

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## ALFALFA GROWN IN MERKEL COUNTRY

A plant from the small alfalfa field of Banker J. T. Warren, planted as an experiment last year was brought to us this week.

Our readers will remember the mention of this last spring and will be interested to know that in spite of the very dry season the result of the enterprise is very pleasing to those interested. The stalk brought to our office though less than a year old had penetrated the soil to a depth of over two feet. The work was done by Will Higgins who said: "I planted five acres and on all of it secured a good stand but while very young and tender lost about two acres during the dry weather last year. The other has done well and furnished good grazing. I was convinced by some of the alfalfa growing on the right of way of the Texas & Pacific near my place that it could be grown successfully and my experience last year under such unfavorable circumstances is very satisfactory."

The Merkel banker is much elated over the results but does not want to influence anyone in planting large fields until after they have made experiment on their own land.

Uncle Frank Sears, J. M. Rister and several have expressed their intention of giving the new crop a trial this fall.

### Lamar County Man Well Pleased.

Hon. J. C. Mason a prominent and wealthy citizen of Lamar county is among the prospectors to the Merkel country this week and upon the first day of his stay formed a most favorable impression of our town, country and people. Mr. Mason served his country three terms in the legislature but refused further honors at the hands of his people, in fact has discarded all political ambitions and is devoting his time and energies now to the promotion of his own material interests. He sees great opportunities in our section of the country and said:

"I am from Deport, the 'out-hustlingest' town in the state and in the best country but you have a very pretty town and a good country. I am very favorably impressed and will spend a few days here looking over your country."

### Exciting Wolf Chase.

Among the stories of interest on the street Saturday was the report of an exciting wolf chase that morning east of the city. The hounds of J. W. Childers started the fun as the first east-bound passenger passed and before the arrival of the next train one of the largest wolves of a recent catch was taken in by the dogs under the gallery of the reen place. Four dogs were in the chase and two of them were badly cut up in the fight. Those who participated in the sport were J. W. Childers, Tom Harwell, Will Higgins, Ayers, Burns and Jess Higgins.

### Colonel Roosevelt in Texas.

If you want to see the only Teddy, who has toured the old world and the new, and told the listening emperors and kings of Europe how to run their governments, as well as giving the people of the United States a few lessons in the same line—then go to Fort Worth on March 14 and gratify your ambition. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, now a plain citizen, will be the guest of the National Feeders and Breeders' Show on that date and deliver an address to the crowd.

## POSTOFFICE WILL NOT BE CHANGED

A letter received from the post-office department yesterday by our local postmaster brought the information that the office will remain in its present quarters.

The lease on this property expires this spring and there was much interest aroused by another bid for the removal of the office to new quarters. In all, however the contest was fair and friendly and the decision is accepted cheerfully by all concerned.

This at least settles the matter for a term of five years and at that time it is the hope of the majority of our people that a decision may be reached satisfactory to our people and the owner allowed a reasonable rental for same. The government is amply able and willing to pay a fair price for quarters and the office is not a prize to be offered at auction as a drawing card to the best bidder.

Uncle Sam is wealthy and a good old fellow but takes advantage of all opportunities offered by his foolish people.

Austin Boyd formerly of Abilene is the new manager of the Burton-Lingo yards in this city and comes well recommended to our people as a good business man and citizen.

### Epworth League Program Feb. 19.

Leader, Miss Mamie Heizer. Topic: Making the World Acquainted with God.

Song. Hymn 635.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 19.

Prayer. Lord's Prayer.

Song 654.

Roll call, answered by Bible verse or missionary incident.

Scripture Lesson 2 Cor. 3:2-3; Eph. 3:8-9.

Comment by leader.

Prayer by girls.

Song 634.

Mohammedanism.—Fay Lowrey.

Buddhism.—John Moore.

Confucianism.—Gladys Christopher.

How may we introduce the world to God?—Frank Smith.

Unity, Agreement, Co-operation.—Ola Pope.

"Ye are Our Epistle."—Minnie Harris.

Prayer, boys.

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. Ellen Backus of Collin county is visiting in the Canyon this week. She owns a good farm south of our city and will spend a couple of weeks visiting her friends.

## AN INCH MORE RAIN FALLS ON COUNTRY

In the report of the good rain last week we were "scooped" by the peculiar antic of Jupiter Pluvius.

At the time of going to press a half inch rain was every drop that we could truthfully report but as soon as our paper was off the press and in the mails the next morning the clouds reassembled and business was resumed in good shape. It began raining about ten o'clock in the morning and it came down steady all during the day and way into the night, a total precipitation of one inch and bringing up the rainfall for the week to one and one half inches for the Merkel country.

The benefits of the generous and general blessing were evident elsewhere than the wheat and oat fields. Our farmers who came to town the next day and every day since are smiling and happy. Local grain merchants report a rushing business on seed oats and from reports made to our office several thousand acres are being sown this week.

It was a glorious rain and makes conditions for this time of the season the best and most promising of several years.

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

It looks as if the war is all over in Mexico but the fight for right against wrong and our own country against the world goes merrily on and subscriptions and renewals for the people's cannon keep coming our way. The Mail sings the praises of the Merkel country to the accompaniment of the music made by the dollars jingling in our cash subscription box. It is a beautiful tune and the harmony is perfect.

The following is the business for the past week: John Henry, Gatesville; Rev. R. S. Heizer, Clarendon; F. H. Scott, Mart; L. A. Parker, Buffalo Gap; J. P. Frederickson, J. L. Chambless, W. T. Curb, J. C. Hill, Miss Ida Hail, Mrs. T. M. Pribble, Steve P. Keny, Dr. E. Wilder, J. R. Barnett, A. B. Ely, T. F. Dubose and possible a few others of the city and rural route list whose names we failed to put on this list.

### From California.

Merkel Mail:—Enclosed find two dollars which you will please apply to my subscription account. Respectfully,

Della Crain,  
Santa Cruz, Cal.

### At the Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday at 11 a. m. the pastor will discourse on God's Angel of fear. At 7:30 p. m. the services will be evangelistic. Everybody cordially invited to be present.  
G. A. Crane.

"The Girl from 'L Triangle' Ranch," Opera House Feb. 28.

### Merkel Pig Weighs 537.

This is a hog country. John Russell killed a hog last week which weighed 537 pounds and as in all other hog reports we verified the weight. The pigship in question weighed 219 pounds when put in the fattening pen the first of last September and could not have done better in any country on the face of the globe.

