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M'FERRIN IS DEAD

Old Man Heart Broken over Misfortune That Had Befallen Him Dies in Jail.

DEATH FROM HEART FAILURE

Was Convicted and Fined in Federal Court on Charge of Embezzling the Postoffice Funds While in Office at Trent.

Abilene, April 14.—Already afflicted with a weak heart, grief over the stigma which had been placed on a name he had carried for fifty-eight years above reproach, killed J. M. McFerrin, a prisoner in the county jail. Death occurred at ten minutes to five o'clock.

The coroner's verdict was death from heart failure, but those who knew the circumstances of the case know that his heart was broken; broken because of his disgrace and confinement; broken because he felt too keenly the dishonor which was not his own, but someone's dearer to him than life, fell with crushing force upon him in these his declining days broken by the knowledge that heretofore honored and respected, now he could never look his fellow men in the face as before.

J. M. McFerrin was postmaster at Ternt, having held that office two years and lived in that town seven years. A shortage of \$411.17 was discovered in his accounts and a charge of embezzling placed against him in the federal court. On trial Wednesday of this week he was found guilty, but Judge Meeks in his well known way, ascertained that he was only technically guilty and did not place a prison sentence on him. On the contrary, he assessed a fine of \$411.17, exactly the amount missing. McFerrin was remanded to jail pending payment of the fine.

The old man's two sons came here day before yesterday. Yesterday afternoon his son-in-law, a Mr. Young of Coleman, arrived in the city on the first afternoon train and at once went to the federal court house. He had made arrangements with the F. & M. here to O. K. his check for the amount of fine imposed drawn upon the Coleman National bank. The check had been written and was in readiness to be delivered when news of McFerrin's death came, when those interested repaired to the jail.

McFerrin was fifty-eight years old and bore a splendid reputation, both at Trent and at his old home in Coleman county, where he had resided many years. It was stated yesterday that he had no knowledge of the money being taken until the authorities of the postoffice department made the discovery and that then he stood trial rather than expose the real culprit. From the time of his incarceration he did not fare well. Jailer Whaley had Dr. Barnett to call yesterday morning but patient stated that he was alright. He was allowed the freedom of a runway in jail and spent his time walking up and down the corridors apparently in deep agonizing meditation.

When his death was discovered two physicians and other officials

were summoned to the jail where the dead man lay on his cell cot. After a thorough examination he was pronounced dead and the coroner's verdict rendered. "His heart was weak," said Dr. Barnett, "and grief over his misfortune killed him."

The remains were shipped to the old home in Coleman county on last night's passenger and burial will take place there this afternoon.

Good Home at a Bargain.

We can sell a six-room house, well and windmill, wash house, garden, shed, pretty yard and shade trees, a most desirable home place on corner lots, east front in desirable part of town, worth \$1600 for \$1250; \$250 cash, balance easy monthly, quarter or annual payments. This is a bargain and if you want a home cheap get busy. King & Jackson

TEXANS BUYING OKLAHOMA CATTLE

Owing to exceptional range conditions throughout south and west Texas, Texas cattlemen are flocking to Oklahoma in an endeavor to repurchase the cattle they sold at a sacrifice last fall, according to J. H. (Buck) Boren, of Caney, Kan., who owns large tracts in the Osage nation, Oklahoma, and is now visiting in Fort Worth.

"Cattle are selling at the best prices of many years," said Mr. Boren, "and the demand is far greater than the supply. Although conditions in Oklahoma are not nearly so good as in Texas, still there is plenty of grass and the cattlemen are taking only the best prices for their cattle."

"This rush of Texas cattlemen to Oklahoma to purchase cattle is almost unprecedented. Never have range conditions been so excellent all through Texas and the cattlemen who have the money to purchase cattle are due to make lots of money this year. I understand that the banks in the favored sections are lending liberally to the cowmen in anticipation of a banner year."

"The Texas cattlemen made their mistake last fall when they allowed Oklahoma and Kansas cattle buyers to almost clear the state of its cattle. Fine cattle sold for small prices and now they will have to pay a much higher price than they secured. Conditions were bad last fall in Texas but that is all over with and Texas is far ahead of Oklahoma this year."—Star-Telegram.

A Good Hackney Colt.

One of the prettiest Hackney colts in the Merkel country from the company horse Adelaide Squire, is owned by C. E. Whitaker of our city and was shown on our streets the first of the week. The colt at nine months weighs 660 pounds and is a beautiful specimen of horse-flesh, winning the admiration of all who looked him over. The Merkel stallion is proving himself worthy of the honors which he won in the exhibit at the fat stock show this year.

POLITICAL ENEMY BUT GOOD FRIEND

The old adage about politics and strange bedfellows and other curious circumstances always make good when one keeps a line on the political dope.

In our little city we have some very warm and exciting contests but when the smoke of battle is cleared away the flag of friendship floats from every point of the field. Our people are divided on many and most questions but they are then reunited.

These remarks are suggested by the election to the head of our city government Judge C. D. Mims, a citizen of many marked convictions contrary to the majority of sentiment. He was elected because he is a good citizen, well qualified and will make a good mayor.

The following letter is from an ardent supporter of Senator Bailey, formerly an arch enemy of the good roads movement but always a good friend of our newly elected mayor.

Cushing, April 14.—Hon. C. D. Mims, Merkel: Dear Friend—I have just received Nacogdoches Sentinel from which I learn of your election as mayor of your city. From past relations with you in the affairs of this county I feel that I can say without contradiction that the people of your city have made a choice of one in whom they can justly feel proud and I unhesitatingly congratulate them for their wisdom in this matter.

You remember well no doubt how I opposed you in your good roads movement in this county but which you finally succeeded in putting through. This was the "Embryo," the beginning of the best and most progressive movement the county has yet enjoyed.

Again accept my congratulations. With best wishes I am your friend, H. V. Sitton.

OUR PROHIBITION FORCES ORGANIZE

In answer to announcement quite a number of the leaders among the prohibition forces of our city and country met at the Methodist church Tuesday night and perfected the Merkel organization.

H. C. Williams was elected temporary chairman and Supt. B. W. Hudgins temporary secretary, after which the following permanent officers of the organization were elected by acclamation: Rev. W. C. Taggart, Chairman; J. T. Howard, vice-chairman and T. A. Johnson, secretary and treasurer.

There were several talks made and a general discussion of plans for the campaign for statewide prohibition, but no further business was transacted and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn of Eskola is a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bigham.

Dr. M. Armstrong returned last Saturday from Dallas where he assisted in the operation upon Ira Armstrong. He reports that the operation was very successful and that Ira had returned to his job at Waco as happy as a lark. The Merkel physician made his stay profitable by taking a course under two of the leading physicians and surgeons of that city.

Jenkins Stock Sold.

The general merchandise stock of W. M. Jenkins in this city was sold at public auction Tuesday morning at ten o'clock to Mr. Meyers, buyer for Sanger Bros. of Dallas for \$2,225. There were several representatives of other creditors in the city besides some others who came to make bids. It is not known what disposition the Dallas firm is to make of the stock.

