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SUITS FILED IN JUSTICE COURT

When Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb opens his court next Monday the following cases will be called for trial.

Ed Scott vs. Barney Garrett on account.

J. L. Harris vs. J. D. Southworth on note.

Geo. D. Richie vs. B. L. and J. C. Dulin on note.

Addisson & Miller vs. Jessie H. Davis on account.

Geo. L. Miller vs. S. J. Pate on two notes.

Geo. L. Miller vs. S. J. Pate on account.

Sam and Westly Derstine vs. S. M. and Cecil Stephens on account.

W. I. Cogburn vs. Eugene Hargrove on note.

Armour & Co. vs. J. H. Oliver on account.

Geo. L. Miller vs. Lee Carter on note.

Geo. L. Miller vs. J. S. Rosson on account.

J. B. Thomas vs. M. H. Ray on note.

S. P. Foster vs. W. H. Kendrick on account.

R. A. McClain vs. W. N. Hall, Garnishee on W. O. Dulin for account.

Hogue-Hamilton Co. vs. D. J. and J. B. Gardner on account.

J. A. Addisson vs. E. D. McCoy on note.

W. V. Cranford vs. S. E. Adcock on account.

The case of J. A. Joiner vs. Will Parmely, was decided last week in favor of the plaintiff. The case in substance was a retainer suit on land worked by Joiner last year, but recently occupied by Parmely. The case was appealed to higher court.

NO. 366

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 13th day of Jan. 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of Jan., 1914

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$111,402.95
Loans, real estate	4,508.15
Overdrafts	875.24
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	26,996.54
Cash Items	1,521.88
Currency	10,161.00
Specie	4,632.75—43,032.17
Int. dep. G. F. and Ass. Cty. Fund	745.08
Other Resources as follows	14,141.67
Total	\$190,705.29

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,899.02
Due to Banks and Bankers, sub. to check	None
Individual Deposits subject to check	141,258.09
Time Certificates of Deposits	400.00
Cashier's checks	10,098.18
Other Liabilities as follows	200.00
Total	\$190,705.29

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of Jan. A. D. 1914. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:

B. C. Moore }
Jno. Sears } Directors
M. Armstrong }

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dodd are at home again after an extended visit with relatives in Alabama.

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In these articles we have not wished to dwell too exclusively on the mere material things involved. It has been said that money will buy everything but happiness and that it is a passport to everywhere except heaven. But we may spend our money wisely so that it will bring a large share of happiness to ourselves as well as to others, or we may spend it foolishly so that none are benefited. Here in the great and growing Southwest we have our own problems.

All the great manufactures who advertise their products throughout the length and breadth of the land pay their employes living wages. Their factories are clean, sanitary and comfortable and the homes of their employes are as a rule the same. This statement will apply to practically every advertiser using the columns of reliable publications. In fact, the publicity given their goods is so great that they must expect to have a certain amount of publicity for their manufacturing plants and employes as well. The men at the head of these great industries know that it pays to have healthful, happy employes, just the same as it pays to manufacture a uniformly good article of merchandise.

How different do we find conditions in the great sweatshops and tenements where are manufactured the shoddy and inferior articles that are sold with no name and no brand to indicate from whence they came. It is in these places that we find workers with consumption and other dread diseases. And it is too often the case that infectious diseases are spread in just this way. It is among these overworked and underpaid toilers that nearly all the great strikes occur. Remember these things and demand that your dealer supply you with trademarked-advertised merchandise. You will get a better quality of goods and at the same time help to better industrial conditions throughout the entire country.

NEWS BREVITIES STATE AND NATION

Mrs. Lizzie Allred and two sons age 5 and 2 were burned to death at Paris, Texas. Mrs. Allred attempted to start a fire using a five gallon can of oil. The explosion tore the house to bits. Only charred remains of the three were found.

Burglars secured \$900 worth of Stamps, \$500 worth of diamonds and \$96.00 in money by blowing open three safes at Spur Sunday night.

The six year old daughter of John DeBord was run over by an automobile at Tehuacana in Limestone county Sunday. She died Sunday night.

M. F. Taylor, wife and two children of Fort Worth were found dead from gun shot wounds Tuesday afternoon. A gun was found by Taylor's side.

W. H. Dirks of Lockhart was found dead Sunday with a large shotgun wound in his left breast.

Ballinger has been awarded the Hollands Magazine prize of a sanitary drinking fountain for the city schools for being the cleanest town in the state.

Burglars entered the Pickens & Wilsons store at Newport Texas Sunday and secured \$100 worth of stamps belonging to the post office.

Phil Shindler a pugilist of Santa Rosa, Cal., was knocked out Saturday by Charles Kirby another fighter. Shindler died Sunday, it is reported from a broken neck sustained from the powerful blow Kirby landed on Shindler's head when the knock-out came. Kirby was jailed.

Approximately six residences and stores of Abilene have been entered by burglars within the last few days. The largest amount taken from any place was \$25.00

NO. 7491 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

In the state of Texas, at the close of business January 13 1914:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$98,301.42
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	435.89
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,500.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	300.00
Furniture, and fixtures	3,000.00
Other real estate owned	4,557.35
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	3,294.45
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks	74.15
Due from approved reserve agents	36,957.73
Checks and other cash items	489.30
Notes of other National Banks	2,975.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	65.56
Bill of Exchange on cotton	3,726.185
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie	20,303.75
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00—24,303.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$188,654.15
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus fund	35,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,205.88
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	1,010.74
Due to state and private banks and bankers	721.35
Individual Deposits subject to check	12,945.26
Demand certificates of deposit	10,324.98
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	387.35
Postal Savings Deposit	1,023.49
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Reserved for Taxes	785.30
Total	\$188,654.1

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Jan, 1914.
G. W. Johnson }
(SEAL) Notary Public
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, }
G. F. West, } Directors
Ben T. Merritt }

The Texas Almanac.

A new Texas directory, The Texas Almanac published by the Galveston-Dallas News, is now being sent out to newspapers over the country. This new directory is similar to the Almanac the Dallas News furnished its patrons during recent years but is more complete in every respect. It gives valuable information concerning Texas and is well worth the sale price of 30 cents.

