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W. R. SMITH SPOKE TUESDAY NIGHT

Congressman W. R. Smith of Colorado came in Tuesday afternoon from Trent where he spoke in the afternoon to a small crowd of voters. He spent several hours here meeting with old time friends.

Judge Smith was introduced by Thos. A. Johnson. The speaker of the evening was then accorded the careful attention of some 200 people for a period of an hour and a half. At the conclusion of the address Capt. J. H. Oliver who is one of Mr. Smith's strongest supporters at this place approached the speakers platform and invited those who had not met Mr. Smith and wished to do so, to come forward. Many came forward and availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting personally the Congressman who has served from this district to Congress for the past 12 years.

PORTALIS MAN HERE LAST WEEK

Jeb. S. Long superintendent of the public schools at Portalis, New Mexico was in Merkel Friday visiting his sister Mrs. W. Parten and meeting with many old friends he has in this section of the state.

Mr. Long formerly lived in the Trent country with his parents, when the towns of Trent and Merkel occupied about the same amount of wide space in the road and his return here sees marked improvements in our town in general.

Merkel Boy Returns.

Claud W. Miller son of R. A. Miller formerly of this place returned to Merkel, Monday afternoon for a short visit with friends. Claud sees numerous changes in Merkel since he was here last. He will return to his home at Tyler this week, having been called to this section of the country to attend the funeral of his cousin Mrs. McCarty of Abilene which was held the latter part of last week.

Keeble For County Attorney.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the name of H. Rob Keeble in our announcement columns as candidate for the office of county attorney of Taylor county subject to the coming primaries.

Mr. Keeble is the present incumbent and has filled the office in a creditable way, doing justice to both himself and the county in the satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office.

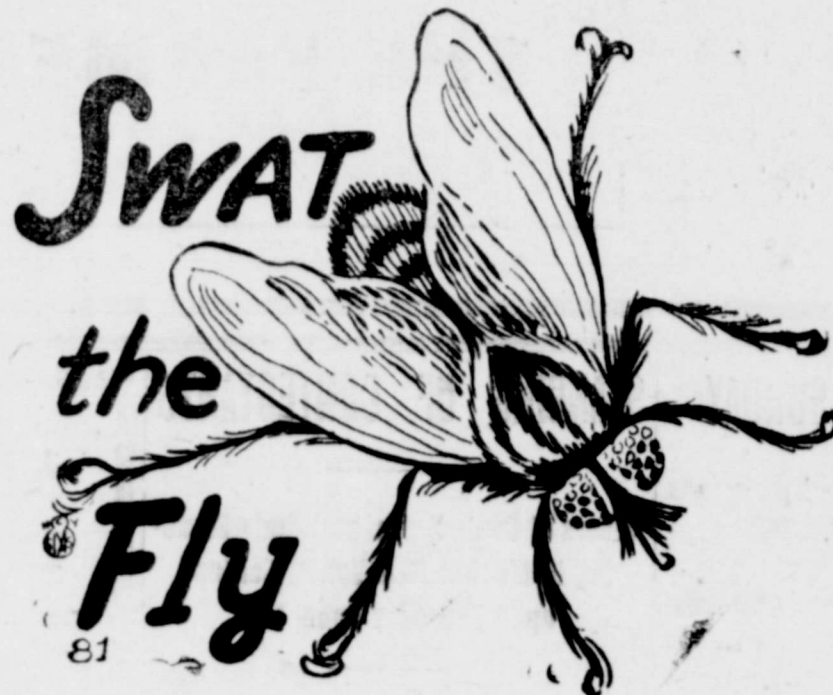
Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Be present, plans for progressive work during July and August will be discussed and we hope some effective plans will be put into operation.

Prayer and conference meeting Wednesday 8:45 p. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. You are welcome.

E. P. McMillen, Supt.
Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

FILTH ABOUT YOUR OWN HOME



More sickness is caused during the summer months by flies than any other one thing. Any physician will warn you against the fly, the carrier of filth and the promoter of typhoid fever.

Carefully screen your home against the flies. Eradicate the breeding places where millions may hatch out around your own home. Every fly you see was hatched within 200 yards of where you meet up with the pest.

Traps can be made at a very small cost that when placed where flies collect, thousands of them can be caught. Poison and tanglefoot assist in the home, and a joyful pastime can be found by any person working on the right end of a fly swatter. BEGIN TO-DAY AND ELIMINATE DANGER OF SICKNESS FROM YOUR OWN HOME. The ordinary fly at some time during the day visits the nearest stable or outhouse and then when dinner is spread for your family the slimy footed creature is very likely to be around ready to contaminate your food. Swat him while the swatting is good.

MORE FLY SWATTING AND LESS TYPHOID AND OTHER SICKNESS FOR MERKEL

Already some cases of typhoid have been reported and weather conditions are ideal for such. Avoid sickness in your own home by acting in time and using every precaution.

TO POST ELECTION BULLETIN JULY 25

The Mail will endeavor to have a bulletin established for the benefit of our readers, whereby they can get returns from the election on July 25th, just as soon as they are received at points throughout the state.

While plans have not yet been outlined by the telegraph and telephone company as to how the returns will be handled we will endeavor to have all this information just as soon as possible.

Notice.

Announcement of a meeting for the Merkel Presbyterian church has been this far delayed hoping that a cooperative meeting would be arranged in which the christian people of the town would unite their forces in a single campaign and expect a real revival. And it is my opinion that the kind of revival that Merkel needs will come at no less cost than a united effort. However, we are hoping that the denominational meetings may accomplish much good.

The Presbyterian meeting will begin on the same date they have used for a number of years the second Sunday in August. No arrangements have been made for a preacher and hence this matter will have to be announced later.

Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

B. M. Burks For County Judge.

We are authorized to place before our readers the name of B. M. Burks of Moro as candidate for the office of county judge of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries on July 25th.

Mr. Burks was in Merkel Monday morning meeting with his old friends and placing his claims before the people in person. While in the city he called at the Mail office and explained his candidacy in full. He is a confederate veteran, came to Texas in 1871 and was admitted to the bar soon afterward and has been making his home in Taylor county for the past 22 years. Prior to coming to this county Mr. Burks held county, precinct and city offices; was Mayor of Ballenger at the time he decided to cast his lot with Taylor county people. Mr. Burks will make a thorough canvass of the county and hopes to meet with all the voters, but on account of the limited time before the primaries asks the voters to give his claims very careful consideration and if elected to the office promises his best efforts in serving the people in an acceptable manner.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their many acts of kindness during our mothers illness and death also to Mr. McMillen for his many favors in the past.

N. M. George, J. L. Holland,
M. M. Right, G. F. Holland.

MEETING WILL BEGIN TUESDAY

Elder J. W. Chism of Longview will begin a meeting at the Tabernacle Tuesday night of next week in connection with the local Church of Christ.

The meeting will extend until Sunday night July 18th, with services each morning at 10 a. m. and 8.45 each evening. Elder Chism come here from Quannah where he closes a meeting this week and it is reported his success has been exceedingly good and the crowds in attendance were very large.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our gratitude to each of our friends for their kindness in the time of our bereavement, and during the illness of our dear girl, Ina.

We desire, especially, to mention the acts of love of the Baraca and Philathea classes, and of her devoted Sunday School teacher. We would not forget the courtesy the business men shown by closing their doors during the funeral hour.

May Gods blessings be with each of you, is our prayer.

W. W. Wheeler and family.

Mrs. J. E. Nobles and two daughters Misses Tina and Ida are here from Ft. Worth visiting their daughter and sister Mrs. W. D. Hutchenson.

