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## SHOOTING AT ANSON

Bob Johnson Fatally Wounded; Quantity Of No. 3 Shot Penetrate Body.

## J. T. WALKER UNDER ARREST

Jones County Farmer Charged With Shooting; Men Met at Pasture Gate; Walker Surrendered to the Officers.

J. T. Walker living six miles southeast of Anson, is in the custody of the Jones county officers on a charge of killing Bob Johnson, farmer, ex-freighter, ex-deputy-sheriff of Jones county and one of the best known characters in this section of the state.

The shooting occurred at half past ten o'clock Saturday morning half a mile west of Walker's farm. A single barrel shotgun was used. One shot is said to have been fired by Walker, the entire load finding lodgment in the left side of Johnson's body, neck and hip, causing instantaneous death. Following the shooting Walker drove to Anson and surrendered to the officers, missing on the way a posse consisting of Sheriff McClure, City Marshal Wiley, Justice of the Peace Monroe, and Assistant County Attorney Cearley who had gone to the scene.

The exact cause of the shooting has not been ascertained. Walker has refused to make a statement for publication. It is known, however, that the men were at loggerheads over an old dispute relative to the hiring of hands.

From the evidence produced at the coroner's inquest it developed that Walker, riding in his buggy and accompanied by his wife, met Johnson in his wood wagon at a pasture gate near the former's home. Walker had alighted to open the gate when Johnson drove up. Whether or not words were exchanged is not known. Johnson fell from his wagon, dying instantly. The exact spot was five and a half miles southeast of Anson.

At the coroner's inquest a Mr. La Porte, eighteen years of age and an employe of Johnson, though not an eye witness to the shooting, gave some important testimony. He testified that he heard two shots almost simultaneously, Sheriff McClure, after carefully going over the place, reported the finding of small shot imbedded in a tree near the spot where Walker is believed to have stood. Also, when Johnson's double barrel shotgun was picked up by the officers one barrel was found empty. Mrs. Walker, an eye witness, did not testify. The coroner's verdict in substance was that Bob Johnson came to his death from wounds inflicted with a shotgun. Walker used No. 3 shot.

Sheriff McClure and posse took charge of Johnson's body and sent it to Hawley, home of dead man, where funeral services will be held this afternoon. Johnson was about fifty-five years of age and is survived by his widow. Walker is about forty-five.

The examining trial will be held Monday afternoon at one thirty at Anson. So far Walker has not secured bail. The defendant will be represented by Walter Chapman, Esq., ex-District

## MOTHERS' DAY SUNDAY MAY 14

The following is the governor's Mothers' Day proclamation:

"It has been suggested that Sunday the 14th day of May, be designated throughout the state as Mothers' Day, and the governor of Texas has been asked to issue his proclamation recommending its observance as such throughout the Commonwealth. 'Mother' is the sweetest word in the English language; she is the sweetest and dearest friend to all the human race. On this Good Friday I am reminded that she was the last at the Cross and the first at the tomb of the Redeemer. As we go about our daily labors, if we accomplish them with honor and credit to ourselves we always have the smiles, encouragement and plaudits of mother. If we meet with misfortune or fall in error and sin, she is the first to come to our rescue with sympathy and love; in sickness she bathes our fevered brow, watches over us through the vigils of the night and encourages us to hope with a mother's kiss; in death she showers her heart's tears of love upon us; in our wrong-doings she forgets our injustice to her and pours out her soul of love and sympathy. We can not honor Mother too much. It was at her knee that we learned the great principles of truth and justice.

"The following written by a tramp, is not out of place in this proclamation;

Near the campfire's flickering light, In my blanket I lie,  
Gazing through the shades of night at the twinkling stars on high;  
O'er my spirits in the air silent vigils seem to keep,  
As I breathe my childhood's prayer, "Now I lay me, down to sleep."

Sadly sings the whippoorwill in the bows of yonder tree;  
Laughingly the mountain rill swells the midnight melody,  
Foemen may be lurking near, in the canon dark and deep,  
Lo, I breathe on Jesus' ear, "I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep."

Mid the stars one face I see—one the Savior called away—  
Mother, who in infancy, Taught my baby lips to pray.  
Her sweet spirit hovers near, In this lonely mountain brake,  
Take me to her, Savior dear, "If I should die before I wake."

Fainter grows the flickering light, as each ember slowly dies;  
Plaintively the birds of night fill the air with saddened care;  
Over me they seem to cry you may never more awake;  
Lo, I hush, if I should die, "I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take."

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep;  
If I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take."