BUCK KEITH FAILS TO THROW ADAMS

There was a good crowd to witness the wrestling match Saturday night at the opera house in our little city. The match was between "Buck" Keith of Abilene who has won a reputation in the middleweight class and proposed to throw R. F. Adams a local wrestler twice within one hour. The visitor succeeded in taking the local to the mat once in thirty-four minutes but in the balance of his time failed to make good with the second fall. The local wrestler pinned the shoulders of the visitor to the floor once but he was off the mat. Another match has been made for Abilene next Saturday night.

Merkel Loses to Abilene.

On the Abilene diamond last week the Clover Clouters, H. C. Burroughs captain and Conner Adams manager, were beaten to a ragged frazzle by the Abilene lads, the score being 18 to 1, according to our best information. In spite of the defeat the Merkel boys took in the picture show and had a jolly good time. They claim the game was all a mistake and under proper fair conditions they will even up things.

Cotton Ready for Plowing.

J. W. (First Bale) Teaff was in city Tuesday and in conversation with a good merchant friend whom he did not think would report him to the Mail stated that he had about 130 acres of cotton as pretty as ever grew anywhere and it was ready for a plowing. In the event he does not get to it this week he will start the plows in his field the first of next week. All competitors for first bale honors are hereby given notice to hurry.

Many a Laugh.

Pleasing the people has been a trade with the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette, for many years, and their program contains lots of fun of a refined nature, as well as a wealth of fine music. Hear them at the opera house, April 24. Tickets on sale at the Elite Friday and Saturday.

U.S. COURT ADJOURNS

April Term Abruptly Brought to Close; Court Officials left Thursday.

JURY RETURNS FOR TUCKERS

Verdict of \$5,100 for Plaintiffs in Damage Suit Against T. & P. Ry. Co. Returned Today; Other Disposals.

Abilene, April 13—The April term of United States circuit and district courts adjourned last Thursday.

In the case of W. H. Tucker, guardian of minor heirs of J. E. Tucker, deceased, versus Texas & Pacific Railway company, suit for damages, the jury returned a verdict at half past nine o'clock this morning awarding Roxie Anne Tucker \$2,500 damages and \$50 for loss of wagon and team, and a similar amount to Fred R. Tucker, making a total judgment for plaintiffs \$5,100. This case went to the jury Wednesday.

In the case of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway company versus Scoggins & Brown in one suit and against Dan McCuningham in the other, Judge Meek remanded back to the district court of Mitchell county and dissolved the injunction restraining trial of the above named cases in the Mitchell county district court.

The following cases were disposed of Wednesday:

United States versus Joe and Walker Davis, charged with robbing postoffice at Swenson, verdict of not guilty.

United States versus J. M. McFerrin, charged with embezzling postoffice funds at Trent, defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$411.17.

United States versus Earl Busbee, charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25.

L. E. Thomas versus Texas & Pacific railway company, suit for damages for personal injuries, agreed judgment for plaintiff for \$1,000.

R. W. Haynie, trustee, versus J. M. Radford Grocery Company, transferred to Dallas county.

W. H. Sewell, Esq., of Abilene was admitted to practice before United States court.

Merkel's Graveled Streets.

Would it not be a good idea to gravel a number of the residence streets after the city has graded them? Merkel tried the experiment and found it quite satisfactory. The cost is light where all the people on a street pay their part. The gravel keeps down the mud and the street remains smooth.—Abilene Reporter.

Editor Geo. S. Anderson was most favorably impressed by our streets on his visit here last summer and he is correct in agitating the improvement for his city. A properly graded street covered with a good grade of gravel makes an attractive and permanent thoroughfare. Merkel should have every street within the limits thus improved.

Letch Hunnicut, the popular young dispenser of cold drinks and baseball enthusiast and player has returned from his Alabama home to resume his work at the Elite.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle Dots.

April 17.—Crops are looking fine. Some cotton coming up. R. R. Horn has a small patch sowed in alfalfa. If it does well he says he is going to sow more in the future.

Ed Larimore has been very low but is better. His father arrived from Alabama Friday.

Mr. Alexander and family visited W. Roundtree and family Sunday.

Gladys Deutschman was very sick last week.

Several children in this community are sick with scarletina. The Horn school was out Friday.

Dr. Warnick and Mr. Dryer of Merkel had business in Noodle Tuesday. Blue Rose.

Shiloh Clippings.

April 18.—It tried to rain last night but only a light shower fell here. Crops are looking fine.

Mrs. Jim Carr is much improved. The angel of death took from her the infant baby only ten days old. God doeth all things well even though it is hard to part with those we love.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams are entertaining a new daughter.

Mrs. Sellers is reported some better.

There was an entertainment at the residence of Mr. Wilbur Woods Saturday night. A large crowd in attendance and a nice time reported.

Miss Margrette Dyess has returned home from Stith where she has been visiting her sister for the past two weeks.

Miss Blanche Jones visited Miss Noby Sanders Saturday.

There is to be an ice cream supper Friday night at Mack Blackwell's. The girls are to furnish cake and the boys cream. Happy Hooligan.

Blair News.

April 18.—Will you allow Daisie back in your midst once more? I hope none of you have forgotten me.

As April is the birth month of the daisy also of this Daisy I will show my face again.

The Easter egg hunt at the school house Friday afternoon was enjoyed by quite a number of children.

J. J. Vandergrift returned on the 9:15 A. T. & S. F. Monday from Snyder.

Turner Kimbrough and Mr. Cox were business visitors to Merkel Saturday.

Mayor W. A. Hall has been away on business this week.

Capt. Bob Lyon was up from the Gap this week.

Misses Campbell and Tittle of Mt. Pleasant visited the family of Rufus Tittle this week.

Hattie Hunter and brother John went to Merkel Tuesday by way of Blair.

The Derrington community met last Monday night and organized a literay with H. H. Tittle, president; Zeb Moore, vice; Mrs. McCamas, secretary and treasurer; Gladys Christopher, journalist; Amabel Moore, assistant. There is a program arranged for Friday night.

Mrs. Williams of Stith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam Provine. Daisie.

Reaching the Top

In any calling of life, demands a vigorous body and a keen brain but Electric Bitters is the greatest health builder the world has ever known. It compels perfect action of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, purifies and enriches the blood, tones and invigorates the whole system and enables you to stand the wear and tear of your daily work. "After months of suffering from kidney trouble," writes W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., "three bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man" 50c at H C Burroughs

Nubia Dots.

April 19.—The farmer are making good use of this pretty weather planting cotton.

Rev. Bailey filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. A large crowd attended the services here Sunday.

Jonas Deavenport came in after his wife and children Friday night. They left for their home Sunday.

R. L. Deavenport and family have moved back to their home at Nubia.

T. J. Toombs and family have moved near Riney. We regret losing them.

Quite a crowd attended the funeral of Mrs. Ruth Patterson at White Church Tuesday.

Miss Grace Wood from east Texas is visiting her cousin D. L. Boyd. Brown Eyes.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for April 23, some vices of the mind; Pride.

Song.