MERKEL WHEAT IS SHIPPED TO HICO

The first car of wheat to be shipped from Merkel during the present season was billed out Monday afternoon by J. D. Gaitner to J. F. Wies & Co., of Hico.

The shipment represented some of the first grain thrashed in this section of the country and most of the shipment was sold while the market was good. The best price paid was 67½ cents to S. W. H. Swafford and J. A. Woodard both of Route 1.

Install Masonic Officers.

In the installation of officer for the local A. F. & A. M. Lodge on Tuesday night of last week the following were seated for the ensuing year. Wesley Edwards, W. M., Thos. Johnson, S. W., N. D. Cobb, J. W., J. J. Stallings, Treas., H. R. Hicks, Secy., and J. M. Garrett, Tyler.

MOVES INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen have moved to their new home on Edwards street north of the Crown Hardware Company building.

The house has been completely remodeled from a three room house to an eight room modern and convenient cottage. The eight rooms include bath and pantry rooms. A sleeping porch has been added to the place and the home in general made one of the most convenient of any in Merkel. The outside painting will be of white and the owner expects to have everything complete within a very short time.

Has Freak Egg.

B. M. Black of this city brought a freak chicken egg to the Mail office last week and stated that this specimen was the third of practically the same size he has gathered from his chicken house.

The egg was laid by a Leghorn hen and is no larger if as large as the ordinary English sparrow egg.

Abilene Crowd Here Tuesday.

Several representatives from the Capitol city of Abilene were in Merkel Tuesday night to hear Congressman Smith speak and to escort him to Abilene where he spent the night.

Among those here were Representative J. M. Wagstaff and his son, Dee Oldham, W. J. Cunningham, B. A. Cox, E. M. Overshiner, G. B. Tittle and W. F. Dillard.

Fruit From California.

Evidently nearly everybody is in sympathy one way or the other with an Editor. This week we were presented with some nice fruit from California, sent by T. B. Story of Riverside and old timer from Merkel and a staunch friend and reader of the Mail.

The fruit consisted of oranges, english walnuts and one other specie of nuts very savory but so far we have been unable to learn just what the variety is, we are contented to let it go at that. The present was handed to us by Mrs. Nan Thompson, Mr. Story's sister.



**TO BE OLD AND
PENNILESS IS A
TRAGEDY.
ARE YOU PUTTING
MONEY IN THE
BANK FOR THE
DECEMBER
OF YOUR
LIFE?**

There is nothing more pitiful than the sight of OLD AGE entirely dependent on the assistance and charity of others. Yet, many go along, day after day, week after week, letting money slip through their fingers that should be piling up in the bank to keep them comfortable and independent when their EARNING POWER is GONE. Why don't YOU start a bank account NOW.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

BALL SPEAKING 3 P. M. SATURDAY

Pres. J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College one of the best speakers of west Texas if not in the entire state will begin his speech in favor of Col. Thos. Ball for governor at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Tabernacle.

A challenge has been given to any Fergusson speaker to meet Mr. Sandefer in joint discussion of the two candidates and their different stands of political questions. At the time of going to press Thursday evening we had received no information as to whether anyone would answer Mr. Sandefer or not.

W. O. W. And I. O. O. F. Picnic.

A combination basket picnic given by the Woodmen of the World and the Oddfellow lodges of Stith will be held in that community Friday July 10th.

Moves Offices.

Dr. O. F. McMaster who has had his offices over the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has moved to the rooms joining the offices of Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

Notice to Customers.

All notes and accounts of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., are now my personal property. Please call and arrange to settle your obligations as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Attends Camping Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson returned Monday afternoon from a camping trip in the Nugent country. While there they were the guests of the latter's brothers Messrs King and Hollis Roberts.

Money to Loan.

My company wants to place \$15,000 to \$25,000 in the Merkel country in choice farm loans during the thirty days. I have the best loan contract for our section and when necessary can make and complete a loan within ten days. If you are going to need a loan any time this year give me your application now and the money will be ready when you want it. Jno. G. Jackson.

Mares And Colts For Sale.

I have five good gentle mares and colts for sale. Will take cash or good notes. Austin Boyd at Burton Lingo Co. office.

CHILDRENS DAY SUNDAY

The "Children's Day" program rendered at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening was a splendid success. The children performed almost perfectly in every part of their program.

The young ladies rendered the pantomime and the poses for tableaux in a graceful and effective manner in spite of the confusion caused by the needless alarm. The music by the children the young ladies, the choir and the Glee Club was all rendered well.

The program was entertaining and instructive and aside from the alarm was very sacred throughout. It is unfortunate that some folks became frightened and disturbed the closing features of the program. After all it was an enjoyable evening and a profitable service.

Obituary.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his Divine wisdom to transplant from Earth to Heaven our beloved sister Ina Mae Wheeler who departed this life June 25th, 1914. Her body was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery in the presence of many sorrowing friends and the surviving members of her family. The funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church by her pastor Rev. W. M. Gaddy who in his impressive manner gave the word of God concerning those who die in the Lord.

Miss Ina Mae Wheeler was born in Taylor County, Texas July 21, 1891. She was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and was reared in Merkel.

She was educated in the public schools of the city having graduated with the class of 1911.

She was a member of the First Baptist church, having been converted and joining that church at the age of 16. She always made the burdens of life easier with her bright and cheerful companionship.

Her short life was well spent in bringing sunshine and gladness to those who came in contact with her sweet gentle spirit.

Her faith in an alwise Creator had guided her every action in life. She had been sick only a short while and her death came as a great shock to many who did not know of her serious illness.

The deceased is survived by father's mother, two brothers and four sisters. H. B. Wheeler, Abilene, Ross Wheeler, Misses Willie, Maggie and Ruth of Merkel

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Names of Contestants and their Standing in Merkel Mail Voting Contest up to Thursday June 4th.

Miss Mae Grayson	8700 votes
Miss Gertrude Plyant	4200 votes
Miss Ida Taylor	1500 votes
Miss Halle Moore	1100 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson	1200 votes
Miss Effie Duke	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn	1100 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus	6700 votes
Miss Gertrude Stanley	1000 votes

The three prizes these young ladies have been entered as contestants for are now on display at the ELITE CONFECTIONARY. If you are interested call and see the three machines, the \$75.00 Grafonola and the \$50.00 and \$25.00 Graphophones. Read the Mail and help your friends win a prize

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending June 27 1914.

Clampitt, N. J.

Estes, J. C.

McKibbon, Miss Carrie

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 11, 1914.

H. C. Williams, P. M.

Moves Insurance Office.

Mr. G. W. Johnson, successor to the Williams & Johnson Insurance Company has moved his office directly across the street from his former home and hereafter will be found over the Woodroof Dry Goods Store in the West building.

and Mrs. Aurra Johnson of El Paso.

Friends and especially the members of the Philathea class expressed their respect by a most beautiful floral offering, the business men closed their doors for the hour, and a host of friends attended the services.

The Baraca boys were the Pallbearers.

Let us not mourn as those having no hope for in the Book we read "Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night in this temple, and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst no more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat, for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."—Mrs. W. A. Scott.

J. T. WARREN, Pres.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$50 000

A PROSPEROUS CAREER

For 10 years this bank has had a steady, conservative and profitable growth, enjoying to the fullest extent the confidence good will of the community.

