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NEW BUILDING FOR F. & M. NATL. BANK

Mr. J. T. Warren, President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel has let the contract for the complete rebuilding of the quarters occupied by the Bank of which he is President. Work will begin at once and it will be completed in ample time for the fall business. Plans and specifications indicate the building to be a model of neatness and strength and it will be equipped as a practical Bank building along individual lines. New furniture will also be installed along the North side of the building fully preparing to handle their steadily increasing business with great convenience.

This improvement is in line with the policies and history of this progressive institution, which has through all the varying changes of time steadily gone forward contributing in a conservative way to the upbuilding and advancement of this trade territory. This bank is now in its tenth year, has a surplus fund of \$30,000.00 and has just paid to its stockholders its nineteenth regular semi-annual dividend, the total dividends since organization aggregating \$28,750.00. Cashier Thos. Johnson who has had the active management all along states that so successful has been the business that no stockholder has ever offered his stock for sale and that he expects to spend his remaining years in the new home they are equipping. Their statement in this issue of the Mail evidences their staple and safe banking basis.

Notice.

The Presbyterian meeting at Blair will include the 4th and 5th Sundays of August. Rev. Sibley will assist the pastor in the meeting. Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

KICKS ABOUT PAPER BEING STOPPED

J. W. Wheeler, one of the oldest readers of the Merkel Mail was found in a fighting mood the first week. On endeavoring to find out what was the matter he stated that we had stopped his paper and that he did not receive a copy last week.

Our promptness to apologize was not necessary for Mr. Wheeler soon eased our minds by handing us the necessary price of the paper for another year and complimented our policy of stopping the paper when the time was out stating that he was one of the signers of a petition circulated about three years ago asking that the Mail be placed on an absolute cash basis. This policy has been in force since the circulation of the petition and has met with such favorable results that we would not return to the credit system for several reasons.

Rev and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy and daughter Miss Eva left Monday night for Dallas where Rev. Gaddy goes to have his eyes treated.

COL. THOS. H. BALL SPOKE HERE TUESDAY

Tuesday afternoon Col. Thos. H. Ball, of Houston, candidate for governor of Texas, spoke to an overflowing crowd estimated from 600 to 1500 people at the tabernacle in interest of his candidacy. Among his hearers were many ladies and children who constituted a large part of the audience and at many times throughout the evening showed their appreciation of the speakers remarks by frequent applause. The speaker at many times during his speech was forced to wait until the applause brought out by some statement subsided.

The first speaker of the evening was Judge C. D. Mims who thanked the many listeners for their presence and stated that there were in reality only two candidates in the race for governor and at that particular moment he took the pleasure of introducing Hon. Thos. A. Johnson who would introduce the speakers of the evening. The way in which Judge Mims remarks ended in introducing Mr. Johnson brought laughter from the audience from the fact that everyone seemed to expect the next speaker to be Col. Ball.

Mr. Johnson in making an introduction of the distinguished speaker heartily recommended him as a leader of a cause worthy of the consideration and support of the people of Texas in the great campaign now on. His introduction of the speaker was met with roaring applause causing Col. Ball to stand for at least a moment before he could begin speaking:

"I am indeed grateful to this splendid audience for their presence in my honor this afternoon. It gives me confirmation of the splendid encouragement that I have been receiving during my entire campaign. I believe the people of Texas are beginning to have driven home in their minds and hearts that this is not a contest of persons, but on the 25th of July the momentous question will be decided and the people of Texas who stand for good government which is preferred in this country will then rule its destiny." These remarks were the first used by Col Ball in launching his speech which lasted over two hours.

In a historical sketch of his past life Col. Ball reviewed his connection with the first prohibition campaign he took a part in, that being in 1887 for statewide prohibition under the leadership of Carroll and constantly from the time he first engaged in political life he has been a strong advocate of the prohibition cause, fought for it in his old home town of Huntsville in four campaigns and was finally successful in helping to banish the barroom from that town where the grand old man Sam Houston now lies buried. He recited his connection with the present administration leaders when he made the great fight in 1911 for Woodrow Wilson on the floor of the National Convention that nominated our present President.

In answering charges against him of having fought Hogg during the days when opposition was so great against the now deceased former governor of Texas he called upon several men who were present in the audience and who were with him at the convention wherein the fight against Hogg took place who verified his denial as one who fought and tried to down Hogg on the floor of the convention hall at Waco.

The majority of Mr. Ball's statements of the evening were given in answer to charges brought against him and filing counter charges against Ferguson and his connection with the liquor interests of the state.

The first charge Col. Ball took into explanation was his connection with the Houston Club of which he is a member and the place he has been charged as being affiliated with that sold liquor. Mr. Ball stated that the Houston Club, a business mans club of Houston, the same as the Austin Club of Austin, was an organization of over 500 business men, lawyers and doctors, pros and antis alike. A place where a man could take his friends and entertain them, a place where the business men of Houston would entertain the highest officials of the land, the President or other distinguished persons or a man could take his wife. And while he had always supported the prohibition cause his opponent Jim Ferguson had always been on the other side and was a rank anti, backed by every saloon in Texas and the liquor interests of the country who Col. Ball charged with being now at the lowly undermining method of flooding the state with rotten literature, such as charges that are now being circulated against him as being connected with the Southern-Drug Company of Houston who are doing a wholesale liquor business in the state of Texas. He asked his audience and supporters to watch for the Southern Drug Company circulars and when one of them was shoved under their nose to ask the man who did it, who "pays for the dope?" Col. Ball severely criticised Gov. Colquitt with neglecting the affairs of his office and betraying the people of Texas by coming out after his two terms of office and trying to dictate to the people of Texas who should be their next governor, when as a matter of fact he had made such a mess out of his own administration and for the second time rode into office on the "Bat" and is now trying to get Jim in the chair on a platform of having the bat brought back. He gave Colquitt credit with having more sympathy for his fellow man than Ferguson and voiced his personal ideas in connection with the management of the penitentiary, which has been a financial failure for the past few years. He agrees with Colquitt in the more humane treatment of the convicts of the state and disagrees with Ferguson on his policy of handling them severely and placing over the penitentiary three farmers and if elected to the office of governor he promises to place in the management of the state prison, true and tried business men from any and every walk of life regardless of what their calling might be, and instead of using several and uncivilized methods of handling the poor convicts he would make the penitentiary a place of correction and reform instead of an absolute place of punishment. He would give the convict more time off, for good behavior than they are now receiving and those who are worked on the state farms he would give double time off on their term of sentence, thereby given the inmates something to work forward to and prepare themselves for a higher and better position in life.

In going back to the charges brought against him as being connected with Southern Drug Company of Houston he read from a statement of B. B. Gilmer president of the Southern Drug Company in which the president of the company stated that of the amount of liquor sold by his company the total for the last quarter was on 39 gallons of Duffy's Pure Malt made to hospitals and sanitariums about Houston and that such sale was made to them at actual cost of the liquor without profit to the company.

