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PIONEER MERKEL MAN TO REWARD

W. A. Cozart one of Merkel country's oldest and most prominent farm citizens passed to his reward Thursday of last week at 2:10 o'clock at the home of his daughter Mrs. T. L. Stevens of Trent.

In the death of Mr. Cozart, an old timer, a man with a cheerful heart and friendly feeling toward all, has been taken from our midst. He first settled in Taylor county in the fall of 1890 at what is now known as the Cozart place five miles south of Merkel and there spent practically all of his late years. He came to Merkel from Hunt county, having moved there from Tarrant county where his first residence was made in Texas after leaving his home state of Arkansas where he was born October 4th, 1840.

The writer has since childhood known the deceased intimately and has always found him to be one of our staunchest friends in every respect. He was a man loved by all who knew him and a man who enjoyed an extensive acquaintance both among the new comers and the old timers.

Mr. Cozart had been ill for about three weeks prior to his death and from the time of taking his bed gradually succumbed to complications and passed into the great beyond surrounded by many of his close friends and children. He is survived by nine children as follows: W. A. Cozart of Rotan, Mrs. T. L. Stevens of Trent at whose home he spent his last moments, John D. Cozart of Cozart on the Santa Fe Railroad south of Merkel, G. O. Cozart of Deming, N. M., Mrs. Duckett of Fort Worth, Mrs. F. F. Cox of Merkel and T. D. Cozart who is the youngest son and also makes his home in the Merkel country. All the above were with their father at the time of his death, those who could not be present were W. S. Cozart of Burk Burnett, and W. R. Cozart of California.

Burial was given the body at Rose Hill cemetery Friday afternoon of last week at 3:30. The body being laid to rest with Masonic Honors, the deceased being a member in good standing of the A. F. & A. M. Merkel Lodge.

Merkel Firemen to Pecos.

Monday afternoon J. Parker Sharp Jr., Roy and A. T. Sheppard left Merkel bound for Pecos. Messrs Sheppard and Sharp were elected as the three Merkel Firefighters to represent the Merkel delegation on the banks of the Pecos and during the present Pecos Fair and Panhandle Firemen's Association.

Cotton Pickers Furnished.

I will furnish Mexican cotton pickers to farmers who make application to me immediately. Write or see me at Trent. Swm Leal. 2844pd.

Motorcycle For Sale.

A good motorcycle for sale. Apply to J. W. Daniel.

Proposed Cotton Warehouse To Be Considered Saturday

At a mass meeting of business men and farmers held at the Tabernacle Wednesday night, definite action in the building of a warehouse was set for Saturday at 2 o'clock. A committee of L. A. Watts, W. P. Moore, J. D. Daniel, W. T. Bird, G. C. Cannon and B. N. Billingsley was appointed by chairman W. D. Woodroof of the meeting to meet members of the Retail Merchants Association at the Fire Station Saturday for further consultation.

Prior to the mass meeting at the Tabernacle on Wednesday night W. D. Woodroof, J. D. Gaither and R. L. Bland had spent a day in Abilene getting plans and specification of warehouses. The plan they presented to the mass meeting as the one most likely to meet with the approval of wants of the people was a house of 1000 bales capacity and one that could be erected at the approximate cost of \$1000 or at a cost of \$1.00 per bale for storage room. Even with immature plans that were presented Wednesday night and the absence of any plans for the management of such a warehouse the proposition met with much approval and the amount of \$225 was pledged within a short time on the erection of the first 1000 bale warehouse for Merkel. The reason of further subscription not being received was from the advice of S. F. Barnes as to getting a more definite proposition as to the exact way in which the house would be erected and the exact way in which the management would be conducted. This suggestion was favored by several of the farmers present and resulted in the appointment of the above farmers as a committee to confer with members of the Retail Merchants Association.

In all the mass meeting of Wednesday night was a success in a way. While no action was taken definitely, an interest was manifested by those present showing that with the proper course of management, it would be little trouble to erect one if not more cotton warehouses in Merkel.

Promptly after the committees meet Saturday and draft plans, subscriptions will be taken for stock in a warehouse project. No person will be compelled to subscribe, but every person who feels it to their interest will be given a chance to take a small portion of stock in a concern which ultimately will repay its investors every cent of their expenditure.

DEMONSTATION ALL NEXT WEEK. HERE

The Anchor Mercantile have secured the services of an expert stove factory man who will, during next week, make demonstrations of the great Majestic Stove Ranges at the Anchor Hardware Co.

The Demonstration will start on Monday and continue through the week. An ad explaining the special features of the demonstration will be found in other parts of the paper. (adv.)

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Baker, Mrs. Minnie
Cook, Miss Hallie
Davis, Miss Mattie
Welch, Miss Maude
Foster, W. M.
Irvin, Jim
Howell, M. S.
Junkins, Mrs. Lizzie
Myers, S.
Cortez Bonifacio

These will be sent to the dead letter office September 12th.

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

For Sale.

Two new Yale Motorcycles, will sell cheap for cash or good note. These machines have never been ridden. W. E. Britain.

L. H. King of Meridian, formerly of this place was here from Sunday to Tuesday looking after business matters. Mr. King stated that conditions are better in the Merkel country than he ever experienced during his residence here.

