

## THOS. L. BLANTON TALKS AT MERKEL

A good representative audience estimated at 150 to 200 assembled at the opera house Saturday afternoon to hear Judge T. L. Blanton discuss the court house bond issue.

Without any preliminaries Judge Blanton presented the proposition in a fair, frank and most favorable manner. He gave recognition to those who would move the court house and those who oppose the bond issue on account of the amount and made unanswerable arguments. He told the first that in the event the court house was moved they would need the money with which to erect the building and that this was not a proposition to locate the court house at Abilene. If after the bond issue they wish to call an election to move the court house they have that privilege and in the event of its success he will give them the support of the law in seeing that it is done according to the wishes of the majority.

In answer to those who oppose the issue on account of its size he explained that it was not necessary to spend all of the money. If the house could be built and furnished for \$101,000 no more would be spent. This is up to our commissioners court and he has confidence in them.

The address was good and from the remarks and comment afterward it is certain that he made votes for the issue.

## W.O.W. AND I.O.O.F. TO HAVE NEW HOME

The sound of the hammer and saw is ringing on the new meeting place of the W. O. W. and I. O. O. F. on the second floor of the Thornton building on Kent street.

The hall when rearranged will be about 20x60 well equipped and cleaned throughout. The entrance proper will be through a small anti-room some 14x14 at the head of the stairs on Kent street while in the back part of the building access can be had to three other reception rooms ranging from 16x16 to 16x30, giving each order an abundance of room for their growing membership in addition to a more centrally located hall.

It is the intentions of the workmen to finish the work in time for the Woodmen to meet at their next regular meeting night, which is on Friday.

### Benefit Play A Success.

The benefit play given at the opera house on last Friday evening was a complete success in a financial way and from the applause given the local John Drews and Sarah Barnhardt's their performance was very pleasing to the crowd.

Spring is here and we have a new and full stock of oxfords and pumps for all. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

## THE BOND ISSUE IN A NUTSHELL

The issue to be decided Saturday is whether or not we shall provide a court house for our county, our officers, our citizens and our records. That is all—yes or no.

It was expected that there would be opposition and with numerous and various reasons for their negative attitude and vote. These reasons should not confuse your mind. It is just a proposition of yes or no, for or against.

The kind of building and furniture and amount to be expended is up to our commissioners' court, who will do the best they can and account to our people for every dollar—\$100,000, \$125,000 or \$150,000—and the balance, if any that is left. If you believe our commissioners are honest vote to provide the funds, if not vote against it. If you want a court house vote for this issue—if you do not want it, vote against it straight from the shoulder. It is your right and privilege, but do not be influenced by any of the 57 varieties of excuse offered by the opponents.

The Mail has some confidence left in humanity and our officers and will vote for the issue, and if they can build the house and furnish it for \$101,000, all right, and if it takes every dollar of the amount it will be all right with us. If the issue does not carry we are satisfied with the vote of the majority.

Of course it will carry, for we need it, and do not let your vote be one of those to say for our officers and citizens to longer use the old inadequate, dilapidated and dangerous structure. It is too dangerous and one life is so much more valuable than a dozen new court houses for us to take the chances. It will cost you but a few more dollars or cents.

Aside from all local differences we have the best county in this section of the state and need and demand a better court house.

Let patriotism instead of prejudice influence your vote and your conscience will be clear and you will be right.

Vote for the bonds with which to provide a building becoming our great county and good people.

## SWEETWATER LOSE 2 TO 11 TO M. H. S.

The game between Merkel high school and Sweetwater high school Friday afternoon was somewhat of a tame affair, although it furnished plenty of amusement for the fans as it was the first game of the season.

From the beginning the Sweetwater boys were unable to connect with the ball, getting only three scattered hits off Moore and these coming at times when they did not count for runs. Sweetwater getting their two runs on a wild throw to second and a bone-head over throw to third by catcher Shaffer. Shaffer redeemed himself to some extent by slamming out a couple of three baggers, but nevertheless his bad plays cheated Moore out of a well pitched and what ought to have been a shut out game. Grimes was nervous on infield work but came up with a single, a double and a triple, while Moore slammed out one for a round trip, in fact everybody up for Merkel hit the ball but Adams who one time got as far as first on a rotten play by Sweetwater's first sacker, this seemed to go to Adams' head for on the next time up he proceeded to chop wood as usual, his work being far behind that of other Merkel players.

The batteries for Sweetwater, Mutt and Jeff worked very well but Mutt could not keep the locals from pounding his speed balls in a way that was something awful.

### Notice.

Being in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest I will appreciate the support of my friends. Erah Brady. 14t5pd

## CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE MOVING—and Hauling. Telephone 1-7-7. S. L. Owens. tf.

FOR SALE—Good second-hand phaeton and harness. See Austin Boyd at Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.

FOR SALE—Eggs from my ringlet hard rocks, \$1.50 per setting. My birds are double mated. Phone or write H. F. Wilkins, Route 1. 21t4pd

LOST—A black leather ladies hand purse containing letters addressed to Miss Ella M. Caldwell, also some other articles. Purse was lost between Abilene and View on road. Finder please return to Miss Ella M. Caldwell, Tye, Texas, Route 1. 14t3pd

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes. My birds have proven their quality by winning where ever shown, at Abilene they made a clean sweep; winning \$35 worth of prizes with 6 birds. Will sell you eggs from these birds at \$2.00 per setting of 15. H. M. Rose. tf

EGGS—From my prize-winners (Barr-ed Plymouth Rocks) \$1.50 per setting. Will pay a premium of \$2.50 for best pair raised from eggs bought from me. Mrs. Joe Higgins, Route 1. 21t4pd

FOR SALE—Pigs and shoats. See Clemons & Hicks. Office Walter Clarks grocery. 21t2pd

OATS—delivered loose at Merkel, 40 cents per bushel in amounts of 50 bu or over. S. H. Rister, Tye, Texas. 28t5pd

FOR SALE—White and Fawn Indian Runner Duck Eggs. Per setting \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. First prize winners Merkel and Abilene poultry shows. Write or phone Robert Hicks, Merkel, Texas. tf

LOST—Scotch collie dog, light brown, white under throat and on neck, name Collie. Will appreciate any information leading to recovery, liberal reward. J. S. Ray, Merkel, Texas. 28t2pd.

FOR SALE—Good horse, and 5 burner gasoline stove good as new. W. M. O'Briant. 28t2.

### Seed Peanuts.

We have seed peanuts by the bushel. Come and get them before they are sold out. Hamblet & Rogers.

## OVERSHINER NOW OUR COUNTY JUDGE

In a special meeting the commissioners of Taylor county last Saturday accepted the resignation of Judge T. A. Bledsoe, presented by J. F. Cunningham, Esq., and elected Hon. E. M. Overshiner to fill out the unexpired term.

