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DIXIE LYCEUM IS COMING NEXT YEAR

After several days of the hardest work ever put in by a representative of a Lyceum Bureau, Mrs. Bessie Camp, representing the Dixie Lyceum Bureau of Dallas, closed a contract with some fifteen citizens of Merkel for a four-attraction lyceum course to take place in this city next fall.

Mrs. Camp spent much time and effort in an endeavor to line up the different organizations, business interests and others behind the Lyceum, and from all reports she seemed to have succeeded nicely.

Four of the best attractions put on by the Dixie, which is one of the oldest and strongest Lyceum Bureaus in the nation, have been selected, and the best part of it is, that it will only cost the adults \$1.00 for a ticket to all four numbers, while the children will only be 50 cents for all four; that is when one buys season tickets. This is by far the most reasonable rate for such entertainments ever offered, here. The Mail predicts that the course will go over in nice shape.

A GOOD MAN PASSES TO REWARD

Indeed was the entire community shocked and made sad when on Monday before noon the word swiftly went out that J. P. Sublett, one of this community's best and most respected citizens had passed away at exactly 10:40 o'clock. He had apparently been in splendid health up until 10:15 o'clock Sunday night when he complained, after retiring, that he had a terrible pain in the back of his head, and within a few minutes after the good wife had lighted a lamp, he told her he could not stand the pain much longer; hence she summoned a physician but before his arrival the deceased had become unconscious, remaining so until the end came as above stated next morning.

James Phillip Sublett was born in the state of Alabama in the year 1855; came to Texas with his parents when quite a young man; was married to Miss Mary Emeline Haynes forty years ago, and to this union six children were born; four sons and two daughters, as follows: George, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Belle Hays, L. C. Sublett, B. T. Sublett and V. B. Sublett, all of this city, and all of whom were present for the funeral, Mrs. S. M. Hunter, daughter, who resides in New Mexico, the only member of the family unable to attend.

Deceased who was sixty-seven years of age last August, had resided in Merkel for nineteen years; coming to this country from Coryell county in 1900, he spent one year in Sweetwater, then moving to Merkel where he has since resided.

J. P. Sublett, was of the type of men who are missed when called from the scenes of earth, of the type of men whose passing makes the world poorer and fills with deepest regret the lives that were blended together with their own. Perhaps we can pay the friend who left us, no greater tribute than to say that, he was a gentleman of the Old Southern School, a Christian gentleman, a Christian who lived daily the life. Yes he was companionable, he was affable, he was ever helpful to those with whom he came in contact with. He was ready to administer to the sick and afflicted, and on Saturday before his passing, had visited a dear friend who was and is yet in a critical condition. He was indeed a good man among men, and his

going is a great loss not only to a true and loving companion, six children, who are numbered among the community's best citizenship, but to the entire community at large.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, of which he had been an active and devoted member for many years at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, conducted by the pastor, M. C. Hays, assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of Baptist church, and Eld. W. G. Cypert, of the Church of Christ. The Choir sang, "Somewhere" and scripture was read by Rev. Parrack from St. John. "In My Father's house are many Mansions", as well as other passages of scripture, after which Elder Cypert spoke words of comfort to friends and bereaved relatives. Rev. Hays, then concluded the services, after which remains were taken in charge by the Masonic order and were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, in the presence of one of the largest concourses of sorrowing friends ever assembling there for a similar occasion.

The Mail joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones during this their sad hour.

T. E. L. Class Notice

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church meets next Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the home of Mrs. Lige Gamble with Mrs. Frank McFarland assistant hostess. All members are urged to be present.

BIG CROWD ATTEND THE FREE DRAWING

As per announcement and expectation, the big free drawing for \$30 in cash took place in this city last Saturday afternoon, at promptly three o'clock, attended by one of the largest crowds assembling in the city for many months.

The first prize of \$15.00 was given to Mrs. J. R. Barnett, who held the corresponding number to the one drawn from among the big tub full of numbers, which had been placed on a truck near the center of the business section, by the little girl selected for that purpose, while the second was awarded to Charley Price, and amounted to \$10.00, and the third of \$5.00 was given to Mrs. S. J. Roberts.

Just preceding and immediately after the drawing the Merkel Concert Band rendered some excellent music, which was appreciated by every one present.