Plant a pig.

Buy your Mebane cotton seed at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store. It

## FIRE IS UNDER POLITICAL POT

There is always something doing to make life worth living and to satisfy man's ambition for contest and conquest.

We are thinking of the coming campaign on the prohibition question but that is way in the future and must take second place for Merkel is going to have a little city campaign and election the first Tuesday in April. There is nothing definite much to say on the subject but frequent caucuses and remarks show that there will be some candidates and some interest.

As for avowed candidates it seems there will be more interest in the city marshal's race as several have expressed their willingness, if not desire to wear City Marshal Cauthen's shoes for he says he will step out, and one or two aldermanic seats are to be filled. It looks like the important office of mayor is to go begging for Mayor Wheeler feels that he has served his time but a number of his friends talk otherwise and there may be another or others.

The Mail hopes there will be lots of entries, a regular free-for-all and now is the time to announce.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, Feb. 19. "Is the Moral Law Unchangeable."

Opening by President.

Song.

Prayer.

Leader, Miss Nola Whitley,

Scripture reading by leader.

The Moral Law an expression of God's nature.—Miss Dollie Teaff.

The Moral Law given by God and upheld by God.—Grady Collins.

Song.

Jesus Christ as the revelation of the unchanging rule of morals.—Ben H. Moore.

The Moral code of heaven the same as the moral law among men.—Ollie Cordell.

Song.

The Moral Law the same in every place and to every man.—Miss Irene Swann.

Closing exercises.

Mr. Vickers, sales manager for the Swifts for the southern district with headquarters at Fort Worth is among the visitors to our city this week. He owns considerable property in our country and expects to buy another farm before he leaves.

Smoke with the Elite.

## MERKEL CITIZEN REPORT OF WAR

W. R. Bigham who has a big bunch of cattle in old Mexico has abandoned all hopes of making any shipments and returned from El Paso this week. He said:

"My cattle are on the Creel ranch west of Chihuahua and in the heart of the trouble. Insurrectos camped for some bit on this ranch, appropriated several hundred saddle horses, all of the saddles and about three cars of cattle for themselves. I did not try to ship out any cattle for I am of a very peaceable disposition. I remained at El Paso some time thinking I might get to see a battle but there was nothing doing. They just march around and keep out of each other's way and never shoot unless they are out of range. It may be that Orozco is going to tackle Navarro and then business will be picking up but it looked to me like there was no chance for a fight unless they happened to run into each other by accident. An American believes in fighting or running and I ran home."

### Pay Day for Road Workers.

Saturday was pay day for the men who are doing the preliminary work on the rural highways of Precinct 1 and the timekeeper, Mr. Scarbrough, paid out about two thousand dollars for less than one week's work. Two hundred men with one hundred and twenty five teams are actively at work. Four gangs are at work on the Elmdale road and will lessen the distance from Abilene to Elmdale half a mile.

Judge Bledsoe states that machinery is enroute and as soon as it arrives the rock crushing will commence. About eighty-five hundred yards of rock have been corded.

### Pro Mass Meeting.

All who favor the adoption of the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution of Texas and the banishment of the saloon from the State should begin active work to bring about that result. Organization is necessary if we would attain the desired end, and for the purpose of effecting an organization of the Prohibition forces of Taylor county, a mass meeting of all friends of prohibition is hereby called to convene at the Court House in Abilene, at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, February 25, 1911. Every precinct in the county is requested and urged to send representatives to this meeting.  
A. H. Kirby,  
Chm. for Taylor County.

### Sermon to the Children.

The sermon at 11 a. m. at the Methodist church next Sunday will be especially for the children and young people.

We urge the parents to bring their children. Let us assist you by God's grace in training them right. The subject discussed will be "Gods of the Twentieth Century." Preaching 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Sleeper." Other services will be held at regular hours.

A. M. Martin, Pastor.

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## 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 Lone Battle.

Gen, 32:24—"And Jacob was left alone."

This was not only the history of Jacob, but of every man who comes to himself and then to his God.

Here is the true historic method of the ages.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, Paul, Ambrose, Augustine, Charlemagne, Mycliff, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Spurgeon, Moody and many others were left alone. The question arises, why were they left alone? We would answer briefly that God might get a chance at their souls, and through them change the trend of nations and civilizations. One of the grandest things God ever does for a man is to just get alone with Himself.

In this busy age, how absolutely necessary for men and women to be alone with God. Truly, they should often go into their closets, away from the whirl of the world's commerce. How many in Merkel need to do so. Alone with God.

1. By being left alone Jacob realized his problem and that he must fight it alone. His problem was sin. What an awful problem! It was Job's problem, and hence he exclaims, "Thou searchest after my sin." It was David's problem, and so he cried, "My sin is ever before me." It was Solomon's problem, and he declares, "Sin is a reproach to any people." It was John the Baptist's problem, and so he exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." It was St. John's problem, "He that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning," and again he says, "To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." We may have political problems, financial problems, sociological problems, and civic problems, but here is the greatest problem of all—the problem of sin. It is the problem of God, the problem of humanity, the problem of earth and the problem of heaven. It is your problem, dear reader, and it must be solved alone. No one could solve it for Jacob. No one can for you. You may have a devoted christian mother, but she can not solve this problem for you.

2. In solving the problem of sin alone, we must necessarily face our sin. Jacob fooled his father Isaac, his father-in-law Laban, and his brother Esau, but he could not fool his problem. The stars do not keep their courses so surely as sin keeps upon the track of the one who commits it. Just as Jacob had to face his sin, so will every one of my readers. And, mark you, you can not be hedged in by the fence of self-righteousness, either. I once read of a man who lived in

state of New Hampshire. He advocated salvation by character. He would say of himself: "I am a pretty good fellow, doing as well as the average man. Some times, I lose my temper and some times I work a little on the Sabbath, but I am honest and help the poor, and was never drunk in my life." This man wanted a fence built one day and employed a staid old Scotchman to do it. When completed he said to him, "Well Jack is the fence built and is it tight and strong?" "I can not say it is tight and strong, but it is an average fence." The farmer was indignant, and said, "Don't you know man such a fence is worthless." "Well I used to think so until I heard you talk so much about averaging matters with the Lord, that it seemed to me, we might try it with the cattle. If an average fence won't do for them, I am afraid an average character won't do in the day of judgment." When Jacob came face to face with his sin, he prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, O God of my father Isaac, O Lord, I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth, which Thou hast showed unto thy servant." That prayer certainly breathed the reverent spirit of every soul who comes to face his sin.