Its resources and facilities are at the command of Farmers, Stockmen and Business Men who are seeking the best there is in

BANKING SERVICE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, G. F. West, C. P. Warren
Henry James, Ed S. Hughes Ben T. Merritt
Thos. Johnson



TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Desiring the Best, the Whitest and the Purest Flour that can be had, we recommend

BOUQUET

\$2 75 Per Hundred Pounds

Walter Clark
Merkel, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates

For District Offices.....\$7.50
 For County Offices..... 7.50
 For Precinct Offices..... 5.00
 For City Offices..... 2.50
 Subscription Price per year..... 1.00

ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

For Congressman-at-Large
 R. B. Humphrey
 (Of Throckmorton County)
 For Representative from Taylor County
 J. M. Wagstaff
 For District Attorney:
 N. N. Rosenquest of Stephens
 County.

TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For County Judge:
 E. M. Overshiner
 J. M. Moffett.
 B. M. Burks
 For County Attorney:
 H. Rob Keeble
 For Sheriff:
 Geo. M. Cauthen
 W. F. (Frank) Whaley
 T. T. Spann
 J. T. Dodson
 For District Clerk:
 J. Fuller (re-election)
 J. N. Routh
 For County Clerk:
 A. H. Balch
 Miss Fannie Tippett
 J. D. Hilton
 For Tax Collector:
 D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
 W. F. Dillard
 For County Treasurer:
 G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)
 For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
 T. R. Lassiter
 E. D. Coats
 J. L. Banner
 For County Superintendent:
 J. S. Smith.
 For Weigher
 P. C. Jones
 J. M. Garrett
 C. C. Bankhead
 R. H. Dean
 Jim M. Toombs

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:
 Jet Milsap
 J. A. Sanders.
 For County Judge:
 T. J. Barrett

**EVERY SUNDAY
 EXCURSION
 RATES**

-Via-



**BETWEEN ALL LOCAL STATIONS
 ONE FARE PLUS TEN CENTS
 ROUND TRIP**

GO SOMEWHERE

For full particulars see T & P or write
A. D. BELL **GEO. D. HUNTER**
 Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt.
 Dallas, Texas

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets
 second and fourth Friday nights
 of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C.
 S. Hamilton, Clerk

Real Estate

Exclusive Bargains in Mer-
 kel country and West Texas

MONEY TO LOAN

On Farm and Ranch Lands in
 Taylor, Jones, Nolan and Fisher
 Counties,

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. G. B. Butman and family
 are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N.
 Teaff.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery is spending
 the week in Abilene.

Plenty Corn Meal, wholesale
 and retail. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton and little
 son Don are at home from Kerens
 where she visited her sister Miss
 Fort Smith who has been quite
 ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst,
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock, Mr.
 and Mrs. Hayden Turner and Mr.
 and Mrs. James Sharp attended
 church services at Stith Sunday
 afternoon going out in their cars.
 Elder George preached a splendid
 sermon.

**Farm & Ranch and Hollands
 Magazine free until December
 1, 1914 with every
 subscription to the Merkel
 Mail.**

Miss Ruby Bishop of Sweet-
 water is visiting her cousin Miss
 Gail McCarty.

Mrs. W. M. Scarborough and
 little son Gordon are in Amarillo
 with their husband and father.

No flour surpasses Seymour's
 Best. Try it and be convinced.
 G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. C. B. Browning of Blanco
 and Mrs. Ruth A. Blaine of San
 Marcos came in the first of the
 week to visit their sister Mrs. C.
 M. Largent.

Mrs. N. E. Reid and three chil-
 dren of Bowie are here visiting
 their cousin Mrs. J. Calvert.

**See N. D. Cobb for Tomb-
 stones and Monuments.**

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Chamber of
 Abilene were in Merkel Wednesday
 Mrs. Chambers was the guest of
 Mrs. W. R. Walker at the walker
 Cottage while Mr. Chambers who
 represents the Radford Whole-
 sale Grocery Co., was waiting on
 the trade he has in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Staas of
 Abilene returned to their home
 Wednesday after a short visit
 with the latter's parents Mr. and
 Mrs. C. N. Smith of this country.

Seymour flour and bran expect-
 ed in by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. W. H. So Relle who has
 been here for some time with her
 daughter Mrs. W. A. Scott left
 Sunday night for Durant, Okla.,
 to visit her daughter Mrs. M. E.
 Mackey.

O. M. Coggin and Clyde Sears
 left Wednesday for Cisco. From
 Cisco Mr. Coggin went to Dallas
 on business.

**Renew your Merkel Mail,
 get Hollands and Farm & Ranch
 free until December 1914 and a
 vote for your favorite in the
 Merkel Mail Grafonola Contest.**

Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Crowley of
 Denison who have been visiting
 relatives left Sunday night for
 their home at that place.

Mrs. E. M. Brown is at home
 from Bluffdale where she was
 called by the serious illness of
 her brother Dr. Holt who died
 Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris and
 little daughter Ruby have return-
 ed home from Ringgold where
 they visited the latter's sister
 Mrs. C. Gass.

Mrs. J. L. Harris is visiting her
 daughter Mrs. W. P. Duckett of
 Snyder.

Mrs. M. C. Church left Tues-
 day morning for Winters to visit
 her daughter Mrs. W. E. Davis.

Miss Velma Clark returned to
 Stephenville Monday night after
 a months visit with her parents
 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark.

Walt Clark made a business
 trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. Thos. Smith returned
 home Tuesday morning from
 Trent where she visited her
 daughter Mrs. J. Cal Hamner.

Miss Eather Williams has re-
 turned home from Denton where
 she attended school the past
 month.

Misses Floy Leamon and
 Maude Skillen spent Tuesday
 with the former's sister Mrs. T.
 Collins.

Mr. J. A. Harris of Stanton
 was in our city Tuesday shaking
 hands with friends and old ac-
 quaintances.

Mr. S. F. Annis spent the past
 week with her daughter Mrs. E.
 C. Perry out close to the moun-
 tains. She reports a very pleas-
 ant and enjoyable trip.

Dr. and Mrs. Annis of Asper-
 mont were week-end guests of
 the former's mother Mrs. S. F.
 Annis.

Conner Adams, son of Mr. and
 Mrs. G. H. Adams of this city
 came in from Texarkana the first
 of the week where he has been
 working for some time. He was
 accompanied by Fred Davis who
 will remain in this section for
 some time. Immediately after
 reaching here the two boys left
 for Noodle and have been en-
 gaged in chopping cotton for
 Lawrence Farris of that com-
 munity during the week.

Mrs. Mary C. Vick who visited
 her son-in-law J. B. Hamblet is
 visiting her niece Mrs. Howell of
 Snyder before returning to her
 home in Italy.

Dr. J. L. Gilliland and family
 of El Paso are the delightful guests
 of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster
 this week.

Mrs. J. T. Skillern of Trent
 visited her parents Mr. and Mrs.
 D. C. Hutchenson this week.

Mrs. J. E. Davis of Neccada
 has returned home after visiting
 her daughter Mrs. G. J.
 Jones.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet and
 daughter Vannie are in San An-
 gelo visiting relatives for a few
 days.

Mrs. M. A. Defee of Texarkana
 who has been visiting her daugh-
 ter Mrs. G. H. Adams has gone
 to Breckenridge to visit before
 returning to her home.

Mrs. Thomas A. Johnson and
 little sons are visiting relatives
 in Gorman.

Misses Eugene and Carroll Rist-
 er are making a visit to relatives
 in Brownwood, Temple and Cam-
 eron.

Mrs. R. W. Bennett returne
 to her home at Cottonwood Fri-
 day after an extended visit with
 her daughter Mrs. J. F. Hold-
 ridge.

