

TEN THOUSAND BALE MARK IS PASSED ACCORDING TO COTTON YARD RECEIPTS

Receipts Grow Heavier Each Week. Past Seven Days Mark of 1750 Bales is Record for Any Week of Present Season. Merkel Cotton Makes Over Bale per Acre.

The receipts of the Merkel cotton yards have passed the ten thousand mark by five hundred bales. There having been ten thousand five hundred bales of cotton weighed in the Merkel yards up until Thursday evening late.

The highest record made for cotton this week was 8 cents for good middling. The prices of Thursday being some lower than during the first of the week and the top prices were around 7.50.

What will probably stand as the best record made in any part of west Texas is reported by G. M. Byrom, formerly of Farmersville, Cook county who is now engaged in gathering his 42nd bale off of 38 1-2 acres in cotton in the Robertson Ranch community, north of Merkel. The exact amount was 41 bales and 700 pounds from the first picking. Each of the bales making an average of 530 pounds or a total of 44,500 pound bales at the first gathering. The 38 1-2 acres are estimated to yield the owner five or six more bales of the fleecy staple.

UNIQUE GUESSING CONTEST OFFERED

The Grimes Drug Store has on display this week a mammoth candle which will be lighted promptly at noon December 19th, and allowed to burn until the last flame has died out from the tallow stick.

Between now and the date the candle is started to burning the patrons of the Grimes Drug Store are requested to make guesses as to how long the candle will burn. Each person is allowed 5 guesses, one each week beginning today or tomorrow until the five weeks have passed. At the end of which time the contest of guesses will close and the candle started burning. Patrons are not required to make purchases in order to guess. Any person filling over five guesses will have their entire number of guesses excluded from the contest.

To the man, woman or child who guesses nearest to the length of time the candle will burn, the management of the Grimes Store will offer selection of one of the following articles as a prize. One \$20.00 hunting case 15 jewel Elgin man's watch, one \$20.00 closed case 15 jewel Hamden movement ladies watch or a \$20 ladies diamond ring. The candle is now on display in the window of Grimes Drug Store and the box for registering your votes is placed on one of the interior counters. (adv)

Late Birth Reports

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windom of Route 1 a boy on the 9th.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Ely of Noodle a girl on the 7th.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morrison a girl on the 6th.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley of Route 1 a boy on the 10th.

MAN INJURED IN TYE GIN PLANT

Information was received here Monday of the injury of Manager Dulaney of the Tye gin plant at Tye.

Mr. Dulaney's escape from death seems miraculous. His clothing became entangled in a rapid revolving line shaft and the man met with similar experiences as did Mr. Foy of Anson who was killed by being whirled about a line shaft in an Anson gin last week. Mr. Dulaney's clothing was completely torn from his body, and he came out of the accident wearing nothing but his shoes and a collar. The extent of his injuries were several broken ribs and a broken arm. His condition is reported better and the injured man on the road to recovery.

PROGRAM

Fifth Sunday meeting of the Jones county Association, beginning Friday night, November, 27 1914 at First Baptist Church at Anson, Texas.

FRIDAY

7 00 p. m. Devotional Service, T. B. Prescott.
7 30 p. m. Sermon, D. T. Wells.

SATURDAY

10 00 a. m. Devotional Service W. L. Leach
10 30 a. m. What constitutes Efficiency in the Ministry. J. T. Nicholson.
11 15 a. m. What constitutes Efficiency in a Church. E. E. Dawson.
1 00 p. m. Board Meeting.

GROENE OPERA NEAR COMPLETION

Merkel will soon have one of the most up to date opera houses between Fort Worth and El Paso with the possible exceptions of Sweetwater and Big Springs which places are credited with larger houses but we believe the Merkel show house will equal any of them for comfort and convenience.

Several hands have been employed for the past two weeks making an encline floor from the entrance down to the orchestra pit. Both the balcony and lower floor are on an incline, making the seating arrangement modern in every respect. The date of the formal opening has not yet been set but Mr. Groene expects to have a strong company here at an early date to dedicate the new home.

Position Wanted

Wanted position as clerk or bookkeeper by young married man. Experienced. References from former employers. No bad habits. Address O. C. care of Mail

The Baraca girls will serve dinner Saturday to the Merkel public.

Hanging the Yuletide



(Copyright, by W. G. Chapman.)

Only five weeks until that glorious Yuletide. Make your Christmas purchases early Watch for our Christmas Edition.

CAN YOU BEAT A 14 POUND BEET

"Grow it at Merkel" is the slogan of S. D. Popham one of our local citizens who called at the Mail office Wednesday of this week leaving a sample of his garden products, a beet and a turnip.

The beet and turnip are now both on display at the Mail office. The first weighs 17 pounds, and measures 21 inches in circumference and is 17 inches in length not including the top. The turnip, the largest one we have ever seen measures 22 inches in circumference and weighs 7 pounds. The turnip is of the common purple top variety while the beet is of the mammoth sugar beet variety and is highly valuable as a feed for cattle or hogs. If either of these samples can be beat we would be glad to have the proof brought to our office.

Window glass and putty Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

COTTON PICKERS ARRIVE SUNDAY

L. L. Blaylock of Calvert came in Sunday afternoon bringing with him from his country twenty one negroes who are now helping to gather the cotton about Merkel.

This is the fourth or fifth time Mr. Blaylock has visited Merkel within the last few weeks and makes a total of 218 negro cotton pickers he has brought here. These with probably 200 more brought here by different parties increase the population of the Merkel county by some 400 people (Ethiopian variety.)

MERKEL SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR WEEK

A weeks vacation has been given the Merkel school children while the teachers attend the teachers institute now in session at Abilene.