"The love and kindness of a true mother is the greatest of our blessings, and let us show our appreciation of her by wearing a sweet flower—the flower which was or is your mother's favorite—all the day long, Sunday, May 14, and at noon on that day let every citizen, rich and poor, old and young, repeat the little prayer contained in the tramp's poem quoted above, which we all learned at Mother's knee, for the same of Mother's love for you.

"Now, therefore, I, O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas, hereby issue this proclamation asking all the people to observe Sunday, May 14, 1911, as Mothers' Day, wherever you may be and regardless of your station in life.

"Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Texas, at the Capitol in Austin, this, the 14th day of April, A. D. 1911.

"Attest: O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas.  
C. C. McDonald, Secretary of State.

trict Judge Charles Combs, lately of Benjamin, and Judge C. C. Ferrell of Anson. Johnson was a second cousin of Mrs. Walker. He was well known throughout the Anson country and had a great many friends in Abilene.

The above particulars were secured over long distant telephone from Sheriff McClure and Editor Thomas of the Anson Enterprise for the Abilene Reporter.

### Mr. Allen With the Mail.

It is with pleasure that we are able to announce to our readers and patrons that we have secured the services of Mr. I. S. Allen who began his labors this week.

The new editor has been a citizen of Merkel nineteen years and has always been identified with every movement for the progress of our city. He has for the past nine years been on our school board and much of the success of our present system is due to his labors. He is acquainted with most of our people and will devote all of his time and energies in an effort to make this a paper worthy of the continued united support of our people and will appreciate the calls and favors of his friends.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and Mrs. I. S. Allen are visiting Mrs. H. L. Propst near Trent.

## NEW MAYOR IS TO ENFORCE OUR LAWS

Mayor C. D. Mims who takes the lead in our city administration this week hopes during his term to have the co-operation of all of our people in the enforcement of all ordinances and in outlining his policies said to our reporter:

"As mayor of Merkel I shall advocate the through cleaning up of the city and ask that every citizen keep his premises and adjoining alleys in a sanitary condition and from time to time the addition of such public improvement as funds will permit without burdening the people with a high rate of taxation; to keep in good condition the graded streets that we now have and the extension of this class of work to other streets when reasonably practicable; a strict enforcement of the city ordinances recognizing the fact that strict economy especially at this time should be practiced."

You can talk long distance twenty-five per cent cheaper at Rust & McCauley's over the independent lines.

### An Old Timer Here.

Marion French an old time citizen of Merkel but now of Alvin, Texas, gave us a pleasant call Wednesday. He was postmaster here over twenty years ago. A son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine and a brother of Mrs. Geo. Boyce. He claims the honor of being the original promoter of the Merkel Mail, that is, he advertised for a newspaper man and through this "Mary Jane" Cox was induced to establish a paper at Merkel. That was a little more than twenty-three years ago. Merkel was a small town then, only two or three business houses and of course the Mail was not the live and spicy journal that it is now but like the country has gradually grown to its present proportions. Mr. French expressed much surprise at the growth and improvements in the country, town and especially in the Mail and seemed to be proud of the outcome of his long ago efforts to establish the enterprise. He expects to return to Alvin early next week at which place he is at present postmaster.

Come in and look at our copper nickle plated ware of which we have just received a new shipment. West Texas Hardware Company.

## OUR NEW OFFICERS

Last Meeting of Old Board Was Held Last Monday Night.

## JUDGE POTTER CITY ATTORNEY

Men Who Have Worked Faithfully for Interest of Our City in the Past Give Places to Newly Elected Officers.

Last Monday night after the regular order of business such as allowing accounts, hearing reports of committees and officers the newly elected city officers were duly installed as follows:

C. D. Mims, Mayor.  
W. N. Hall, Marshal.  
H. C. Burroughs, Treasurer.  
R. A. McClain, Secretary.  
G. H. Adams, J. O. Hamilton, J. P. Sharp, Aldermen.

W. T. Potter, Esq., was re-elected city attorney by the new board.

The retiring officers deserve the thanks of the citizens of Merkel for the successful performance of their very arduous duties during the past four years. During this time one of the best waterworks system in the state has been installed, the principal streets have been graded and graveled and fair sanitary conditions have been maintained and at the same time have met their obligations dollar for dollar notwithstanding the very stringent conditions all over the county, and as they make their bow and disappear from the scene we feel they have a record not to be ashamed of. The new board are all men of the very best business qualifications and moral stamina and no doubt will do their duty and should have the support of the people.

### 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.

### 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.

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.

# Your Drug Trade is What We Want

We offer you courteous treatment, Pure Drugs and Reasonable Prices. We will appreciate a share of your Drug trade and give your wants our personal attention. We handle hundreds of articles you would not expect to find in a Drug Store. Tell us your wants.