Col. Ball's criticisms of Mr. Ferguson's stand of a veto of any liquor measure that came up, met with such applause from the audience, he charged that Mr. Ferguson in doing this knew that the house would have a majority if not a 2/3 majority of prohibition members and there would be no occasion of vetoing any measure offered by the anti members as their force would not be strong enough to pass any regulation favorable to the liquor interests whatever, while on the other hand Mr. Ferguson was stating in his platform his position of assuming a power of veto equal to a 2/3 vote of the house and that no man should vote for such a candidate under any consideration, this remark was applauded vigorously as were many other statements the speaker made. As to the publication of free editorials Mr. Ball stated that all over the state of Texas he could get more free editorials from newspapers than Ferguson could buy at any price.

For more than one reason the speaker told his audience why they should refrain from voting for Ferguson, from the fact that other than being an anti himself and promising the protective arm of the law to the liquor interests in event of his election, the barroom thugs, liquor dealers and white apron brigade all over the state were doing all in their power to elect Ferguson and for this reason

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CHAS. A. ELY DIES OF APPENDICITIS

Like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky came the report from Dallas that Charles A. Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely of the Noodle community had died in Dallas at the St. Paul Sanitarium from appendicitis.

Mr. Ely who was a young man and christian gentleman just launching out in life enjoyed a friendship and confidence of those who knew him and was an honored young citizen of our community. He has been elected during the last two years as teacher of the Warren School where his services were absolutely satisfactory and in order to fully equip himself for his life work had gone to Denton together with several other young teachers from the Merkel country and was applying himself to his work diligently when stricken suddenly with appendicitis. His condition grew rapidly worse and preparations were made to take him to a Sanitarium at Dallas for operation, he had hardly reached Dallas when death overcame him. He was 22 years of age and had lived in the Merkel country for a number of years, was reared in a christian home and at an early age joined the M. E. Church South.

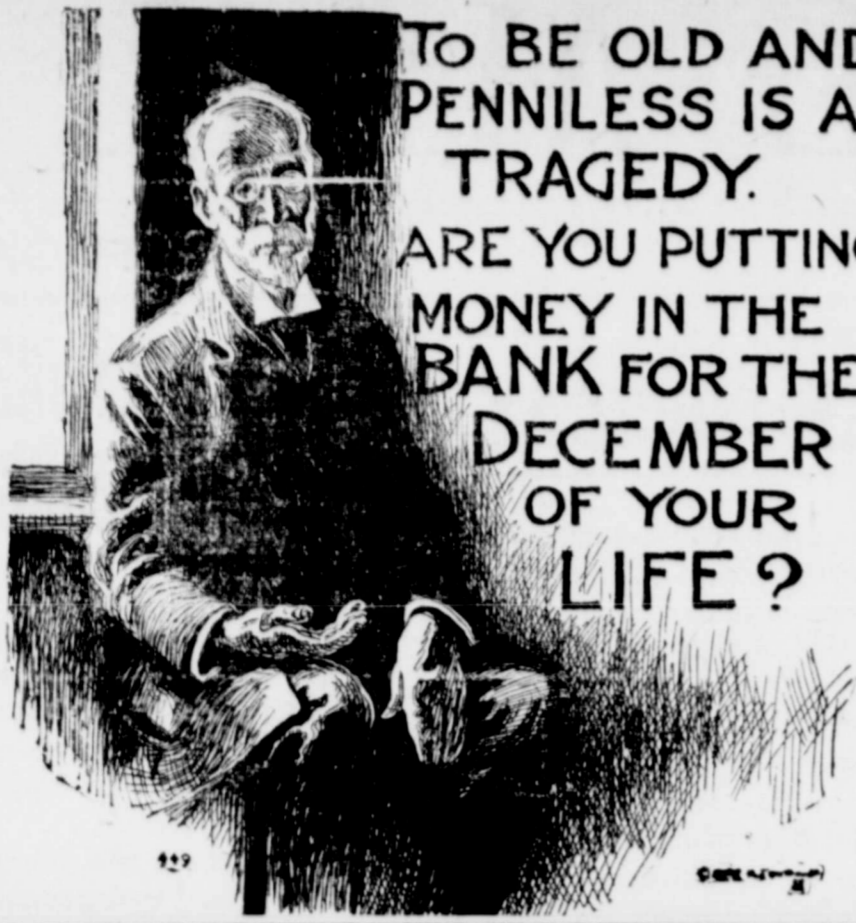
The body was brought here from Dallas Tuesday morning and immediately taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sadler of Bettis Heights where it remained until the funeral services at the Tabernacle at 10 o'clock. Interment was given in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. Chas. Young of Noodle conducting the services.

The Mail deeply sympathizes with the bereaved mother and father and other relatives of this young man. His loss was indeed a loss to his community.

MERKEL COUNTRY ABOVE AVERAGE

The writer of this article had the pleasure of seeing a large portion of central and south Texas last week. Making the trip from Dallas to Galveston and return on daylight trains and during the ride surveyed the country carefully as to crop conditions and prospects.

In the immediate section of the country in and around Dallas and adjoining counties the conditions are fair but taken as a whole the Merkel country and Taylor county are far above the average of the country traversed from here to the gulf. Cotton in many places throughout the lower central portion of the state is very late and small, it is spotted and is now sorely in need of rain as well as is the corn crop. These conditions gradually grow better toward north Texas but none of the country above mentioned have brighter prospects than the country surrounding the "City In Clover."



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

**REV. JOBE LIKES
TAYLOR COUNTY**

Evergreen, Texas,
July 11 1914.

To the Mail,
Dear Editor:—

I am now at the above place in a meeting, and thought I would write a few lines to the paper on crop conditions, etc. I left home on July 2nd and have been in 17 counties since that time as follows: Out of Taylor into Coleman Brown, Mills, Lampasas, Burnett, Williamson, Travis, Barstrop, Lee, Fayette, Washington, Waller, Harris; Montgomery, Walker and San Jacinto and out of all this long stretch of country the best crops I have seen were in Taylor, Coleman, Brown, Mills and Lampasas and even these were all needing rain, in order to hold crops good. From Lampasas county this way they have had no rain since the floods let up the last week in May. Most places corn crops are almost a failure and I don't believe that on an average it will make a fourth of a crop. Many places the small grain crop was a total loss on account of wet weather and rust, other places wheat is thrashing from 2 to 8 bushels per acre and oats 10 to 25 bu. per acre, and hundreds of acres of alfalfa were mowed raked up in wind rows, rotted drug out on turning row and burned. Cotton crops run all the way from dry seed in the ground to grown bowls, and some beginning to open. On a whole I consider the cotton and feed or grain crop about as sorry as I have ever seen in my life to take it over so large a scope of country. In the black land belt I find hundreds of acres of fine land laying out, and growing up in weeds. A general complaint among the people of sorry crops, hard times and scaasity money. Politics are running high here especially over Ball and Ferguson. True christianity is at a very low ebb.

I am away down in these piney woods preaching Jesus to the people and laying it up to the boys to elect Ball Governor, Blanton to congress and Caughen, sheriff and if they don't do it, there is one thing that I know and that is I will have as good a governer, congressman and sheriff as the rest of them.

Yours truly,
A. L. Jobe.

Oak Barrels for sale at
Grimes Drug Store.