It is doubtful if a more acceptable individual could have been named, so far as the great majority of people are concerned. Judge Overshiner is worthy and deserving of the honor bestowed on him and will make us a good and efficient officer. He is honest and economical and will give us a good administration. He asks the co-operation and assistance of every good citizen of Taylor county in his work at this time.

Editor George S. Anderson who was appointed by District Judge T. L. Blanton declined the honor tendered him and comes out in his paper the Abilene Reporter in a timely and patriotic article promising for himself and asking for all others the assistance in the work of the new county judge.

In spite of the many and various rumors Taylor county's finances are in a good solvent condition and it is understood from a reliable source that there will be no loss to the county.

### Mount Pleasant School Closes.

The Mount Pleasant school closed Friday afternoon, ending with a prosperous short session under the direction of Miss Nettie Caldwell of Eola. Miss Caldwell left here Saturday morning for Abilene to visit friends for a few days after which she will return to her home.

## GRAND JURY ON OUR COURT HOUSE

The following is the report of our last grand jury on our court house. They are twelve representative citizens and the following should be considered:

"We beg to report that we have made a careful personal and unbiased examination of our court house, and we find it in a dangerous and deplorable condition; the walls are cracked from roof to foundation; large crevices apparent everywhere, the walls also having receded from the floors and ceilings to such an extent that in our judgment a collapse is eminent at any time; its furnishings are old and dilapidated and absolutely inadequate and have served their day; the valuable records and archives papers of the county are wholly unprotected."

"In our opinion our officers are hazarding their lives by performing their duties in this building. We recommend that our entire citizenship examine for themselves, as conviction will follow, and we recommend that it be condemned, and that it not be used longer; while we had heard of its deplorable condition, still we were absolutely astounded when we examined the condition in person, and we eagerly urge every person who is interested to go to the court house and make a personal examination of the condition of this building."

## REV. GADDY CALLED PREACHED SUNDAY

Rev. W. M. Gaddy of Athens has answered a call by the Baptist church of this place, coming here from that place where he has been occupying the pulpit of the Baptist church for some four years.

Rev. Gaddy preached his first sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, his sermon was thorough, well outlined and delivered in a very forceable way. At the evening services Rev. Williams of Fort Worth preached, dealing somewhat with the work in which he is connected, the establishment of the Baptist College at Fort Worth.

The family of Rev. Gaddy did not arrive with him but remained to prepare for the move, they are expected to arrive this week.

### Church Notice.

There will be no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday morning as the pastor will be in attendance upon the district conference. Sunday school and night service at usual hours. All invited to attend. R. A. Clements.

### To My Friends.

I will appreciate your assistance in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest. Respect. Beulah Garrett. 7t8pd

Mens white buck low quarter shoes, the latest thing out. See them at the Star Store.



# The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

The Farmers State Bank is no longer a prospective institution, but has a well established patronage, the management is justly proud of this showing and we are exerting ourselves to prove in every way our fidelity to our patrons.

The Farmers State Bank is the only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel, and offers you the Safety afforded by the Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas

We have strong business connections and can care for your business with ease and dispatch.

We solicit your account whether large or small.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Nyal Store for your drugs.  
Corn and kaffir chops at G. M. Sharp's.

Ed Young of Pecos was here this week visiting friends.

Maxwell wall paper. Rust & McCauley.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were in Abilene Monday and Tuesday visiting.

Garden seed that give satisfaction. Whitley, Son & Company.

Miss Eugene Rister was at home from Abilene Sunday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Rister.

Go to G. M. Sharp for pure Rowden cotton seed.

Dr. C. W. Williams of Fort Stockton was here on business Wednesday.

The Rexall Store for your old drinks.

Miss Annie Lou O'Briant is in Abilene this week the guest of Miss Mable Faucett.

New line of embroiders, anything at all prices, some surprising values in this line. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Fresh strawberries and vegetables. The Cash Grocery.

Mrs. J. G. Harris of Abilene was here last week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gibson.

You can get Heinz's pickles, catsup, baked beans, pork and beans, tomato soup, mince meat, India relish and chili sauce at the Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter are the proud parents of a fine girl, born last Saturday. The mother and babe are reported doing fine, while the father is receiving congratulations in profusion.

New Era paint. Rexall Store.

Mrs. J. A. Woodard returned from Roscoe Monday where she has been visiting the mother of Mr. Woodard who has been very low for some time with appendicitis, she is now resting very well and is expected to recover from the attack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene were here Wednesday. Mrs. Behrens the guest of Mrs. E. P. McMillen while Mr. Behrens was looking after some business matters.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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W. T. POTTER.

For City Marshal  
W. N. HALL (re-election)  
S. L. OWENS

For Treasurer  
H. C. BURROUGHS  
For re-election

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## Excellent Reason.

"I suppose you know why you are here?" asked the magistrate severely. "Yes, sir," answered the cheerful prisoner, "I woz brung 'ere."

## T. & P. TIME TABLE.

**EAST BOUND**  
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel 7:27 a. m.  
Train No. 4 " " " " 10:50 a. m.  
Train No. 6 " " " " 11:28 p. m.

**WEST BOUND**  
Train No. 7, leaves Merkel 4:32 p. m.  
Train No. 3 " " " " 5:32 p. m.  
Train No. 5 " " " " 6:12 a. m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

## Church Directory

**METHODIST CHURCH**—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Sunday school at 9:45. E. P. McMillen, superintendent. Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p. m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

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## The Merkel Mail

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Steward Grimes son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes happened to a very painful accident Saturday while chopping wood. The saw he was using slipped in some manner striking his left leg just above the ankle cutting a very ugly place, and as a result of which Steward is getting around this week by the aid of a pair of crutches.

Miss Gertrude Thornton came in Sunday morning from Dallas to visit Misses Willie Bigham, Lizzie Calvert and other friends, she returned home Monday night.

Claud Sears returned last week from Arizona where he has been engaged for some time in the business of buying and trading horses.

John McDonald left Monday night for Trees, Louisiana where he will be for some time, he was accompanied by his cousin Rev. E. McDonald.

Felix R. Jones of Abilene was here Monday looking after some newly acquired resident property.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Jennings of Abilene came in Wednesday to visit the formers mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Mrs. E. M. Rust reports a very enjoyable trip to the cattlemen's convention at El Paso last week.

Mrs. M. D. Angus returned from Putnam Monday morning where she has been for several days.

