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M'ILROY TALKS ON 15 CENT COTTON

O. B. McIlroy of Hamby, chairman and secretary of the board of committeemen of the Southern States Cotton Co-operation for Taylor county, made a lengthy talk at the tabernacle Saturday afternoon in explanation of the working methods and intentions of the co-operation. About 100 farmers were present.

The propositions submitted by Mr. McIlroy that seemed to take with the farmers of this section was proposition B made by the co-operation. This proposition together with the proposition A is intended to force the price of cotton to 15 cents but the working methods are different. Proposition A. The farmer contracts with the co-operation for a certain number of bales of cotton to be delivered on or about a certain date. A deposit of \$1.00 per bale is placed as a guarantee of delivery by the farmer. On the date of delivery of the cotton the co-operation issues script to the amount of 15 cents per pound for the cotton based on middling cotton. On this date the co-operation will pay the farmer in cash 75 percent of the actual market value of his cotton individually that day.

For an example, if cotton should sell for 12 cents on the day the contracting farmer delivered his cotton, the co-operation would pay him 75 percent of that amount or 9 cents per pound cash or \$45.00 on 500 pound bale for his cotton, giving him at the same time 6 cents in script for the balance due on his contract crop. The remaining 6 cent script bears interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum and the farmer holding same can collect the interest every 90 days. As soon as the cotton contracted for among the farmers of the country is sold the remaining script over the country is redeemed. If by the first of the year one half of the cotton that has been taken up by the co-operation is sold, the farmer is paid face value for one half of the script he has, at the same time he retains the other one half this to be redeemed as soon as the cotton is sold.

On the basis of 12 cent cotton as Mr. McIlroy gave as an example the farmer would on sale of the first half of the co-operation cotton draw \$10 per bale on a 500 pound bale of cotton this \$10 having drawn interest since the date the cotton was delivered the farmer yet retains 3 cents worth of script against the co-operation and is drawing 6 percent interest on his money instead of holding his cotton himself and paying 8 percent on money borrowed to withstand the times.

According to McIlroy the Co-operation is incorporated for \$11,000,000 of which amount \$1,000,000 is paid up and \$10,000,000 secured by Underwriters Associations. The interest of the farmer being the thing at heart with the co-operation, deals have been made with the spinners of Europe to handle the

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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The 3,030 local weekly papers of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana have a combined circulation of 2,617,920 copies. Allowing a conservative estimate of five readers for each copy each week these papers reach and are read by 13,500,000 people.

The country paper, for the most part, goes to a class of people whose reading is largely limited—the farmer folk—people who haven't so easy access to the big dailies and the hundreds of magazines. Its weekly visit is a heralded event in the family life and there is a scramble each time for a turn at reading its interesting pages. It is loaned to a neighbor with the strict injunction to "be sure and take good care of it." It is read and re-read from headline to the last patent medicine reader at the bottom of the last column on the last page.

There was a time when the country newspaper was looked upon merely as a convenience for the publishing of local gossip, obituaries, resolutions and the opinions of "Junius," "Vox Populi" or "A Subscriber." Advertising patronage was given it as a matter of charity or from a public spirit impulse and not as a matter of business. But that time is past. The country newspaper is now a recognized business institution and its editor-manager is a recognized business man in the community. The news and various communications are still published and the effort is to get more of them because it is good business, and the local merchants put their advertisements in the home paper because it pays. The country newspaper shop nowadays is as well equipped for its field as is the most modern plant of the big city daily.

Almost without exception the local merchant who is enjoying the biggest business is the one who uses most persistently and consistently the space of the local newspaper. It stands without argument that the man who gets the people's patronage is the man who carries what the people want and lets them know he has it. And what more efficient way is there for the merchants of the southwest, the country merchants, to reach the people of their community than through the local papers with their thirteen and a half millions of readers?

The country merchant will do well to study the wants of the people whose business he would have. He will do well to carry in stock the lines and brands of goods they demand—the named, widely-advertised lines. He will do equally as well to tell the people of what he has for them through carefully prepared advertisements in his local newspaper.

cotton direct from the co-operation and in that give the farmer absolute top price for his production.

A big rally on the 15 cent cotton will be held in Dallas, July 10 and 12 at Oak Cliff Lake Casino.

MERKEL COUNTRY PLUMS WHOPPERS

The Mail was in receipt of two of the largest Red June plums last week that has ever been brought to our attention and appetite.

T. H. Christopher of south Merkel raised the fruit and has more to show like the ones exhibited here. One of the juicy prunus-domestica measured 6 in circumference while the other one fell short of that measurement by only a quarter of an inch. Mr. Christopher has three bearing trees of this variety and all are loaded with fruit. No irrigation having been necessary for the trees to produce as they have.

The fact that Merkel is adapted to fruit is shown when the proper attention is given the industry. Another specimen of fruit raising is shown by Joel Counts who has raised one of the most successful orchards in this section of the country. Mr. Counts has been unfortunate to some extent this year in having his early fruit killed by a freeze but yet has sufficient crop of peaches to sell his neighbors enough to satisfy their wants with the highest variety of this kind of fruit. Mr. Counts is prepared to irrigate his orchard for commercial purposes.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Ladies hand-bag at or near railroad at Bland's picnic; contained bananas, handkerchiefs, ball and \$2.35. Finder please leave at J. P. Sharp's store. S. F. Mattingly. 1tpd

WANTED—Man with family to gather maize and cotton crop. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Texas, Rt. 1. 2tpd

FOR SALE—One fine full size violin known all over West Texas, in good condition, with case, stand, bow and chin rest; a "fiddle" that talks... \$50
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Don't worry me unless you mean business. Call on or address S. S. Scheidler, Merkel, Texas.

STORE BURNS AT STITH MONDAY

The grocery establishment of Ed Mashburn at Stith was destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock Monday evening. The fire started from an explosion of an oil lamp that Mr. Mashburn had lighted on going to the rear of the store for some medicine. The explosion throwing burning oil over the rear of the building the flames gaining headway very rapidly.

The building was a two story structure, though the upper part was not being used. We are not informed as to the exact loss but some insurance was carried on the stock or the building by its

owner. Dr. Hendrix reports a loss of about \$300 of surgical instruments and medicine.

