

SUPERINTENDENT IS NOW ELECTED

With little parleying and practically without a discord the school board unanimously elected R. M. Parker of Bonham as Superintendent of the City schools for the ensuing term.

Mr. Parker comes here as Superintendent of Public Instruction from Fannin county and parties who knew of his work gave one of the strongest list of endorsements that were ever presented to the local board. Mr. Parker as present himself on Wednesday and met the trustees but returned to Bonham the same evening. Apparently the Merkel Schools will have a very strong man at their head this year and we predict an unusually successful year for all concerned. Mr. Parker will move here at an early date and his great number of newly made acquaintances and friends extend a cordial welcome.

In the short time that this Fannin county gentleman graced our city Wednesday he met more men and boys accidentally than an average man could in a week and did it in a way that inspired confidence of ability and straight forwardness in the minds of those whom he met with.

WATER SUPPLY NORMAL VERY SOON

The short water supply from which the town has been suffering for the past ten days or two weeks will probably be relieved very soon.

Extra pumps have been going in one of the city wells until the excess reservoir was filled and a supply pumped into the gravity tank, after which work was started on cleaning out the cave in of the large well, the thing that started the first trouble.

While the pumping apparatus was out of commission and drawn from the small well, time was taken to place it in repair in order that no trouble might be experienced when the two wells are again connected.

"WHOSE GUILTY" IS A STRONG PICTURE

Few pictures on the screen have a greater lesson to them than is shown in the "Whose Guilty" pictures, the first of which was exhibited at the Cozy Airdome on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Each of these pictures are of two reel production and each one is a complete story within itself yet they are shown in a series of ten or more coming each Tuesday night. The first one "Should a surgeon be permitted to operate on his own wife" seems to lend an air of a true story carried in newspaper only a short time ago, yet it carried an impressive story and a bore out a fundamental principle of medical ethics. Manager Groene is fortunate in being able to show these pictures here and they will no doubt meet with much favor from all who see them whether they are regular motion picture goers or not.

G. B. Brady of near Whitesboro, Grayson county has been here during the past two weeks with his brother G. W. (Pete) Brady.

Mrs. Prentice Rice of Uvalde arrived in Merkel Tuesday afternoon from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. R. E. Kunze. Mrs. Rice will visit with her father R. J. Adcock and other relatives here.

LECTURES SUNDAY BOODLE AND BOOZE

Evangelist Fitzhugh will preach the final sermon of the Presbyterian Meeting at the church on Sunday night and a general and cordial closing service will be held, one that will encompass the entire work done here under his arduous and consecrated leadership.

A special lecture for Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the subject "Boodle and Booze" will be delivered. This lecture will be one dealing with present day questions effecting the social and moral welfare of all communities and will no doubt be of special interest to every one fortunate to hear it.

"BREEZY POINT" TO BE SHOWN MONDAY

The play "Breezy Point" which has been postponed on several occasions has been definitely arranged for Monday evening and will be given at the High School auditorium.

The class rendering the comedy is doing this entirely for the benefit of the school in assisting to defray the purchasing expenses of a piano and the public is invited to be present for only a nominal admission price is to be charged for this excellent local talent production.

POPE CRITICISES PRESIDENT WILSON

Fort Worth, Aug. 22.—Henry N. Pope, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, today wired President Wilson favoring the eight-hour day if it applied to farmers as well as industrial laborers, but protesting against any discrimination against the farming population in favor of any other class of laborers.

M'LEMORE AIMS BILL AT ENGLAND

Washington, Aug. 22.—Representative Jeff McLemore, in a resolution offered in the House today, aimed a blow at the British interference with American mail and American commerce on the high seas. His resolution empowers the President to place an embargo on the exportation of munitions of war and other articles destined to a Nation which knowingly disregards international law in violating the neutrality rights existing between the offending Nation and the United States.

The resolution, if passed, would give the President a big stick to hold over the head of Great Britain and her allies in the event those nations continue to interfere with American mails and American commerce with neutral nations of Europe.