Roll call answer with scripture. Leader, Miss Mary Gunn.

Scripture reading 1 Cor. xiii:1-13.

Talk on true pride—Miss Alice Valentine.

What is pride?—Galon Lassater. What God himself thinks about pride—Miss Eugenia Rister.

Quartet, B. H. Moore, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt and Grady Collins.

The danger of pride—Miss Ova Teaff.

The remedy for pride—Miss Ruth Merritt.

Collection and closing exercises

Epworth League Program.

Subject, Help and hinderance from without in guarding the life.

Leader, A. W. Hudgins.

Opening song.

Scripture lesson 2 Cor. vi:14-17.

Song, Hymnal 393.

Prayer by leader.

Song.

Scripture references and comments by leaguers.

Unequally yoked together—Dennis McDonald.

Talk on athletics—F. E. Smith.

Violence and dissipation—Sam Swann.

Song.

How to increase interest in the league—Mrs. A. M. Martin.

Helps from without—Mattie Paylor.

Helps and hinderances in living the christian life by leaguers.

Male quartet—Robert Medlen, Leslie McNeese, Byron Thomas and McTyire Martin.

Miscellaneous.

Announcements.

Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is appendicitis with many victims. But Dr King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing constipation, headache, biliousness, chills 25c at H C Burroughs

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J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See our beautiful line of Easter candies. The Elite.

H. F. Groene was a business visitor to Abilene Monday.

See our large shipment of new watches just received. Rust & McCauley.

P. R. McCray of Jones county was in Merkel Tuesday and paid us a pleasant call.

We serve the best of cold drinks, always good and cold. The Elite.

Mrs. I. N. Adams is spending this week visiting her son, E. L. Turner, at Bomarton.

New "I-T" watches, solid nickel case, guaranteed, \$5.00 and \$6.00 at Rust & McCauley's.

G. B. Brown left Sunday for Roscoe where he goes to attend to business matters.

H. C. Chancey of the Stith community was attending to business in our city Friday.

Lame shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. R. C. Young and little daughter were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonn Milliken at Abilene Monday.

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

L. A. Larimore who has been here attending the bedside of his son Ed out at Noodle returned to his home at Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt who have been visiting in this city left Monday for a short visit to Tye before returning home.

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Deavenport returned to their home at Big Springs Sunday evening after a pleasant visit in our city with the family of John Deavenport.

Among the new comers to our city are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pipes who have moved here from Dublin. Mr. Pipes comes to the city to engage in the grocery business with his brother L. B. Pipes. He was formerly in the hardware business at Dublin.

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.

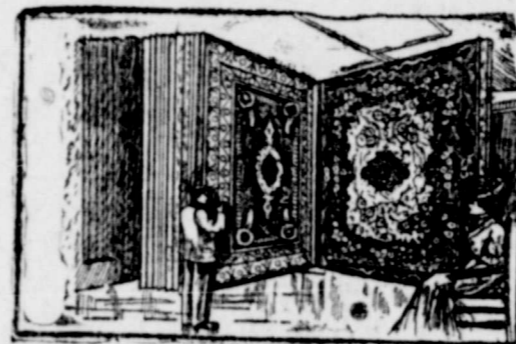
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Mrs. H. Turner was visiting in Abilene Saturday.

Elder Geo. W. Cypert preached at Trent Sunday and Sunday night.

Telephone us your orders for ice cream and get the best. The Elite.

Miss Virginia Mackey spent Saturday visiting friends in Abilene.

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

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Mathis were visitors to the city from the Canyon Saturday.

A shipment of Easter candies, novel and new, just received at the Elite.

W. C. Dickinson of Essie and little son Calvin were in the city on business Saturday.

Ingersoll's \$1.00 and \$1.50 watches for sale by Rust & McCauley.

J. H. Grayson a successful farmer of the Shiloh community was attending to business here Saturday.

Take your eggs and chickens to the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company for better prices.

J. H. Bird, W. H. Prather and W. T. Keen farmers of the Mulberry Flat community were in Merkel Saturday.

The new model Ingersoll-Trenton jeweled watch for \$5.00 is the best time-piece for the money on the market.

Rust & McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Parshaff of Longworth, Fisher county, were in the city on a visit the first of the week and left Friday to visit at Trent before returning to their home.

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.

Ross Jennings who is with the El Paso Sash & Door Company was in our city this week to visit with his mother and home folks and while here contributed to our subscription box.

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.

J. S. Swann and B. C. Gaither were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

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Watch the kidney secretions. See that they have the amber hue of health. The discharges not excessive or infrequent. Contain no "brick-dust like" sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills will do this for you. They watch the kidneys and cure them when they're sick. G. W. Cox, farmer, Merkel, Texas says: "For twenty-five years I was a constant sufferer from a dull, grinding ache in my back which often became so bad that I was laid up for several days. Spells of dizziness came over me and at such times I could hardly see. The secretions from my kidneys were also irregular in passage and caused much annoyance. Nothing did me any good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store. They relieved me promptly and my back has not bothered me in two months."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barclay and Mrs. Craven of Paducah were visitors in our city this week, guests at the home of J. P. Sharp and also visited at the home of W. L. Barbee in the Cross Roads community.

We are now serving the best ice cream. The Elite.



TWO SWEETS RODGERS BAKERY

J. F. Anderson and son G. L. Anderson of Aquilla are here this week visiting their daughter and sister Mrs. T. N. Lowrey. Rev. Lowrey has just returned from Evant where he concluded a very successful revival. Mrs. Lowrey's father is among the pioneers of Texas and assisted in the organization of Hill county. Her brother is now at Aquilla but was for many years of Groesbeck.

H. L. Ewing who has been here visiting his sister Mrs. L. H. King, left for his home at Leonard Monday.

The great popularity of the Schubert Lady Quartette is not only their grand voices, but also because they study to please the people. All their encores are either amusing or artistic arrangement of those sweet old melodies so dear to all American hearts. Hear them at the opera house on Monday night April 24. Tickets on sale Friday and Saturday at the Elite.

C. W. Bacon was among the bidders for the Jenkins stock Tuesday and stated that he was glad to find his old town looking so good and our business people so optimistic. He always thinks and talks well of the city in clover.

We have arranged with Jno. Castles of Abilene to do our repair work on jewelry, watches and all work will have careful attention if left with us. Rust & McCauley

Mrs. Jim Carr who lives in the Shiloh community and who was so critically ill recently is reported out of danger and convalescent which will be joyful news for her many friends in this section.

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.

W. A. Scott attended the Praetorian meeting at Abilene Tuesday.

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

Our city election is over and all of the officers elected are good men and will do their very best to discharge their duties without fear or favor. Now, let us give them our assistance and all work together for the progress of our little city.

Our merchants all report a good pre-easter business and an increase in the volume of trade coming to our city is evident to the most casual observer. The Merkel merchants can save you money and appreciate your business.

If the Southwestern company makes a corresponding improvement in the service with their increase in the rates for business telephones there will be no kick registered by our people. We are entitled to the very best and the consolidation of the two companies' interests here should make for better service.