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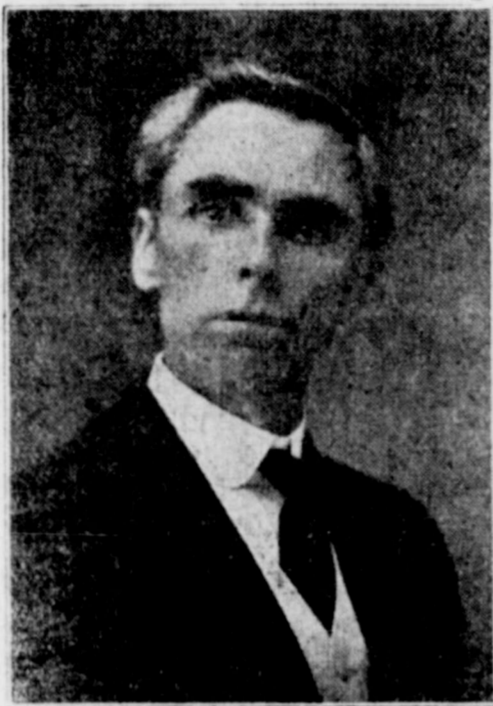
### OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

#### Sowing and Reaping.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."—Galatians 6:7-8.

First, we notice Paul's admonition to the Galatians to be not deceived. If a man is deceived and blinded it will be the devil that will do it. He began that old trick in the garden of Eden, and has been keeping it up ever since. He would have the world believe that they could live any kind of life and practice most any kind of sins and no particular harm would follow. But God says for us not to be deceived by the devil or his followers, for the life that we live and the influence we exert, we will surely meet. For no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself.

Each of our lives effect other lives about us, so it behooves us to be very careful about our sowing. If we are lead by our fleshly appetites and dispositions and thus sow to the flesh, we will suffer the consequences here and through all eternity. Sow cards and you will reap gamblers, sow whiskey and reap drunkards. When I think of these sowings, my heart shudders within me and oft-times with sadness my mind turns to the judgment day when the world shall be congregated before God to meet their sowing, whether it be good or bad. In my imagination I see the legislators that have granted licenses to the open saloon to deal out over its counters that which will wreck the characters of our men and boys, demoralize them and dam their soul and body in hell. Not only this but they have licensed other things that are too disgraceful to mention. And some people



REV. T. N. LOWREY.

say these evils are necessary. Away with such "rot" On the other hand I have pictured in my mind the individuals who have sown to the spirit. They have opposed every thing that would demoralize the world, sadden and wreck our homes, undermine our christian government and with their influence have tried to elevate the human race. Now which side would you prefer to be on when we all come to that great day of reckoning? Thank God, Texas will have a chance the twenty-second day of next July, to do some sowing that will tell for time and eternity. And this sowing will stare us in the face at the judgment. Oh, what a fearful reaping for those who have voted for the open saloon, when they come to the judgment but how blessed will be those who have voted against them.

May God help us all and help us to cast our ballot in such a way, that we will not be ashamed to meet it at the judgment.

T. N. Lowrey.

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

## Same Old Way

We are doing business every day in the week and year at the same stand in the same old way.

### Reliable Groceries At Reasonable Prices

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#### Butman Community.

April 30.—We are still having plenty of rain and weeds.

R. B. Grider and family were the guest of Mr. White and family Sunday.

Dove Pannel and family were visiting at the home of Mr. Pannel Sunday.

Ludie Dulin spent part of last week at the home of D. D. Coats. Miss Della Sutphen was visiting in the home of J. H. Ensminger last week.

Miss Mary Grider attended Sunday school at White Church Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Dulin is visiting in Sweetwater this week.

Joe Dulin was the guest of Lee and Melvin Dulin Sunday.

R. B. Grider and J. A. Dulin went to Merkel Friday.

Mr. Costephens and son Earnest went to Nubia Saturday. Attended quarterly conference.

Will close with best wishes to the Mail. Farmer Girl.

#### Shall Women Vote?

If they did, millions would vote Dr. King's New Life Pills the true remedy for women. For banishing dull fagged feelings, backache or headache, constipation, colds, impeding appetite and toning up the system, they're unequalled. Easy, safe, sure. 25c at H C Burroughs.

#### Nubia Notes.

May 2—On account of the cool weather the farmers are having to replant some cotton, but still it rains.

Harry Riney visited J. S. Blair Sunday afternoon.

We are very sorry to say that Mrs. John Davenport has been very ill the past week, but is reported better.

Jonas Davenport and family of Big Springs are moving back to Nubia.

Miss Lela Clark of Merkel visited her sister Mrs. Nettie Stanley Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Toombs and daughter Miss Jewell Toombs of Riney community were here Monday.

