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MAKES A SUCCESS OF STOCKFARMING

The experience of many of our most successful farmers gives weight to the contention that a combination of stockraising and farming gives the best returns for the investment in the Merkel country.

This is true of the experience of Price & Hunt whose stock farm is located eighteen miles north of Merkel on the Clear Fork of the Brazos. They cultivate about 1,000 acres of land and raise hogs.

The result of their hog industry even last year, as told by Mr. Price whom we met Saturday should prove of interest to our readers. "We shipped three cars of hogs last year. It was a hard year and we bought some of the hogs and most all of the feed. We realized by the sale \$3,700 and netted a clear profit of \$1,000 worth of feed which we fed to twelve head of mules during the year and had a little balance left besides. In any average year we would have realized a much better profit."

At present they have 350 acres in wheat and 100 acres in oats, up and pronounced by neighbors the prettiest they ever saw. On 128 acres of this they are receiving \$150 per month for pasturage. Mr. Price stated that they will sow 150 acres more to oats. He said: "When I was dusting in my wheat my neighbors told me that I had better spend my money for feed but now they see I was correct. All of it is doing good and am more than pleased with our prospects."

About sixteen years ago the subject of this little article arrived in Abilene with a wife and baby and \$5 00, his total worldly possessions and some sickness in the family relieved him of this money before he was located.

He rightly claims there is no better country for stock-farming or with better opportunities for the man who wants to make and accumulate a competence by tilling the soil.

Our School Superintendent.

There seems to prevail an opinion in and around Merkel that Supt. E. V. White has resigned the office of Co. Supt. of schools of Taylor county. This is an error. Supt. White is now spending four days of each week visiting the schools and holding local institutes in various parts of the country. Mr. White is "making good" as a superintendent and the profits all go into the schools, in aid by way of encouragement, advice, directions and adjustment of any and all school affairs, that tend to strengthen the scholarship of the teacher, help the pupils and lead the citizenship to a higher educational and moral plane.

No county officer is held in higher esteem than Supt. White.

Mrs. S. P. Rister and new little daughter have returned from Abilene to their home in this city. Pope is able to get around on his rattle foot and since the better seven-eighths have returned he has forgotten his troubles.

MERKEL HAS SOME BAD BOYS

If the observer of approaching events will place his ear to the ground and take notice he will discern that there is some trouble brewing, and unless the intended victim or parents of same heed this warning there will be some smarter but sadder bad boys hereabout.

The Mail has reference to the breaking of window lights, removal of pickets from fences and damage otherwise to property in our city which has gotten to be a very common occurrence. The officers have been making some investigation and believe they have indisputable evidence as to several of the offenders and with the proper co-operation of the citizens of Merkel they have no fears but that they will bring some of the miscreants to grief and thereby break up the practice.

One property owner in talking to our reporter this week stated that his property had been considerably damaged and that he had been caused quite a bit of expense as the result of these kind of disdemans. It is a shame on our little city and a greater shame on the parents of said youngsters that this article is necessary. A parent should instill into the mind of his offspring even in the tender years a proper regard for the property rights of their neighbors and friends, and before asking or allowing the interference of officers they should take the young man and case in hand or lap and use strenuous efforts to make the proper impression both upon the tablets of his memory and the seat of his pantaloons.

The prominence we give this article and our earnestness in the warning is suggested by the sentiment which we know to have developed. The property owners, our good citizens and the officers have resolved that the practice must be stopped and is but our duty to give the proper notice. We suggest that all parents talk this matter over with their boys, no matter how far they may be above suspicion for if innocent they may carry the warning to the guilty who might otherwise be ignorant of the trouble that is certainly brewing for his discomfiture.

It is our hope that the practice will cease and that our officers will not be compelled to file any complaints or make any arrests.

W. M. Brown, self-confessed native-born and life-time resident of the famous Breathitt county, Kentucky, country and clime and a brother of our own L. Brown, the popular manager of Rust & McCauley Drug Company but otherwise just "Buster," arrived in our peaceable little burg this week and will remain until he gets ready to leave for he is welcome. He honored our office with a visit and is more than worthy of this brief mention.

The Mail this week carries an advertisement for the Brantley-Draughon Business College of Fort Worth. Mr. C. W. Holcomb, formerly of here is connected with the college which is one of the best in the state. If any young man or lady in our country wishes to patronize the institution the Mail will take pleasure in being of any assistance possible and at the present we have one scholarship which we would sell on credit to any worthy boy or girl.

William Robert, the little month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Russel was taken very suddenly and seriously ill the first of the week, suffering with pneumonia and whooping cough. Great uneasiness was felt by the physician and family but the latest reports from the home give hope that the young life may be spared.

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown are reported very sick and their illness is the cause of much uneasiness.

OUR GOOD READERS '12 THE OLD & THE NEW '12

The month of January has been a record-breaker in points of summer weather, aeroplane progress, legislative unrest and subscription business for this paper.

Drouths may come and go, boll worms can play their game of havoc and good roads, waterworks, Bailey, Little Crater and other propositions arise to divide our people and stir sentiment but one thing is certain the Buzz-Saw holds its place in the hearts of our citizens and will continue to be the paper the people read. It is because our subscribers believe in independent journalism and give to us and all others the same rights which they claim for themselves. They are patriotic, love their home and country and read their home paper. They are excellent judges of reading matter or else they are giving us their money just out of the gratitude of their hearts for we happen to know they are not flush.

The following is our list of immortals for the week.

W. V. George, Eskota; C. L. Deutschman, Noodle; R. L. Adcock, Caps; W. W. Price, Noodle; Bob Earnest, Van Horn; H. A. Barnes, Minden, La.; J. F. Angus, Lynnville, Tenn.; Rev. J. T. Hughes, Warrior, Ala. (by John Davenport); J. H. Davenport, Nubia; Jim Tally, Barry; J. H. Thornton, Abilene; G. W. Howard, Baylor Med. Collge,

Dallas; Miss Sophia Howard, Sam Houston Normal, Georgetown; J. A. Collum, Dalton; C. H. Williams, U. L. Blackburn, A. N. Pike, E. F. Vantrees, J. M. Provine, Mack Angus, Henry West, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, J. B. Walton, Woodroof Bros., Merkel and the rural routes.