L. R. Thomason, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, in a few well chosen remarks stated to the large crowd the purpose of the drawing and the rules by which same would be governed.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—The March through the red sea.
1. Introduction, by Max Swafford.
2. The tenth Plague, by O. B. Boden.
3. The Israelites leave Egypt, by Kenneth Mayfield.
4. Pharaoh decides to bring his slaves back, by Irene Perry.
5. The Israelites lack faith, by Iris Garrett.
6. God saves his people, by William Sheppard.
7. God destroys their enemies, by Edna Wilson.
Leader in charge.

Mrs. Willie Addington, who is working in the interest of the Presbyterian Orphan home, at Albany, is here for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett.

LAST LYCEUM WILL BE NEXT MON. NITE PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD FIELD DAY

The next and last number of the Merkel High School Lyceum course will be given at the High school Auditorium on Monday evening, Feb. 5th at 7:30 o'clock. This number of the course will be a varied musical program to be given by the Winters Company. The program will consist of musical whistling, talking, songs, piano logs, humorous and serious readings, and duets all blended into a most excellent hours entertainment.

Mrs. Winters is the whistler of the Company, and one of national reputation. Her imitations of birds are universally commented upon as remarkable. Mr. Winters has earned a reputation for giving readings and character sketches that are full of fun and laughter that they entertain all the while.

Hear them on next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Admission will be by season tickets or single admission of 35 and 50 cents.

WE MAKE CORRECTION

We call special attention to our readers to the error last week in the advertisement of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, in the paragraph of the advertisement, which it was stated that this splendid institution would "Grant every favor and accommodation to its customers that is warranted by sound, conservative banking—but would do more than this the advertisement should have read "We will grant every favor and accommodation to our customers that is warranted by sound conservative banking—BUT WE WILL DO NO MORE THAN THIS.

This paper is glad to make this correction, and hereby extend our sincere apology to this bank. We also call our readers attention to the advertisement in this issue in the correct form.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The M. E. Sunday School requests the attendance of all its members Sunday, February 4th.

Be sure to come and bring some one with you. Let's make this day a banner day in the history of our Sunday school.

We now have on roll 435 and are striving to reach 500 in the near future. So come to the house of God. Let's enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. L. W. Cox, Supt.

Intermediate Epworth League

Subject—The Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Leader—Mary Ellen Smith.

Song; Prayer.
Parable of the prodigal son. Luke xv 11-32—Sallie Brown. Steps away from home, Elfe Chaney.

Steps back home, Alma Patterson.

Song—Lois Dixon.
The Father—Emma Toombs. A modern parable—Ruth Jenkins.

Business; Benediction.

Woman's Missionary Society

Leader, Mrs. A. R. Booth
Hymn; Prayer.
Scripture lesson, by leader.
Business session.
Hymn; Prayer.

Word was received by friends in the city Wednesday from Dr. and Mrs. Ollie Shaffer of El Paso, that their little son was lying very low with pneumonia.

Tuesday, February 4, is "Presbyterian Field Day" for Abilene Presbytery. This meeting will bring representatives from many churches of the Presbytery. Similar meetings will be held in each of the eleven Presbyteries of the state. Our church is indeed fortunate in securing this inspirational meeting.

The Program will begin at 2 p. m. and soon after the opening will divide into two sections. The Women, under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Bennett, of New York will hold their meeting in the Basement. The men under the leadership of Rev. Chas. L. Overstreet, D. D. of St. Louis Mo. and Rev. H. B. Masters, D. D. of Philadelphia, Pa. will meet in the church and auditorium.

Supper will be held in the Basement of the church and every member of the church is urged to be present. Immediately after supper, all will go to the Auditorium for the closing service. This meeting will begin at 7:30 and the Public is cordially invited to attend. Those who come will be amply repaid for these speakers are among the best.

ACQUITAL GIVEN TRENT CITIZEN BY JURY TUES.

The jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. W. A. Buford charged by indictment with killing a Mexican by the name of Francisco Martinez at Trent last September, returned a verdict of not guilty at 9:15 o'clock Tuesday morning. The case was given to the jury at 8:30 o'clock Monday night for its consideration.

Only one ballot was taken, it was stated. The testimony sought to show that the defendant acted in self defense when the Mexican came at the defendant with a knife following a conversation on the street.—Abilene Reporter.

WILL SERVE TEA SATURDAY

The Parent-Teacher Club has an advertisement in this paper calling the attention of the public to the fact that on next Saturday from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon they will serve Tea to the Public, proceeds to help improve the Merkel Public school. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend.

Epworth League Program

Song Service
Leader—Miss Marie Williamson.