Wesley Edwards and J. H. Craig were among those called to Abilene the first of the week to attend County Court.

SATURDAY ELECTION DAY

Tomorrow, Saturday August 26th, is election day in Texas and while many counties will allow a great percent of their voting to go by default Taylor county is one that should poll its entire vote.

There are four races to be considered, the United States Senator's race between Colquitt and Culberson, the District Clerk's race between Fuller and Routh, the Assessor's race between Parmely and Vance and the Superintendent's race between Smith and Jones. Now you are a friend to one of these men in each race and no doubt would like to see all of your selection elected and for this reason you should be more than willing to cast this your second primary ballot.

Let every voter go to the polls and cast a vote for the best interests of the county and state and for his own satisfaction but regardless of all things go out and

VOTE

FORMER GOVERNOR COLQUITT SPOKE HERE MONDAY TO OVER 400 PEOPLE

For two hours Monday morning, former Governor O. B. Colquitt spoke to approximately four or four hundred and fifty people at the Cozy Theatre, there being a sprinkling of ladies present and attention was tense at all times and as the address lengthened, applause became more evident from all portions of the house. Much applause being given when the speaker referred to his stand on the border situation when he was Governor of Texas and his attitude toward the cotton relief plan when the war broke out in Europe.

Beginning at ten o'clock Mr. Colquitt reviewed his record as governor of this state and his success in having the 9:30 law enacted even in the face of heated radical anti-opposition headed by Jake Wolters. Following this he reviewed minutely conditions that existed on the border country when he called the militia into the Brownsville country for protection of lives along the Rio Grande which was followed by the United States government taking the situation in hand and replacing the state guards with regular troops. He charged that immediately following the expiration of his term of office as Governor, that the Secretary of War at Washington had the troops gradually withdrawn from the border until very few were left to protect property rights of Americans living in that vicinity and stated that closely following his successor's inauguration condition grew so alarming that the Department again policed the border with twelve thousand troops and further stated that this was certainly a vindication of his criticism of the Border policy which he advocated nearly one year before final action was taken. He further showed that at present there were over one hundred thousand troops on the border which was a further vindication of his original position and asked any Culberson man in the audience who could say that he was wrong or had acted unwisely in any respect regarding the situation to stand up. None stood and a ripple of applause swept over the house.

In defence of his position on the cotton question that followed the European War outbreak he asked why it was not as fair for the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington to protect the interests of the cotton grower as it was for him to lend the assistance of his position in protecting the stocks and bonds of Wall street and stated that the final action of Secretary, over a year after the outbreak of the war, in sending money into the south to aid in moving cotton was a direct vindication of the policy he advocated and worked for when cotton took the first drop following the opening of hostilities in August of 1914. He defended his record as Railroad Commissioner, and as Governor and challenged any man whether pro or anti or a Culberson man to name one instance wherein he had not worked to the interest of the people of the state.

In conclusion of his speech he accounted for his life in Texas dating back to the time he was sixteen years of age and worked as porter at the depot in Dangerfield and much laughter and applause greeted his account of, when he was Railroad Commissioner, how he replied to an application from a man who had fired him when he was porter at the depot at Dangerfield for refusing to black his, the station agents shoes. Gov. Colquitt said that when he went to Washington as United States Senator from Texas he would be just like he was at Dangerfield and would not "lick" the boots of any special set of our men but would work for what was right, fair and just to the people he represented. Following the speaking many from his audience took opportunity to shake hands with Mr. Colquitt and compliment him on his address at the same time pledging their support to his candidacy.

Special price on all grades of coffee, your patronage will be appreciated, highest price for eggs and butter. W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. N. E. Kellow of Trent who has been visiting here with relatives and friends has returned home.

Mrs. Alice Templeton returned home Wednesday morning from points in Oklahoma where she has been for some time with relatives. The many friends of Mrs. Templeton are exceedingly glad to know of her return.

SOCIALIST MEET TRENT SEPT. 2ND

Saturday afternoon September 2nd, at 2:30 a Socialist meeting will be held in Trent and all of this political faith and practice are invited by those in charge to come and be with them, a cordial invitation is also extended to all other visitors.