According to a conversation with Superintendent Morris there will be no school during next week. The work of the Institute will be completed by Wednesday evening of next but no further work will be taken up until after Thanksgiving has passed, and there being only one more day it has been decided to have school open again Monday morning, Nov. 30.

NEW RESTAURANT TO OPEN SOON

Ed Turner, a well known restaurant man formerly of this place has decided that there no place like home and is again in our midst making preparations to feed the public.

Mr. Turner is opening up a neat establishment on Edwards street in the heart of the business district, having rented the building formerly occupied by the farmers State Bank and later by the Boney Drug Store. It is expected that the carpenters will have the place completed in time for the owner to open up for business this week.

Cotton Pickers Wanted

Will furnish good house for family to pick cotton, G. F. Turner, Route 1 Box 20. 2tpd

Will shades 25c up to the best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

POULTRY SHOW CATALOGUE OUT

The annual publication of the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Show, to be held in here Dec. 3, 4, and 5th, has been delivered to the officers of the Association and are being sent out broadcast over the country to attract the attention of chicken growers.

O. W. Williams, or W. O. Williams as he is known to the chicken world, has received numerous applications during the past week for catalogues and much of his time has been taken up in looking after the affairs of the approaching show. Many of the local people who will have exhibits at the show this year are already making preparations for the coming event which no doubt will outshine all previous attempts or attractions held in this section of west Texas. The people of Merkel should talk the Merkel Chicken Show from now until the doors are closed and then get in shape to boost next years event.

ROAD DRAGS GOOD SAYS J. H. CAMPBELL

J. H. Campbell was in town Thursday and reports the road work out his way under the direction of our new commissioner T. R. Lassiter progressing nicely.

Mr. Campbell says the steel road drags they are using makes the road smoother and better for cotton wagons and strongly advocates the continuance of the work on roads leading into the county.

U. S. PURE FOOD INSPECTOR HERE

J. T. Thompson of the department of Food and Drug Inspection of the state was a visitor in Merkel Friday and Saturday of last week looking into the conditions of public places about our city.

After Mr. Thompson had made a thorough inspection of the town he gave out some information regarding the civic condition of our city: Generally speaking he stated Merkel was on an average with town of 2000 inhabitants and found few faults to make in general. He did state however that he found one place in our city that was in bad condition for cleanliness, and one that marked a record for perfection. The greatest fault he found was the exposure of fruits, vegetables and especially meats in unscreened places. This is the first time in the history of Merkel a general inspection has been made and Mr. Thompson gave this as a reason of some of our merchants being somewhat careless about handling market products. He also found in some places that short weights were being given in butter, only 13 and 14 ounce packages being put out as pound weights. This he explained was mainly the fault of the farmers and dairy people who sell butter to the merchants and give short weight in the beginning, consequently the consumer does not receive a full pound for his money.

According to Mr. Thompson's own statement, he received cooperation on every hand and merchants, market men and restaurant men readily agreed to clean up and make improvements where instructed to do so. Another inspection of the town will be made by Mr. Thompson in the near future. He expects to visit our town within the next thirty days in order to see if his instructions have been carried out.

John Vaughn Hurt by Auto

We failed to learn of a bad accident to John Vaughn, son of Rev. Sam C. Vaughn, last week in time to give mention in the Herald. Mr. Vaughn was driving a big car in Haskell county and a pin in the steering gear came out the car ran off a dump and turned over hurting the driver very severely on the thigh. Three doctors attended him and reported no bones broken but a severe bruise and strain. He was brought to his fathers home in this city on Monday, and has been doing fine until this week. He is suffering and has been unable to handle himself, but hopes are that he will soon recover.—Herald.

John Vaughn is well known here having lived here with his parents during the time Rev. Vaughn was pastor of the M. E. Church.

Dies Of Typhoid Fever.

Lindsey Rister of the Comper community died at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning from Typhoid fever. Mr. Lindsey had been sick sometime but only a few days prior to his death he was thought to be out of danger and hopes held out for his recovery until Monday when his condition changed for worse.

The deceased leaves an aged father and mother, a wife two children and two brothers mourn his loss. The Mail joins the many friends of the family in extending condolence to the bereaved ones.

Window glass and putty. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

The Farmers State Bank

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$131,266.46
Banking House.....	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund.....	791.55
Cash and Exchange.....	42,292.42
	\$188,350.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,033.00
DEPOSITS.....	125,402.12
Bills Payable.....	25,514.65
Reserve for Taxes.....	350.00
	\$188,350.43

Our money is loaned to customers, as shown by above statement.
No hoarding here. We solicit your business.

DONATION GOES TO FIRE FIGTERS

When Fire Chief, Frank Ferrier opened his mail Monday morning he found in one of his letters a check for \$10.00 made payable to the Fire Department. The donation was from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton whose home the fireboys saved some time ago from destruction by fire.

The following letter will be recorded on the minutes of the department as a remembrance of exceptional good work.

Merkel, Texas

Dear Fireboys:—
Please accept this check as a very slight expression of our sincere appreciation of your effort in our behalf when our home was in danger of being destroyed by fire.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Horehound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

At Abilene Thursday

Those going from Merkel to the Baptist Convention at Abilene Thursday were:

Misses Levy Tittle, Eula Campbell, Annie Higgins, Mae Lassiter, Tennie Pope, Nettie West, May Collins, Maggie Wheeler, Eva Gaddy and Georgia Moore of this city. Miss Akard Britain of Ochiltree who is visiting her brother W. E. Britain. Mrs. S. W. Shaver of Fort Worth. Mesdames J. S. Swann, W. M. Gaddy, and Bowles of Merkel, and Mrs. B. F. Teague of Bonham who is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy. Messers G. L. Baker, J. W. Lyles and Rev. W. M. Gaddy.

