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Nubla Dots.

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Miss Della Sutphen visited near Butman Saturday and Sunday.

John Denton and family of Mt. Comfort visited Watt Blair and family Sunday.

Misses Blanche Randolph and Gertrude Dowdy attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.

Miss Hattie Hunter is visiting Mrs. P. F. West near White Church.

T. J. Toombs and family went to Merkel last week.

Fannie Blair visited Mrs. Dan Atwood Friday.

K. Blackburn and family visited John Hughes Sunday.

Miss Lela Clark visited her sister, Mrs. E. F. Stanley, last week.

Mrs. Emmett Strickland is visiting in the east.

P. F. West and family visited Dan Atwood Sunday.

J. S. Blair, wife and daughter, Dixie, were guests at the home of A. W. Hunter Sunday.

Brown Eyes.

Shiloh Happenings.

March 28.—There was preaching here Sunday.

Had quite a nice little shower of rain Saturday.

Mrs. Green went to Abilene today to have her little son treated. He fell on a knife and it penetrated the eye causing him to lose the sight of one eye and injuring the other.

On last Thursday night the angel of death took from the home of John Williams their

precious babe, about three months of age. It is sad indeed to part with loved ones but God knoweth and doeth all things best. We must submit to his will and prepare to meet those gone on before. One more added to the list of angels.

Elmer Pumroy has gone Seymour.

Mrs. Sellers is reported ill.

Miss Howard Barnes has returned from Plasterco where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Williams.

Grandma Winters is reported very sick.

Miss Dora Pumroy visited the Misses Dyess Sunday.

Sam Howell is ill.

Much love to all the reporters and Mr. Editor. Happy.

Compere Happenings.

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E. C. Tarvin is on the sick list.

Miss Mollie Peterson of Shiloh visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore of Blair visited E. C. Shannon and family Sunday night.

Several of the Compere boys attended the literary at Noodle Friday night. Farming Kid.

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Obituary.

Loves last tribute paid to our dear mother, Mrs. Rebecca Louisa Cozart.

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When loved ones cross death's sea,
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OPTIMISM.

To be an optimist is a duty every man owes to himself, his family and his friends. Optimism costs nothing, yet pays large dividends. It beautifies the countenance, brings happiness and builds up the health. It quickens the intellect, augments the strength and prolongs life. It magnifies good, minimizes evil, looks for perfection and is blind to blemishes, it stimulates ambition, strengthens the will and increases the capacity for work. It leads to success, prosperity and popularity.

It is an invaluable asset and makes life worth living. No one is too poor to possess it and none rich enough to live well without it. This is the age of the optimist, there is no room for the pessimist. We live in the greatest, grandest nation on earth, every man has an equal chance, and there are opportunities everywhere. Prices are good and prospect for an abundant harvest never was better. There is work for all, let each one embrace the opportunity, and prosperity will smile upon us.

DEFINING THE KNOCKER.

The men who do a town more harm than good may be classed as follows:

1. Those who oppose improvements.
2. Those who run it down to strangers.
3. Those who never advertise their business.
4. Those who distrust public spirited men.
5. Those who show no hospitality to anyone.
6. Those who hate to see others make money.
7. Those who oppose every movement that does not originate with themselves.
8. Those who put on long faces when a stranger speaks of locating in their town.
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When you talk with your neighbors at home or abroad, riding or walking, always have a good word for your town, speak of the beautiful homes, the nice streets, the excellency of the surrounding country and the intelligence and enterprise of your neighbors.

Stand by your town through thick and thin as you would stand by your best friend in time of distress and you will find it prosperous and thriving as never before.—Devine Reporter.

Several of our advertisers have asked if we give the paper to advertisers, but we wish to say that in as much as the shoe dealer does not give a pair of silk hose with a pair of shoes we buy, or the barber don't give a shave with each haircut, and the tailor charges for the vest as well as the coat and pants, that we will not give paper to advertisers. The Reporter is worth any man's one dollar and if it is not worth that to anyone we don't want you to read it.—Devine Reporter.

The Neils-Buck Company of Chicago has just purchased 10,000 acres of fruit land in Bee county, Texas, which is to be cut up in small tracts

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The cry of "Back to the Soil" has not been in vain. Its echo reverberates against sky scrapers; it startles the banker, the merchant, the clerk and the laborer; it is permeating the very core of our municipal life, inviting the buffeted and careworn to the bosom of nature. Rural possibilities have awakened in our citizenship new hope and inspiration and the farm is taking back some of its very best and that too, after they have been refined and finished in business experience. Press reports announce that Hon. Cato Sells, banker of Cleburne, has quit the field of commercial endeavor and will go to farming. When business men go to farming, it means that the farmers will soon have more good roads, railroads, rural free delivery, rural telephones, educational and church facilities and elevated society. Builders are as much needed on the farm as in the cities and our cities can well afford to send a few of their leaders "Back to the Soil."

BACK TO NATURE.

A hen is not supposed to have much common sense or tact. Yet every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot of intellect to show, But none the less most roosters have enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts, has a persistent way Of letting people know he's around by his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz, bulls bellow and cows moo, Watch-dogs bark, ganders quack, doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks, pigs squeal and robins sing, And even serpents know enough to hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece that nature could devise, Will often stop and hesitate before he'll ADVERTISE.

—The Practical Printer.

EAT TEXAS GRUB.