The principle speaker of the day will be Ben F. Wilson of California, known throughout this state and other as one of the mainstay Socialist speakers and a brilliant man. His address to the voters will begin at 2:30 and will be held under auspices of the regular meeting.

H. M. MORRIS WILL ACCEPT AT DALLAS

H. M. Morris, superintendent of the Merkel schools for the past two years accepted the position of Ward Principle in Dallas after a conference with the school board of this place on Monday evening.

The election of Mr. Morris to the position in Dallas came as somewhat of a surprise to him and before he accepted same he took the matter up with the local board for their approval, and on which, he filed his acceptance of the Dallas offer and will move there within a few days.

LIGHT SHOWERS A BOON TO WEATHER

A light shower Saturday morning with a still lighter one Tuesday evening has done much to alleviate the intensity of heat in this section and helped conditions in general.

The amount of precipitation was not sufficient however to be of great benefit to cotton, feed or grass conditions and hardly improved watering places for stock throughout this section.

CANDIDATES LAST WOODS-BURNING

Second Primary candidates have been shelling the woods during the last few days and the very few of the once great number have each one in time paid Merkel their respects during the last few days. Messrs Smith and Jones have both lately met with the voters here, while J. Fuller and his opponent J. N. Routh were both here the first of the week as was also J. H. Vance who is candidate for county assessor. Mr. and Mrs. Vance being here Monday at the Colquitt speaking.

L. R. (Roy) Parmely the most recent candidate to visit us was here, as we issue this week, shaking hands and furthering his claims for the assessors office.

Rev. H. E. Bullock was in Odesa Monday, having received a message telling him that his sister Mrs. C. D. Lewis of that city was dangerously ill.

MISHAP CAUSES A BROKEN SHOULDER

When Claude Comegys and W. E. Britain, on the latter's motorcycle and side car, were going to the Bonds and Edwards lease southeast of town last week a mishap occurred which considerably bruised Mr. Britain and caused Mr. Comegys to sustain a broken shoulder.

In attempting to pass over a very rough place the machine and side car skidded, a rear wheel struck a rock, causing the point of the side car to plough up a furrow in the road and at the same time turned the outfit bottom side skyward. Results as above stated with some possible additions were sustained by these two gentlemen who are now of the opinion after a series of such mishaps that the faster you go in life the more good things you pass and the more bumps you run up against.

M. H. Tyler is here from east Texas visiting his son, R. D. (Dick) Tyler and family. The elder Mr. Tyler is thinking very much of moving to the Merkel country and is looking out for a prospective location. Real estate agents and others might take notice.

FARMERS TO MEET SATURDAY AT 3PM

During this week meetings of farmers have been held at several points and discussions of the increased cost of ginning has been taken up and as a result a general meeting has been called for this place for Saturday.

All parties interested are requested to meet at the tabernacle at 3 o'clock. Those who have started the movement say that they have no opposition to the increased price to cover cost of bagging and ties but dislike the idea of paying an increased price for the ginning and for this reason the meeting has been called. Community meetings have already been held at Warren school house, Kaie and Noodle.

FEET TORN AWAY AND INTO SHREDS

Last Thursday night as the Stewart thresher was running at the Van Deren farm some time about 11, J. K. Weeb who was in charge of the separator, went on top of the machine to see about something that was the matter and while passing over the cylinder, the trap door that covers it had shook loose, and he fell with both feet in the machine just at the rear of the fast revolving cylinder, and he had both feet torn into shreds before he could extricate himself. His right foot was torn off back of his heel, while his left foot was not torn up quite so bad.

He was helped down from the machine, placed in an auto and hurried to his home and the doctor summoned, who administered opiates until his suffering was somewhat relieved. Dr. Camp of Pecos arrived early Friday morning and he and Dr. Wolverton trimmed away the torn part of the flesh and bone and at this writing he is getting along as well as could be expected.—Pecos Times.