STATEMENT
Farmers & Merchants National Bank
OF MERKEL

At Close of Business June 30th., 1914

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$101,945.35	Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds, par	7,750.00	Surplus & Profits	33,007.07
Furniture & Fixtures	3,000.00	Circulation	6,250.00
Real Estate	6,657.25	Bills Payable	NONE
5 Percent Red'mpt'. Fund	312.50	Rediscounts	NONE
Cash and Exchange	44,714.17	Other Borrowed Money	NONE
		Deposits	100,122.20
Total	\$164,379.27	Total	\$164,379.27

Upon the merits of this Statement we solicit your business.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

I am serving my first term as collector of Taylor county if you think I have discharged my duties, and am worthy of another term I will appreciate your vote at the Primary July 25.
Respectfully,
D. T. HARKRIDER,
Tax Collector, Taylor County, Texas.

**MERKEL'S LIGHTS
IMPROVE THE CITY**

The street lighting system recently installed here is one of the best additions to the appearance of the city that has been made in many a moon. The fifteen modern street lights in the business portion of our town constitute one of the best advertising mediums our city can have for itself. There is one other improvement that could be made in connection with our lights, that of a cotinuous service and Merkel would be indeed benefitted.

Another recent improvement made was the muffling of the gas engine at the light plant. This was done Wednesday and Wednesday night remarks were heard from many persons as to the noisless way the light plant was running. The loud popping exhaust could not be heard even a block away, the exhaust pipe having been changed and placed in an underground pit makes the explosion of the gas practically indistinct.

Card of Thanks.
To our many friends who so faithfully and kindly showed their friendship in assisting us during the prolonged sickness of our father Capt. W. H. Hawkins we take this method of thanking them. Especially do we wish to thank our friends for the beautiful floral offering and the Masons for their attentions during his sickness and at his death.
Respectfully,
Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

To Remodel Building.
G. F. West manager of the G. F. West Co., just closed a contract for the insertion of a 25 foot plate glass front to his building on Edwards street.
The improvement will extend from the Edwards street entrance of the West building north to the flight of stairs at the rear of the building and will be used as a means of displaying the grocery stock of the G. F. West Co. The work should be complete within a short time.

Buys New Autos.
Clyde Sears has recently purchased from H. M. Warren, local agent for the Ford Motor Company, a new runabout.
Another purchase was made the first of the week by Jno. G. Jackson, who is sporting a new two passenger Studebaker.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

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

Miss Mae Grayson	8900 votes
Miss Gertrude Piyant	6300 votes
Miss Ida Taylor	6700 votes
Miss Halie Moore	2100 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson	4400 votes
Miss Effie Duke	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn	1100 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus	6800 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

Miss Jessie Cox of Abilene is visiting her cousin Miss Zora West.

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.

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



'Bouquet'
Insures Perfect Success in Every Baking

Only the very finest wheat is used in the making of this Flour and we stand back of every sack with a guarantee of perfect satisfaction.

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 Throckmorth 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 Tippet
 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

Oak Barrels for sale at Grimes Drug Store.

Lem Browning of Arkansas Pass came in Tuesday from an extended visit in Kentucky. He will visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning of this place for several days.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please nothing to offend.

The Methodist Missionary Ladies will serve ice cream in Merkel on Election Day.

Uncle Joe Harris (A City Dad) came in from some point east of here Wednesday afternoon.

Call on the Crown Hardware Co. for High Test Phone Batteries.

Mrs. A. G. Crouch who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin left Wednesday afternoon for her home at Douglas, Ariz. On her return she stopped at Midland to visit Mrs. Georgia Easterwood, her aunt.

Call on the Crown Hardware Co. for High Test Phone Batteries.

Messrs. Wesley Edwards, Dee Grimes, W. N. Hall and Chas. Mershon were in Nubia Wednesday afternoon visiting J. A. Blair who has been very low for the past few days, they report the Nubia man some better.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson was a week end guest of Miss Clara Tate of Abilene last week.

Miss Mary Jennings is at home from Dallas where she visited her sister Mrs. W. M. Jenkins.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Lizzie Calvert was in Abilene the first of the week visiting friends and relatives, returning home Wednesday afternoon. Miss Calvert will be away from her position of head saleslady at W. L. Harkriders during this week. See Harvey Warren for gas and oils.

Jno. Briggs of Vernon came in Sunday morning to look after property he has in this section of the country and to visit friends. Mr. Briggs is just recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Gas and Oils of every kind for the Auto at the Ice House.

Mrs. G. D. Richie left Monday morning for Ovalo and Buffalo Gap where she will visit relatives for a short time.

See me before you sell your Wheat and Oats. G. M. Sharp.

I have moved my dental office from the F. & M. National Bank building to the rear offices adjoining the office of Geo. L. Miller. Dr. O. F. McMaster.

Fill your car with good gasoline before going on a journey. Harve Warren can supply you.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman and daughter Miss Lottie of the Canyon country were the mid week guests of T. B. Garroute and family of Route 1.

A fresh supply of Johnston's chocolates at the Elite.

Miss Christina Frederickson who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson, left Monday evening for Flagstaff, Ariz.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner of Trent were in the city Monday, returning home on the 5.45 T. & P. west bound.

Your patronage appreciated at the Elite.

Mrs. S. F. Annis and granddaughter Marguerita Foster left Monday morning for Brownwood to make an extended visit among relatives and friends expecting to return a month hence by the way of Colorado.

Cold drinks and cigars, best in town at the Elite.

Mrs. C. C. Carter of Abilene is visiting her sister Mrs. Ben Pilcher this week.

Our Quick-Action Sale and all of the special prices still in force. It will pay you to save money by buying that bill of us. Woodroof & Co.

Ollie Cordell of Big Springs, recently of Merkel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groene.

We save you money on your dry goods purchases but not at expense of the quality of the goods. Woodroof & Co.

In this issue of the paper is a two-page advertisement announcing the anniversary sale of J. P. Sharp. This old timer and pioneer merchant means business when he does attempt a special sale and it will be your interest to read the ad and prices.

C. C. Bankhead who has been in Comanche the past ten days returned home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams of Bronte were in the city the first of the week visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Give us your orders for ice cream for special dinners or parties. The Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene were in the city Monday evening visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Ellis left the following day for a weeks vacation in San Antonio and will return through the country.

A free trip to California, the land of sunshine and flowers or a high grade piano absolutely free. A special prize every week for leading contestant that week. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. J. C. Hamner of Trent was in Merkel Sunday and Monday visiting relatives and attending the meeting now in progress at the Tabernacle.

Refreshment headquarters — The Elite.

We want one hundred names on our free voting contest. Woodroof & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan of Big Springs who have visited the latter's Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman of the Canyon country during last week, returned to their home Monday evening.

I have just unloaded a car of sugar and syrup. Walter Clark.

F. H. Hamm has improved his Oak street residence with thorough painting. (The slogan) Clean-Up and Paint-Up, and Mr. Hamm is not forgetful of the appropriate time for such work.

I have plenty of Diamond "D" syrup 50c per gallon. Walter Clark.

Dont fail to read Sharps big two page ad in this issue of the Mail.

Miss Myrtle Davis left Thursday morning for Amarillo to visit her mother.

Judge H. C. Hord and R. N. Grisham of Sweetwater were down Tuesday to escort Col. Ball from here to Sweetwater where he spoke Tuesday afternoon to a large crowd.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please, nothing to offend.

Dont fail to read Sharps big two page ad in this issue of the Mail.