Marriage License.

R. S. Heizer, Merkel, and Mrs. Emma Scoggins, Clarendon.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The above information was brought to Merkel yesterday morning on the same train which bore the happy bride and groom. The Mail joins with the many friends of Rev. R. S. Heizer in congratulations to both and a hearty welcome for his chosen help-mate to the church and social circles of our little city.

Alex A. Wisdom resigned his position the first of the month with J. P. Sharp and will return to his home at Pottsville. Mr. Wisdom has made many warm friends in our little city and will be sorely missed in business, fraternal and social circles. Our good wishes go with him and we retain the hope that he will at some time return and make his home with us again.

Miller Elliott who began his ink-dobbing career in the Mail office and quit to take employment in the house of our enemy has returned to his first love and will help us run the old rag by the hard times.

We pay the highest cash price for produce. Gaither & Sons.

REVIVAL MEETING BEGAN ON SUNDAY

The revival services as advertised began last Sunday at the morning service and have continued during the week.

The meeting is in charge of Rev. A. M. Martin pastor of the Methodist church and Rev. Geo. Crane, pastor of the Presbyterian church has been directing the choir services and otherwise giving assistance. There has been an unusual good attendance and interest and the earnest preaching has resulted in several conversions. In speaking of the revival Rev. Martin said:

"We are well pleased with the progress and I am glad to speak my appreciation of the assistance being rendered. I wish to urge the co-operation of all christians and especially do I wish to urge the unsaved to attend these services."

The services during the week days are held at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m., and Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

All are cordially invited.

Prickly Pear Burners.

John Sears received and put into operation recently on his stock farm north of this city a prickly pear burner, the third of its kind to be sold in our country. The others have been used on the places of Arthur Sears and H. W. Derstine.

According to those who have had experience the arrangement is one of value to any stock grower who has the plant on his land in any quantity. The burner is made to hang over the shoulder and the wearer can in a very short while burn a load of the pear which if left standing or cut up makes good feed. It is the estimate of one that figuring the cost of gasoline, time, etc., the burner makes a saving of two-thirds of the feed bill and this is no small item for our stock growers in the present condition of our country and prevailing prices of feed stuff.

New Restaurant.

The new restaurant which opened last week in the building formerly occupied by the Rose barbershop has received favor by our eating public and the enterprise promises continued success. The restaurant is owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pate and the latter has personal charge of the kitchen and they invite a share of your patronage. Read their advertisement.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. L. Annis left the latter part of last week overland for a visit with relatives and friends at Stamford. The good old couple drove by our office to caution us thusly: "Now, do not say we are leaving Merkel for good. We have simply closed up shop and are going to stay away as long as we please and come back when we get ready. Merkel is home." We wish them a good time.

We are the exclusive agents for the celebrated "Baker Boy" flour, the best made. Try Baker Boy biscuits one time. Gaither & Sons.

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Rust & McCauley Drug Company, L. Brown, Manager

OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

In the hope to make our paper of more interest to the majority of our religious readers and of some force for the promotion of our moral as well as material interests the Mail invited these contributions from our local ministers. Their cheerful acceptance enables us to promise this as a regular feature for our many readers during the new year.

The Voice of God.

Psalms 50:1.

The mighty God hath spoken. Paul said, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." The question naturally arises, does God still speak unto the people? We answer in the affirmative.

God speaks the various instrumentalities. Each inventor accompanies his sewing machine or reaper with a hand-book of explanation. The illustrated chart explains the wheel, the picture explains this bolt, this pulley and that escapement. But a philosopher has described the instinct of animals as the hand-book that accompanies them and explains their mechanism. It is not a matter of doubt or uncertainty as to what the beast is to do. By instinct the lark sings, the eagle flies, the squirrel gathers his store. Instinct teaches the spider how to fashion her web, teaches the bee how to make her cell six sided and teaches the ant to lay up her winter store. The vegetable world has also gotten its voice and proclamation from God.

Rending away the acorn's shell the plantlet proclaims itself the oak. Concealed under many coverings the rose bud bursts its wrappings and publishes its scarlet secret. From Newton the sun has no secrets, from Wordsworth the rainbow has no hidden colors, to Grike geology yields up her hidden story. To Proctor the stars proclaim their far away mystery and to the spectroscope or phonograph all forces and facts seem to whisper their rich secrets.

Indeed nature is becoming one vast whispering gallery, the earth one vast room where God's voice is heard, to reverberate again and again. Indeed the time seems to be rapidly approaching when every secret shall be known. There is not a shrub or seed or bird or beast or star but breaks into voice for man's instruction.

Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge. Nature has not concealed the folly of iniquity nor has she been silent as to the dif-

ference between right and wrong.

There is a wide chasm between the snow drift and the rose. So nature has made a wide difference between the criminal and the philanthropist.

To each wrong doer she spoke in voice that is sharp and clear and the more we are inclined to hear her teachings, the more audible her voices. The less heed we give, more and more inaudible will those voices be. If the youth harbor an evil thought within, nature straightway sets the brand of evil upon the face, that beholding his face in the mirror he may draw back from defilement.

In the region of the crater of Vesuvius man has a warning by the steam arising from the boiling springs and the sulphurous smoke arising from the fissures in the earth.

On Niagara's smooth placid waters may be heard the thunderings of the awful falls.

Man always has a warning and it is the voice of God. The voice of God in the letter O as in the word "ought" is large enough to include the whole universe. I ought to be a better boy or girl. I ought to be a better man or woman. I ought to be a better citizen. I ought to be a child of God. I ought to be a live working member of the church. "He that knowest to do his Master's will and doeth it not shall be beaten with many stripes." The storm, the earthquake, disease and death, all speak to us in clear and unmistakable terms. "Prepare to meet thy God."

It may be truthfully said that no philosopher, no poet or student hath ever spoken so fully his mind as the great God. The passing seasons with the majesty of the summer and the sanctity of the winter represents his passing thoughts. God spoke to us through the human conscience. One day, Theodore Parker, that great New England divine, when a small boy was walking near his home when he saw a frog, not knowing what it was, he picked up a stick to strike it, but after a second's thought went into the house and said to his mother, I saw an animal was about to strike it but a voice seemed to say to me "don't hit it." Mother

whose voice was that? She said my son, it was the voice of God. Some people call it the conscience.

