

"I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS."



—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.

## BLANTON FOR CONGRESS

By ninety votes Judge Thomas L. Blanton defeated one of the strongest if not the strongest and most esteemed men of Taylor county or West Texas, in a preferential primary last Saturday, the Hon. J. M. Wagstaff, of Abilene, Texas.

True to the pledge published in the Mail three weeks ago that we would support the winning candidate of this primary, we are for Judge Thomas L. Blanton for Congress. We believe, with the aggressiveness peculiar to him, Judge Blanton can do the voters of the 16th district much good. He is credited with being a hard fighter, and without question, some fights should be made in congress.

He publicly comes out in opposition to extravagance and pork barrel methods heretofore so common and so much abused by the American way of furnishing public improvement. At present we have at Texarkana a "monumental" court house, built five years ago at the cost of \$110,000.00. It is a court house only; a separate building—also of "monumental" character—does service as a post office. This Texarkana court house contains elaborate court rooms, a robing chamber for the judges, witness rooms, grand jury rooms, district attorney's office and other expensive accommodations, all for Federal use, and this "monumental" piece of pork is used three or four days every year. On such occasions the judge solemnly enters his robing room, puts on his gown, hears court and gets out of Texarkana as soon as possible. All the rest of the year the building is monumentally used in Texarkana and stands there majestically commemorate to the knack of a congressman in digging down into the "pork barrel."

In New York City Federal Courts are constantly in session and the Federal Government leases court room space in the Woolworth building. Congress, in the last public building bill, cut out an appropriation to purchase a court house site in New York and also in Chicago, but Vernal, Utah, with a population of 836 people, obtained an appropriation for both a court house site and a building. In towns where the postal receipts are less than \$10,000 per year public building measures of Congress are supposed to automatically cut out appropriations, but three years ago Kentucky obtained seventeen buildings or sites in towns, only two of which have this amount of receipts. Georgia obtained ten sites in towns not one of which took in \$10,000 per year. Pikeville, Ky., was not legally entitled to have court session but that did not keep congress from appropriating money to purchase a site at that place. Instances of this work are numerous. Big Stone Gap, in Virginia, a town approximately the size of Merkel, is the proud owner of a court house and post office that cost Uncle Sam a cool \$100,000. Willow, a town of 1,139 people in California, was given a \$75,000 building. In Virginia twenty-six federal building projects are under way and in most of the places the government rents quarters for from \$300 to \$400 a year. Towns with a population of 1,000 and two or three postal employees, are to have buildings costing from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Fallon, a town in Nevada with a population of 741, secured an appropriation for \$55,000 post office. At Evanston, Wyo., the largest single instance of "pork barrel extravagance" is shown, when the town with only 2,500 population was given a three-story marble building costing Uncle Sam \$185,000. Court is held there on an average of two days a year. Harrison, Ark., with 1,602 people, possess a federal building costing \$100,000, and court is held only nine days per year. A post office site was purchased for Seattle, Washington, for the handsome sum of \$169,000 and later \$300,000 was appropriated to build a suitable building on the ground, the latter appropriation being one the city of Seattle deserved, but when an investigation was made of the land purchase the Post Office Department rejected the site; it was under seven feet of water and thus \$169,000 more was squandered by pork barrel methods. Gilmer, Texas, with 1,484 persons was appropriated \$55,000 for a post office. The pork barrel method has been a bold and audacious raid upon the public treasury.

It is often said that a new member to congress must necessarily vote with the bunch in order to get his pet measures by. It is not only often said in this respect but often done. In reference to the many years of "pork barrel" robbery of which 1913 was the greatest, Judge Blanton announces as strongly opposed to such extravagance and pledges himself, if elected, to fight such audacious raids. With the tact he has for making a fight, his service in congress would be well worth the price paid if he could only muster up a fight in congress against such extravagance as successfully as he has managed his fights for victories in this county and district.

WHO'LL BE THE RIDER WHEN THEY'RE SADDLED?



—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## MURDER CASE IN MINGUS, MYSTERY

Dallas, Feb. 9.—There was little hope this morning for the life of little Katy Elizabeth St. Clair, daughter of G. W. St. Clair, who was arrested last night charged with the murder of his wife and Mrs. Will Wilkins, a visitor in the home.

St. Clair also is charged with striking his three-year-old daughter with which the two women were slain.

Intense excitement is said to prevail in the Mingus section over the arrest of St. Clair last night. It had been previously reported that two tramps, who were said to have been acting in a suspicious manner, would be arrested in connection with the murders, the most brutal ever known in that section.

The Mingus murder mystery took toll of its third victim.

While the life of little Katy St. Clair hangs by a thread, at a Dallas hospital, death claimed Mrs. Ben Brockman, daughter of Mrs. Will Wilkins, one of the women who was slain in the St. Clair home last Friday night.

Mrs. Brockman was ill when her mother was killed and when she was told of the tragedy she received a shock so severe that she was not able to recover from it. Members of the family and friends say her death was due to the shock.

## DEPOT WILL BE LIGHTED SOON

Workmen are busy now wiring in lights at the depot and Agent Pitzer says the station will be kept aglow in comparison with other lighted places about the city.

Although very slow in having the work done the company is to be congratulated on this and if they were to build a new depot around these electric lights Merkel would be indeed grateful.

Are you sick? If so there is a cause. Chiropractors adjust the cause of all diseases. Remove the cause, health is the result. Try Chiropractic and get well. Consultation and analyses given free. Call and see me. You will find me at Mrs. Alice Rose, 4t2pd Mrs. M. U. Battenorf, Chiropractor.

Mrs. Davis and little daughter of Winters returned to their home the latter part of last week after spending a few days here with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church.

## PASTORS MEETING TO BE AT TRENT

Programmes of the Missionary Institute of the Sweetwater District have been distributed giving dates of February 23rd. and 24th. in which much work will be done by pastors and laymen at Trent where the Institute is to be held.

Among those on the program for the first days meeting are: J. T. Griswold, W. P. Garvin, J. T. Trice, L. A. Humphries, V. H. Trammell and G. S. Hardy. Afternoon of the first day R. A. Stewart, C. E. Jameson, L. Jackson, C. F. Cormack, J. R. Plant and A. M. Martin. A lengthy program is also outlined for the second day and much interest promises to be manifested in this work.

## 667 ENROLLED AT THE CITY SCHOOL

Increased enrollment in the city schools within the past month have made it necessary for the School Board to add another teacher, bringing the present number of instructors to fourteen.

The opening enrollment amounted to about six hundred and since that time there has been a gradual increase until the present time. Mrs. Asa Shepard accepted a position as primary instructor the first of the week, this primary department having increased more than any other part of the school and necessitated another teacher.

### Buried at Stith

Miss Lennie Conley seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Conley of the Stith community died at the family home Monday morning of heart failure.