Subject—The Testimony Psalm Prayer; Song; Lords Prayer. Announcements.

Short address on the Topic, by Leader.

Piano Solo—Lorena Frazier. Illustrations, by Roberta Gay League Benediction.

A Business meeting will be held after the Devotional service. All Lagers and officers are urged to be present. All officers please have their reports ready. Publicity Com.

J. E. Richardson, the genial manager of the Merkel Lumber Co's yard, moved Tuesday from the Tom Largent's place into the J. R. Dye residence; Max Mellinger moving from the Jink Winter's residence into the residence vacated by Mr. Richardson; and John West will occupy the premises vacated by Mr. Mellinger, which place he has purchased.

A beautiful line of spring foot wear for Misses and women, in Satin, patent, and Kid. See them at—Lyles.

Parent-Teacher Club Notes

On Saturday afternoon of last week the Parent-Teacher Club gave 3 benefit teas at different homes in town. Though the weather was quite unfavorable, we count these teas as quite a success. There were about 70 guests served at these teas and quite a few names given for membership.

There will be only one tea next Saturday, afternoon and that will be at the home of Mrs. Luke Huddleston's. Every citizen in Merkel is invited to come to this tea. A program of music and readings have been arranged for the afternoon. You will receive a hearty welcome at the door, then be ushered into the dining room and served, after which you will be entertained in the parlors until you are ready to bid the hostess adieu. You will enjoy the social side of this tea and be glad you came. We will be looking for you Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 at Mrs. Luke Huddleston's—Publicity Com.

Correction

In writing up the Honor Roll of the Merkel Public school for last week's issue of the Merkel Mail I inadvertently omitted the name of Pauline Pinckley, whose average was 95. Her name should have appeared upon the Honor Roll, and I am glad to make this addition. Roger A. Burgess, Supt. Merkel Schools.

ANOTHER MILLION DOLLAR RAIN FALLS

Beginning at about midnight on Tuesday night of this week, and continuing until daylight, one and one-eighth inches of rain fell in and about Merkel, according to Mr. B. M. Black, who keeps the rain fall in this community. Mr. Black also states that for the month of January there has fallen here even two inches of rain, which puts a very fine season in the ground.

Infact, when one considers the fact that there is at present very likely more land broken in this country than ever before at this time of the year, it can readily be seen that with the added seasons this week, there is every reason to figure that the farming conditions are far better just now than are usually found in this country.

The rains seem to have been general, according to reports, good rains have fallen all of the way from El Paso to the Louisiana Line, and Wichita Falls to the coast. Here's hoping for the biggest crop this country has ever enjoyed.

The C. E. Program

Topic: What is the value of a Christian Endeavor Society.
Leader—Mildred Smith

1. Song
2. Christian Endeavor's Service in the Christian Endeavor, Owen Hutchison.

5. Special music
6. Sentence prayers.

7. Blackboard talk—Bro. Rogers.

8. Clippings
9. Christian Endeavor as a training school, Melba West.

10. Song.
11. Christian Endeavor Pledge in verse—Marjorie Bland.

12. Questions
13. Illustrations of the Value of Christian Endeavor

14. Announcements; Mizpah.

Earl Thornton, the yard man at the Merkel Lumber Company, has moved in from Blair and is occupying the Carl Black residence on the south side.

SOLICITING FUNDS FOR CEMETERY

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither made a canvass of the business section this week with a subscription list, raising funds with which to keep the local cemetery in condition during the coming spring and summer; infact throughout the year, and we are informed the most of the business firms and other citizens responded very liberally.

This is indeed a good move and every one should be interested in helping to keep the city of the dead in a nice clean condition, and the Mail would urge that any one either in the city or country surrounding, who has not donated and desires to do so, to see either Mrs. Anderson, T. L. Grimes, R. L. Bland, or Claud Comegys, who compose the finance committee of the local Cemetery Association.

YOUNG LADY PASSES AWAY

Miss Bertha, 27 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Alexander of Tye, passed away at the family residence on the 26 of January, after an illness of several months.

Deceased was one of the most popular young ladies in that community and Taylor county; was a member of the Methodist church, and numbered her friends by her acquaintances. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and sorrowing relatives, for to know her was to love her for the many admiring and charming characteristics which marked her every day life.

The Mail joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and other loved ones, during this their sad hour of bereavement.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services through the week.

Every one in their place always helps.

The Pastor will preach at Comper Saturday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. also Sunday at 3 p. m.