The Beaumont Enterprise is published down in the rice belt of Texas and its editor is a sensible fellow and a loyal citizen of his county. He is advocating the placing of rice on the bill of fare of the army. He calls attention to the fact that rice is a healthful food, that it can be obtained at reasonable figures and urges the authorities to try it as a regular army diet. The Enterprise is to be commended upon its efforts to have the products of its home properly recognized.—Abilene Reporter.

That's the idea. While they are in Texas make 'em eat Texas grub. It isn't necessary to limit the bill of fare to rice. There's Corpus cabbage, Laredo onions, Beeville honey, Denison peanants, Honey Grove buttermilk and other things to numerous to mention.—Beaumont Enterprise.

One hundred and thirty counties responded with entries in the corn and cotton growing free-for-all contest inaugurated by the Texas Industrial Congress. The spirit of better agricultural methods and seed selection is catching on in Texas. And next fall the industrial congress can point with considerable pride to bulging corn cribs, bigger bales and happier people. Let Texas grow.—Star-Telegram.

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From the beginning the farmer has been the biggest man in history, not excepting the man on the throne and the man behind the spear and gun, and it is a hopeful sign that this fact is now recognized by the best thinkers in the world.

Waco is constructing a twenty-two story office building. The building will be equipped with every modern convenience and will be one of the tallest and most thoroughly equipped in the south.

Texas City is arranging for the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in terminal and harbor improvements in that city.

Stamford will let the contract within the next few days for six blocks of paving, giving the city a total of thirty-four blocks of permanent street pavement.

THIS COURT "KNEW HERSELF"

Origin of Expression Is Attributed to a Missourian Named Blackburn.

We frequently hear the expression, "If the court knows itself, and it thinks it does," but few persons are aware of the origin thereof.

The individual who gave birth to it was a Pike county Missourian named Blackburn, who flourished in the west many years ago. Blackburn ran away from home when he was a mere boy and sought his fortune in the west, where he grew to manhood as an Indian fighter, hunter, trapper and mountain guide. Although not an educated man he was possessed of great acumen, to which was united a keen wit. When gold was discovered in California Blackburn was one of the first to proceed thither. The miners, as a sort of joke, elected him alcalde, an office that combined the duties of mayor and justice of the peace. The first case coming before the new alcalde was that of a gambler who, while drunk, had ridden his horse over a young Mexican woman. She was seriously injured.

The trial took place in the largest cabin in the neighborhood. The gambler, who was rich, had retained able counsel to defend him. Alcalde Blackburn called the young woman to the witness stand. She told a straightforward, honest story. When she had finished the alcalde peremptorily ended the trial. The attorney for the defendant protested vigorously, but the alcalde disposed of his protest thus: "If this court knows herself, and she thinks she do, I fine you \$50 damages and assess upon you the cost of puttin' this young woman in good condition."

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You are hereby commanded to summon W. D. Carpenter by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive 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; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 5, Taylor County, to be held at Merkel in said Taylor County, on the 24th day of April 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of March 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 483, wherein The First National Bank of Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation having its domicile at Merkel, Texas, is Plaintiff, and L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter are Defendants, and said petition alleging and declaring on the part of plaintiff in a suit on one certain promissory note executed by L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter for the principal sum of \$114.00, bearing date of June 2nd 1908, due four months after date, providing for ten per cent interest after maturity, and providing for ten percent attorney fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Plaintiff alleges that said note is long past due, and though often requested, defendants and each of them have failed to pay same or any part thereof.

Plaintiff prays judgment against the defendants, L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter, jointly and severally, for its said debt, interest, attorney fees and costs.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 5, Taylor County.

Given under my official signature, at office in Merkel, Texas, this the 29th day of March 1911.

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The Texas Realty Journal estimates that 750 car loads of onions will be shipped from Asherton, Texas this year, compared with 56 car loads last year. This will bring the onion growers \$400,000 and the farmers of that section have large crops of other vegetables as well as a large acreage of cotton. Asherton, while a comparatively new farming section of the state, ranks second in the onion industry, Laredo being the first in onion production in Texas. The onion belt of Texas is rapidly expanding and wherever we find an enterprising truck farmer this favorite vegetable thrives.

Beaumont and Orange are to soon have a twenty-five foot channel to the sea, the counties of Orange and Jefferson dividing the expense with the federal government.

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OPTIMISM.

To be an optimist is a duty every man owes to himself, his family and his friends. Optimism costs nothing, yet pays large dividends. It beautifies the countenance, brings happiness and builds up the health. It quickens the intellect, augments the strength and prolongs life. It magnifies good, minimizes evil, looks for perfection and is blind to blemishes, it stimulates ambition, strengthens the will and increases the capacity for work. It leads to success, prosperity and popularity.

It is an invaluable asset and makes life worth living. No one is too poor to possess it and none rich enough to live well without it. This is the age of the optimist, there is no room for the pessimist. We live in the greatest, grandest nation on earth, every man has an equal chance, and there are opportunities everywhere. Prices are good and prospect for an abundant harvest never was better. There is work for all, let each one embrace the opportunity, and prosperity will smile upon us.

DEFINING THE KNOCKER.

The men who do a town more harm than good may be classed as follows:

1. Those who oppose improvements.
2. Those who run it down to strangers.
3. Those who never advertise their business.
4. Those who distrust public spirited men.
5. Those who show no hospitality to anyone.
6. Those who hate to see others make money.
7. Those who oppose every movement that does not originate with themselves.
8. Those who put on long faces when a stranger speaks of locating in their town.
9. Those who oppose every public enterprise which does not appear of personal benefit to themselves.