If you have tried all others get a sack of Cottonwhite flour. Its the best. The Cash Grocery.

MEETING MOVES TO TABERNACLE

The meeting at the Christian church which began Wednesday night has been transferred to the tabernacle for the comfort of those attending.

The reason of it not being started there, was on account of the tabernacle not being properly cleaned and arranged for comfort. A body of men were at work yesterday (Thursday) afternoon watering down the dirt floor and arranging the seats.

The Meeting opened with a fair attendance Elder W. F. Ledlow choosing as his topic "Soul Culture" and while it was his first sermon before the people of Merkel he had acquainted himself with the entire audience before he had ended his talk. The embarrassment or novelty of hearing a voice for its first time was soon dispelled from the audience and the crowd's attention held firmly to the topics under illustration.

Elder Ledlow gives as his subjects for night service on tonight (Friday) as "The Mission of the Bible" on Saturday he will preach on "The Parable of the Talents" on Sunday at 11 a. m. his subject will be "The Lord's Supper" at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he will preach on the subject of "Character Building" and at 8:30 Sunday night on "Eden Lost and

ONE MONTH FOR CLEAN UP WORK

On August 1, Dr. M. M. Carrick will begin his rounds of inspecting the towns in Texas that have been entered on the list in the Holland's Magazine Clean Town Prize. Merkel may be one of the first towns to be visited and no information will be given out as to when the inspector will visit any place.

The already partially clean town we have speaks good for our chances but the chances are still against us. A general clean-up day would be a valuable move on the part of the town and such a day needs the backing of our mayor, council and citizens. The following rules are laid down as the ones by which a town will be graded.

Condition of streets, parks and alleys.

Water, water supply and drainage.

Collecting and disposal of garbage.

Removal and disposal of all refuse matter.

Condition of vacant lots. (If no sewer system.)

General appearance of homes.

Ventilation and care of public buildings and semi-public buildings.

Presence of flies, mosquitoes and other disease-carrying insects.

Handling and exposure of meats, fruit, pickles, ice, milk and milk products and other products offered for sale. This latter clause applies directly to the grocery stores of the town and a factor to be considered very carefully by Dr. Carrick when he makes an inspection.

This matter is of utmost importance and needs the immediate attention of the citizenship in addition to the city officers. We urge the people to ask and work for a clean-up day, one in which the stores of the town will remain closed for a sufficient period to lend assistance to the work. If there be a man with soul so dead who will not indorse such a move then he must be immune from any kind of disease that filth might produce.

A clean-up day is needed and is needed in the worst way.

Felix Jones of Abilene was here Monday shaking hands with friends.

If you are in a big hurry phone 80. The Cash Grocery. We bring it quick.

Regained" or Man Fallen and Restored. These give an outline of the beginning services and from Sunday the topics for discussion will be announced following each sermon.

The length of the services range from an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes. Everything will be done for the comfort of those who attend and it is the earnest request of Elder Ledlow that all attend these services who can. Services during the week will be held at 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. each day. Sunday services at 11 a. m., 4 and 8:30 p. m.



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Program For Old Settlers' Picnic.

At a meeting of the Old Settlers Association of Jones county at Anson, last Saturday, July 5th, the following program was arranged for the Old Settlers' picnic, to be held at the Christian tabernacle two miles south of Anson, on Thursday, July 17th: Meet at 10:30 a. m.

Master of Ceremonies—Judge Jas. P. Stinson.

Welcome address by Judge Chas. E. Coombs.

Response to welcome address by Hon. L. A. Brooks.

Basket Dinner.

1:00 o'clock p. m.—Poem in honor of the Pioneer Settlers of Jones County, by Mrs. S. M. Joyce.

History on organization and early day episodes of Jones county, by Judge L. M. Buie.

Old Settlers' Rally.

Paper by Mrs. Clint Chambers

Gun Club Shoot.

Base ball.

We desire to say that this picnic is free for everyone, whether old settlers or new settlers of Jones or any surrounding counties, and earnestly invite you to lay aside all troubles for a day and come together for one of the most enjoyable days ever spent. It will help you.

The grounds and privileges committee is composed of Messrs D. P. Scott, Larry Nichols, W. C. Sanders, B. F. Bailey and J. G. Perkins.

Friends, think about this, talk about it and do not allow yourself nor your neighbors to forget the date—and remember the basket. W. G. Thomas, Ed Kennedy, T. J. Barrett, Program Committee.

Poolroom Petition.

A petition was circulated the first of the week and over 100 signatures of legal voters of Merkel were soon attached. The petition asks the county judge to call an election on whether poolrooms shall remain in Merkel or not. This is perhaps the first case of its kind to be brought to an election under the new Texas law that went into effect July 1, whereby a majority of the legal votes shall designate whether a town shall have a pool hall or not.

Fire Boys Called Out.

Monday afternoon the fire alarm was turned in and the department had the pleasure of stopping a fierce blaze that was raging in a small pile of trash at the rear of Hamblet & Rogers grocery store. An iron building near was scorched to some extent.

Do You Want Results

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Good Never Die.

There is nothing, no nothing, innocent or good that dies and is forgotten. An infant—a prattling child dying in its cradle—will live again in better thoughts of those who loved it, and play its part through the world, though its body be burnt to ashes and drowned in the deepest sea.—Charles Dickens.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year A Good Investment.

W. D. Magli, a well-known merchant of Whitewater, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something.

For beautifully illustrated literature descriptive of the numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and along the Pacific Coast, including the Great Colorado Chautauqua at "Boulder-the-Beautiful", address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road", Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in those directions are always worth more than they cost! (a16)

Closing Notice.

The leading business houses of Merkel will close at 6:30 each day except Saturdays until September 1st.—Adv.

Saving Magazine Covers.

Strips of cotton cloth, cut diagonally and fastened with library paste to the back of a magazine cover when it is new, will save wear, and add to the life of the cover.

Causes of Stomach Troubles

Sedentary habits, lack of out of door exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, partaking of food and drink not suited to your age and occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.—adv

Empty Feast.

"Why did you leave that boarding-house?" "Because the swellness was at the expense of the food supply." "What do you mean?" "Four kinds of forks and two kinds of vegetables."

Mrs. W. A. Sheppard Dead.