Rub a sore throat with Ballards Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Burroughs. adv

WORLD FAIR VOTERS AND THE RUNNERS

The following count is for the last two weeks only and gives the total number of votes cast in the Woodroof Worlds Fair Contest up until the present time.

Miss Jewell Anderson.....	52500
" Lula Cogburn.....	80465
" Gertrude Dowdy.....	95060
" Lera Daniel.....	216415
" Beulah Whetsell.....	18155
" Armedia Wheeler.....	58550
" Hattie Stonecipher.....	21509
" Emma Braune.....	3735
" Alline Barbee.....	67890
" Mary Boothe.....	51075
" Irene Swann.....	4845
" Hallie Moore.....	202140
" Ethel Jones.....	4795
" Frankie Campbell.....	71610
" Della McClain.....	3890
" Carrie Shannon.....	69625
" Emma Mashburn.....	5800
" Mertie Rogers.....	20395
" Ruby Browning.....	33852
" Mary Wasson.....	3490
" Bertha Ely.....	58925
" Myrtle Farris.....	12970
" Sallie Anderson.....	6290
" Beatrice Powell.....	15550
" May Reynolds.....	6190
" Gertrude Stanley.....	5340
" Cleo Barnes.....	24295
" Amandie Alexander.....	26295
" Mattie Bird.....	3380
" May Lassiter.....	24535
" Emma Tipton.....	2525
" Georgia Moore.....	12745
" Selina Teaff.....	41640
" Alice Smith.....	16270
" Ennis Ford.....	25215
" Dovie Teaff.....	5820
" May Wilson.....	11065
" Ida Taylor.....	4735
" Jewel Tipton.....	7410
" Genevieve Warnick.....	17075
" Maud Hanks.....	3475



IT'S A HAPPY MAN

Who first experiences the fine quality

of our laundry work. After a while he gets used to it and expects perfect laundering from us as a matter of course. And he will never get disappointed. We do good work first, last and all the time. Send us your shirts, collars etc., and you'll be happy in your linen ever after.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY
M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.

Good Cane For Sale

Good cane for sale, close in to Merkel, 2 1-2 cents per bundle in the field.
S. L. Penny, Rt. 5. 13:2pd

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. Herbine is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

J. M. Alexander, J. E. Arrington, Emlis Bennet, Willie Bius Frank Clappitt, T. E. Clark, Dortha Collins, S. C. Fallis, J. T. Gilstrath, Isaac Lloyd, All May Dr. Panton, Conrad Powell, J. C. Powell, August Pruitt, John Quick, Walter Samuel, Mrs. M. Scott, Mary Walden, Roy Ware and James Withers.

These will be sent to the dead letter office November 28th
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

GUESSING CONTEST

Open now--Continues For FIVE WEEKS

Open To Everybody

HOW LONG WILL OUR MAMMOTH CANDLE BURN
SEE IT ON DISPLAY IN OUR SHOW WINDOW

Every person allowed one guess each week, making a total of 5 guesses to each person

GUESSING BOX CLOSSES AT NOON

Saturday, December, 19th.

At which time the candle will be lighted. The person guessing nearest to the exact number of hours, minutes and seconds the candle will burn, will be given absolutely free their choice of one of the following

One \$20. Gents Hunting Case 15 Jewel Elgin Watch; One \$20.00 Closed Case 15 Jewel Hamden Watch, or a \$20.00 Ladies Diamond Ring.

Free Guesses to Every Patron of Our Store.

We do not compel you to make a purchase in order to compete in this contest. Figure out for yourself how long this candle will burn, and file one guess each week in guessing box at our store. Make any number of guesses you wish up to a total of five. Only one guess allowed during each week from now until December, 19th.

MAKE YOUR FIRST GUESS TODAY OR TOMORROW

Grimes Free Candle Guessing Contest.
T. L. GRIMES' Drug Store

The Nyal Place

Candle Starts burning at noon Saturday, December 19th

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Come to Trent

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Men's shoes in gunmetal, button or lace, standard make, solid oak bottom,
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Women's shoes in lace or button, vici or gunmetal. They will cost you elsewhere \$3 to \$3.50. **Come to Trent and get them for only \$2 & \$2.50**

\$10 TO \$12.50 LADIES CLOAKS FOR \$7.50

Ladies cloaks come in tan only, while they last **Our Price only \$7.50**
Ladies cloaks, in assorted shades and sizes, mostly small sizes and **Big Bargains for Small Women**, worth up to \$7.50, watch them go Saturday and all next week
\$4.50 and \$5.00
Come to Trent

\$1.00 Men's Overalls 75c

Men's Denhem Overalls with bib. The kind you always pay \$1.00 for. **Our special for Saturday and all next week only, per pair 75c**
Come to Trent and Save Money

Remember we handle a full line of women's cloaks. Also men and boys clothing. **Come to Trent and inspect our line before you buy your fall and winter goods.**

Nemir Dry Goods Company

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TRENT, TEXAS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. E. Comegys was in Clyde Tuesday looking after the interest he has in that city.

Wall paper 10c to 32c per double roll. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

W. R. (Bob) Russell who returned from Dallas some weeks ago has decided to make Merkel his home for good now and has again entered the dray and transfer business and states that he will be found on the job when wanted.

Stock fields wanted to pasture cattle in. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. 13:2

Window glass and putty. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

W. T. Daniel was called to Post City last week to take charge of a case in court there.

O-Cedar polish mop, new size 75c. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Window shades 25c up to the best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Britain of Ochiltree together with their daughter Mrs. Shaver of Fort Worth and grandson Homer Minor also Ochiltree came in this week to visit the former's son W. E. Britain and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Britain are attending the Baptist Convention at Abilene during their stay.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Penrod who have been making the Merkel country their home for the past year left Sunday noon for Heber Springs, Ark. where they will make their home in the future.