If it is a good day we look for Judge C. M. Caldwell from Abilene to speak to our people at both the morning and evening hours.

At the morning hour he will speak on "The Laymans part in bringing in the Kingdom."

At the evening hour he will tell of his trip through Europe this past summer.

We hope that every Baptist will hear him at both hours. Of course every one who comes will be welcome and you are invited but we especially urge the Baptist people to hear this great Baptist layman who loves God and His Kingdom well enough to make trips like this to hearten and help others along. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

1. Song; Prayer; Song
2. Business and minutes

3. Group No. 1 in charge
4. A girl cares for her baby brother, Joe Ben Ashby.

5. The victim of a fathers rash vow, Charlie Largent.

6. The maid who did not forget her God, Gladys Deutschman.

7. A fathers prayer answered by Clyde Mayfield.

8. A mother's prayer answered, Eunice Bird.

9. Rhoda, by Aliene Childress.

10. Paul and Silas healing a poor girl, Durwood Owens.

Leaders Ten minutes
Closing song and Prayer.

THIS BANK IS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Our Officers and Directors are all Merkel people and are interested in the up-building of this community.

This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and gives you the maximum of safety for your savings.

Help build an institution that is founded upon Honesty, Safety and Service.

Farmers State Bank

Listen Good People

I am after you again. We want to have one more good singing at Blair on next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. This is first Sunday and our regular meeting time and we need all the help we can get, so come all who sing, or like to hear good singing, and lets have a good time to gether in a real song service. We thank you for your help at the previous meetings, and assure you that we still need your services.

Lunch will be served at my house about 12:30. So if you want to come Sunday morning come on. Tom Spears.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Presbyterian Church enters the new month with great expectations. Sunday, Feb. 4th is "one hundred percent Day". A great effort is being made to have one hundred percent for Sunday school and church service. Special seats will be reserved for the Cradel Roll and Home Department. Come and help us attain our standard.

At the Vesper service last Sunday, the Merkel Band gave one of the best concerts heard in a long time. Every one who heard the boys play are loud in their praise. We hope this excellent Band will play again. We also desire to thank Miss Thompson for her part in the program.

Next Sunday at 4 p. m. the girls choral club of the High school will give a special program. This is one of the best programs we will have this month. You will enjoy it.

All services of this church are open to all, and a warm welcome awaits strangers and visitors. Fred S. Rogers.

The many friends of J. V. West will regret to learn that his condition is unchanged and very little hopes are entertained for his recovery. He has been suffering for some time with the dropsy.

Almost every day some good customer comes in and remarks

"We Have Transacted all of our Business Through this Bank for Eighteen Years"

This makes us very proud of the customers and very proud of the record made by the bank as a safe, conservative DEPOSITORY of the funds of its customers.

We have never missed a DIVIDEND and we have never failed to supply the needs of our customers.

Mr. West, Mr. Warren and Mr. James were original directors named and are now serving in that capacity.

We pay the same rate of interest on time or SAVINGS DEPOSITS to all alike. We charge the same rate of interest to every one.

We will grant every favor and accommodation to our customers that is warranted by sound, conservative banking--but we will do no more than this.

We feel that the REPUTATION of this Bank is a guarantee of SAFETY unexcelled by any bank in Texas.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

J. T. Warren, President.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier

About People you Know

Dr. J. A. Leeman, a venerable gentleman of the old southern type, always courteous and considerate of others, reached his eighty-second mile stone today January 26, 1923, and his little grand son, John Edward Mitchell, arrived at his sixth birthday. They celebrated the occasion jointly by participating to gether with the other members of the family at an unusually sumptuous family dinner.

W. B. Leeman, is here on a visit to his father, Dr. J. A. Leeman, and sister, Mrs. Lucy Mitchell.—Pecos Enterprise.

The Leeman's mentioned above, will be remembered by our people. Dr. Leeman is the father of Ed and Will and a sister to Mrs. Templeton who ran a boarding house here many years. Ed was owner and editor of the Merkel Mail for many years.

B. F. Bennett, formerly secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and for the past three years organization manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has accepted the position of secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bennett has been a resident of this city for several years and his many friends here will wish him well in his new undertaking.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. Bennett is well known in Merkel, being at one time connected with our city schools as superintendent.

Mrs. Velma A. Clark of Clovis, New Mexico, is visiting relatives in Sweetwater and Merkel.