Mrs. O. M. Pike of Abilene
 spent the past week with Mr. and
 Mrs. J. A. Pike of our city.

Mrs. M. E. Bowles left Friday
 for Zephyr to make that her fu-
 ture home.

Miss Clara Moore returned the
 latter part of last week from Fort
 Worth where she visited her un-
 cle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. R. E.
 Kunze.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duckett
 are at home from Snyder where
 they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P.
 Duckett.

Miss Flossie Cypert is visiting
 her uncle J. Owen of Nugent.

Mrs. J. S. Robertson left Mon-
 day morning for Ranger to visit
 her brother W. T. Nicholson and
 family.

Mrs. Rufus Adcock and little
 daughter Berdell left Friday
 morning for Fort McKavett where
 they will visit the former's par-
 ents Mr. and Mrs. A. A. William-
 son.

Miss Laura Cary of Dallas came
 in last week to visit her sisters
 Mesdames R. A. Ellis and Touch-
 stone.

Mrs. John G. Roberts and two
 children Nell and Clyde of Stam-
 ford left Saturday for their home
 after a visit with the formers
 daughter Mrs. J. W. Powell of
 this place.

Mesdames Tyler and Will Orr
 left Saturday for Putnam after a
 visit with the formers parents Mr.
 and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

**EAT LESS AND TAKE
 SALTS FOR KIDNEYS**

Take a glass of Salts before breakfast
 if your Back hurts or Bladder
 bothers you.

The American men and women must
 guard constantly against Kidney trouble,
 because we eat too much and all our food
 is rich. Our blood is filled with uric
 acid which the kidneys strive to filter
 out, they weaken from overwork, become
 sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and
 the result is kidney trouble, bladder
 weakness and a general decline in health.
 When your kidneys feel like lumps of
 lead; your back hurts or the urine is
 cloudy, full of sediment or you are
 obliged to seek relief two or three times
 during the night; if you suffer with sick
 headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid
 stomach, or you have rheumatism when
 the weather is bad, get from your phar-
 macist about four ounces of Jad Salts;
 take a tablespoonful in a glass of
 water before breakfast for a few days
 and your kidneys will then set fine.
 This famous salts is made from the acid
 of grapes and lemon juice, combined with
 lithia, and has been used for generations
 to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys;
 to neutralize the acids in the urine so it
 no longer is a source of irritation, thus
 ending bladder disorders.
 Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot in-
 jure, makes a delightful effervescent
 lithia-water beverage, and belongs in
 every home, because nobody can make
 a mistake by having a good kidney flush-
 ing any time.

League Program.
 Subject: The Vocation of States-
 manship.
 Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Hymn.
 Leader: T. A. Johnson.
 Reading of scripture lesson, (Luke
 XXII, 24-30; Ex. XXI, 12) and subject
 discussed by leader.
 The equipment needed: Ola Pope,
 Instrumental Solo; Laura Beard.
 Where preparation begins; Oscar
 Pate.
 Prayer.
 Equivocal visitor: Josie Smith.
 Miscellaneous.
 Hymn.
 League benediction.

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dickson of
 Cleburne left here Friday night
 after having spent about two
 months in Merkel.

Mrs. Burhl Wheeler was in
 Abilene the latter part of last
 week visiting.

Miss Winnie Fort of Abilene
 who visited Mrs. Clint Conner,
 left Saturday for her home.

Mrs. G. I. Dorman of Dallas
 who has been here for some time
 visiting her sister Mrs. W. H.
 Dickson left Monday for her
 home.

Misses Armeta and Ruby
 Wheeler of Noodle left Saturday
 for Ballenger to visit relatives
 for a short time.

Miss Clara Will McNat of Abi-
 lene was the week end guest of
 Miss Frances Burroughs.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson of El Paso
 came in last Friday to attend the
 funeral of her sister Miss Ina
 Wheeler. She will visit the fam-
 ily of her parents Judge and Mrs.
 W. W. Wheeler for some time
 before returning.

Mrs. W. M. Turner and son
 Frank of Rule were here last
 week attending the funeral of
 Miss Ina Wheeler, Mrs. Turner's
 cousin.

Mrs. Luther Swafford of Dallas
 is here this week visiting her par-
 ents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent
 and her husbands parents Mr.
 and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

A. H. Barnes of Blair commu-
 nity was in Abilene Monday look-
 ing after some legal matters and
 attending to other business.

Alex Harris of Stanton came in
 Monday afternoon from Abilene,
 having spent the day in that city
 on business.

Sam Butman Jr., left Monday
 afternoon for El Paso to visit
 friends and see the sights of the
 border land for a while.

Mrs. J. S. Robertson is in Ran-
 ger this week visiting her brother.

W. O. Boney left Monday
 morning for Fort Worth on busi-
 ness.

Mrs. Lula Edwards is as home
 from Strawn.

Miss Ona Stanley spent Sunday
 with her parents at Nubia.

Mrs. C. C. Tate and daughters
 Clair and Jennie of Abilene at-
 tended the funeral of the late W.
 H. Dickson last Tuesday morn-
 ing.

Mrs. C. Haney of Temple re-
 turned to her home Saturday af-
 ter a short visit with Mrs. Eoff of
 this place.

J. P. C. Hunt of Haskell was in
 the city the first of the week, pro-
 moting interests he has in the
 Moran Oil field.

Miss Artie Cypert is visiting
 relatives at Trent this week.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

HOW NOT TO HAVE TYPHOID.

Typhoid is a filth disease and ought to be eliminated.

People can be immunized from typhoid by being vaccinated. There is no doubt of the certainty of this preventive. But even if one is immunized one should not tolerate a condition that might bring about typhoid if one were not proof against it.

The first thing to do is to see that the water supply is pure. Those who use Memphis artesian water need have no fear on this account except that they must watch to see that there is no break in the plumbing in their house in their house and no trash around sinks.

If the water supply is pure the next thing to do is to screen the house. A fly can pick up a typhoid germ or a dozen of them in his feet and deposit them on a layer iced cake or molasses.

A third thing to do is to watch the milk supply. Vegetables should be thoroughly washed and boiled. Vegetables such as lettuce and radishes and those fruits that are eaten without being cooked should be very carefully washed.

People do not eat as much canned fruits or canned goods of any kind in the summer, but it can be said for canned stuff, when properly canned by reliable and honest firms that it is sterilized and therefore free from germs. One must be careful, however, after opening a can of vegetables or fruit, to see to it that no foreign substance gets into the unused part.

If you have cistern water on your place in the city of Memphis, don't drink it.

If you go in swimming in Wolf River or a tank, don't swallow any water.

Keep your teeth clean and wash your hands thoroughly before eating.

Drink plenty of Memphis artesian water, eat the simplest foods and you are not likely to have any sort of trouble this summer.

You can drink half a gallon of Memphis artesian water in an afternoon and it won't hurt you.

If you live in the country, watch the water supply. See to it that the spring has no vein running under the stable lot.

See to it that the cows are carefully washed before they are milked, and be mighty careful about washing your own hands before milking.

Screen your house. You can screen an ordinary country house for \$15.

Don't overload your stomach with an immense amount of food.

See to it that the flies are kept away even from out houses.

Throw dust or lime over the manure piles in the barn yards and stalls and also be very careful about screening lavatories.—Commercial Appeal.

Merkel has many such dangerous places as are mentioned above. An ounce of preventative is

worth a pound of cure. Be absolutely sure that your surroundings are sanitary and thusly lower your chances of typhoid.

PASTED PHARAGRAPHS.

The cost of foodstuffs soars apace;
 It is a pitty;
 And yet men find enough
 To feed the kitty.
 —Columbia State.