J. C. Mason was in Sweetwater Monday on business.

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SHILOH

After a two weeks absence, I will try to pen a few lines to the Mail again.

Farmers in this part and very busy at present hauling maize and picking cotton.

The Baptist meeting closed here Tuesday night of last week with thirty-two additions to the church and one member was received Sunday. Eighteen of these were by baptism. Rev. Horn and Rev. Dick of Abilene conducted the meeting which was the best one the writer ever attended at Shiloh.

Several from here are attending the bedside of Walter Maynard of Trent who is very low with blood poison. There is slight hopes for his recovery we regret to state.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Graoson have been visiting relatives in Oklahoma the past week. They also visited relatives in Haskell county.

E. Howell and J. W. Tiner were Anson visitors Monday.

Mrs. Helen Phillips and children of Trent spent last week with her parents here.

Grandma Phillips spent a portion of the time during the meeting with 'ye scribe and family. We are always glad to have Grandma with us.

Hartly Rudledge is hauling feed this week to the place on Sweetwater creek where he will live next year.

Floyd Barnes returned from

The Merkel Mail

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Entered in the post office at Merke Texas as second class matter.

the east last week with his bride. We welcome her to our midst.

Luther Rogers and Miss Ruth Thompson of Noodle attended services here Sunday and were guests of Miss Effie Mayberry and brother Edgar.

Brother "Junius" is sojourning in our midst again. We think there must be some attraction here for brother Junius.

Guy Cade has bought the old school building and will erect a nice barn with same.

Dr. Hale and daughter Miss Essie were guests of Miss Emma Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Noodle attended services here Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Uncle Terril Winters had a very bad case of automobile fever last week but notwithstanding the careful attention given by those interested and the automobile demonstrators his fever has cooled down somewhat now.

W. L. Smallwood of Fort Worth, with the Texas State Bank was here Monday being guest of J. S. Swann at a noon day luncheon. In the afternoon Messrs R. O. Anderson and Swann accompanied Mr. Smallwood to Abilene from which place he returned home.

**J. N. ROUTH'S FINAL APPEAL
TO THE VOTERS**

It means much to me how the election goes on Saturday, Aug. 26th. For me to lose means that my political aspirations will be forever blighted, while victory means an inspiration not only to me but to all other worthy and ambitious young men to strive to fit themselves for places of honor and preferment.

You can not bestow any additional honor on my opponent by electing him for a FOURTH TERM, hence to continue him on and on in the District Clerk's Office simply means to further his financial welfare which should be indeed a comfortable one by this time.

Confidently believing in your wisdom and high sense of justice that you will make me the nominee for DISTRICT CLERK I commit my future to your hands.

I am, yours truly,
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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Cora Davis arrived from the markets of St. Louis the latter part of last week and will have in charge this season the millinery department of the Parthen Dry Goods Company.

Sublett the jeweler is at the Merkel Drug Co.

Miss Ruby Smith returned Saturday from eastern markets where she superintended the purchasing of millinery for the Woodroof store.

Bring your clock and have Sublett fix it.

Rev. J. W. Sibley and wife returned Saturday night from a four weeks stay at Arlington and Carbon where they have visited their children and other relatives. Miss Clara Sibley a granddaughter from Carbon, returned with them for a visit here.

Good hay, feed, oats at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

J. H. Hughes was in Wednesday with his first bale and on a offer of \$50.00 per ton for the seed, he graciously refused that price and hauled them home. G. P. (Pete) Brady had the same kind of an idea but stated that it awful hard to turn down that kind of an offer.

\$1.00 bucket of coffee for 75c at E. L. Rogers.

Miss Elma Sheppard is a business visitor in Dallas this week.

Health Club Baking Powder, 6 25c cans for \$1.00. Absolutely guaranteed. E. L. Rogers.

Judge C. D. Mims was in Abilene Monday morning at the opening of County Court.

Our hobby is to please you. Burroughs.

Superintendent Parker of Fannin county came in Wednesday morning and was on the streets most of the day with his old friend J. C. Mason. In the afternoon they prospected through part of the farm country adjoining here.