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Thos. Johnson, Cashier

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MARKEL, TEXAS  
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 4, 1919

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$127,995.18
United States Bonds at Par	12,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures	14,000.00
Cash and Exchange	40,628.07
	\$195,123.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits, Earned	11,751.62
Circulation	12,500.00
Bills Payable	20,000.00
Deposits	100,871.63
	\$195,123.25

Cash Reserve 40 per cent, Required by Law 15 per cent

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Mr. and Mrs. John McClung of the River country were in Merkel Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. McClung's sister Miss Jefferies of Abilene. The latter two left for Abilene Tuesday where Mrs. McClung will visit for a short time

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take **LAXATIVE BROMO** Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 50c.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Baseball goods. Nyal Store.

Best north hay at G. M. Sharp.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the opera house.

W. H. Craig of Cisco was here Monday and Tuesday on business.

5000 fat hens wanted at the Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Miss Iela McDonald was in Cisco Sunday the guest of friends and relatives.

When you want the best corn meal, buy the negro heat from G. M. Sharp.

Maurice Ward of Mississippi is here visiting his cousin B. F. Cox and family.

Fresh strawberries and vegetables. The Cash Grocery.

J. H. Snell, wife and child of sweetwater were here Monday in their car.

Groene's Studio opens at 8 o'clock a. m., and closes at 5.30 p. m.

W. H. Kendrick was in Anson the first of the week looking after business matters.

For your hardware and shelf goods, hides and feed go to Jno. B. Bell & Sons.

R. O. Anderson and G. E. Comegys were in Sweetwater Wednesday on business.

Wood fiber mens half hose the most durable socks made. The Star Store.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles went to Abilene Wednesday to visit Mrs. Mittie Hill.

Ladies, do not fail to see these beautiful voile flouncings at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Fred Guitar, George Ferrier and Emmett Counts, Esq., were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

We want your chickens and will pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mesdames. Jno. R. Makechney, M. B. Hanks, W. L. Beckham and Len Faucett all of Abilene were the guests of Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson Wednesday.

We are making special low prices on new and seasonal goods all through our house. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

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## PARCEL POST BULLETINS Spring Millinery

Since the opening of our new millinery department we have received many compliments from the ladies, commenting on the unusually attractive line of pretty street and dress hats which we have selected for the spring and summer season and especially noticeable are the moderately low prices at which each hat is marked. This department is now in full bloom with all the beauties of the season and as easter is so near at hand you can't well afford to put off visiting this section of our store. The prices range from \$1.50 to \$5, \$6 and up to \$12.50, for the more elaborate styles for the ladies, misses and little folks we offer a most beautiful selection at from 50c to \$3.50

SPECIAL NOTE--During this sale we will offer an additional inducement of ten per cent off from any of the above prices. Take advantage of this discount it will be a pleasure to have Miss Aston help you find exactly the hat you want

## LADIES' READY - TO - WEAR

You are sure to be pleased with the clever garments we are showing for spring and easter wear. Note the special prices below.

Messaline silk dresses in the latest shades, nell rose, \$8.00 special **\$6.95**  
 Pongee silk dresses in natural colors, regular price 15.00, special **\$13.25**  
 Dresses made from pretty suiting, special **\$5.00**  
 Pretty colored linen dresses, hand embroidered and lace trimmed, parcel post sale **\$3.50**  
 Dainty white voile dresses, lace trimmed and hand embroidered **\$7.50 to \$10.00**  
 White lawn dresses, daintily trimmed **\$3.50**  
 Gingham dresses in tan, dark blue, light blue and stripes, trimmed in solid colors **\$1.50, \$2**  
 All sizes in childrens dresses, from 3 to 14 years priced at **50c to \$1.50**  
 White corded tub silk shirts for ladies **\$3.15**  
 White linen shirts, parcel post price **\$1.15 to \$1.50**

## PARCEL POST BULLETINS Gents Furnishings

With a saving of \$2.50 to \$5.00 on mens suits  
**\$25.00** Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits, this sale **\$21.50**  
 22.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits in all colors brown, tan, gray and blue serge suits **19.50**  
 18.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx, blue, gray, brown **16.75**  
 15.00 fancy serges, brown and tans, this sale **13.50**  
 12.50 browns, grays and blues, parcel post sale **10.00**  
 Youths \$10 suits, 32 to 34, parcel post sale **8.95**  
 A swell line of odd pants, priced from **\$1.00 to 5.00**  
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\$5.00 trunks, parcel post sale price **\$4.25**  
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 7.50 trunks, " " " **6.95**  
 8.50 trunks, " " " **7.95**  
 10.00 trunks " " " **8.95**  
 6.00 suit cases " " " **5.00**  
 5.00 suit cases " " " **4.25**  
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 2.50 suit cases " " " **1.95**  
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 1.50 suit cases " " " **1.25**  
 1.00 suit cases " " " **85c**

## MENS SHIRT DEPARTMENT

A large line of mens soft collar and negligee shirts **50c**  
 A better shirt soft collar and negligee shirts **75c, \$1.50**  
 Mens work shirts **45c**

## PARCEL POST BULLETINS Mens Summer Underwear

Mens summer underwear, parcel post sale price **25c**  
 Mens better grade underwear, parcel post sale price **45c**  
 Mens summer union suits, parcel post sale price **90c**  
 A swell assortment of mens velvety hats **\$1.50 to \$3**  
 30c 9-4 inch sheeting, parcel post sale price **25c**  
 35c 10-4 inch sheeting, parcel post sale price **30c**  
 Counterpanes from **\$1.00 to \$3.50**  
 A nice line of childrens hose **10c**  
 Ladies summer hose, parcel post price from **10c to 50c**  
 1 lot ladies 25c hose **5c**  
 Best grade 10c seasland domestic, this sale **8 1/2c**

## MENS UP-TO-DATE HATS

1 lot mens \$1.50 hats, parcel post sale **\$ .95**  
 1 lot mens 2.50 hats, parcel post sale **1.75**  
 1 lot mens 3.00 hats, parcel post sale **1.95**

## Ladies Pumps and Oxfords

1 lot ladies \$4 patent oxfords and pumps **\$1.95**  
 1 lot ladies \$3.50 patent oxfords and pumps **1.75**  
**\$3.50** ladies dress oxfords and pumps **3.25**  
 4.00 ladies dress oxfords and pumps **3.50**  
 3.00 ladies dress oxfords and pumps **2.75**  
 2.50 ladies dress oxfords and pumps **2.25**  
 2.00 ladies dress oxfords and pumps **1.75**  
 1.75 ladies dress oxfords and pumps **1.50**

## MISSES PUMPS AND OXFORDS

2.50 misses pumps and oxfords, this sale **2.25**  
 2.00 misses pumps and oxfords, this sale **1.75**  
 1.50 misses pumps and oxfords, this sale **1.35**