Miss Beulah Burkett of Abilene is here to take charge of the music classes in connection with the Merkel Public Schools.

22 PEOPLE HERE IN 3 NIGHTS SHOW

Manager H. F. Groene of the Cozy Airdome has booked for Thursday, Friday and Saturday 3, 4 and 5th of this week, the MOREDOCK & WATSON WHITE MINSTRELS, featuring Buddy Moredock and Frankie Harris and the "Mobile Kid", also Rose and Sinclair and a score of others presenting a two and 1/2 hours entertainment of fun and mirth.

According to Manager Groene this is probably the strongest company playing in west Texas this year. They are in Abilene the first three nights of this week and in Merkel the last three. The prices will be, for children 25 cents, adults 35 cents. The show going public in witnessing this entertainment will be given one of the clearest and cleanest minstrel performances ever seen at Merkel. (adv.)

FERGUSON NOT FOR DRUGGIST FARMER

TEMPLE, Aug. 29.—Governor-elect James E. Ferguson emphatically expressed himself against a retail druggist being appointed to the penitentiary commission, which has control over the 50,000 acre prison farm. He said that he understood that Colquit would send in the names of Messrs Murrey, Bass and Stamps next Wednesday for confirmation. Bass is a retail druggist of Terrell. Ferguson said that a business farmer should be put in charge of the convict farm.

Wanted! Maize to Crush.

I will crush Maize on Saturdays at my residence in south Merkel at 10 cents per hundred. J. T. (Tom) Coats. 4t2pd.

TRENT GETS FIRST BALE OF COTTON

Trent was not beaten in getting the first bale of cotton for the year is comparison with many of the Taylor county towns and while the fleecy staple was not ginned until Tuesday morning Sept. 1st. It was picked and the owner started for the gin with his cotton Monday but found bad roads and had to be pulled out of a bog hole.

Notice.

All barber work will be cash after the first of September. Please do not ask for credit.

City Barber Shop.

A. E. Wyman of Los Angeles, came in Sunday from the Pacific Coast country for a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wyman of this city. Mr. A. E. Wyman or Arthur as many people knew him in Merkel years ago is connected with a drug firm of Los Angeles was jubilant over the excellent condition of the Merkel country when seen Tuesday.

Birth Statistics.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Newt Hatfield a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tyler a girl.

Roger Grayson formerly of this place but of Dallas for the past year returned to Merkel Saturday and will make his home here in the future. His wife who has been visiting her parents in Big Springs arrived here Saturday night.

Mrs. Luther Swafford and daughter Little Miss Leno Largent left for their home at Dallas Saturday. Miss Elizabeth Swafford accompanied Mrs. Swafford home for a visit.

TEXAS RANGER IS 93 YEARS OLD

McKinney, Tex., May 3.—"Uncle Josiah" Nichols, aged 93 years, who resides near Melissa, is the only surviving Texas Ranger in Collin county. In addition to being the only surviving Ranger, he is a Mexican War veteran and an ex-Confederate soldier.

Mr. Nichols was born in St. Charles county Mo., Feb. 6, 1822. He came to Texas in June, 1846. He joined the Ranger company soon after arriving in Collin county and was in service until Feb. 2, 1847. His company was stationed where the town of Gainesville is now located.

He has served this county in various ways as a public official, having served as Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector of Collin and Denton counties.

He was married Feb. 23, 1847, to Miss Elizabeth Fitzhugh, daughter of John and Sarah Fitzhugh, who were among the earliest settlers of North Texas.

After his marriage he settled on a farm four miles east of Melissa, where they resided for sixty-four years. Since the death of his wife in 1911 he has been making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Sam Davis, who lives near Anna. Much history in connection with the setting of this county could be written about Uncle Josiah Nichols. He helped to convert Collin county from a wilderness to one of the most prosperous agricultural counties in the United States.

He is enjoying reasonably good health, is cheerful in spirits and enjoys talking of the happening of long ago.

The above article was clipped from the Daily Chronical Gazette of McKinney. At present Mr. Nichols is in Merkel visiting his daughter Mrs. J. M. C. King and will remain here for an extended visit.

Cotton Yard Notice.

I will be located this year due north of the business portion of Merkel on the third block with quick service and accurate weights and the market price for your cotton seed and insurance for your stored cotton.

I will highly appreciate a share of your business. G. R. Gazzaway.

W. O. W.

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

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

Mrs. G. W. McDonald and children and brother Will Westenhouser and father J. M. Westenhouser returned Tuesday morning of this week from Shreveport, La., where they have made their residence during the last fifteen months. Mrs. McDonald reports that Mr. McDonald will join them here in the future.



FIRST YOU SAVE SOME MONEY THEN YOU HIDE IT IN THE HOUSE THEN SOME SMOOTH STRANGER COMES ALONG AND YOU INVEST IN SOME SCHEME AND LOSE IT

Study this picture. This kind of thing is happening all the time. If the smooth stranger had a really good thing he wouldn't be peddling it. He wouldn't HAVE TO peddle it. Investments that HAVE drummers NEED them. We can advise you, but we can't afford to advise you wrong. Consult us!

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

DISTRICT COURT HAS CONVENED

The fall term of the Forty-second District Court convened in the court room in the Federal Building at nine o'clock Monday morning. The grand jury was immediately selected out of the list of sixteen furnished by the jury commission. One or two were excused and the name of another or so substituted.