One good item, all of our new officers are pledged to a more strict enforcement of our sanitary ordinances and will work every day in the week for a cleaner city. The success of the old administration is encouragement for all and now let everybody lend their individual assistance. It will make for better appearance and better health.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries Association has issued a population map of Texas showing the federal census of 1916 by counties. This map is useful for the general information which it contains in convenient form and will be especially valuable in redistricting the state into congressional, state senatorial and state representative districts which will be a part of the work of the next session of the legislature. The map is submitted to the commercial clubs of Texas with the suggestion that the commercial interests of the state be considered in forming new districts and that each individual club have such representation at the next session of the legislature as in their opinion circumstances may warrant.

It has at times been the custom to carve out districts to suit the ambition of candidates; to further the interest of political parties and political issues, but the public welfare is becoming more and more a potent factor in legislation and this viewpoint is certainly entitled to a hearing from those who make the political map of Texas for the next decade. The number of state senatorial districts must remain at thirty-one; State representative districts may be increased or decreased at the option of the legislature and the congressional districts may be increased or decreased at the option of the federal congress. The maps are for free distribution and can be secured on written application to headquarters at Fort Worth.

Texas is a great state—great in commerce, great in arts and learning and in its multitude of happy homes.

GOOD INTENTIONS.

What wonderful things we have planned Love,
What beautiful things we have done,
What fields we have tilled, what gifts we have willed,
In the light of another year sun;
When we think of it all we are baffled,
There's so much that never comes true,
Because, Love, instead of our doing,
We're always just meaning to do.

We dream of the fountain of knowledge,
We loiter along on its brink,
And toy with the crystalline waters,
Forever just meaning to drink,
Night falls, and our tasks are unfinished,
Too late our chances we rue,
Dear Love, while our comrades were doing
We only were meaning to do. —Selected.

SPLIT-LOG DRAG TO THE FRONT.

Macadam roads can only reach their highest usefulness when connecting razorback roads are in first-class condition. That being the very logical conclusion of the commissioners of Jackson county, Missouri, they have purchased forty new King road drags for use on dirt highways. Under a new law that becomes operative in June, county courts are authorized to spend \$10 a mile for dragging roads each year, and road overseers are to give preference to those farmers who live near the roads to be dragged at the rate of 50 cents a mile for each dragging. One dragging is to be two round trips throwing up and packing the dirt from each side of the road twice. Thus the \$10 a mile provides for twenty draggings a year. Drouthy conditions in Texas during 1910 rather sidetracked interest in the split-log or King road drag as a builder of smooth highways to market in tolerably fair old Texas. But 1911 starts off in favorable fashion and a renewal of split-log drag activity should be urged.—Star-Telegram.

A recent press dispatch from Beaumont announces that east Texas has discovered that her cut over pine lands are adapted to celery raising and that the new industry bids fair to soon take on commercial proportions. This announcement did not create quite the sensation that the discovery of oil gave us, but, our agricultural discoveries are equally as important and are as full of financial promise as mineral discoveries. It was only a few years ago that the Beaumont country discovered that rice could be grown in that section and the rice crop of Texas last year sold for \$5,942,000 and more money has gushed out of the ground through the medium of this favorite diet than has come from the spindletop oil field. Scarcely a day passes that the newspapers of the state do not record some important discovery in agriculture. Texas is truly a great agricultural state and we have scarcely formed a working acquaintance with the soil.

The recent fire in New York makes a horrible suggestion to all owners of buildings and to municipalities to look well after the fire escapes and to increase the efficiency of fire departments. In our Texas cities it is so long between fires that we are apt to become unmindful of the terrible consequences that await us from the flames and we may neglect to take precautions necessary to perfectly safeguard human life and property. The owners of buildings and the city councils of cities should make a thorough inspection of their premises from the standpoint of fire protection and make such improvements as will adequately protect life and property. According to the last report of the department of insurance and banking we lose \$4,337,175 per annum by fire and have \$509,431,221 worth of property uninsured.

Texas is one of the world's greatest centers for the production of oil and natural gas, and oil is being shipped to all parts of the world from the Texas fields.

Mrs. Ruth Patterson Dead.

After an illness of several weeks Mrs. Ruth Patterson, wife of Tobe Patterson, died at the home of her father, J. C. Tucker, in this city Tuesday morning at four o'clock.

The deceased was 26 years of age at the time of her death and besides the bereaved husband and relatives leaves three small children, one a baby less than one month old to mourn her untimely loss. The news of the death caused universal grief in our little town and country for she was one of our best women, and young husband and wife of two of our best families. She was a consistent christian and devoted member of the Methodist church.

The burial took place in White Church cemetery and Rev. T. N. Lowrey and the Rebeccas had charge of the services at the home and grave. The gathering at the cemetery was one of the largest in the history of the sacred spot.

The Mail joins with our people in the grief and extending to those bereaved our sympathies.

Have You Seen It?

We have no recollection of so inviting a musical program as that of the Schubert Symphony and Lady Quartet which appears here on Monday night, April 24 having been offered our readers. Look over their program carefully and you will agree with us that it is too inviting to miss attending. Tickets on sale Friday and Saturday at the Elite.

Fifteen Years in Merkel

I have sold windmills. Ten foot Eclipse, Standard, Leader and Star at \$35.00. No more. No less. See me when you want a windmill, pump or pipe. I can save you money. John Elliott

Hail Storm Insurance.

Let me write you a policy that will insure your growing crops against damage by hail. Reliable company and reasonable rates. 21tf E. D. Coats.

At the Presbyterian Church.

There will be a minister here to preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Good Tomato Plants.

For sale, one-half cent each or 40 cents per hundred, delivered from my home in Merkel. C. L. McNeese, telephone 2-3-8. 21tf

Lost, Diamond Brooch.

The owner will pay \$2.50 reward for return of same to Merkel Mail office. Gold brooch set with small diamond.

Benefit Home Mission.

The Home Mission Society of the Methodist church of our city have arranged for an entertainment next Monday night by the Schubert Symphony Club and Ladies' Quartette which is deserving of a liberal patronage by our people. A liberal per cent of the receipts will be given for the benefit of the local society.

You should see the new Ingersoll "Junior and Midget" watches, something new and good time-keepers at Rust & McCauley's.

If you have any land or desirable city property for sale list it at your lowest price with us and we will find the buyer. King & Jackson.

That Deal

we talked about last week has been consummated and the

Morgan Weaver Company Sale

will positively close Saturday night April 29th.

It is arranged under our contract that we continue our sale balance of this month and give new owners possession

May First

and we must reduce the stock \$10,000.00 in these two

Short Weeks

and if you want anything in our line now is the time to buy for we are going to

Cut and Slash Goods

as they have never been slaughtered before in this country. If prices will sell goods at all then we shall surely sell them. We have had

A Big Sale

ever since we started and we want every day until

The Finish

to be a HUMMER. While selling at these cut prices is only trading dollars and in lots of cases we paying "boot" still we are just as anxious to sell as though we were getting regular profits. From now on we will accept

Good Notes

for all heavy goods FARM IMPLEMENTS WAGONS, BUGGIES SURREYS, ETC.