Miss Della Sutphen and sister Miss Lochie spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrison was in Nubia Saturday.

Mrs. Dovie Toombs visited here Monday.

Mrs. A. L. Stanley and daughter, Mrs. Ellen Hogan spent Tuesday with friends at Butman.

Oscar Walker, wife and Miss Emma Clark of Center Point visited T. J. Walker Saturday.

Wat Blair's little son Dail is sick this week.

Rev. Barnes of Abilene preached here Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd attended.

White Rose.

#### Boys will be Boys

and are always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds. Don't neglect such things—they may result serious if you do. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment according to directions right away and it will relieve the pain and heal the trouble. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H C Burroughs.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See our beautiful line of Easter candies. The Elite.

Fred Hale of Trent was seen on the streets Wednesday.

J. A. Sosebee of Noodle neighborhood was in Merkel Wednesday.

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

Mrs. T. E. Paylor visited home folks at Eskota Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

Dr. Williams and wife of Noodle were in Merkel one day this week.

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

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer is visiting Mrs. John Bradford of Sweetwater.

Fresh vegetables can be had every day in the week at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. Phone 170.

Mrs. Thomas Dyer and daughter Stella of Gordon who have been visiting J. W. Powell returned home Tuesday.

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

W. G. Cypert will fill the regular appointment here Sunday at 11:00, evening and night. Every body invited to attend.

Mrs. Bowers came down from Sweetwater Monday to join her husband who is manager of the Southwestern Telephone company at this place. They will occupy the Lee Carter house.

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.

J. D. Daniels, W. C. Moore and C. L. Britton three substantial farmers of the Mulberry neighborhood were in town this week closing up a contract for a new telephone line.

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

Mrs. Rosie Newberry and children returned from Caps Monday evening where they had been visiting relatives and attending the singing convention.

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Every bottle guaranteed to give satisfaction or get your MONEY BACK



Perfection Polish does its work by removing dust, dirt stains and scratches, and by restoring the original factory newness on everything on which it is used, from the costliest piano to the cheapest kitchen chair, the most highly polished woodwork to the automobile

## Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Col. Ed Teaff had business in Abilene Tuesday.

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

Dr. G. M. Williams has gone to Wichita Falls on business.

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

Mrs. L. A. Valentine is visiting her brother J. R. Lewis at Sweetwater.

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

J. L. Hunter has returned to Fort Worth where he expects to make his home.

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

S. O. Rister of View City was transacting business in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. H. A. Erwin of Abilene who has been visiting Mrs. F. A. Whitley has returned home.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

R. R. Thornton has returned to his home in Altus, Okla., after a pleasant visit in our city with his sisters, Mrs. A. L. Hogue and Miss Gertrude Thornton.

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. Alex Harris of Stanton are visiting relatives and old friends in Merkel this week. They report excellent conditions in that part of west Texas.

Bring us your chickens and eggs for highest prices. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. Phone 170.

Miss Willie Wheeler returned home last Friday from a visit of several months with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, in Deming, N. M. Miss Willie is like all others who leave Merkel. Glad to get back.

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

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment wonderfully effective. One application will convince you of its merits. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

### WOMEN'S WOES.

Merkel Women are Finding Relief at Last.

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Mrs. J. M. Golightly, of Merkel, Texas, says: "I have had trouble from my kidneys for the past five years. There was a dull ache across my hips and loins, at times extending into my limbs as far as my knees. The kidney secretions were also unnatural. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me so much good that I gladly recommend them."

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A little girl wrote this composition on men. "Men are what women marry. They drink and smoke and swear, but don't go to church. Perhaps if they wore bonnets they would. They are more logical than women and also more zoological. Both men and women sprung from monkeys but the women sprung further than the men."

### YOU MUST CONFESS

after using Halls Texas Wonder for Kidney, Bladder and rheumatic trouble that it has merit. It gives quick and permanent relief. Seldom one bottle fails to cure. Write for local testimonials Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

### Stopped Those Pains.

Timberville, Miss.—Miss Gertrude Gatlin, of Timberville, writes: "I did not know anything could stop those womanly pains from which I suffered for two years, until I tried Cardui. I had been troubled with various female ailments, but they were cured in a little while thanks to Cardui." Cardui is especially adapted for use by ailing women. It relieves headache, backache, dragging feelings, irregularity, nervousness, misery, and womanly weakness. It is safe. It does the work. Will you try it? Please do.

Thirty thousand acres of irrigated land will be placed on the market soon at Mercedes. This land will be developed and sold to settlers.

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.

C. P. Taft has authorized the expenditure of \$600,000 in building a park and auto driveway at Portland and for terracing the bay and other improvements.