The family had lived in the above community during the last year and had made numerous close acquaintances who extend condolence to the parents in their loss. Burial was given the remains at Stith cemetery Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Provine returned home from Sweetwater, where she has been with her husband who is in one of the sanitariums at that place for treatment. Mrs. Provine reports Jack improving.

## M'SPADDEN WILL MOUNT 'BLUE JAY'

John R. McSpadden, commonly known as the "Panama Kid" has signed a contract to mount "Blue Jay" on Saturday afternoon in the Malone Bros., show at the Carnival grounds for a purse of \$25.00.

Mr. "Panama Kid" is the gentleman who attempted to ride "Blue Jay" at the National Corn Exposition at Dallas in the much heralded stunt of carrying two parasols during the contest. He was successful in pulling the first one from his boot but when he started after the second one, he missed his guess and the horn of the saddle at the same grab and caught a bunch of dirt about thirty feet from the object of his first grasp. McSpadden is a well known rider and is one who has mounted the "Whirling Tom" bull to a successful ride, he has often entered in the largest contests of the north-west and has rode notorious outlaw horses. If he rides "Blue Jay" here Saturday afternoon as he says he is going to do he will be in a class alone and will deserve being advertised as having stayed with the worst horse south of the Mason-Dixon line. Whether he does or not, the contest promises to be of much interest, and he is to ride according to a signed contract that is as tight as a new shoe.

## FREE SHOW FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Captain Van Sickle of the Van Sickle carnival company now playing in Merkel, is going to give a free show to the school children this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and every school child under the age of 12 years, or other children under that age, are requested to be at the carnival grounds at this hour to witness the "Old Plantation" negro minstrel show.

This is the only open free performance to be given other than the high dive which takes place each evening at 10 o'clock.

W. D. Woodroof and W. F. Dupree are spending this week in Plainview and Floydada attending to business matters.

## 2 MERRY TRAMPS TO COME HERE

Next Wednesday night, Feb., 16th, "Two Merry Tramps," a delightful comedy will be presented at the Cozy Theatre.

The tramps, Wood and Ward are scheduled as masters of melodious mirth and are assisted by a chorus of prima donna comedians headed by Misses Beatrice Kerixey and Minnie Harrington. Seats on sale at the Elite.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the business men and good people of Merkel for the petition requesting me to remain here as agent.

The officials of the T. & P. have appointed me Ticket Agent at Abilene, which I have accepted, on account of the duties of that position being much lighter on me in my present crippled condition. However, I truly appreciate the kind feeling and hearty cooperation shown me at all times during the years I have been employed here as agent. Yours Respectfully, A. J. Leighty.

Phone Howard and Grimes about your laundry, quick service guaranteed.

## 17,875 BALES OF COTTON HERE NOW

Wednesday afternoon receipts of the Merkel cotton yards reached the amount of 17,675 bales approximately 12,000 of which has been ginned in Merkel.

It is hardly probable that the cotton now being held in the country will advance the present weighers figures to much over 18,000 bales but this amount should be reached within the next two months.

### Mules to Loan.

Mules to let out to break. Parties interested need not apply if your barns and lots are not good. S. S. Brandon, Dora. Pd-4t2

Get a phonograph free by trading with J. A. Duckett.



J. S. SWANN, President  
JOHN SEARS, Vice President

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier  
B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

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## TRENT ROBBERY AND IMPROVEMENT

Sunday night parties broke into the store of W. G. Scott of Trent and took various articles of clothing, some knives and probably some edibles. Entrance to the building was gained by tearing off some boards nailed over one of the windows in the rear of the building. The first information of the robbery was given out when Mr. Scott opened his store Monday morning and found shoes and shoe boxes, clothing and other articles scattered over the counters and about the building, showing that the thieves had worked in the dark and ransacked everything until their wants were satisfied. Three arrests have been made, two white men and one Mexican being placed in safe keeping.

R. B. Johnson, druggist at Trent was making extensive improvements Wednesday to his business by installing a new soda fountain, the bar being of fourteen foot marble and the back board with solid mirror. The new fountain is quite an improvement to Mr. Johnson's business.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Other than the regular routine of business coming before the City Council on Monday afternoon the advisability of moving a portion of water mains from the north part of town to some other locality was discussed.

The removal of the mains under question would effect a very short section laid some years ago to reach the north ward school building, recently torn down. At present there is some three hundred feet of mains in that part of town of little or no use.

## BUILDING NOTES

A. W. Ely was seen by our reporter Wednesday morning with a wagon load of building material and upon inquiry he stated that he was going to build a bungalow house on his place. Mr. Ely is a progressive farmer living about five miles east of town.

Pat Owens who lives in the Dora community was also caught going out of town with a load of lumber which he will use in the remodeling of his home place in the above mentioned community.

Eli Cordill of the Nubia country is among the progressive farmers of these parts. He is doing some extensive remodeling and building on his premises in the Nubia community.

W. J. Rogers who lives north of town is building a small cottage in the Stith community.

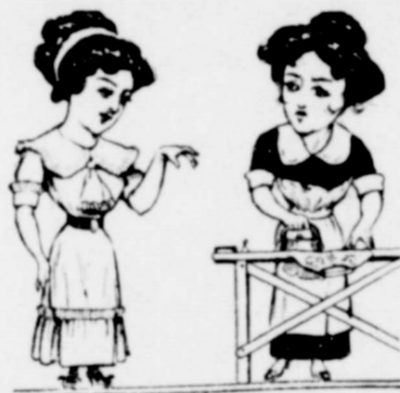
W. E. Adams is building a work shop on his place north of town and will soon have the building complete.

### Brought Here For Burial.

The body of Joe Brackeen of near Altus, Okla., arrived here over the Texas & Pacific noon train Tuesday, the remains being accompanied by his wife and children.

Mr. Brackeen, formerly of this place, but for the past year had chosen Oklahoma for his residence, being a son of our countryman, H. A. Brackeen who lives east of town, was a well respected citizen and a devoted Christian.

The remains were laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Eld. W. G. Cypert conducted the services. The deceased is survived by a wife and two children, parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brackeen of this place, and other relatives to whom the Mail extends condolence.



### WHAT'S THE USE

of having your laundering done at home when you can have it done here so much better and actually cheaper. Send us your shirt waists, skirts, etc., and save all the bother of home work; also the expense of laundress's wages, extra meals, soap, starch, blueing, fuel, etc., and get better work besides.

**Sweetwater Steam Laundry**  
Grimes-Howard Tailors  
Merkel Agents

### WAS HERE PROSPECTING

Dr. J. E. Adkisson of Medina, Tenn., brother to Dr. J. A. Adkisson formerly of this city, was here from Friday until Monday night visiting his niece Mrs. Geo. L. Miller.

Dr. Adkisson came to the western part of Texas on a prospecting tour and is thinking seriously of locating at Merkel. He returned home Monday and will decide within a short time just what part of this country he will move to.

### HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Then you realize the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite, and makes work a burden. To restore that strength and stamina that is so essential, nothing has ever equaled or compared with Scott's Emulsion, because its strength-sustaining nourishment invigorates the blood to distribute energy throughout the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite and restores health in a natural, permanent way. If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, get Scott's Emulsion to-day. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.



### IN A DOGGED MANNER

we're pegging along keeping our reputation of being the best harness repairers in this section. We have built up a name for doing the best harness repairing at the lowest prices good repairing can be done for. If your harness is damaged bring it here and have us repair it so that it will be as good as new.

## J. A. BROWN

### CITY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE entitled an ordinance prohibiting the throwing, placing or depositing of hand-bills, wrapping paper or paper of any kind upon the public streets or other public places within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel, and providing a penalty. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Merkel:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel to throw, place or deposit any hand-bill, wrapping paper, waste-paper, or paper of any kind, in or upon any of the public streets of the city of Merkel or upon or in the depot, depot grounds or right-of-way of the Texas & Pacific Railway, or the public premises of any person or corporation within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Passed this 7th day of February, 1916.

J. J. STALLINGS,  
Mayor.  
Approved and ordered published this 7th day of February, 1916.  
J. J. STALLINGS,  
Mayor City of Merkel.  
G. W. JOHNSON,  
City Secretary.

## WILL RESIDE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Parten and two daughters of Mexia came in Friday to visit the formers brother W. Parten and family and to make Merkel their home in the future.

At present Mr. Parten has secured rooms at the Daniel's home which place be his temporary residence until he can get a permanent location. We welcome the newcomers to our midst.

## RECOVERING FROM MULE KICK

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Allen who was so seriously injured several days ago by a mule kick on the head is reported to be doing very nicely. The child's skull was crushed and an operation removing a portion of the brain was necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen who live near Anson were once residents of the Merkel country, the former being a brother of H. P. Allen of Merkel and T. C. Allen of Route 4.

## FAT HOGS WANTED.

Good fat hogs wanted, at market prices. Will be at Helum's Yard until next Tuesday. Grady Parmelly pd

## SECOND HAND AUTOS

We buy and sell second hand Ford automobiles.

See us before you buy and see us before you sell. We rebuild cars. The Merkel Garage.

### Land to Grub

50 acres of land to grub for the wood. See me at once. Earl Lassiter. 14t2pd

### Well Drill For Sale

Good drilling outfit complete, for sale cheap. See me. R. L. Porter. tf.

## SLANDER CAUSES MINISTER'S DEATH

Sherman, Feb. 8—Rev. H. M. Cagle, a well-known Baptist minister of Grayson county, who was shot twice yesterday by Mrs. Annie Faust, wife of a prominent Bloomfield farmer, is dying today at the Sherman hospital. His wife and five-year-old daughter are at the bedside.

The authorities say that six months ago Cagle who is known as a "landmark" Baptist, issued a pamphlet charging J. F. Seagrave, a minister at Whitesboro, rode a train from there to Gainesville in company with an unnamed woman; it was stated that the two stayed at the same hotel. It is alleged that he later made private statements naming Mrs. Faust as the woman.

Seagrave was tried by the Baptist church council as a result of the charges, and was exonerated. He proved that it was an accidental meeting.

Mrs. Faust was on her way to visit relatives via the train to Gainesville.

Mrs. Faust bears an excellent reputation and comes from a fine family. Her husband is wealthy; there has never been a word said against her. She is 39.

She saw Cagle yesterday for the first time, following the distribution of the circulars.

### Recovering From Operation

W. B. Robertson of Route 4 was in Merkel Wednesday for the first time in several weeks, having been confined to his bed following an operation at Abilene recently.

When seen Wednesday Mr. Robertson stated he was improving fast and would be around with the boys within a few days.

**Invigorating to the Faint and Sickly**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 5c

## LOCAL NEWS

Good axes with Hickory handles only 49 cents at J. A. Ducketts.

Misses Floy Leamon and Maud Skillen of Trent were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Howard and Grimes will do your cleaning and tailoring on short notice. Phone them.

W. T. Daniels was a business visitor to the capital city Monday.

25 per cent off on shoes at J. A. Duckett.

Miss Anna Bell Dunlap of Cason came in Sunday afternoon to make her home with her brother, G. C. Dunlap, of this city.

See us for black smith coal. A car of fresh coal just arrived. Crown Hardware Co.

Those from out of town who were in Merkel last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. Claud Comegys were Mesdames J. J. O'Mally, Jno. G. Jackson, W. P. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Groene and Miss Martha Groene all of Abilene, Mrs. Arthur Hanna of Alvoid, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt and children of Abilene.

Fresh car of Baker Boy Flour just received at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Hon. H. A. Tillett of Abilene was a business visitor in Merkel Monday evening of this week.

There is one best cotton and corn planter, and we think it is the John Deere Planter, call on us for it. Crown Hdw. Co.

W. T. Macey, post office inspector of this district, was in Merkel a few hours Saturday receiving final lease propositions for post office quarters in Merkel after the present lease expires which is in May.

Let the other fellow make the prices but see me before you buy windmill and pipe fixtures. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarkson, who live at Blair, Oklahoma.

If you need bran, chops, shorts and cow feed, the Bob Martin Grocery Company has received a new shipment of same.

Mr. W. F. Hamblett has not been able to be at his place of business for several days. The attending physicians report his illness yellow jaundice.

Saturday February 12 I will demonstrate my Incubator and broodes with the little chickens. Don't fail to call and see them whether you wish to buy or not. Henry M. Rose at my office in the Crenshaw building.

Mrs. Geo. Northcutt of Snyder was a guest last week of her sister Mrs. T. A. Johnson. Mr. Northcutt on his return from Eastern markets also joined his wife for a short stay in the Johnson home.

The U. S. Model E Standard Star and Leader Mills, the very latest models ask to see them. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty spent Monday of this week in Abilene.

If a sure enough bargain in a suit, pants, shoes, hat, cap or dry goods is what you want see A. L. Jobe in the Boyce building.

Mrs. L. D. Gaiter of Sanderson is visiting her parent's, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford. Mrs. Gaiter spent several days in El Paso on her way from Sanderson to Merkel.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co. Miss Corine Creath of Abilene visited her sister, Miss Susie Creath, Sunday.

We will call for and deliver all orders of laundry or tailoring work. Howard and Grimes.