Come and see us and remember the time is short so you will have to

Hurry

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, Aquila.
Leader, Merkel Morris.
Song.
Prayer.
Scripture reading Acts xviii; 24-28.
Aquilas place and work—Winnie Sharp.
Trace Pauls second missionary journey—Will Merritt.
Paper on Aquila and Apollos as found in Acts xviii; 24-28.
Pauls third missionary journey Fannie Mae Douglass.
Papers on
Paul at Cornith—Sidney Pitzer.
Paul at Ephesus—Roy Holmes.
Paul at Jerusalem—Berry Utley.
Pauls work an illustration of

what our work ought to be—Mrs. W. C. Taggart.
Sword drill.
Dismission.

Ladies Aid and Mission Society Program.

The ladies will meet with Mrs. Hamm at 4 o'clock and render the following program.
Leader, Mrs. Musick.
Song 124.
Prayer, Mrs. Valentine.
A few scriptures.
Why do I believe in missions—Mrs. Smeltzer.
Song 112.
First and last—Mrs. Barnett.
A letter from one of our missionaries—Mrs. E. Hall.
How can a busy housekeeper and mother work for the Lord outside of her home?—Mrs. J. T. Warren.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Lips.

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

The United States government has now under way the construction of a ship channel and turning basin at Port Bolivar, which will give thirty feet of water, a sufficient depth for the largest ocean going vessel.

Houston, April 14.—Houston is intensely aroused over the murder of Mrs. H. C. Arnold, in a lonely portion of the city, by a strange negro last night. She was driving in a buggy and was shot from no apparent cause whatever.

A CASH CONSIDERATION AT PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

If your efforts to **SAVE MONEY** on your **CASH PURCHASES** were as intent and earnest as your efforts to **MAKE MONEY** life would not be **HALF SO STRENUOUS**. Divide the time. Give a few moments of your spare time to the serious consideration of the **REAL WORTH** of your **CASH** when properly employed and your physical labors will be greatly facilitated. Give us a few of your otherwise idle moments, inspect the magnificent array of inimitable values throughout every department of our store, compare the prices with what you have been paying elsewhere and further persuasion will not be necessary for you to align yourself with our steadily growing patronage. **STYLE, QUALITY and PRICE**—a most pleasing and all-sufficient combination. **IT IS THE COMBINATION UPON WHICH OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS.** Let us show you.

WHITE GOODS

The Most Astounding Values We Have Offered

Most excellent value White Lawn.....**10c**
A 15 cent special for only.....**12½c**
A 20c special for only.....**15c**
Regular 15c Linene Suiting, extra special.....**12½c**
Regular 20c Linene Suiting, extra special.....**15c**
Regular 25c Linene Suiting, extra special.....**20c**
Flaxon, plain and checks, the Ideal Waist and Dress Fabric, specially priced 15, 20, 25 and.....**30c**
Mercised India Linons, 4 big specials—the new soft clinging Dress Fabric price 12½, 15, 20 and.....**25c**
Other big values in pretty White Goods, including an all pure 36-in. Linen for 35c will be shown you.

CLOTHING

And Prices That Are Moving Them

Regular \$1.00 Mens Work Pants special.....**90c**
Regular \$1.25 Mens Spring Dress Pants.....**\$1.00**
Regular \$2.00 Mens Spring Dress Pants.....**1.50**
Regular \$2.50 Mens Spring Dress Pants.....**1.75**
Regular \$2.75 Mens Spring Dress Pants.....**2.00**
Regular \$3.00 Mens Spring Dress Pants.....**2.50**
Boys Knickerbocker Dress Pants an exceptional value in various patterns for only.....**50c**
Other big values ranging in prices from 75c to **1.50**

MEN'S HIGH GRADE HATS \$1.50

We are offering a big assortment of Mens and Young Mens **HIGH GRADE** Staple and Fancy Shape Hats all new styles at small price of.....**1.50**
Don't ask us how we do it. Just get you a new Hat for **\$1.50** and let it go at that.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

The Most Wonderful Values Ever Offered

Bargain Table No. 1 Contains 3000 yards of Laces worth up to 15c. Nothing worth less than 10c We offer them all for only per yard.....**5c**
Bargain Table No. 2. contains Laces worth up to 20c. We are selling them per yard.....**10c**
Bargain Table No. 3 contains Embroidery worth up to 20c. None worth less than 15c. We are selling them for.....**10c**
Extra fine 27 inch Embroidery Flouncing worth 75c to \$1.00—Our price only.....**50c**

DRESS GOODS VALUES

That Forced Sales Could Not Make Lower in Price

Best Grade Calicoes for only.....**5c**
Regular 10c Ginghams for only.....**8½c**
Regular 12½c Ginghams for only.....**10c**
Regular 15c Ginghams for only.....**12½c**
Regular 20c Voil Suiting for only.....**15c**
Regular 25c Voil Pongee and Poplin Suiting for only.....**20c**
Regular 35c Silk Ginghams, Mercerised Fancy Voils and a horde of other fine Weaves of like value for only.....**25c**
Regular 40c Souzines extra special for only.....**30c**
Crepe De Chine in all prettiest colors for only.....**50c**
Regular \$1.25 Black Yard Wide Chiffons Taffeta Silk for only.....**90c**
Regular \$1.00 Black, 27 inch Messaline for only.....**90c**
Many other such values that short space will not permit us to enumerate will be shown you. They are all **One Great Heap of Bargains.**

OUR STAPLES

The Place to Buy Your Staples

A good round thread Cotton Checks only.....**5c**
Soft finish Bleached Domestic for only.....**5c**
10c soft finish yard wide Bleach Domestic only **8½c**
12½c soft finish yard wide Bleach Domestic for.....**10c**
16 yards extra quality yard wide Brown Domestic for only.....**\$1.00**
12 yards regular 10c Brown Domestic for.....**\$1.00**
12½c Chevoitt Shirting special for.....**10c**
26 yards extra quality Cotton Checks for.....**\$1.00**
Brown and Bleach Sheeting, Table Linens, Napkins, Oil Cloths, Towels, Towelings, Muslins, Demins and every other conceivable staple, all of the highest possible quality are shown at prices that cannot be excelled. Allow us to show you.

SHOES OF UNQUESTIONABLE VALUES

Sold at Marvelously Low Prices

Regular \$1.50 quality Ladies Slippers only.....**\$ 1.25**
Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 Straps and Ties.....**1.50**
Regular \$2.50 Straps and Ties.....**2.00**
Regular \$2.75 Pat. Leather Straps and Ties.....**2.25**
Our entire Shoe stock is composed of like values in solid leather Shoes and Slippers of the newest and best styles on the market. If you want Shoes or Slippers it will pay you handsomely to inspect our stock and get our prices before purchasing.

SPRING AND SUMMER SUITS

All Mens Suits will be sold at one-third off of all regular prices. We are closing out all Mens Suits.

Remember that we carry everything in Dry Goods. We cannot enumerate everything here. Come in. Make yourself at home. **LET US SHOW YOU**

PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.