## PARCEL POST BULLETINS Notions and Novelties

Best grade calico **5c**  
 Good grade cotton checks **5c**  
 36 inch bleached domestic **5c**  
 36 inch brown domestic **5c**  
 One lot of 10 cent gingham **7c**  
 10 cent gingham **9c**  
 12 1/2 cent gingham **11c**  
 15 cent gingham **12 1/2c**  
 35 cent turkish towels **25c**  
 3 papers safety pins **10c**  
 2 best grade thimbles **5c**  
 5000 yards 7 1/2c, 10c and 5c lace **3 1/2c**

## Childrens Rompers, Blouse Waists

Childrens blouse waists **50c**  
 Childrens rompers in all colors and sizes from 2 to 8, parcel post sale price **50c**

## American Beauty Corsets

\$2.50 American beauty corsets, this sale **\$1.75**  
 1.50 American beauty corsets, this sale **95c**  
 1.00 American beauty corsets, this sale **75c**

## Embroideries Greatly Reduced

85c flouncing, parcel post sale price only **45c**  
 50c flouncing, parcel post sale price only **35c**  
 35 inch wide embroideries, parcel post sale only **20c**  
 25 inch wide embroideries, parcel post sale only **15c**  
 15 inch wide embroideries, parcel post sale only **10c**  
 All widths greatly reduced.

## PARCEL POST BULLETINS Dress Goods and Silks

The season's most beautiful creations in dainty dress fabrics, comprising all the latest effects and weaves in the most popular shades and colors now in vogue. The prices below represent only a few of the many new things which we have assembled in our dress goods section and no matter what your wants may be, whether you wish a neat new pattern of lawn or a dress of the finest silk you will find that we can care for your wants in a most satisfactory manner and the prices we name will make it easier still for you to decide where to do your spring shopping. Remember the date and be sure to come. Ratine voile, the latest, parcel post sale **20c**  
 Attomon cloth, brown, black and tan **25, 35c**  
 Mercerized tissues in all the latest colors, parcel post price **10c, 12c and 25c**  
 White linen in all colors and prices from **15c to \$1**  
 Fancy marsellers **25c and 50c**  
 Whipcord in gray, tan and mixed colors **45c**  
 Marquissette, flowered, plain and white stripes, parcel post sale price **25c to \$1.00**  
 Serges in plain white, blue, black and white with black stripe.  
 Sun proof and tub proof linens in all the newest colors, priced from **25c to 35c**  
 Brown linen, range in price from **15c to 50c**  
 Bordered ratine in tan and all colors **35c to \$1.25**  
 Brocaded crepe de chine in the new shade nell rose, regular price \$1.50 parcel post price **\$1.25**  
 Charmeuse in navy blue, light brown, champagne and light blue, regular \$1.50, this sale **\$1.35**  
 Crepe de chine in Nile green, crushed rose, light blue and crepe de roque, this sale **45c**  
 Messaline in all new colors, dunbar silk in gray, brown and champagne parcel post price **45c**  
 Wool dress goods in gray, blue, brown, tan and lavender, parcel post price **\$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75**

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One lot of Mens \$1.50 Hats **95c**

Mens Best \$1 Grade Overalls **90c**

One lot of Mens \$2.50 Hats **\$1.75**

5000 yds Lace, 10c, 7 1-2c and 5 **3 1-2c**

\$5.00 John B. Stetson Hats at **\$4.25**

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\$6.50 to 7.50 Ladies Trimmed Hats 4.95 \$8.50 and \$10.00 Ladies Trimmed Hats at only 5.95

The reasons for making the above prices, is, we want our customers to know we are selling MILLINERY CHEAPER than can be bought anywhere in the state. We are not only making special prices in our millinery department but are making special prices all through our store.

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Before making your purchases. It is on pages 4 and 5 of this paper. Come in and investigate this great sale.

### W. D. Woodroof and Company



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

#### Daniel-Coe.

Mr. John R Daniel and Miss Mary Coe of Colorado City were married Thursday evening at eight-thirty o'clock, March twentieth at the parsonage of the Christian church in Colorado City. Rev. Craig officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel left immediately on the east bound train for Abilene where they registered at the Grace. At present they are at home to their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J W Daniel on Locust street. They planned their trip so as to avoid the rice throwers both in Merkel and Colorado City.

The bride is a winsome and talented young lady and has a wide circle of friends in her home town. The groom is a young man of many noble traits of character and is well known in business and social circles. Our best wishes for happiness and prosperity will attend them on their voyage through life.

#### XXth Century Club Met.

Saturday afternoon was delightful spent at the home of Miss Evalyne Williams when she and Mrs. Otho W Williams entertained the members of the XXth Century Club. Mrs. H C Williams and little Miss Lenora Williams were special guests for the afternoon.

The club was called to order at 3:30 by the president, Mrs. A C Rose lead a discussion on the characters of Page and Ford as portrayed by Shakespeare, this was followed by the discussion of new discoveries. Mrs. R A Martin was the leader for the lesson in the Merry Wives of Windsor. After adjournment the hostesses served fruit salad, pickles, potato chips, crackers and hot tea to Misses Maud Martin and May Valentine, Mesdames W M Jenkins, R A Martin, W Parten, W H Dickson and G H Adams. Mrs. W A Scott will be the next hostess.

The easter egg rolling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, Saturday afternoon was a complete success. Mrs. W A Scott and her philathea class were the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Sears whose lovely home and lawn was at the disposal of the merry crowd of children who had come to find bunny and the pretty easter eggs. An appropriate program consisting of music, songs and readings was given, games, sack racing and potato racing were amusements enjoyed, between 50 and 60 children were present together with a number of grown people. The hostesses served perfection salad, crackers and pickles to their guests.

On Saturday night, March 22, Misses Lizzie Mae and Bernadine Freeman entertained a number of guests at their home. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games of rook and muggins. Refreshments such as Kings and Queens would relish were served. Those present were Misses Virginia Hamblet, Ina Wheeler, May Derstine and Jewel Pate, Messrs Jack Provine, Elbert Dean, John and E W McDonald, Mr. McDonald furnished music for the amusement of the guests rather than

help prepare patience and devinity, Mrs. J M Pate was present and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Womans Missionary Society of the M E church held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. J L Harris Monday afternoon. This being the social season only a short time was devoted to the business period. The program was unusually interesting and was enjoyed by several visitors. Mrs. Harris served dainty refreshments to about thirty ladies. The next hostess will be Mrs. T L Grimes.

NOTICE—to the members of the public library. Through the kindness of the Rust and McCauley Drug Co., the library is now located in their store. No stairs to climb, 769 books. Library open from 4 to 5 p. m., on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Membership tickets \$1 per year.

#### Miss Ruth Merritt, Honoree.

A notable social event of last week was the entertainment given Friday night by Mrs. J B Sanders, complimenting her niece, Miss Ruth Merritt of Merkel, Texas. Jonquils were used in decorating. Receiving with the hostess and her honoree and assisting in entertaining were her daughters, Misses Elah and Aileen Sanders, her niece, Miss Cook, Mrs. A E Hall Mrs. Bertie Freeman and Miss Tessie Mebane. Misses Mary and Ida Leach served punch.