A. C. Browning of Dallas visited homefolks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of Hillsboro came in the first of the week to visit the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please, nothing to offend.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams and children of Bronte were the guests of Mrs. William's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz the past week.

Dont fail to read Sharps big two page ad in this issue of the Mail.

C. T. Beckham of Trent was in the city Tuesday attending the Ball speaking and meeting with friends.

We are handling the Clark Jewel Oil Stove. They are the best. Crown Hardware Co.

If it is something sweet you are looking for I have it. Walter Clark.

We are handling the Clark Jewel Oil Stove. They are the best. Crown Hardware Co.

FREE ART SQUARE
SATURDAY JULY 18TH

PARTEN'S BIG STOCK REDUCING SALE
 Continues in Full Sway

25 and 35 Cent
Lawns, Voils and Printed Batistes
 Extra Special This Week

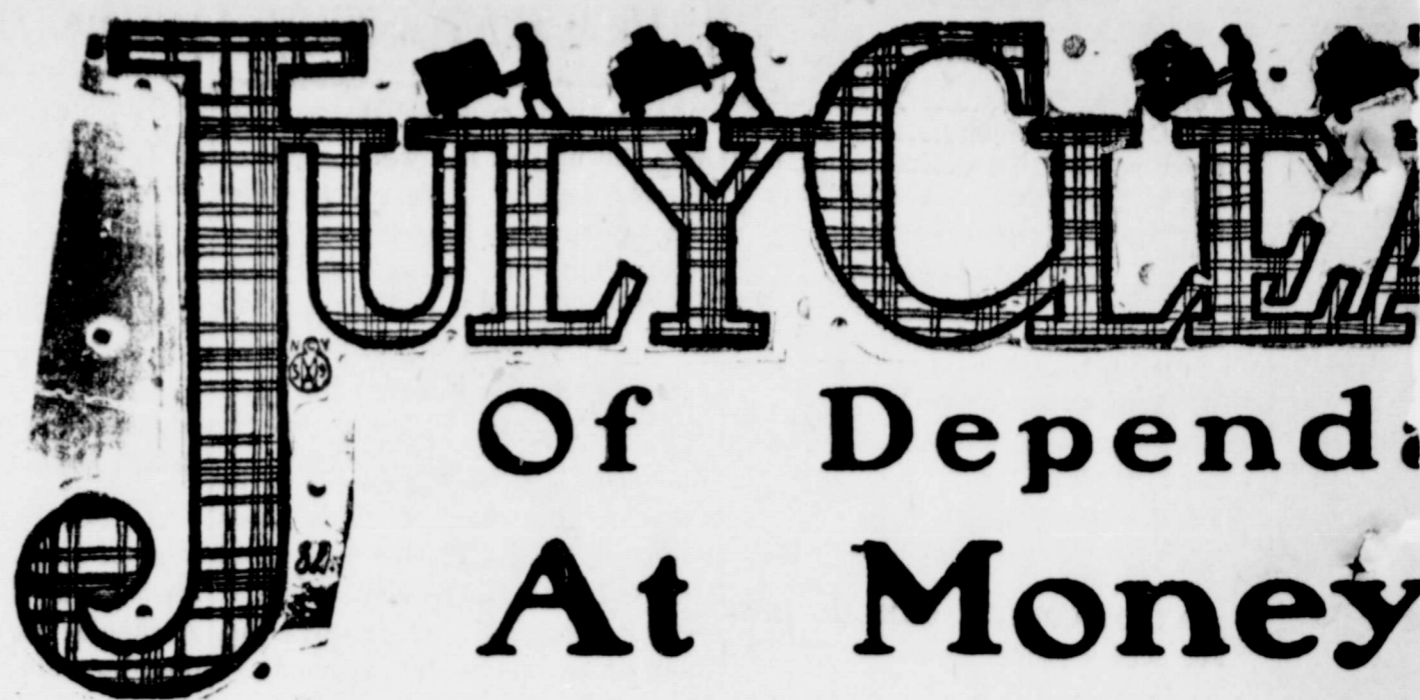
Only 15 Cents

J. P. Sharp

DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

**A 15 Days
July
Clearance
Sale**

**Come and C
the Unad-
vertised
Bargains**



Everything in Our Big Stock

This Sale of unusual importance is now in full blast.

Big Bargains would be like going to I

BIG BARGAINS

Come early while our stocks are complete. You will save big money.

The Prices are Right. If they

THESE PRICES TELL AN INTERESTING MONEY

Shoes

\$4.50 & 5.00 mens dress oxfords	\$3.65
4.00 mens dress oxfords	3.25
3.50 mens dress oxfords	2.85
3.25 mens dress oxfords	2.60
3.00 mens dress oxfords	2.40
2.50 white canvas oxfords	2.15
1.50 rubber sole canvas oxfords	1.15
3.50 & 4.00 ladies pumps & oxfords	2.85
3.00 & 3.25 ladies pumps & oxfords	2.35
2.50 ladies pumps and oxfords	1.75
2.00 & 2.25 ladies pumps & oxfords	1.50
2.75 & 3.00 boys oxfords	2.35
2.50 boys oxfords	1.85
1 lot 1.75 to 2.25 boys oxfords & shoes	1.50
2.25 and 2.50 childrens oxfords	1.75
1.75 childrens oxfords	1.35
1.50 childrens oxfords	1.15
1 lot 1.50 to 2.25 childrens oxfords	1.00

Work Shoes

\$3.50 mens work shoes	\$2.95
3.00 and 3.25 mens work shoes	2.60
2.50 mens work shoes	2.10
2.25 mens work shoes	1.90
2.25 & 2.50 boys work shoes	1.85

J. P. Sharp

DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

Dress Goods

5c American calico	4c
10c percal	8c
12 1/2c madras	10c
12 1/2c red seal gingham	9c
10c amoskeag gingham	7 1/2c
10c blouse linon	8c
15c pure linen	10c
20c pure linen	15c
20c serpentine crepe	15c
20c lingerie crepe	15c
20c Joney voile	15c
12 1/2c beauty crepe	9c
40c fancy crepe	25c
20c marietta curtain goods	15c
10c, 15c and 20c figured lawns	5c
25c figured lawns and swiss	10c
50c silks	35c

Specials

\$2.00 messaline petticoats	\$1.00
2.50 corsets	2.00
2.00 corsets	1.35
1.50 corsets	1.15
1.25 corsets	.90
5.00 mens and ladies rain coats	4.00
1.50 mens dress shirts	1.15
1.25 mens dress shirts	95c
1.00 mens dress shirts	80c
50c mens work shirts	43c
45c mens work shirts	38c

All laces and ribbons reduced

Mens and

\$3.00 mens felt hats clearance price	\$2.25
2.50 mens felt hats clearance price	1.85
2.00 mens felt hats clearance price	1.35
3.50 mens straw hats clearance price	2.50
3.00 mens straw hats clearance price	2.00
2.00 mens straw hats clearance price	1.25
1.50 mens straw hats clearance price	1.00

**HOT DAYS
IN COOL
STRIKE WHILE THE
AND THE PRICE**

\$8.50 mens palm beach suits	\$7.00
8.00 mens palm beach suits	6.50
7.50 mens palm beach suits	6.00
6.50 boys palm beach suits	
\$25 mens wool summer suits	
22.50 mens wool summer suits	
\$20 mens wool summer suits	10