The Cash Store---The Store of Style, Quality and Price

Miss Lelia Nisbitt visited home folks at Fluvanna Saturday and Sunday.

Owen Edwards of Midland is in Merkel visiting his mother Mrs. West Edwards.

J. W. Daniel has returned from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. Mary Orr of Putnam has returned home after visiting relatives in Merkel for a few days.

Mrs. A. L. Hogue of our city spent Sunday with her father, J. H. Thornton at Abilene and the latter is reported in very poor health.

H. F. Groene has returned from a pleasant and profitable trip through the Panhandle and Oklahoma where he sold some original advertising propositions.

Mrs. W. R. Conine who has been here visiting the family of H. M. Rainbolt left Wednesday for a short visit at Baird before returning to her home in Dallas.

Mrs. A. M. Thornton has returned from Sweetwater where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Baggett.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb and children spent Saturday and Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Talley at Trent.

Mrs. W. B. Beavers and daughter Lidia were in our city from Salt Branch Tuesday visiting friends.

Mesdames A. Green and U. Wheeler were visitors in the city from Shiloh Tuesday.

Mrs. Bob Lily and Miss Eunice Bradley were in the city from Castle Peak community Tuesday.

Eight Hogs, \$96.90.

J. S. Touchstone was in our city Tuesday and brought along with him from his hog farm eight nice fat porkers which he sold to our local butcher, receiving therefore a check for \$96.90. Mr. Touchstone stated to us that he had fattened these while running with a half hundred others on his wheat and rye patches by feeding them very little corn. The entire cost of raising and fattening was below \$40.00 and that margin above that was profit. He is making money now selling registered pigs, gilts, boars and porkers for the markets and believes he will make a greater profit after he harvests a big feed crop this year.

Rev. A. L. Jobe left yesterday for Elgton, Bastrop county, where he will hold a meeting.

According to advices of the company J. E. Pitzer who has been local passenger and freight agent here for many years has been transferred to Sweetwater where he will hold a similar position and his place here taken by E.M. Jackson of Shreveport, La., formerly an auditor for this road. We regret the loss of our old agent but congratulate and welcome the new.

Mesdames Will Fisher, Hollis Roberts, Bachelor, and King Roberts of Lueders and Nugent are guests this week at the home of the editor and lady.

Arthur Browning is off the road to spend a few days at home with his home folks and friends.

W. L. Douglaes and Frank Hamm have returned from Boise, Idaho where they have been on a prospecting trip.

J. H. and C. I. Roberts of Nugent was here this week on business.

Miss Hattie Hunter of the Mulberry Canyon country was in the city shopping Tuesday.

Mrs. Jas. Gilliam is making an extended visit to home folks at Italy, Texas and our popular young druggist is a bachelor for the time being.

Claud Reid, son of H. C. Reid underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Alexander sanitarium at Abilene Tuesday and reports from the institution are to the effect that the patient is doing as well as could be expected. The many friends of this family hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford of Anson are visiting at the home of J. P. Sharp this week.

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The quality is more important than any other consideration in the drug line. There are larger stores but none who carry a more complete line. Our stock is small. We buy in small quantities so we may keep our drugs always fresh. This is a store of quality, quality goods and service. Your patronage invited.



Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

At Mrs. E. Hall's.

The social event of the season was Friday evening April 14 from 8:30 to 11:00 when Misses Hawkins, Medlen and Murphy honored the senior classes of "10 and 11" at the home of Mrs. E. Hall on Oak street. Red and white the class colors of "11" were used in the decoration of the suite of rooms opened for the guests. Booklets with an outline of the program for the evening were presented to each guest. The art exhibit was first in order and proved to be very difficult in getting the proper classification, names and articles had to harmonize, but at last, "Eureka" the feat was accomplished. The guests then found their partners and tables for a very unique progressive affair at table number one. The guests were served a two course lunch, salmon salad, lettuce leaves, pickles and bread; fruit punch and Angel's food. At table number 2 the seniors were treated to a surprise for they found their pictures, made when they were babies. The program called for the identification of each. This was lots of fun for the pictures had been smuggled in on a quiet way and more than once a fair original of a small tin-type was caught trying to smuggle it out again. At the third table the contest was for the greatest number of words made from the letters in "Senior Class." At table four each was busy with conundrums to be answered by the name of some member of the senior class. Then came number 5, the historical table. The historical sketches were written by the partners. At the tap of the bell progression was in order. After the guests had visited each table the historical sketches were read. These included the sketches of E. V. White and B. W. Hudgins and the class of "11."

The guests were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Winnie Warren, Ina Wheeler, Inice Moon, Pet Sears, Ola Pope, Annie Smith, Eugenia Rister, Tennie Brown, Mary Gunn, Ollie Kirtley, Jessie Sutphen, Eva Mae Murphy of Abilene, Josephine Medlen and Gladys Christopher. Messrs Rufford Evans, John West, Sam Swann, Frank Ferrier, Virgil Touchstone, Bert Hudgins, Robert Medlen, James West, Robert Hicks, Frank Smith, Will Brown, Taylor Jennings, Lytton Howard, Roy Bradley, Willie Joe Largent, E. V. White and B. W. Hudgins.

On Friday evening April 14 at her home on Oak street Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt entertained her young friends, honoring Misses Zora West, Isla McDonald and Lyska Pitzer who celebrate their birthdays this month. Miss Flay Gunn was to have

shared in the honors but was unavoidably detained at home.

The guests enjoyed 42 and various other games interspersed with instrumental and vocal music. Those present were Misses Lyska Pitzer, Isla McDonald, Zora West, Eva Walters, Elma Sheppard, Ona Hamblet, Virginia Hamblet, Bessie Touchstone, Leno Largent Eunice Nesbitt, Fannie Burroughs, Pauline Johnson, Winnie Barnett, Ruth Merritt, Hattie Bell, Carol Rister. Messrs. Low Barnett, H. C. Burroughs, Raymond Touchstone, Conna Adams, Ottis Barnett, Jesse Ferguson, Merle Alsobrook, James Brown, Charles Jones, Ben Merritt, Rufford Evans, Robert Medlen, Paul Pitzer, Oscar Pate. Mrs. Hunt assisted by Misses Pitzer and McDonald served fruit punch and cake to the guests.

Mrs. Ritch entertained a number of children at her home in south Merkel Saturday afternoon. Games were played and an Easter egg hunt was greatly enjoyed by all. The eggs being found the youngsters next invaded the dining room where the table was beautifully decorated for the occasion and refreshments were served to the following: Fannie Mae Douglas, Lucy Tracy, Vida and Mabel McNeese, Emma, Mattie and Sallie Thompson, Maurine Angus, Rosa Laney, Crystene McDuff, Thelma, Robert and Searcy Ritch, Wilbur Douglas and Roy Elliott.

Prizes in Cake Contest.