The music furnished by Misses Elah Sanders, Christine Priest and Louise McCall was thoroughly enjoyed. A program of charades, given by Mrs. O C Tidwell, Misses Tessie Mebane, Ruth Merritt, Elah and Aileen Sanders, Messrs Olga Mebane and Allen Eason, all acting well their parts, proved a delightful feature of the occasion. The last charade was a bible scene, representing Ruth gleaning after the reapers, the part of Ruth being taken by Miss Ruth Merritt who looked very sweet in her ancient costume.

At the close of the evening refreshments were served in the parlors to sixty guests.—Huntingdon (Tenn.) Democrat.

#### To Thine Own Self Be True.

Although all the world ranged themselves in one line to tell "This is wrong," be you your own faithful vassal and the ambassador of God—throw down the glove and answer "This is right."—Robert Louis Stevenson.

#### Faithful to the Sunday School.

On Sunday morning, March 16 at the close of the church service Rev. R A Clements in a brief but beautiful and fitting address presented to Mr. H C Williams a costly bible in behalf of the teachers and pupils of the Sunday school as an expression of their appreciation and tender love.

This was one of the most touching scenes ever witnessed in Merkel—the minister of God as the agent of the children and other loving friends bestowing this mark of recognition of almost a quarter of a century's faithful service upon this valiant soldier of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Williams for many years served with great efficiency as superintendent of the Merkel M E Sunday school. Who, upon earth can estimate the value of his influence upon the young lives with whom he has come in contact. He made the school one of the best to be found in any church.

What could be more fitting than that he should be presented with the word of God—the "Sword of the Spirit" at this period in his career? The expressions of admirations, reverence and love on the faces of all present, the rapt attention, the moist eyes and trembling lips of those who witnessed this beautiful service testified more eloquently than words or other evidence, the regard in which Bro. Williams is held by all who know him. A friend.

#### Value of Garlic.

The scientific name for the active principle of garlic is allyl sulphide, which is a powerful germicide. For this reason, people who are in the custom of eating garlic are far less subject to any form of tuberculosis than those who refrain from the odorous vegetable.

#### Put Away Small Things.

Get rid of small wisdom and great wisdom will shine upon you. Put away goodness and you will be naturally good. A child does not learn to speak because taught by professors of the art, but because it lives among people who can themselves talk.—Chuang Tzu.

#### Germany's Fastest Trains.

The fastest distance trains in Germany are the Berlin-Hanover-Dortmund express, which covers 292.04 miles with only three stops, at an average speed of 50.52 miles an hour; the Oderberg-Breslau-Berlin express, 316.90 miles with four stops, at 50.14 miles an hour; the Berlin-Konigsberg express, 366.61 miles with three stops, at 49.70 miles an hour.



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ABILENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE

### ATTENTION BREEDERS

#### "JOHN" STEEL GRAY JACK

Better known as the Wimberly jack, will make the present season at my barn one-half mile west of Shiloh church.

**RATES:** \$10 to insure living colt, payable when colt is foaled or bred mare is sold, traded or moved out of county. Not responsible for accidents in breeding.

#### J. H. GRAYSON

SHILOH, TEXAS

### NOTICE BREEDERS



#### "JIM"

My roan stallion known as the Swann horse will make the season at my barn.

#### "LEE"

My blue jack known as the Cook jack will stand this season at my barn.



**FEES--** \$10.00 each, due and payable upon arrival of living colt or if bred mare is sold, traded or moved out of county. Insure living colts but not responsible for accidents in breeding.

#### H. H. PRATER

BARN 1 1/2 MILES NORTHEAST OF TRENT

### TORNADOES WORK MANY LIVES LOST

From all parts of the central northwest come reports of awful cyclones, tornadoes and death-dealing destruction from rapidly rising rivers, with the death list growing alarmingly. The following reports from different sections of the country show the endangered condition of thousands of families.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—Fully 8,000 people were reported drowned in the death-dealing floods which swept through Ohio today, bursting reservoirs and swelling rivers into rushing lakes.

According to the latest reports 5,000 are drowned in Dayton, 1,000 in Hamilton, 540 in Piqua, 100 in Delaware and hundreds in other cities throughout the state. The four days of steady rain filled every reservoir in the state to overflowing. A big power plant reservoir just north of Dayton broke this morning and poured its thousands of tons of water into the Miami Valley. A wall of water seven feet high swept down upon Dayton, carrying all light structures before it. The water continued to pour into the city and hundreds of people were forced to flee from their homes. They had little warning and hundreds of them were caught in the flood and drowned.

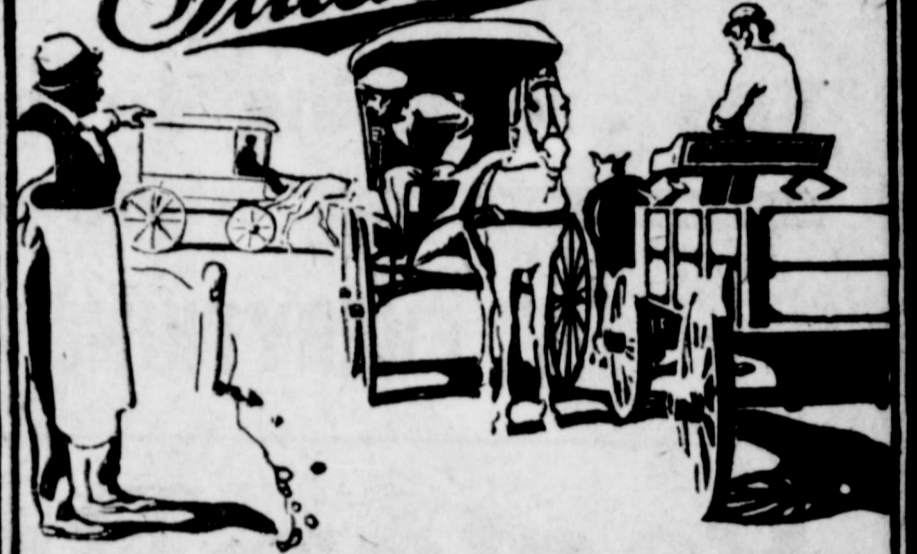
**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh** that contain mercury as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall'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 Hall'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 all druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

#### Clothes.

He—"Did you ever observe what a difference clothes make on one's mind? Now, when I am in my riding jogs, I'm all horse; when I have on my business suit, my mind's full of business; when I get into my evening dress my mind takes a purely social turn." She—"And I suppose that when you take a bath your mind's an utter blank?"—Stray Stories.

**Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure** The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

### Studebaker's



"I've been selling Studebaker Wagons and Buggies for over 30 years."

"I've sold them because my reputation as a dealer was at stake and from experience I have found that Studebaker means the best."

That tells the Story. Farmers bought Studebaker wagons before the Civil war and they have been buying them ever since. Because they had confidence in the name Studebaker and in the sturdy, dependable wagons and buggies they build. And that confidence has been upheld. Studebaker wagons are built on honor and the Studebaker guarantee goes with every one. There's a Studebaker for your needs—whether you live in city, town or country.

Farm Wagons, Buggy Carriages, Business Wagons, Buggies, Trucks, Runabouts, Contractors' Wagons, Dump Carts.

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### Notice Stockmen!

#### "Adilaide Squire" Premium - Winning Hackney Stallion

This season at the old barn east of the postoffice on the usual terms and guarantee.

This is the best horse in this section of the state and you should take advantage of the opportunity offered for service.

### COMMITTEE



# Next Week's Great Underwear Sale

## Ladies, Misses and Children's

### BEGINNING SAT. MORNING MARCH 29--CLOSING FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 4

Last Week's Extra Specials went in a Hurry  
**THIS WEEK WILL BE THE BIGGEST EVER**

ALL UNDERWEAR WILL BE SOLD THIS WEEK  
**10 PERCENT OFF**  
 REGULAR PRICE

You are going to need Summer Underwear. Why not buy it  
 while you can make this big saving

EVERYTHING IN UNDERWEAR GOES IN THIS SALE

# Parten Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Exclusive Cash Store

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Mar. 29, 1913

Allen, Elijah  
 Barfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. D.  
 Downes, Fread  
 Franklin, Mrs. Claud  
 Walker, Bob

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 12, 1913.  
 H. W. Derstine, P.M.

#### Infant Dead.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton of the Stith community died at their home last week after a short illness.

#### Barbers Notice.

We, the undersigned barbers of Merkel agree to close our shops at 7 p. m., each day of the week with the exception of Saturday. This agreement is now in effect and will remain so until the first day of September.

(Signed),

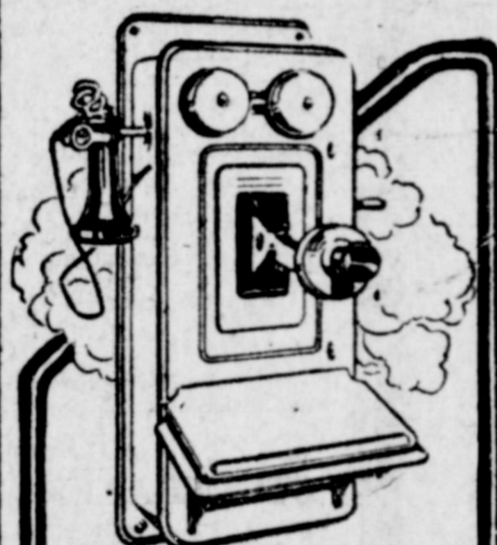
City Barber Shop, West & Pate,  
 Jones Barber Shop,  
 Brown's Barber Shop,  
 J. E. Martin's Barber Shop.

#### Notice to Breeders.

I have at my stable and am making a stand with what is known as the Peak horse, a steel dust, and Hal, a dark bay, he measures 16 1/2 hands and weighs anywhere from 1225 to 1325 pounds, also the Richie Jack, the one that made the stand at my stable last season. Terms of service on each \$10.00 to insure, will do all in my power to avoid accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur in breeding. Respectfully

1417 A. C. Boney.

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#### THE MODERN WEATHER PROPHECY

Recollect last spring when that late frost struck your orchards and produce? You'd have given a mint to have had fair warning.

A Rural Bell Telephone will summon help when frosts threaten, besides being profitable in countless other ways. Our nearest Manager will cheerfully furnish information or write to.

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#### FOUND AN ECONOMICAL PAIR

Most Joyous Occasion of Life Failed to Make Them 'Loosen Up,' to Young Clergyman's Dismay.

A clergyman in Cherryvale tells Mrs. Moffett that when he was a struggling young preacher and a marriage fee looked like several square meals to him, he was called upon to officiate at the wedding of a wealthy young farmer to the daughter of another farmer, also very wealthy and widely known in the county. The night of the wedding was a stormy one and the train to the little country station was two hours late, so the preacher hired a rig and drove the entire 12 miles, getting there just in time to miss supper. The wedding was a brilliant affair and after the ceremony the groom called the minister aside and told him how much he appreciated his coming through the storm and handed him a \$2 bill—not enough to pay the team hire. As the preacher sat stunned, gazing at the money, the bride's father came in and the groom left. "How much did he give you?" asked the father. "Only two dollars," replied the preacher. "Why, that is a shame," exclaimed the father. "After all your trouble, too. He's terrible close with money. Don't say a word to any one, but take this." And as the old man slipped away the preacher, much touched, opened his hand and found a \$1 bill.—Kansas City Star.

#### Resolutions of Respect.

To the officers and members of the Merkel lodge No. 355 I. O. O. F.:

We, your special committee, appointed to prepare resolutions of sympathy on account of the death of our beloved Bro. N. Harrison, a Past Grand of this lodge whose death occurred March 6th, would respectfully report as follows.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call him, our beloved Bro. N. Harrison, from his earthly labors into the grand lodge above, and

Whereas, in the passing of Bro. N. Harrison this community has lost a good and useful citizen and his family an affectionate husband and father, and

Whereas, Bro. Harrison was a Veteran Odd Fellow and ever a true

and loyal member of our great Fraternity.

Therefore be it resolved by Merkel lodge No. 355 I. O. O. F. that we extend to the stricken family of our departed brother our sincere sympathy in this their great bereavement, and be it further resolved,

That our lodge be draped in mourn-

ing for the customary period of time and that a copy of these resolutions, under seal of the lodge be furnished to the family of Bro. Harrison, a copy thereof spread on the minutes of the lodge and a further copy be furnished the Merkel Mail for publication.

Fraternally submitted,  
 J. E. Paylor, J. R. Pee, Austin Boyd.

#### QUININE AND IRON—THE MOST EFFECTUAL GENERAL TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic Combines both in Tasteless form. The Quinine drives out Malaria and the Iron builds up the System. For Adults and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, recognized for 30 years throughout the South as the standard Malaria, Chill and Fever Remedy and General Strengthening Tonic. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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Sounds too good to be true? We guarantee it. The first full size bottle free if D.D.D. cannot reach your case. For your comfort's sake, it is worth a trial. Come in and let us tell you about it. Also about D.D.D. Soap—it helps.