The following is the grand jury empaneled Monday morning and who retired about 10:10 o'clock to deliberate:

H. M. Rainbolt, foreman; James E. Hurt, J. J. Nicholson, W. A. Parmelly, Baylor Crawford, Abner Taylor, J. A. Boyce, P. A. Forbus, Henry Steen, Sam Cannon, Luther J. Webb, Sam Butman Sr.

Door Baliff—F. S. Roundtree. Walking Baliff—Ed. Tarpley.

After the selection of the grand jury this morning Judge Thomas L. Blanton specially charged them on a number of subjects, and at the end of charging them asked any person in the court room who knew of any thing that should go before the grand jury to advise him of it and he would charge the jury thereon.

Murder was taken up and the judge charged the jury along this line, stating that if any murder had been committed which had been covered for any reason or that might have been committed which, for the jury to try to its utmost to unearth it. He said that "the value of human life is so great that there is no limitation in time for its indictment." Murder is one of the most serious crimes, and limitation never ends against it. "Murder will out," is a trite saying, but worthy of all acception.

Assault to murder was defined. It is any intention to kill a person which is providentially prevented. Where there is a will to commit such, it comes under the head to murder where the action toward it is perpetrated. Where a weapon is used it constitutes a felony.

Burglary was described and defined. Two kinds of burglaries were explained to the grand jury—daytime and night time. In the former actual breaking in with unusual force constitutes it.

Theft in all its phases was taken up and explained. Theft from the person of \$50 and over constitutes a felony under the laws. Under this amount it is a misdemeanor.

Embezzlement was taken up and spoken of. Misapplication of funds by public officers was reviewed and the grand jury was charged along this line Unlawful disposition of mortgaged property. At this point the judge stated that none of the grand jurors should permit his sympathy to overcome his right to indict person or persons found guilty. This law must be upheld without sympathy intervening because it protects those who have to borrow, and helps those who lend the money to those who otherwise would probably not be able to secure it.

Gaming was dwelt upon by the judge. Complaint had been made to him that gaming was being perpetrated in the county, and that this should be thoroughly investigated and the perpetrators indicted.

Violation of the local option laws was also spoken of. The judge stated that complaint had been made that intoxicating liquors had been sold in Merkel, and that intimidation in this connection had been hinted at. He had been informed that auto loads of intoxicants had been brought to the city from Albany and Moran, and distributed in the city. He was sorry that the law did not also affect the man who received intoxicants in the dry territory as well as the one who gives it away.

He spoke of the Sunday closing law. He believed that every man who was guilty of keeping open on Sunday in violation of the law should be indited and a separate indictment for each day the offense was committed brought in, it was pointed out that when only a small fine was made against such offenders, it was more of a license than anything else. The indictments should take in each day, and in this way the offenders could be brought to law.

The judge specifically touched on the maintaining of the integrity of the home. He told of how a nation could easily and quickly be destroyed by destroying the home circle. In this connection he explained the meaning of such violations of the law as legally termed.

Slander was taken up and explained. The is only one case in which a person may be slandered and this was explained. Disturbing of public worship was explained to the grand jury. The country people should receive the same protection as the town people. Boys and others unthoughtedly disturb public worship.

Speeding of autos was taken up. It was the information of the

FIRST BALE OF COTTON FOR YEAR

Merkel received for sale the first bale cotton for the 1914-15 season Tuesday morning September 1st.

The bale was brought in by W. R. Turner who lives two miles northeast of Merkel on the Salt Branch road on J. R. Hester's place. The bale was sold to W. D. Woodroof and Company and weighed 528 pounds. The sale price netted the owner \$43.56 for his trouble.

Mr. Turner states that he now has ready for the pickers about three bales of early cotton. The cotton was ginned by McDonald and Stith Monday evening and was on the gin yards about the same time that Abilene reported their first bale of cotton ginned and ready for the market.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"My attention was first called to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as twelve years ago. At that time I was seriously ill with summer complaint. One dose of this remedy checked the trouble," writes Mrs. C. W. Florence, Rockfield, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

judge that local officers were exercising vigilance in trying to curb the speeding in this city. Wherever any auto speeding was being done in violation of the law it should be brought to the attention of court and the offenders receive the penalty of the law.

The judge recommended that the grand jury in accordance with law, suggest a finance committee to oversee the business and audit the accounts of the various county officers. The judge stated that he could appoint such a committee only upon the recommendation of the grand jury. He believed that such a committee should be placed at work in each county. He pointed out that such a committee did not cast any reflection upon the standing of any county officer, but was a protection to the people who had placed these officers in their positions. He showed that the banks had such finance committee, and that it was no reflection upon the bankers, but was a means of protection to the patrons and depositors.

The grand jury retired shortly after ten o'clock Monday morning for their rooms in third story of the federal building. F. S. Roundtree was appointed door baliff.—Abilene Reporter.

J. T. WARREN, Pres.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



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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 Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags.

WE LIST ELSEWHERE

The names of those who are gathering votes to apply on our Free Trip to the Panama Exposition or a Piano. If you see in this list the name of a friend of yours, let us urge you to help them win. Your friend would not be saving the votes unless the trip was desired. You can help by trading with us and turning the votes to your friend. You will always find equal value for equal expenditures with us, and will in addition be extending a helping hand. Remember, we guarantee satisfaction or your money back.