To get cheap food and meat each day,
 A man will dicker.
 And yet he somehow finds enough
 To buy good liquor.
 —Cincinnati Inquirer.

To furnish food for wife and kids
 A mans purse jars,
 And yet he never lacks the price,
 To buy cigars.
 —Commercial Appeal.

A man will go to every play
 That haunts his section,
 But grumbles if he has to pay,
 A church collection.
 —Nebraska State Journal.

He growls at wife's dressmaker's bills,
 When he pays such;
 But those who've seen her these days know,
 She don't wear much.
 —Houston Post.

He buys cold drinks and all such truck,
 Just stop him if you will,
 And when he's old and out out of money,
 It's the poor old imbecile.

General Francisco Villa has placed an order with a Chicago firm for a porcelain bath tub. Pancho evidently thinks he will need a good cleaning when he gets to the city of Mexico.

The noted peace bird is credited with not having laid anything but scrambled eggs this last nestling time.

Those Mediators seem to be doing an Alfonso-Gaston stunt up the Niagra Falls and while they wait we will soon hear the report of Mexico City falls.

Over in Tennessee the people are harping about the June Brides getting all the showers. Not so in good old Texas we had a good rain just last Monday was a two weeks ago.

Colorado city boasts of a baseball game between the fats and the leans and describes the fats as weighing a ton and the leans as being 72 feet high.

There are 99 out of 100 homes in Merkel that need the Clean-up and Paint-up plan carried out on them.

Why not clean-up paint-up.

Build a fly trap for your home, do anything to kill the flies, everyone you let stay around you wants to wear out his welcome by wiping his dirty feet on what you are to eat.

The ideal time of the year is here to kill the weeds around your home. Try it a rap.

THE MAIL CONTEST

IS NOW OPEN

HELP YOUR FRIEND WIN A PRIZE

GUBERNATORIAL CLIPPINGS

Colquitt to Stone.

Governor Colquitt has addressed an open letter to Thos. H. Stone, chairman of the South Texas Ball committee, of Houston. The governor submits evidence that Thomas H. Ball is a stockholder in the Southern Drug company, and that the Southern Drug company is engaged in the liquor traffic. Incorporated in his letter is a circular addressed to a druggist in an East Texas town, notifying the aforesaid druggist that Bavarian malt extract "makes ten sales grow where only one grew before. Your business needs it. We are both in the same boat, for if you handle Bavarian malt extract both of us will make more money." The druggist is notified that the cost is 10 cents a bottle; that the extract sells for 25 cents a bottle and the profit to the druggist on a \$30 cask is \$17. The druggist is advised by the Southern Drug company "to place your order today, in order to reap rich harvests of profit which will flow." Governor Colquitt, for the information of the public, says the amount of alcohol found in well known brands of beer sold in this state follows: Blue Ribbon beer, 4.20 per cent alcohol; Budweiser beer 4.70 per cent; Bavarian malt extract, 3.85 per cent. The Southern Drug company, according to the governor, is engaged in the liquor business, and he furnishes a certified statement made to the state comptroller of the amount of liquor sold by the Southern Drug company for a year, as follows: \$16,865.28 J. P. Moulden, acting comptroller of the state, certifies to the accuracy of the figures as submitted by the treasurer of the Southern Drug company. Governor Colquitt makes the direct charge that he told R. W. Wier, a director in the company, that he would call the attorney general's attention to the circular, and the matter of proceeding by the sellers of such intoxicants to druggists in local option districts was discussed. This happened in January of this year. Governor Colquitt says he did not solicit Mr. Ferguson to run; never had an interview with him; never held a conference or attended an elimination convention, but is exercising his right and privilege as a citizen to support the best man in the race for governor, "the man nearest in harmony with his own views on political questions." Chairman Stone, in his reply to Governor, introduces a letter from B. H. Gilmer, president of the Southern Drug company, in which Gilmer declares the company never purchased a bottle of Bavarian malt extract, never sold a bottle of same nor ever received 1 cent from the sale of this extract from any other person. Mr. Gilmer says that alcohol is the base of pharmaceutical liquids; that his company has never derived 1 cent profit from the sale of liquor, and that Mr. Ball only owns \$1,000 of stock and that his company is capitalized at \$150,000. Mr. Stone says that the pros held an elimination primary; that the antis attempted to duplicate the stunt and failed because James E. Ferguson defied them. In conclusion, Chairman Stone notifies the governor that Thomas H. Ball will be his successor. This will believe the voters from all responsibility on July 25, which is

primary election day. The two letters written by these two distinguished Democrats would consume three columns of space in The Record. The keeper of the record has taken the liberty "to boil it down." Space is at premium. Where is the use in attempting to cover the earth when it is 101 in the shade and dog days are coming in August? Fort Worth Record.

One of these two distinguished men is evidently mistaken, which one is?

Patterson off The Wagon.

John S. Patterson of Dallas, who was one of the speakers at the Ferguson rally in Dallas, has addressed an open letter to Thomas H. Ball. Mr. Patterson is a statewide prohibitionist. He denies that campaign falsehoods have been circulated about Mr. Ball. He declares that Mr. Ball admits he is a member of the Houston County club; that said clubs are licensed to sell liquor and that Mr. Ball holds membership fees in each club. Also that he is entitled under the law to share in the club's surplus. "The real prohibitionist of Texas do not quite understand your dual attitude," says Mr. Patterson. "Many of them would prefer a sincere anti to a wet pro. I am one of the number. I have consistently voted the prohibition ticket since my majority." Again Mr. Patterson says to Mr. Ball: "Can you name any Houston preacher who is a member of these clubs? You are appealing to the church and the ministry to come to your aid. No true prohibitionist can give his indorsement to any man that contributes his influence and his money to an institution that sells across its bar more than \$10,000 worth of liquor annually." —Fort Worth Record.

Mr. Patterson and his friend are getting all Ball-ed up from the tone of the note addressed to the Colonel and the old time pro J. S. Patterson has stated that he has been riding the prohibition water wagon for fifteen years but when they hitched R. M. Johnson of the Houston Post and Dr. Rankin to it in double harness and gave Thos. Ball the drivers seat that was too much for him and that he promptly decided to walk.

GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HAIR

She made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to bring back color, gloss, thickness.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant, remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, gray or dry, scraggly and thin. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," thus avoiding a lot of fuss. While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle

Jno. Thompson of Abilene visited his brother W. Thompson last week.

Mrs. Walker and children of McKinney are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Eoff.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bickness Sunday.

Marcus Witt of Abilene is visiting his father Tom Witt.

Little Joe Sosebee accompanied his uncle to his home in Abilene last Sunday night.

The Methodist meeting begins Saturday night. Rev. Young will preach.

Miss Helen Thompson is visiting her sister Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.

Singing was well attended here Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greene were in Merkel shopping Saturday.

A. M. McCright attended church here Sunday.

G. N. Wright made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

DON'T BE MISLED

Merkel Citizens Should Read and Head This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and of the fatal.

Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy.

Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Used in kidney troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere.

A Merkel citizen's statement forms convincing proof.

It's local testimony—it can be investigated.

J. W. Bland, Merkel, Texas, says:

"For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold, it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since, and my kidneys have done their work properly."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Bland had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Correction to Obituary.

In last weeks issue of the Mail some errors were made in the the names and initials of the Mrs. O. M. Holland obituary which appeared in print as Mrs. C. M. Holland. The other errors were in the initials of those who survived the deceased. The name of Mrs. N. M. George appeared as Mrs. M. M. George and J. L. Holland of Shep as T. L. Holland. The address of Mrs. M. M. Right was not given, her home being at Shive, Texas.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn there is at least 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.