SPRING SALES

able Merchandise
--Saving Prices

J. P. Sharp

DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

Tell Your
Friends and
Neighbors
About This
SALE

Sale Opens
July the 11th
Closes
Saturday
July 25th

of Summer Goods Must Go

Coming to Merkel and failing to come to Sharp's Sale
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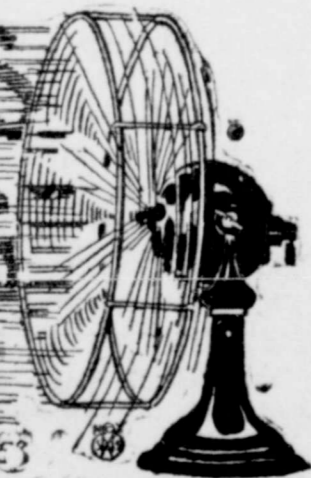
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SAVING STORY OF VITAL INTEREST TO YOU

Boys Hats

75c mens silk hats clearance price	55c
50c mens silk hats clearance price	40c
1 50 boys felt hats clearance price	1.15
1.25 boys felt hats clearance price	95c
65c boys straw hats clearance price	50c
50c boys silk hats clearance price	40c

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& LOW!

\$15 mens wool summer suits	7.50
12.50 mens wool summer suits	6.25
12.50 youths wool summer suits	7.50
7.50 youths wool summer suits	4.50
\$6 and 6.50 boys wool summer suits	4.65
3.50 and 4 boy wool summer suits	2.95

Hosiery

25c chilrens guaranteed hose	20c
20c chilrens cotton hose	15c
15c chilrens cotton hose	10c
10c chilrens cotton hose	7c
\$1.00 ladies silk hose	85c
65c ladies silk hose	50c
35c ladies lisle hose	25c
25c ladies lisle hose	20c
15c ladies cotton hose	10c
10c ladies cotton hose	7c
65c mens silk half-hose	50c
35c mens lisle half-hose	25c
25c mens lisle half-hose	20c
15c mens cotton half-hose	10c
10c mens cotton half hose	7c

Underwear

50c pepperell drawers sale price	38c
50c B. V. D. drawers sale price	43c
50c B. V. D. uddershirts sale price	43c
50c athletic undershirts sale price	43c
50c athletic drawers sale price	43c
50c conde-mesh drawers sale price	38c
50c conde-mesh undershirts sale price	38c
50c Egyptian balbriggan undershirts	43c
25c balbriggan undershirts sale price	18c
65c boys union suits clearance price	48c
50c boys union suits clearance price	43c
10c ladies vests clearance sale price	7c
7 1/2c ladies vests clearance sale price	5c

Extra Pants

\$7.00 and 7.50 mens dress pants price	\$5.00
6.00 and 6.50 mens dress pants price	4.50
5.00 mens dress pants clearance price	4.00
4.50 mens dress pants clearance price	3.25
4.00 mens dress pants clearance price	2.85
3.50 mens dress pants clearance price	2.35
3.00 mens dress pants clearance price	2.15
2.50 mens dress pants clearance price	1.65
2.00 mens dress pants clearance price	1.25
1.25 mens dress pants clearance price	1.15
1.50 boys dress pants clearance price	1.15
1.25 boys dress pants clearance price	90c
1.00 boys dress pants clearance price	75c
1.00 mens work pants clearance price	85c
85c mens work pants clearance price	75c
1.00 mens lone stare overalls this sale	85c
1.00 kant rip overalls sale price only	75c
50c boys overalls clearance sale price	40c
25c boys overalls clearance sale price	20c
1.00 mens jumpers clearance sale price	85c
50c mens jumders clearance sale price	40c

J. P. Sharp

DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

WALTER L. MORRIS

FOR

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

(Re-Election) Subject to Action Democratic Primary, July 25, 1914

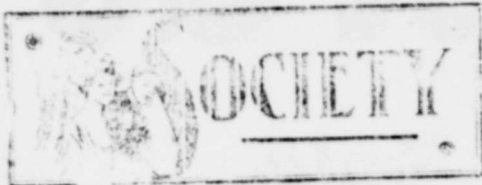
The District Attorney's office is a hard one to fill; to be successful the District Attorney must be a lawyer of ability, honest and fearless in the discharge of his duties, and he must be able to cope with the most learned and most able lawyers in the state.

Every man's property and even their lives

must be properly protected, and the people need a District Attorney who is able enough that a poor man is not forced to employ private prosecution in order to get his legal rights when his property has been stolen or the lives of his loved ones have been taken or their character been assailed.

I have served you nearly four years, I leave the matter entirely for you to say whether or not I possess the above mentioned qualifications. If you think so I shall very much appreciate your support and influence.

WALTER L. MORRIS.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Baraca class entertainment Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney was quite a unique and enjoyable affair. The class had been divided under the colors of white and blue. The losers entertained the winners with ice cream and cake while they ate beans and cornbread, but just like men they tipped the waiter and enjoyed cream and cake too. The result of the contest was marvelous, many good workers were added to the class. Mrs. O. F. McMaster, the teacher, and the class are receiving many words of praise for their tireless work. About seventy were present to share in the pleasures of the evening.

Tuesday evening the Presbyterian Philathea and Baraca classes entertained a few friends with a fish (?) fry and a moonlight boating picnic at the Warren Lake. The young people went on floats all in high glee, each prepared to catch the biggest fish, but the fish refused to try any of the tempting bait so we cannot give a fish story this time. The boys were to furnish bread, lemons, ice and pickles, in some way they could only think of sweet things as the sandwiches were eaten without pickles and the lemonade was minus the lemons. The girls brought cake, salad, chicken and boiled ham. Every one reported a good time the best ever. The crowd stopped enroute home to finish eating the cream. There were about forty merrymakers in the party.

The Ladies Aid and Mission society of the Baptist church earnestly request its members to meet at the church Monday at 4:30. Items of interest and importance require a full attendance. As this is our regular Missionary meeting we hope every member will be present.

"The Willing Workers" Mrs. J. W. Jennings Sunday School class were entertained at her home on Oak Street Friday evening the hostess being Misses Vivian Hutcheson and Annie Mae Costephens. Many games were enjoyed out on the lawn. Those present were Misses Lucil Edwards, Jewell and Annie May Costephens, Mollie Hall, Maurine Cobb, Mary Rogers and Vivian Hutcheson.

A few ladies met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson in a business session to talk over matters and take steps in having the cemetery looked after. This is a work all should be interested in.

Thursday evening at her home on Elm St. Miss Eva Gaddy daintily served a four course luncheon in honor of Miss Claire Tate of Abilene. Covers were laid for Misses Duncan Browning, Claire Tate Mrs. W. H. Dickson Mr. Mrs. Gaddy and the hostess.

The ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday July 13th. There being no meeting held the first Monday this one was turned into a business meeting. A program committee for this quarter was appointed as follows: Mesdames O. F.

GEO. M. CAUTHEN

OF MERKEL

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

OF TAYLOR COUNTY

Wants You to Remember Him

With Your Vote on

JULY 25—NUF-SED

McMaster, N. D. Cobb and E. L. Rogers. Arrangements are being made for the ladies to serve cream and cake on the day of the election July 25th.