Meedames E. P. McMillen and J. C. Hancock were in Abilene Monday visiting Mrs. J. W. Behrens.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Mules For Sale
33 coming 3 year old mules, all good stock. Choice of bunch \$235 per pair. If interested phone or write or call on Sam Brandon, Nubia, Texas. Mules are located near Dora.

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It is astonishing how quickly Hunt's Lightning Oil relieves pain. Rub it on and the hurting fades away almost instantly. That's why so many people keep it in their home for one never knows when they will need this excellent liniment. For neuralgia, headache and the like there is nothing better. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. adv

Regulate the bowels, when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs, adv

J. P. Latimer of Nubia left Saturday for Greenville to see his mother who was reported very low.

O-Cedar polish-mop, new size 75c. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. T. Cotton of Abilene visited her sister Mrs. Carl Evan-tie past week.

J. B. Young of Weatherford was here last week visiting his uncle A. J. Young and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bell were visiting friends in Abilene Sunday.

COTTON COTTON.
Now is the time to buy your pianos and sewing machines while you can get 10c for your cotton. See E. D. Coats.

ELECTRIC BITTERS
THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Window shades 25c up to the best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

J. M. Spurgin of Route 1 was in town Saturday and added a years time to his Merkel Mail. His name was followed by W. A. McCandless of Route 3 who asked us to send the Mail to his address for another year. They were two of a large number who are taking advantage of our low rate clubbing offers.

Many Merkel parties are at Abilene this week attending the Baptist Convention. Those going the first of the week were Meadames W. T. Daniel, J. H. Ensminger, E. Hall and Rev. and Mrs. Gaddy.

Wall paper 10c to 32c per double roll. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer left Tuesday for Baird where they will visit their son J. W. Farmer for a short time. Before returning home they will visit other relatives at Clyde.

G. B. Rieburn of Putman was in Merkel Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mrs. D. S. Whitlow of Temple is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney of this city. The visiting lady and her children will remain here several days before returning to their home.

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BEACON SHOES

The shoe that wears right, must be made right in the parts you don't see. We have always made the insides of Beacon Shoes as carefully as the parts that show.

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"Dodson's Liver Tone" Is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

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Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.
I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless, doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.



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H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

Conservation.
Customer—"None of yer gaudy colors for me. Give me plain red an' yellow."—Puck.

Destiny.
Fair or foul the lot apportioned life earth we bear alike.—Browning.

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Coyote With a Bell.
Possessed of a sense of humor, a cattleman living near Walnut Grove, Ariz., when he caught a coyote instead of shooting it, tied a bell to its neck and let it go. It is said that the sound of the bell drove away other coyotes.

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 GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,
 GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;
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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

THE ALLISON LAW

The highest tribunals of this state have decreed that the Allison Liquor law is unconstitutional. Perhaps it was and it was the duty of the Judges of the Supreme Bench to pass upon the measure in conformity with all statutes regarding the Liquor traffic. But it is inconceivable to figure that our Supreme Court was right in regarding the lives and welfare of our great State.

Local conditions prior to the Allison Law being declared unconstitutional were almost perfect throughout the entire dry territory of Texas. Within the last few weeks a great change has been wrought over the country. The shipment of liquor can now be made from without the state to any point in the state, to persons who in no way violate the present state laws. Few if any have been known to have violated the laws in having whiskey shipped into dry territories in Texas, but what are the results.

Individuals who were slaves to drink found Liquor hard to get during the life of the Allison Law. Many of these individuals were greatly benefited by this stringency. Their families found conditions more tolerable at home and fathers' breath was seldom marred by the unpleasant smell of whiskey. Men were given time to think of the fallacy of their previous deeds and reformation seemed an Excelsior for them.

Now that the Allison law is unconstitutional these many men have again within their reach and at their command the thing that makes many a man a greater enemy to himself than to any other individual or and other individual could be to him.

That prohibition does not prohibit the the sale and use of intoxicating liquors is a well known fact. The great difficulty is in getting a majority of people to try prohibition as a public movement. What would be the real results of absolute prohibition in our community? Some thirty years ago Kansas cut liquor out of her territory and yet through these years there have been innumerable violations of their liquor law but officially she was a dry state and the constant effort has been to educate the state along this line and unless the Outlook Magazine has been deceived, a wonderful change has been wrought within that state within the last thirty years. The Outlook writer in his statement gives the following figures concerning the present condition of that state.

- "In 87 of her 105 counties Kansas now has no insane
- "In 54 of these counties, there are no feeble minded.
- "Ninety-six of her counties have no inebriates.
- "Thirty-eight of her county poorhouses are empty.
- "Fifty-three of her jails were recently empty, and sixty-five counties had no prisoners in the state penitentiary.
- "The entire number of paupers in the state falls short of 600.
- "Some counties have not called a grand jury to try a criminal case in ten years.
- "Not long ago Kansas had \$200,000,000 in her banks; her farmers owned livestock valued at \$225,000,000, and in one year the people have added \$45,000,000 to their taxable property.
- "Only two per cent of her entire population is illiterate.
- "The mortality rate has dropped from 17 per

1000 to 7 per 1000."

If the above figures are correct Kansas certainly answers the question of whether prohibition pays. If Kansas could so improve in 30 years without the use of liquor, what would be the condition of Texas 10 years from now if a similar condition existed within our boundaries. What would be the condition of our own little county within that short period of time. Perhaps the Allison Law was unconstitutional, never the less it was certainly a step in a good direction.

Pasted Paragraphs

THE BACHELOR TAX
 I loved a girl that Time shall ne'er
 From my fond memory blot her;
 But should I pay out cash because
 The other fellow got her.
 —New York Times.