T. W. Highsmith left Wednesday for Stamford where he will accept a position with a construction concern at that place.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Legislature (Capt.) J. T. TUCKER  
For District Judge JOE BURKETT, of Eastland  
For District Clerk J. N. ROUTH  
For County Clerk J. D. HILTON, Re-election  
For County Attorney W. H. GRAHAM  
For County Superintendent J. S. SMITH, Re-election  
For Treasurer: J. A. BOYCE AUSTIN FITTS  
For Tax Assessor: W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN Re-election JOHN H. VANCE. L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY  
For Tax Collector: G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE W. F. DILLARD, Re-election  
For Public Weigher at Merkel J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS Re-election  
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2 T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

### Jones County Announcements

For County Attorney J. L. (Lee) CEARLEY Re-election  
For County Clerk C. H. P'POOL, Re-election  
For Tax Collector R. L. BARRETT, Re-election



WANTED—By J. T. Darsey, a carload of second-hand goods at the highest possible prices.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Lots No. 3 and 4, blk. G in S. F. Haynes addition to the town of Merkel. A. C. Yarborough, McCauley Texas. 11:2pd

FOR SALE, three mules—one pair of match mules, weight 2300 pounds, and one single mule. See E. Barnes route 5.

WANTED—All the second hand goods you have. Will pay the highest prices for same. J. T. Dorsey.

WANTED;—Man with small family to work on farm. S. H. L. Swafford.

FOR SALE—At a bargain my home in Merkel; 5 rooms, bath and two porches; two lots; two barns; separate cow, horse and wood lots; cement sidewalks, shade trees and shrubbery; well and windmill. Cost over \$3000. Price \$2000 for quick sale. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene. 3:13

FOR SALE—Work horses, mules and mares, second hand wagon and plow tools. All cheap for cash. Dr. M. Armstrong.

Miss Alice Mae Boyce was a visitor in the W. A. Sheppard home Monday of this week.

If you are not trading with J. A. Duckett you are losing money.

Eld. W. G. Cypert went to Colorado last Sunday afternoon to preach Sunday night at that place.

Call on us for Poultry Netting. We carry a big stock of all widths and meshes. Crown Hdw. Co.

Mrs. J. F. Holdridge and children left Saturday for Roscoe where they will visit relatives for a few days.

Windmills at prices that will astonish you. Come and see H. M. Rose before you buy.

J. G. Hodo, of Fisher county, is here the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Jones, who lives southeast of town.

The time to buy planters is here. We have the old reliable John Deere cotton and corn planter. Crown Hardware Co.

Mrs. H. R. Shipley left Saturday afternoon for Lamessa, where she will remain for a few months visiting relatives.

## LOCAL NEWS

Ask your druggist for "Bass" 3363.

M. L. Lewis of Abilene was a guest of Rotan Cypert the first of the week, returning home Wednesday.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born to them on one day last week.

If a sure enough bargain in a suit, pants, shoes, hat, cap or dry goods is what you want see A. L. Jobe in the Boyce building.

Mrs. M. A. Woodroof of Hillsboro came in Saturday afternoon to be the guest of her sons, Messrs. W. D., Ernest and Luke Woodroof and families for a few days.

Ladies new spring military boots, nine and ten inch tops in bronze, white, grey and other colors. Woodroof's.

You need the goods and I need the business, prices right. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes of Sylvester visited the homefolks a few days last week.

Your money back if "Bass" 3363 fails to do what we say.

Messrs John M. and Ira Rice will leave Thursday for Snyder and other points in that section where they will hold singing schools and do evangelistic work.

"Bass" 3363 cures your cold. See Woodroof's novelty shoe and boot window display.

Mrs. J. E. Young of Lampasas is here with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Bigham, and will remain until the latter is improved in her condition.

Car of Seymour flour expected this week. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lorance departed on T. & P. eastbound Wednesday for Young county where they will spend several days visiting the former's sister, Mrs. J. D. Allen.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Provine left Monday afternoon for Sweetwater where the former will undergo a treatment in the sanitarium at that place.

Fresh Groceries, Tobaccos and Candies at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss Mabel Laney left Monday afternoon for Sweetwater where she will undergo treatment in one of the sanitarium at that place.

"Bass" 3363 is safe, sure and pleasant to take.

Sheriff J. T. Dodson of Abilene was in our city Monday transacting business matters.

Don't forget the place. G. M. Sharp.

Misses Ethel White and Mabel Wood of Abilene were social visitors in Merkel with the Misses Hogan and Mae White.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Corn Chops. G. M. Sharp.

D. G. Ash, Transfer. Phone my residence, will meet all trains. 28:4pd

Misses Lottie and Mary Butman have returned from St. Louis where they have been for the past several months. The latter having gone there for the purpose of undergoing treatment in one of the local sanitariums. Miss Mary is reported to be much improved, she and her sister are now at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman of the Nubia community.

Mrs. Orr came in from Putnam Monday to visit her daughters, Mrs. F. A. Sanders and Miss Sallie Orr.

Let Howard and Grimes look after your laundry every week.

Car of black smith coal just arrived. Crown Hardware Co.

J. T. Warren, Pres.

Thos. Johnson, Cashier



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THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

### NEXT WEEK

Dr. Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel February 19. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office at the Walker Cottage.

### RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/2 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

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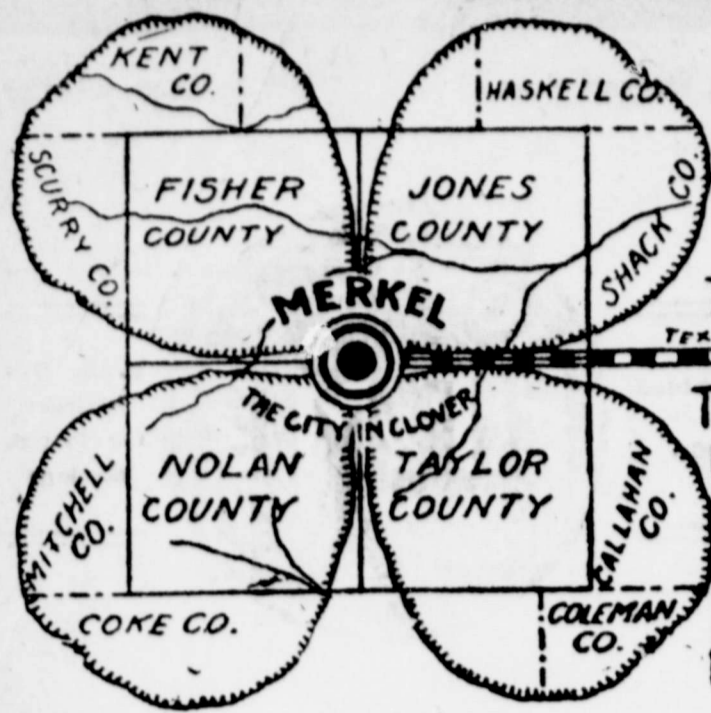
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To the North and East. For reservations, etc. see T. & P. Ry. agents or write

A. D. Bell, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Geo. D. Hunter, Gen. Pass. Agt. Dallas

T. J. Coggin returned to his home in El Paso Sunday after a few days' visit here with relatives and transacting business matters.

Mrs. C. Hunt and children returned to their old home Tuesday after a few days' visit here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys.