Lillie Maye Sheppard age 45, wife of W. A. Sheppard died of heart failure at her home in south Merkel at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. All of the immediate family were present.

Mrs. Sheppard had been sick for some two weeks but up until a short time before her death hope was entertained for her recovery she having seeming recovery from like attack when she was first taken sick. The end came as a great shock to the whole town and country for Mrs. Sheppard enjoyed the close friendship of all who knew her. She was a christian lady, a member of the Baptist church, a kind fond mother and a loving wife.

For over twenty years Mrs. Sheppard has made her home among the Merkel people, having come here with her husband from Robertson county where she has many relations. Funeral services were held at the home at 4.30 p. m. Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Baker conducting the services, the pall-bearers R. O. Anderson, J. E. Faucett, G. E. and J. C. Comegys, Will Warren and Dee Grimes then conveyed the body to a waiting hearse. Interment was given the body in Rose Hill Cemetery at 6 00 o'clock.

The deceased is survived by a husband and four children, W. A. Sheppard, Miss Olga Sheppard, Leo and Loyd Sheppard all of whom were with their mother during her last moments and Mrs. Eugene Nix of Sweetwater.

New Druggist.

W. L. Talley formerly of Abilene has accepted a position as druggist with the Grimes Drug Store. Beginning his duties there Thursday morning of this week. Mr. Talley comes here well recommended to the firm he is connected with and to the public at large.

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

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COME IN AND SEE

West Texas Hardware Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Laugh and Grow Fat.
Democritus, who was always laughing, lived one hundred and nine years; Heraclitus, who never ceased crying, only sixty. Laughing, then, is best, and to laugh at another is perfectly justifiable, since we are told that the gods themselves, though they made us as they pleased, cannot help laughing at us.

Finance.
Marks—"I have some money, but I don't know whether to buy a home or an automobile." Parks—"Take my advice; buy a home and mortgage it to get the machine. Then you'll have both."—Boston Transcript.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning
apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

Egyptian Custom.
The Egyptians at their feasts, to prevent excess on the part of the company, were accustomed to place a skeleton in a conspicuous part of the banquetting room, with this inscription over it: "Remember, you must soon be like it." An epicure, on being told this, replied: "Ah, that was if they did not eat."

Unkindly Suggestive.
A lady of advanced age required the services of a page-boy, and advertised: "Youth wanted." One of her dearest friends sent her by the next post a bottle of Blank's celebrated wrinkle filler and skin-tightener, a pot of fairy bloom, a set of false teeth, a flaxen wig, and a cake of iodine soap.

Success and Failure.
It is sometimes hard to find out just how the man who is successful has managed to succeed, but it is always easy to see why failure comes to those who fail.—Chicago Record Herald.

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

J. I. Gilliland of El Paso is here visiting his sister Mrs. O. F. McMaster. Mr. Gilliland has been looking over the town and will probably locate here, we extend a most hearty welcome to him and trust he will see fit to make our city his home.

Candies kept fresh by candy refrigerator at the Elite.

C. A. Dickson of Cleburne was here to see his brother W. H. Dickson who is very sick. For ten years these brothers were engaged in the sheep business out here. Their ranch being in Nolan county, now owned by Arthur Sears.

Miss Ina May and Lutta Chambers of Stephenville are here visiting their aunt Mrs. W. H. Roach.

Mrs. W. H. Roach has returned from Dr. Johnson's sanitarium at Fort Worth where she underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Haley of Gorman who have been here visiting their daughter Mrs. T. A. Johnson left for their home Wednesday.

Fresh chocolates on ice at the Elite.

Eugene Hargrove was in Abilene Wednesday visiting his sister Mrs. H. B. Wheeler.

Walter Duckett of Snyder stopped off here Tuesday and Wednesday while on his way home from Fort Worth.

Forest Whitley leaves this week for Liberty Hill, La. to be gone during the next month on a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Ruby Black of Sweetwater came in Thursday to visit her aunt Mrs. W. Parten for a few days.

Mrs. A. F. Parks was in Abilene Monday visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Madie Robertson of Meridian who has been here visiting the families of T. L. Grimes and H. C. Williams left for her home Monday morning.

Pathetic Appeal.
Among the clever stories retailed at the Beefsteak or the Garrick is a nice one of the florid lawyer, who was counsel in an action for libel brought by a provision merchant against a local newspaper. He said in his address to the jury: "My client, gentlemen, is a cheesemonger, and the reputation of a cheesemonger in the city of London is like the bloom of a peach. Touch it, and it is gone forever."

Before Houses Were Numbered.
Four hundred years ago the idea of numbering houses originated in Paris, though it was not until 1789 that the system became general. The first known instance of a London street in which houses were numbered is Prescott street, but the practice did not spread far until 1764.

Why Jocko Failed in Business.
"I'm sorry to hear," said the Lion, "that poor little Jocko has failed in his laundry business." "Yes," replied the Wombat, "he undertook too large a contract by washing the Giraffe's collars for two cents each."

Concerning Woman.
When God thought of mother, he must have laughed with satisfaction and framed it quickly—so rich, so deep, so divine, so full of soul, power and beauty was the conception.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Not an Effective Branch.
The learned counsel was endeavoring to impress the court with the fact that his client had always been anxious to settle. "My lord," he said, impressively, "only eighteen months ago we held out the olive branch." "Yes," responded the witty judge, "but there were no olives on it."

Unfair Blow.
Charming Wife—"Gerald, all I had to pay for this lovely hat was \$30. How does it strike you?" Surprised Husband (gasping)—"Marie, that strikes me below the money belt!"—Chicago Tribune.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

I have the Light Crust flour. Walter Clark.

J. W. Foster of Tolar came in Monday afternoon to visit his granddaughters Misses Ethel and Kittie Louise Jenkins.

Wanted—A man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. tf

T. B. Lucas stopped off here yesterday after an extended trip in California.

Get chocolates off of ice at the Elite.

W. E. Brittain was called to Floydada last week to see his father Rev. Brittain who was reported very sick. Mrs. Brittain left for there Tuesday afternoon in answer to a telephone message from her husband stating that he did not expect his father to live. Rev. W. M. Gaddy who is an old time friend of the Floydada pastor accompanied Mrs. Brittain.