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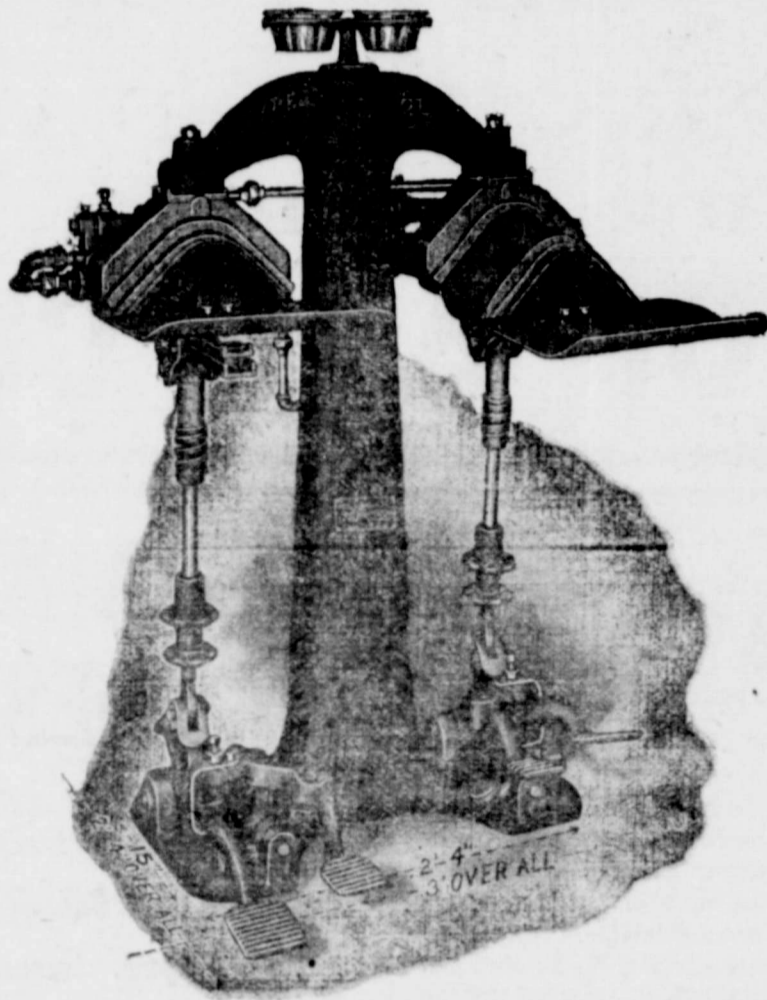
Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

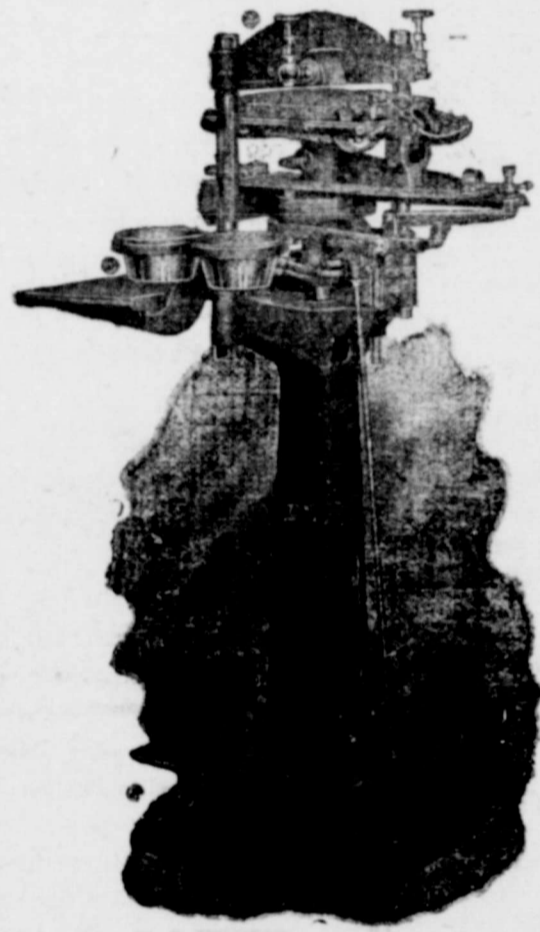
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

The Abilene Steam Laundry Co.

Have just completed the installation of New Press Machinery—now enabling them to give their patrons that high grade work that progressive times demands. We are giving illustrations of a few of the Press Machines and tender you a personal invitation to visit the most modern equipped Laundry, Cleaning, Pressing and Dying Plant in Texas.