God spoke out of the burning bush, out of the whirlwind, out of the cloud and the fire. Hath in these latter days spoken unto us out of his word, through his ministry and by the holy spirit, and through the individual conscience. "If you will hear his voice harden not your heart."

Geo. A. Cane.

The Best Hour of Life

is when you do some great deed or discover some wonderful fact. This hour came to J. R. Pitt, of Rocky Mt., N. C. when he was suffering intensely, as he says, "from the worst cold I ever had, I then proved to my great satisfaction, what a wonderful cold and cough cure Dr. King's New Discovery is. For after taking one bottle, I was entirely cured. You can't say anything too good of a medicine like that." Its the surest and best remedy for diseased lungs hemorrhage, La-Grippe, asthma, hay fever—any throat or lung trouble. 50c. \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H C Burroughs

Jury Dismissed; Could Not Agree.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 28 — After struggling for more than twenty-four hours with a mass of technical and sensational testimony the jury in the case of Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with poisoning her husband, John O. Schenk, announced that they were hopelessly divided and could not reach an agreement. Judge L. S. Jordan importuned them to further efforts, but at 5:04 p. m. discharged them from the case.

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Knight Guilty, Declares Jury.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 28 — "We, the jury, find the defendant, Ike S. Knight, guilty of manslaughter and assess his punishment at five years in the state penitentiary."

This verdict was reached at 2:20 Friday afternoon, after 27 hours deliberation. The verdict concluded the third trial of one of the hardest contested murder cases in the record of Tarrant county courts.

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Farmer is Killed.

Big Spring, Jan. 27.—Henry Chambers, aged sixty-three years, a farmer of Howard county, was killed this morning when his team became frightened at a Texas & Pacific engine. Chambers was thrown from his wagon and was struck by the train when the horses bolted directly in front of the track. The wagon was splintered. The dead man is survived by a wife and family.

Baby Hands

will get into mischief—often it means a burn or cut or scald. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, rheumatism and all pains. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

The basket ball team of the Merkel school was defeated on their own grounds here last Saturday afternoon by the Stith team. The Merkel lads are ashamed that the country has beaten the town and boast that they will get revenge in the next game to be played Saturday afternoon at Stith. We pick the boys who eat spare ribs and country sausage for continuous champions.

Smoke with the Elite.

Presiding Elder S. A. Barnes who preached at the Methodist church Saturday night and intended assisting in the revival there was taken sick at the home of Rev. J. H. Lowrey Sunday morning and was compelled to return to his home at Abilene.

The furniture and office fixtures of Dr. E. Wilder were loaded the first of the week and consigned to Ashville, N. C., where he has located. The many friends and patients of Dr. Wilder regret that he is to leave us.

Don't fail to see W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and best prices for your produce.

Misses Lizzie Wisdom and Pearl Lowdermilk and Merle Alsobrook, students of the Abilene Christian College spent Sunday with Merkel friends and relatives.

Bob Phillips left for Eastland Tuesday where he has contracted for work on the public school building. His work at that place will last several weeks.

Plenty of New Dress Gingham at 10 cents per yard at Harkrider's.

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.

L. H. King, Courtney Hunt, Ross Ferrier and Skinny Evans made a business trip to Potosi Tuesday morning.

The "Latest Models" in Warners "Rust Proof" corsets at Harkrider's.

A friend of the family reports to the Mail the serious illness of two children of Chas. Smith in the Stith community.

The best of cold drinks and always ice cold. The Elite.

Miss Josie Lowery who is teaching at Stith spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

A nice selection of spring dress goods to arrive this week. W. L. Harkrider.

All kinds of fresh fruits and nuts at the Elite.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 7; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

J. H. Warnick visited his bank at Eskota Monday.

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J. M. Dunnagin, the gin man was in from Stith this week.

Plenty of new dress gingham at 10 cents per yard at Harkrider's.

W. B. Massey is confined to his home at Stith with a severe attack of the grip.

Come to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and high prices for produce.

John Berry is reported to have a very sick child at his home northwest of Merkel.

A nice selection of spring dress goods to arrive this week. W. L. Harkrider.

W. R. Walker made a business visit to Abilene the first of the week.

W. M. Jenkins pays the highest prices for chickens, turkeys and eggs.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Mrs. A. M. Martin and two children are reported on the sick list this week.

A few choice young registered Hereford bulls for sale. C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas.

Carl Lowery was out of school the first of the week on account of sickness.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Miss Ethel Williams resumed her studies in the Abilene Christian College Tuesday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams.

The "Latest Models" in Warners "Rust Proof" corsets at Harkrider's.

Dan Cupid will be presented to Merkel theatre-lovers at the opera house tonight and the Abilene papers pronounce it a delightful musical comedy.

Demonstrating double disc records, free for owners of phonographs—only pay for express. The Elite.

J. M. Pate has opened a restaurant in the building formerly occupied by the Elite and reports that his place has received popular patronage since the opening day.

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

WORRY KILLS.

Modern science has brought to light nothing more interesting than that worry kills. More remarkable still, it has been able to determine from recent discoveries just how worry does kill.

It is believed by many scientists who have followed carefully the growth of the science of brain disease that scores of the deaths set down to their causes are due to worry and that alone. The theory is a simple one, so simple that any one can readily understand it.

Briefly put, it amounts to this: Worry injures beyond repair certain cells of the brain, and the brain being the nutritive center of the body, the other organs become gradually injured, and when some disease of these organs or a combination of them arise death finally ensues.

Thus worry kills. Insidiously, like many other diseases, it creeps upon the brain the form of a single, constant never-lost idea, and as a dropping of water over a period of years will wear a groove in a stone, so does worry gradually, imperceptibly and no less surely destroy the brain cells that lead all the rest; which are, so to speak, the commanding officers of mental power, health and motion.

Worry, to make the theory still stronger, is an irritant at certain points which produces little harm, if it comes at intervals or irregularly. Occasional worryment the brain can cope with, but the iteration and the reiteration of one idea of a disquieting sort the cells of the brain are not proof against.