3. He had to confess he was facing sin. "I am Jacob," said he, which meant supplanter. That was the trouble, he had supplanted his brother and committed an awful sin in carrying out his desire. So every one of you, my dear people, will have to confess your sins, or die in your iniquity, and go to "everlasting punishment."

4. By facing his problem confessedly, he was purified. Jacob had a great career before him. The music of the promises sang in his heart, and the vision of Canaan was ever with him. But he could not drag his old Jacob nature into the land of promise. We have greater promises than Jacob knew, but every one of us have to be made ready to possess his possessions. The Rhone river comes tumbling down out of the Alps from an altitude of 7,550 feet and hurries on toward Lake Geneva, but it is fed by such streams as make it the color of yellow mud. Lake Geneva is deep and broad and calm and crystal clear; so when the Rhone emerges from the western end of this lake it has lost its color and its water is as silvern as the lake itself. What Lake Geneva is to the Rhone, Calvary is to the soul, and so we sing—

O, now I see the crimson wave  
The fountain deep and wide,  
Jesus my Lord, mighty to save,  
Points to His wounded side.

I rise to walk in heaven's own light

Above the world and sin,  
With hearts made pure and garments white,  
And Christ introned within.

Amazing grace! 'Tis heaven below

To feel the blood applied;  
And Jesus, only Jesus knows,  
My Jesus crucified.

A. M. Martin.

### 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. Kings 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 hemorrhages, La Grippe, asthma, hay fever—any throat or lung trouble. 50c. \$1.00 Trial bottle free Guaranteed by H C Burroughs

### W. L. Bridges, Dead.

Another of our aged and honored citizens has answered the death summons and our community is grieved at the death of W. L. Bridges which occurred at the home of his son Jim Bridges near Stith Monday night.

In this household trouble and sorrow did not come singly for the death of the father follows closely the death of their beloved mother which occurred but a couple of weeks ago. Mrs. McCollum who was called from her home in Georgia to attend the last hours of her mother was detained by the illness and death of her father.

The deceased was a Christian and consistent member of the Baptist Church. His remains were laid to rest in the Stith cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

The following children survive: Jim Bridges of Stith, Ezra Bridges, Mrs. McCollum of Georgia, Spring Bridges and Mrs. Ida Campbell of Roby, two daughters of Ford county and Miss Lucy Bridges.

To these and others bereaved the Mail joins in the sympathy of our country.

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### DuBose for Marshal.

The Mail is authorized to present to its readers this week the announcement of T. F. DuBose for city Marshal. Mr. DuBose is a good man, morally and physically and amply qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires. He was raised on the frontier and has had considerable experience in the work of a peace officer. He states [that he will appreciate your influence and we ask that

you give his claims fair consideration.

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## OUR OWN MERKEL COUNTRY VS. MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

There is no place like home unless you find some place better and then that place becomes home, sweet home.

The Merkel country offers such new homes with greater opportunities to many men of means and practical farmers of the east and north.

The Mail very modestly and conservatively proclaims these facts to the world and we could relate every week truthfully and honestly experiences to sustain us in the contention but we regularly refuse many stories in the fear that we will be charged with exaggeration. Sometimes, however, we break over our strict rules and regulations with the real estate men to reproduce the opinions of others on the subject. We know that a man's judgment is sincere when he backs same with his money. Money speaks a language louder and more sincerely than actions which put words in the discard, unless accompanied by one or both of the former. This expression is out of place for putting up money on Merkel country dirt could in no wise be likened unto backing a poker hand unless the player held four aces and the deal was perfectly honest. It is not a gamble at all but just backing a cinch. The world is only so big and there can be no more land while Roosevelt's talk about race suicide is more uncalled for and more useless than his New Nationalism.

### My Old Kentucky Home.

In the beginning of the meat of our story let it be understood that we do not wish to knock any country on the face of the earth. That is not our policy and if we should select such program, the grand state of Kentucky, will be the last place on the list to receive a blow from our hammer. It is a good country; it is all good but then our country is better. There you are and that is all there is to it.

It was a couple of years ago that Lanier Brown of our city conceived the idea that sending the Buzz-Saw to his old home would relieve him of much letter writing and there was the first act in this play which may read like fiction but which is all fact. It was but a few months ago when he received a letter from a brother who stated that he had formed the opinion that now was an opportune time to invest in this country and that he would come out. He came, he saw and he was conquered would tell the

rest but as space is plentiful and news is scarce we will take our time.

### 400 Acres for \$10,000.

The prospector, W. M. Brown was a guest of his brother and our enterprising real estate men and he was shown as much land and courtesy as possible and found 400 acres belonging to Wm. Nolte about nine miles southeast of our little city and a deal was made through a local agent for the tract. It was possible that the Merkel brother took a half interest in the deal to show his confidence in our country and we understand the consideration was about \$10,000. It is an ideal tract of land, all level and like the rest of our soil rich and 225 acres of same in cultivation. We would not say so but for the fact that the land is not on the market for we boost our country as a whole and not in small blocks.

### An Honest Comparison.

Before leaving for his home the Mail realty reporter interviewed Mr. Brown and here is what he had to say of our country: "The more I see and learn of your country the more I am enthused. I am tickled with our purchase and you may believe me when I tell you my experience. I offered \$15,000 for a good place back home of 150 acres and felt badly because I could not buy it. I would not swap acre for acre of this land so far as its productiveness is concerned. I have seen but very few farms but which are the equal of our best lands, which sell from \$50 to \$150 per acre. Now, that is not all. On much of our old land we are compelled to use fertilizer. This rawbone meal costs us about \$32.50 per ton and we put on from 250 to 400 pounds to the acre. We make 15 bushels of wheat or 30 bushels of corn to the acre on an average crop but figure the interest on your investment. Then there is the work. I thought about that yesterday when I saw a fellow riding a sulky plow. I would like to see him ride that thing on some land I have worked. He would be picked up in pieces and carried to the hospital. I know lots of farmers who start the year grubbing persimmon sprouts, cutting briars and hauling rock and on this kind of land a man can not work more than thirty acres while here they tell me a single-handed man takes care of 100 acres. It takes more plowing in all of the

older countries and more work to make a crop than it does in this section and if you had a failure here every four years the average balance would be in your favor.