# MERKEL

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GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,  
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### POSTAL PROFITS.

The decision of the Senate committee on post-office and post roads to embody in the postal appropriation bill a provision that all profits in the department operations shall be appropriated for highway improvements deserves to be investigated further before any final action is taken.

The growing disposition on the part of various states for better roads should be approved. Good roads mean prosperity. The good roads movement has swept with electrical swiftness over the land. Already interstate highways are being built and others are being planned. The concerted effort of the press of the country has been centered on the good roads movement.

### A MYERS HANGING NEEDED

No more bold murder has been committed in Texas in many moons than was enacted in the little town of Mingus a few nights ago. The wanton murderer could have no punishment too heavy. With two ladies killed instantly and the skull of an infant crushed, crime is written deep on the soul of someone, who, if allowed to live, would endanger the lives of others. A Myers hanging would not be too cruel.

### GETTING ELECTION RETURNS.

Each election year the Abilene Reporter has given its services free through the Mail in getting early returns from elections. In July 1914 the primary election returns were posted in the streets of Merkel in a very conspicuous way. The returns from the country, district and state being received through the Abilene Reporter, and in the election of Saturday the Reporter was prompt in the courtesy of giving out the returns of the county preferential. In the coming primary we hope to again furnish the people of Merkel with prompt election returns and we further trust that the courtesies extended the Mail and the people of Merkel by the Reporter will be duplicated. Compliments to our esteemed contemporary for their services.

Why was the Arkansas convict farm put in an overflow district? The people of that state should demand an answer to this question; somebody has wasted public money.—Commercial Appeal.

We don't know why it was done and it smells bad, but you ought to take a "sniff" at the post office pork barrel which compares with the Arkansas state farm about like country chese does.

Texas Congressmen had better pare down their fat before July 22nd or they'll scratch themselves.

much more to prepare for defense than they are now. It is only costing \$100 per year for what "fittin" our ready done. Better think it over.

### ED PARAGRAPHS

#### The Jingo Senator.

Clean up Mexico  
Put Carranza on the shelf;  
no desire to go  
to the dirty work myself.  
See Maxwell in Peoria Journal.  
Clean up Mexico  
Execute the Villa clan,  
not he time to go;  
very busy man.

—Houston Post.

Clean up Mexico,  
scals are so foxy;  
too far to go,  
the job by proxy.

—Commercial Appeal.

Like to clean up Mexico,  
men of brave lads, three.  
by proxy or not at all,  
's now up to me.

Red bare legs on the stage. Bare out any nudity of limb above the ankle is contrary to Mayor's d of morality. The mayor has sense clerk of Boston to request managers to cover any bareness of any persons in the ballet. His or Curley is a machine politician; he is a very proper person. He line on bare legs, but bare toes

Mayor Curley was a newspaper man before he became a politician and an of-the-newspaper game he received. But what happens to him when he is in a short skirt on the street? Does he turn as red as a turkey gobbler's snout if he were to take a stroll down Houston or Main about seven p. m. some warm afternoon.

Police forces, fire departments and fire insurance are indispensable. Why not an adequate army and navy?



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## Prince Albert is such friendly tobacco

that it just makes a man sorry he didn't get wind of this pipe and cigarette smoke long, long ago. He counts it lost time, quick as the goodness of Prince Albert gets firm set in his life! The patented process fixes that—and cuts out bite and parch!

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# PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

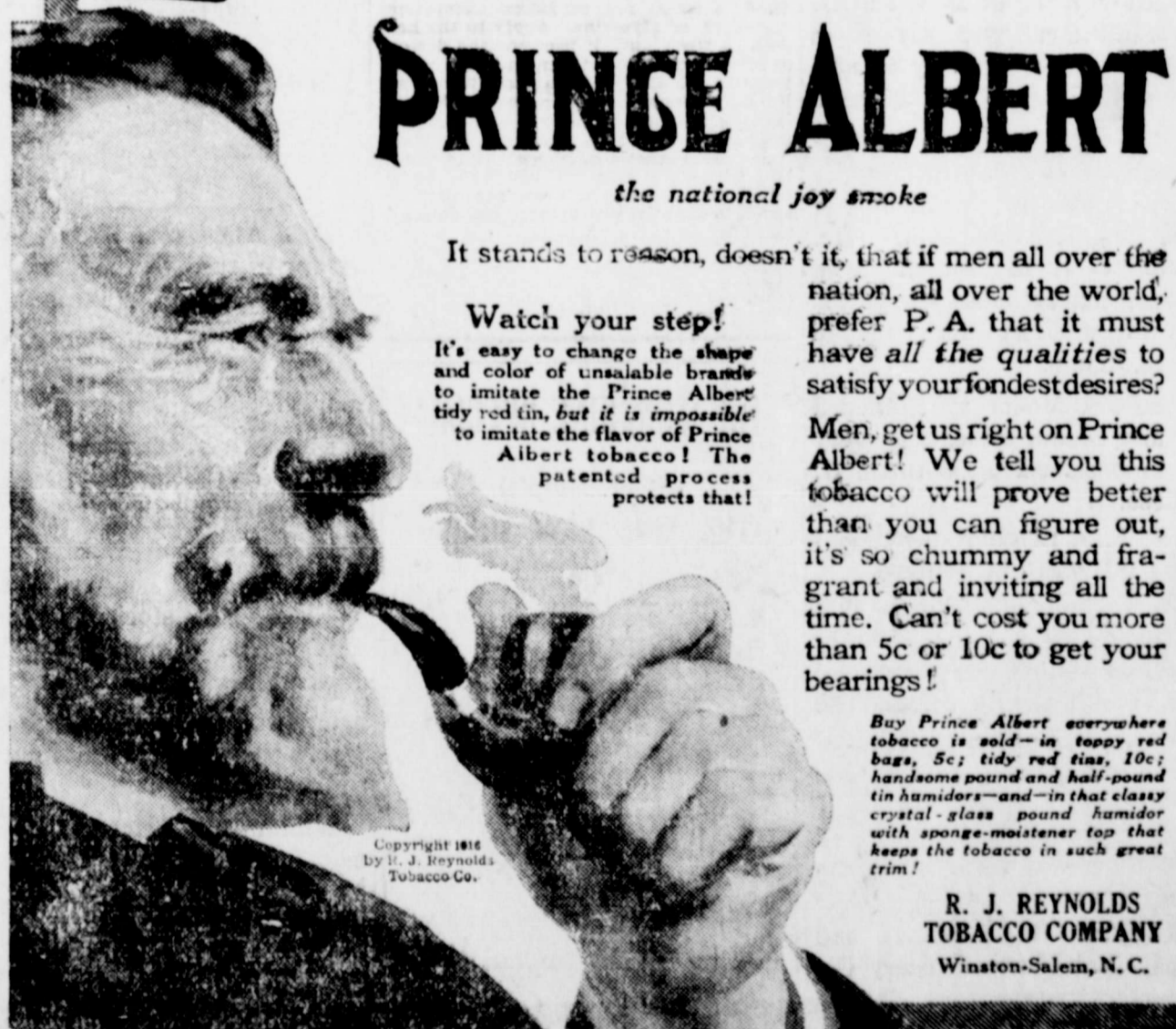
It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if men all over the nation, all over the world, prefer P. A. that it must have all the qualities to satisfy your fondest desires?