When you talk with your neighbors at home or abroad, riding or walking, always have a good word for your town, speak of the beautiful homes, the nice streets, the excellency of the surrounding country and the intelligence and enterprise of your neighbors.

Stand by your town through thick and thin as you would stand by your best friend in time of distress and you will find it prosperous and thriving as never before.—Devine Reporter.

Several of our advertisers have asked if we give the paper to advertisers, but we wish to say that in as much as the shoe dealer does not give a pair of silk hose with a pair of shoes we buy, or the barber don't give a shave with each haircut, and the tailor charges for the vest as well as the coat and pants, that we will not give paper to advertisers. The Reporter is worth any man's one dollar and if it is not worth that to anyone we don't want you to read it.—Devine Reporter.

The Neils-Buck Company of Chicago has just purchased 10,000 acres of fruit land in Bee county, Texas, which is to be cut up in small tracts

and sold to settlers in the near future. The purchasers are large contracting builders of Chicago who employ several thousand people and the land is to be sold to the employees of the company only. One hundred families will arrive within the next few weeks and others will follow later on. Texas has thousands of acres of land that is ready and waiting for desirable settlers from other states and the plan of the Chicago firm in providing homes for their employees is a compliment to the good judgment and foresight of the promoters of the idea.

The cry of "Back to the Soil" has not been in vain. Its echo reverberates against sky scrapers; it startles the banker, the merchant, the clerk and the laborer; it is permeating the very core of our municipal life, inviting the buffeted and careworn to the bosom of nature. Rural possibilities have awakened in our citizenship new hope and inspiration and the farm is taking back some of its very best and that too, after they have been refined and finished in business experience. Press reports announce that Hon. Cato Sells, banker of Cleburne, has quit the field of commercial endeavor and will go to farming. When business men go to farming, it means that the farmers will soon have more good roads, railroads, rural free delivery, rural telephones, educational and church facilities and elevated society. Builders are as much needed on the farm as in the cities and our cities can well afford to send a few of their leaders "Back to the Soil."

BACK TO NATURE.

A hen is not supposed to have much common sense or tact. Yet every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot of intellect to show, But none the less most roosters have enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts, has a persistent way Of letting people know he's around by his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz, bulls bellow and cows moo, Watch-dogs bark, ganders quack, doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks, pigs squeal and robins sing, And even serpents know enough to hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece that nature could devise, Will often stop and hesitate before he'll ADVERTISE. —The Practical Printer.

EAT TEXAS GRUB.

The Beaumont Enterprise is published down in the rice belt of Texas and its editor is a sensible fellow and a loyal citizen of his county. He is advocating the placing of rice on the bill of fare of the army. He calls attention to the fact that rice is a healthful food, that it can be obtained at reasonable figures and urges the authorities to try it as a regular army diet. The Enterprise is to be commended upon its efforts to have the products of its home properly recognized.—Abilene Reporter.

That's the idea. While they are in Texas make 'em eat Texas grub. It isn't necessary to limit the bill of fare to rice. There's Corpus cabbage, Laredo onions, Beeville honey, Denison' peanuts, Honey Grove buttermilk and other things to numerous to mention.—Beaumont Enterprise.

One hundred and thirty counties responded with entries in the corn and cotton growing free-for-all contest inaugurated by the Texas Industrial Congress. The spirit of better agricultural methods and seed selection is catching on in Texas. And next fall the industrial congress can point with considerable pride to bulging corn cribs, bigger bales and happier people. Let Texas grow.—Star-Telegram.

Texas Industrial Notes.

The San Angelo Milling Company has completed plans and is receiving bids for the erection of a \$30,000 flour mill, to replace the mill destroyed by fire last winter. The mill will be equipped with the latest improved flour machinery and the capacity will be 200 barrels.

From the beginning the farmer has been the biggest man in history, not excepting the man on the throne and the man behind the spear and gun, and it is a hopeful sign that this fact is now recognized by the best thinkers in the world.

Waco is constructing a twenty-two story office building. The building will be equipped with every modern convenience and will be one of the tallest and most thoroughly equipped in the south.

Texas City is arranging for the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in terminal and harbor improvements in that city.

Stamford will let the contract within the next few days for six blocks of paving, giving the city a total of thirty-four blocks of permanent street pavement.

THIS COURT "KNEW HERSELF"

Origin of Expression is Attributed to a Missourian Named Blackburn.

We frequently hear the expression, "If the court knows itself, and it thinks it does," but few persons are aware of the origin thereof.

The individual who gave birth to it was a Pike county Missourian named Blackburn, who flourished in the west many years ago. Blackburn ran away from home when he was a mere boy and sought his fortune in the west, where he grew to manhood as an Indian fighter, hunter, trapper and mountain guide. Although not an educated man he was possessed of great acumen, to which was united a keen wit. When gold was discovered in California Blackburn was one of the first to proceed thither. The miners, as a sort of joke, elected him alcalde, an office that combined the duties of mayor and justice of the peace. The first case coming before the new alcalde was that of a gambler who, while drunk, had ridden his horse over a young Mexican woman. She was seriously injured.