"There is no better country than Kentucky and a good man can make a good living and enjoy life always but the difference is this: It is older and is settled. There is more opportunity here for investment and increase in value of property and to make money for it is a new country."

### On The Good Roads Subject.

Our interviewee was talking so much of our religion that we were not going to miss an expression on the good roads and when reminded he said: "The man who would oppose a good roads tax here would foam at the mouth if his roads were piked for him and he had to pay for the use of same by the trips he made. In our county we do not even have free access to our county site. We pay four cents per mile for travel in an empty wagon or vehicle and eight cents per mile for a load, and 250 pounds is a load. You naturally have mighty fine roads and of course they will be improved for good roads always come in a good country."

It is the expectation of Mr. Brown to move to this section during the year and he is welcome.

Come to the Merkel country.

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Shiloh Clippings.

Smiles all smiles down here in the Shiloh community. And why not smile? With the pastures looking green and the land with enough moisture to bring up corn in April.

Church was well attended here Sunday, quite a number from Cross Roads.

Terrel Winters is not doing so well.

Mrs. Joe Winters is real sick with the gripe.

Mr. Eason and wife have two children very ill with pneumonia. One of the children is very low.

Miss Mira Byrant spent Sunday afternoon with the Misses Hale.

Miss Eva Hightower visited the Misses Dyess Sunday.

The musical entertainment at Mr. Vines Saturday night.

W. L. Boyett and wife took dinner at Mr. Hales Sunday.

The Shiloh school will entertain in honor of George Washington Friday.

Miss Mary and Irene Green spent part of last week with their aunt, Mrs. Joe Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson visited Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Winters Sunday.

Good-by for the present, hope you all are enjoying this rainy weather. Happy Hoolagan.

### Noodle Dots.

The people of this community are all smiles because of the nice rains Wednesday and Friday. The rains are estimated at one inch.

Sam Cook returned Friday from Mineral Wells where he spent ten days for his health.

Misses Ina and Louri Vandercord of Robertson county are visiting Misses Annie and Laura Duna.

Dr. C. W. Williams made a business trip to Merkel Friday.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the Literary Society Friday night. The exercises were fine and enjoyed by all.

Gus Cannon went to Stamford last week where he has found work.

Misses Lela and Hattie Herring and Stella Goode spent the day with Miss Lettie Jones Sunday.

Alfred Ely was a caller at the home of Dr. Williams Sunday.

Clarence Eoff was a caller at the home of W. L. Barbee Sunday.

Lee Esom has three very sick children with pneumonia.

Mrs. Abb Sosebee returned Sunday from Whitney where she has been to attend the bedside of her sister's child who was reported seriously ill.

Mr. Poland of Truby had business in Noodle Friday.

C. R. Horton and the Corder brothers had business in Merkel Monday. Blue Rose.

### Nubia Dots.

The farmers are rejoicing over the rain we had last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson's baby is very low with pneumonia.

Dan L. Boyd and John Toombs went to Merkel Monday on business.

Arthur Clark of Center Point was here Sunday.

A. W. Hunter and son George went to Merkel Tuesday.

Quite a number of our young people attended Sunday school at Riney Sunday.

Jim Perry and family visited

M. E. Perry Sunday.

W. L. and Grover Blair, Brown Deavenport and T. J. Toombs went to Merkel Tuesday.

Bro. Bailey will fill his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Brown Eyes.

### Salt Branch.

Holland Teaff and sister were visiting relatives at Tye Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family took dinner with Porter Petty Sunday.

Miss Maggie Whitescarver, Mrs. Alma Golightly and children were visiting at W. Z. Harris' Sunday.

Misses Floyd and Smith were the guests of Miss Lyda Beavers

Little Winnie Teaff is sick with the whooping cough.

Misses Taylor and Higgins were visiting the Hays girls Sunday.

W. Hardy and family were at the home of J. W. Hardy Sunday.

There was quite a large crowd of visitors at S. W. Taylor's Tuesday.

Sowing oats is the order of the day now. Blue-eyed Girl.

### 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.

### W. B. Hampton Dead.

Anson, Feb. 13.—W. B. Hampton, tax collector of Jones county died at 12:05 o'clock this morning in the Stamford Sanitarium after an operation for peritonitis. He was buried at four o'clock this afternoon at the Mount Hope cemetery, Anson. Rev. J. H. Edmonds conducted the service and the Masons were in charge at the grave.

Mr. Hampton was forty years of age. He was born near Monroe City, Mo., and came to Jones county fourteen years ago. He was in business at Truby for a number of years and married Miss Lina Cranston, daughter of the late William Cranston, Nov. 5, 1901. He leaves a widow and four children, the oldest seven years of age, the youngest a baby. There are also two sisters and two brothers.

A petition will be presented to the Commissioners court of Jones county asking that Mrs. Hampton be appointed tax collector of the county to succeed her husband.

### 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 got your money back. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Stamp Collector's Freak.

A wealthy Russian stamp collector's freak has been the subject of some comment among philatelists. M. Stemmer of St. Petersburg, a well-known collector, has in his possession five old stamps, mostly German, which he believed were the only specimens in existence. His friend Prince Troubetzkoi ridiculed the idea and after much advertising obtained duplicates from dealers in the United States and paid \$5,500 for them.

Stemmer was furious and wanted to buy them immediately, but Troubetzkoi refused to sell. After much persuasion the five stamps changed hands for \$12,500, and, beaming with joy, Stemmer threw them into the fire. "Now my set is really unique," he exclaimed to the amazed Troubetzkoi.

### 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.

### J. T. Darden, Dead.

Mr. J. T. Darden while in south Texas for his health met death very suddenly by being thrown from the wagon pulled by a runaway team. The fall was so severe that it paralyzed him instantly except his head.

He was born in Upshur county Texas in 1861, being 49 years of age and was well known in Merkel and the country south of Merkel. It was a great burden to give up such a good man and citizen but when the great Creator of man called he answered "I am ready to go" and was ushered into the great eternity of the redeemed of God.

It has been the writer's privilege to know the family for some three years or more and according to his thinking there are but few families that are devoted to each other and love each other as this one. It seems that it was impossible for them to part with him, this being the fifth one of the family to die in seven months, not the immediate family but relatives, and in the loss of Tol Darden we have lost a true citizen, loving brother and son, a faithful Christian and a source of moral strength to the community.