J. C. Hamner was in Merkel the first of the week looking after business matters.

SEVEN MORE DAYS TO PAY TAXES

With only seven more days in which to pay your poll tax you should not delay in getting the matter off your hands.

Practically every man in the county is going to want to vote this year, especially the people of the Merkel country who are very likely to have more than one election on their hands. Tax assessor Harkrider is each day adding to the list of paid poll tax receipts but yet there remains a large portion of Taylor county's voting taxes unpaid.

It is the duty of every citizen to pay his poll tax every year and it now becomes the serious duty of every voter in this precinct to arm himself with the white slip bearing the pink letters "1913" across its face. If you have not sufficient time to visit the collectors office your banker can pay your poll tax for you and in that way save you the expense of a trip to Abilene. Do it now.

Sermon Next Sunday.

Im very anxious to have my members and friends to hear the sermons for next Sunday—every sermon, as to that—for, should I stay here four years, I will have only one time to preach each sermon.

Please help me with your prayers, and combined spiritual force. It is my desire to preach each sermon as if it were the only theme of the Universe.

11 a. m.—"Broken Cisterns that hold no water"—Jeremiah 2:11-13.

7:15 p. m.—"The Choice of a Wise Man"—Hebrews 11:24-26, Ed. R. Wallace.

Baird Store Robbed.

Sometime Saturday night or early Sunday morning a burglar entered one of the hardware stores at Baird and took several razors and a few pairs of gloves.

FIRE DESTROYS STORE AT BLAIR

Blair was the scene of a conflagration Saturday night which completely destroyed the mercantile establishment of S. E. Adcock, an old-timer in this county, entailing a loss of \$4,000 to building and contents and carrying \$2,400 insurance.

It was with quite an effort Mr. Adcock and others kept the fire from spreading into the post office near and in doing so Mr. Adcock who has been in bad health for some time sustained some bad strains owing to his weakened condition from an operation for appendicitis.

The building was first noticed on fire about 11:30 o'clock, a short time after Mr. Adcock had closed the place.

To Preach Here Sunday.

Rev. Herbert Bullock of Garland is coming here Sunday and will preach two sermons at the Presbyterian church. The first sermon will be at 11 a. m., and the other at 7:15 p. m. Rev. Bullock comes here highly recommended as a preacher and the members of the local Presbyterian church cordially invite your attendance at both these services.

Caught Eagle.

G. E. Comegy returned from a sort business trip to Clyde last week, bringing with him a large eagle captured by parties in that section of the country. The eagle is now the property of his son, J. C. Comegy, who has mounted it and will soon have it on display at the Star Store. The bird measured 7 feet from tip to tip of its wings.

NO. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 13th day of Oct. 1913, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of January, 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$23,779.92
Loans, real estate	3,230.00
Overdrafts	544.14
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	36,447.57
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ok., net	733.50—6,181.07
Currency	3,648.00
Specie	659.65—4,237.68
Interest and assessment in Depositors Guarantees Fund	423.36
Other Resources as follows:	
Bills of exchange cotton	9,914.68
Total	\$50,655.87

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	8,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,311.26
Individual deposits, subject to check	33,123.75
Cashier's checks	321.52
Bills payable and rediscounts	None
Total	\$50,655.87

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. T. Warren as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, Pres.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of Jan. A. D., 1914. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) R. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: R. B. Johnson }
G. F. West } Directors

Seven men were killed and three wounded at McAlester, Okla., Monday when 3 convicts tried to escape from the penitentiary.

COMPARATIVE DEPOSITS

Aug. 9th. 1913 - \$123,098.73
 Oct. 21st. 1913 - 146,450.12
 Jan. 13th. 1914 - 151,696.27

Our Steady Growth in the Past Year Reflects the Confidence of the Public.

Condensed Statement of Condition of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL : TEXAS

Close of Business January 13, 1914.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$117,911.13	Capital Stock	\$35,000.00
Overdrafts	875.24	Surplus & Profits	3,809.02
Ass'mnt Gty. Fund...	745.08	Reserved for Taxes	200.00
Furniture & Fixtures.	4,500.00	Borrowed Money	None
Banking House	9,500.00	Deposits...	151,696.27
Cash & Exchange	57,173.84		
Total	\$190,705.29	Total	\$190,705.29

The above statement is correct, R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

WAR AFFAIRS IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20.—Fighting between a scouting party of the Zapata forces and a small detachment of Federals at Tizapan, a suburb, connected with the capital by street car line, has renewed the fear of another series of raids within the Federal district. The Federal detachment, which was a part of the famous Twenty-Ninth regiment, lost a number in wounded and was unable to follow the rebels, to whom, it is reported, some of the government forces deserted.

Fighting Near San Luis Potosi.
 Trains at Saltillo are loaded with reinforcements and supplies for Gen. Velasco, the Federal commander at Torreon, but their departure has been delayed. Between Saltillo and San Luis Potosi the rebels are resisting the northward movement of General Maas. Fighting is in progress around Matehuala.

President Huerta ordered Adolfo de la Lama, who is now in Europe, to report to him in person. As yet the president has made no statement with reference to the acceptance of Senor de la Lama's resignation as minister of foreign finance.

The General Maas whose death was reported from Mexico City, is believed to be General Joaquin Maas, Jr., son of the governor of Puebla, and nephew of General Gustavo Maas, operating in the vicinity of Vera Cruz.

Huerta's Reason in Danger.
 Mexico City, Jan. 19.—A crisis in the affairs of Mexico so far as the rule of Gen. Huerta is concerned, is at hand. A break is looked for momentarily by friends and foes of the administration, so great is the tension. It is believed that the Dictator's reason is beginning to totter.

Driven to the point of desperation by the defeat at Ojinaga of the army of the North, and by the death of Gen. Maas upon whom he depended upon to defend the Southern portion of the republic against invasion by Francisco Villa and his myriad of victorious and exultant followers, Gen. Huerta is today a nervous wreck.

He is drinking heavily but his potations do not quiet his nerves.

He declares that he will take the field in person in order to prevent the coming of the forces of Villa and Carranza to the capital and declares that only his presence on the field is needed to inspire the forces of the government to deeds of valor.