In addition to the four grocery prizes given by the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company the 5th prize, \$10.00 worth of photos were given by the Groene Studio for the best cake baked by a young lady of eighteen or over. This prize was won by Miss Duncan Browning. The 6th prize, a carving set, was given by the Anchor Hardware Company for the greatest number of cakes, was won by Mrs. J. W. Jennings. The 7th prize, a mission porch swing by the Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. went to Mrs. Costephens for baking the best plain pound cake.

The 8th prize, a check for \$2.50. from the First National Bank, went to little Miss Mary Parten, six years old, for baking a cake without help. The 9th prize, a gold ring given by S. S. Scheidler for the best cake baked by a girl under eighteen went to Miss Winnie Warren. The 10th prize, a sterling silver mounted fountain pen given by the Armstrong Drug Co., for the largest cake entered by a girl over eighteen, went to Miss Anna Jobe. The 11th prize given by the Merkel Mail for the best chocolate cake went to Miss Faye Allen who will receive a years subscription to the Merkel Mail and fifty visiting cards.

The Methodist Baracas held a business meeting last Saturday night the meeting having been postponed for various reasons. Although there was not a quorum

the members present were very enthusiastic over the many questions discussed. Among these were class athletics generally; stationary rooms, the latter including a room for all class meetings, library and gymnastic exercises.

We meet again next Friday night when all or a part of these things will come up for final action. Besides this is the regular election of officers. Every member B present; B loyal to class name; to class colors; B true, B square and play fair in whatever you do, and B a class booster or you'll B B-hind.

A very enjoyable social function was given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Whitley in North Merkel in honor of Misses Rhyneheart and Kemp of Winters and Miss Erwin of Trent. About twenty of the elite of Merkel were present. Various games were enjoyed and a delicious four-course menu was served consisting of fruits and candies.

Miss Eva Williams left Saturday on the late train for Dallas where she will visit a school friend. From there she will visit Mrs. H. L. Rudmose in Fort Worth while en route to Marshall, Mo., to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. R. T. Pence.

Mrs. Judd Sheppard is at home after spending the winter with Mr. Sheppard in Childress and Quanah. Mrs. Sheppard spent the month of December with her sister, Mrs. Ed J. Leeman in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Field of Haskell came over in a big touring car Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

Mrs. S. S. Harris of Abilene is the guest of her niece Mrs. J. D. Gaither. Her many friends are delighted to have her back again.

L. Sparkman left Wednesday for Aspermont, Jayton and other western towns. He will be away several weeks.

Miss Jessie Sutphen has returned from Abilene where she visited her friend Miss Margaret Tandy.

Miss Lyska Pitzer was in Abilene Saturday and Sunday visiting Miss Maudie Welsh.

Misses Letha Rhyneheart and Anie Kemp of Winters are guests of Mrs. F. A. Whitley.

Miss Anie Erwin of Trent is visiting her sister Mrs. F. A. Whitley.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Pale-Faced Women

You ladies, who have pale faces, sallow complexions, dark circles under eyes, drawn features and tired, worn-out expressions, you need a tonic.

The tonic you need is Cardui, the woman's tonic. It is the best tonic for women, because its ingredients are specifically adapted for women's needs. They act on the womanly organs and help to give needed strength and vitality to the worn-out womanly frame.

Cardui is a vegetable medicine. It contains no minerals, no iron, no potassium, no lime, no glycerin, no dangerous, or habit-forming drugs of any kind.

It is perfectly harmless and safe, for young and old to use.

Take CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"After my doctor had done all he said he could for me," writes Mrs. Wm. Hilliard, of Mountainburg, Ark., "I took Cardui, on the advice of a friend, and it helped me so much. Before taking Cardui, I had suffered from female troubles for five years, but since taking it, I am in good health. I think there is some of the best advice in your book that I ever saw." Your druggist sells Cardui. Try it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free.

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Chronic Ailments

GLASSES FITTED

An election was held in Brazoria county for the issuance of \$100,000 for the purpose of building two bridges, one at Brazoria and one at Columbia, which carried.

The Circus

acrobat finds it is necessary at all times to keep his muscles and joints supple. That is the reason that hundreds of them keep a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liment always on hand. A sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, sprains, sore throat, lame back, contracted muscles, corns, bunions and all pains. Price 25c 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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A Wide Range of Shapes and Colors to Suit the Various Types of Men--But Never a Variation in Quality. Always the Best



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Get under a WORTH HAT or you won't get over it.

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WORTH HATS want your head

Other good hats cost.....\$5.00

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A Large Variety of Stunning Styles both Stiff and Soft Felt

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WORTH HATS FOR MEN

Examples of the Worth Hat productions for the coming season are now here and ready for your inspection. Let us show them to you

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Every year a large number of men suffers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. There's a better way. Let Dr. King's New Discovery cure you at home. "It cured me of lung trouble," writes W. R. Nelson, of Calamine, Ark., "when all else failed and I gained 47 pounds in weight. Its surely the King of all cough and lung cures." Thousands owe their lives and health to it. Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, La Grippe, asthma, croup--all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free at H C Burroughs.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon 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 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.

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

The hog packing house at Cuero is completed with the exception of installing the machinery and the plant will be running within the next few weeks. A fertilizing plant will be run in connection with it, in which bones will be converted into a commercial fertilizer by an approved formula.

A Knocker

is a man who can't see good in any person or thing. It is a habit caused by a disordered liver. If you find that you are beginning to see things through blue spectacles, treat your liver to a good cleaning out process with Ballard's Herbine. A sure cure for constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles. Sold by H C Burroughs

The \$75,000 bond issue for the improvement of public roads in McCullough county has been carried by a majority of 6 to 1. A first class engineer has been secured from the federal government to superintend the construction of the roads.

It's the World's Best.

No one has every made a salve ointment or balm to compare with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the one perfect healer of cuts, corns, burns, bruises, sores, scalds, boils, ulcers, eczema, salt rheum. For sore eyes, cold sores, chapped hands or sprains, its supreme. Infalible for piles. Only 25c at H C Burroughs

The United States government has let the contract for the building of twenty-two miles of inter-coastal canal from Matagorda to the mouth of the Brazos river near Velasco, the work to begin at once.

1-4 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Georgetown has voted bonds to the amount of \$45,000 for water works.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Rasaca, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for colds, and croup." For sale by all dealers.

Smithville will have an election for issuing bonds for building roads to the amount of \$100,000.

When a medicine must be given to young children it must be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all dealers.

At a recent election for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of roads in Hall county, out of 295 votes cast, only sixteen were against the bonds.

Mere Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a success in the cure of kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble take Hall's Texas Wonder. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

Three hundred and fifty thousand of the \$500,000 required to build the railroad from San Antonio to Brownsville has been raised. The road is being promoted by San Antonio capitalists.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

Machinery is being placed in the new packing house at Sweetwater and work will be commenced on the second packing house in a few days.

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

Extraordinary Saturday Bargain Event

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET BARGAINS IN THESE GOODS

After Easter and a rainy week lowers our sale record, hence the buying appetite most needs be whetted with unusual offerings to keep up the busy buying so characteristic of this store. This prompts us to provide an extraordinary gathering of special sales for Saturday's Sale only. Bargains of special make for the one day. Thus we keep trade enlivened. We never relax our efforts to bring you the best values for the least money. Here are some of the special bargains for Saturday's Sale only. Come and inspect them.