We received a lot more new hats and shapes in our millinery department this week, don't buy your hat until you have seen ours. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

**ONLY WAY TO KNOW WORLD MUNICIPAL KITCHENS PLAN**

**The Traveler on Foot Sees and Enjoys Things Others Know Little About.**

Walking is not merely moving two legs rhythmically over certain intervals of ground. It is the primal and the only way to know the world, the deliberate entering into an inheritance, whose parts are wind and weather, sky and prospect, men and animals and all vital enjoyment.

The bicycle has some advantages in point of speed, and gives a deceptive sense of power; but it is a foe to observation. All carriages, whether propelled by horse or motor, insulate the traveler from the ground, steal his attention from the world through which he passes, and utterly destroy all feeling of achievement. The very word "mile" is a walker's word—mille pas— a thousand double-paces.

So the Roman legions measured their conquering advances; so the legion of pedestrians estimates its conquests of the day. "So many thousand buffets mine own two feet given the resisting soil 'twixt sun and sun; so many times have the good muscles of calf and thigh lent their elastic force." What has the dusty reader of figures in a dial to match with that?—Atlantic Monthly.

**Guard Against Favoritism.**

Mayor Gaynor appointed a committee to look into the matter of appointment of teachers in New York, and one thing recommended was that the principals appoint their own assistants. As this might lead to favoritism, the women teachers were advised by the president of the Teachers' association, Miss Grace Strachan, not to accept any appointment unless an examination had already qualified them for it.

**Women Aid City Work.**

The Woman's Municipal League of New York not only interests itself in the work of making more clean and beautiful the city, but has formed a junior league, the idea being to teach the children and possibly through them the parents will learn better the obligation of every citizen to keep the streets clean and make the city a healthful and beautiful place in which to live.

**Former Army Surgeon Has Scheme for the Lengthening of Human Life.**

A former United States surgeon says that human life may be lengthened if people are taught more about the subject of ventilation, how to breathe, how to dress. In addition, he would have food supplied by municipal kitchens, where the cooks shall be required to pass an examination and not be engaged unless they possess the proper certificate of qualification.

He might have gone further and said that in case we have municipal kitchens there would also have to be a municipal kitchen commission instructed to see that the kitchen provide pure food. Perhaps there would have to be a kitchen committee above them to see that the commissioners were not influenced by "graft."

But many a housekeeper will cling to her kitchen to the last. She may accept ready-to-wear clothing, and send her washing to the laundry to be cleaned with the clothes of a hundred other families, but most families like their food cooked in some particular way which renders the community kitchen, whether in boarding houses or fashionable hotels, unsatisfactory.

**Don't Take It For Granted**

that just because you are in business, everybody is aware of the fact. Your goods may be the finest in the market but they will remain on your shelves unless the people are told about them.

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if you want to move your merchandise. Reach the buyers in their homes through the columns of THIS PAPER and on every dollar expended you'll reap a handsome dividend.

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- Granulated Sugar, 18 pounds.....\$1.00
- Royal Sorghum, per bucket.....40c
- Red Top Sorghum, per bucket.....40c
- Orange Top Sorghum, per bucket.....40c
- Wild Rose Syrup, per bucket.....35c
- White Ribbon Syrup, per bucket.....40c
- Blue Flag Syrup, per bucket.....55c
- P & F or Evangeline, per bucket.....50c
- Buffalo Ribbon Cane Syrup, per bucket.....55c
- 2 lb can Tomatoes, per dozen.....80c
- 3 lb Tomatoes, per dozen.....\$1.10
- 3 lb Tomatoes, per dozen.....\$1.00
- 2 lb Corn, per dozen.....90c
- Walnut 2 lb Fancy Corn, per dozen.....\$1.10
- Polks 3 lb Hominy, per dozen.....85c
- Mammys 3 lb Saur Kraut, per dozen.. 85c
- Lindale 3 lb Pie Peaches, per dozen.. 90c
- Counsell 3 lb 15c Cal. Peaches, dozen..\$1.65
- Counsell 3 lb G. G. Plums 15c, doz.. \$1.35
- Counsell 3 lb Bartlett Pears 15c, doz..\$1.75
- Counsell 3 lb Apricots 15c, dozen....\$1.50
- 4 cans Giant Lye.....25c
- 4 cans Babbitts Lye.....25c
- 7 boxes S. L. Matches 25c, per dozen.. 40c