His break with the Catholic party which resulted in the sending of Fernandez Somellera, national chairman of the Catholic party, to Vera Cruz to be imprisoned in the fortress Juan de Ulna and the suppression of the Catholic newspaper La Nacion Saturday afternoon, was one of the most powerful of the many evidences given during the past 36 or 48 hours of the mental distraction of the dictator.

The imprisonment of Somellera on a charge of having plotted against the administration was contrary to the advice of Huerta's best friends who tried to convince him that the Catholic leader had been implicated in no plot; that his imprisonment would be looked upon as persecution and would alienate the sympathies and influence of all the Catholics of the nation.

Gen. Huerta remained at the executive offices in the national palace all night, surrounded by a few close friends, and with heavy guards about the building and in every corridor and passageway. His advisors are doing everything possible to prevent him from taking the field in person at the head of Federal troops in an attempt to regain Chihuahua City.

While the death of Gen. Maas is felt deeply, Gen. Huerta cannot get over

the loss of Ojinaga, and the surrender of the remnant of his once great army of the North to the United States government.

At one time, as he nervously paced the executive office, he exclaimed: "If I could only get Mercado here I would kill him on sight. He sold me out. I wish to God I had a dozen American generals to help me."

The truth concerning Gen. Huerta's mental condition got abroad during the night, despite the attempts made to guard ingress and egress to and from the National Palace, and caused much excitement throughout the city.

Many rumors are rife, all of which tend to rather excite the people. One of the rumors was that a band of Carranzistas in the City of Mexico has determined not to let the dictator leave the city alive, and others were that the city was to be attacked within thirty-six hours from all sides by the combined forces of Carranzistas and Zapatistas and Villistas, notwithstanding that it was well known that the leaders of each of these three great parties of rebels were hundreds of miles away.

It was rumored that the suburb, Cuernavaca, had been attacked and captured by a band of Zapatistas after the Federal defenders had deserted to the rebels. The telegraph and telephone lines to Cuernavaca are in control of the government, and the truth of the situation cannot be learned.

\$600,000 BOND ISSUE CARRIES

Bell County to Spend This Amount to Build Good Roads—Temple Is Concluded.

TEMPLE, Jan. 19.—The good road bond election held in justice precinct No. 5 of Bell county, has carried by an overwhelming majority. The amount voted on was \$600,000 and the proceeds of the election will be used to construct a complete system of highways in the precinct concerned. The farmers in this section are strong advocates of good highways and they voted almost unanimously in favor of the issue. The bonds will be disposed of at an early date and work will commence shortly. The precinct embraces Temple.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Jan. 19.—Fearing that concentration at Chihuahua of his 8,000 soldiers, which were at Ojinaga, might cause disorders in the town, General Villa has ordered the movement of the different brigades of his army to their regular garrisons in the different towns in the state of Chihuahua. Two forces of General Manuel Chao and General Malcovich Herrera have been sent by special trains to Jimenez and Parral, and the soldiers under General Tomas Urbina and general Jose Rodriguez have gone to Santa Rosalia. General Ortega's command remains in Chihuahua.

The troops will remain in these garrisons until the order for the march to Torreon is given. They will en-

train at the different towns where they are located.

FEDERALS TO MAKE ATTACK

1,000 Under Alvarez to Engage Rebels 12 Miles From Laredo, and Later Attack Matamoros.

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 20.—One thousand Federals under General Alvarez left here today to attack a band of Rebels encamped twelve miles down the river.

After this attack, the Federals, aided by reinforcements, expect to attack Matamoros.

PARIS, France, June 20.—The French foreign office today instructed its Mexican Minister to protest to President Huerta against the suspension of the interest payments on the public debt.

The loans were secured by the Mexican custom office, and it is understood that the note to Huerta intimates that France will exercise its privilege of forced collection of duties.

The note also implies that there is a tacit approval of the policy of the United States.

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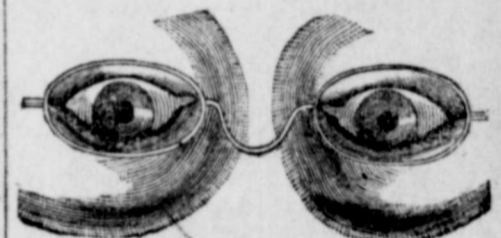
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Mesdames T. J. Coggin and Fred Bigham and Misses Elma Sheppard, Zora Coggin and Agnes Hall motored to Abilene Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd and little son Fred Mrs. C. K. Russell and little daughter Anna Lou, Misses Lizzie Calvert and Ezma Allday motored to Abilene Saturday evening to attend the carnival.

FOR SALE—Bundle maize 4 cents. Then heads \$1.10 per hundred. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Route 1.

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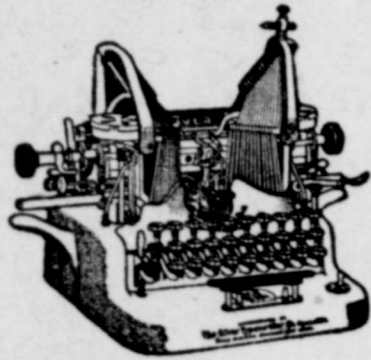
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Gentlemen: Without any obligation whatsoever, please send Oliver Typewriter Catalog, with specimen of Printype and particulars of your 17-Cents-a-Day Plan.

Name _____
Address _____

Small Damage by Fire.

The home of Rev. and Mrs. Gaddy was the scene of a small blaze Friday night. They were not at home at the time the fire and from indications found, it seems that the fire started from an electric iron. The iron was against some bed clothes and evidently had the current on, as soon as the current started up in the evening the iron grew hotter until it caused the cloth it was touching to catch afire. Prompt assistance from some firemen and outsiders with a little bucket work soon put the fire out. The damage was very light.

G. B. Brown of Trent was in Merkel Tuesday on business.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. T. L. Cross returned to her home at Sweetwater the latter part of last after a few days visit with her daughter Mrs. A. C. Chanocy.

Light Crust flour, try it. Its the best by test. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Lee Carter and daughter Miss Allie were visitors in Abilene Thursday.

J. A. Collins for fruit and potatoes at the Pure Food Bakery.

Bring your laundry to the Pure Food Bakery or 'phone 48 and we will call for it.