W. D. WOODROOF AND COMPANY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. I. Moore of Big Springs came in the first of the week to visit relatives and friends he has here.

Mrs. N. Harrison and son M. L. Malone were in Abilene Wednesday.

Among some of the visitors to Abilene Wednesday were H. C. West, J. A. Provine, Byron Thomas, H. M. Rose, H. M. Warren, Chas. Hughes, T. H. Spears, W. D. Woodroof, J. D. Gaither and R. L. Bland.

Seed rye and seed wheat at G. M. Sharp's Grain and Grocery store.

Home made candies are better. On sale at the Elite. Made in Merkel.

M. L. Alexander was in town Wednesday with the third bale of cotton for the season. He sold the fleecy staple for 7½ cents per pound.

Eugene Patterson of Route three was in town Wednesday on his way to Abilene on business.

Lest you forget, Johnston's candies on sale at the Elite are much above the average.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel is very sick at her home in south Merkel. Her condition was reported some better Thursday morning.

Mrs. McRee and children of Trent were guests of Mrs. H. L. Propst the past week.

J. P. Sharp and J. A. Buford were in Abilene Tuesday court- ing.

Mrs. Hayden Turner and sister-in-law Mrs. T. F. Harvell left for Putnam Tuesday to be away for several days.

Order your clothes from Lamm and Co., and have fits. L. J. Renfro, agent.

Robert Nesbit of Fluvanna is visiting his sister Mrs. Carl Evans.

Mrs. R. J. Miller who has been here visiting her parents left Monday for her home at Nederland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kerbow of Fulbright and Mrs. and Mrs. Will Tucker also of Fulbright have returned to their home after a four weeks visit here with the families of Messrs T. R. Lassiter and Joe Holmes.

Mrs. E. Henderson and daughter Miss Kate returned Tuesday morning from an extended visit in Oklahoma with Mrs. Henderson's sister.

Better have that Palm Beach suit fixed up now. L. J. Renfro, Tailor.

Miss Grace Diltz who has been visiting her uncle W. D. Diltz and family of Clyde returned home Monday evening.

LADIES MUST EAT

And when in Merkel will find excellent and courteous

SERVICE GIVEN AT OUR PLACE

Plan to Take Your Dinner at

THE BURNS RESTAURANT **CLEAN METHODS**
GOOD COOKING

East of G. F. West's Store



Success

The man who is successful knows the value of good tailoring; the man who desires success will learn its value; the man who cares nothing for success doesn't exist.

Order
"The Tailoring
You Need,"
and be successful.

THE STAR STORE

Merkel — REPRESENTATIVES — Texas

Mrs. G. S. Walker of Abilene visited here last week the guest of Mrs. E. Hall.

Mrs. E. L. Stanley of Nubia visited in our city Tuesday.

W. B. Massey returned Thursday morning from Fannin county where he visited for two weeks.

J. C. Gaither was in the city Wednesday visiting friends.

All kinds of candies at the Elite Confectionary at no advance price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Steele of Waurika, Okla., gave the parents of the latter a surprise Wednesday noon when they suddenly appeared at the Browing home in south Merkel at the dinner hour. Mr. and Mrs. Browing were not informed that their daughter was even in Texas until they reached Merkel.

Mrs. Ed R. Wallace is in Clyde visiting friends this week.

Good for Biliousness.

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

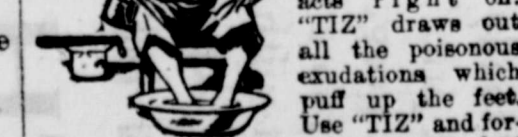
"TIZ" FOR ACHING, SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony.

"TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet.

Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



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Gasoline and auto oils my specialty. Phone 265.

Mrs. Pat Wilson and children of near Pecos were guests of their grandparents Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker last week.

Miss Zora West is at home from Abilene where she visited her cousin Miss Mina Cox. Miss West was the honoree at a beautifully served six o'clock luncheon Friday evening at the home of her aunts Mrs. B. A. Cox.

Figure with me on a bath tub. Henry Rose.

Mrs. Merideth of Corpus Christi a teacher in the High School will be with Mrs. Asa Sheppard for the winter.

WANTED — Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. Good wages to right man. C. M. Lagent.

Mrs. Y. F. Walker and children of Comper visited relatives here Tuesday.

FAMILY WANTED. A man with small family wanted to pick cotton near Merkel. House furnished, has windmill, barn, lot and garden to use. Family of not over two children preferred. Apply at Merkel Mail Office at once. T. F. H.

Mrs. J. G. Hale is at home from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Lipan, Cleburne, Dallas and Ft. Worth.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson spent part of last week in Abilene visiting Mrs. John Sayles.

Mrs. J. D. Warren of Wolf City visited her niece Mrs. O. W. Williams the past week.

I carry a complete line of fresh drugs at all times. See me for your wants. Mrs. E. M. Rust, proprietor, The Rexall Drug Store.

Master Dick Mims is at home from Ft. Worth where he visited his sister Mrs. Irvin Gilliland.

Miss Minnie Vickers of Pecos who visited her grandparents Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker has returned to her home.