- 7 bars Clariette Soap.....25c
- 7 bars Swiss Soap.....25c
- 7 bars Sunny Monday Soap.....25c
- Cottolene, large pails.....\$1.30
- Cottolene, small pails.....55c
- W. C. Lard, large pails.....\$1.00
- W. C. Lard, small pails.....50c
- Garrett Snuff, 2 25c.....45c
- Honest Snuff, 2 25c.....45c
- Lima Beans, per pound.....7½c
- Pink Beans, per pound.....7½c
- Navy Beans, per pound.....5½c
- Bayou Beans, per pound.....7c
- B E Peas, per pound.....7½c
- 4 boxes Fautless Starch.....30c
- 4 boxes Celluloid Starch.....25c
- 4 boxes Arm & Hammer Soda.....25c
- 3 boxes Seeded Raisins.....25c
- 3 boxes Currants.....25c
- 2 boxes Post Toasties.....25c
- Mothers Corn Flakes 10c pkg.....5c
- Dr. Prices Wheat Flakes 10c pkg.....5c
- Mothers Oats 25c pkg, 2 for.....35c
- Mothers Oats 15c pkg, 3 for.....25c
- All Extracts, per bottle.....10c

We only quote a few of our many articles on account of space but will give the same reduction on everything we have in the house. Also have a car of Kaffir corn in the head for sale.

**W. L. DILTZ**

**For Trade**

If you have any good farming or ranch land, revenue-bearing business property or good residence to trade it will be to your interest to let us know all about it. Tell us what you have and what you want and we will try our level best to make the trade.

**Fine Erath Farms for Trade.**

Improved farm, 160 acres, one and one half mile of Huckaby, 55 acres in cultivation, plenty grass, wood and water, cistern, orchard, on public road, 4-room house, galleries, papered, storm house, smoke house, telephone; \$15000 college at Huckaby and good high school; railroad in Huckaby by fall; some thin land; price, \$25.00 per acre but is clear and will exchange for small farm, 89 to 100 acres within two or three miles of Merkel.

Improved farm, 109 acres, 60 in cultivation, 25 more tillable, best grade post oak land, level, no washes, good orchard, wood, water, well, good barn 45 x 50, 6-room house, two chimneys, 200 yards of Union Grove school, and church, local and long distance telephone, three miles of Huckaby. Encumbrance, \$1000. Owner gave \$5,350 for this farm which is one of best in Erath county and will trade it for small farm, 80 to 100 acres in one or two miles of Merkel.

**Wanted: Poultry Farm.**

Homestead, 320 acres, Quay county, New Mexico, "as good farming land as on top of green earth." Every foot tillable, not a rock, stump or grub on entire tract; 130 broke, partly fenced, two half dug-outs and about \$200 worth of bear grass on land for which there is ready demand. This is property of a lady who wants small poultry farm joining some good railroad town or will trade for house if there is as much as acre of land with same. Get busy.

**A Word to the Wise.**

We know of many who are coming out this way this summer to buy land and to these we want to say, come now. We have some land listed with us for cash prices that will cost more this summer. Now is always the time and all that we ask of you is to come out and let us show you what we have. We have the goods to deliver now for about 75 cents on the dollar.

**WE DO ALL KINDS OF NOTARY WORK**

**KING & JACKSON, Real Estate**  
FARM LOANS AND LIFE INSURANCE

**LUTHER'S PRIDE OF BIRTH**

Great Reformer Was of the Commonest People, and Was Glad of it.

Martin Luther was very human and very lovable, strikingly like our own Lincoln in his quaint humor, his homeliness of speech, his human sympathies, his simplicity of character, his clearness of vision. He came, as so many of the world's great men come, of peasant stock. "I am a peasant's son; my father, my grandfather and my great-grandfather were genuine peasants," he was accustomed to say, not without a touch of pride, and in spite of his opinion that "there is as little sense in boasting of one's ancestry as in the devil's priding himself on his angelic lineage." He was of the commonest people, and was glad of it. It was one of the secrets of his power. "The people's children," he once remarked, "seldom turn out well. They are complacent, arrogant and conceited, and think they need to learn nothing because they have enough to live on anyway. On the contrary, poor men's sons must labor to lift themselves out of the dust and must endure greatly. And because they have nothing to boast about or pride themselves upon they trust God, control themselves and keep still. The poor fear God, therefore he gives them good heads that they may study, become educated and intelligent and be able to assist princes, kings and emperors with their wisdom."

Luther's family was not the lowest class. For generations his ancestors had owned their house and farm in the village of Mohra, on the western side of the Thuringian hills. There are still Luthers in the same tiny hamlet, changed perhaps as little as the place itself.—Prof. Arthur C. McGiffert in the Century.

**Deserters' Trying Trip.**

The remarkable adventures of two soldiers, who were captured after a 9,000 miles' flight from their regiment in central India, was told to the Guildford police recently. A constable saw the two men wearing engineers' overalls, and he himself being an ex-soldier, his attention was drawn to the men's military boots. Then he saw one of the men "change step," and this so convinced him they were deserters that he stopped them. They admitted having deserted from the Manchester regiment, which was stationed in central India. After a trying march through the jungle they said they reached Bombay and concealed themselves on a troopship bound for England. Afterwards they passed themselves as members of the crew, and when the boat reached Southampton they made their escape in engineers' overalls, and were making for London.