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PART 2

## TO CITIZENS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

The acts, fortunes and destiny of no one mortal man, even though he be a shattered idol, should be permitted to interrupt, retard or defeat the honest purposes, plans and necessary business achievements of a whole county embracing twenty thousand worthy people.

If I thought that a single dollar would be mis-spent, I would not vote for any kind of bond issue. My confidence in our four County Commissioners remains unshaken, and I believe them to be honest, worthy, well-meaning men of strict integrity. I, for one, am willing to pledge you citizens that there will be no waste or leakage, and that you will get value received for your money.

The present issue is not WHERE to put the court house. If the County Seat were removed to Buffalo Gap, Tuscola or elsewhere, it will be necessary after all to issue bonds. After we provide means by voting the bonds, it will not in any way prevent an election to determine the location, and then if the people should vote to remove the County Seat, it can be removed and a new house built without delay. The question we are to determine on the 29th is shall we build an adequate, modern, safe, fire-proof, vault sufficient, permanent building, or shall we waste more money in patching up a condemned, dangerous, temporary hull, which will afford neither safety to the valuable records of the county, or any satisfaction or peace of mind to the citizenship.

Figuratively speaking, we are now out of doors, with no place to lay our heads. No judge has the right to force any juror or witness to serve in a house where his life is in danger, and no county has the right to demand of its officers that they hazard their lives within cracked and ruined walls. For several years our grand juries composed of citizens from every part of the county, have condemned our present building, and many jurors have refused to serve in it. Through the courtesy of the government, we are now using the United States building, which furnished cost \$125,000, and it is much too small for the needs of the county.

To build, properly equip, heat and furnish a modern, fire-proof, permanent building, will cost at least \$150,000. You citizens will reap the comfort and benefit of it. Wherever it is built, the citizens of Abilene will have to bear quite a great part of the burden, for they pay quite a large per cent of the taxes. Let me remind you good citizens in the southern portion of the county, who have hopes of removing the County Seat, that you had better vote the bonds now, before removing it while Abilene is willing to help now, because if you should succeed in removing the County Seat, then some of Abilene's vote might change against the bonds.

## AN INSPIRATION FOR TAYLOR COUNTY VOTERS



NOTE: The cost of this magnificent fire-proof building for Williamson county was over \$200,000. Of course this is beyond the hopes of our commissioners, officers and citizens but it is the belief of those who have investigated the matter, that by leaving off all of the fancy trimmings and fluffy ruffles for show that the issue of \$150,000 will provide a modern, adequate, substantial, safe and fire-proof court house—one becoming our good county now and ample for the next century. The saving in insurance alone will pay the difference and certainly we should build for the future—not just now. The best is the cheapest always.

Last year, the total value of all property assessed in Taylor county, including Abilene was \$13,955,715, while Abilene's assessed property amounted to \$5,501,610, and the assessed value of property in precinct 1, Abilene precinct was \$7,420,445, or more than one half of all the property in the entire county. Hence you can readily see that Abilene will pay for quite a large proportion of the new court house, wherever it is built. All the property I possess is in Taylor county, and subject to taxation. I am perfectly willing to be so taxed, for I know that the benefits will accrue to every citizen in the county. As an illustration of what other counties are doing, I attach to this article a cut of the magnificent new court house recently completed in Williamson county.

On the 29th, let us all put aside prejudice and selfishness, and provide means to build a new, adequate building, and then if the required number of citizens desire to move the County Seat, let them express their wish in an election, and let the people's will be supreme. If this bond issue is defeated, in all probability, we shall then be without a new building for the next five or ten years. Let us not duplicate the mistake made by Jones, Stonewall and other nearby counties, but profit by their sad court house experiences.

Thomas L. Blanton.

### Election Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, and in pursuance of the law in such matters provided, I hereby order that an election be held in the City of Merkel, on the first Tuesday in April, 1913, the same being the first day of said month, at the City Hall in said City, for the purpose of electing the following officers of said City, to-wit: A Mayor, City Secretary, City Treasurer, City Marshal and two Aldermen. J. J. Stallings is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election and the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and remain open (with the privilege of a recess of one hour, from 12 to 1 o'clock) until 6 o'clock p. m.

Witness my hand this 15th day of February, 1913.

284 C. D. Mims  
Mayor of the City of Merkel

### Piano Recital Again.

The West Texas Hardware Company have decided to have the piano recital again on Saturday afternoon in order that the out of town people will have a better chance to hear this beautiful instrument.

On Wednesday afternoon there was quite a crowd present and everyone enjoyed the music by Miss Carroll Rister very much. Remember that the recital starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and lasts one hour.—adv.

### Claud Whitley Injured.

Wednesday afternoon as the volunteer fire department was making a practice run, C. D. Whitley was thrown in front of the hook and ladder wagon and painfully injured.

At the time the accident happened Mr. Whitley was running with the wagon and holding to the tongue while the wagon was being pulled behind a dray at a very fast rate of speed. When they neared the ice house, the place for practice Mr. Whitley stumbled in front of the heavy wagon, the front wheel of which passed over his left leg cutting it very deep while the left rear wheel passed directly across his back. Several members of the department ran to his assistance and he was promptly carried to a doctor's office but it was some time before he was revived sufficiently to determine whether the injury was serious or not. A later examination showed no bones broken and it is now thought that his recover will be forthcoming.

### Singing Convention.

The Taylor county singing convention will meet at Trent the second Sunday in April. A large gathering of singers is expected on Saturday evening previous to the opening at which time there will be a general singing and mingling of voices. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## BASEBALL MEETING A SUCCESSFUL ONE

The Merkel baseball team held a business meeting at the light plant Monday night and finished the organization of the team. The order of business was as follows: Boring reported the proceeds of the play at \$60.00 net after which the club voted to present Boring with a pair of shoes for the work he did in putting on the play and in addition to that a season pass was voted to all members in the cast of "Because I Love You."

A committee was appointed to look after the purchase of bats, score cards, mitte, gloves and mask or other such supplies as will be needed. The Southwestern ball was selected as the official ball. The business of the meeting ended with Jennings being elected captain and Boring assistant manager.—Scoopie.

### Notice to Ice Customers.

Beginning March 20th I will start my ice business, although deliveries to resident districts will not start for some time after that date. On beginning the business this year I will be better prepared to handle your trade and promise complete satisfaction.

H. M. Warren, the Ice Man.



# MAXINE ELLIOT SHOES

WILL BE HERE SOON

The Maxine Elliot line of shoes is without a doubt the swellest line of shoes for ladies that has ever been brought to this town. We selected this line of shoes for three reasons:

**1st. Individuality in Style. 2. Perfection in Workmanship. 3. Moderate in Price**

These shoes will without a doubt please every lady that is conservative and particular in the kind of shoes she wears. Do not buy your spring pumps, slippers or shoes until you have seen this line. We will make special displays of all the styles in our window and on the inside so that you may see every style that we have. By this display you will be enabled to make a selection not confined to two or three pairs but to over thirty distinct and different styles. Read over the different styles of shoes and see if we have what you want.