The family and friends have our deepest sympathy in this their great sorrow, and may we all look forward to the day when we shall all be reunited to be separated no more.

E. C. McDonald.

### 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 preceeding 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 preceeding 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.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

All kinds of fresh fruits and nuts at the Elite.

S. D. Marlow is up after an illness of a couple of weeks.

The only high grade candies, always fresh. The Elite.

W. J. Behrens was up from Abilene on business this week.

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

The little son of A. V. Dye is reported to the Mail to be very sick and we hope soon to print news of his recovery.

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

Mrs. L. Ferguson and little daughter Lora Fay, readers and friends of the Mail who live at Brandon are visiting their father and grandfather S. D. Marlow.

Can wear your Barrett day and night, if stuck with Scheidler's "stick 'em tight"

Costs a dime, can do no better. Leave it when you mail your letter. Opposite P. O. 10tf

Mr. Whitworth of Waco is in our city this week and looking at our country. He expects to own some Merkel country dirt before he returns home.

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

Sheriff T. C. Weir came up the first of the week, just to see his friends for none of our people have any business with the sheriff's office. They are all good.

The best flour is none too good for the cash buyer. Mountain Peak, extra high patent; Happy Day, high patent, at Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co. 10t2

Claud Nash of Parker county who rented a place of C. M. Largent and planned to make his home in the Merkel country writes that on account of sickness he will be unable to move his family. He will, however, come out this fall.

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. \$

The value of the spineless cactus as a food for cattle is well known to all stockmen, and as the U. S. Department of Agriculture is now prepared to send cuttings of same for planting to all who make application, every stockman should immediately order these cuttings and have them set out on their ranches.

Feed oats, seed oats, chops, corn, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal, meal and hulls mixed, alfalfa hay, prairie hay. Buy where your money gets the most. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Company. 10t2

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the merits of Hall's Texas Wonder, you would never suffer from Kidney, Bladder or Rheumatic trouble. \$1.00 per bottle is 60 days treatment, seldom one bottle fails to cure. Send for testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by Druggist.

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## Anchor Hardware Co.

### Mrs. W. A. Moon, Dead.

Mrs. W. A. Moon, whom we reported very seriously sick in our last issue expired at the home of this good family in the southern part of our city Sunday morning at three o'clock of pneumonia.

The deceased was of a prominent family, a good Christian and one of our most beloved women. Her death causes much sorrow in our community and universal sympathy is extended the grief-stricken husband and five children in the loss of wife and mother.

The burial took place Sunday afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery and the services were conducted by Rev. Geo. A. Crane.

### A Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank our friends and the kind people of Merkel and also Dr. Miller for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

W. A. Moon and children.

### RAMESES, A GREAT EGYPTIAN

Was Inordinately Vain and Ostentatious, but a Courageous and Determined Fighter.

Rameses' superb statue in Turin is proven by his surviving body to be a faithful portrait, showing us at least the outward man as he was. In person he was tall and handsome, with features of dreamy and almost effeminate beauty, in no wise suggestive of the manly traits which he certainly possessed. For the incident at Kadesh showed him unquestionably a man of fine courage with ability to rise to a supreme crisis; while the indomitable spirit evident there is again exhibited in the tenacity with which he pushed the war against the great Hittite Empire and carried his conquests, even if not lasting, far into northern Syria. After his nearly fifteen years of campaigning, in which he more than redeemed the almost fatal blunder at Kadesh, he was quite ready to enjoy the well earned peace. He was inordinately vain and made far more ostentatious display of his wars on his monuments than was ever made by Thutmose.

With his name perpetuated in vast buildings distributed at all points along the Nile from the marshes of the northern Delta to the Fourth Cataract, Rameses lived on in magnificence even surpassing that of Amenhotep III. His was the sunset glory of the venerable line which he represented.—Breadstied's "A History of Egypt."

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.—Rhode Island White eggs from Prize winners for sale at \$1.00 per 15 at home. Mrs. T. M. Pribble, Merkel, Texas. 172tpd

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

FOR SALE.—A few choice Rhode Island Red cockrels. Homer V. Rainbolt. 1tpd

EGGS.—Pure Rhode Island Red (the Reed strain) \$1.50 and \$1.00 per setting of 15, first and second pens, resp. 14-tf R. A. Ellis:

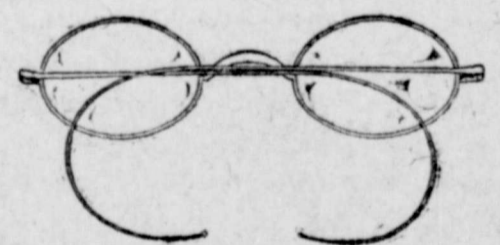
LOST.—An umbrella last week between my residence and town. B. W. Hudgins.

### 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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For City Marshal  
T. F. DUBOSE

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### Chas. N. Wilson, Deceased.

On the morning of Feb. 4th this life long citizen of Texas passed away. On the early morning he was found on his bed lying as he was wont to lie when resting. His unusual quietness at this time is what prompted the fear of his death. He had been but a few days in our city visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Barnett when the unexpected hour came. The deceased was born in Lamar Co. Oct. 13, 1846 and died Feb. 4 1911. On Oct. 10 1869 he was married to Miss Ophelia West who died in 1872. To this union was born an only child, Mrs. J. R. Barnett.

On Dec. 15 1880 he was married to Miss Annie Frances Preston of Dallas. To this union six children were born, four of whom still survive—C. T. Wilson, Mrs. H. S. Stewart, Miss H. S. Wilson of Tulsa, Okla., J. L. Wilson, of Port Arthur, Texas. The members of the family were all present at the funeral which took place at the First Baptist church except Mrs. Stewart. On Monday afternoon Feb. 6 his body was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery immediately after services.

The deceased was a Confederate soldier, serving in the cavalry of Gen. Ross Brigade. One by one the heroes of this mighty struggle are passing out. It will not be long until the last one shall "Pass over the river and cease from his toils." A mighty heritage do they bequeath to us—love of country. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Feb. 18, 1911:

Claid, Emma,  
Grows, P. F.,  
Taylor, Miss Kate,  
Vandiviere, Dr. M. L.,  
Jilumailer, Juleuas,

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 4, 1911.  
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists. \$

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Cotton seed for sale at G. M. Sharp's. It

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown are back from their visit to Temple.

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

Miss Olga Sheppard went down to Fort Worth Sunday to visit relatives.