Mrs. C. C. Bankhead was the week end guest of her aunt Mrs. A. C. Leamon of Trent.

Absolutely new. Our line of ladies and mens oxfords. J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Mrs. T. B. McConner and children of Big Springs are visiting Mrs. Jack Provine-

Watch and clock repairing by Sublett the jeweler at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store. 16 t 4

Ladies messaline skirts, new ones just arrived. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. Grace Thomas of Tye is visiting Mrs. I. B. Valentine.

Best Brookston Hay at G. M. Sharp's.

Misses Lucille Belle and Louise Warren visited friends in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mrs. J. J. Prater is visiting is her brother M. D. Southland at Caps this week.

We pay the highest cash market price for your chickens and fryers. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Messrs. Booth Warren and Davel Johnson visited in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Scolarship to Roberts Business College of Weatherford for sale cheap if sold at once. Call at Star Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Free and little daughter were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ussery Saturday and Sunday.

Light Crust flour for sale by the Anchor Mercantile Co.

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Bring all the hides you have to J. B. Bell & Son.

Light Crust flour for sale by the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Upper: Ten Flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Plenty Bran and Shorts at G. M. Sharps'.

J. L. Banner returned home Saturday night from Fort Worth, Dallas and Denton where he has been attending to business matters the past week.

Be sure and investigate the improved J. I. Case Cell Drop planter now being exhibited by the West Texas Hardware Co.

Plenty of hay, oats, corn, brann and shorts at the Kent Street Grocery Co.

Come in and see our new line of gingham. J. P. Sharp.

The West Texas Hardware Co. have just received a shipment of J. I. Case Cell Drop planters.

M. D. Ussery made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Light Crust flour, try it. Its the best by test. Anchor Mercantile Co.

L. D. Gaither returned Wednesday from a short business trip to El Paso.

Mrs. Robt. Deaton and son Bert have returned to their home at Stephenville after an extended to the former mother Mrs. I. B. Valetine.

See N. Roberts for frostless cabbageplants and fresh Texas cabbage, etc.

Eld. W. G. Cypert and son Rotan were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

"Shoo" the hens off the nest and bring us the eggs. Kent Street Grocery Co.

Pure mebane cotton seed. See me. Jno. D. Gaither.

Send your children to Burroughs Drug Store for all kinds of school supplies.

Safety Hatch Incubators for sale by the Anchor Mercantile Company.

Light Crust flour, try it. Its the best by test. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. W. B. Farmer left Monday evening for Sweetwater to visit her son O. F. Farmer.

Miss Maxie Banner is visiting her cousin R. H. Reaves and family at Trent.

R. H. Reaves, merchant of Trent, was transacting business in our city the first of the week.

THE MOLER BARBER COLLEGE of Ft. Worth Tex. wants men to learn the Barber Trade. They offer splendid inducements and a short term completes. They mail free a beautiful catalogue and ask all our readers to send for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Bufford of Adilene are visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bufford.



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RESOURCES

Loans	\$98,737.28
U. S. Bond and Premiums	7,950.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	71,997.12
Total	\$188,654.15

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	30,205.68
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	15,000.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	127,198.47
Total	\$188,654.15

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Sustains Self Injury

While cutting wood several days ago Mr. Otho Smith of Trent was a victim of a peculiar accident. The axe he was using glanced and he struck himself with the sharp blade just above the ankle. The wound inflicted was not dangerous but was very ugly in that the blade of the axe sank very deep into the flesh along side the leg bone. Mr. Smith is able to be out on crutches and is bemeaning himself for having been hurt while trying to attend to his wife's business.

Mrs. S. C. Redding Dead.

Mrs. S. C. Redding died very suddenly at her home south of Merkel Thursday of last week. It seems that Mrs. Redding retired Wednesday night in good health and during the night some time was seized with a spell of coughing which was quickly followed by her death. Interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery Thursday evening. Rev. Scott preaching the funeral. At the time of her death Mrs. Redding was 59 years of age. She is survived by a husband and five children, one son and four daughters.

Died of Congestion

The two year old child of Mr. Mrs. Chas. Roland of Route 3 died January 9th, of congestion and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery of this place the following day. Rev. Perry King of Abilene preached the funeral. The attack of which the child died was very severe and medical aid seemed of no avail. The following was handed us in memory of the deceased child.

We have lost our darling, baby,
She has bid us all adew,
Oh that darling, how we loved her;
Oh how hard to give her up,
But an angel came down for her
And took her from our flock.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pure mebane cotton seed. See me. Jno. D. Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and children, Evelyn and John Dick, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittian, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brown and Miss Cecile Haley of Matador spent the week-end with Mrs. Jackson's mother Mrs. L. G. Roberts at Nugent. The party motored over on motorcycles and in an automobile.

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Seymores Best flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. Tom Cotton who has been visiting her mother Mrs. H. H. Nesbit at Fluvana enroute to her home at Jacksboro is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Carl Evans.

White Leghorn flour \$2.25 per Hundred at G. M. Sharp's.

Maize Chops at G. M. Sharp's.