League Program.

Subject; the Missionary Christ. His Mission Field.

Leader; Miss Annie Smith.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Whom did the Father expect His son to teach? (John 10-14, III 16, 17) Charlie Bell Thomas.

What did certain foreigners consider to be his field? (John IV 42) Noel Moore.

To whom did Christ himself say he had come? (John VI 51; VIII-2, 26; X-5, XII 47) Robert Rainbolt.

Duet; Mrs. Saddler and Ira Armstrong.

Were his thoughts of the field limited to his own people? (John X; 16) Mrs. Jennings.

In the Suprem's houses of his passion was his thoughts of the field? (John XIX 31; XVII 22-23) Laura Baird. Instrumental Solo; Ruby Cauthen.

Whom did Christ invite to be his followers? (Matthew VI, 27-30; John VI 35; VII 37, VIII 12) Bernice Dean.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Miscellaneous.

League Benediction.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Burton, Stella Miss

Petty, Frank Mr.

If not called for will be sent to Dead Letter Office July, 25, 1914.

H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

W. F. WHALEY CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters of Taylor County:—

In view of the fact that I have not been able to make as thorough canvas in my race for Sheriff of Taylor County, as it seems my opponents have, I wish to make this statement:

When I went to work as Deputy nearly five years ago, I began to school myself in the affairs of the office and all details connected with it, first, that I might be efficient help, second, that I might some day be thought able and worthy to be honored with the gift of the position of the office of Sheriff, by the voters of this County, and it appears that if the time was ever coming for me to be sheriff, it is here.

I have worked faithfully and treated the public kindly and courteously (which was only my duty,) and have always been willing to go and do when called upon, day or night.

Now the reason I have not made a house to house canvas, is because I was not financially able. Had it not been possible for me to hold my position and thereby defray most of my current and extra expenses, I would not be in the race today. I hoped the first of the year that I could quit my position and go over the County and see all the people and get acquainted with strangers and mingle with my friends, but when I considered my financial condi-

tion, and how I would have to get the money to make such a race and when and how I would be able to pay back that money in case I lost the race, the vision was all changed. I saw myself still on the old job getting chances now and then, in pursuing my duties, to make a new acquaintance, and meeting the people from the country when they came to town, and fighting for the only real aspiration of my life. After much worry, I decided that the way I am now making the race, was the only logical way I could see; so I am asking you, if you think I am capable and worthy, to vote for me on the 25th, feeling that you never cast a vote that was more appreciated, for this is true.

I have no fault to find in my opponents and I think we are all personal friends, but we cannot all be elected sheriff this time. It remains for you to say by your vote, who will be.

Consider what I have said. It is all true, and when you go to vote, remember that if I have not seen you personally, I have wished to.

Some are saying that if I am elected, Mr. Weir will be First Deputy. I have this to say: He is my friend and employer, and you would not expect me to say I would not favor him but the thought is absurd. I am authorized by him to say that he would not, under any circumstances, accept the position, and the following reason is enough: that he is now offered a position that will

WHAT THE NEWS THINKS OF MOFFETT

The following article appeared in the Dallas Morning News of July 13th:

"Moffett On Exemptions and Writs", by J. W. Moffett, Abilene, Texas.

This column contains the law of exemptions and writs in Texas, embracing the law as contained in the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas and the acts of the Thirty-Second Legislature of 1911, on the subjects of attachments, garnishment, exemptions, executions, forcible entry and detainer, injunctions, landlord and tenant, mandamus, sequestration and trial of right of property. In addition, it includes annotations and decisions of the Courts of Civil Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, with parallel references to the Southwestern Reporter, under appropriate heads, after each article of the statute, and appropriate forms at the end of each subject. The book, which numbers 700 pages and 140 forms, is fully indexed and is bound in the best law buckram. The object of its preparation has been to aid the busy lawyer in knowing the law, as well as knowing how to find it, Mr. Moffett declaring that "with our many appellate courts and numerous decisions it is almost impossible for the most careful and studious lawyer to know all of the law or to keep up with all of the changes and decisions".

Mr. J. W. Moffett is also the author of Moffett's Civil Forms, now in its third edition and the fourth edition of Wilson's Criminal Forms.

Mr. Moffett asks your careful consideration of his candidacy for county Judge of this county and if possible your vote on July 25th. (adv)

FOR SALE—Single cylinder Indian motorcycle in good condition every way. A bargain. W. H. Craddock, Trent, Texas.

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Elect me and I will make you a good sheriff.

W. F. Whaley.



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ABILENE PEOPLE HEAR BALL SPEAK

Abilene was represented Tuesday afternoon at the Ball speaking here by a large crowd of Ball rooters.

Among those present were: Dr. J. D. Sandefer, J. D. Sandefer Jr., M. H. Compere, J. M. Williams, Rev. C. W. Herron, Rev. J. W. Hunt, Rev. James A. Chandler, C. G. Whitten, W. J. Bryan, Rev. C. N. Harrison, J. M. Wagstaff, H. N. Hickman, Rob. Wagstaff, Ewell Bryan, and John L. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Diltz of Sylvester were here visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz the first of the week.

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The Campaign Grows Hotter!

Personal Letter to Our Readers on just how hot things are getting in the present Political Campaign

TO THE MERKEL MAIL READERS:---

Within the past few weeks things in and around grand old Texas have taken on a very heated atmosphere both politically and in reality. Men in all walks of life are neglecting their affairs of business and sweating their collars down because it is getting so hot.

Perhaps you are one of that kind; if you are, don't neglect any longer but make a straight headway for our place where refreshing iced drinks are served in absolutely clean shined glasses.

Yes the campaign is hot, we are in a cooling business. Meet your friends at our fountain.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. L. GRIMES, Druggist.

JUDGE OCIE SPEER SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED

1. He was born and reared in Texas and is now only forty-five years of age, in the very prime of his physical and mental manhood.
2. Prior to his election to the appellate bench he wrote Speer's Law of Married Women in Texas, which is the standard law book on that subject, being prescribed in the course of law studies at the State University.
3. He was elected Associate Justice at the age of thirty-three, the youngest man ever nominated to the appellate bench in Texas.
4. He has during his term assisted in disposing of nearly four thousand civil cases, and only two of his opinions have been reversed by the Supreme Court in nearly 3 years.
5. He has formal bar endorsements from sixteen counties in the district and we know of no county that has endorsed against him. Of the nearly 800 attorneys in the district, we believe nine-tenths of them are supporting him, thus testifying to his splendid record as an appellate judge.
6. He is a Democrat of the progressive type and openly favors those policies which made for civic righteousness. He seeks re-election upon his merits and has thought it improper to catalogue his fraternal and church affiliations as political assets. These institutions are too sacred to be thus used for political purposes.
7. "The loss of Judge Speer's large experience from that important bench would be a calamity to the state"—Baylor County Bar.
"He has proven himself to be one of the most able judges on any of our appellate courts and this fact is generally recognized by the bar of Texas."—Members Comanche County Bar.
"An able and conscientious judge."—Callahan County Bar.
"A clear reasoner, a fair judge, and safe, sane and sound in his decisions.