**Various Uses for Sawdust.**

Sawdust may be made to serve a number of purposes for the housewife. 1. It is splendid for removing sediment in glass and earthenware, etc. 2. A handful thrown on a dying fire will help to revive it. 3. Well dried and heated and sprinkled over grease spots in carpets, etc. It is very useful in removing these objectionable marks. It should be well rubbed in, left for a few hours, then treated again if necessary. 4. Heat some sawdust on a piece of paper in the oven, and it is an excellent remedy for mildew and damp spots on metal or other polished goods. 5. Rub some dry sawdust on articles that have been polished and the polish will last longer. 6. Slightly moistened sawdust sprinkled on outside floors, veranda or larder, etc., and brushed off with a hard broom will clean the floor without much trouble.

**WOES OF AVIATION JUDGES**

Like Umpires at Baseball and Football Matches, They Have Their Troubles.

Judges at aviation meets, like umpires at baseball and football matches and others in positions of great responsibility, have their own woes. The men who figured in the recent tournament at Belmont park, New York, certainly had their share of trouble. In addition to the special harassments connected with the work of supervising the contests, there were others. This story is told in connection with the affair: Their duties, however, would have been rendered far less arduous had it not been for the multitude of requests that came to them over the telephone. The bell in their stand rang almost incessantly and in many cases the interferers with the workings of the judicial mind were women. One morning while the judges were considering a stock of protests that filled the available space in the tower the telephone began to jingle and James A. Blair, Jr., dropped a document he was reading to the others and sprang to answer it. "Are you there?" came over the wire in a high-bred English accent. "Right here," Mr. Blair answered in effect. "Is this the judges' stand?" "Yes." "Oh, I have been trying to get you. This is the Countess of Blank. Will you order luncheon for six at the clubhouse at half past 1? I want," went on the telephonist, without giving Mr. Blair a chance to recover from the first shock to his judicial dignity. "a hors d'oeuvre, some soup, fish"—Bang! went the receiver. What Mr. Blair said to the outside air may not be recorded. But if the countess got her luncheon that day she must have sent her order through in another way.

# SOME MORE EXTRA SPECIALS

The prices we are making in our Mid-Season Sale are producing the business. We are selling new goods at new prices for this town. In addition to our big price list of last week we add the following extras

Men's standard grade overalls till Saturday night.....	85c	Men's \$2.50 Dress Pants for this sale .....	\$1.95
Men's \$3.00 Work Pants for this sale .....	\$2.45	Men's 2.00 Dress Pants for this sale .....	1.50
Men's 2.50 Work Pants for this sale .....	2.15	Men's 6.00 John B. Stetson Hats this sale .....	5.00
Men's 5.00 Dress Pants for this sale .....	4.25	Men's 5.00 John B. Stetson Hats this sale .....	4.25
Men's 4.00 Dress Pants for this sale .....	3.50	Men's 3.00 Kingsbury Hats this sale .....	2.65
Men's 3.50 Dress Pants for this sale .....	3.15	Men's 3.00 Beaver and Lion special .....	1.95
Men's 3.00 Dress Pants for this sale .....	2.50	Men's 2.50 Beaver and Lion special .....	1.65

Our sale closes Saturday, May 6 and we ask you to take advantage of this money-saving sale now

# WOODROOF BROTHERS

THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

WANTED—Man with small family to do ranch work. C. M. Largent. tf

Dr. Cranford, B. C. Gaither, Vol Martin and J. L. Banner were in Abilene Wednesday.

Buy your binder twine and grain bags from Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

We have got a big stock of McCormick twine. Come in and let us fill your demands. West Texas Hardware Co.

We have got the finest line of granite ware that ever came to Merkel, the Bluebelle ware.

West Texas Hardware Co.

It is not thought that the late cold weather has severely injured Texas crops though some fear that fruit has suffered some.

See those new collars, belts barrettes, bead and hand bags at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

J. P. Sharp was visiting relatives in Anson the latter part of last week.

When you want a nice oil or gasoline stove remember we have them for you. West Texas Hardware Co.

J. T. L. Annis and wife came in on No. 7 stopped over in Merkel for an hours chat then went to Colorado on next train.

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.

Saturday Evening Post at McClains Drug Store.



Abilene, Texas  
146 Pine St.

## SOCIETY BRAND CLOTHES

Young Men, Here Are The Clothes For You

Clothes made especially for you, representing a degree of quality never before attained in ready-to-wear clothes.