As I haven't time to look after the notes and accounts of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., and for the convenience of those indebted to the above Company I have placed them in the hands of the Merkel Collecting Agency for adjustment. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. S. F. Annis left Monday for Abilene where she will spend several months visiting relatives.

Miss Elvie Owens of Nugent after an extended visit with her cousin Miss Flossie Cypert returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. Morris who has been visiting her sister Mrs. S. F. Annis returned home Monday.

See my Fall Winter samples before ordering your overcoat. L. J. Renfro, Tailor.

Miss Eather Williams left Saturday for Ovalo to visit friends.

Mrs. Austin Boyd was in Abilene Saturday visiting her parents.

Misses Altie Foster of Doxey, Okla., and Francis Annis of Brownwood are visiting their aunt Mrs. S. F. Annis.

Miss Leota Ranghton who has been visiting her grandparents Eld. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert left Saturday night for her home at Temple.

Special price on Singer sewing machines, the best machines on earth. Sold on one, two and three years time without interest. E. D. Coats.

Mrs. W. Davis of Winters returned to her home Saturday after a weeks visit with her father M. C. Church of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McClain left Saturday for Abilene where they will make their home in the future. Mr. McClain will be connected with the McLemore-Bass Drug Co.

Shower Sink, closet or lavatories of all kinds. Phone 265. Henry Rose.

Miss Agnes Hall is at home from an extended visit with her sister Mrs. Will Clifton in Waco. She also visited relatives in Dallas, Fort Worth and Abilene.

Mrs. J. N. Mathis and daughter Blanche of Anson visited the former's sister Mrs. E. Hall the past week.

A complete line of pipe; pipe fittings and steam fitters supplies. Henry Rose.

Miss Annis Burnett of Sulphur Springs is with Mrs. E. Hall for the winter.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton is at home from Waco. Her sister, Miss Fort Smith, who she was called to see accompanied her home. Miss Smith's condition is very serious.

Miss Mattie T. Mann who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Alice Templeton returned to her home at Clyde Wednesday.

Miss Lura Moore of Bowie is with Mrs. Alice Templeton for the winter.

Mrs. R. J. Reed of Abilene visited relatives here last week. Master Ned Parten accompanied her home.

GREAT MAJESTIC RANGE DEMONSTRATION WEEK

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7TH

We will inaugurate one of the Great Majestic Range Demonstrations by an expert from the Factory. We have been fortunate in securing the Agency of the Majestic Range and from now on you will find a complete stock of these goods always on hand at our store. We make you a special invitation to come and see for yourselves one of the greatest LABOR and FUEL SAVING RANGES on the market, together with the new features of acid proof material selected in the construction of the ranges. Be sure and don't forget the dates, beginning September the 7th and continuing through out the week.

\$8.00 SET OF WARE GIVEN FREE DURING DEMONSTRATION WEEK ONLY
Special Day For The Children, Tuesday between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m.

ANCHOR MERCANTILE COMPANY



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Porter-Reidenbouch.

Sunday afternoon at the residence of Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb the marriage of N. N. Porter and Miss Lula Reidenbouch was solemnized.

The contracting parties drove to Judge Cobb's residence and immediately after the marriage returned to the home of the brides mother who lives five miles southeast of Merkel. The groom is the son of J. N. Porter of Loraine.

The order of the Eastern Star will meet Saturday Sept. 5th at 3 P. M. The time for regular meeting having been changed from evening to the afternoon following the meeting of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Henry Coit of Renner a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren on Rose St. was honored with a sunrise breakfast Tuesday morning. The dining room was daintily decorated. Place cards marked places for Misses Frances Burroughs, Mossie and Pet Sears, Jessie Sutphen, Evelyn Gaddy, Winnie and Louise Warren. Messrs Oscar Pate, Taylor Jennings, Luther Grimes, Robert Hicks, John West and the guest of honor. The morning was spent with tennis and joy riding.

To my friends—I will still keep in place with the Merkel Mail and continue to send out the weekly letter to the state papers. Will greatly appreciate it if all will continue to phone me all the church, school, club and local news. Phone 64 after 7 o'clock.
Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

The contest at the Presbyterian Sunday school closed Sunday with Mrs. R. L. Bland's side scoring 23 points over the side led by Mr. H. C. West. The Sunday school was greatly strengthened. All enjoyed the contest. New members and regular attendance were the points counted. In the near future the losers will entertain for the winners. All are expecting something extra nice and enjoyable.

Miss Duncan Browning is at home from Colorado City where she visited Mrs. J. H. Green. Mrs. Green gave an afternoon tea in her honor Friday. The affair was beautifully planned being perfect in all its appointments.

Monday Aug. 21st the Ladies of the Missionary Society met at the M. E. Church and held an interesting meeting. Mrs. J. L. Harris presiding. Reports along the different lines of work were turned over to the delegates, Mesdames Harris, Burroughs and Wallace who will attend the District meeting at Baird.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying BALLORD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be well rubbed in over the part effected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c and a dollar per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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The New Fall and Winter Hats new in every respect
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"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J. H. Houghland, Eldon Iowa. No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.

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To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.