He's got the mash; you've got the cash,
 Kick all you like, dod rot it,
 They're going to make you pay the tax
 Because he hasn't got it.
 —Cleveland News.

Of all the things the Lord detests
 The worst one is a quitter
 It's up to you to pay the tax,
 Because you let him git her.
 —Springfield Union

Yes, go ahead and pay the tax:
 'Tis best to be a batch
 Than have some 12 or 14 kids
 And for their living scratch.
 —Florida-Times Union

Yes be a sport and pay the tax,
 We hate to hear you bellow;
 The married guys they envy you,
 The lucky bach'lor fellow.
 —Allentown Democrat

With all these other cheerful chaps
 We heartily agree,
 Who would not pay most any tax
 To know that he was free!
 —Birmingham Age-Herald

Yes pony up and pay the tax
 No use to stand and blow,
 Then hear yourself called causally
 "Zust her old beau."
 —Commercial Appeal.

How do you know that its unjust
 To pay a tax like this,
 Never with a chance to enjoy,
 That sacred wedded bliss.

United States Senator, James H. Lewis of Illinois, says United States will be fighting Japan before another Presidential election. Senator, what will we fight them with? Will we depend on popguns and pitchforks loaded with faith? Thats all we have in line of national defence.

Don't forget December 3, 4, and 5 or you will miss the best poultry show of the season. Here at Merkel and no charges will be made. This will perhaps be the only free show we will have during the year.

We are quite willing to have any person so disposed to tell us how to run our newspaper provided you will let us tell you how to run your own affairs.

Reports say Germany and Austria have 18,000,000 men in reserve for army service. If that is so there may be a good sized scrap over there yet.

Speaking about war but our left and right wings are getting real sore in view of the big load Christmas giving will heap on our shoulders. Sherman was right.

Reports say China is shipping tons of eggs to this country annually. They would not if every body had the chicken fever like the Merkel poultry growers.

The Toledo Blade says: "Money talks, but a Canadian quarter with a hole in it stutters." And a counterfeit dollar is speechless.

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**HEAVY MEAT EATERS
 HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS**

Eat less meat if you feel Backachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Salta.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become over-worked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salta is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

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 YOUR HAIR IS NOW**

Newbro's Herpicide is the one remedy on your druglist's shelves which may always be depended upon.

Instead of complaining to your friends and mourning over your loss of hair, call upon your local druggist and purchase a bottle of Newbro's Herpicide. It is the first and original remedy, guaranteed to kill dandruff, stop itching and check falling hair.

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 There are plants whose roots, like tentacles, feel about until they touch some live prey, then send forth a stinging hair which shocks and paralyzes the victim, giving the claws a chance to close about him.

W. O. W.
 Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights each month.
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 This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's. For sale by all dealers. adv

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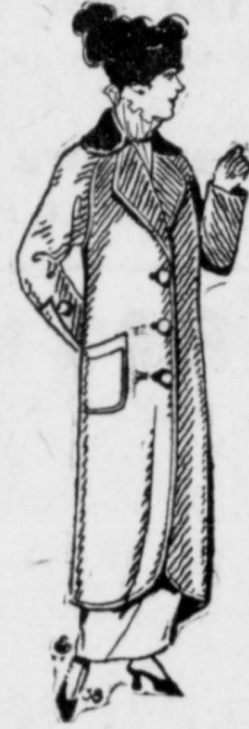
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Shiloh.
A two days rain fell here last week delaying cotton picking for a while.

Jim and Sam Grayson went to Waco last week after more cotton pickers.

Charley Williams and little Son were over from Anson Sunday visiting relatives.

The negro cotton pickers of this section gathered Saturday night and enjoyed a big time together.

W. B. Beavers was over from Sweetwater Creek looking over his farm one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler of Noodle visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a crowd gathered at the Grayson school house Sunday afternoon for preaching services, but for some reason, bad weather perhaps, the preacher failed to come.

Several members of the Baptist church of this place will attend the Baptist state convention at Abilene this week.

Quite a number of the Shiloh society set attended Singing at Noodle Sunday.

W. Faulkner, George Calahan and M. E. Bookman tried the virtues of the Jones county mud by a jaunt over to the Shiloh store last Friday afternoon.

We were very sorry indeed to read of the death of Earnest Whitaker last week. Mrs. Whitaker was an old school mate of ye scribe's back in old Johnson county where we spent our girlhood days. She and her family have our deepest sympathy.

Important

Bear in mind that Chamberlains Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers, adv

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Get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of W. E. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops headache, and works off cold. 25c.

Blair

Here's hoping that the Christmas number will be the best of its kind yet.

The Blair Baptist church has called a pastor, Rev. Farris has accepted the work and will preach every first and third Sunday.

Rev. Young preached his last sermon for this Conference year to a large and appreciative audience Sunday.

R. C. Lyons was in Blair Saturday looking after his farming interest here.

S. E. Adcock made a business trip to Buffalo Gap Monday.

F. S. Addison and J. H. Campbell attended Quarterly Conference at Trent Saturday.

Quite a number of farmers of Nubia were hauling out coal from Blair Saturday which they had ordered for winter fuel.

The young folks who attended the singing at Jim Moores Sunday night report a nice time.

Rev. H. Bullock will preach at the school house next Sunday evening.

The Blair school is expected to begin Nov. 26 with Prof. Clark of Merkel as principal and Miss Jewel Clark of Eastland county as assistant.

Noodle.

Elder Dan Simpson filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Singing was largely attended at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Jno. Thompson and wife are moving to Paducah this week where Mr. Thompson has a position as principal of a school. Mrs. Walter Green and Miss Allen Barbee were in Merkel Saturday shopping.

