart granite sauce pan, add all the gravy and enough water to fill the pan two-thirds full. Make a rich biscuit dough and drop small biscuits to cover the chicken. See that the dish is boiling hot before adding the biscuits. Bake in a hot oven ten minutes.

Wedding Cake.—One cupful each of sugar, butter and molasses, a cup of jelly or strawberry preserves, one cup of buttermilk, half a cup of strong coffee, two eggs, a grated nutmeg, two teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves, two teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in half a cup of boiling water, two pounds of raisins, one pound of chopped candied fruit, lemon, orange peel and citron, six cups of flour measured before sifting. Mix the fruit with the flour, bake one hour in a slow oven. This will make three or four good sized cakes. Keep three months at least before using; wrap in waxed paper and keep in a stone jar.

Nellie Maxwell.



HEARD the proud strawberry saying: "Only see what a ruby I've made." It forgot how the bees in their Maying Had brought it the stuff for its trade. —Lowell.

FROZEN DESSERTS.

When company is coming and a dish of extra quality is desired, Baked Alaska will be highly appreciated. Get a one or two quart brick of vanilla ice cream and make a meringue of three or six egg whites and three or six tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Cover a board with white paper, lay on a thin sponge cake and turn the ice cream on the cake, which should extend a half inch beyond the cream. Cover with the meringue and spread smoothly. Place in the oven and brown quickly in a hot oven.

A cupful of crushed macaroons added to vanilla ice cream before it is frozen hard makes a delicious variety.

Banana Ice Cream.—Remove the skins and rub through a sieve four good-sized bananas, add a cup of sugar and one and a half tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and a quart of cream, then freeze.

Chocolate Ice Cream.—Melt one and a half squares of bitter chocolate and dilute with hot water to pour easily; add to a quart of thin cream, then add a cup of sugar, pinch of salt and a tablespoonful of vanilla. Freeze.

Strawberry Ice Cream.—Crush a quart of ripe berries and strain through a cheese cloth, add a cup and three-quarters of sugar and a pint of cream, with a pinch of salt, and freeze.

Milk Sherbet.—This is a delicious frozen dish that is rich enough to satisfy many who find ice cream too heavy for the digestion. Take the juice of three lemons, a cup and a half of sugar and a quart of good milk; freeze. The mixture may curdle when combined, but it will freeze out and be as smooth as velvet.

Nellie Maxwell.

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A telephone agent enlisted the interest of Chief White Eagle in the strange little box and wires, and soon the warrior's home was connected with "central." It was some time before his fellow tribesmen gave approval to his recourse to the white man's invention, but finally, perceiving the time, travel and trouble saved him by its use, they fled solemnly into the telephone headquarters with orders for installation in their own homes.

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# The KITCHEN CABINET



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## FISH FOODS.

Fish as an article of food is as valuable for variety of diet to those who are well as to the invalid. Fish is especially good for those of weak digestion, as it is easily digested. There are some foods which are hard to spoil even by cooking, but fish is not one of them. Fish should be carefully cooked and daintily served to be palatable.

Quite as much depends upon the serving and garnishing of the fish dish as upon the cooking.

Another point to be remembered in serving fish is that it has no strong flavor like meats, but depends upon the seasoning and sauces for its piquant savor.

Fish is a food of which there need be little waste, for the cold fish may be made over into more palatable dishes than the fresh dish itself.

**Curried Fish.**—Slice a large apple and two onions in a frying pan containing three tablespoonfuls of fat and fry until a rich brown. Sprinkle into the frying pan a heaping teaspoonful of curry powder and two tablespoonfuls of flour. Add a cup of stock or water and cook until smooth; strain and set aside to cool. Flake a pound and a half of cold boiled fish that has been freed from skin and bones. Add the sauce to the fish in a saucepan, bring to a boil and serve hot in a border of well-boiled rice.

**Shad-Roe Salad.**—When the roe is not needed for the fish dinner, a salad can be made of it for the next day's dinner. As it spoils quickly, unless it is baked with the shad, cook it in slightly salted water for fifteen minutes at the simmering point.

Drain and wipe dry, dip in egg and crumbs and brown in a little butter. While still warm pour over it two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, salt and pepper and set away to chill. When ready to serve, cut in pieces and mix with an equal quantity of cucumber cubes. Cover with mayonnaise dressing, decorate with capers and chopped olives and serve on lettuce leaves.