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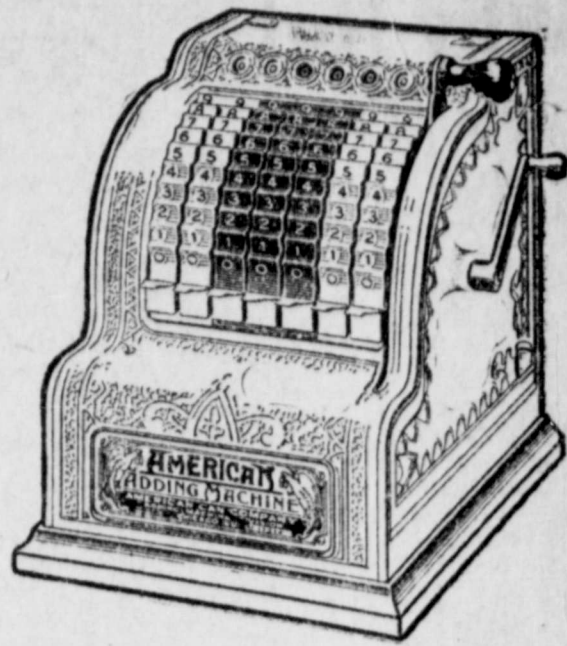
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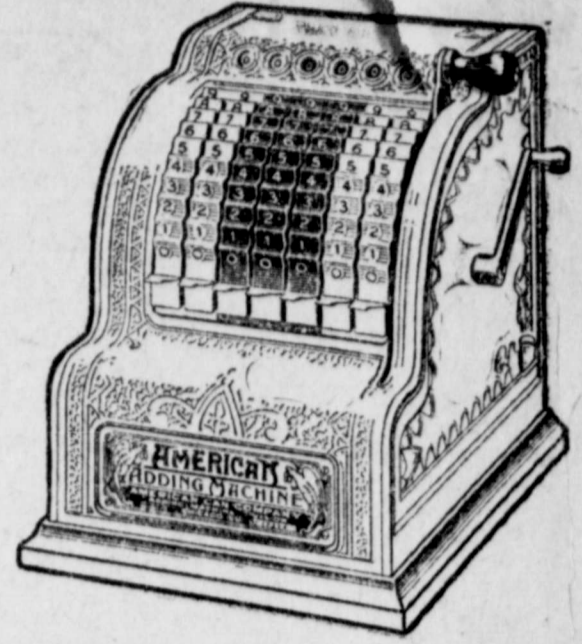
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

January 19— Sunday school was very well attended at this place Sunday.

Brother Geo. Scott preached at Hebron Sunday.

Fred Dupree left Saturday afternoon for Cottonwood where he has accepted a position in the school at that place.

Jim Grayson went to Merkel Saturday with a load of hay.

Mr. Wheeler and wife visited relatives near Noodle Sunday.

Misses Mae Grayson, Beulah and Nettie Jones attended church at Noodle Sunday and were the guest of friends at that place.

Mr. Liby and John Shelton of Abilene visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. McWright and family were visiting in the Noodle Community Sunday.

W. B. Beaver and daughter Miss Nina were visitors in Merkel Friday.

W. B. Beaver conducted the prayer service at Shiloh Sunday night. We enjoyed the splendid talks by Brother Winters, Scott, Grayson and Boyd. Sister Grayson also made a nice talk. Brother Will Boyd will conduct the services next Sunday night. All are requested to come and take a part. To our way of thinking there is nothing better than a good lively Sunday School and prayer meeting where christians can meet together and talk and pray and do all they can for their Saviors cause.

ORDERING ELECTION.

Order for Election to Determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in Commissioners Precinct No. 2.

Abilene, Tex. Jan. 17, 1914.

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Election Precinct No. 6, City Hall, Merkel.

Election Precinct No. 5, School House, Nubia.

Election Precinct No. 11, School House, Trent.

Election Precinct No. 20, S. Y. Reese, Residence, Tye.

Election Precinct No. 12, Taylor's Store, Caps.

All votes shall be by ballot and the voters desiring to prevent the animals designated in this order from running at large shall place upon their ballots the words "For the Stock Law" and those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots the words "Against the Stock Law."

The territory and subdivision of said county in which said election is to be held is defined by said commissioners court as follows, to-wit: Commissioners Precinct No. 2 with the following metes and bounds, viz:

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Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 24, 1914

Bird, Mr. Oscar
Locker, Dr. S. B.
Thurman, Mr. Sallie.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 7, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M

A Demonstration.

The West Texas Hardware Co. have now on display at their store a shipment of the renowned Sharpless Tubular Cream Separators and insist that you come in and let them demonstrate the workings of this neted machine. It is the best cream separator made and will make its owner more money on the output of cream than a person can possibly get from butter, and the work of churning does not have to be contended with. Come in and see them.

For Skin Diseases.

Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run any risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist. Adv.

For Cold on Lungs.

Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold on lungs is dangerous, often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggist everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

For Sale.

Cheap for cash or good note, 1 five-year old, 15 1/2 hand mule. See Jim Denton or J. T. Warren. Mule will be in Merkel Saturday.

Acute Sore Throat.

There is nothing better for sore throat than Hunt's Lightning Oil. Put it on at night and the next morning the soreness is usually gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, often preventing pneumonia. Hunt's Lightning Oil is sold by all reputable druggist in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Trent

G. B. Brown was in Merkel Tuesday on business for the gin company of this place.

J. C. Hamner and Geo. Smith were in Merkel the first of the week looking after business matters.

William (Bill) Prater formerly of Merkel but now of Waco came in Monday afternoon to visit his brother, H. H. Prater of Route 2. Mr. Prater has a number of friends in this section of the country who he hopes to see before his return home. He will only be in this section of the country for a few days.

M. D. Angus of Merkel was in the city Monday looking after his oil trade here.

James Bright and family were in Merkel Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore.

S. D. McLeod was in Merkel Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of the river country who were unfortunate in having their home burned week before last wish to thank the people of Trent for their kind assistance following same.

Mrs. Edgar Massey was in Merkel Monday visiting friends and shopping.

Mrs. Will Craddock who has been very sick for some time seems to be resting better.

POSITIVE PROOF

Should Convince the Greatest Skeptic in Merkel.

Because its the evidence of a Merkel citizen.

Testimony easily investigated, The strongest endorsement of merit. The best proof. Read it.

H. W. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel, Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble, although I never have to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore. Backache bothered me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co., relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidney trouble, if taken as directed."

Mr. Derstine is only one out of many Merkel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you don't simply ask for a kidney trouble—ask distictly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Derstine had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When your back is lame—Remember the Name."

Compere.

January 19— Health in our community is good we are glad to state.

Brother Tucker filled his appointment here Sunday.

People are making preparation for another crop. Cotton is about all picked in this community.

We are having some fine weather just now.

Baraca Class Work.

The Baraca Class at the Baptist church held a meeting with their teacher, Mis Una Hall at the home of Mrs. J. W. Daniel Tuesday evening. New officers were elected and the problem of making the class grow was discussed at length.

It is the intentions of the class to put fourth a new effort with this year an increase all the enthusiasm possible. We want to accomplish great work this year and there is no reason why there should not be from fifteen to twenty young men present each Sunday at Sunday school to study the bible. The young men are here and why not have them in our class, we will try to interest each one that comes and can assure any new members that additional thoughts will be given them, that they have never had before.