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Misses Mamie Ellis and Bess Touchstone were visitors this week in Abilene.

Toilet articles that please the conservative and discriminating tastes—Burroughs.

Mrs. Hancock and children returned to Abilene Sunday after visiting Mrs. Neece Hancock of this city.

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Miss Nina Elliott of Sweetwater is visiting Mrs. W. Parten.

An extensive line of cut glass and silver ware just received at Burroughs.

Miss Myra Jones of Nevada is the guest at the home of her uncle G. J. Jones.

EVER-READY, the light that says, "There it is". Burroughs.

H. C. West departed Monday morning for Fort Worth, going there for treatment for cancer. His numerous friends sincerely hope that the trip will be of much benefit to him.

Kodaks and supplies at Burroughs.

We are pulling for your business. Get our prices. E. L. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Ferguson returned Monday from a week's vacation spent in Cleburne and Grandview.

A new and elaborate line of stationery just received—Burroughs.

Mrs. B. C. Moore and daughter Tina returned last week from visiting relatives in Gainesville and other northern towns.

A fresh cigar and a cool place to smoke at Burroughs.



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Dies Of Blood Poison

E. A. McGowan a victim of blood poison died at the home of J. A. Duckett Thursday afternoon, gangrene having set up in the left arm of the deceased only a short time before his death.

Surviving the deceased, who came here from Georgia nearly a year ago, are two brothers, one J. A. McGowan of Valdosta, Ga. Other relatives could not be located and the brother who was notified could not arrive here for the burial which was held Saturday afternoon Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. W. P. Garvin conduction the services.

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Miss Mary Bell Walker of near Hawley is spending the week with Mrs. Ernest Rogers and other relatives.

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Jobe, J.
Lenard, Mrs. Zella
McDainel, A. T.
Suttle, Thos. L.
Thomkins, Mrs. Minnie
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 6th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

To Serve Dinner

The Protheus class will serve dinner Saturday August 26th, in the building opposite the post office. Prices 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Compton returned Friday from Deport and other points in that part of the state where they visited Mrs. Compton's father and other relatives for two weeks time.

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JUNIUS THINKS IT IS DRY OUT WEST

Shiloh, Aug. 23.—Our flattering prospects for rain during the last week vanished and left us disconsolate. Cotton is opening fast in consequence of the lurid glare of old sol and the terrific southern breeze that has been sweeping the country "fore and aft" the past fortnight. A few farmers have commenced picking cotton and in a few more days the familiar rattle of the farm wagon, the shrill whistle of the gin and the jocund whoop and the piercing whistle of the rural urchin will again be heard and then all will be lovely again.

The ten days Baptist meeting conducted by Rev. C. E. Dick and William Horn of Abilene closed last week, with nineteen conversions and some additions to the church by letter. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held here, good order and complete harmony prevailed throughout the entire meeting; that unity of purpose and fraternal feeling of good will and love for their fellowman prevailed. Each one seemed intent on doing their full duty on the Holy Christian cause they had voluntarily espoused. It was indeed a glorious meeting fraught with much good for our people. We have never known two men more devoted and imbued with more zeal than was evinced by Brother Dick and Horn, their earnest entreaties and persuasive eloquence completely enthralled the senses of their auditors, causing many to turn from the path of sin to the path of moral and Christian rectitude. Judging these two consecrated ministers by their fluency of speech and philosophical reasoning one would infer that the mantle of Spurgeon or Talmage had fallen on their shoulders.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Grayson of Waco are here in their magnificent auto spending the week with Mr. Grayson's brothers Sam, Jim and Hugh and are having a most excellent time.

Mr. Walter Manord has been quite sick the past week.

Mr. Arthur Laxton and John Grayson of China Springs returned home last week after spending several days with the Grayson brothers.

Prof. John Thompson and wife and sister Helen, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas Seago Sunday. Prof. Thompson has recently taken a course in law at the State University at Austin, he is a bright and polished young man, not overflowing with forensic erudition just now, but is destined to to achieve honorable distinction as a lawyer in the future.