The trial took place in the largest cabin in the neighborhood. The gambler, who was rich, had retained able counsel to defend him. Alcalde Blackburn called the young woman to the witness stand. She told a straightforward, honest story. When she had finished the alcalde peremptorily ended the trial. The attorney for the defendant protested vigorously, but the alcalde disposed of his protest thus: "If this court knows herself, and she thinks she do, I fine you \$50 damages and assess upon you the cost of putting this young woman in good condition."

When asked what he meant by "good condition," the alcalde replied that the gambler must pay the doctor's bill and all other costs of the young woman's sickness.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. D. Carpenter by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive 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; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 5, Taylor County, to be holden at Merkel in said Taylor County, on the 24th day of April 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of March 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 483, wherein The First National Bank of Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation having its domicile at Merkel, Texas, is Plaintiff, and L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter are Defendants, and said petition alleging and declaring on the part of plaintiff in a suit on one certain promissory note executed by L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter for the principal sum of \$114.00, bearing date of June 2nd 1908, due four months afterdate, providing for ten per cent interest after maturity, and providing for ten percent attorney fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Plaintiff alleges that said note is long past due, and though often requested, defendants and each of them have failed to pay same or any part thereof.

Plaintiff prays judgment against the defendants, L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter, jointly and severally, for its said debt, interest, attorney fee and costs.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 5, Taylor County.

Given under my official signature, at office in Merkel, Texas, this the 29th day of March 1911.

N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County Texas.

The Texas Realty Journal estimates that 750 car loads of onions will be shipped from Asherton, Texas this year, compared with 56 car loads last year. This will bring the onion growers \$400,000 and the farmers of that section have large crops of other vegetables as well as a large acreage of cotton. Asherton, while a comparatively new farming section of the state, ranks second in the onion industry, Laredo being the first in onion production in Texas. The onion belt of Texas is rapidly expanding and wherever we find an enterprising truck farmer this favorite vegetable thrives.

Beaumont and Orange are to soon have a twenty-five foot channel to the sea, the counties of Orange and Jefferson dividing the expense with the federal government.

Farming is becoming a science in Texas. It is being conducted on a business basis for the purpose of making money, not purely for scratching from the soil bare existence. As a result the percentage of agricultural failures are becoming less and the proportion of success is taking rank with other lines of industry.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

A BIG BARGAIN SALE

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

Bargains in every department. We have just purchased a big stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes and Hats from Altus, Okla. On account of financial embarrassment the former owner of this stock was forced to sell it regardless of price. Being in a position to take advantage of this clean stock of merchandise which was being offered at a great sacrifice, and seeing where we would make some money for ourselves and at the same time save our customers several hundred dollars, we closed the deal and are now offering to save you money. We bought these goods so low that

We Can Sell Merchandise to You at The Price THAT OUR COMPETITORS HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM

We congratulate ourselves that we are in a position to save you money. If there ever was a time when the people in this country needed money it is now. The prices that we are making now are for CASH ONLY and for THIS SALE ONLY. When we have to rebuy we will have to pay more and you cannot expect us to make the prices that we are making you now. If you get anything during this sale that is not altogether satisfactory we are here to make it good. We guarantee you to get value received for your money. The goods we advertise are WHILE THEY LAST ONLY. We are advertising only such goods as we have but some of them will not last long at the prices we are making, but while they last they are yours as we advertise them. We would like for every customer in our territory to have a part in this sale. Read the price list and select.

WOOL DRESS GOODS

We have a big line of Dress Goods in Panamas, Cashmeres, Serges, Worsteds, etc., we quote you all \$1.00 and \$1.25 Dress Goods for **73c** All 50c and 65c Dress Goods only **35c**

GINGHAMS

Good Gingham Checks, during this bargain sale for only per yard **6c** Big line of Fancy Dress Gingham in stripes or checks, per yard **8c**

SUITINGS

Big line of Suitings per yard 7c, 10c, 12c **14c**

25c NUMBERS 15c

Big line of Cotton Voils, Shirt Waist Suitings, and other Fancy Waistings, 25c grade for only **15c**

WIDE PERCALES

During this sale only price **8c**

CALICOES

We carry good calicoes only and we will offer all of them and colored Cambrics for only per yard **4c**

DOMESTIC

4000 yards good L L Unbleached Domestic 36 inches wide, close thread and good quality for only 5c per yard, twenty yards to the customer, only.

All goods are guaranteed to be worth the money. In case they are not you will oblige us by returning them and having matter adjusted.

EMBROIDERIES

Assortment No. 1—Widths one inch to two and one half inches wide, price during this sale per yard **5c**

Assortment No. 2—Widths from two and one half to three and one half inches wide, for this sale per yard **7c** Assortment No. 3—Widths from three and one half to six inches wide, for this sale only, per yard **10c**

LACES--LACES

The best and most extensive line that we have ever carried, we bought them cheap and are going to sell them.

Good valentine lace worth 5c to 7c, our price during this sale, per yard **3c** Lace worth 10c, our price will be **6c** Lace worth 15c, our price will be **10c** Better will also be sold at a big reduction.

TABLE OIL CLOTH

We carry standard only, our price during this sale is:

For the colored per yard **15c** For the white per yard **18c**

We wish we could quote you prices on Corsets, Hand Bags, Hair Goods, Muslin Underwear, Gloves and one hundred other items, but we mean business and will save you money.

Elastic Seam Drawers

The Famous Lot 985 many of you are perhaps familiar with this number. We have possibly 40 dozen left. Our price during this sale is only **35c**

SHOES--SHOES

We can shoe the whole family from the oldest to the youngest.