The following officers were elected at the meeting on Tuesday: President, Wilbur Whittaker; Vice-President; Barnet Garrett; Secretary, Floyd Denn; Assistant Secretary, Jack Walker; treasurer, Ben T. Merritt; Librarian, Jobe; Press Reporter, Jasper Tucker, Miss Una Hall, was elected teacher and Miss Mattie Murphy assistant teacher Both these young ladies have proven to be excellent teachers and their work is appreciated very much by the class.
Press Reporter

The Merkel Bargain Store

Opposite Post Office

Every article in our store being a bargain we have named it the Merkel Bargain Store and cordially invite the people of Merkel and surrounding country to call and see our prices. On our bargain counters we have articles of value and to induce our friends and customers to buy where they can get the greatest value for the least money. We have arranged 3 counters for premiums. Any article on counter No. 1 will be given with each \$1.50 purchase. Any article on counter No. 2 will be given with each \$1.00 purchase. Any article on counter No. 3 will be given with each 50c purchase. Do not fail to get some of these premiums. Bring us your produce, we will pay you cash for it.

You can not lose by trading with us.

W. P. DUCKETT, PROPRIETOR



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Church Wedding.

To be married at the Methodist Church in Merkel next Monday night, 26th, Mr. H. T. Fields of 1600 Denver Ave. Fort Worth and Flora Lee Wallace, of the Methodist Parsonage Merkel, Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson officiating. Bro. Ferguson will preach at 7:15 P. M. and at the close of the sermon the ceremony will be performed.

The young couple are to take the evening train for Fort Worth, and after a few day's visit with friends they are to move to their future home, Ramsdell Texas.

No formal announcements or invitations being sent out, the above is designed to serve as an invitation to friends and the public in general who desire to be present.

Come in time to hear the sermon. Rev. and Mrs. Ed. R. Wallace.

Miss Eva Williams Entertains.

Miss Eva Williams gave slumber party Friday night in honor of her Sunday School class. The class assembled at her beautiful home at 6:30. A delightful supper was served after which the party went to the Grammar school exercises. When the girls returned they were entertained by various musical selections. Just as the clock was striking the hour of midnight a mock wedding ceremony took place. After this various games were played and witty jokes related. As this was a Sunday School class a chapter from the bible was read. When the clock struck two the girls made a dash for bed. The bright sunlight shinning in their eyes told them it was time to get up. About a thirty minutes hunt for their clothes was the feature next morning. An appetizing breakfast was served to Misses Loricna Dry, Josie Smith, Bernice Doan, Velma Dennis, Mamie McNeese and Gladys Bell. At a late hour the guests departed with these words: "I never had such a time in all my life."

The E. Love Hawkin's Society met in regular business session January 16. The program was omitted. Art 11 Sec. 1 of the Constitution was adopted allowing the admittance of the boys in the 10th and 11th grades. The application of Messrs Ollie Shaffer, Sherlie King, Jasper Tucker, Ennis Grimes, Booth Warren, John Moore and George Smith, for membership in the society were received and after due consideration were accepted. The following officers were elected for the second term: President, Miss Carrol Rister, re-elected, Vice-President, Maggie Wheeler, Secretary, Ollie Shaffer, Asst. Secretary Miss Nell Tracy, Treasurer, Ennis Grimes, Sargent at Arms, John Moore. Corresponding Sec. Miss Mary Jennings, Chaplin, Jasper Tucker, Circuit, Miss Eva Walters, Journalist, Sherlie King, Asst. Miss Willie Swann. The work of society during the first term was very satisfactory and a great benefit to all. Great improvements were made but we are expecting still greater improvements during this term as our membership has been strengthened. We would be glad to have the patrons and all others who wish to come to visit our society and examine our work. It would encourage the members to feel that others are interested in their work. President.

The Methodist Baraca class met in business session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeese on Saturday evening January 17, 1914. President Moore called the house to order after which immediately followed the election of officers. The following were elected: President, Ira Shaffer, Vice President Noel Moore, Secretary, John Moore, Assistant Secretary, Ulysess McNeese, Treasurer, Steve Duckett, Librarian, Chas. Christopher, Press Reporter, Ollie Shaffer. A special invitation is given to each and every young man to attend both at Sunday school and the business meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp entertained a few friends Sunday at their home on Oak St. A well appointed dinner was served to Misses Maude Martin and Elma Sheppard, Messrs Frank Ferrier, George Woodrum, Bill Sheppard, Roscoe Sharp, and the host and hostess.

Miss Francis Burroughs entertained

a few of her friends at her home on Orange St. Thursday evening in honor of Miss Clara Will McNatt of Abilene. Bunco and candy making furnishes amusements to Messrs Ernest Rodgers, H. C. Bourroughs, Jr., and Oscar Pate, with Misses Clara Will McNatt, Cecil Haley and the hostess.

Mr. Oscar Pate gave a theatre party Friday evening complimentary to Miss Clara Will McNatt of Abilene. His guests were Misses Francis Burroughs, Pet Sears, Zora West and the honoree. Messrs Ernest Rogers, Sam Swann and Bud Sears.

Epworth League Program.

January 25th
Subject—Africa—Ethiopia Stretching out her hands. Isa. XLV: 14-22.

Leader—Miss Lavene McNeese.
Song
Prayer
Pioneer in the Congo—Leader;
Song

Need of Missionaries—Eva Walters.
The Batetelas First Christmas—Noel Moore.

Song
Prayer
How Leaguers may help in the work of the Congo Mission—Mattie Christopher.

Miscellaneous.

Song
Benediction.

When a joy ride is not a joy ride: we were told that such a state of affairs occurred Friday after noon when two matrons and three maidens started to Abilene in an automobile. When two miles, more or less, from a phone or garage, a puncture and a blow out left them nothing to do but to walk. While walking is not so crowded its dreadfully slow in the present style dresses, but two of the bravest maidens were willing to try it and in a short time returned with a machine and a preacher. We are told that "Alls well that ends well." The ladies spent a delightful afternoon with Abilene friends.

TEXAS PEOPLE'S PARTY.