Thos. Stevens of Lone Oak was here Saturday with his son T. L. Stevens of Trent. The senior Mr. Stevens will spend two weeks with visiting his son and family of Trent.

The only candy refrigerator in town. Fancy box candies in all sizes from 5c up at the Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of Hillsboro, came in Sunday afternoon to visit the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes. At the present Mr. Bragg is in Robert Lee on business but will return to Merkel for a short visit before returning to his home.

Wesley Edward accompanied a shipment of cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday.

Misses Dollie Teaff and Fanny Swann left this week for an extended stay at Plainview. Before returning home Miss Swann will visit her uncle Rev. O. W. Dean of Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hargrove came in from Fort Worth Friday to visit the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. Their coming in connection with that of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fryer of Abilene who were also here visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt made the national holiday quite a celebration at the Rainbolt home.

T. A. Harris of Dallas came in Sunday morning for a weeks visit with home folks and friends. Arthur's face still has that same familiarity about it that it showed when he enjoyed boyhood days in our city and his return is greeted by a general handshaking.

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GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
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FORMER MERKEL MEN FAVOR AMENDMENT.

Much has been said and done throughout the state in favor and against amendment to section 49 and 52 article 3 of the State Constitution. Much has been said by people of Bryan as to the amendment for fear there might be a removal of the A. & M. college to Austin. This seems to be one of the chief reasons why much discredit has been given out from Bryan.

To this supposition both C. E. Evans, president Southwest Texas State Normal at San Marcos, and E. V. White of the department of education at Austin deny as the intentions of the proposed amendment and are giving their views on the question in a very creditable way. Both these men are well known to the Merkel people and have enjoyed a friendship with the Merkel people for years, they having been connected with the city schools through a period of several years. Each of these men are favoring the amendment as does state superintendent Bralley who offers the following argument in the way of questions.

Are you in favor of maintaining a State University of the first class? Do you favor the erection of buildings at the A. & M. college, the four State Normal schools and College of Industrial Arts, that will be commensurate with the progressive demands of an imperial state? Do you believe that the construction of good roads concerns the civic development of our state? Are you desirous of assisting the farmers of Texas in the gigantic task of marketing profitably their farm products? Are you in favor of a humane treatment of unfortunate convicts at the state penitentiary? Do you believe that the people of arid districts should be permitted to develop the latent resources of their property, thus adding to the quantity of tillable lands? Are you in favor of a harmonious development of the educational, agricultural and civic needs of Texas? If you favor these propositions, you should on July 19 vote for the proposed amendment to sections 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the State Constitution.

A GOOD PROHIBITION LAW.

The nearest law that comes under the head of a prohibition move was the one lately enacted on the state shipment of liquor into dry towns and counties of the state. The only way the law is cast aside is for a person to send his money clear out of the state and wait an undue length of time for the bright red drops to flow his way. Express and freight rates will be much higher and will in themselves tend to stop the interstate shipment by creating a higher price on the goods.

Before the Allison law was effective a person could easily order any amount of liquor and at almost any point in the state could get action on his money that day, this created an easy selling market and as a consequence the express companies were doing a land office business of supplying people in dry towns. Since the law has gone into effect a marked difference can be seen in the

amount of money sent out of the country for whiskey and beer. The usual Saturday evening shipments on short notice have become history. The money spent in that way evidently is not sent out of the state for liquor for the local express shipments show there has been a decrease of some 75 percent of liquor shipments coming into this town. Where is the money going? Is it not a good thing to stop 75 percent of the whiskey that is being drunk at any one place? A person can but ask themselves that question and the answer is forthcoming.

The Allison law is the best one of its kind ever enacted on handling the liquor business in Texas. Not having to contend with the saloons we bother not of the 9:30 closing law. But other business houses close so why not the saloons, it too seems to be a very sensible movement at handling the liquor question.

FARMERS' UNION PROCURES 6 PER CENT MONEY.

"It is most gratifying to the Farmers' Union to see the bankers of Texas lending their heartiest co-operation in enabling the farmers of this state to procure advances on their cotton at the rate of 6 per cent per annum," said Peter Radford, president of the Farmers' Union when asked to what extent the Texas bankers were responding to the Farmers Union Selling Plan for this year's cotton crop.

"The Central Selling Agency has been established at Houston" continued Mr. Radford, "with E. F. Shropshire as its manager."

"The agency is prepared to serve the membership in selling for them all kinds of farm products that could ordinarily be sold through any selling agency and to especially sell cotton."

"Cotton is to be sold from local warehouses by samples, where there are warehouses, with their warehouse manager bonded properly, so that they can guarantee grades, weights, etc. Also, where there is no warehouse and they wish to ship they can do so and procure advances on their cotton at the rate of 6 percent per annum."

"This is what the farmers have been wanting and needing for a long time. Now it is up to them to patronize it, to make it a success."

TAYLOR COUNTY LAND WORTH \$23.87 PER ACRE. CENSUS BASIS.

Taylor county farm land is worth \$23.87 per acre and has increased \$19.46 per acre in value during the past decade according to a recent census report. We have 468,377 acres of farm land improved and unimproved in Taylor county which is valued at \$14,560,752 by the census bureau.

The states average value per acre is \$14.53 compared with \$4.70 ten years ago. There are 111,435,000 acres of farm land in Texas and the total value is \$1,633,207,000. This value is for the land alone and does not include buildings, machinery, etc. During the past ten years the area of Texas farm lands has diminished 13,372,000 acres and the value has increased \$1,041,657,000.

Sixteen silos have been sold in Taylor county by one firm within the past thirty days. Three have been received and will be erected at once.

While swatting the fly don't forget to eliminate his breeding place.

The town that wins is the town that fights every day in the year for better conditions.

To attempt to conduct a business without advertising is like trying to fish without bait.