John Long of Stephenville, who was called here by the illness of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Calvert, reports Mrs. Calvert much improved. He left for his home Tuesday.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Mrs. Edith Gilmore, of Waco, came in first of the week for a visit with her daughters, Mesdames V. B. Sublett and Paul Stanford.



JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS

We have on our floor both single and double row planters and cultivators in the well known John Deere make, having just received and unloaded a car of this make of implements.

We also have just unloaded a car of barbed wire and poultry netting. Our stock of hardware is now the largest that we have ever carried.

Your trade will be appreciated by us and we feel that we are in position to give you Satisfaction in regard to goods both in quality of goods and price.

Grocery Department

A fresh and complete stock of staple and fancy groceries. Also all reasonably fresh vegetables. We have just received a fresh car of that good American Beauty Flour. Be sure and try a sack. Saturday we have a demonstration of the National line of crackers and cakes. Be sure and see what we have.

CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to all who were so kind to us during the recent short illness and death of our beloved husband, father, and brother. We are especially grateful to one and all neighbors, friends, members of the Masonic Lodge, the business men of Merkel for closing their doors in honor of him who is no more in this world. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one, is our sincere desire. Mrs. J. P. Sublett, George Sublett, Mrs. Belle Hays, L. C. Sublett, B. T. Sublett, V. B. Sublett, and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, also Amelia Starkcy and A. C. Sublett, sister, and brother.

Every American should know the history of our country! Do not depend on the mouldy pages of books for your knowledge of the work of America's greatest men—see them and their accomplishments in the universal language of the screen. See—"In the Days of Buffalo Bill"—at the GEM, Saturday, February, 9. It

Married

On Saturday night, January, 20th, a party of youngsters motored to the residence of A. L. Jobe where Mr. F. A. London and Miss Beulah Whetsel, were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. A. L. Jobe saying the words that made them husband and wife.

Mr. M. L. Alexander, one of the excellent citizens of Tye, is among those whose name has been added to our fast growing subscription list this week.

After you let me work over your old top and side curtains, you will laugh at the next cold or rainy spell we have.—Dowell, the Top man. It

Mrs. M. A. Pettus is on the sick list this week.

New lot of Wilson Bros. Ties and sox—Lyle. It

Loud Speaking Radio Installed

AT THE MERKEL GARAGE

The Merkel Garage has installed a loud speaking Radio and everybody is invited to call and listen to the concerts from 9:30 to 2 o'clock p. m. It will be worth your while to come. Some, comes from Fort Worth Star-Telegram, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Kansas City Night Hawks—Always something good from them. About 11:30, Kansas City Star, Denver, Colo. Davenport, Iowa, and many other large cities, besides smaller ones nearer home. Come and listen to the good things we have for you. You are always welcome.

THE DRIVE IN STATION

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Thursday Club Notes

The home of Mrs. T. E. Collins on Kent Street was a scene of much merriment, Thursday January 25, when Mesdames Collins and Lassiter were co-hostesses to the Thursday club.

The rooms were attractive with vases of flowers and buds, making all feel as though it must be spring.

Some time was spent in greeting members and friends, then the various conversations were hushed when Mrs. Collins announced a reading by Master Joe Earl Lassiter Jr., who so ably gave, "The Black Mammy" after which, "The black Mammy" was made real, by same coming through the dining room into the reception rooms where all guests were assembled. She was bearing a beautiful basket filled with dainty and useful things which was delivered to Mrs. W. J. Largent, as a token of love and esteem from each one present.

Then followed two very interesting contests, in which Mrs. J. L. Winter was successful in a cut with Mesdames Groene, West and Anderson, and was awarded a beautiful hand embroidered coverlet, which she presented to the honoree.

Tables were laid with hand embroidered luncheon sets, and bud vases containing a rose bud Misses Christene Collins and Iva Bragg assisted the hostess in serving a delicious salad course with hot chocolate and Eskimo pie.

At a late hour all departed after thanking the hostess for this, one of the most pleasant parties attended.

Why bother with the uncertainty of a washwoman, when you can have it all washed and starched and ironed and delivered in good shape for less. Soft collars and shirts are included in my pound rate. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. tf

You're cheating yourself, if you miss "In the Days of Buffalo Bill," the educational serial masterpiece in eighteen fascinating chapters, at the Gem Theatre, Saturday, Feb. 9th. It

Announcement is made that on next Tuesday night there will be degree work by the local Odd Fellows Lodge. Every member is urged to come and enjoy same.