White Buck, 6-button Oxfords

White Buck, pat. vamp Oxfords

White Canvas Pumps

White Canvas 3-but. Oxfords

Brown Suede Pumps

Grey Suede Pumps

Black Kid Pumps & 4-but. Oxfords

Tan Kid Pumps & 4-but. Oxfords

Gunmetal Pumps, 4-but. Oxfords

Black Suede Pumps

Red Kid Pumps

Black Satin Pumps

Patent Pumps, pat. 2-strap Pumps

Patent 4-button Oxfords

Tan Pumps, tan 2-strap Pumps

Tan 4-button Oxfords

Vicis and Kids in all styles

And others too numerous to mention

WE ARE EXPECTING THESE SHOES BY THE TIME THIS PAPER REACHES YOU

## Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Inkum Items.

March 24—Mrs. H C Hodges died at her home near here Saturday evening after a brief illness with pneumonia. Burial services were held the following day. Mrs. Hodges leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss, we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Professor B E Evans made a business trip to Merkel Friday.

John Hallmark and family of Guion visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Chandless of Bitter Creek was in this section of the country Monday.

Mr. Fullerton and family returned Tuesday from a visit with friends at Winters.

Ernest Perry made a trip to Merkel Thursday.

Oliver and Dee Wilson made a business trip to Moro Tuesday.

T J Burleson and son Benett were trading in Merkel Wednesday.

John Denton and wife of Nubia visited the latter's brother Leslie Hill Wednesday.

We have had some very cold weather the last week but think the fruit has escaped freezing so far.

J P Fuqua was transacting business in Merkel Monday.

Messrs Crafton Evans and Ponder of Shep were in this section Tuesday.

Mr. Parsons of Buffalo Gap was in this vicinity Wednesday circulating a petition to the commissioners court to order an election on the removal of the county seat to Buffalo Gap.

Messrs Jones and Robertson of View made a trip to Inkum Wednesday.

Mr. Chapman of the Circle Cross community was here Sunday.

There are several cases of pneumonia in this part of the country. Leslie Hill who has been very sick with it is now reported better.

Mr. McCullum and two children and Mr. Martin and daughter Miss Ida are all down with pneumonia. Miss Orta Travis is also on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Merkel passed through here Thursday to visit the family of H C Hodges.

Mrs. J C Williams and children visited relatives at Shep Saturday.

Mr. Davis of Winters was in this section on business Saturday.

P R Steen and son Jack were in Merkel Tuesday looking after some business matters.

#### Mulberry Items.

March 24—Rev. Seagaul preached here Sunday.

Most of the farmers have planted some feed stuff such as maize and cane.

C S Harrison's children are up from the measles.

Wiley and Cora Rogers are on the sick list.

W R Britton visited his son Willie in Abilene Sunday.

D F Rogers visited Emery Mobely and Joe McMurray of near Trent the latter part of last week.

J D and Reamer Rainer visited their aunt Mrs. Etta Petty at Salt Branch last week.

Chas. Rogers is in the Warren community this week looking after the planting of some feed stuff.

Messrs Jim Burns, Calloway Chancey, Chas. Ashby, Robert and Callie Britton, Chas. Rogers, Clark Church and Uncle Britton made a flying trip to Shep Saturday.

## The Price of Chickens

Per pound is as changeable as is the price of cotton and at no time is the market the same, the demand is more or less at times. It is for this reason I am now able to pay more for your produce than I paid some time ago, the demand is heavier. :: Bring me your produce.

**W. P' DUCKETT** Produce Dealer with Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

#### Route Three Items.

March 24—Mrs. Sammie Frazier is on the sick list this week.

Rev. Sibley and family spent Sunday with A H Barnes and family.

Misses Pearl Baccus and Lola Tittle, Messrs Homer Patterson and Will Taft were guests of Miss Mae Rister Sunday.

Mr. Jones and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Baccus.

Miss Louis Tittle spent Saturday and Sunday at Caps.

Misses Pearl Baccus and Daisy Rister spent last week in Jones county tee guest of Mrs. Hobbs.

Little Eddie Davis received the sad news Saturday night of the death of Mrs. Charlie Davis.

#### How Foolish

To suffer from Skin Diseases (Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc.) when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

#### Butman News.

March 24—Earl Perkins made a business trip to Merkel Monday, and while

in town purchased a new buggy, he says it is not right to make the ladies walk.

The social at the school house Friday night was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year, several of the boys who are attending school in Abilene from this community were present. Everybody had a fine time and plenty to eat. Louis Butman received the prize for guessing the greatest number of portrait drawings presented by local artists.

A large crowd was present at the basket ball game Saturday.

Everybody reported a good time at the party at John Perry's Saturday night.

Romey Whetsell of View visited friends here Sunday.

Oliver Wilson of Inkum was in this community Sunday.

A company of young people drove to Castle Peak Sunday and spread dinner on the highest point of the place enjoying the gentle breeze that was blowing all the time.

Ira Thornton of Merkel visited here Sunday.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith all say that Hunt's Lightning Oil stops Neuralgia, Rheumatism and other pains. Just try a 50c or 25c bottle from your druggist.

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Blair Echoes.

March 24—Roland Goens visited friends in Buffalo Gap Saturday.

The easter egg hunt Saturday was enjoyed very much by all present, both old and young. After the egg hunt was over the young people met at Mrs. Mollie Wilson's home on the south side and enjoyed a game of 42, while the older ones listened to Judge Blanton discuss the bond issue.

Miss Mary Tucker returned Tuesday from Sweetwater where she has been visiting relatives since Friday.

Miss Sophia Howard of Merkel came in from View Saturday and spent some time here before going on to her home.

Mrs. J M Reaves is spending several days at Tolbert visiting relatives.

Miss Amable Moore of Comper spent last week with her sister Mrs. F D Addison.

Joe Moffett of Brownwood was a social caller last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W A Hall.

Miss Sallie Hall was in Merkel visiting Monday.

Claud Demere was here Sunday on a social call.

Rev. Linn of Tye preached here Sunday night.

J W King and Miss Jessie Clark were shopping in Merkel last week.

Miss Velma Clark, one of the telephone operators at Merkel visited home folks Monday.

#### Calomel is Bad

But Simmons Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields; biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.) Tried once, used always.

#### Strong Yeast Germs.

The germs which make brewers' yeast are stronger alcohol producers than any other yeast.

Hunt's Cure rapidly destroys Itch, Ringworms, Itching Piles, Eczema, Tetter and like troubles. Under its influence the diseased cuticle scales off leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in its place. A wonderful remedy and only 50c a box.