It is as if the skull were laid bare and the surface of the brain struck lightly with a hammer every few seconds with mechanical precision, with never a sign of a stop or the failure of a stroke. Just in this way does the annoying idea the maddening thought that will not be done away with, strike or fall upon certain nerve cells, never ceasing, diminishing the vitality of the delicate organisms that are so minute that they can be seen only under the microscope.—Journal of Physiological Therapeutics.

DOCTRINE OF BROTHERLY KINDNESS.

Don't be too harsh in your judgment. The old dusty volume that we make such loud pretensions about says emphatically, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." The fact is we can't always arrive at the reality by the appearance—the rich man may be dressed in rags and the pauper in broadcloth, the saint may be in the gutter and the sinner may be in the amen corner. So the best plan is to steer our course along the common plane of humanity with charity toward all and malice toward none, regarding as the central fact of our existence that we have a common origin and a common destiny, and that the few short years of our association from the cradle to the grave should be used in building up and not in tearing down.—Bertram Banner.

WHOSE BOY?

Some years ago the late Horace Mann, the eminent educator, delivered an address at the opening of a reformatory for boys during which he remarked that if only one boy was saved from ruin it would pay for all the cost and care and labor of establishing such an institution as that. After the exercises Mr. Mann was asked:

"Didn't you color that a little when you said that expense and labor would be repaid if it only saved one boy?"

"Not if it was my boy," was the solemn and convincing reply.

Ah! there is a wonderful value about "my boy." Other boys may be rude and rough; other boys may be reckless and wild; other boys may seem to require more pains and labor than they ever will repay; their boys may be left to drift uncared for to the ruin which is so near at hand; but "my boy"—it were worth the toil of a lifetime and the lavish wealth of a world to save him from temporal and eternal ruin. We would go the world around to save him from peril, and would bless every hand that was stretched out to give him help or welcome. And yet every poor, wandering, outcast, homeless man is one whom some fond mother called "my boy." Every lost woman sunk in the depths of sin was somebody's daughter in her days of childish innocence. Today somebody's son is a hungry outcast, pressed to the very verge of crime and sin. Today somebody's daughter is a wanderer, driven by necessity to the paths that lead to death. Shall we shrink from labor, shall we hesitate at cost, when the work before us is the salvation of a soul? Not if it is "my boy;" not if we have the love of him who gave his life to save the lost.—Common People.

SELF-HELP.

Fight your own battles; hoe your own row. Ask no favors of anyone, and you'll succeed five thousand times better than one who is always beseeching some one's patronage. No one will ever help you as you help yourself because no one will be so heartily interested in your affairs. The first step will not be such a long one perhaps but carving your own way up the mountain, you make each one lead to another, and stand firm in that while you chop another out. Men who made fortunes are not those who had five thousand dollars given them to start with, but started fair with a dollar or two. Men who with their own exertions acquired fame, have not been thrust into popularity by puffs begged or paid for or given in friendly spirit. They have stretched out their hands and touched the public hearts. Men who win love do their own wooing. Whether you work for fame, for love, for money, or for any thing else, work with your hands, heart and brain. Say "I will," and some day you will conquer. Never let any man have it to say, "I have dragged you up—I have made you what you are." Too many friends hurt a man more than none at all.—Ex.

The Mail is somewhat surprised that the new city charter of Abilene did not propose to take in the City in Clover. They passed up a good bet and when we apply for a new charter we will claim Tye.

Merkel and the Merkel country transferred a great part of their wealth to Abilene via the tax collector's office but we have about a quarter of a million in cash left which will do us until watermelon time.

If you failed to pay your poll tax you can make partial atonement now by coming across with your subscription and taking a pig to raise.

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The Noodle community was well represented on our streets last Saturday and several of the number fell into our subscription net. There are many good citizens living where the dirt roads cross and the others are not so bad. Come to Merkel again to trade.

See our new cut glass and silverware just received this week. Rust & McCauley Jewelry Company.

Judge W. T. Potter, Dr. J. H. Warnick, J. A. Sosebee, V. B. Walters, W. M. Jenkins and others were business visitors at the county capital Tuesday.

J. M. Provine was among those who renewed for the Mail and Dallas News Saturday.

Rev. Britain of Floydada will preach at the Baptist Church at the morning hour. In view of the meeting at the Methodist Church there will be no service at the evening hour.

W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

Miss Ethel Roberts went to Abilene yesterday to attend the Bible Institute.

Mrs. J. S. Swann and Miss Irene were in attendance this week upon the Bible Institute Abilene.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

E. F. Vantrees was one of the young friends of our paper who renewed Saturday. "Land is plowing good and everything looks good to me. I have the most of my land in good shape and am going to use the harrow after each good rain, and will do my level best to make a crop this year. Mr. Vantrees has 23 acres of wheat and oats on which he is pasturing 16 head of stock and all doing well.

W. D. Woodroof left Monday for St. Louis. He was joined at Denison by E. L. Woodroof, senior partner of the firm and they will visit the eastern markets and buy the spring and summer stocks for the Merkel and Waxahachie stores.

Prof. R. L. Adcock who is teaching school at Caps said that he fell out with the Mail in the good roads scrap but that we might be together on the next proposition so he renewed Saturday. He keeps posted on the doings of Merkel and the Merkel country.

J. S. Blassengame who recently moved from Red River county to the J. H. Watson place southeast of our city was in town laying in a supply of grain and groceries Saturday.

Blanke's Silver Crescent coffee, none better and few, if any as good, sold exclusively by Gaither & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin are the proud parents of a fine baby since the 25th ult.

Mrs. Katie Blann of Leonard is a guest this week of her sister Mrs. Lewis H. King.

Duke Evans who has been with the Mail for a long time and to whom we are under obligations for much faithful service resigned his position the first of the month. Duke intends to take some recreation and possibly a little later attend business college, but we predict that he will fall by the wayside and return to a case in some print shop and he is a good printer. Once a type-sticker it is hard to ever reform.