Capt. H. F. Wheeler of Colorado city is here on a visit to his son Eleric and other relatives and friends. Capt. Wheeler is an interesting and genial gentleman, one of the old and intrepid pioneers of the west. He and Jim Grayson were among the early settlers of the country and reminiscences of early pioneer life in the wilds of Texas is edifying and interesting.

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You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that *cuts out* bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day.

Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but you know that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time firing up every little so often, without a

PRINCE ALBERT
the national joy smoke

regret! You'll feel like your smoke past has been wasted and will be sorry you cannot back up for a fresh start.

You swing on this say-so like it was a tip to a thousand-dollar bill! It's worth that in happiness and contentment to you, to every man who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

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

This is the reverse side of the tinsy red tin.

THE Prince Albert tinsy red tin, and in fact, every Prince Albert package, has a real message to you on its reverse side. You'll read—Process Patented July 30th, 1907. That means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which tongue bite and throat parch are cut out! Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting you in tippy red bags, 5c tinsy red tins, 10c; Handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors and in that clever crystal-glass humidor, with sponge-moistener top, that keeps the tobacco in such fine condition—always!



SLIVERS REPORTS ON VARIOUS THINGS

A man handed the boss an ad this week. It read. For sale. A full blood jersey cow, giving milk, also three tons of hay, a wheelbarrow, a grindstone, two stoves and a second hand Ford.

A social event that our Society Editor refused to publish this week stated that a certain man and his wife would entertain their parents on both sides.

A friend of a Merkel young lady who married some months ago in sending in a report of the wedding and an account of the two young peoples lives, ended the report as follows: "The groom is well and most popularly known here where he has been reared and partially educated.

We didn't get invited to one of the recent blow outs but a young lady in telling of the event said that after one of the young men got through entertaing in his own popular way that the rest of the evening was enjoyable. Poor boy.

Somebody on an east Texas paper got their items mixed up to ther day and said as follows: John Speeder has been taken to the hospital where he will be operated on Tuesday for \$17 in the lower courts." Unfortunate man.

A localist who raises bees informs us that he won't have as much honey on his hands this year as he did last. Perhaps he's washed 'em.

This aint such a clean town after all even though somebody said the nightwatchman scoured the city the other night.

A new correspondent in sending a repport from a local community tother day said in part; As the news has not been wrote from here lately I will written it now." And he did.

A man who has a small pony handed us this. For sale. Half shetland pony, gentle to ride.

Two local men had a motorcycle accident, one gotta broken shoulder while the other one had several bruises, a bent side car and a twisted axel. They are both up though.

A well known man of hereabouts is a regular caller on one of the visiting girls, sometimes he goes oftener than that.

Miss Nellie Strappem has applied for a position as teacher in the schools. She ought to be a good one.

The motorist's mystery. Which



Good Bye Dirt!
Here Comes Richards' **Magic Washing Stick**

RICHARDS' Magic Washing Stick

is one of the most wonderful inventions of the age. It is absolutely unique. Never before has there been speed without harm. Never before have women had anything which REALLY made dirt disappear as quickly, as harmlessly, as EASILY as with this extraordinary dirt loosener. It does HOURS work in MINUTES. It positively will not fade colored clothes—shrink or harden woolen, and will not rot or weaken lace curtains so they tear easily, but keeps them STRONG besides absolutely clean.

3 Sticks for 25c—less than 2c a washing

Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If yours doesn't handle it, show him this ad—he'll get it for you. Or send 2c in stamps to A. B. Richards Co., Sherman, Tex.

NEWS FROM NOODLE

Mrs. Roy Meeks who has been very ill for the past week is improving some now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore are now intertaining a 10 pound boy who made his appearance August 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill of Golan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green entertained the young people with a party Thursday night.

Miss Ila Carter of Leuders returned home Monday having spent quite a number of days with relatives at this place.

A very large crowd of young people enjoyed the intertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McRight of Shiloh were guests of W. M. Eoff and family Sunday.