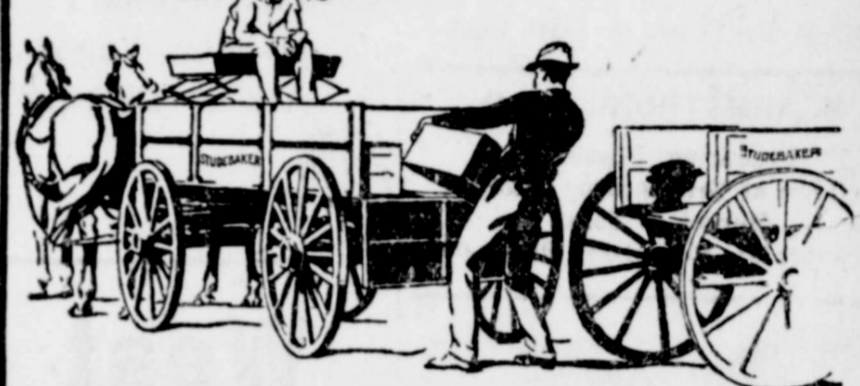
The problem to deal with is not the high cost of living but the high cost of marketing.

LET'S HELP THE NEEDY



"The educational and charitable institutions of Texas are pleading for help. The Texas voters can give them relief July 19 by voting for the proposed amendment to sections 49 and 52, article 3, of the state constitution. A vote for the amendment is a vote for progress. Surely the patriotic citizens of Texas will come to the aid of the rising generation."—Conference for Education in Texas.

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Mens 4.00 oxfords, gunmetal, kangaroo and vici, special	3.45
Mens 3.50 oxfords, gunmetal, kangaroo and vici, special	2.95
Mens 3.00 oxfords, gunmetal, special	2.25
Mens 2.50 oxfords, gunmetal, special	1.95

The above are just a few of the many bargains we have. Everything in our store reduced. Most of the prices are far below the prices we made during our big 10-days sale

W. D. Woodroof & Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Everything that fresh. At the Cash Grocery.

W. R. Bigham left Tuesday on a business trip to Fort Worth.

Bring your laundry to Martins Barber Shop.

W. D. Hutcherson and wife were visiting in Sweetwater Tuesday.

B. F. Thomas of Big Springs was here Saturday visiting F. F. Clark.

Miss Bertie Simmons of Cale is here visiting Miss Rowena Allen and other friends.

Miss Agness Hall was the guest of her cousin G. G. Knight of Fort Worth, in a noon-day dinner at the Walker Cottage Monday.

I am agent for the Weatherford Steam Laundry. Will appreciate your laundry trade. J. E. Martin.

L. E. Perkins prominent of the Canyon country was in town Saturday looking into the 15 cent cotton proposition.

Freeman Rogers who has been in Watervalley, Miss., for some time visiting relatives celebrated July 4 by returning to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farmer and little daughter of Fort Worth are here visiting Mrs. Farmers parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson of Route 5.

W. N. Thomas of Petersburg, Tenn. was here from Thursday of last week until Monday of this week visiting his sister Mrs. F. F. Clark. His mother Mrs. J. L. Thomas who has been making her home with her daughter Mrs. Clark of this place returned to Tennessee with her son.

TRIED AND PROVED GUARANTEE

Man Bought a Bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, Then took it Back and Asked For His Money and Got It

A man recently tried the guarantee which Rust & McCauley gives with every bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. He bought a bottle and then went back to the drug store and said the medicine hadn't helped him.

This druggist just reached into his cash register and took out a half dollar, the price of the bottle of Liver Tone, and handed it back to the gentleman. But he didn't take the money. He owned up that he was just trying the guarantee and as a matter of fact he had found Dodson's Liver Tone the best remedy for constipation and biliousness he had ever tried. "Why," he said, "my wife wouldn't be without a bottle in the house for anything. It's the best thing in the world for the whole family, and the medicine that I prefer to take or to give to my children for a lazy liver."

Rust & McCauley sell Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it to start the liver without violence. It is taking the place of calomel everywhere. If you buy a bottle and don't find this pleasant-tasting vegetable liquid the best thing to start a lazy liver, he will hand your money back with a smile.—adv

Curtis McLean Dead.

Curtis, the 15 year old son of R. L. McLean died of slow fever at his father's home Monday morning.

The boy had been sick for some time, his condition was such that a trained nurse was called in to wait on him but he gradually succumbed to the high fevers. Burial services were held at the White Church Cemetery Tuesday at 4 P. M. Rev. T. H. Davis. The deceased is survived by a brother who is also very low with the fever but hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes left Monday for Blair, Okla., where she will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Clarkson. Mrs. Grimes will be away for some two weeks.

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If you are a contestant be sure and get your votes in during these Three Weeks

10 Votes with Every Cent Purchase Saturday

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Compere Items.

July 8—We are needing rain in this section or the crops will be cut short of their production.

Messrs Geo. and Will Sherall are both sick at this writing, the former being down with slow fever.

Next Sunday, July 13 Rev. Tucker and Lynn begin a nion revival at this place. Everybody invited.

Fishing is the order of the day in this section.

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.—adv.

IS IT YOUR KIDNEYS?

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles—A Merkel Citizen Gives a Valuable Hint.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is where danger often lies. You should realize that these troubles often lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. An effective remedy for weak or diseased kidneys is Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the experience of a resident of Merkel who has tested Doan's.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas, says: "Different ones of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. One of us suffered from kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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Leaves For California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mrs. Ferrier's sister Miss Jessie O'Briant left Monday afternoon for Riverside, California to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Briant formerly of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier will be away for about 60 days but Miss O'Briant will remain in Riverside with her parents.

Picnic July 24 & 25.

There will be an old settlers picnic at the old Cozart Tank the famous old picnic grounds. Everybody invited to come and camp with us. Plenty of camping grounds. Bids of all rights for sale. See John Duff.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Your friends trade with the Cash Grocery. Why dont you?

A. W. Wisdom was a social visitor in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Morrow is in Dallas this week visiting relatives.

Not a big store but all fresh goods. Phone 8-0 the Cash Grocery.

Mrs. J. L. Harris was in Baird Tuesday visiting Mrs. D. L. Boyston.

Will Evans left for Ballinger Tuesday to look after business matters.

L. H. King was in Meridian last week looking after business matters.

Miss Gertrude Thornton of Dallas was here visiting friends from Saturday to Monday.

B. B. Throop returned Wednesday from Navasota where he has been visiting relatives.

Miss Leila Nisbet came in from Abilene Tuesday to visit her sister Mrs. Carl Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of Bremond came in Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Mr. Allen's sister Mrs. W. A. Sheppard.