Otto Sosebee of Paducah was here visiting his sister Wednesday and enjoyed meeting his many friends.

Little Miss Alice Brown and brother Willie visited Mr. and Mrs. [Name] last night Sunday.

Abilene Semi-Weekly Reporter

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Route 3
Cotton picking was delayed for a while on account of the rain.
Little Artie Pannell is on the sick list this week.
Rev. King of Abilene preached at Mount Pleasant Saturday night.
There was a musical entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Friday night. Those present report a nice time.
Mrs. W. P. Moore and daughter Miss Myrtle spent Saturday

night and Sunday with Mrs. Geo. Richie of Merkel.
Rev. Rodgers will preach at Mount Pleasant next Sunday.
Mrs. C. R. Ro and Mrs. Bob Watson were shopping in Merkel Saturday.
Pete Bird has returned from Moran where he has been visiting his father.
G. W. Sullivan has rented the Hurley Tombs place for another year.
There was no prayer meeting Sunday night on account of

ing and candy breaking at S. W. Taylors Saturday night.
Arthur McMurry of near Trent is staying with Mr. O. Mobly and attending school at Merkel Sunday school and Singing were well attended Sunday.
What Would You Do ?
In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers. adv

Salt Branch
The rains have hindered cotton picking very much the past week. Ollie Stone left for Waco Wednesday where he went to work on the railroad.
J. P. Petty of near Clyde brought in a fine load of sweet potatoes in Tuesday.
W. L. Barker of near Abilene has moved in the community to live for another year. We welcome him in the community.
Mrs. Emery Petty is very sick at this writing.
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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Hamlet Act III, Scene 1 and 2

Do Rosenorauz and Guildenstern give the King and Queen a true report of their mission to Hamlet?

Is there humor or sarcasm in Polonius' remark on hypocrisy? What does the king utter in a way of a confession?

Is this a crucial moment in the play? Does it foreshadow any subsequent episode.

What additional light does the soliloquy in Scene 1 throw on Hamlet's character? Shall we take it to convey his settled philosophy of life? What do you think of his balanced arguments of suicide.

When did Ophelia last see Hamlet? Why does he ask, "Where is your father?"

Does Hamlet at this interview assume madness or does he merely puzzle Ophelia with double meanings?

What may be inferred from this Act regarding the stage in Shakespear days? Are the faults of actors here referred to, such as would have been likely to come under the notice of a Prince of Denmark in Hamlet's time?

What is Hamlet's view on Horatio's character (sc II, 61 et seq) What dramatic purpose does this speech serve?

How does Hamlet's manner change after the entrance of the King, Queen and others to see the play?

Why does the King break up the play? Is Hamlet the only explanation possible.

Compare the second Scene between Hamlet and Rosenorauz and Guildenstern with the first? What difference of temper does Hamlet display and why?

Saturday afternoon the members of the Twentieth Century Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. B. Jinkens by Miss Zula Huffaker. The lesson was conducted by Miss Eva Williams. The hostess served cream and cake to those present.

The Magic Washing Stick

I am perfectly delighted with the Magic Washing Stick. It makes the clothes so pretty and white and it saves time and labor. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. I can recommend it highly as a labor saver as you don't have to rub the clothes at all writes Mrs. M. A. Graham, Dustin, Okla. Guaranteed to contain no lye, acid, alkali or any injurious ingredient. A truly wonderful article. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Sold by grocers and druggists or sent by mail. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

Despondency Due to Indigestion

It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana; Pa. "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers. adv

Tenants for Centuries.

Two remarkable cases of unbroken succession of tenancy were mentioned at the sale of part of Sir David Delves Broughton's Cheshire estate at Crewe, England. It was stated that the Barton family had been tenants on the estate over two hundred years, while the Cooke family had been tenants in unbroken succession for 267 years.

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The Magic Washing Stick is guaranteed to save all washboard labor on wash day, and to make the clothes as white as snow. Contains no acid, alkali, lye or poison of any character and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Lifts the burden of work from the women's backs. Price 25c per box, containing three Magic Washing Sticks, enough for fifteen big snowy white washings. Ask grocer or druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

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Over 100,000 have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills. For backache, kidney, urinary ills, 30,000 signed testimonials are appearing now in public print. Some of them are Merkel people, some are published in Merkel. No other remedy shows such proof. Follow this Merkel man's example.

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

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

Ponderously Built. My aunt a buxom lady of 200 pounds, was dusting the room in a suffragist cap, when I remarked: "You ought to go to war in that cap." Buddie, aged five, who had been sitting quietly by, spoke up: "Chee, Aunt Babe, you would make a schwell fort!"—Chicago Tribune.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburgh one of my children had a hard cold and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it benefited him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

Remarkable Echo.

The wonderful echo of the suspension bridge across the Menai strait in Wales has made the structure famous. If one of the main piers of the bridge is struck by a hammer the sound of the blow is returned in succession from each cross-beam supporting the roadway and from the opposite pier standing 576 feet distant. At the same time the sound is reflected back and forth between the water and the floor of the bridge at the rate of 28 times in five seconds.—Pathfinder.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Some Help.

Mrs. Datus—"Do you find your gymnasium work helpful?" Mrs. Artigue—"Helpful! Why, this morning I was the first one to reach a bargain counter out of a bunch of a hundred starters."

In Skeeter Time.

"Here," sighed the unhappy householder, as he put out the light and crawled through the canopy into bed, "is where I retire to my second line of defense."—Newark News.

Remarkable Cure for Croup

"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers.

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There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

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A TOAST TO GOV. FERGUSON

(Peter Radford proposes to the people of Texas the following toast in honor of Governor-elect Ferguson. In order that the prohibition question may be eliminated from the festivity, Mr. Radford suggests that all citizens rise and drink a glass of buttermilk to the health of our next Governor.)