*Nellie Maxwell*

# WHAT THE CANDIDATES HAVE TO SAY

## Lawyers' Machine-Ring Versus Judge Blanton.

Don't be fooled. Certain Abilene lawyers brought Scarbrough out, ascertained his weakness, retired him, and substituted Hill. Read the following correspondence between Scarbrough and his Gorman manager, Judge S. W. Bishop, viz:

"Abilene, Tex., July 4th, 1912  
Dear Bishop:—On account of conditions in this and Callahan counties, WE CAN MAKE A STRONGER RACE WITH JUDGE HILL THAN MYSELF. Blanton is such a common enemy to all mankind I regard it my duty to withdraw. See the Chairman, Mr. Gates, and do not let my name go on the ticket. Thanking you for your kindness, I am your very sincere friend,  
Dallas Scarbrough."

"Gorman, Texas, July 5th, 1912.  
Mr. Dallas Scarbrough, Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter of July 4th, and note what you say concerning the conditions in Taylor and Callahan Counties, and that a much stronger race can be made with Judge Hill than yourself. Now I have been your personal and political friend, have supported you from the beginning of your campaign, but I will not be a party to any combination to elect Judge Hill District Judge of this District; and since you have instructed me to advise our County Chairman, Mr. Gates, to not place your name on the ticket, I feel that I am released from any obligation to you, and I shall cast my vote and use my influence for Judge T. L. Blanton, believing as I do that he is the best fitted for the position. I am yours very truly,  
S. W. Bishop."

Judge Bishop would not be a party to any such combination, and sent me the above correspondence.

Merely because Hill has been a strong Anti, and belongs to the Elks Club in Abilene, which keeps liquor in its lockers, they hope to turn my good Anti friends against me. Don't be misled by the 420 names on Hill's indorsement. Taylor county has 3600 voters, and the entire county was raked and scraped for these 420 names, which in my judgement, fairly estimates his strength. In the last race, Hill got only 58 votes in Shackelford county, only 86 votes in Stephens county, only 391 votes in Callahan county which has 2000 voters, and only 223 votes in the big county of Eastland which has 3490 voters. In his home County of Taylor, I beat Judge Hill in every precinct except five, my majorities being: At Tye, Blanton 55, Hill 15; Lawn, Blanton 60, Hill 18; Iberis, Blanton 22, Hill 14; Buffalo Gap, Blanton 25, Hill 23; Caps (3 boxes) Blanton 55, Hill 37; Nubia, Blanton 71, Hill 46; Trent, Blanton 37, Hill 14; Tuscola, Blanton 34, Hill 11; Potosi, Blanton 29, Hill 20; Audra, Blanton 21, Hill 9. Taylor county is now my home county. Whether you are a Pro or an Anti, if you were on trial for your life, or had your home at stake, wouldn't you want to be tried by a Judge, who is not only sober now, but has never taken a drink in his life, and never will take one? I have kept the faith, with not a promise broken, dockets cleared, business dispatched, order kept, laws enforced without

fear or favor, and everybody treated alike, and given a fair, square deal. Am I not entitled to the time-honored Democratic Second Term? Ask yourself deep down in your heart, what have I done to forfeit a single vote?

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas L. Blanton.

## E. M. Overshiner for County Judge.

I am running for the office of County Judge solely on what my merits I possess. I am thirty-seven years of age, the son of a blacksmith and was born in Cooke County, Texas. I am unmarried but have been the partial and will soon be the sole support of my old parents and a large and partially helpless family. I received my education in the common schools and completed a civil engineering course at the Agricultural and Mechanical College and a law course at the University of Texas, and every dollar I spent for my education at those institutions I earned it myself. I came to Taylor county eleven years ago for the practice of my profession of law. I was first elected Justice of the Peace at Abilene which office I held two terms and then ran for and was elected County Attorney, am now serving my second term, and am asking for promotion to County Judge.

I think I have a fair knowledge of the law and understand the duties of County Judge, from my practice as county attorney, having had a good opportunity to acquire such knowledge. I know nothing but economy and believe in a strictly economical administration. I believe in the prompt collection of all taxes thereby lessening the burden on those who annually pay their taxes, and the prompt collection of all fines and penalties. I believe in the publication of complete quarterly reports of the financial condition of the county as required by law, and the administration of justice alike fairly and impartially to all, including a strict enforcement of the law.