Doss Sheppard of Dallas came in Friday to visit his parents and family. He was to have returned Sunday but remained on account of his aunt Mrs. W. A. Sheppard having taken dangerously ill.

Aaron Birdsong of Tenn., returned to Merkel last week for a visit with his brother Ernest Birdsong who has been here for his health for the past eight months.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On Thursday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock Miss Evalyne Williams entertained her friends at her home on North First street, complimentary to her guest Mrs. John Robertson of Meridian and Mrs. Robert Grimes. Pot plants, ferns and cut flowers added charm to the prettily arranged home. Score cards and tally sheets bearing evidence of the nearness of the glorious Fourth marked couples and tables for nine tables for the devotees of progressive 42. Little Miss Lenora Williams punched. Mrs. J. P. Sutphen won a beautiful bunch of daisies for progression, in a cut with Mrs. L. D. Gaither, Miss Elma Sheppard and Mrs. R. O. Anderson. Mrs. Sutphen divided the daisies, presenting half to each honoree who then gave a daisy to every guest present as a souvenir of this delightful affair. Miss Dorothy Lee Potter presided over the punch bowl. With the serving of the iced course the patriotic coloring was used in the lunch cloths. The hostess was assisted by Miss Fannie Burroughs and Miss Dorothy Lee Potter in serving cake and sherbert to the guests.

Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Blair honored Messrs. Clifford Goens and Chester Hall with an ice cream supper at her home last Thursday night. Numerous games were played on the beautifully lighted lawn in which all enjoyed themselves immensely. At nine-thirty the young men selected their partners and all enjoyed a delicious ice cream and cake course. Covers were laid for over fifty friends. The guests departed at a late hour, all thanking the hostess for their jolly time and making her promise to have it over again soon.—One Present.

On Tuesday evening of last week Miss Eufie Cypert entertained a crowd of joy makers with a slumber party. An evening brimful of mirth was provided for each maiden fair. They were Misses Eather Williams, Clara, Fannie Pearl and Mamie Moore, Ethel Jenkins, Hollis Cypert and the hostess. Delicious refreshments were served.

Monday evening of last week Miss Zora Coggin served a lovely appointed six o'clock dinner at her home in honor of Miss Jessie O'Briant. Covers were laid for Misses Jessie O'Briant, Mabe Collins and the hostess, Messrs J. E. Faucett, Homer L. Easterwood and Dee Grimes.

On Thursday evening Misses Mabe Collins, Elma Sheppard and Jessie O'Briant enjoyed a slumber party given by Miss Zora Coggin who honored Miss O'Briant. The usual good time was reported with a delicious luncheon and a midnight feast.

Miss Jaunita Young of Abilene and cousin Miss Rowena Jackson of Waco were here here Tuesday evening visiting Miss Agnes Hall and their cousin Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson. Mr. Paul Jones of Abilene was also a member of the party at a seven o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson. The visitors returned to Abilene on the 11:26 T. & P.

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 druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—adv.

Objectionable Onion.

There is an old saying to the effect that an apple a day will keep the doctor away. And an onion a day will keep everybody away.—Blldford Journal.

Thompson-Herring.

The home of D. C. Herring of Noodle was the scene of a pretty wedding Sunday evening at 8 o'clock when Mr. J. C. Thompson and Miss Hattie Herring were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Miss Herring is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring of Noodle and enjoys a wide social friendship of that country. Mr. Thompson has been connected with the Noodle schools during the past year. Rev. Young officiated at the marriage.

The Best Medicine in The World

"My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy cured her, and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. William Orvis, Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Idea Not Attractive.

"Why don't you write a play?" asked an actress of the late David Graham Phillips. "I have too many other ways of breaking my heart!" he replied, with a bitterness which suggested that he had already experimented in the matter.

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.—adv.

Luke McLuke Says.

When two women get real chummy and lay their souls bare before one another it is a sign that they are to be deadly enemies in a few weeks.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

At First Glance.

A man usually identifies the woman who interests him with the mood in which he first saw her, even with the clothes she happened to be wearing.—"Tamsie," by Rosamund Napier.

Not Inconvenienced.

"Did the dissolution of your gigantic corporation cause you inconvenience?" "Not the slightest," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "I needed an enlarged and improved system of branch offices, anyhow."

Saved by Cigarette Case.

Ambulance surgeons tell of many cases where a bullet has struck a man's cigarette case a glancing blow and not even so much as pierced the lining of the pocket in which the case was carried.

Shaving a Monkey.

A coxcomb once said to a barber's boy, "Did you ever shave a monkey?" "Why, no, sir," replied the boy, "never; but if you will please to sit down, I will try."

Why She Was Mad.

"Why is she mad?" "He told her she had an appetite like a bird." "Well, that was a compliment." "She had just been reading how birds eat their own weight in a day."

Ambiguous.

Mrs. Knagg—"You may not know it, but I had refused Billy Batch, who stood up with you when we were married." Mr. Knagg—"Well, the best man won."

Reforming.

Too often reformers who are keen on converting the other half to cold, calm consideration of every act, go at reforms with the most heated frenzy.

Few Weather Facts.

California has the least number of thunder storms, and Alabama and Florida have the greatest number. Florida has the most even temperature.

Common Affliction.

A country officer-elect, inflated by favorable editorials during the campaign, is getting so unbearably swelled that his friends talk of the paddle cure.—Emporia Gazette.

Famous Bell of Moscow.

The largest bell is the great bell at Moscow, which is 86 feet in circumference at the bottom, over 21 feet high, and 23 inches thick at the top. Its weight has been computed at 217 tons. It has never been hung.



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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.

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At Brentford, England, a woman complained that her husband stayed away from home for several days. She was talking volubly when the magistrate remarked that he was not surprised that her husband went away. "If you talk as glibly to him as you do to me," he added, "he would want a week's rest occasionally."

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Probably What He Wanted.

The following was one of King Edward's favorites: "A very well-known K. C. sent to an eminent physician and surgeon, who is a familiar figure in Portland place, the following wire: 'My wife's mother is lying at death's door. Will you come around and try to pull her through?' It is a true 'true story,' as Miss Mar declares, and the physician did pull her through—health.

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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.—adv.

Worried Hero.