**Watch your step!**  
It's easy to change the shape and color of unsalable brands to imitate the Prince Albert tidy red tin, but it is impossible to imitate the flavor of Prince Albert tobacco! The patented process protects that!

Men, get us right on Prince Albert! We tell you this tobacco will prove better than you can figure out, it's so chummy and fragrant and inviting all the time. Can't cost you more than 5c or 10c to get your bearings!

Buy Prince Albert everywhere tobacco is sold—in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin tins—and in that classy crystal-glass pound hamidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such great trim!

R. J. REYNOLDS  
TOBACCO COMPANY  
Winston-Salem, N. C.



Mrs. James West returned Sunday afternoon from Alexander's Sanitarium at Abilene where she has been for some time. Mrs. West's condition is much improved. She is now at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister.

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

Mrs. Lige Gamble of Weatherford arrived Tuesday morning for a visit with friends and relatives. Mrs. Gamble has many friends here who will enjoy this visit as it has been several months since she has been here.

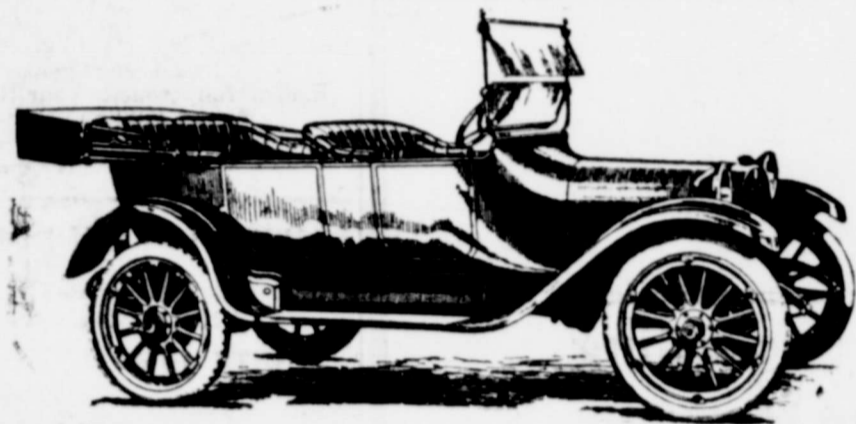
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## McDonald & Warren : Distributors

### TRENT

Misses Harkins and Lay of the public school faculty visited friends in Roscoe and Snyder the latter part of the week.

Little Imogene Mangum and Mary Hand who have scarlet fever are reported to be improving.

John Childress, T. & P. agent, was called to Roscoe by the sickness of his mother.

W. C. Copeland and wife returned home last week from a two months visit with their son, Dr. Copeland at Lingleville. While there Mr. Copeland was under treatment of his son and is much improved.

Jas. Bright accompanied by Dr. Watkins took little Alfred Bright to Merkel Thursday, where, assisted by Dr. Miller, they placed the little fellow's broken limb in a plaster jacket until the bones knit properly.

Prof. Simms of the Trent high school spent Saturday in Merkel.

M. M. Alridge and Houston Scott and wife are visiting the latter's family W. A. Scott.

E. D. Massey has returned from Washita county, Okla. where he delivered a car to R. W. Cotton who has recently moved from Trent to the above named place.

Miss Alma Gafford is visiting her sister Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon.

Rev. W. A. Scott, W. L. Boyd, E. Howell and Mrs. Billings attended the fifth Sunday meeting at View.

Alex. Williamson who went to Hot Springs, Ark. for rheumatism is improving and will probably be home in ten days.

The Trent public school will give a home talent play Friday night, entitled "Wild Mab," in the auditorium. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

The Baptist people have purchased a piano for their church. A. H. Reaves and family who for the past week have been in Brown county on business, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Misses Odessa Moon and Eula Johnson, Messrs Hurbert and Winslow Beckham motored to

## Spring Time Is Paint Time!

We pride ourselves in the fact that we do not only carry the best paint that is on the market today but we also pride ourselves in the fact that we carry a paint that has had a reputation of 162 years of correct manufacturing. If you are thinking of painting we will be more than glad to figure with you, and moreover we will add that if you have looked up prices on mail order paint that we kindly ask you to bring your catalog with you to our store and we will compare prices with those of the catalog, and we are sure that we can show you a great saving of paint. Assuring you that we will be glad to serve you in any way possible, and asking you to give this your minute consideration, we are

## BURROUGHS DRUG STORE

Abilene Sunday.

Uncle A. Jones who has been suffering with cancer the past months is some better.

### Constipation

When constive or troubled with constipation take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. For sale by all dealers.

"Bass" 3363 gives relief when you have Neuralgia, earache, toothache or when you suffer from colds of any kind.

### NOODLE

Little Alma Barbee is very ill at this writing.

Eld. Bentley of Clyde preached at this place last Wednesday night.

Quite a number of Noodle people attended the literary society at Shiloh Wednesday night.

The Noodle Literary Society met Friday night with a large attendance. The program was well rendered.

T. J. Coggin of El Paso was the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. L. Barbee, Saturday night.

Wm. Eoff and son Naylor spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Paul Harkins, of Roscoe.

Rev. Gaddis of Trent filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ely of Stith spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents at this place.

Miss Lela Wasson of Merkel is the guest of friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee and T. J. Coggin spent Sunday with W. O. Hill and family at Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Horton gave the young people a singing Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number from Shiloh attended the literary at this place Friday night.

Miss Maude Ferguson spent the week-end with homefolk at Merkel.

The Noodle Basket Ball team played the Stith team Friday afternoon at this place. After the interesting game was over the score stood 23 and 27 in favor of the Stith boys.

### Has Used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy For 20 Years

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my household for the past twenty years. I began giving it to my children when they were small. As a quick relief for croup, whooping cough, and ordinary colds, it has no equal. Being free from opium and other harmful drugs, I never felt afraid to give it to my children. I have recommended it to a large number of friends and neighbors, who have used it and speak highly of it," writes Mrs. Mary Minke, Shortsville, New York. For sale by all dealers.

### SHILOH

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday.

A number from here attended the Literary Society at Noodle Friday night.

The Misses Jones spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Shiloh was very well represented at Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Beavers.

The Literary Society met at the school house Wednesday night. There was a nice program and a large crowd.

Mrs. Mayberry spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. N. Roberts at Merkel.

A number from here were Trent visitors Saturday.

Roy Winters was a Merkel visitor Monday.