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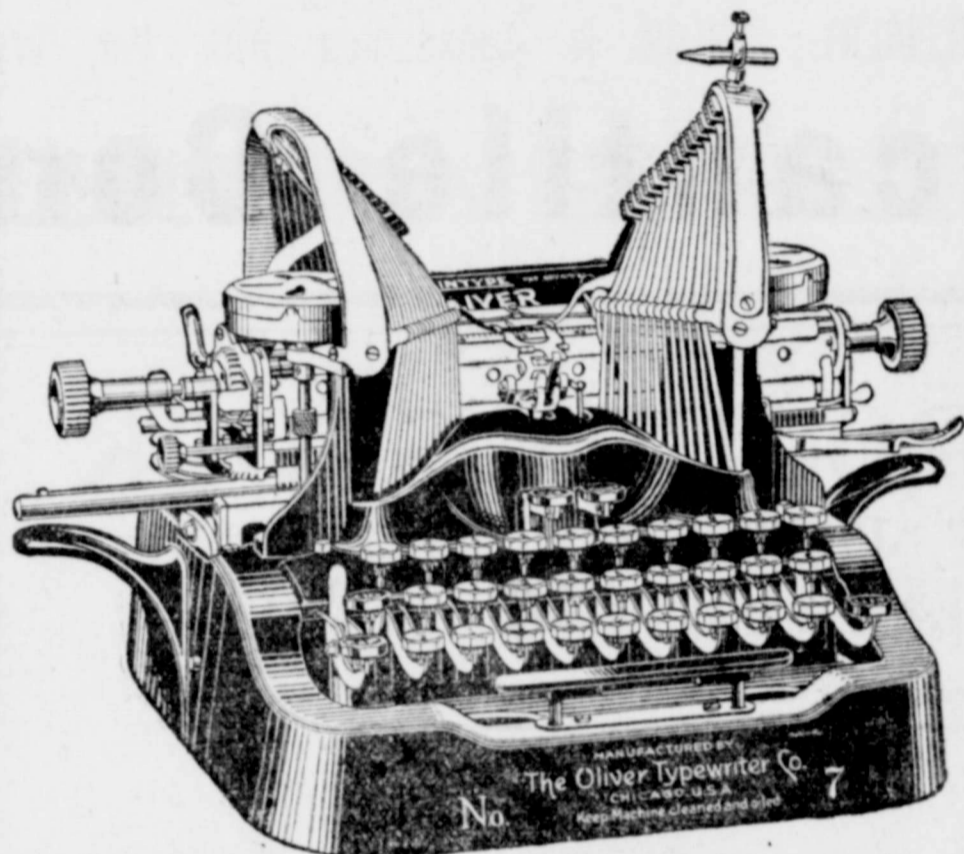
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BRITISH TOOK OVER '101' RANCH HORSES

Ponca City, Okla., Aug. 22.—A man named Pickett, who has been in Europe with the 101 Ranch shows, passed through the city on the Santa Fe returning from what is now bloody scenes to the ranch in Oklahoma. Just as he had resigned and completed his arrangements to sail to America when British army officers confiscated the horses which were carried with the show. Pickett feels fortunate that he escaped while the company was intact and undisturbed. Since hostilities have become so wide-spread the Millers have been at the mercy of very unpleasant circumstances, and when their horses were taken the remainder of the show necessarily had to be discontinued, as they were the greatest features of the performance. The animals confiscated were the finest specimens of horse flesh, and while they will be recompensed for them, they will hardly be reimbursed for the damage they have sustained by the action.

Best Casket
Unlike most other caskets, the straighter and heavier the wood do not yield the more the quality of lumber. It is the straight, irregular logs that possess the figured wood. The best quality of wood are obtained from trees over one hundred years old, which rarely have a clear length of more than 15 feet. The most beautiful grained wood is in the roots and burls.



First prize Wyandotte cock bird, bred and owned by H. M. Rose, Merkel, Texas. Mr. Rose has one of the best improved White Wyandotte farms in the State and last year made quite a reputation at some of the leading shows. This picture was a kodak snapshot of the cock bird as he appeared in the breeding pen.

The above was clipped from the Dallas Poultry News and shows the grade of poultry being raised in the Merkel country.

BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN THIS TOWN

Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the best remedy we have ever sold.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

Grump Defined.

Somebody wants to know what a rump is. A grump is a male who does not read the sporting news.

WORLDS FAIR VOTES AND THE RUNNERS

The following list of contestants were those whose names have been entered in the World's Fair Contest of the W. D. Woodroof Co., of this place and their standing in the first count taken at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Miss Armedia Wheeler of Noodle received the highest number of votes in the first weeks count and the winner of a \$5.00 set of Rogers silverware.

The votes will be counted each Wednesday and the standing of the contestants published in the Merkel Mail. At the last count each month the contestant receiving the largest number of votes for that month will be awarded a prize similar or even better than the prize of this week.