A critic of Wells' novel, "Marriage," finds in the confounding of the hero "the desire to have it all ways; to possess a woman who shall have all the charm and the caprice of the eternal feminine; who shall, by the grossness of her desires and the pettiness of conversation, give him an agreeable sense of superiority, and yet shall, to order, acquire deep spiritual insight when her husband feels he needs it."

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble

When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengle, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.—adv

Accomplishing.

It is very important that the young man select his life work early and bend every energy toward accomplishing something. One of the most common causes of failure in this life lies in the fact that men do not see the importance of being thorough until it is too late.—Florence Vidette.

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Not All Owing to Wife.

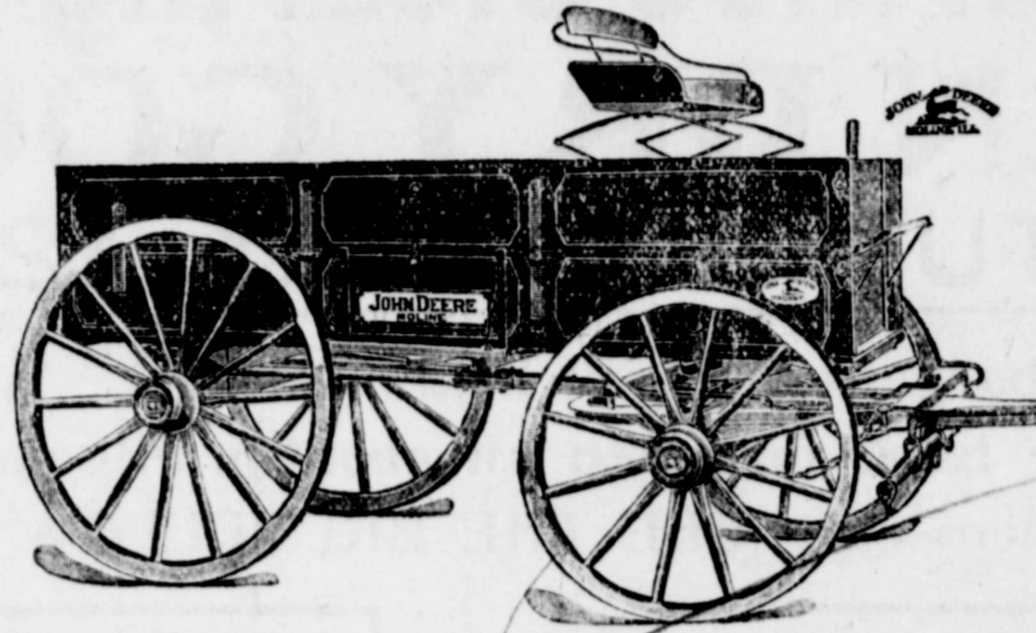
"Biggins says he owes everything to his wife." "That isn't true," replied Biggins' father-in-law. "His wife quit lending him anything years ago and then he started in owing me."—Washington Star.

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BAPTIST MEETING CLOSED SUNDAY

Rev. W. M. Gaddy pastor of the Baptist church closed a very successful three weeks meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night.

In all there have been over 40 additions to the church, three of which united the last night of the meeting as a whole it has been one of the most successful ever held in Merkel. To the church there has been a great organizing effect and uptold benefit to the renewed fellowship of members. The work might have been carried on further but Rev. Gaddy thought it best for the present at least to close the week day services. One reason being that he had other field work to do and a short time would transpire until he would have to take it up.

City Depository.

Notice is hereby given that the city council will meet in adjourned, regular session on Monday night, July 21st., 1913, for the purpose of receiving and considering sealed proposals for the custody of the city funds of the City of Merkel, Texas, for a period of one year from said date. Any banking corporation, association or individual banker doing business within the said City of Merkel, may submit a sealed proposal, as herein before provided. R. A. McClain City Secretary.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 12, 1913.

- Bowen, Henry
 - Daniels, Mrs. M. D.
 - Hallon, Miss Ratchell
- If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 26, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Candy Refrigerator.

The Elite Confectionery is in receipt of a new refrigerator candy case this week and have been getting it cooled off and will have in good working order by Saturday. It is neat and up to date having transparent double glass walls.

Woman Given High Position.

In Switzerland a woman has been appointed to the chief inspectorship of factories, a coveted position hitherto held only by men. This appointment is the outcome of a special commission which met to inquire into factory conditions of the various cantons. Owing to the great increase of women in industrial life the desirability of a woman as chief inspector was unanimously agreed upon by the commission.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble.

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's 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.—adv.

Diplomatic Youth.

Seven-year-old Bobbie brought his first report home from school, and it was bad. His mother scolded him, but he bore up bravely, and at the end of the maternal lecture he said by way of encouragement: "After all, ma, the greatest thing in life is health."

Greek Fire to Be Used Again.

To stop following hostile vessels or even for purposes of attack when the conditions are right a German naval officer has invented a Greek fire that will burn while floating on water.

STOP - READ - LISTEN

The Big Sacrifice Clearing Sale of The PARTEN DRY GOODS CO OPENS SATURDAY JULY 12 AT 8 A. M.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh Items

July 8--Rev. Strubland of Abilene spent Sunday night at Mr. Grayson's Ernest Horton and Mrs. Fogelman were down from Rotan to see his sister Mrs. Laura Carter Sunday.

Sam Grayson has had the hay baler at his farm the past few days.

Quite a crowd from here attended the picnic at Bland's Tank and another big crowd attended the picnic at Sylvester.

Jerry King and John Turner who have been at work in this community returned to their homes at Blair Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Ollie Alford who has been here visiting her mother Mrs. Cade returned to Abilene last week.

Miss Ether Ballas returned Tuesday to her home after a short visit here with relatives.

Mrs. Rap Green who has been on the sick list is reported better.

An error was made in last week's news items the name of Mr. Hart should have been Hail and the name of Lidge Hand should have been Lidge Howel instead.

Trent Items.

July 8--Well the 4th has come and gone and no one hurt. They all seem to have enjoyed the day fine.

A number of the White Flat people took an outing on Sweetwater creek the 4th. Fishing, eating cream and playing marbles seemed to be the program for the day. In the afternoon Fred Hale and Geo. Keagan the champion players (they thought) seem to have things going their way, and did until P. C. Eorrester and Clayton Hale got the dinner dishes put away and come to the aid of the other boys, Fred and Geo. soon got enough and quit.