Ready-to-Wear Specials

SATURDAY ONLY

Allover Embroidery Dresses, white only, with low Dutch neck or high collars long or short sleeves, worth \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50 Saturday's Special.....**\$5.45**
Foulard Dress, all \$5.00 to \$6.00 values Saturday's Special.....**\$4.45**
Gingham Dresses, all makes and kinds sold for \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00, Saturday's Special **\$3.85**

Muslin Underwear Special

SATURDAY ONLY

We have about 300 pairs ladies muslin drawers, handsomely made and trimmed, some the large skirt effect, these garments sold for \$1.00 to \$2.50 per garment, we offer them Saturday at the one price each.....**79c**
These garments would cost you from twice to three times the price any place. We have a big line of Gowns, Underskirts, Princess Slips and Combination Suits at special prices Saturday.

Extraordinary Skirt Bargain

SATURDAY ONLY

Ladies Skirts, \$10.00 to \$12.50 values, Saturday's Special.....**\$8.95**
Ladies Skirts, \$6.50 and \$7.60 values, Saturday's Special.....**\$5.95**
Ladies Skirts, \$5.00 to \$6.00 values, Saturday's Special.....**\$4.45**
One special lot sold for \$5.00 and \$6.00 Saturday's Special.....**\$3.85**

Our Great Glove Bargains

FOR SATURDAY ONLY

Everyone knows this is a great season for long gloves. The short sleeves call for long gloves. We have an exceptionally large line in all colors and kind, can match any dress or suit. In order to introduce our line we will give **25 PER CENT OFF** every pair sold.

Extra Millinery Bargains

FOR SATURDAY ONLY

You always find us right on Millinery but Saturday we will offer some extraordinary bargains in Pattern and Tailored hats. We will not be able to describe each hat and price here but you will find some big bargains in our Millinery Department Saturday.

We will offer many more enticing bargains throughout our store that we cannot quote here. We guarantee that all visitors to our store Saturday will be more than pleased.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

County Court in Session

County court met Monday morning for a three weeks session with his honor Judge T. A. Bledsoe and other court officials.

The jury for the week was empaneled as follows: S A Briggs, A C Killgore, R A Ellis, C H Copeland, J M Brown, T H Anttilley, H F Goss, T M Mahew, F M Hampton, G W Wilson, J L Perry, M L Morris, Wm. Fulwiler, Sr.

First case called was state vs. Wood Williams, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Tried before court who took the matter under advisement.

State vs. Ed Monk, charged with malicious mischief, jury had not returned verdict at 2 o'clock.

S. O. Rippey charged with embezzlement, and whose case was set for Monday morning failed to appear.

State vs. J. B. Poston, charged with violating Sunday law, plea of guilty and fined \$20.00 and costs of suit.

Ed Frederickson charged with disturbing public worship, plea of guilty, fined \$25.00 and cost.

Civil Cases:

J. T. H. Lipscomb, vs. G. W. Linger, suit for commission, dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

H. D. Mahaffey vs. T. & P. Railway company, suit for damages, agreed judgment between plaintiff and defendant.

A. F. McDonald vs. Citizens National Bank, garnishment, dis-

missed at plaintiff's cost.

Commercial Printing Company vs. J. C. Coons, et al, suit on note dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Alfred Benjamine vs. W. E. Sellers suit on account, dismissed at defendants cost.

Baker Parton vs. I. E. Hay, suit on note, dismissed at plaintiffs cost.

Barton Bros. vs. Jno. T. Gilbert suit on note, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

A. M. Wimberly vs. G. F. Hooser, et al, suit on note, dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Notice of Trustee Election.

In conformity with an order passed by the Board of Trustees of Merkel Independent School district on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1911, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the city hall in Merkel, Texas, in the said Merkel Independent School district on Saturday, the 6th day of May, 1911, for the purpose of electing four trustees for said district.

J. J. Stallings is duly appointed manager of said election, which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general laws of the state of Texas.

T. J. Coggin, acting Pres/
Joseph H. Warnick, Secy.
4t Of the Board of Trustees.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Mebane planting seed. S. F. Haynes.

FOR SALE—Cabbage plants. Homer Rainbolt.

MILCH COWS.—Some choice milch cows for sale, all fresh. A. L. Clemons at Jones & Warnick's mule barn. 4tf

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

FOR RENT—First house south from railroad pumphouse, five rooms, east front, good water, dug well, crib, shed, chicken house, lot, chicken fence, fine wheat patch with chicken fence. \$3.00 per month. Dr. Joseph H. Warnick. tf

WANTED—Man and team now and some hands later on to help me on my farm north of Merkel. S. H. L. Swafford 14t2

BREEDER'S NOTICE.—A good jack, draft stallion and an all purpose horse will make the season at the old Tracy ranch. Clyde Hines. 13t4pd

LOST.—A Rebekah and Eastern Star badge combined. Return to Miss May Derstine. 1t

Cotton seed to sell at 50c and 65c per bushel. S. H. L. Swafford 1t

I have a fine Duroc-Jersey male hog and all breeders are asked to see him before breeding. 2t R. L. Bland.

Eyes tested. Glasses fitted correctly. Prices reasonable. Rust & McCuley.

Card of Thanks.

Since so many of our personal friends have been so very kind and thoughtful and have tendered such comfort and assistance in the recent severe illness of our little son A. J., we wish by this means to express to them our heartfelt gratitude. We desire to thank especially Dr. Cranford for his unceasing faithfulness and interest and all others because we realize that all that patient vigilance and loving hands could do was without doubt done.

God has graciously spared him and as we lift our hearts in humble thanksgiving to Him there is felt also a deep gratitude for such true and tried friends and petitions for many blessings upon their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley.

Eminent Authorities Say

that out door exercise is needed by the American people That's all very well, but how can people with the rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liment and the rheumatism will go; leaving you as spry as a colt Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains Sold by H C Burroughs

E. C. Tarvin, Rev. J. Y. Philley and W. A. Campbell are in Fluvanna this week attending the Presbytery.

An Excursion to Cuba for 10c.

The museum car "Cuba on Wheels" which represents the department of agriculture, industry and commerce of the Cuban government, and has been enroute since the St. Louis fair, being also on exhibit at Jamestown and various other exhibitions, will be on exhibition in Merkel two days next week Friday and Saturday April 28 and 29 at the T. & P. depot.

The car will be open to visitors daily from 10 o'clock each morning until 10 at night. Admission, to help defray expenses en route, 10 cents. School classes with teachers 5 cents. Remember you will see the real articles from Cuba in this car. It is in no way a "land car" but an exhibition exhibit from a foreign country. The agricultural and manufacturing exhibits interest business men; the handiwork of Cuban women, and oil exhibits such as the \$100 fan etc., entertain ladies while the entire exhibit is educational for school children and the Cuban monkey and alligator interest the little folks. The relics from the wreck battleship Maine are interesting to everyone.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by all dealers.