His work on Married Women is a recognized authority and a legal classic."—Haskell County Bar.
"We see no good reason at this for electing any one to succeed him."—Hood County Bar.
"We realize the exceptional service he has rendered the district and entire state."—Members Montague Bar.
"He has demonstrated peculiar fitness for the appellate bench."—Mitchell County Bar.
"An able and just judge."—Nolan County Bar.
"The interests of the state demand that he be re-elected."—Palo Pinto County Bar.
"An untiring worker, a Christian gentleman, and a judge in whose keeping the legal rights of the people will be faithfully guarded."—Taylor County Bar.
"A man in every way worthy and qualified."—Throckmorton County Bar.
"We recognize the peculiar fitness and eminent qualifications of Judge Ocie Speer."—Members of Wichita County Bar.
"An able jurist who discharges the duties of his high office efficiently and with fairness and impartiality."—Members Wise County Bar.
"We heartily endorse his candidacy."—Cooke County Bar.
"We take pleasure in recommending him for re-election."—Bosque County Bar.
"We realize his eminent ability and unswerving fidelity to duty."—Jack County Bar.
"He possesses an unusual degree of those temperamental qualities of thought and energy which peculiarly fit him for the bench."—Members Tarrant County Bar.
8. Chief Justice Conner was elected from Eastland County, Judge Speer from Montague County and Judge Dunklin from Tarrant County. Judge Speer's opponent is from Tarrant County.
9. His opponent's record as a district judge is as follows: Out of 55 civil cases appealed and actually passed on

MEETING AT THE TABERNACLE NOW

The meeting at the Tabernacle still continues, and will till Sunday night the 19th. The Scheme of Human Redemption has been discussed by Eld. J. W. Chism of Longview, Texas, from the following Subjects.

1. God is.
2. God Spoke to Man.
3. Christ's Kingdom established, and why.
4. The King's Ambassadors, The apostles, and their authority.
5. The terms of Amnesty, or pardon, (This in three sermons examining the whole of the conversions as recorded in the book of Acts.)
6. Salvation by Grace.

These were discus at the Night sessions, including Sunday 11 a. m. The afternoon sessions were by the higher courts, he has had 33 affirmed and 22 reversed in whole or in part—exactly 40 per cent, as shown by list of cases furnished by his opponent.

10. Appellate judges with good records should not be changed often as the state gets the best service from efficient experienced law writers. Judge Speer's reputation as a law writer is not only state-wide, but he is recognized as an authority in the courts of other states.
11. Vote for Judge Ocie Speer who has been tried and has proven his efficiency and has made a good record. We commend his candidacy to the voters of the district.

TARRANT COUNTY COMMITTEE (Adv.)

CANDIDATES HERE FRIDAY JULY 24TH

The County Candidates will speak at the picnic Blair on July 17th. The speaking on this date may take place in the morning or afternoon as the arrangement committees of the picnic may prefer.

At a meeting of the candidates Wednesday the following itinerary for speaking dates was agreed upon.

Blair, Friday July 17th, morning or afternoon.
View, Friday July 17th, 8:30 P. M.
Ovalo, Saturday July 18th, 2:30 P. M.
Buffalo Gap, Saturday July 18th, 8:30 P. M.
Trent, Monday July 20th, 8:00 P. M.
Potosi, Tuesday July 21st, 8:30 P. M.
Caps, Thursday July 23rd, 8:30 P. M.
Merkel, Friday July 24th, 3:00 P. M.
Abilene, Friday July 24th, 8:30 P. M.

This will be absolutely the last time the people of Merkel and Merkel country will have the opportunity of hearing numerous candidates present their claims. It is reported that G. B. (Blue) Tittle will be on hand to meet the home guards at the Merkel speaking. Blue has no opponent but is seeing his old time friends and supporters just the same. (Space forbids that we say more about this. come out and hear for yourself.)

devoted to the Christian life and duty.

1. Simon Peter Lovest thou me more than these?
2. Soldier life.
3. Transformation of the life.
4. The Christian Grass.

The following subjects are to be discussed at the 4:30—services to come: Friday, Old Shep, The dog that saw himself in the mirror, Saturday there will be no afternoon services. Sunday, Home at Last. The following night services will be discussed at night during the remainder of the meeting; Friday, Delivery of Isreal from Egypt, A type. Saturday, Reconciliation. Sunday at 11 A. M., The Highway of Holliness. Sunday night, Foolishness of God.

All are invited to come and reason with us.

Former Merkel Boy Here.

Roy C. Elliott formerly a Merkel boy, now a Recruiting Officer of the U. S. Army was in Merkel Thursday shaking hands with old time friends. He stopped here Thursday between trains, coming in from El Paso and left for Dallas the same night where he will be stationed in the future.

Our Quick Action Sale Continued

WITH PRICES IN MANY LINES STILL LOWER

Ladies \$3.50 Tan Pumps and Oxfords	\$2.25	Mens \$3.50 Tan Oxfords	\$2.35
Ladies \$3.00 Tan Pumps and Oxfords	1.95	Mens \$3.00 Tan Oxfords	1.98
Mens \$4.50 Tan Oxfords	3.15	Best Grade Calico	4c
Mens \$4.00 Tan Oxfords	2.85	Best Grade 36-inch Bleach Domestic	7 1-2c

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

Mr. Osburn of Melissa has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Eoff.

Mrs. Seago is real sick at this writing.

Mrs. Callaway of Colorado is visiting J. E. Callaway this week.

Clarence Eoff made a business trip to Merkel Friday.

Miss Lettie Jones visited Mrs. Seago Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Thompson of Abilene is visiting her mother Mrs. D. C. Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely were called to the bedside of their son Charles at Dallas who had been attending school in Denton. He died before they arrived in Dallas. The remains will be brought to Merkel to be buried Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Walker is visiting relatives in Merkel this week.

Compere.

We are needing rain very badly at this time.

There is some sickness in the community. Mr. Dan Palmer is no better we are sorry to state he has the yellow jaundice.

We have half grown cotton bolls. Crops are looking fine in the Compere community. Some few are through with their weeds.

Mr. Turner and Mr. Bailey of Unble are visiting the latter's sister Mrs. Jno. Childress and family.

The Union meeting which has been going on for the past week will close to night. The did not have any conventions at all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Childress have gone on a visit to Mitchell county.

Miss Clarice and brother Billie Moore have returned to Compere. We welcome them back in our midst.

John Shannon has carried several loads of freight to Merkel this week.

Chas Peterson visited in our midst to day.

Bob Kelseo of Bush visited in our midst Sunday.

Route 3.

The farmers of our community are all busy planting their crops over after the rain which fell last Thursday.

Our meeting started Saturday night and everybody is invited to attend.

A large crowd attended Sunday School Sunday. Rev. Lamb from Abilene made a nice talk at Sunday School.

Quite a crowd took supper with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roland Sunday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Cozart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier and baby, Miss Eula Campbell, and Alto Cozart of Merkel.

Hurley Boden of White Church spent Saturday night with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes and daughter Cleo spent Sunday with Walter Boden and family.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus says she has cotton bolls as large as an egg.

Miss Annie Lee Roland visited Lyda Humphreys Sunday.

Hurley Boden and niece Miss Ruth Boden were visiting at the home of the former's brother Mr. Walter Boden Sunday.