Opera House, Feb. 28 "The Girl from 'L Triangle' Ranch."

Mrs. Fred Groene and Master George are visiting Mr. Groene's parents in Abilene this week.

FOR SALE.—A stylish trap, good as new and will sell to responsible party on fall time. Stf Mrs. E. M. Rust

Mrs. Ed J. Rhoades and children left Sunday for Mexico after visiting the families of W. Parten and I. S. Allen of Merkel and W. C. Calvert of Trent.

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

J. C. Hill is among the newcomers to the Merkel country from Hamilton county and lives south of our city. He has started farming right for he subscribed for the Buzz-Saw.

We have no rents to pay, we buy for cash and sell for cash. We can save you money if you will let us. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co. 10t2

"The Girl from 'L Triangle' Ranch," Benefit Fire Boys.

Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Kunkleman have the congratulations of our public school system, pupils and parents on the arrival of a fine girl at their home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts who have been at Temple for the past few months are expected home this week.

C. W. Harris and Jack Province returned this week from a prospecting trip to the Fort Stockton country. Jim Black who accompanied them remained for he secured a good position.

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

### J. T. Darden Killed by Team.

J. T. Darden, a citizen of the Caps community went to Sinton, San Patricio county, some time ago seeking health and last week a brother, H. F. Darden living a few miles west of Caps received a message stating that J. T. had been seriously hurt by a team running away with a wagon and throwing him out. Mr. Darden left at once and upon his arrival there found his brother dead, and he had the body embalmed and brought back for burial in the Drummond grave yard near Caps.

Deceased was 49 years of age but had no family and had been making his home with H. T. He was a member of the Baptist church, but did not belong to any of the secret organizations.—Abilene Reporter.

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

**Beautiful Home Wedding.**

The social event of the season was the marriage of Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. Hall, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1911, at her home on Oak street to Mr. W. T. Clifton of Waco.

The ceremony took place at 10:30 a.m., witnessed by a number of special friends. The house was beautifully decorated with pot plants and evergreens. The Bridal Procession by Lohengrin, was played by Miss Agness Hall, sister of the bride. Misses Genevieve Rust and Dorothy Lee Potter, daintily gowned in pure white, were bridesmaids and lead the way to the evergreen arch followed by Mrs. E. Hall and W. N. Hall. Then came the bride and groom, he in the conventional black, she a picture of loveliness in a handsome traveling suit of nut brown, carrying an arm bouquet of bride roses, wearing the grooms gift, a gold necklace interspersed with pearls. The pendant was a cluster of pearls and diamonds suspended by tiny strands of gold caught by a bow knot of pearls.

They were met at the arch by Rev. J. W. Saffle who performed the impressive ring ceremony. The ring was hidden in the heart of a lily of the valley carried by Miss Dorothy Lee Potter, and was handed to the minister by the groom who returned it to the groom to be placed on the brides finger, Miss Genevieve Rust holding the brides bouquet.

Many congratulations and good wishes were showered upon the newly wedded pair. They received many beautiful bridal presents in solid silver, cut glass, hand embroidered linen, hand painted pictures and china.

Misses Ora Teaff and Annie Lou O'Briant met the guests in the dining room where they served refreshing fruit punch and delicious cake. The brides cake was cut. Miss Agnes Hall received the ring, Judge Potter the dime. The button fell to the lot of Miss Bean who says it was lost.

Miss Agnes Hall was gowned in a beautiful white embroidered imported gown. Mrs. E. Hall wore a green messaline trimmed in persian bands with a yoke of hand embroidered net.

The bride in this pretty wedding is a charming young woman and has been quite popular in Merkel social and musical circles since coming here several years ago from Kosse.

The groom has been associated in the Provident Bank of Waco for 15 years and is well known in social and business circles.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Clifton left on the east bound train for a bridal tour of two weeks to Galveston, New Orleans, Houston and other points. They will be at home in Waco after March 1.

The music recital by the pupils of Miss Laura Jennings at her home on Oak street Saturday afternoon was a perfect success. Miss Jennings is the music teacher at the north ward school. The pupils reflected much credit on their teacher and covered themselves with glory.

In a letter from Sterling Miller, U. S. S. Minnesota now at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba he says: 13 is lucky, for the big fleet made the run of nearly four thousand miles from Brest, France, to Guantanamo Bay in 13 days, at the rate of 13 knots an hour, completing the trip at 13 hours and 13 minutes Greenwhich mean time on Friday, Jan. 13 1911. That a salute of 13 guns was fired in honor of their commander. From that date they had before them eight weeks of strenuous life and hard work after their official visit to European ports; now comes the steaming trials, practice maneuvers, regimental drills, boat gun practice, small arm firing then for the rigid admiral's inspection for each ship before coming back to Hampton Roads in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bankhead entertained a few of their young friends at "42" and other games were enjoyed by Misses Fannie Moore, Ezma Allday, Clara Moore, Dethel and Ethel Jenkins, Miss McNees. Messrs. Sullivan Powers of Abilene, Cliff Hendricks, Parker Sharp, Ollie Cordell, Rufus and Leslie McNees, Tyre Sublett and Jesse Ferguson.

The Zenobia Club will meet with Mrs. H. C. Burroughs on Rose street Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The lesson on Japan postponed from the third inst., will be conducted by Mrs. Burroughs.

The XX Century Club will meet Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Lesson, scenes 3 and 4 Act II, King Henry the VIII. Miss Virginia Mackey leader.

"The Girl From 'L Triangle' Ranch" at the Opera House the latter part of the month, benefit Fire Boys promises to be a rare treat.

Mrs. Mattie Fryar and little grandson, Master George Lane Corley, left Wednesday for Honey Grove to visit friends and relatives before returning to their home in Marshall. They were guests of Mrs. Alice Templeton while in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham are at home from El Paso where they have been for the past two months. They were near enough to see lots of the maneuvers in the Mexican trouble at Juarez.

Mrs. J. C. Hamm, who was called to Anson by the serious illness of her brother's child, returned home Sunday leaving the little patient much better.

Mrs. Robert C. Aycock of Italy returned to her home Thursday after several weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Gilliam.

**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.

**OUR FRATERNITIES**

Merkel Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 355, meets each Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows hall. R. C. Hampton, N. G., John Banner, Secretary.

Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14, meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday nights in Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Rosa Newberry, N. G., James Shaffer, Secretary.

Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon of each month in the Masonic hall. W. B. Farmer, W. M., Henry Hicks, Secretary.

Eastern Star meets in the Masonic hall the first Monday night after regular meeting of A. F. & A. M. Mrs. H. T. Merritt, W. M., Mrs. G. H. Adams, Secretary.

Merkel Camp W. O. W. No. 719 meets 2nd and 4th Friday nights in the Woodmen hall. Rev. Geo. A. Crane, C. C., Seth Hamilton, Clerk.

Merkel Grove W. O. W. Circle No. 563 meets each 1st and 3rd Friday afternoon in the Woodmen hall. Miss Etta Burns, Guardian, Miss Pearl Rawling, Clerk.

Mrs. Vernon Sutphen and little son of Winters accompanied her brother, Jack Provine, home Sunday and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine and other relatives for sometime.

Miss Clara Moore and Mr. Wagner of Sweetwater were Sunday guests of Miss Etsher Williams, who is attending the Christian college in Abilene.

Mrs. James Craig and little daughter Lillian have gone to Carter, Okla., after a delightful visit to Mrs. Craig's mother, Mrs. J. P. Hamm.

Mrs. Mabry of Blooming Grove is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Thornton, who has been quite sick, but is now much better.

Miss Jessie O'Briant is in St. Louis and other points of interest selecting spring goods for the new store.

Miss May Belle Stevens of Abilene was the charming guest of Miss Duncan Browning last week.

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### UGLY FACTS ABOUT THE NASTY FLY

The following is a reprint from the Florida Health Notes. It is not particularly nice reading, but it is food for thought. And it was written by a doctor who knows:

The Autobiography of A Fly.

The first thing I remember is before I had any legs or wings and was wriggling and squirming in a nice warm bed of horse manure, where I was spending my time eating and drinking the food about me. After a while I began to feel uncomfortable and found that I had grown too big for my skin. Relief came soon and my skin came off, and I ate more manure and enjoyed it. In a few days longer my skin again got too tight, and off it came, and then I went to sleep for I don't know how long. When I awoke I was kicking and struggling out of a very dry, hard skin, and after freeing myself I found I was in the open air and had legs and wings and looked and felt very differently than when I went to sleep. I was thirsty, so tried my wings for the first time and flew to a puddle by the manure pile and took a long drink, after which I felt much better.

Up to this time I had eaten nothing but manure, but I soon found out that there were other things just as good. I saw a lot of other flies, big and little, around a small building not far from the manure pile, so I flew over and had a feast. It is fun to wade around in your food and find so much that you hardly know where to begin. I'm afraid I'm a glutton.

I spent quite a while here and then flew out in the sunshine where the white clothes were hanging on a line and walked over the napkins for a while. Wet things are very pleasant for a time, but my feet got covered with little pieces of food and things that wiggle around and tickle me so I like to wipe them off on a nice white napkin or tablecloth, and then I get around better. While I was enjoying the sun I smelled the most delightful smell that had ever come to me. It came from an open window, so in I flew. Things were smoking on a stove and a woman was mixing up some soft white stuff on a table. There were a lot of other flies about, and one that was too busy eating to see his danger got rolled up in the dough and I never saw him again, so I was careful and flew in and out and got a

mouthful each time, I got rid of some manure there, too, for the dough was sticky and pulled it off my feet.

Nearby was a bowl of milk which smelled good, so I flew over and took a drink. Here I nearly lost my life, and if I had not been young and active, I am sure I would never have escaped. Several of us were drinking when the woman suddenly put out her hand in our direction, and we all made a jump; two got hit and fell right in the middle. She hit me, too, but I landed near the edge and struggled out and flew away, but she caught the other two and pinched them and threw them on the floor, and went on mixing her dough apparently without a thought that she had killed two of my companions.

I stayed in the kitchen for a long time and then went into another room there there was not so much to eat, as I was not very hungry. Here I found a lot of other flies and a table set. One poor fly had drowned in the ice water; it must have been awfully cold, and two or three had their feet so tangled up in the butter that they couldn't get away, and the number of little germs that they had wiped off was enormous. They were swarming on the butter, but I had eaten enough; for that day, and before long it got dark and I was tired, so went to sleep on the edge of a glass after scraping off as much dough as I could. The edge of a glass is a very nice thing to wipe your feet on.

In the morning the man and woman and a child came to eat, and the woman poured out a glass of milk for the child—the glass I had slept on. I guess people like germs and manure and things just as much as I do, for the baby drank all the milk. Day after day went by; we spent part of our time in the house and then we would fly to the manure pile and the little building back of it, and we lived on the fat of the land. Two or three times a day we would get a whiff of that lovely smell from the kitchen and then we would have a race to see which would get there first. The woman would slap at us and the child chased us, but only a few got caught, and we enjoyed the fun. Sometimes one got killed, but we hadn't time to be sorry long, we were so busy eating and wiping our feet and investigating things.

After some weeks of this life, I

flew away up in the air one morning and went into a window I had seen before and found the child asleep on the bed. I went over and walked across his lips, and it was warm and nice, and I wiped my feet and stretched my wings and almost went to sleep myself; but the child rolled over so I flew over to a glass of water on a table and drank some. Pretty soon the woman came in and a man I had never seen before. They went over and looked at the child and felt of him and the man asked a lot of questions, and the woman seemed worried. She asked him what the trouble was, and he looked at the child again and then out the window toward the stable and around the room at us, and then he said something that sounded very funny to me—"typhoid fever; too many flies." What in the world did we have to with it? However, I'm only a fly. The woman didn't seem to understand either, but after a while she said something about screens and fly paper, and then I flew out to the stable. I saw some flies on fly paper once, and it's no place for me. She must have forgotten about the screens, for I went in and out every day and walked over the child, and found lots to eat about him and the bed, and between this room and the kitchen and the stable we always had plenty to eat.

One morning when I went to the room I couldn't find the child. He was covered with a sheet, so I went out again. The next day some people came to the house, and a lot of carriages, and I guess they took the child away for I have not seen him since. The weather is getting cooler all the time, and I have trouble waking up in the mornings and feel stiff and lazy and don't want to eat much. I found a closet near the kitchen, and I think I will soon go in there and sleep until next spring, as it's too cold outside. I don't go much farther away from the kitchen now than the garbage can on the porch, and between that and the kitchen I find all I need to eat, and there is always something to wipe your feet on when they get too heavy with food—a piece of bread or cake, a plate or a fork or a spoon, and I'm sure nobody minds.