Just arrived direct from the factory, beautiful line Van Roolte silk Hose in Cordovan, Black, and Beige, with Clocking. Lyle. It

Chops, Brand, Shorts at G. M. Sharps. It

Fresh car Peace Maker flour at G. M. Sharp's. It.

W. P. Duckett will pay as much as anyone else for your chickens, eggs, hides and furs. It.

Our dusting and renovating alone is worth the price charged for the finished job. Try it out, no odor process. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf

M. E. Parker, local secretary for the Farm Bureau, announces that this organization will meet at the Woodmen Hall on next Monday night. It is expected that officers for the next year will be elected at this time and it is therefore urged that all members be present.

Seed Oats, at G. M. Sharps. It

See John S. Hughes Cash Grocery for a bargain in some good work mules. Cash or approved notes. Itp

As the old saying goes, "Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing but nobody else does.

Dr. Cranford was a visitor in Abilene Thursday.

Let Lyle make your new spring suit to measure. Made by the National Tailoring Co. New Style book and samples just received. A. T. Lyle. It

J. H. Fultz, an erstwhile citizen of Merkel but now sojourning in Sweetwater, was a visitor to Merkel Saturday. Mr. Fultz tells us that Merkel only claimed one stone business building and that on Edwards street, all others being built of wood when he lived here.

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday	Anita Stewart IN "Sowing the Wind"	Saturday	Pete Morrison IN "Coossing Trails"
Also—	PATHE COMEDY	Also—	Special Comedy
And—	TRAVEL REVIEW	And—	Pathe News

"WAY DOWN EAST"

THE GREATEST PICTURE SINCE the "BIRTH OF A NATION" THE SHOW YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

MONDAY and TUESDAY, FEB. 5 and 6

House open 7:30 — Feature at 8 Sharp
 Admission and war tax - - - Children under 12, 20c; Others 50c

The church of Christ at Rotan will dedicate their new church building next Sunday, February 4th. The building approximately cost \$30,000 and is said to be one of the most up-to-date and prettiest buildings in that part of the country. Elder W. G. Cypert of our city has been invited to preach the dedicating sermon; he has accepted and will leave for Rotan Saturday.

W. T. Daniel returned last Friday from the old state of Alabama where he had been on an extended visit. He reports a most enjoyable visit and that the people of "back there" are happy and contented.

Bands of cold steel! But Abraham Lincoln had a vision—he knew that the magic touch of man could make of them great bonds of growth between the East and West. See for yourself the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad, the first trans continental line uniting eastern and western United States.—Gem Theatre Saturday Feb. 9 It

Mrs. W. T. Hay and family went to Abilene Monday evening to see Mr. Hay, who by accident was knocked down by a car in Dallas and was badly injured. They returned home Tuesday evening.

Dr. W. M. Gambill is having curbing and sidewalks placed in front of his home, which adds greatly to the attractiveness of same.

Guy Darsey, came in home last week from Coahoma, where he had spent some time with Hendricks Bros. and Cook, who are building a gin at Coahoma, and which they expect to have ready for operation by the coming cotton season.

Emmette Grimes left last week for Waco, where he has accepted a position with one of the largest drug firms of that city. Emmette is one of Merkel's most popular and excellent young men, and the Mail predicts that he will make good in his new position.

Don't forget to bring your poultry to Duckett Produce. It

Rev. S. P. Gilmore of Whitt, Texas, pastor of the Methodist Church at that place, came in first of the week to visit his sister, Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

H. T. Merritt, has purchased the E. L. Rogers residence on the south side and is now living in the same. The deal was closed last Friday, the purchase price being \$1250.00

I can sell you a Ford top or side curtains that opens with the doors. Have your Car top ready for the next cold spell—Dowell, the top man. It

Young men! Call and price the new spring line of Wilson Bros. Madras and Silk shirts at —Lyles. It

R. C. Canon, Merkel Route, One, is another new reader of the Mail for the next year.

Mrs. Lizzie Adkins, of Abilene is a guest in the home of her uncle, J. L. Banner. Mr. Banner had not seen his niece but twice since she was a little girl. It.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit, of Renner, Texas, are here this week for a visit with Mrs. Coit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren. Mr. Coit returned to his home Thursday; leaving Mrs. Coit and the children for a more extended visit.

J. A. McFarland and wife of Campbellsville, Ky., while enroute from a trip to El Paso, to their home, stopped off here first of the week for a few days visit with W. G. Leach, one of the accommodating telegraph operators at the T. & P station.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, were in the city last Saturday from their home near Blair, and while here Mr. Spears ordered us to send the Merkle Mail to his son H. E. Spars at Carlsbad Texas, for the following year.