The following taken from a paper published at Colton, California gives an account of a Texas party at which many Merkel people were present:

With the soft southern atmosphere mingling its sentiment with that of the Christmas tide the delightful reunion of former residents of Texas who have adopted this city, San Bernardino and Riverside as their homes, taking place yesterday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn on North Eighth street, was one of the most distinctive ways in which the season of the Yuletide was honored. Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn, knowing that there were many here and also not very far away, whose allegiance to the Lone Star State had not grown cold, extended an invitation to their home for Christmas day with the result that a genuine old fashioned Texas gathering was in order with between thirty-five and forty southern folk present as merry guests.

It was an all-day affair and not one moment but what was filled with keen enjoyment. In the morning at 11 o'clock there was a splendid Christmas tree for the children and younger ones of the company and then after the feminine guests had each donned an apron to assist in the preparation of a feast at half-past one saw a long table that extended clear through the parlor and dining room surrounded by one half the merry-makers, the other half having to wait for the second table. The repast was a bountiful one for Texas women are renowned cooks and amongst the luscious eatables were turkey and chickens, cold meats, salads, cranberry sauce nine varieties of cake, some twenty-five pies and relishes of all kind.

Among those who participated in the gay festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Harris and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Story of Riverside, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, Miss Helen Howard, Buena and Paul Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and nephew, Mr. Martin, Mr. Faucett, a banker who recently arrived from Merkel, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brian and daughter, Miss Jessie recently of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Marshburn, and several roomers in the Mashburn household.

Mistletoe, holly and white roses

were used in decorative adornment of the residence to give the holiday atmosphere.

This and That Club Meets.

Mrs. C. L. Cash was the hostess Tuesday afternoon for the "This and That" needlecraft Club. Two new members were welcomed into the circle. An hour or more was pleasantly and profitably spent. Those present were Mesdames B. J. Riney, J. J. Stallings, J. G. Hale, John Toombs, W. H. Laney, Jim Barnett, M. Armstrong, Wm. Armstrong, B. M. Black, Georgia Bagwell, Ritchie, Ponder and Hubbard. Mrs. J. T. Stallings will be the next hostess.

Mrs. Woodrum Entertains.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. M. A. Woodrum entertained the neighborhood ladies at her home on Oak St. A delightful afternoon was spent. All were busily engaged with the crochet hook, giving and receiving instructions. Those present were Mesdames J. T. Warren, J. H. Warnick, Ben Walter, R. A. Martin, A. H. Thornton, H. L. Propst, W. L. Harkrider, W. R. Walker, Frank Hamm and Misses Fort Smith, Sadie and Ada Woodrum.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met Monday afternoon. The attendance was fine an excellent lesson on "Mexico Today" under the leadership of Mrs. G. H. Adams proved that all were interested in the work.

Tn Entertain XX Century Club

Mrs. R. A. Martin will entertain the Century Club Saturday afternoon of her home on Travis St. The following program will be given:

Roll Call.
Current Events.
Parliamentary Drill—Mrs. J. G. Hale.
Story of Othello—Mrs. J. A. Adkison.
Discuss leading characters.
Leader—Miss Una Hall.
It is important that all the members be present at this meeting.

Missionary Program.

The Missionary program for Monday January 26th at the Baptist church at 2:30 P. M.

Subject: Adoniram and Ann Hasselline Judson.

Leader, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.
Bible Study, John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 17:4; Matthew 9:30; Luke 15:4; 19:10.
Prayer, Mrs. G. E. Hamm.
Summary, Mrs. J. S. Swann.
Hymn of Praise.
Ann Hasselline Judson, Mrs. J. T. Warren.
Adoniram Judson, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Prayer, Mrs. Moore.
Business, five minutes devoted to business.

Benediction.
Circle A of the Baptist Aid entertained circle B and C at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. Hall lead the devotional service which was followed by the social meeting. About twenty eight guests were present. Delicious refreshments were served by the Circle.

J. C. Stribling and daughters Misses Ruth and Lula and Clay Fowler enroute to their home at Llano spent a few hours with B. C. Gaither and family Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ben Pilcher and children are visiting the former's aunt Mrs. Willie Head at Stephenville.

Mrs. H. B. Reed who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Vol Martin for the past week left Wednesday for Putnam where she will visit for a few days before returning to her home at Lubbock.

Trent Society.

Last Thursday the W. W. V. C. met with Mrs. L. E. Adrain from two until four. The business being attended to several new members were enrolled. The afternoon was spent in working and gossip. Mrs. Chas. Bankhead of Merkel was a very pleasant visitor. Several readings were given. The W. W. V. C. will meet with Mrs. T. R. McLeod next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke entertained the Juniors last Friday evening from eight until ten in honor of their daughter

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder

Indispensable to best results—saves worry—saves work—saves money—saves health—saves complaints at table

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today.

Only a quarter.

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Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS.

If you need anything in our business give us a call.

S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

Effie's sixteenth birthday. Several games were enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Eula Johnson, Ida Smith, Maude Skillen, Mayme Sipes, Mae Southworth, Floy Leamon, Gertrude Dowdy, Ethel and Villa Smith, Messrs. Lee and Ernest Massey, Winslow Beckham, Walter Prater, Fred Pribble, Royse Dowdy, Walter Massey.

Last Sunday a dinner was given in honor of Winslow Beckham's birthday at the home of his parents. Twelve couples were invited. The afternoon was spent in kodaking.

A musical entertainment was given at Sam Jones' Saturday night. The seven Bright brothers string band furnished the music.

Mrs. R. G. Grogan and mother Mrs. John Cranston have returned from Tampa, Florida.

Mrs. Fred Kelso of Stith spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. B. M. Black. Rev. W. A. Scott of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott last week. Miss Fannie Burroughs went to Abilene Thursday to visit Miss Clara Will McNatt.

Miss Cecile Haley of Matador who has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. E. Brittain returned home Monday.

Mrs. J. S. Barnes is in Temple at the sanitarium under treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner have moved to the Merrit house on Elm Street.



All Bound Round with a Telephone Line

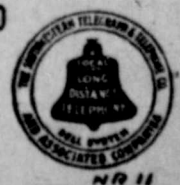
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

NEWS FROM TRENT.

January 20.—After some delay, I will try to give you a few dots from the little town of Trent.