J. H. Thornton, a bit feeble and looking pale as the result of a recent illness but still much improved was among the visitors from Abilene this week and gave us a whole dollar. We wish with his friends that his improvement will continue for he has about a quarter of a century coming to him yet and we believe he will read the Buzz-Saw until he dies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. W. E. Britain, Mrs. H. T. Merritt and Mrs. Tracy attended the Bible institute at Abilene Tuesday, making a delightful trip in the former's touring car.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Rev. G. I. Britian of Floydada is attending the Bible Institute at Abilene and came up to spend Wednesday night with his sons, W. E. and G. M. Britain of our city.

Appropriate birthday and wedding presents are easily selected from our stock of new out glass and silverware just received this week. Rust & McCauley Jewelry Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FARM for rent. S. F. Haynes. 114

FOR SALE.—Some fine shoats and full blood Poland China Gilts. J. S. Touchstone. Rt. 1, Merkel. 164

Some good fresh milch cows for sale. See R. D. Allen Rt. 4. 272tpd.

FOR SALE.—One middle-buster and carrier, good as new, only used one season; cost \$35.00, will sell both for \$20.00. Also good cultivator for \$5.00. First National Bank 25-2tpd.

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LOST—A folding door key, marked Pennh & Co., No. 19. Return to this office and get \$1.00. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Good work or saddle horses. See W. H. Laney at City Meat Market. 114

FOR SALE—Roll top desk and Smith-Premier standard typewriter for half price. G. W. Boyce. 2-4t

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel 9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " " 11:29 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " 11:18 p.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel 5:31 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " 5:11 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " 6:46 p.m.

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On account of my health I am not able to farm or raise stock and will sell my land at a bargain. I also have some good horse stock to sell. Apply to or write Jas. Baker, Trent, Texas. 174t

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Poll Taxes Paid.

The correct total of poll tax payments and exemption certificates to the state and county, as shown by Tax Collector Crawford's books is 3,570, apportioned to the twenty-two voting boxes in the county as follows:

	Polls	Exem
Fire Station	765	83
Courthouse	715	78
Merkel	413	57
Ovalo	191	10
Buffalo Gap	120	17
Nubia	102	12
Potosi	99	12
Trent	96	6
Tuscola	85	8
Shep	78	6
Moro	74	10
Caps (Abilene)	63	4
Caps (Buffalo Gap)	59	1
Caps (Merkel)	33	2
Guion	55	7
Dewey	47	4
Bradshaw	47	2
Iberis	47	2
Tye (Merkel)	45	4
Tye (Abilene)	33	6
Jim Ned	43	4
Hamby	22	3
Totals	3,232	338
Complete total	3,570	

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. W. Childers was a very sad Irishman while in town Saturday for he had just lost another one of his fine pups. It must be a mean citizen who will poison a good dog and if J. W. knew the address of the one who administered the deadly dope to his pup we believe there would be something doing in this otherwise peaceful precinct. Let the dogs live and catch the wolves and rabbits.

C. C. Bush who formerly lived on Elm Creek but now of Oklahoma is here on a business visit and to see one of his sons. Mr. Bush is the father of eight boys living and three dead and there was no girl born to the couple.

J. W. Teaff, A. C. Boney and Chas. West were among the visitors Monday to pay their respects and taxes to Baylor Crawford. The rest of our population had gone before or went the next day.

We have opened a mule and horse barn on Front street. We will buy and sell mules and horses and also will handle feed stuffs. Jones & Warnick. 114

Will Burns was a passenger to Abilene Monday having received the contract for the erection of a windmill in that city.

See Gaither & Sons for the three essentials of life. Read their advertisement.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones Sunday night and they have the congratulations of their friends.

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Thursday evening, Jan. 26th the Baraca class of the Baptist church entertained in honor of the Philathea class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt on Elm street. Twenty-two guests were present. A most enjoyable time was reported as is ever the case when Mrs. Merritt opens her doors to the young people. The personnel of the Baraca class: Ben T. Merritt, president; Sam Swann, vice president; Grady Collins, secretary and treasurer; Lytton Howard, asst. secretary; Tracy Barlow, librarian; Miller Elliott, press reporter; Messrs W. E. Brittain, J. A. Bell, Robert Hicks, Andy Brown, George Musick, Floyd Dean, Mobley Whitley, Clyde and Barney Garrett, Wilbur Whitaker, Gale Lassiter, Ethridge Dockery, Ollie Dye, Britton Jobe and Lewis Valentine. Mrs. J. T. Warren, teacher.

The Misses Ferguson were the charming hostesses Saturday evening at their home. Various games were enjoyed. Those who participated were Misses Lillian Highsmith of Noodle, Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts; Fannie Pearl Moore, Euphie Cypert, Lizzie Wisdom and Pearl Loudermilk of Abilene. Grace Tucker, Ezma Alday, Minnie and Maud Ferguson, Messrs Alfred Ely of Noodle, Parker Sharp, Alex Wisdom, Rufford Evans, Roscoe Sharp, Duke Evans, Merle Alsobrook, Jessie Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bankhead.

Thursday, Jan. 26th the young Woman's Auxiliary of the W. M. U. met at the church and completed their organization. The officers elected were Miss Whitley, vice president; Mrs. W. O. Boney, treasurer; Ova Teaff, corresponding secretary. Program committee: Miss Dollie Teaff and Mrs. W. O. Boney. You are invited to meet with this Auxiliary at the church each Thursday at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert honored her children and their families Sunday Jan. 29th with a well appointed dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert and children of Trent, Mr and Mrs. Charley Russell and little daughter, Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert. Also Mrs. Ed. J. Rhoades of Tulsa Oklahoma and two children who are visiting Mrs. Will Calvert.

The XX Century Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Dickson on Oak street at 3:30 Saturday. Lesson, Henry VIII. Act 2, Scenes 1 and 2. Mrs. M. Armstrong, Leader.

The Zenobia Club meeting that was announced to meet with Mrs. H. C. Burroughs on

Rose street at 3 o'clock Friday, February 4th, lesson, Japan, leader, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, has been postponed on account of the meeting at the Methodist church.

Thursday evening Misses Fannie and Clara More entertained a few friends at their home. The following enjoyed 42, flinch and Bunco: Misses Ezma Alday, Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Inez Sharp, Minnie Ferguson, Maude Ferguson, Euphie Cypert, the hostesses, Messrs Tyre Sublett, Parker Sharp, Ollie Cordell and Roscoe Sharp.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the South Side Christian Church will meet Tuesday afternoon, February 14th. Let all the members be present and bring some one with you.