All of our line of Ladies \$3.50 shoes for **\$2.85** Ladies \$3.00 shoes for **2.35** Ladies \$2.50 shoes for **1.95** Ladies \$2.00 shoes for **1.65** Ladies \$1.75 shoes for **1.40** Ladies \$1.50 shoes for **1.19** Ladies Oxfords and Sandals will also be included at a nice reduction.

MEN'S SHOES

We are carrying about \$2500.00 worth on men's shoes and are offering them during this sale at the following reductions:

Our \$2.00 line for **\$1.65** Our \$2.50 line for **1.95** Our \$3.00 line for **2.35** Our \$3.50 line for **2.95** Our \$4.00 line for **3.35** Our \$4.50 line for **3.70** Our \$5.00 line for **3.95** Our \$6.00 line for **4.65**

We also have extensive lines of Boys and Misses shoes that will be included at big discounts.

MEN'S SHIRTS

Big line of soft shirts for only **43c** Also a big line of laundry shirts for your inspection.

Mens Collars, best brand only **10c**

The prices we are making are for cash only and this sale only.

MEN'S SUITS

One lot of Men's Suits worth \$10.00 and \$12.50, our price while they last **\$4.98**

One lot worth from 12.50 to \$15.00 our price will be **\$6.40**

One lot worth from \$15.00 to \$20.00 our price will be **\$8.45**

We have on hand about three or four hundred Men's Suits and can give you a good selection.

SHIRTS—Men's heavy work for only **39c**

Men's heavy dollar overalls, Sweet Orrs, Premiums and Head Lights, our price is only **83c**

Elastic Seam Drawers **35c**

Black Sox, Tan Sox, good ones for only, per pair **5c**

Most extensive line of Men's Pants, that we have ever carried, the price is right.

MEN'S HATS

A table full of them, cut deep for quick selling.

Mens \$4.50 Stetsons **\$2.98**

Mens \$5.00 Stetsons **3.48**

Mens \$6.00 Stetsons **4.48**

Mens \$6.50 Stetsons **4.85**

The prices we are making are for cash only and this sale only.

Remember we are in a position to save you money and we propose to do so if you will give us the opportunity, we bought these goods so low that we can sell them at wholesale cost, pay expenses and have a good profit left. Come to see us and we will prove to you that these are facts.

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Besides a complete line of pure dependable drugs we carry a full line of patent medicines, druggists sundries and fishing tackle. We have a few Texas Almanacs for sale and are agents for the Dallas News. Our assortment of cigars can not be surpassed in Merkel and if you can enjoy a good smoke or cold drink call to see us.



Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

The XX Century club met Saturday afternoon and had a very interesting lesson, lead by Miss Long. The following program will be carried out April 1:

Rollcall, quotations from the lesson, reading of the minutes, business

Lesson, Henry VIII, act V.

1. How does Sc. I. show Anne Bullen to be regarded by the courtiers?

2. Who are associated with her in disfavor of the court?

3. What incident precedes the interview of the kind and Cranmer, and what is suggested by the juxta position?

4. How does Henry arrange with Cranmer to meet charges of the council? On what grounds was Cranmer summoned before them?

5. What is the chief trait of the Old Lady as exhibited in Sc. I. and in the earlier scene?

6. What indignity is put on Cranmer and how is Henry informed of it? Describe Cranmer's trial.

7. Indicate the purpose of Sc. III? Granting that it was written by Fletcher or by some unknown hand how does it compare with similar scenes of undoubted Shakespearian authorship?

8. Comment on the lack of unity of the play in consideration of the last act in relation to the others?

Miss Allie Jennings leader.

Miss Duncan Browning entertained the neighborhood children at her home Saturday afternoon complimentary to her little cousins Misses Frances and Louise Harris of Roscoe. Kindergarten games were enjoyed by little Misses Alice Bigham, Mary Parten, Hazel Hartrider, Lola Armstrong, Ruby Hamm, Julia Martin, Louise Warren, Evelyn Hamm, Mildred Martin, Frances and Louise Harris, after which refreshments were served consisting of popcorn balls, chocolate and cake.

Sunday afternoon a few couples of young folks drove out south of town and took kodak pictures. They were chaperoned by Misses Turner of Gail, and Plummer. The personnel: Misses Eunice Nisbitt, Fannie Burroughs, Lyska Pitzer, Elma Sheppard, Josephine Medlen, Jessie Sutphen. Messrs Otis Barnett, Rufford Evans, Duke Evans, Low Barnett, Roy Bradley of Stith, Robert Medien.

An informal dance was given at the Crenshaw building Monday night. The young people and their chaperons were Misses Zora and Jewel Coggin, Jessie O'Briant, Annie T. Daniel. Messrs. Lester Magness, Ernest Faucett, Courtney Hunt, Lanier Brown, Homer Magness, Dr. Davis. Mesdames LanierBrown,

Fred Bigham, Homer Magness, L. D. Gaither. Mexican music was furnished.

A Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given Saturday night when a crowd of the younger set took possession of Mrs. J. P. Sutphen's home where they are ever welcome.