Struck a rich Mine.

S W Bends, of Coal City, Ala, says he struck a perfect mine of health in Dr King's New Life Pills for the cured him of liver and kidney trouble after 12 years of suffering they are the best pills on earth for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia debility 25c at H C Burroughs

### THE CAMPBELL METHOD PROFITABLE

I will try to fulfill my promise to you to tell you and your readers how I came out this year in my little experiment with dry farming, or the Campbell method of farming and I want to say in the beginning of this article that it was a grand success with me. I did not test it as fully as it should have been done because I had planted my cotton before I ever thought of trying the new method, and will say that I was a little skeptical on the question myself.

I had two ten acre pieces of cotton on the same kind of land. In fact, they were side by side, divided by planting eight rows of field peas between them so you see that nine steps could make no great difference in the land, in fact, if there was any difference at all, the ten acres that I cultivated as we usually do had the advantage of the other piece of ground. The ten acres that I call the Campbell patch was dry planted about the 10th of May and after the shower we had the 16th of May I planted the other, so there was very little difference in the time of its coming up. That was when I concluded to experiment a little.

I harrowed both pieces twice and then plowed both with a cultivator. I gave it all a good deep plowing and then I harrowed up that Campbell patch again. From that time on I plowed both pieces shallow with four sweeps. I plowed the Campbell patch ten times, except twenty-four rows, which I plowed eleven times. The other piece I plowed five times. I quit cultivating the latter piece about the 15th of August. The Campbell patch I cultivated up to and did the last plowing in it the 14th day of September, when I could see a few scattering bolls open.

As a result I have gathered from the Campbell patch 3,663 pounds of seed cotton; from the other piece I gathered 1,868 pounds of seed cotton. I did not have it ginned separately, but have made an estimate of what the cotton from each piece would have brought if sold in the seed at \$4.75 per hundred:

Campbell patch, 3,663 pounds	at 4 3/4 cents.....	\$173.99
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Difference.....		\$85.73

Quite a nice little sum I think, which very well paid me for the extra five plowings and one extra harrowing.

Now, a few words Mr. Editor,

to my brother farmers, and I will close this already too lengthy article:

I think this has been a very fair test. We surely have had it dry enough—at least I have, and as to the cotton, several men from around here, and some business men from Roscoe came out and looked at my cotton crop and expressed themselves as astonished to see the difference in the two pieces of cotton. I want to refer you to two men who live in Roscoe, and they do not know anything about me using their names, either. One is a business man, Mr. R. E. Harris of the firm of Harris-Johnson Hardware Co., and the other is a farmer, and an old one, who knows what cotton is, Mr. Jas. R. Blanton. Ask them. They saw my crop in the driest and hottest time of the day. They can tell you how the two pieces of cotton looked better than I can write it.

It seems to me if we are going to make a success of farming in West Texas we will have to quit playing farming and follow a few suggestions made to us by men who are making a study of this question from a scientific standpoint. I think the sooner we heed their advice and experiment on our own farms and see whether there is anything in this new method or not the better it will be for us as farmers and for the country in general.

I would like to discuss the question of conserving moisture in the soil by proper tillage, but this article is already too long so I will wait until some other farmer, like my self, who is in the dry west, and don't want to leave, will help me this year to demonstrate to doubting ones that intensive dry farming is the salvation of the tillers of the soil in this country.—G. W. Butler, in Roscoe Times.

#### 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.

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**Shame on You, Citizens.**  
 Hurrah for the Buzz-Saw!  
 Reading your article on breaking out windows and pulling palings off fences brings this to my mind.  
 I would like to have my say about citizens of Merkel throwing their rubbish such as tin cans, dead chickens, cats, etc., around the suburbs of our city. Go out any direction, you will find such rubbish on all sides of the road inside of the coporation; then our neighbor over the fence will clean up his or her yard and throw it over on his neighbor when he thinks you are not watching.  
 By the way, that reminds me. One time not so very long ago I saw one of the leading men of this city pass by dragging a sack behind his surrey that sure did arouse my curiosity to know what he had in that sack, so when he got out in the suburban part of our little city he loosened the sack and left it on his suburban neighbor. (I could tell more about this but will not.) What do you reckon was in that sack? A dead chicken. I wonder how that man would like for some one to sack up some dead chickens and throw over his fence. I expect he would think some ugly words. If he did not he must surely be a preacher.  
 If any of Merkel citizens are from Arkansas or Missouri and have to see to believe just drive out almost any direction, especially the Trent or Noodle roads. Some of our citizens are complaining about the city officers of our town not doing their duty. It would take a marshal at every corner and one in the middle to keep things in order. If each citizen would keep his own

premises clean and not throw his rubbish on his neighbor and (if the shoe fits you you will have it to wear), haul it off to a place this town has provided for such purposes—a place to throw old rubbish that can't be burned, also a place to bury all carcasses—we would have a clean city and suburban neighbors would not have to boil over with wrath for being imposed upon.  
 Now, dear reader of the Merkel Mail, this is an everyday occurrence and can be proven. Last summer the road grader came along and graded all the tin cans out into the middle of the road or street and left them there to frighten people's teams as they passed. I think there is one time the road boss failed to do his duty.  
 Well, it does seem as if once having started I don't know how to stop but I guess I'd better stop now for I've said all that is necessary and if you want to know more particulars all you've got to do is to drive around and see for yourself.  
 With hearty good wishes and hoping you'll all clean up and not throw trash on your neighbor, especially your suburban neighbor—one who has been imposed upon. I certainly would hate to report some of the people of Merkel for such offenses but I suppose I will have to defend myself. Perhaps after reading this article you will be more careful.  
 Guess Who.  
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 An extraordinary case of suicide was described at an inquest held on the body of Alfred Hampson at Virginia Water, in Surrey. It was stated that Hampson suffered from weak-mindedness. He was left alone in his private room in a sanatorium for about twenty minutes, and when his attendant returned Hampson was found pressing a red-hot poker into his body. He informed Doctor Moore that he had been told he had a devil inside him, and the only way it could be killed was by means of a red-hot poker. He died next day.  
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 That we as a church extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.  
 That as this church has lost a true and noble member that we bow our head in submission to God's will.  
 That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be furnished the family.  
 Mrs. I. G. Beavers,  
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**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 Live Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at Rust & McCauley drug store. Samples free.  
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