Baraca Meeting.

The Methodist Baraca's held a very interesting business meeting last Friday night. Besides the regular business was the election of officers, the following being elected for next quarter:

Bert Hudgins, President; Vernon Boring, Vice-President; Simpson Christopher, Secretary; Frank Smith, Treasurer; Earnest Duckett, Asst. Secretary; John Moore, Asst. Treasurer.

We would be glad to have all our members present at these meetings, we are planning something interesting in the literary line in the near future. All you members who don't come, come and see what we are doing.

All young men are invited to join us. Here's an invitation to you young man.

The Secretary.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, Feb. 5, "The Pressure of the Presence of God." Leader, Mrs. B. H. Moore.

Prayer.
Solo.—Miss Clara Saffles.
Bible reading, 90 Psalm.—Sam Swann.

Psalm 139:1-8—Miss Eva Cash Hymn.
Talks, "How God has Pressed Me.—Misses Ethel Roberts, Nola Whitley, Mrs. E. Hall, Messrs. Grady Collins, Robert Hicks and B. H. Moore.

Hymn.
Offertory.
Benediction.

Program of Y. L. A. of Baptist Church
Meets with Mrs. J. A. Bell Thursday, Feb. 10.

Leader—Miss Mary Lee Hicks. Scripture Reading, Mat. 28.
Prayer.
Christ's means and methods of giving the gospel to the world—Miss Lillian Howard.

Song—Misses Ova Teaff and Mary Lee Hicks.
Training in church life—Mrs. Jarris.
Prayer.

Mrs. Will Woodroof left Saturday for Bellevue to visit her parents.

J. H. Counts is in Abilene having some dental work done.

CHURCH NOTICES

[We will be glad to make any announcements of services, special programs or other items where no revenue is to be received, free of charge. Notices of entertainments for revenue or charging admission, at half the regular price.—Editor.]

At The Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunbeam Band 3 p. m.; Junior Union 4 p. m.; Senior Union 6 p. m.; Ladies Aid on Monday 3 p. m.; prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.; choir practice Friday 7:30 p. m. We cordially invite the public. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

At The Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Y.P.S.C.E. 6:30 p. m.; prayermeeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.; Ladies Missionary Society Monday 4 p. m. after each 3rd Sunday; regular session meetings on Thursday 7:30 p. m. on or before the first full moon in the month. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

Northside Church of Christ.

Bible study every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Communion services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7:30. Preaching 1st Sunday in each month. Every body cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Geo. W. Cypert.

Methodist Church Services.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Junior Leagues at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m., followed by Teacher Training Class meeting; Choir practice Saturday 7:15 p. m.; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first and third Mondays at 2:30 p. m.; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

Intermediate League Program, Feb. 5.

Subject, "Christ's Method of Meeting Temptation."
Leader—Dorothy Lee Potter.
Scripture Lesson, Matt. 4:1-11
—Leader.
Song No. 420, (Hymnal).
Prayer.
Song.
Talk on the lesson.
Scripture quotations—Leaguers.

Song.
Sentence prayer.
Select Reading on the life of Christ—Ollie Shaffer.
Reading—Noel Moore.
Song.
Roll call—Members respond with verses in the words of Jesus.
Minutes of last meeting.
Collection.
Benediction.

Mrs. Ed J. Rhoades and children of Tulsa, Okla., are in Merkel visiting Mesdames I. S. Allen and W. Parten. Mrs. Rhoades will visit her sister Mrs. Calvert at Trent. They are enroute to Mexico to join husband and father, Ed J. Rhoades.

E. M. Brown is in from one of his trips looking after business. He left Mrs. Brown in San Angelo with their son Jim.

Miss Lillian Highsmith visited homefolks Saturday. She is teaching school at Noodle.

Miss Sophia Howard left Monday for Huntsville to attend the Houston Normal.

In Bad Fix

"I had a mishap at the age of 41, which left me in bad fix," writes Mrs. Georgia Usher, of Conyers, Ga. "I was unconscious for three days, and after that I would have fainting spells, dizziness, nervousness, sick headache, heart palpitation and many strange feelings. "I suffered greatly with ailments due to the change of life and had 3 doctors, but they did no good, so I concluded to try Cardui.
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ABILENE, TEXAS

Road Work has Begun.

The work of improving roadways in Commissioners Precinct No. 1 is on in full swing. Contractor Keller of Dallas, who is the general foreman, has thirty teams at work cording rock for the rock crusher and will add fifteen more Monday. Before the week is out, declared a prominent country representative Saturday, there will be enough work in sight to accommodate as many men with their teams that care to work.

County Judge Bledsoe gave The Reporter an interesting interview Saturday in which he gave elaborate details as to the manner in which both rock and gravel roads are laid. One third of the roads are to be built of rock and two thirds of gravel. This is due to the fact that practically all the stone in the precinct is east of Lytle creek, while the gravel is on the west.

The crushed rock roads are made in an intricate manner. First the road is graded and all bumps taken out, leaving thirty feet between the ditches. Holes are filled up and where the road goes down steep places the grades are eased up, so to speak. This is dressed up by the road machine and trenches sixteen feet wide and six inches deep at the center are thrown out and rolled by the steam roller. In this trench six inches of crushed limestone is placed and rolled until firm. On this three inches of stone from one to one and three quarters inches in size is placed and again rolled. This is covered with a light coat of stone dust chips less than three-quarters of an inch in size, which is rolled over the surface and rolled until it disappears into the surface. Another coat is applied

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and rolled in until no more dust goes into the stone. Water is then put on and the road is sprinkled and rolled. This process is continued until the water runs off freely. The road is then left to dry out and set for a couple of days and is then thrown open for use.

Rock will be distributed along the road at intervals of two miles and piled before the crusher gets there. The crusher will be moved to the stone pile and a mile or more built in each direction from the crusher.