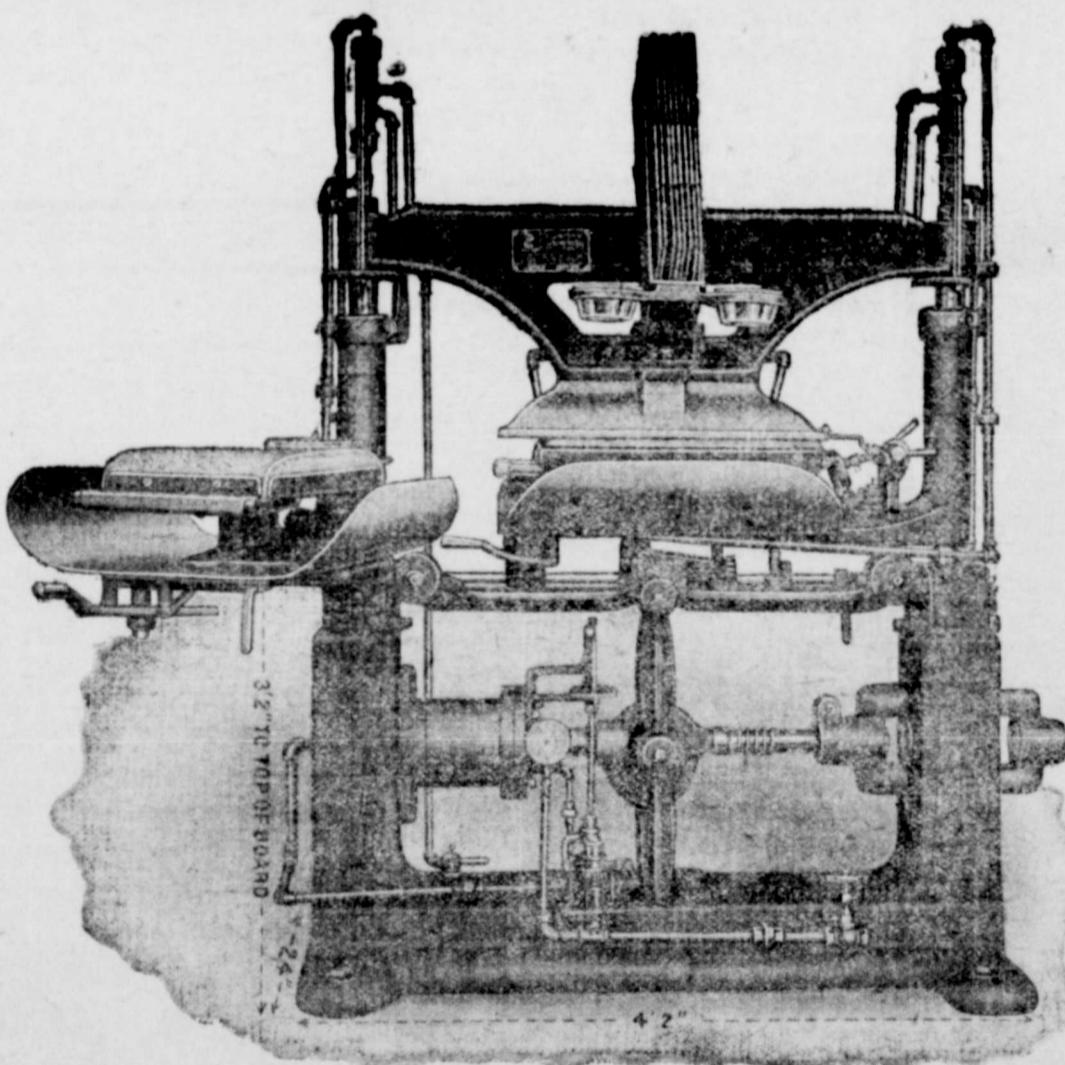


You will note the main points in this machine. It is steam heated, moulds your cuffs attached to shirts perfectly, no broken edges and means long life to your cuffs attached. You can't help admiring this machine and wonder at its many advantages over the old way of doing cuffs. An expensive machine, but indispensable in a laundry plant catering for the class of trade who know good laundry. Clothes pressed by steam are far superior to those with a red hot fire iron. We have stored away all machinery not right up-to-date, and replaced with the very latest types manufactured—with experienced labor who know how to operate.



On this machine the operator presses the neck band and yokes of the shirt, the most important, comfortable part about it, as smooth as silk, no scratching, no uncomfortable feeling to cause you to become irritated—just that pleasing effect that will cause you to wonder at the greatness of this one machine for particular people.

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Leading Druggists Will Refund Purchase Price of Dodson's Liver Tone if you're Dissatisfied.

T. L. Grimes may not be willing to guarantee the safety and reliability of calomel for constipation and sluggish liver, but these stores will and do stand back of Dodson's Liver Tone with an unconditional guarantee to refund the full purchase price (50c.) instantly without question if you are not satisfied in every way with Liver Tone and its results.

If you take calomel, perhaps you will seem to get temporary relief, but it often happens that the after-effects are at least unpleasant and sometimes dangerous. Calomel in large doses is a poison and actually deadly to some—perhaps to you—and hence its use means taking chances.

With Dodson's Liver Tone you are always safe. Its reliability is so certain that it can be sold with the money-back guarantee. It is a vegetable liquid, pleasant to take, and it cannot harm. It clears up the dulled and aching head and cleans out the clogged system in what many have found to be a wonderful way. Dodson's Liver Tone will do for you what it has done for thousands—and you run no risk in trying it. Ask T. L. Grimes about Dodson's and the guarantee.

Reports Good Cotton.

J. H. Campbell of Blair was in the city Saturday and reported the cotton in his section of the country in excellent condition, and was able to state in an interview at the Mail office that he had seen many blooms in his cotton during the latter part of last week.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy.

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in stomach and bowels. I had an awful time and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers.

Ed. R. Kone Here.

Hon. Ed. R. Kone, commissioner of Agriculture was in Merkel Friday in interest of his candidacy of the Congressman at Large.

Mr. Kone once visited Merkel during a rousing agricultural meeting held here and has a host of friends who were glad to have the opportunity of meeting him again.

Head ache and Nervousness Cured.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mrs. Richard Olp, Spencerport, N. Y. They have cured me of headache and nervousness and restored me to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.

Pays Semi-Annual Dividends.

The Farmers State Bank declared their first semi-annual dividend to the share holders Wednesday morning July 1st. The payment was for five per cent.

Cured of Indigestion.

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted upon my trying them. They helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic & sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

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Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels served a beautifully appointed six o'clock dinner Tuesday at her home on Locust St. in honor of Congressman Smith. Covers were laid for Congressman W. R. Smith, Messrs. Reaves Coleman and Myron Smith of Colorado, Capt. J. T. Tucker, Judge C. D. Mims, J. W. and Jno. R. Daniels.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Hibbits-Rice.

A quite home wedding was celebrated Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in Fort Worth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kunze when the latter's sister Mrs. Jeffie Hibbits and Mr. A. M. Rice were married. Elder J. S. Dunn of the Central Christian Church officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. R. J. Adcock of this city and has many relatives and near friends here where she is very popular in church, school and social.

The groom is a successful business man of Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice are spending their honeymoon in San Antonio and other points. They will make their home in Uvalde. Their many friends here join in extending congratulations.

Busy Women.

The Busy Women met last Wednesday at the Methodist parsonage. Had a good devotional meeting and also a social hour which was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

We have a nice class of 28 members and also a fine teacher. We are doing some missionary work in the home department and will distribute their literature this week.

We also have a Bible study something near 200 chapters read each week.

All who will come and join us have a hearty welcome.

On last Monday afternoon Mrs. H. C. Burroughs charmingly entertained the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church at her home on Rose St. The attendance was splendid. Mesdames Edwards and Gilliland rendered several musical selections. Miss Frances Burroughs gave several vocal selections. The delegates to the Plainview meeting were somewhat surprised to have one of their number give in a new report of "things that happened" while away. Punch, cake and mints were served.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church held its regular meeting at the church Monday afternoon. The lesson was studied and discussed in a very entertaining manner.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church was entertained Tuesday afternoon by Misses Gene and Carroll Rister at their hospitable home on Oak St. After the devotional exercise a business meeting was held during which officers were installed for the ensuing year and other important business transacted. A social hour which was greatly enjoyed followed. Those present were Misses Agnes Hall, Lulu Sharp, Dollie Teaff, Mary Lassiter, Irene Swann, Winnie Warren, Mesdames Brown, Harrison, Lassiter, Scott and Rister. Visitors, Miss Genevieve Rust, Mesdames Rose, Sorelle, Little Misses Mary Louise Scott and Ona Fae Rose.

The Circles of the Baptist church met at the church Monday afternoon in regular business and devotional session.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-66