Claud Bigham, G. M. McElMurry and Geo. Keagan can eat cream as fast as any two men can freeze it. The good women had prepared a fine dinner and I don't think that any one went away hungry except C. M. Kelley, W. A. Kerr, E. Keagan, H. L. Lester, Bernie

Forrester and Loss Williams they were too bashful to get around the table.

Miss Maggie Hale returned Sunday from Midland where she has been visiting her aunt Mrs. E. E. Eiland for the past several days.

T. M. Smith and family of Merkel spent Sunday in Trent.

James Bright and wife returned Monday morning from a three week's tour through east Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Bright says that crop conditions are good where he has been but says west Texas looks better to him.

Miss Bessie Clark of Abilene came in Thursday to spend a few days with her sister Mrs. L. W. Ross.

G. M. Scott and family spent Sunday with H. N. Smith and family.

W. W. Johnson and wife left Thursday for Midland to visit their daughter Mrs. W. H. Neeb.

Odell Sipe had business in Clyde Saturday.

We are glad to report Campbell Morris improving.

Dave Keagan was thrown out of his cart the Fourth and received several bruises but hope nothing serious.

Blair Items.

July 7--The farmers are busy harvesting their maize crops.

Rev. J. B. Sibley filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A large and appreciative audience was out to hear him.

D. A. Sherrill and family were visitors in the home of Jim Moore Sunday.

Misses Adelia Campbell and Mamie Graves were visiting Miss Mattie Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Wilson entertained her many friends at her home Thursday evening. Ice cream and cake were served.

The singing class met Sunday night at the school house and had a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Ella Meeks visited relatives at Herndon last week.

The friends of J. L. McLean met Saturday and worked his crop. Mr. McLean has been kept close at home for some time on account of continued sickness in his family.

Hugh Campbell returned from Herndon Monday and reports Campbell Morris much better.

Mrs. R. J. Meeks is reported sick at this writing.

Salt Branch News.

July 8--Several from this place attended the services at Stith Sunday.

A few young people of the Warren community attended the singing here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Van West and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel spent Sunday with W. M. Hays and family.

We are sorry to report that Grandma Barker is very low.

R. D. Allen and wife attended church at Merkel Sunday.

W. B. Beavers left Monday to spend this week on his farm in the Shiloh country.

Porter Petty and family and Ellis Petty and family spent the Fourth on Mulberry fishing.

Several young people from this place attended singing at Merkel Sunday night.

An officer was called out from Merkel one morning last week to make an arrest at the home of R. D. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen were away from the house and their little girl alone at the home. The child while washing the dishes saw a tramp peeping through the back window at her. She ran to the field where her parents were and reported the incident, after being consoled by her parents long enough to tell what really had happened. No arrest was made as the tramp had done nothing more than scare the child and declared that he was too old to work and was looking for something to eat.

The protracted meeting begins at Salt Branch on Friday night, July 11. Rev. W. M. Gaddy of Merkel will assist Rev. Walker of Stith in the meeting. The meeting will be in need of your attendance and we respectfully invite everybody to come and help make it a success.

Route Three Items.

July 8--The farmers of this section are beginning to need more rain in order to keep conditions and prospects up to the standard already set this year.

Sunday school at Castle Peak has been dismissed on account of the attendance.

The party at Frank Whisenhunt's Friday night was attended by a large

crowd. All report an enjoyable evening.

W. H. Hathaway and Roy Baccus were in Merkel transacting business matters Saturday.

Mr. Atkins and family of Inkum were visiting their daughter Mrs. Frank Whisenhunt Thursday and Friday.

Almer Barnes has treated himself to a new buggy.

Misses Ruth Doan and Pearl Baccus attended the singing at Mount Pleasant Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barnes visited the formers parents Thursday afternoon.

Misses Gertrude and Eunice Pylant of Caps were in this section Friday visiting their sister Mrs. Sammie Frazier.

W. H. Hathaway and wife and Mrs. Baccus and family made a trip to Clyde last week in search of fruit.

Hoyt Harvin made a pleasant call at Nubia Sunday afternoon.

Mulberry News.

July 8--Miss Martha Bird was here Saturday and Sunday visiting home folks.

Dan Chances and daughters were the guests of Uncle Bob Britton and daughter Saturday.

Charley Harrison and Frank Rogers had their wheat thrashed last week. The average was 7 bushels per acre.

Clint Allen and family, Will Higgins and children and S. W. Taylor and children were in our community last week watching the thresher.

Mrs. Annie Rogers has been on the sick list for the past week.

John Daniels and children attended services at Stith Sunday.

Frank Rogers, Jim Barnes and Henry Praithor visited Bob Peterson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Oliver McCormick spent Tuesday with Mrs. Bob Britton.

Crops are looking well but are beginning to need rain.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

July 8--Mrs. W. C. Perry is very sick. Dr. Martin of Dora was called in to see her Saturday.

Jess Smith and family of Nubia spent the Fourth with his uncle J. N. Hallmark who has been very sick of the late.

Messrs Hart and Harveley of Abilene were in Inkum Thursday looking after some insurance business.

Quite a number of young people of this place attended the picnic at Bland's Tank last week.

There was a candy breaking at A. F. Williams' Friday night.

O. H. Wilson and wife were in Ovalo trading Saturday.

Mrs. A. B. Crews and children of Big Springs are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton of this country.

Leslie Hill of Nubia was in this section visiting his folks Saturday.

Mrs. Hefferman is visiting her children near View this week.

Noah Brookerson is very sick at this writing. A physician was called in and pronounced the case well developed typhoid fever.

Mrs. W. O. Perry returned home Wednesday from Graham where she was called to the bedside of her mother, however her mother died before she reached there.

Horace Hefferman and S. K. White were transacting business in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Mitchell are traveling now for Mrs. Mitchell's health. She has been in very bad health for some time and it is hoped that the change of climate and conditions will be of benefit to her.

Mrs. S. K. White and daughter Miss Viola visited relatives near Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday.

Key Wilson from Guion visited relatives at Inkum Sunday.

O. W. Phipps and wife are entertaining a baby girl at their home the last few days.

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