Best grade of outing, 15c—Lyle. It.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good Mesquite Wood at \$2.50 per cord. W. W. Haynes, in French Pasture. Phone 9032 F1-3. 4t4.

FOR SALE—A truck bed with enclosed cab, at \$15.00. See S. K. Eckerd. 1tp

FOR SALE—80 acres of land, good water; house, and 35 acres in cultivation. The rest can be put in. Located 3 miles west of Noodle. Will take \$25 an acre, halfcash, and easy terms on balance. Phone Merkel 9020F22. 26t2

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Texas Red Oats. Free from Johnson grass. Price 75c per bushel. Walter Hammond. (Near Sam Rister. 4t2pd

FOR SALE—Some good mules and milk cows, also standard Planter and Cultivator. W. A. Hunter, Route 5. 1tp

FOR SALE—Some good Maize, R. L. Bland. It

FOR SALE—Span of good young work mules. Cash or approved note. Liberty Hardware Company. tf.

WANTED

WANTED—A good second hand saddle. See M. P. Lattimer Merkel, Route 5. 1tp

ADVICE TO THE AGED
 Are brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.
Tutt's Pills
 have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, gives natural action, and imparts vigor to the system.

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Then attend the Big Public Benefit Tea, at the home of

Mrs. L. L. Huddleston

On

Saturday February 3rd

Proceeds for Benefit of Our Public School.

Tea will be served from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.

Everybody Welcome

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 TURKISH VIRGINIA BURLEY
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A PLEA And an Offer of Reward

In the fulfillment of its service, this Company is often seriously interfered with in various ways.

Long periods of lack of electric service are experienced by our customers through no fault of the Company but through thoughtless and oftentimes malicious actions by individuals.

Hunters frequently shoot the insulators on our cross arms, causing a line to burn down. The burning down of a line throws out a switch in the Central Power Station at Abilene, putting in darkness for several hours the territory served by the damaged line.

Identical consequence are suffered by our customers, and the Company is put to similar trouble and expense, when pieces of barbed-wire are thrown across our lines.

This Company appeals to the fair-mindedness of West Texas citizens for their cooperation in eliminating these annoying, costly, unnecessary and frequently-recurring acts of vandalism.

An exceedingly liberal reward will be paid to anyone causing the arrest and conviction of parties caught destroying our property, and violating the service we strive so faithfully and sincerely to maintain.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

Poultry Wire

We have a large stock of Poultry Wire, also we have hog wire, barb wire fence wire, screen, wire or hail wire.

We are expecting two cars of implements in a few days. Get our prices and look over our lines, before you buy.

We are not the largest hardware people in West Texas. But we are still alive. Help us grow, we will try to give you value received for your dollar.

Everything in Hardware for The Spring Garden

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The only exclusive hardware store in Merkel

AT THE GEM

A fortune was spent by Universal in the transporting of old engines, coaches, flat-cars and other equipment from the Union Pacific Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, for use in the production of "In the Days of Buffalo Bill," which opens at the Gem theatre on Feb. 9. No page of history was left unturned in gathering accurate data for this highly educational and entertaining chapter play.

Saturdays Matinee will be used for each chapter of this Serial, with a good Western Picture. At the Gem beginning on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Devotional meeting— "Make his praise glorious."

Bible readers quiz.
Leader; Ruth Boden
Introduction

1. Jesus Praised by the Multitude—Mr. O. R. Bird.

2. Our Presence is an act of Praise—Ethel Wilson

2. Prayer an expression of praise, Ruth Holloway.

4. Personal Testimony of great value in a Praise Service, Loyd Hardy.

5. Giving may have a large place in "Making his praise Glorious, Dixie Howard.

6. The place of Music in a praise service, Maude Hardy.

Holland Teaff has accepted a position with the West Texas Utilities Company of this city, and has this week entered upon his duties with this company. Mr. Teaff his highly capable and qualified to fill this position with satisfaction to the company as well as credit to himself.

Miss Nellie Penney of Clyde, was the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns last week.

Send it all to the laundry, have it done where a guarantee goes with every order. Ligon the laundryman phone 218.

M. E. Missionary Society Notes

We observed our fifth Monday by having our regular program from the Voice and the report of our delegate to the all day district meeting at Abilene. Mrs. Sanders was our delegate to this meeting and certainly did bring us a wonderful report. The society tendered Mrs. Sanders a rising vote of thanks for such an interesting and helpful report.