'Twas only a few minutes until all were engaged in "42," Bunco, while others were enjoying music. Those who came to surprise Miss Jessie were: Misses Dethel Jenkins, Fannie Burroughs, Josephine Medlen, Bessie Medlen, Winnie Warren, Eunice Nisbitt, Mattie Paylor Messrs. Parker Sharp, Otis Barnett, Low Barnett, Rufford Evans, Duke Evans, Robert Medien, Merle Alsbrook, Homer Easterwood. A delightful time was reported.

Merkel Lady Minstrels, A Hit.

A few ladies of the Library association assisted by local talent under the direction of Miss Eva Williams presented the Belles of Blackville at the opera house Friday night March 24, benefit Merkel Public Library. A plantation sketch by Mammy Sykes and her family furnished amusement and help to make the evening a success. The program was well rendered and each number proved that too much praise can not be given those who took part. The neat sum of about \$33 00 was netted and will go to the purchase of new books.

Mrs. W. T. Berry and children little Miss Frances and Master George have gone to the Long ranch in Borden county where they will visit her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Long.

Mrs. B. W. Hudgins and children are at home from Snyder where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayter, parents of Mrs. Hudgins.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and little son Charmion are at home from a trip to Fort Worth, Arlington, Dallas and other points.

Miss Duncan Browning was in Abilene a few days last week.

Miss Lois Rogers visited here Saturday.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us in the recent illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God's richest blessing rest and abide with one and all is the prayer of W. A. Cozart and children.

Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c per bottle sold by H. C. Burroughs

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.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, "Wait on the Lord." Leader, Miss Carroll Rister. Roll call with Scripture verses from twenty-third Psalm.

Scripture reading Psalm 37:34-40.

Song.

Prayer.

Repeat two verses of the 27th Psalm; one from 18th chapter of Luke—Floyd Dean.

Song.

What is it to Wait on the Lord—Ben T. Merritt.

Talk on "The two Great Currents in Life," Godliness and Worldliness—Rev. W. C. Taggart.

Song, My Faith Looks up to Thee.

Announcement and collection.

Prayer.

Adjournment.

Junior League Program.

Subject, Assisting Friend.

Leader, Mary Jennings.

Scripture reading, John ii, 1-10

Prayer, Mrs. Shaffer.

Song 93.

Instance of giving assistance to friends—Mamie McNeas.

Story of the lesson—Jewell Pate.

Bible references.

Song 119.

Points to think about—Arthur Martin.

Solo—Stella Martin.

Prayer, Mrs. Adams.

Song 57.

League Benediction.

Notice, Farmers Union.

The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet at Ovalo Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7. All locals are requested to have delegates present.

W. A. Campbell, Pres.
J. L. Tucker, Sec.

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.

"Since taking Cardui, I am so much better and can do all my housework."

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The Woman's Tonic

Do not allow yourself to get into a bad fix. You might get in so bad you would find it hard to get out.

Better take Cardui while there is time, while you are still in moderately good health, just to conserve your strength and keep you in tip top condition.

In this way your troubles, whatever they are, will gradually grow smaller instead of larger—you will be on the up-grade instead of the down—and by and bye you will arrive at the north pole of perfect health.

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H. M. WARREN

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Thousands of telegraph operators needed. There is no calling that offers such sure promotion and certain success as telegraphy. We have the best equipped telegraphy department in the South, expert teachers, and direct main line connection with railroad companies (in fact, our college is now the official training school of the M., K. & T. Railway System), affording an abundance of practical work for our students. Now is the time to begin.

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MERKEL : : : TEXAS

"Go South" Says Clark.

Chicago, March 15.—"Go South, my boy, go South," says Champ Clark of Missouri, the speaker of the next national house. Congressman Clarke spoke upon a number of other things in an interview with representatives of the press, but he talked most about the South—even more than running for President.

"The South is the place and my advice is to go there," said Mr. Clark. "You won't eat as much as you do here in the North. If you do, you'll die. Your clothing must be lighter, and therefore less expensive. You won't have to buy fuel to speak of and you can allow your horses and cattle to graze out of doors the year around.

"Believe me, the South is the poor man's land, and you'll live to see the day when the South is going to be the richest part of the United States.

"Why, say, I know a man who made \$15,000 in one year off three acres of lettuce. Sounds fishy, doesn't it? True, though, for I took the pains to find out. It's a great country, boys and if you want a tip follow my advice. That is, go early to the Southland and grow up with its progress."

Don't Break Down

Severe strains on the vital organs, like strains on machinery, cause breakdowns. You can't over-tax stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels or nerves without serious danger to yourself. If you are weak or rundown, or under strain of any kind, take Electric Bitters the matchless, tonic medicine. Mis J E Van de Sande, of Kirkland, Ill., writes: "That I did not break down, while enduring a most severe strain, for three months, is due wholly to Electric Bitters." Use them and enjoy health and strength. Satisfaction positively guaranteed. 50c at H C Burroughs.

Secretive Merchants.

An exchange tells the story of a boy who went to market with a sack full of roasting ears, and, after lingering around town all day, returned home without selling them. When asked by his mother why he had not sold the corn, he said no one asked him what he had in his sack. There are many merchants like the little boy. They have plenty of goods to sell, but they fail to say what they have in the sack.

And almost every town has storekeepers exactly of that kind.—Terrell Transcript.

Lovers

of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and then try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel trouble. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

The Harem Skirt.

Will the harem skirt be worn without a chaperon?—Houston Chronicle.

As we understand it, there are two sides to this harem skirt argument.—Fort Worth Record.

The new style of harem trousers alarm us lest the next fashion move will compel men to wear hobble skirts.—Texarkana Courier.