J. H. Grayson returned Saturday afternoon from Sweetwater.

Prayer meeting was very well attended Sunday night.

Mr. McCright is having some improvements made on his residence.

We are glad to report Grandma Tyner able to be up from a severe spell of la grippe.

There was a party at Mr. McDonald's Saturday night.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss. Lucas County,

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. Gleason Notary Public.

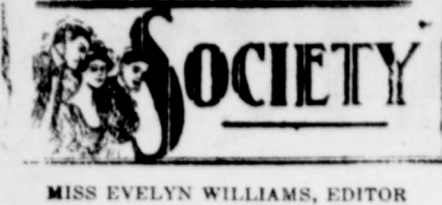
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Prof. Barney A. Garrett was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. Prof. Garrett is one of the teachers in the Roscoe schools.



On last Friday evening at their country home north of Merkel Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler entertained the young people of their neighborhood and a few from Merkel were also fortunate enough to receive invitations. The main amusement was games of various kinds. Those present were Misses Dorothy and Virginia Duckett, Neva and Nina Warnick, Dimple Counts and Lillie Ayers and Mr. Ernest Duckett. The name of those present from out of town we were unable to get.

#### The Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club met on last Thursday with Miss Evelyn Williams. In the business session some splendid ideas for deviation from the regular program were suggested such as pronunciation and parliamentary drills, and a committee composed of Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs, Miss Pauline Johnson and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt was appointed to form a working plan for the same. Mrs. T. A. Harris gave the life of "Stevenson" and Mrs. R. A. Martin read his "Celestial Surgeon" before the reading of the first installment of "Travels with a Donkey" which occupied the remainder of the afternoon. Refreshments of banana and nut salad, with wafers, olives and chocolate were served. The following members were present: Mesdames A. J. Leighty, E. L. and L. W. Woodroof, W. B. Foster, Ben T. Merritt, Jno. W. Briggs, R. A. Martin, W. Parten and T. A. Harris. Misses Sophia Howard and Pauline Johnson and the hostess, Little Misses Evelyn Woodroof and Nina Parten.

#### Kegans-Harris

Thursday January 7 Mr. E. A. Kegans and Mrs. Lula Harris were united in marriage at the home of the bride's, Rev. Gattis officiating. They will reside four miles west of Trent.

#### Hutcheson-Stamps

On last Thursday, February 3, R. T. Hutcheson and Miss Ruby Stamps of Trent were quietly married at the home of the bride. They left at once for Clyde to visit Mrs. Pierce Bonner

#### Reason Enthroned

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

#### Off to Market

Three Merkel buyers are in eastern markets at the present making purchases of new spring and summer good.

Messrs. E. L. Woodroof, W. Parten and A. C. Rose, respectively of the companies they represent, left Merkel with the purpose of purchasing the most extensive lines of spring and summer goods yet handled by their companies. Their return is expected the latter part of the week.

#### 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 troubles 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, 2026 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

"Bass" 3363 relieves LaGrippe.

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Occasional attacks of backache, irregular urination, headaches and dizzy spells are frequent symptoms of kidney disorders. It's an error to neglect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time but generally return with increased intensity. Don't delay a minute. Begin taking Doan's Kidney Pills and keep up their use until the desired results are obtained. Good work in Merkel proves the effectiveness of this great kidney remedy.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, Merkel, says: "I got down with my back and when I stooped over, it was hard to straighten up again. Dizzy spells came on me and I felt worn out and depressed most all the time. I used but one box of Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back left, the headaches disappeared and my kidneys were greatly strengthened. I have never had much need of a kidney medicine since."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Dry had, Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 11t2

#### Birth Announcements

The birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes of Blair was reported on Saturday, February 5th, and the father was so overjoyed with the affair he forgot to go vote. He was in town the first of the week parading like a small boy in new boots. The Mail extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

#### For That Terrible Itching

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

#### ROUTE 3

The farmers of Route 3 are all busy now.

We are glad to see the warm sunshine once more.

Mrs. H. E. Brown of Abilene is visiting her cousin Cleo Barnes.

There will be a box supper at Mt. Pleasant Friday night. Everyone is invited to come and bring boxes.

The party at Mr. Boden's Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people.

Several of the young people of Route 3 attended church at Blair last Sunday.

**To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System**  
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

#### Goes to His Reward

Thos. Payne Turner, father of Bob Turner who lives in the northeast part of Merkel, passed away on Saturday, January 29th, of Brights disease.

Mr. Turner, at the time of his death, was 76 years, 8 months and 17 days of age, and was a very highly respected citizen and was loved by all knew him. The body was laid to rest in the Tye cemetery, Sunday, January 30th, services being conducted by Rev. Tucker of that place. The Mail joins the family with heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

#### Notice.

To my many friends and customers—I beg to announce that I have returned from my trip to the East and wish to state that I will still have my office over the Crown Hardware store and will continue to do business as I have in the past. Examination free, work strictly guaranteed and prices reasonable. Respt.

H. C. Floyd, Optician.  
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**Cure Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.**  
The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Hobert Westmoland of Walnut Springs is here for a few days the guest in the home of his uncle, Eld. W. G. Cypert and family.

#### A Fairy Story

A man moved to Texas to stay, But bought most of his supplies from away. When he had things to sell His plan didn't work well, Such methods, he saw, didn't pay.

Thereafter he bought where he sold

And his credit grew as good as his gold,

Didn't have to pay in advance Didn't take any chance

Of getting things that were shopworn and old.

When he died he left an estate His friends had helped him create,

They had bought things of him And he'd patronized them

For the good of his town and state.

Moral—"Buy it in Merkel."—Apology to Abilene Reporter.

#### How Mr. Davis Got Rid of a Bad Cough

"Some time ago I had a very bad cough" writes Lewis T. Davis, Blackwater Del. "My brother McCabe Davis gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After taking this I bought half dozen bottles of it but only used one of them as the cough left me and I have not been troubled since." For sale by all dealers.

#### Leaving For Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty were to leave Thursday at noon for Abilene where they will make their home in the future and where Agent Leighty has been appointed to the position of Ticket Agent for the Texas & Pacific at that place.

For many months past, a time extending into years, Mr. Leighty has been Agent of the Texas & Pacific Company at Merkel and together with his wife have made hundreds of friends who deeply regret that we are to lose this esteemed couple. The removal of Mr. Leighty to a higher position in railroad circles gives his successor J. E. Pitzer, Jr., present agent here and a former Merkel boy the permanent appointment at the Merkel station.

#### Preaching Sunday

I will preach at the Church of Christ next Sunday at 11 and 7:30 o'clock in the evening. All are invited to attend.

W. G. Cypert.

#### Do You Find Fault With Everybody?

An irritable, fault-finding disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always good natured. A great many have been permanently benefitted by Chamberlain's Tablets after years of suffering. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

#### DISSOLUTION NOTICE

Notice of the dissolution of partnership of the Brown Independent Gin Co., is hereby given and all accounts against or for the company now becomes the obligation or property of G. B. Brown, present owner of the Brown Independent Gin.