The singing which was given Sunday night at the home of B. N. Wheeler was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Bertha Ely was a guest of relatives at Tuscola the past week.

Mrs. C.S. Herring and children are spending this week with her mother Mrs. Rosson of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler spent Monday with relatives in Merkel.

Quite a number from here went fishing Tuesday on Sweet-water creek.

Mrs. Charlie Jones of Anson was the guest of her niece Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

Return From Marlin

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Largent have returned from Marlin Wells where the former has been taking treatment for several weeks.

Mr. Largent is greatly improved from his recent attack of inflammatory rheumatism caused by excessive heat and over exertion, and his many friends will be glad to know of the improvement even though he has not yet fully recovered.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured

For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. In February, 1903, a gentlemen asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since. This salve is for sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock with their children left Saturday for Crosbyton where they will visit relatives.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my friends for the earnest way in which they are striving for my nomination for County Superintendent of the Rural Schools, August 26th. This is a time when a man cannot do much for himself, but his friends can save his life (politically).

It means much to me to win now. I am a young man of high aspirations, fighting against odds, trying to get a foothold that will enable me to climb higher. This is a critical moment in the making of my career and I am indeed grateful for assistance of any kind.

I know that you are not striving for me alone, but are striving in the interest of the Rural Schools of this County. This fact makes me the more grateful and if I do not win this time I am sure I shall get a vote, of which, any one could justly be proud.

Thanks to you my friends, one and all. I believe you have made it possible for me to win by a good majority.

Sincerely,
(adv.) Authur J. Jones.

Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies dont fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Woodroof's Fall Showing

Now Assuming Completeness in Every Line

NEW EARLY FALL MILLINERY

The very first designs of fall street hats are certainly worth your visit to our parlors to see. Our stock in all its completeness affords you an opportunity of making just the selection you have in mind, and you'll be suited in every detail. Miss Smith will be pleased to devote her time in showing you the new in Millinery. See the Elzee hats, of standard brand make and patterns at decided values for early fall.

NEW WOOL AND SILK DRESS PATTERNS

Pretty standard patterns of all the new woolens and silks that the markets afford. We especially invite your timely and cautious inspection of every new article in our dress goods department. You'll find many pleasing and profitable purchases can be made.

Mrs. Daniel takes pleasure in this department of explaining, showing you the newest of new things in the dress goods and ready-to-wear department.

Every counter at our store is just crowded with the newest of new things and we want you to see them at the earliest date possible

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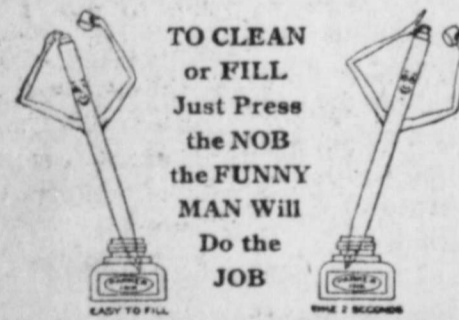
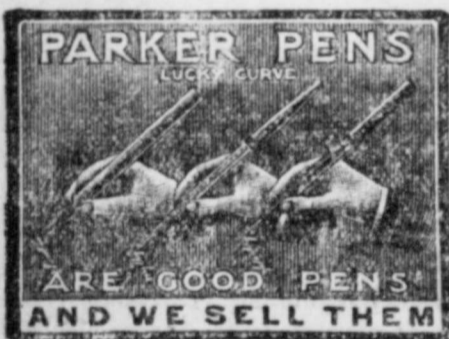
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We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

INVITATION TO INSTITUTE GIVEN

CENTRAL WEST TEXAS DISTRICT MEET TO BE HELD AT ABILENE AUG. 30-31

20 COUNTIES ARE INCLUDED

Col. H. L. Bentley, District Organizer, Extends Invitation to All to be Present

The Mail has received the following:

To the Farm People of Taylor County and their friends:

Abilene, Aug. 21.—Permit me to remind you of the very important and interesting fact that the most important and interesting meeting of farmers of Central West Texas ever held in our section of the state will be held in Abilene, Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31, and representing the State Department of Agriculture, I not only extend to you all a cordial invitation but I ask of you most earnestly that you will attend and take part in the said meeting.