W. H. Hathaway and wife and Ray Baccus were in Merkel Saturday.

W. P. Moore says he has the best prospects for a crop that he has ever had.

Salt Branch.

Messrs H. Roland, Toombs and Ben Lilly were transacting business in Mer-

Rev. Y. F. Walker filled his regular appointment here Saturday.

Floydada Friday to visit relatives for the next month.

Mr. Frank Rogers of Mulberry was visiting friends in the community Saturday.

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even if he (Ball) had been a bad pro the people should support the moral side of the question and be "All for Ball, and if they were "All for Ball" he would do all in his power to drive the liquor interest from the state for time and eternity, thereby clearing away from our cities the vice so destructive to our state. (Applause)

Mr. Ball favors a better warehouse system for the farmers of the country in order that their cotton crop maybe more readily handled direct from the producer to the mills. He is strongly in favor of a rural credit system, enabling the farmers to get cheap money and in the same systematic way the average daily laborers in the city get it on property they hold. He is in favor an exemption of taxes of improvements on the homestead up to an amount of \$1500. His much discussed land plank is to lend to farmers not less than \$1,000,000 annually on 40, 80 or 160 acre tracts of land These loans to be made individually to the farmers at 6 per cent interest, letting the farmer pay 10 per cent of the purchase price of the land and pay the balance 5 per cent annually. He favors a better educational system and the divorce of the Agricultural and Mechanical College from the Texas University and the taking of the management of these two schools out of politics forever. (Applause)

While discussing the land proposition Mr. Ball took to task the Ferguson land plank as only a means of catching the farmers vote and warned the farmer against such a rental fraud, calling for any farmer to hold up his hand who have ever paid more than one third and one fourth as rent on land. No one was seen to hold up their hand on the invitation but some one sitting near the speaker caused a general laugh when he stated that the renters of this country had never been able to pay even that much if any rent at all.

Mr. Ball gave the name of one of his supporters from Bell county who stated that he was not supporting Ball from the fact that he was for prohibition but from the fact that his fence joined Ferguson's. (Much Laughter.)

As to his former record he recited the bills he had championed, the action he had taken in saving children from long hours in factories and gave an incident connected with his fight for the children in which a labor leader asked him how he expected to manage a proposition wherein a mother was dependent upon some small child for her daily bread and this child should be forced out of work by some law. To this he stated that his reply to the child working labor leader was "he would take the child away and by the Grace of God save the mother." (Applause) He gave incidents throughout his life in connection with the fight he had made for the prohibition cause and asking the people to stand with him in this hour in a continued fight as it was not he himself who would lose in event of his defeat in the election but the people and the cause he was representing would lose. And if loss was his lot on the 26th, of July he would feel that his part of the responsibility was over for this particular fight from the reason that he was originally not an aspirant to the office he is now running for but was making the race because representatives from every county of the state, who represented the cream of the people had put him up as their candidate.

In denouncing some charges he claimed Ferguson and his gang hand made against him he was charged with even having three negro pool halls in Houston, Col. Ball stated as follows: "I am not mad, I have never lost my head or my temper but I declare to you they are dirty low down gorillas, lying scoundrels", and you people can tell that I am not addicted to the use of very strong language."

In speaking of the present condition of the two democratic parties, the prohibitionist and the Anti-prohibitionist as being divided to an extent Mr. Ball says in the division of the Antis, he has gotten all the Cream and left Ferguson all the Blue-John. This remark was greeted with a laugh. He believes that the barroom is a hinderance to religion and behind him is the whole support of the women of the country and with them he had rather lose the office than to win the Governor's chair with the assistance of the barrooms.

Col. Ball favors a law making it illegal for a brewer or a bartender to make campaign contributions under a penalty of having their license revoked and the offender placed behind the bars, he favors the passage of a law compelling a person who votes in the state of Texas to be able to either mark his own ballot or call the names of those he wants to vote for and the office to which they are to be elected.

On nearing the conclusion of his speech Col. Ball exhibited letters and telegrams of endorsement from President Woodrow Wilson, and Secretary W. J. Bryan. The letter or telegram from the president was as follows:

"The White House,
Washington, July 10, 1914.

"My dear Colonel Ball:

"Some of your utterances in the present campaign in Texas have reached me and I cannot let them go by without expressing to you my deep appreciation of the unequivocal way in which you are lending your support to the national administration. This is but a fresh evidence of what I always deeply appreciate in your attitude toward me personally and toward my leadership of the party, but it gives me fresh pleasure and strengthens my feeling of gratitude and sincere friendship.

"The progressive forces of the country are at last gaining cohesion and irresistible force.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
"Woodrow Wilson."

The closing remarks of Col. Ball were greeted with much applause and confirmation, a general handshaking then took place on the speakers stand after which the entertaining committee and the speaker returned to the Walker Cottage where Col. Ball remained until time to catch the Texas & Pacific 5:45 westbound for Sweetwater where he spoke Tuesday evening.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

R. D. Allen and wife of near Stith attended church here Sunday and took dinner with R. E. Golightly and family.

There was a musical entertainment and fruit supper at T. C. Allens Saturday night everybody reported a nice time.

Charley Higgins was visiting friends near Stith Saturday and Sunday.

There will be prayer meeting here Sunday night everybody is invited.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Aus-Robertson and wife Sunday. Those present were Misses Cora and Alma Hays, Ida Taylor, Lula and Annie Higgins. Messrs Willis Taylor, Joe Stone, Lester Wheat, Amos Jones, Ollie Higgins, and S. W. Taylor.

W. M. Hays and wife were visiting relatives in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Nubia.

I am always trying to help someone to make someone happy, so I will try to fill your hearts with joy as much as possible.

This community from Nubia, North was visited with a real good rain.

Farmers are now plowing and many are plowing the last time.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday. There were more present than usual and each class had a good lesson.

Miss Beulah Walker at present is visiting in this community.

Messrs Burrus, Omar, Cook, Nall Perkins, Jack Noel and Modie Mathews were at Nubia Sunday.

Picnic the 17th at Blair while some are going to Dora on said date to a picnic there.

Several are going to Blair to hear the good speaking and hollow "Hurrah" for Ferguson.

Shiloh.

There were visitors from Noodle, Hebron and Trent communities who attended the Ordination services here Sunday.

W. B. Beavers was ordained as Deacon of the church at Shiloh Sunday. Rev. J. N. Campbell of Colorado City preached the ordination sermon.

Rev. Horn filled his regular appointment here Saturday.

Several from here attended the Tom Ball lecture at Merkel Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Goode of Noodle attended services here Saturday and Sunday and was the guest of Miss Abilene Winters.

Edgar Grayson and Miss Lettie Jones were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Terrel Winters and J. H. Grayson attended the burial of Capt. Hawkins of Merkel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and Mr. Mayberry were on the sick list Sunday not being able to attend services.

Rev. J. N. Campbell preached here in the interest of the Girls Industrial Home at Abilene Sunday night. There was a contribution of \$60.00 subscribed. Mr. Jones and Mr. W. B. Beavers reported the past week as having found cotton bloom.

Will Barnes and wife of the Trent community attended services here Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.

Mr. Mr. Parker of Corsicana is visiting his sister Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones spent Monday night in the Noodle community.