Miss Orra Lee Hester	3000
" Hattie Stonecipher	4545
" Hallie Moore	3225
" Carrie Shannon	2500
" Lula Cogburn	3115
" Frankie Campbell	3000
" Beulah Whetsell	3805
" Kate Bradley	2885
" Mary Boothe	2980
" Della McClain	3000
" Jewell Anderson	2060
" Emma Braune	2320
" Alline Barbee	2150
" Ethel Jones	3000
" Lera Daniel	6135
" Armedia Wheeler	7025
" Irene Swann	4350
" Emma Mashburn	4060
" Carrie Horton	3250
" Mertie Rogers	2850
" Mattie Jones	4295
" Ruby Browning	5805
" Mary Wasson	3290
" Bertha Ely	4340
" Myrtle Farris	4985
" Sallie Anderson	5760
" Beatrice Powell	3260
" Ethel Ensminger	3250
" Mary Massey	2250
" May Reynolds	2375
" Gertrude Stanley	3740
" Cleo Barnes	3360
" Vera Hogan	3475
" Hester Snow	4345
" Lilly Lattimer	3665
" Ambre Neighbors	3760
" Sallie Blackburn	4335
" Emma Clark	5425
" Amandie Alexander	4115
" Mattie Bird	2870
" May Lassiter	4440
" Dovie Teaff	3850
" Emma Tipton	2465
" Georgia Moore	2110
" Selina Teaff	5775
" Alice Smith	2760
" Ennis Ford	4230
" Ida Petterson	3615
" Ruby Touchstone	1500
" Genevieve Rust	1500
" May Wilson	1500
" Ida Taylor	1500

TAKING CALOMEL IS A BAD HABIT

So Powerful It Shocks the Liver and Leaves It Weaker Than Before. Dodson's Liver Tone is Better to Take.

Nearly everybody who has ever tried calomel has found that it gives only a temporary relief. For Calomel is such a powerful drug that it shocks and weakens the liver and makes it less able afterwards to do its duty than in the first place.

This is one of the reasons why T. L. Grimes guarantees Dodson's Liver Tone to take the place of calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is a pure vegetable liver tonic that will cure constipation quickly and gently, without any danger of bad after-effects. It is guaranteed to do this with a guarantee that is simple and fair. If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for yourself or your children, and do not find that it perfectly takes the place of Calomel, then return to the store where you bought it and get your money back with a smile.

BIG DRY GOODS PURCHASE

Our buyer has just returned from the Eastern markets where he found business dull and the wholesale people and factories clamoring for business and picked up many bargains such as Woolens, Silks and other dress goods of all shades, grades, and prices ranging from 15c to \$2.50 per yard. We were tempted by the bargains and pretty lines shown us and have filled our house to overflowing. Goods arriving daily and by the middle of the month we will be able to make the largest showing of

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

Otto Sosebee of Paducah is here visiting his brother A. C. Sosebee.

Mrs. Mary Seago is on the sick list this week.

The Methodist protracted meeting began Saturday night.

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

Miss H son of Sinclair is here visiting her sister Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.

Mr. and Mrs. Eteyl Church of the Merkel community visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene.

Mrs. U. B. Wheeler and children visited Mrs. Edger Wheeler Friday and Saturday.

A. M. McCright and family spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. G. N. Wright.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones of Shiloh are here visiting their cousin Mrs. Will Bicknell and attending the Methodist meeting.

Will Bicknell, Clarence Eoff, Clayton Goode, Walter Green and wife attended the W. O. W. Log Rolling at Abilene Thursday and Friday.

Miss Rosa Wheeler has returned home from a two weeks visit in Ballenger.

Walter Greene visited his father of the Hamlin community last Sunday.

Compere.

The weather has fared up though we have had so much rain some of the feed is damaged.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Mr. Merritt through mistake took poison and was very sick for a few days but is alright at the present.

Several from Compere attended services at Noodle Sunday night.

Billie Moore went to Blair the past week to see his mother.

The roads have been so bad people cannot get to Merkel.

Salt Branch.

The rains have damaged the feed some.

Joe Stone of Deleon is in this community on business.

James Wood of Loraine is visiting relatives here this week.

Several of this community attended the Log Rolling at Abilene Friday.

Miss Annie Petty is visiting relatives near Clyde this week.

Mrs. J. E. Petty is reported on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higgins were visiting relatives near Abilene Sunday.

Several young people took dinner with C. A. Higgins and family Sunday. Those present were; Misses Cora and

NEW GROCERY STOCK

TO OPEN UP SATURDAY

I have a complete line of Fresh, Staple Groceries in connection with my feed business north of the Crown Hardware Company.

MR. R. A. MARTIN

Has complete charge of this addition and asks his many friends to call on him for their grocery wants.

Groceryman **G. M. SHARP** Groceryman

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair.

The Presbyterian meeting closed Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Prof. Stephens of Abilene conducted a song service at the school house after Sunday School Sunday evening and secured a singing school to begin Tuesday September 1st.

The following delegates were elected to attend the county singing school convention at Kale Sunday, R. L. Porter, Jasper Tucker, Jop. Horton and W. A. Campbell.

The Methodist meeting will begin here next Sunday.

Ernest Moore, James Mayfield and Rufus Tittle attended the Log Rolling at Abilene last week.

Mrs. Winnie Mayfield and Miss Nannie Province were at Abilene last week representing the W. O. W. Circle of this place.

Dr. Powell of Buffalo Gap was called to see his sister Mrs. Adcock who has been very sick but is reported better at this time.

T. M. Clinton and family who have been visiting friends and relatives in the Canyon have returned to their home at Stanton.

R. L. Porter has traded his blacksmith shop for Merkel property and will soon move to Merkel.

Pat Addison has moved to Hugh Campbell's place.