The harem skirt seems to be the latest device to start a riot, judging from news reports from Paris and New York.—Galveston Tribune.

The shortest ode yet written to the harem skirt:

Harem,
Wear'em
Tear'em
Scare'em

—Fort Worth Record.

It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J A Swenson, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for skin eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, boils, fever sores, burns, scalds, cuts and piles. 25c at H C Burroughs.

Runnels County Goes Dry.

Ballinger, Texas, March 17.—For the first time Runnels county has gone dry. The prohibitionists carried the local option election yesterday by a majority of 377 votes. The antis carried three boxes out of twenty-one.

The pros waged a vigorous campaign. Speakers visited every quarter of the county and an abundance of literature was distributed. Seven years ago the county went wet by eighteen votes and five years ago the antis again won by a majority of 148 votes.

A Man of Iron Nerve.

Indomitable will and tremendous energy are never found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr Kings New Life Pills, the matchless regulators, for keen brain and strong body. 25c at H C Burroughs.

Price & Hunt, Losers.

The Price & Hunt stock farm on the Clear Fork was among the heavy losers in the fire at Fort Worth. A very fine jack, for which they had refused an offer of \$1,250 and two fine horses were burned.

A Neighbor of Yours

as well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism. We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crick in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's snow Liniment relieves all aches and pains and heals all wounds. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Concerning Trustees Election.

The commissioners court of Jones county has ordered that an election be held in every one of the sixty-two common school districts of the county on Saturday April 1, to elect school trustees. It is earnestly hoped that elections will be held in every district and that every legal voter in said districts will cast a vote for the best citizens in his respective district for trustees.

This day is a most important one as concerns the schools of Jones county. The success of our schools depends very largely upon the character of men selected as trustees. The very best citizens should be chosen for these important offices, men who are deeply concerned about matters educational, men who are willing to serve the community for the good they can do, men who will treat the office as a sacred trust, for, indeed, it is a most sacred trust reposed in any man to commit to his charge the probable destinies of a half hundred or more children at the formative stage of their lives. Let us be careful as to the men who shall serve us in this capacity.

We are proud of the fact that our county stands in the front rank in educational matters, and with more than six thousand school children within our borders, we should not overlook the obligation we owe them.

Let us protect the interests of this great number of children and show our concern in their welfare by choosing our most capable citizens to manage our schools.

Trusting that this word may produce a greater interest in the matter of better scholastic conditions, I am respectfully,
L. T. Cunningham, Co., Supt.

The Lash of a Fiend

would have been about as welcome to a Cooper of Oswego, N Y as a merciless lung racking cough that defied all remedies for years. "It was most troublesome at night," he writes, "nothing helped me till I used Dr Kings New Discovery which cured my cold completely. I never cough at night now." Millions know its merits for stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, sore lungs, lagrippe, asthma, hemorrhage, croup, whooping cough or hay fever. It relieves quickly and never fails to satisfy. A trial convinces. 50c, \$1 Trial bottle free. It's positively guaranteed by H C Burroughs.

Would-Be Bailey Opponents.

Waco, March 18.—It is the current opinion here that a number of anti-Bailey men will be in the race for United States senator next year. One report circulated here is to the effect that Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas will soon shy his castor into the ring. Those who seem to have a grasp on the political situation firmly believe ex-Governor Campbell will be a candidate for senatorial honors.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. G. Terry of Trent was among the business visitors here the first of the week.

See those new skirts and dresses that just came in at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Read the advertising in this and all other issues of the Mail for our business people are making bids for your patronage.

See us for the new things in Millinery. Our millinery is right and our prices lower. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Now is the time to list your lands with us for sale. Give us full, fair and honest description with lowest price and we will do the rest. King & Jackson.

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

Frank Sears, John Sears and C. L. Barker left Tuesday night for points east, the latter on business and the former to visit with lots of relatives and friends at Whitewright.

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.

Jack Previne has accepted a position with the Pacific Express Company at Abilene where he will make his home and orders the Mail to come to him every week with the news of his old friends and the folks at home.

John Sicklesmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children and like most children take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

When you are undecided about what to cook for dinner phone 170, Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. We have fresh vegetables every day as well as a fine line of staple and fancy groceries.

The report of the critical condition of Mrs. J. L. Hunter came to our office Wednesday and we hope to have more encouraging news for her many friends before going to press.

We have got the best list of lands in this section and can save any prospector money. No prospector can buy any property cheaper than we can sell it. King & Jackson.

Miss Hartley and Mrs. Langston who have been visiting at the home of A. J. Hartley have returned to their home in Collin county.

Try us this month on your grocery orders. Your orders will have our prompt and careful attention. Phone 170. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

A good four-room house and lot and half within two blocks of business center for less than it cost to build the house. It will rent. Price, \$425. King & Jackson.

Duke Evans whom we reported leaving this burg a week or so ago was detained on some very important social matters and did not make his departure until the first of this week. We wish him well away but hope to have him back in the city in clover before many moons.