A few of those on program were absent but others were substituted in their places and a very interesting program was carried out. At the close of the program, Roll call was answered by a missionary resolution for 1923 and each one present had resolved to be a better missionary woman in 1923 than ever before, pledging more time prayer, and money than ever before. Many of the pledge cards were signed and handed in. Mrs. Hays informed us that it was her birthday and that she had been accustomed for many years to give \$1 to be used for the society's benefit. We are indeed grateful to Mrs. Hays.

We were gratified to see so many present, but there is always room for more. Let each work to make this the banner year for the society. Next Monday will be our regular business meeting day. Come at 2:30.

CARD OF THANKS

Through the medium of the Merkel Mail, I wish to express my thanks to the business men, bankers and professional men, for the generous prize of fifteen dollars which I was the lucky one to win. The fine spirit of cooperation that prompted this, and other movements, for the upbuilding of our city should make every Citizen in Merkel and vicinity desirous to help make Merkel the best town of its size in the State. Respectfully, Mrs. J. R. Barnett.



DON'T BLAME IT ON THE GROUNDHOG

He only acts according to his lights--and shadows.

Let Spring come when she will, we're ready. And, as usual, you'll get the new things first here.

We are receiving daily shipments of new spring shoes for men women and children. You will find a good showing of all the new things in foot wear here at prices to please you.

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"THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRAD"

Be sure to see the 16 button Kid gloves at Lyle's, Price, \$4.95 Value \$7.00. It

A. C. Sublett, of Copperas Cove, Texas, was here this week to attend the funeral of his brother, J. P. Sublett, who passed away on Monday.

Spring percales at 20c the yard.—Lyle. It.

Mr. Pete Johnson, roadmaster of this division of the T. & P. railroad, was here Wednesday from Sweetwater.

Misses Ethel and Berdie Riley returned to Trent Wednesday evening. They were the guests of Miss Aliene Childers while in the city.

Earl Baize, hustling representative for the Merkel Motor Co. spent last week at Roby, where he succeeded in selling several new Fords.

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You might think your suit or dress is faded—it just needs a good dry cleaning, which removes all the dirt and dust, cleans it clean and puts a press in it that stays. Positively guaranteed. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218.

I am now in the George Brown shop on Kent Street, bring your top and paint work I know my "Oere" on that work, Dowell the top man. It

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders have this week moved to a residence on the north side belonging to Mrs. H. C. Williams, the one, formerly occupied having recently sold to Mr. S. A. Freeman, who with his will will occupy same.

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OUR SPRING INVITATION

It makes no difference to us as to whether you are in the market for a new suit or not. We want you to come in at your earliest possible moment and look over our new spring sample lines. They are far the best and most beautiful we have ever shown. And we feel sure that the collection, style and prices are all so complete and reasonable that you can not afford to pass the opportunity up. Cash Tailor Shop Mrs. C. L. Cash Prop.

F. J. Smith Writes Letter

To the Merkel Mail Editor.— Dear Readers: Thinking it might interest some of my friends, I shall give a short sketch of my trip which I am taking this winter.

I left Merkel, Dec. 22, to spend Christmas with my son and his wife, at Uvalde. As my family and I made the trip, in the "jitney", we ate dinner the first day on the Colorado River. We spent the night at Fredericksburg, where we had the pleasure of eating supper and breakfast with Gov. Neff and his party.

After spending a happy Xmas week in Uvalde, I left, alone for Palacios. While there I expected to fish, but even down south it sometimes gets too cold for that. But I did enjoy the oyster suppers which I ate. Those who went to catch oysters were usually gone three or four days, but they always brought back from ten to twelve tons of oysters. There are four or five oyster houses there.

After staying in Palacios over a week, I went to Corpus Christi. About the first fellow I met was Len Browning. We went to the park and watched the old men 'pitch horse shoes' the leading sport for them. Then we went to the wharf and watched the fishers catch the Yellow Tails. These fish are from 6 to 12 inches long, mostly eight inches. There are from twenty to fifty men out on the wharf all time, some fishers, most all of them are tourists, from all over the gulf coast country.

Most of the houses now in Corpus are built high up, so there is no danger of their being washed away by floods. The people are to commence soon again on the sea wall.

Take care of Merkel till I get back. Yours truly, F. J. Smith, Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Geo. Bradley of Rising Star is here on a visit with Mrs. P. T. Allday.

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