The gravel road is graded just like the hardier brother, the stone, and a trench is thrown out sixteen feet wide and eight inches deep at the side, and thoroughly rolled. In this trench a good grade of gravel, not more than one fifth of which is dirt or clay, is placed six inches deep. This is rolled and where necessary wetted or rolled. Another layer

of gravel five inches thick at the center, having not more than one fifth of dirt, is placed and wetted and rolled. This is allowed to set for a day or two and the road is thrown open for travel. In some cases ruts form after week's use. The gravel is smoothed with the grader and again wetted and rolled. After this it will be in good shape.

The county expects to put in permanent concrete culverts wherever necessary. This will be a great saving in the future because when they are once put in they will never have to be touched except to cut away the weeds growing up around them. Some will be arch culverts and some flat with steel in the bottom to strengthen them. Others will be round pipe culverts.

In addition to the stone and gravel work, the county expects to continue grading the dirt roads leading into the main traveled

thoroughfares, so that everyman in the precinct, when the gravel and stone roads are finished, will have a good road all the way to town or from his place to his neighbors.

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 Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at Rust & McCauley's drug store. Samples free.

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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 Rust & McCauley Co.

Sheriff's Slayer Surrenders.

Dalhart, Jan. 28.—In connection with the killing of Sheriff Martin of Hansford county Thursday, T. P. Fifer surrendered and was placed in jail at Canadian, Hemphill county, yesterday. A posse with bloodhounds was out on the case for a time.

The story of the death of Sheriff Martin was brought here today by members of the posse which pursued his slayer.

Doc Bolton, deputy United States Marshal, having ejectment papers to serve on Philip Fifer, near South Texhoma, took Martin along to assist him. Fifer had sworn to kill the first man attempting ejectment. As the officers approached his house near night Fifer ran from the back door, across his yard and into the stable.

The officers, side by side, approached the open stable door, calling for Fifer to surrender. Fifer replied with both barrels of a shotgun. The two charges struck Martin in the abdomen and as he fell dead Bolton caught him. Fifer, taking advantage of Bolton's attempt to save his fellow officer, leaped on a horse and made a successful dash to the brakes.

Life on Panama Canal

has had one frightful drawback—malaria trouble that has brought suffering and death to thousands. The germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "Three bottles completely cured me of a very severe attack of malaria," writes Wm A. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "and I've had good health ever since." Cure stomach, liver and kidney troubles, and prevent typhoid. 50c Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs

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Our Buyers in the Eastern Markets

This is but to say to our friends and customers that Messrs. E. L. and Will D. Woodroof are now in the eastern markets buying our new spring and summer goods which will begin to arrive in a few days. They will visit both St. Louis and New York and their purchases will make our place continue to be Merkel's Progressive Dry Goods Store.

OUR PAGE OF MERKEL COUNTRY NEWS

Written by Our Regular Correspondents

Shiloh Clippings.

Good morning Mr. Editor. Thank you, farmer girl, will take your preferred seat, provided you have no objections to my pipe. A beautiful day, and it makes me think of hitching up Gen and Jude and plowing my pumpkin patch.

There was quite an excitement at the residence of O. A. Hill Saturday night caused by an intruder who entered the house some way, and Earl Porter, an orphan boy who is making his home with Mr. Hill, hearing a noise in the hall went out to see what it was and they knocked him down inflicting a wound and rendering him unconscious. Mrs. Hill hearing the noise went out and found the boy but the intruder escaped and they haven't any idea who he is.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyess have been called away from home to the bedside of their grandson who is very low with pneumonia.

Terrell Winters and son are confined to the bed with lagrippe.

O. A. Hill and W. L. Byett attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Leuders Friday and Saturday.

Vera Phillips is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

Ed Story has two children with pneumonia.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

Valderee Rutledge went to Noodle on business Friday.

Oscar Sellers went to Trent Thursday.

The Misses Hale attended services at Hebron Sunday night.

There was singing at Mr. Hightower's Sunday evening.

Miss Alice James of Merkel is visiting her brother Broch James.

There was a musical entertainment at the residence of Bill Hall last Thursday night.

Miss Mary Green visited relatives and friends at Trent last week.

Elmer Pumkay and Walter Phillips of Shiloh attended the entertainment given by Miss Lillie Conder of Kale community and report a nice time.

Mr. Renchler is in California and his family will join him in the spring.

Miss Noby Sanders visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday. Happy Hoolagan.

Card of Thanks.

Stith Tex.—We take this method of returning our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness and attention during the recent illness and death of our companion and mother. In this sad hour we cannot thank each of you personally, but in our hearts we are sincerely grateful to you. It will help us to bear our sorrow to remember how each of you tried to make our burden lighter. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that our loved ones passed away among friends so good and true. W. L. Bridges and children.

Dora Doings.

Weather fine, just right for the farmers to plow.

We are very much grieved to state the sad fact that the death angel visited the home of Mr. Giesler Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock and took from them the sister and daughter, Lillian. Lillian was 12 years old and very bright. We know it's hard to part with her but the Lord knows best. It is his will be done not ours, we hope there will be a place prepared for us all just as we feel there was a place prepared for her at the Saviour's right hand. We have heart-felt sympathy for the bereaved. Our prayer is that we all may live here so that when we are called to cross death chilling tide we can meet Lillian at the shining portals.

Jim Martin who holds a position with the depot at Bomastin is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Lousford Brownfield was able to be out at Sunday school Sunday.

Carl Black has gone to Missouri where he expects to find work.

The singing given by Miss Maude Hanks was well attended and very much enjoyed by all present.

The storm singing at Miss May Prices was enjoyed and well attended. Brown Eyes.

Lame Shoulder.

This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely three times a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism. Sold by Rust & McCauley Co.

Butman Community.

The farmers are all making good use of the beautiful weather this week.

We are glad to say that little Miss Gladys Grider has recovered from a spell of rheumatism.

James Dulin spent Sunday with his cousins, Lee and Mithine Dulin.

Mrs. White is on the sick list this week.

Misses Perl Perkins and Amber Neighbors visited the school last week.

Miss Beulah Whisenhunt returned home last Saturday.

Misses Eula and Ruth Pannel were the guests of Miss Mary Grider Sunday afternoon.

There is a new comer at J. A. Dulins, a big girl.

A box supper will be held here Friday night.

There will be preaching at Butman Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody invited.

Farmer Girl.