Here's to the man who fought the farmers' battles and who planted the flag of agriculture on the parapets of success. A man out of the loins of agriculture and out of the heart of business, unswayed by combinations and unswayed by politicians. A man tutored in the school of poverty and disciplined in the university of success, whose ambition is without guile and whose patriotism is without greed, called from the hearthstone of the common people to rule over the land.

A plain man who can hear the feeble cry of the weak and the just complaints of the strong, who has toiled by the side of those who labor and worked with those who plan. A man whose life is attuned to the song of the plow, the shrill whistle of the locomotive, the clatter of the dinner pail and whose heart feels the mighty surge of progress as it beats against the border line. A man who owes no debt to his friends and no grudge to his foes, but who answers the call of his country and serves for the joy of service.

A man whose life has been hissed by demagogues, whose heart has been stung by fanatics and whose back has felt the rod of prejudice. The people's friend, the politician's foe and the investor's hope. Whatever may be his will or ambition, fears or hopes, joys or sorrows, he is to wield the scepter of power and will soon be your Governor and mine.

FROM THE FARM TO THE FIRESIDE

The farm-to-table delivery instituted by the Postmaster General has been established in twenty-seven cities in the United States. The institution is part of the parcel post system and the arrangement is designed to establish direct trading relations between the producer and consumer and to bring the two in direct communication.

The postmasters are acting in the capacity of clearing house managers, in furnishing price lists of the articles of produce which farmers and truck growers are prepared to send to city customers.

The results which must be obtained before the plan is proved a success are the standardizing of products so that there may be no misunderstanding the ability of the post office to handle packages so as to be received in good condition and, last but not least, an honest purpose and patient persistence of each party to the bargain to insure satisfaction to all concerned.

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The magic Washing Stick, the greatest helper woman ever had with her washing, and I have been singing its praise to my neighbor, writes Mrs. Mollie Martin, Route 3, Apache, Okla. "It is truly a wonderful article, saving all the washboard labor on washday. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Enough for fifteen big washings. Makes clothes white as snow. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

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Shiloh.

A two days rain fell here last week delaying cotton picking for a while.

Jim and Sam Grayson went to Waco last week after more cotton pickers.

Charley Williams and little Son were over from Anson Sunday visiting relatives.

The negro cotton pickers of this section gathered Saturday night and enjoyed a big time together.

W. B. Beavers was over from Sweetwater Creek looking over his farm one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler of Noodle visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a crowd gathered at the Grayson school house Sunday afternoon for preaching services, but for some reason, bad weather perhaps, the preacher failed to come.

Several members of the Baptist church of this place will attend the Baptist state convention at Abilene this week.

Quite a number of the Shiloh society set attended Singing at Noodle Sunday.

W. Faulkner, George Calahan and M. E. Bockman tried the virtues of the Jones county mud by a jaunt over to the Shiloh store last Friday afternoon.

We were very sorry indeed to read of the death of Earnest Whitaker last week. Mrs. Whitaker was an old school mate of yep's scribe's back in old Johnson county where we spent our girlhood days. She and her family have our deepest sympathy.

Important

Bear in mind that Chamberlains Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers. adv

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Get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of W. E. Cures a Cold in One Day, Stops headache, and works off cold. 25c.

Blair

Here's hoping that the Christmas number will be the best of its kind yet.

The Blair Baptist church has called a pastor. Rev. Farris has accepted the work and will preach every first and third Sunday.

Rev. Young preached his last sermon for this Conference year to a large and appreciative audience Sunday.

R. C. Lyons was in Blair Saturday looking after his farming interest here.

S. E. Adcock made a business trip to Buffalo Gap Monday.

F. S. Addison and J. H. Campbell attended Quarterly Conference at Trent Saturday.

Quite a number of farmers of Nubia were hauling out coal from Blair Saturday which they had ordered for winter fuel.

The young folks who attended the singing at Jim Moores Sunday night report a nice time.

Rev. H. Bullock will preach at the school house next Sunday evening.

The Blair school is expected to begin Nov. 26 with Prof. Clark of Merkel as principal and Miss Jewel Clark of Eastland county county as assistant.

Noodle.

Elder Dan Simpson filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Singing was largely attended at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Jno. Thompson and wife are moving to Paducah this week where Mr. Thompson has a position as principal of a school.

Mrs. Walter Green and Miss Allen Barbee were in Merkel Saturday shopping.

Otto Sosebee of Paducah was here visiting his sister Wednesday and enjoyed meeting his many friends.

Little Miss Alice Brown and brother Willie visited Mr. and Mrs. [Name] last night Sunday.

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Route 3

Cotton picking was delayed for a while on account of the rain.

Little Artie Pannell is on the sick list this week.

Rev. King of Abilene preached at Mount Pleasant Saturday night.

There was a musical entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Friday night. Those present reported a nice time.

Mrs. W. P. Moore and daughter Miss Myrtle spent Saturday

night and Sunday with Mrs. Geo. Richie of Merkel.

Rev. Rodgers will preach at Mount Pleasant next Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Ro and Mrs. Bob Watson were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Pete Bird has returned from Moran where he has been visiting his father.

G. W. Sullivan has rented the Hurley Toombs place for another year.

There was no prayer meeting Sunday night on account of the weather.

ing and candy breaking at S. W. Taylors Saturday night.

Arthur McMurry of near Trent is staying with Mr. O. Mobly and attending school at Merkel Sunday school and Singing were well attended Sunday.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers. adv

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\$2.50 and \$3.00 ladies hats now \$1.95
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 Children's hats regular \$2.00 to \$3.50 values now \$1.35 to \$1.95. The best opportunity of the season to purchase your winter hat. Don't fall to see the bargains. Many costly pattern Hats being sacrificed during this buying event at convincing prices.