Farmers are very busy gathering their feed crop for the fleecy staple is beginning to open and will soon be ready for the pickers.

Will Poar and family of Stephens county and sister Mrs. M. Bland of Trent were visitors in the home of Mrs. Eliza Campbell Sunday.

Mr. Lewis says some irate and disgruntled regenade either poisoned or fed glass to old "Shep." He asserted that he would not have cared so badly had Shep not been such a good dog about the place.

The thresher is in this community threshing for Mr. Butman.

Mr. Lous Butman is earnestly desiring that the roads hurry up and dry up so as to facilitate the driving of his father's car.

The singing school at Butman will close Friday afternoon. It is expected that there will be a concert rendered by the pupils on Friday night. We consider that Butman community was fortunate in securing this school. All who were instrumental in securing it should feel that it has been at least a local benefit.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Pritchard visited in Dora Sunday.

Now, since there is no special fear of the worms destroying the crops and that a large yield is expected the principle obstacle confronting the farmers is the problem of getting cotton pickers,

Alma Hays, Ida Taylor and Mae Rainier, Messrs Joe Stone, Hobson Robertson and John Mobley.

Sunday School and singing were very well attended Sunday. The singing class elected delegates to the singing convention at Kale Sunday.

Route 3.

Some in this community have started to picking cotton.

Quite a large crowd attended Sunday school Sunday.

Mrs. Daniels of Big Springs is here attending the bedside of her mother Mrs. Anderson who is very low at this writing.

Adron Farmer and his aunt Miss Rebecca Acre from White Church were in our midst Sunday.

W. H. Hathaway and wife attended preaching at Cross Roads Sunday.

A. H. Barnes and daughter Miss Cleo were in Merkel Saturday.

W. P. Moore says he will make a half bale of cotton to the acre and he has in about one hundred and fifty acres of cotton.

To correct the mistake that was made last week the meeting will start Friday night the fourth, instead of last Friday night before the last Sunday at Castle Peak and everybody is invited to attend.

Nubia.

Having missed the opportunity of writing last week I would like for you readers of my uninteresting letters to excuse me for neglecting my duty.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney were blessed with a little girl last week.

The Christian people are holding a meeting at Cross Roads one mile south of Nubia. They have a new arbor and it will be cool and convenient. Everybody come and hear the word of God preached from the bible by Rev. Cyfert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins, Mr. and

Mrs. Clark, their son and his family attended church at Cross Roads Sunday.

R. Purcell is visiting his brother Chas. Purcell.

W. I. Cogburn and Floyd Cogburn, Russle Johnson, Z. L. Cargill all left Sunday for a fishing trip.

Marck Cordell the owner of a picture show gave the people of Nubia a three reel picture show free. He also went to White Church school house Saturday night. Look out Dora he is coming there Wednesday night.

Miss May Reynolds who has been visiting friends at Vernon has returned home.

Cotton picking being on hand pickers will soon be welcome anywhere.

Vernon and Dee Simpton of Longview are here ready to get their cotton sacks as soon as cotton is ready to pick.

Sunday school was again postponed until next Sunday. Let's not forget our Sunday school.

John Dendrix visited his friends and relatives here least week. He only stayed a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rastus Tipton of Winters are visiting J. Cargil and family.

Pink Boyd is visiting his brother Dan L. Boyd, of Nubia.

Shiloh.

The revival meeting at Shiloh closed at the waters edge Sunday afternoon. The meeting was greatly hindered on account of the inclemency of the weather. There were only three for baptism. Rev. R. L. Estes of Abilene helped the pastor Rev. Horn in the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson received a phone message Sunday night from their daughter Mrs. Fred Dupree of Haskell stating their baby was very low with the whooping cough. They left immediately to be at the bedside of their little grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Grayson of Dal-

las have moved to this community and will make this their future home for awhile.

Messrs. T. Winters, S. L. Grayson, G. W. Scott, and W. L. Boyd left Wednesday for Stamford to attend the Association which convenes at that place.

Some of the young people of this community are attending revival services at Noodle.

Misses Cora Scott of Trent, Ruth Pomroy, Jaunita Shouse, G. W. Scott and family were visiting W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Mrs. Tiner was in Trent Sunday.

J. H. Grayson and W. B. Beavers were transacting business in Merkel Tuesday.

Arthur and Oscar McMurry of Trent attended church here Sunday and were guests of Luther Rogers.

H. C. Floyd of near Merkel passed through this community Tuesday.

Wesley Hardy of Salt Branch and Tommy Golightly of Noodle were in this part of the country Monday.

There were people from Noodle, Hebron and Trent attended the meeting at Shiloh.

Mr. Teasley was the first to get out a bale of cotton in this community.

Heading maize and eating watermelons is the order of the day out this way.

Butman.

The Christian protracted meeting began last Saturday at Cross Roads. It is being conducted by Elders Rister and Bankhead. As this will, perhaps, be the last protracted meeting for the summer everyone is requested to come out and attend services.

H. A. Lewis of Brownwood is visiting at the home of his father J. T. Lewis.

Mr. Wood Turner says he believes he will make fifty bales of cotton off about ninety five acres. We venture to say that "optimism" is the description word for his feelings.