Arrested

A cough that has been hanging on for over two months, by taking Ballars's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, colds, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED To summon C. E. Lea by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial district; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene on the 4th Monday in February A. D. 1911, the same being the 27th day of February, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1911, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 2677, wherein Mrs. Jessie Lea is Plaintiff and C. E. Lea is Defendant and the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Now comes your petitioner, Mrs. Jessie Lea, hereinafter styled plaintiff, complaining of C. E. Lea, hereinafter styled defendant and represents to the court that she resided in Taylor County, state of Texas, and that defendant's residence is unknown to plaintiff, and for cause of action plaintiff represents and makes known to the court that she is a boni fide inhabitant of said State, and had resided in Taylor County, Texas, for a period of more than six months next preceding the filing of this petition.

That plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 31st day of July A. D. 1901, and that said marriage is now a legal, binding and subsisting marriage; that they lived together as husband and wife from said date up to the 7th day of March, A. D. 1907; that between said dates and during said time plaintiff was kind and affectionate to defendant, always mindful of her marriage contract and vows, making a faithful and dutiful wife, notwithstanding all of which, and without any just cause or excuse and without the consent or knowledge of plaintiff, defendant, did on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1907, wilfully and voluntarily abandon plaintiff with the intention and purpose of permanently abandoning plaintiff; has not seen defendant since said date and has not heard of him for several years; that since said 7th day of March plaintiff and defendant have not lived together as husband and wife, and that said abandonment and has been continuous from said 7th day of March, 1907 up to the present time, a period of more than three years preceding the filing of this suit.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that upon final hearing she have judgment of the court for divorce, cancelling and annulling said marriage contract, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief as she may show herself justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1911.

J. F. Fuller, Clerk District Court, Taylor Co., Texas.

By D. J. Hill Jr., deputy.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Feb. 4, 1911:

Brown, Mrs. E.

Hinds, A. L.

Parker, Dr. F.

Gonzales, Sr Felix.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 18, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Most Popular Because it is the Best.

"I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the past eight years and find it to be one of the best selling medicines on the market. For babies and young children there is nothing better in the line of cough syrups," says Paul Allen, Plain Dealing, La. This remedy not only cures the coughs, colds and croup so common among young children, but it is pleasant and safe for them to take. For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

From Nubia.

Rev. Downing preached here Saturday and Sunday.

Jetta Grant has been very sick for the past two weeks.

Zelma Snow was a pleasant caller at Mr. Blair's Sunday.

Mrs. P. B. Deavenport has been very sick.

George Anderson and family visited here Sunday.

Iba Walker of Hamlin has been visiting his father at this place.

Mortitie Blair of Riney visited her grand parents Saturday and Sunday.

John Hughes and family visited John Deavenport and family Friday.

Mrs. K. Blackburn received a message Saturday from Alabama, stating that her brother was killed that morning.

Hosea Davenport of Blair was here Sunday. Brown Eyes.

Bring your butter, eggs and chickens to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street. tf

A Shaking Up

may all be very well so far as the trusts are concerned, but not when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure—Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Center Point Singing.

The Mail is requested by T. H. Spears, chairmen to give cordial invitation to all and special invitation to singers to attend the regular meetings of the Center Point Singing class on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 2:30. The class was organized last Sunday and the interest manifested insures success and entertainment for those who attend.

Worn Out

That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it, when Ballard's Horehound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Good for Our Buzzer.

Barry, Texas, Jan. 30.—Merkel Mail: Enclosed you will find money order for \$2 for which please keep the Buzz Saw in motion. Yours truly, Jim Tally.

A Common Cold.

We claim that if catching cold could be avoided some of the most dangerous and fatal diseases would never be heard of. A cold often forms a culture bed for germs of infectious diseases. Consumption, pneumonia, diphtheria and scarlet fever, four of the most dangerous and fatal diseases of this class. The culture bed formed by the cold favors the development of the germs of these diseases that would not otherwise find lodgment. There is little danger, however, of any of these diseases being contracted when a good expectorant cough medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It cleans out these culture beds that favor the development of the germs of these diseases. That is why this remedy has proved so universally successful in preventing pneumonia. It not only cures your cold quickly, but minimizes the risk of contracting these dangerous diseases. For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.

Noodle Dots.

Rev. Bailey of Trent delivered three sermons here, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. His subject for Sunday was the "Holy Spirit."

T. E. Goode has purchased the property of E. J. Callaway and will live in town this year.

We have a literary society which meets every Friday night. The subject for the debate next Friday night, "Resolved that there is more pleasure in pursuit than possession."

J. E. Jones went to Anson on business Wednesday.

Tom Jones is our barber now. There is to be prayer meeting at the Methodist church every Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beene and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Horn visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones Sunday.

Fred Deutschman has returned from Oklahoma City.

The small grain of this community is looking fine and we have the best season in the ground we have had in many years at this time of the year.

Ellis Beene, Sid Criswell, W. V. Beene, Prof. Henson and Prof. Sosebee had business in Merkel Saturday. Blue Rose.

Salt Branch.

We are having some regular spring like weather.

A nice crowd out at Sunday school Sunday.

Bro. Summers of Abilene, preached for us Sunday afternoon and night.

W. E. Petty and family visited the family of Porter Petty Monday.

Miss Tennie Pope was the guest of Miss Annie Higgins Sunday.

Miss Cora Hays was the guest of Miss Ollie Rogers Sunday.

Miss Alma Hays visited Miss Ida Taylor Sunday.

Grandma Hays surprised Mrs. Beavers Monday by walking over and spending the day with her.

H. L. Dunn of Haskell, spent Monday night with W. B. Beavers and left Tuesday morning for Abilene to visit his son who is attending school at Simmons College.

Jim Ingram and wife, of Mount Pleasant, were visiting at W. B. Robertsons Sunday.

Blue-eyed Girl.

From Sunny Tennessee.

Martin, Tenn., Dear Editor:—Enclosed find check for arrears and advance subscription to Merkel Mail. I enjoy reading the Buzz Saw from the breezy West and shall always think kindly of the Merkel country and her friendly hospitable people.

Respectfully,
J. E. Lassiter.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liment does not burn or blister. lieves pain quickly and flie not bother the wound. F. by all druggists.