G. B. Brown,  
R. O. Anderson,  
B. C. Moore.

# EAT

At The Mozart Cafe in Abilene

## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

See me before selling your cotton & grain.  
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#### Abilene After Oil

Abilene is after oil and they have already punctured about 2500 feet of this old earth in looking for the end of the rainbow. Several "indications" of oil have been found and those interested have been known to get out of bed at night and rush to the well to see it all happen. So far it has not happened but it has not happened but it may at any minute and if we are not gloriously mistaken John G. Jackson is one who will get soaked in the first gusher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs were the guest of friends in Abilene Sunday.

#### Two More "Blue Jay" Victims.

Since last publication of the Mail that noted "Blue Jay" horse has added two more scalps to his list of busted broncho busters.

Saturday afternoon Malone Brothers exhibited him at Trent when Fish Pollard of Midland attempted to do what many say can't be done and after the horse made about three good jumps Mr. Pollard met the ground in an acceptable manner. Monday another noted rider did nearly as well and hung around on top the blue horse until he had made two jumps and the show was over. Next.

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told us a trade secret how to reduce the cost of manufacture. It meant an additional profit to us, but we spurned the suggestion. Why? Because we resolved always to give the public only pure candy, up to the highest possible standard. That is the kind we sell you.

The Elite Confectionery

Miss Ruby Payne passed thru ere Sunday on her way to Sweetwater from Abilene where she was the week-end guest of her parents. Miss Payne was formerly a teacher in the Merkel schools, but is now connected with the Sweetwater schools.

Claud Pennington of Moran was a visitor to Merkel the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Olye Dye was a week end guest in her parent's home in Abilene, she returned to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

W. M. Eoff and son, Naylor, were transacting business in Roscoe the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young of Tye came in Saturday to remain over Sunday with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Young.

Plenty of bran, shorts, chops and cow feed at the Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Received by the Bob Martin Grocery Company, this week, a fresh supply of bran, shorts, chops, and cow feed.

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer left Sunday afternoon for Colorado, where she will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dye were in Abilene Sunday visiting the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lampkin of Abilene were the guests in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. Boyd the first of the week.

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**Pay Up Day In China.**  
At the Chinese New Year, the houses and other buildings are decked with flowers and the streets are thronged with people who have come out to buy provisions, new clothes and gifts. One good New Year custom in China is that of settling up all debts before the old year has died out. A Chinaman who allows the New Year to dawn before he has settled with his creditors feels himself disgraced. If a Chinaman to whom money is owing is not there to receive it then he is debarred from pressing his claims for some months afterward. The New Year is also a great time for housecleaning, by the way.

**Sons of Butchers.**  
Three of the stained glass windows in the hall of the Butcher guild, London, contain the portraits of Cardinal Wolsey, William Shakespeare and Daniel Defoe in recognition of their connection with the meat trade.

The cardinal was the son of a "respectable" butcher at Ipswich, in Suffolk, and "the immortal bard" assisted while a youngster a butcher in his native town of Stratford-on-Avon.

Defoe, nowadays known as the author of "Robinson Crusoe," but in his day an adventurer and secret agent of his government, was the son of a butcher in Fore street and a member of the guild.—London Mail.

**Pa's Revenge.**  
"Isn't it funny?" said Gladys curiously to her chum, Phyllis. "Father has promised to give me a pair of diamond earrings if I will stop having music lessons. I wonder why?"  
"That's strange!" agreed Phyllis. "But you've never worn earrings, have you?"  
"No, I shall have to get my ears pierced."

"That explains it," said Phyllis, an innocent smile curving her ruby lips. "He wants to pay you back in your own coin."—Philadelphia Record.

**Cliff of Natural Glass.**  
A cliff of natural glass can be seen in Yellowstone park. It is half a mile long and from 150 to 200 feet high, the material of which it consists being as good glass as that artificially manufactured. The dense glass which forms the base is from 75 to 100 feet thick, while the upper portion, having suffered and survived many ages of wind and rain, has naturally worn much thinner. Of course the color of the cliff is not that of natural glass—transparent and white—but is mostly black and in some places mottled and streaked with brownish red and shades of olive green and brown.—Exchange.

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## "TWO MERRY TRAMPS"

Next Wednesday, night, February 16, the Cozy theatre, offers "Two Merry Tramps," a clever stage melange-farce comedy, travesty and pantomime, set to music and further enlivened by frequent dancing numbers, in which all the tango and one-step trots figure largely. The play is by Ernest Ambrose, who contributes the book and lyrics, and Claude Roe, who composed the musical settings. The company is under the personal direction of E. A. Harrington and, with the exception of a minor change or two in its cast of principals, remains the same as that which gave the play its premier in New York.

It has been characterized by many clever reviewers as being "quite the brightest and breeziest musical comedy of the season."

On the whole, "TWO MERRY TRAMPS" is to be commended for those who like this sort of thing, being an evening of extravagant farce and travesty, at which one may laugh without being ashamed of themselves, music that slips along in a riotous tumble of melody as does all the tango tunes, out of which it is made, and dancing that is sprightly.

"TWO MERRY TRAMPS" company includes a cast of principals and with its coryphees numbers over eighteen people. Its girl chorus was splendidly drilled by Claude Roe, who devised and arranged the dance diversions. The chorus is said to be one of great beauty, a lovely string with splendid pace and vigorous action.

The piece will be given here with all the original costumes and stage embellishments.

Any vulgarian can gain a laugh, but it takes an artist to bring a smile without a blush. Fathers and mothers don't want their sons and daughters to listen to suggestive lines; a man would not take his wife or sweetheart to see a risqué scene no matter how ludicrous it might be, but all the world wants to laugh. Every funny "jest," every bit of business in the "Two Merry Tramps" is clean, absolutely clean, that is why the "Two Merry Tramps" Musical Comedy, which will be at Cozy Theatre on Wednesday night, February 16, sails the sea of prosperity while other shows are wrecked on the rocks of adversity. (Adv)

### Reports Death of Nephew and Niece.

In a letter from Mrs. Jim Eoff of Santa Anna to the Mail she reports the death of her nephew Robert Love Peyton on December 29th. The child having died of heart trouble following an attack of membranous croup and only a few days later her niece, little Dorris Bird was a victim of the same trouble.

Many Merkel people know both the families in which these deaths have occurred and will regret to hear of the sad news.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson returned to their home in California Wednesday afternoon, after an extended visit here with their son, R. O. Anderson and family.

Frank Johnson, son of our townsman, G. W. Johnson, passed through here Tuesday afternoon on his way to Farwell where he will make his home in the future.

Miss Fannie Tippet of Abilene is here for a few days the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Permyer left Tuesday for Mingo, where they will be the guest of the latter's parents for a few days.

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