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UNHEARD OF VALUE

One lot brown Espouse ladies dresses. Regular \$16.50 value now \$9.75
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\$12.50 Ladies suit and coat \$9.95
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Mens latest fall and winter suits late arrival by express making our stock entirely too large.

\$15.00 mens suits all new \$10.00
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Boys all wool winter suits

\$6.00 grade special price \$4.75
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\$2.50 mens special \$2.25
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Calicoes and Domestics, The best

Best grade calico only 4c
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WAREHOUSES, CREDITS AND ACREAGE

SOLUTION OF COTTON PROBLEM, SAYS FARMERS' UNION.

Diversification Urged and Coercion Opposed.

The marketing problem of the southern farmer is attracting universal attention and the exigencies of the situation fully demonstrate the wisdom of the course pursued by the Farmers' Union in the campaign it has been carrying on for the past ten years for a better marketing system. The best time to prepare for a fire is before it occurs, for while the conflagration is raging it is too late to prevent destruction and the best that can be done is to save the furniture.

The southern farmer has just experienced a four hundred million dollar blaze in cotton values and the lurid flames as they leap skyward have illuminated the horizon of two hemispheres and have assembled the largest body of property holders, spectators and sympathizers that ever witnessed a conflagration and while the crowd is standing around we want to address them briefly from the standpoint of the owner of the property involved. We think the subject has been fully exhausted from every other line of approach.

Every calamity has its froth, and the foam and bubbles that have come to the surface in this discussion, while beautiful as a rainbow and as alluring as a mirage, are in many instances not adapted to solving the problem. Then too many cooks spoil the broth and there must be some one plan universally followed or all will fail. We want to review some of the plans now under discussion and recommend for the adoption of the Texas farmer such plans as we think practicable and feasible.

The problem before us is clearly one of warehouses, credits and acreage. They are business—not political—problems and their solution must be based on sound economic principles.

Warehouse Bill a Farce.

The so-called relief measures passed by the last legislature are, in their present form, of little value. The warehouse bill submitted to the last legislature by the Farmers' Union was thrown together with a lot of other bills on this subject and a hybrid bill prepared, apparently by parties who have no practical knowledge of the cotton industry. While we appreciate the sincerity of the motive and honesty of effort that actuated the legislature, the Farmers' Union hereby washes its hands of the whole affair. The farmers of Texas can hope for no relief from any enactments of the last session of the legislature as they now stand.

The plan of the Texas bankers to force a reduction of acreage by requiring a farmer to sign a pledge to reduce acreage before lending money on cotton no doubt has patriotic motives behind it, but in effect it is vicious. It forces the poor farmer, who must borrow money, to reduce his acreage next year, but leaves the well-to-do farmer and the large planter, who are independent of the power of the banker, to do as they please. No farmer should be coerced by business pressure of the banker to sign such a contract, for he can depend upon the large planter increasing his acreage in the same ratio that the poor farmer decreases his. Likewise, the farmer should pay no attention to agents of self-appointed agricultural administrators who call around with their sample cases filled with advice on when to sell cotton and how many acres to plant next year.

By what authority does the merchant and the banker exercise the right of eminent domain over the products of the soil?

Acreage a World Problem.

The question of cotton acreage is not a local or state problem, if indeed it can be solved nationally. It is a world problem, for in what way would it profit the south to reduce the cotton acreage, say 10 per cent, if the foreign countries took up the slack? No Texas farmer should

or acreage unless satisfactory insurance is given that the propaganda will be successfully carried on in other cotton states and countries. The Farmers' Union has been dealing with this problem for the past ten years and has placed its influence behind almost every suggestion that promised solution and out of our experience we are inclined to suggest, at the moment, that there is a peril in planting cotton by law or farming by dictation from bankers. We think planting by the moon is as good a plan as either (although we have never tried it) unless the total world acreage can be regulated by these influences.

We present statistics from the Federal Department of Agriculture dealing with the subject which give a reason why the farmer does not take eagerly to diversification. The following table gives a list of our leading staple products produced in Texas and their average value per acre during the past five years:

Crop	Five year average value per acre
Cotton	\$21.55
Oats	14.35
Corn	12.97
Wheat	12.76

Want Information—Not Advice.

It is information the farmer wants. If some one will fill in the figures on value of the 1925 crop per acre, the farmer will know what to do and he is ready to listen to business reasons and discussions relative to prospective price per pound of the 1915 crop based upon practical, not theoretical, conditions. If he is convinced it will be more profitable to plant other crops he will do so and if not, he will plant cotton and that is all there is to it.

The Farmers' Union stands for reduction of cotton acreage by diversification but it is difficult to induce a farmer to plant a product that will yield \$15.00 per acre so long as he can plant one that will make \$20.00. The subject of diversification always opens up a fertile field of discussion for the book farmers who hold a recipe for doubling production without an increase in the cost. It is passing strange that these magic plowmen who can make a hundred bushels of corn grow where fifty grew before are usually standing on street corners looking for jobs and how they have survived so many hair-breadth escapes from wealth, is truly marvelous. The practical farmer knows that prosperity predicated upon such a basis is a myth and the business man knows it too if he would only stop and think.

Out of the mass of suggestions now before the public the one, in our opinion, most desirable is the plan of the national bankers, headed by Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, which proposes to lend the farmer money on cotton at 6 per cent without any strings tied to it. This plan originated in Texas and proved successful and satisfactory in operation.

The problem before us involves principally organization of the farmer and co-operation of the business interests. We will have more to say on this subject at a later date.

W. D. Lewis, President, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of Texas.

Peter Radford, National Lecturer Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America.

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