People are plowing in earnest here now. Most every farmer is breaking his land with the turning plow this year and that looks good to the writer.

I don't think I will ever have to compare the farming in this community any more to the Editor of the Merkel Mail, hitched to the back extremities of a cultivator going down the cotton row fixing the land to plant a crop. The farmers have enough of that kind of farming and are going to do their part this year and you will see the Trent country come to the front with the finest crop that Taylor County can show.

We notice some of the candidates are shaking hand with their old friends around Trent lately.

C. T. Beckham received a message Monday telling him of the death of his brother at Cleburne. We are very sorry to learn of our townsman grief and extend to him our sincere sympathy.

Our old friend E. L. Davis is back here again to stay, having opened up a very neat restaurant.

People who have ever lived in Trent can't stay away, we have the most sociable and hospitable people anywhere and have lots of room for any good people who want to make this country their home.

Come on some of you good writers and lets help the editor make the Mail a better paper and in that way help ourselves.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all druggist, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Sweetwater Steam Laundry.

I am prepared to call for and deliver your laundry. I am agent for the Sweetwater Steam Laundry. M. B. Bell.

Wanted

25 good loans around Merkel in next 90 days. Come while I have plenty of money.

G. T. McCulloh,
Box 37, Abilene, Texas.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

For Sale or Trade.

One house and lot in Nubia, Texas, and 80 acres one mile east of Nubia. Can be bought at a bargain if sold at once. Will take stock of merchandise in exchange. D. L. Boyd, Nubia, Texas.

For Sale.

Pure ribbon cane syrup. 60 cents per gallon. C. L. McNeese

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

FRESH BREAD AND CAKES EVERY DAY DURING THE WEEK

We bake every day and our bakery supplies at all times are kept absolutely fresh by this method.

OUR BAKING KITCHEN

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Glass in all Sizes. Cut to Your Order.

Get the Habit of Getting it at Burroughs. Once a Customer. Always a Customer.

BURROUGHS' DRUG STORE

Barn Burns.

Fire destroyed the greater portion of a barn on resident property of Jno. B. Bell Saturday afternoon. It is supposed that the fire started from some burning trash near. Some few bales of hay was lost and what portion of the building was standing is hardly in servicable condition.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Carbon Man in Bankruptcy.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed with United States Commissioner W. D. Girard Monday morning by James Oliver Bohannon of Carbon, Eastland. The petitioner gives his liabilities as \$1,621.35, his assets as \$5,360 and exemptions as \$2,650.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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

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LA FRANCE FLOUR

Your biscuits will be rich, crisp and appetizing to the highest degree. They will brown evenly—not in spots. Sold by

G. F. WEST & SON.

Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lyda Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Standing Reward for Cow Thief.

I will pay any person \$150 for arrest and conviction of any thief or thieves stealing any of my stock branded 3 bar T on left shoulder, marked crop off left ear; U T on left shoulder, marked crop off left ear and under-slope the right. Also will pay \$10 00 for recovery of any stolen stock of mine. This reward stands good all the time.

Ed Dickinson,
Golan, Texas.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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For District Clerk:
J. Fuller (re-election)
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For County Clerk:
A. H. Balch
Miss Fannie Tippett
J. D. Hilton

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D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
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Every last one of them leaves. The hurting is gone almost the instant Hunt's Lightning Oil is used. The aching stops so quickly it is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, burns and bruises it acts as a healing ail, soothing the hurting parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggist in 2c and 50c bottles. Adv.

REPORT FILED IN SENATE.

It is Held That Appointment of Glass as Alabama Senator Is Not Regular.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The report of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee, holding that the appointment of Frank C. Glass as Senator from Alabama by Governor O'Neal was irregular under the terms of the Seventeenth Amendment, was filed in the Senate today.

Action will probably be taken next week.

AMERICAN IS ARRESTED!

William Harris, Ex-Texas U. S. Marshall, Charged With Being a Huerta Spy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—William Harris, a former United States Marshall, has been arrested by rebels at Victoria on the charge of being a Huerta spy, according to Constitutional agency advices today.

Consul Johnson at Matamoros has been instructed to demand the release of Hansen.

FT. WORTH, Jan. 21.—With the presentation of the testimony of three witnesses, mostly corroborative, the state rested today in the trial of Rev. J. Frank Norris, charged with burning his own church.

Court adjourned until Thursday. The testimony of E. C. Reese was corroborated. He said that on the night of the fire a short time before it broke out, that he pointed out a man at the church corner in a long dark overcoat and a dark soft hat, and said that the preacher was out late.

Mrs. H. S. Ratliff, a prominent worker in the First Baptist church, identified a letter which she said she wrote after Rev. Mr. Norris asked her to get the names of the deacons of the church at Cleburne.

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. 25c.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair.

January 20.—Blair had her first fire Saturday night. S. E. Adcock lost his store with all its contents. He had some insurance but not enough to cover the loss. It took hard work to save the postoffice from burning also.

Mrs. W. A. Powell is reported better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Derington entertained the young people Saturday night in a social way.

Jim Moore made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Messrs. E. B. Rains and J. H. Campbell hauled water Monday and filled the school cistern.

Brother Young filled his regular appointment here Sunday preaching in the evening.

The singing class met Sunday night and had a good service.

Mr. Garret of Merkel is putting in a cistern this week for S. F. Provine. Let the good work go on.

E. Barnes had the misfortune to lose a good milk cow Saturday night. She died with milk fever.

W. W. Wheeler and family of Merkel were visitors in the family of S. E. Adcock Sunday evening.

W. J. Derlin and wife visited E. B. and Miss Lula Rainer. Sunday.

Mari Powell and his mother are visiting Dr. Powell at Buffalo Gap this week.

Mrs. Ida Chambliss was a passenger on the Sunday morning train to Buffalo Gap to visit her brother Walter Cox.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely but should be kept in a healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. adv.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
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Suit Filed at Sweetwater.

The First State Bank of Blackwell has filed suit in the Nolan county court against J. R. Daniel of this city and to sustain payment of claim and has attached the rolling stock (horses and vehicles) of the livery business of J. R. Daniel of this place. Papers were served in the case for attachment Tuesday of this week.

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