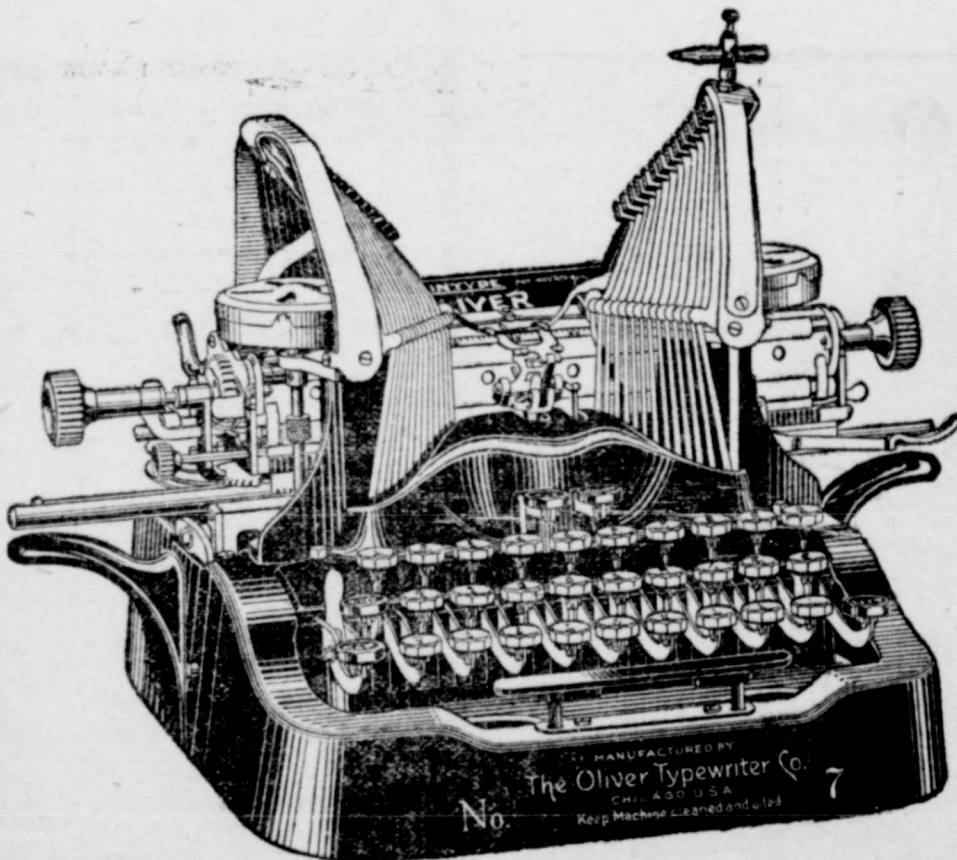
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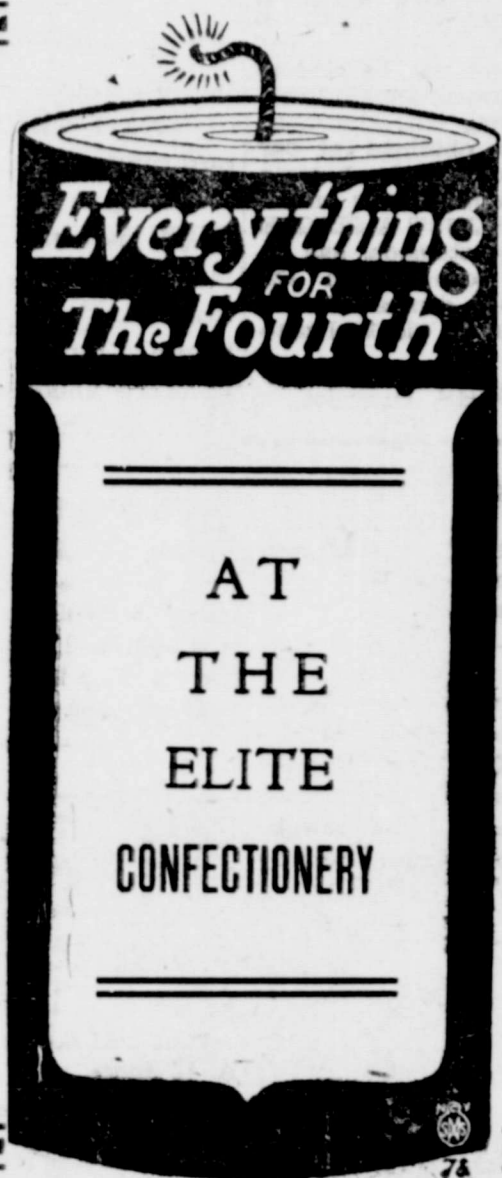
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere.

D. Palmer has been sick for several days and is no better. People are about through with their work and have fine prospects for a good crop.

We will welcome a thrasher in our midst just any old time.

There was to have been speaking at Compere Thursday night but the speaker took very sick Wednesday night and could not be here.

There will be a big candidate day here July 17th for all candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Perkins of Bush was at Compere Sunday.

Miss Mattie Moore of Merkel is visiting her brother T. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

Rev. Walker filled his appointment here Sunday.

Miss Clarice Moore and Master Billie Moore are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Demery.

H. Warren and family of Merkel were in our midst Sunday.

We are having warm weather at the present.

Nubia.

Sunday School was well attended. The books were distributed though they lacked a few having enough for the intermediates. A contribution of 40c was collected. Mrs. Ellen Hogan resigned as secretary and Miss May Reynolds was elected in her place. It was decided 2:30 was too early to meet and will now meet at 6 o'clock. We hope that each and everyone will come and have a good lesson next Sunday.

W. I. Cogburn served ice cream to several of his friends Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Floyd Cogburn and Kyle Blair were in Blair Saturday afternoon.

Weeds are still some bad here. When people want to kill rabbits they go to the field instead of the pasture.

Feed crops look fine. The farmers expect to put his thumbs in his suspender, rareback and say, "I have plenty of feed for next year."

Johnnie Sewell and sister Miss Lonia attended Nubia Sunday School. Come again friends and bring someone with you. We will be grateful to you for your help.

Route Three.

Everybody is about to catch up with their work at last and some are needing

rain again.

H. Moore was reported real sick but is able to be up again.

Our Sunday School is progressing very nicely. Everybody is invited to join and help us.

The B. Y. P. U. met Sunday night and rendered a nice program.

Our meeting will start on Friday night before the second Sunday in July.

Miss Cleo Barnes was in Merkel shopping Saturday.

W. H. Hathaway and wife, Mrs. Baccus and daughter, Miss Pearl were visiting at the home of W. P. Moore Sunday.

Vernon Halley and Frank Berryman were transacting business in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilly returned home Monday from Abilene where they have visiting the latter's brother Mr. Compton.

Butman.

Hello dear Mail correspondents how are you all? I came to join the happy crew, for I suppose my vicinity desires representation in the news columns just about as well as any other; so here goes. But before launching further, let me say this: It is well known that this is a time characterized by strenuous activity and people are so busily engaged at the art of exterminating thistles and tares, along with "careful", weeds, bull nettles and "hurry" grass that the news correspondents have to be so much on the alert that they are forced to get up before they go to bed and eat before breakfast. So if delinquency in reporting of news is detected your patience and forbearance are requested to bear with the deficiency.

The hygiene of the community is above par.

Mr. Latimer speaking of the probability of war in Mexico, and, the same time keeping the weeds in mind says: Better be planning to dispose of those enemies and foes of the field.

The feed crop is looking fine. The farmers are all jubilant over the outlook and are not figuring on buying feed for another year.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the picnic at Dora on the 17th of July. Come and bring your "ownest own."

Mr. Kyle Blair say he is going to make all the money he can chopping cotton. He says he does not want to go to the picnic this summer without some spending money so he can "set um up" to his girl.

As this is my first I'll be temperate and not compel you to spoil too much good space in your good paper.

Cotton choppers have been as scarce as hen teeth since chopping began. But as some have caught up with their work they will now fall in and assist their neighbors as the price is good from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day and the demand is great.

Shiloh.

Sunday School was very well attended. Sunday.

There were not many at Singing Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes returned Sunday afternoon from Anson where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams.

James Patterson of the Warren community was in this community one day last week.

Roger Grayson lost a good work horse the past week.

Cecil Jobe and Clarence Hamm are chopping cotton for W. L. Boyd this week. We want to say "Hurrah" for boys who live in town who, when they get out of employment are willing to go out in the country and seek work knowing it is so much better to be at work than to idle their time away in town.

Several from here attended the farmers Institute at Noodle Friday night.

J. H. Grayson made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and little daughter Vernie spent one afternoon last week with the formers daughter Mrs. C. Seago in her new home at Noodle.

Henry Eason of the Noodle community is working for J. H. Grayson.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Ina Wheeler of Merkel.

Arthur Rogers was organist for the Singing Sunday afternoon. "Hurrah" for you Arthur we like to see boys take interest in singing.

Dear Editor: Though my letter is a little late I wish to offer my congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago through your much valued paper. With this young couple goes the kind wishes of kindred and friends. Aunt Betty.

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