A vote for me means a vote for promotion and encouragement of a young man. A vote against Judge Bledsoe means that three terms of office is long enough for him. A vote against Mr. Sewell means that he should at first strive to serve the people in some smaller capacity than the highest office in the county, and a vote against me means that I have not done well in the offices I have held.

I have been on the moral side of all public questions, and have tried to be such an official and to live such a life as would commend me to all good people and I earnestly ask your consideration and support. I wish to especially thank my many good friends of Merkel and the Merkel community for their many kind words of encouragement and cheerful support.

Yours truly,  
E. M. Overshiner.

## To The Voters of Taylor County.

About eight months ago I asked the people of Merkel through this paper to investigate my character and qualifications for the office of tax collector and I believe you have found me worthy. I now ask you for your support.  
J. C. Burleson.

## To The Voters of the Forty-Second Judicial District.

We, the committee for Judge D. G. Hill, make the following in reply to the charges being printed and circulated by Judge Thos. L. Blanton against Judge D. G. Hill as a man and as a candidate.

### As to Scarbrough-Bishop Letters.

The following letter of date March 16th, 1912, directed to Dallas Scarbrough, we quote: "I do not know of anything that could have pleased me better than your announcement for district judge. I have been practicing law for twenty years and this is the first time in my life that I had to practice before a Czar. I will be pleased to see the day when he (referring to Judge Blanton) no longer holds an official position in our district. (Signed) S. W. Bishop."

### As to Judge Hill Being an Elk.

Judge Thos. L. Blanton has made application to become a member of the Elk's Lodge at Abilene, Texas, but for some reason he failed to become a member of this order.

### Drunkness.

We emphatically deny the charges and insinuations made in Judge Blanton's circulars as to Judge Hill being a whiskey man and a drunkard, and we refer the people of this district to the endorsement of Judge Hill made by over four hundred voters and citizens of Taylor county who have known him for many years and who have voluntarily testified as to his standing and character. Why has not Judge Blanton an endorsement from the business men of Abilene, with whom he has lived for more than three years, and of whom over two-thirds are strong prohibitionists?

### Judge Hill's Strength in Taylor County.

Judge Hill will carry Taylor county with a large majority. Judge Hill carried Taylor county in the last election by a large majority over his two opponents then in the race for district judge.

### We are Running Judge Hill.

The business men, farmers and laymen of this district induced Judge Hill to enter this race for district judge, and no lawyer had anything to do with getting Judge Hill in this race. We announced him on his own merits, and we did not announce him as a prohibitionist or as an anti, and he is not a candidate either as a prohibitionist or as an anti, but he is a candidate in behalf of all the people; no combination, clique or trade has been made by him or by us with any faction, party or combination. All charges to this effect made by Judge Blanton or by anyone else are untrue.

### Why Vote for Judge Hill.

Because we know he is well qualified and will fill the office with dignity, fairness and justice, and that by his election the judiciary will be again placed on that high dignified plane due the office of district judge, and we ask you to disregard campaign charges circulated against Judge Hill on the eve of election and join with us and help remove the judiciary from low partisan politics.

Hill Campaign Committee, by  
Newt Ferguson, Chairman,  
Wm. Young.

## Department of The Interior Bureau of Education, Washington.

Division of School Hygiene and Sanitation. March 14, 1912.

Mr. L. T. Cunningham, County Superintendent, Anson, Texas.

Dear Sir:—In reply to a request made to your State Superintendent to designate two counties in your State in which the best rural schools are found, your county was selected.

Will you be so kind as to send me at once a list of your teachers, with their addresses? I wish to get some detailed information from them concerning the hygienic conditions of their school buildings. Such information will be used in the preparation of a book on rural school houses to be published by the Government and distributed free. Use the franked envelope for forwarding the list.

Your earnest co-operation is solicited.

Yours very truly,

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## For Congressman at Large.

We are in receipt of the announcement of Geo. Harmon, Representative from Dallas County for Congressman at Large.

Mr. Harmon is a kinsman of Judson Harmon, the Ohio Governor; an enthusiastic progressive democrat; believes in a revenue tariff; a tax on raw material; an increase of tax on luxuries, and punishment of trust law violation by penitentiary sentences.

He is an enthusiastic agriculturist, having spent 21 years on the farm.

Mr. Harmon is a good congressional timber, and if elected is broadminded and big enough to represent all Texas in our National Congress.

### Not Quite Practical.

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