BUY YOUR EASTER BONNET NOW

We have decided to give the Ladies of Merkel and surrounding country **20 PER CENT DISCOUNT** on all Millinery bought on Saturday and Monday, April the 1st and 3rd

We have an exceptionally large stock and are glad to give the ladies this opportunity. Positive assurance of pleasing you in style and price. It is to your interest not to delay buying, as you have everything to gain by purchasing on these two days. There are many new ideas brought out and shown each day and Miss Hardy assisted by Miss Teaff will exert themselves by showing you through this department. 20 per cent discount means

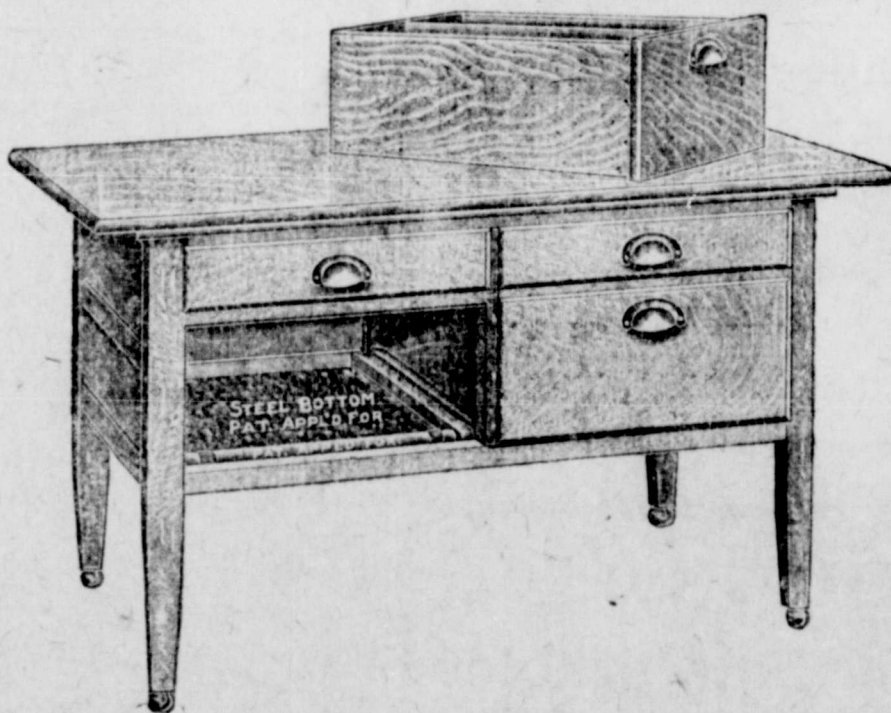
\$3.00 Hats for \$2.40	\$7.00 Hats for \$5.60
4.00 Hats for 3.20	8.00 Hats for 6.40
5.00 Hats for 4.00	9.00 Hats for 7.20
6.00 Hats for 4.80	10.00 Hats for 8.00

Our Millinery is marked in plain figures and you can plainly see for yourself that we are offering you some splendid values. Don't forget the dates---April 1 & 3.

WOODROOF BROS.
ONE PRICE--THE LOWEST

A Woman Loves--Man

usually admires—a well furnished home. Let us help you to improve your home. The kitchen is not the least important. Kitchen Cabinet saves miles of steps for tired feet—saves the countless trips you now make from the kitchen table to the pantry and then to the safe or to the flour bin. It saves you from reaching high shelves. This cabinet is mouse or roach proof. Meal and flour bins are on rollers, they do not slide.



The Ice Man is here—Refrigerators now in stock (Leonards Cleanable). Summer will soon be here, are you ready to let us figure with you on that new refrigerator? Now is the time. To-day.

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mail makes but a modest charge of \$2.50 for municipal announcements and it is the proper way to present your name to our people. You know it is the paper the people read.

For Mayor

C. D. MIMS

For City Marshal

T. F. DUBOSE

W. N. HALL

L. A. FREEMON

EUGENE A. HARGROVE

T. H. CHRISTOPHER

For City Treasurer

H. CLARK BURROUGHS

For Alderman

J. N. SHELTON

Y. P. S. C. E. Program.

Subject, Lessons from great lives—Joshua. Consecration meeting.

Leader, Miss Lillie Russell.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Roll call answer with a scripture verse.

Leader's remarks.

Song.

Paper, Joshua's faith, courage and consecration by Miss Eleanor Daniels.

Prayer for special consecration.

Pastor's five minutes.

Business. Benediction.

L. D. Gaither was in Ovalo Tuesday where he bought a very fine young black horse which he drove home through the country. The animal is very handsome and so was the price reported paid for him.

John Elliott P. H. & W. D.

Special attention given to chronic cases of wind mills and pumps. All calls, day or night, given prompt attention. Office phone 4 residence 59.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending April 1, 1911:

Evans, Miss Cecil Eugene.

Growns, R. F.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 8, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Bank Notice.

The banks of Merkel from April 1st to September 1st will open at 9 a. m. and close at 3 p. m. F. & M. National Bank. First National Bank.

In Brewster county, Texas there is an inexhaustible amount of high class marble. There are only four places in the world where high grade marble is mined, Italy, Greece, Vermont and Georgia and the Texas product is equal to that of those famed marble producing sections. According to the statistics compiled by the Texas Realty Journal, the consumption of marble in the United States has doubled every ten years and the total amount of marble sales for 1909 was \$35,000,000. It is claimed that on one marble mountain in Brewster county, there is more marble in sight than could be moved in 100 years with all the men and machinery that could be put to it, and core drillings have proved that the deposit extends 100 feet below the surface.

Jacksonville has a good road bond issue on foot to bond the Jacksonville Justice precinct for \$100,000 for good roads; also there is an issue on' to put in sewerage.