In Austin July 19, when the State Farmers' Institute was in

session, the delegates representing twenty counties in this section of the state got together and after fully considering and discussing the interests of themselves their families and farm neighbors and friends generally, voted unanimously in favor of organizing a District Farmers' Institute and they organized the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute. Quarterly meetings will be held for the consideration and discussion of the subjects peculiarly affecting the interests of the farm people of said twenty counties. The first quarterly meeting will be held in Abilene as above stated, August 30 and 31. The said counties are namely: Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Pao Pinto, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Runnels, Tom Green, Concho, Coke, Sterling, and Irion. In view of the fact that the climatic and general conditions of all of said counties are practically the same, it is distinctly understood that during the meetings here as above stated, the special subjects and matters that affect your interests will be fully considered and discussed by some of the best lecturers and most of experienced experts in Texas.

of the Department of Agriculture has authorized the statement that he will have such experts and lecturers here to meet you all, and that when it shall be determined at said meeting what the special interest of the farm people of said counties shall need, it will be his pleasure to see to it that everything that shall be necessary in that way shall be done to help you not only produce and secure first class crops and livestock, but to realize satisfactory prices for same. The marketing committee of the State Department of Agriculture is making a splendid success in the matter of getting and keep in close touch with the markets in all of Texas, and if you will get and keep in touch with and co-operate with the Department in the matter of sale of such products and those you shall have for sale, I know that you will be entirely satisfied with the results.

Come then, bring your families and neighbors and let us see to it that the first quarterly meeting of the said Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute shall prove in every way a splendid success.

In this connection I will state that the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the people generally of Abilene join most cordial-

Commissioner Fred W. Davis

REMEMBER

L. R. "ROY" PARMELLY

Will Make You a Good

TAX ASSESSOR

... Be Sure to Vote Saturday ...

Vote for J. Fuller for District Clerk

He led by 88 VOTES July 22

By past CUSTOM he is the NOMINEE

Don't fail to vote Aug. 26, 1916

ly in the invitation to you to attend and take part in the District Institute meeting and will welcome all of you.

Hoping and confidently expecting to be able to meet and greet you on the 30 and 31 of this month here in Abilene, I am, as you know, Your friend.

H. L. Bentley,
District Organizer Farmers Institutes.

P. S.—I have already met with the farmers of fifteen of said counties in their local institutions and they have pledged me that they will have delegates here as they had in Austin, and I will meet with the institutes in the other five counties this week, and

I will, I know in advance, secure similar assurances from them.—H. L. B.

If you want good flour, call for New Century, Cream of Wheat, All good, every sack guaranteed. See me before you buy.
W. F. Hamblet.

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.

Get your shorts and bran from the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Have Sublet fix your watch.



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ECONOMY IS THE WORD AND IT'S DEFINED

3400 R. P. M.

It's cheaper in the long run to buy a car like the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers—at \$1090 Detroit.

A low-priced car often doesn't pay. Somewhat like the man who wanted to fence his farm and said he wouldn't spend more than a certain sum of money.

"Well, for that price I can build you a fence two feet high that will keep the pigs out," said the hardware man.

"Now, for just so much more I can build a fence three feet high that will keep the sheep out. And for this amount I can build a 5-foot fence that will keep anything out."

You had better pay a couple of hundred more, and get a regular car. Get a car that fulfills exactly every wish.

One that does a good workday on Monday; that takes you anywhere on Tuesday; runs you 200 miles on Wednesday; does the errands on Thursday; takes the family to call on Friday; one that's not only got the 5-year endurance, but gives you a feeling of pride as well.

That, sir, is my definition of Economy.

This new 1917 Chalmers with the 3400 r. p. m. engine—the car that increased Chalmers sales 792% in six months—is one that'll lure you the minute you sit behind the wheel.

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