### \$20 to \$30 the Suit

The "Talk of the Town" among the Young Men who want and appreciate the BEST in Clothing. It will pay you to take a look.

## Mingus Bros. & Co.

Men's Quality Outfitters

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and H. L. Propst of Trent were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. C. H. Williams is in Abilene visiting Mrs. Ella Pilkerton.

Monday is the first day of May. Start the month right by buying your groceries from Merkel Dry and Grocery Company.

Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Trent was trading in Merkel yesterday.

When you see them you will want one of our new wash boilers. Come and see.

West Texas Hardware Co.

We are requested to announce that there will be all day singing at Mount Pleasant on the third Sunday in May. Dinner will be had on ground and everybody cordially invited. All singers are requested to bring books.

Run your dry goods and grocery account with us next month and see if you don't get better service and cost you less money. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co. Phone 170.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd had a very serious though we hope not a fatal accident yesterday. Mrs. Boyd had prepared a vessel of hot water and while attempting to move the vessel it was overturned and spilled on the child, scalding its body and limbs.

When you don't know what to cook for dinner phone 170. We'll tell you, we have it, fresh vegetables every day in the week Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

A. J. Croner has closed negotiations for a canning plant at Webster.

### \$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

S. W. Sleeker attended the singing convention at Caps Sunday.

### CALENDAR

## MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

### CLOSING EXERCISES

Sunday, May 7

Commencement Sermon, 11:00 a. m.—Rev. W. C. Taggart, M. E. church.

Educational Address, 8:15 p. m.—Judge W. T. Potter, M. E. church.

Final Examinations.

Monday and Tuesday

Grammar School Exercises, Tuesday 8:30 p. m., Opera House.

Wednesday 2 p. m.—Promotions.

Wednesday 8:30 p. m.—Graduating Exercises, Opera House.

Presentation of diplomas by President School Board.

### A Happy Father

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby. McGee's Baby Elixir will make the child well,—soothe its nerves, induce healthy, normal slumber. Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach—all teething babies need it. Pleasant to take, sure, and safe—contains no harmful drugs. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Why not use the best flour when it cost you no more? We and our mill guarantee every sack of Light Crust Flour. Try Light Crust next time and you'll buy no other hereafter. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.



# BINDERS - BINDERS

We will have a car of McCormick and Deering Binders to arrive from the factory in about ten days and if you are contemplating buying a binder for the coming season we want to figure with you. Prices and terms as good as you can get anywhere and we can deliver the goods. Come and learn the bargains we have for you. Also have a large stock of Deering Binder twine on hand at 10 cents per pound.

## Anchor Hardware Co.

### Learn BOOKKEEPING

We teach the ACTUAL BUSINESS methods from the start to finish. Each student has individual sets of books and gets individual instruction. We guarantee to make a first-class bookkeeper of you or refund your money. A course in salesmanship free to those who take the bookkeeping course.

#### SHORTHAND

Learn to write Shorthand. We teach the celebrated Modern Method of Shorthand, which is the best in use today. Also Graham or Pitman. We can prepare you in a short time to be an expert Shorthand writer. We teach the touch system of typewriting, which is far ahead of any other system.

#### TELEGRAPHY

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.

Special rates now on. Will give you more for your money than any other college. Every national bank in Fort Worth represented on our board of directors. Good positions absolutely guaranteed.

#### Brantley-Draughan Business College

Corner Fourteenth and Main Sts. Fort Worth, Texas

### J. A. WOODARD

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable  
SOUTH SIDE

Solicits a share of your patronage during the New Year and promises courteous treatment. Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL : : : TEXAS

### PATE'S RESTAURANT

MRS. J. M. PATE, Proprietor

Meals served regularly, three times daily, only 25 cents. Short orders any hour of day. The best of service at reasonable prices and we solicit your patronage.

WHEN IN TOWN COME TO SEE US

### COLLEGE 288

Breed your cow to my registered Jersey bull "College Two-Eighty-Eight", out of A. & M. College cow Dixie's Gilt Queen with a ten days test of 370 pounds milk and 21 pounds butter; sired by Wanderer of St. Cloud, whose dam Texas Snow Drop has a record of eight gallons of milk per day. See him at my dairy on south end of Oak street. TERMS—\$2.00 when cow is served. Calf guaranteed.

J. B. WALDEN : : MERKEL, TEXAS

### ABILENE HOSPITAL

Corner Osage & Clinton Ave—Both Phones

IS NOW OPEN FOR SURGICAL AND MEDICAL CASES. NO CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ADMITTED.

Open to all Ethical Physicians—Building New and Modern Conveniences  
S. C. GAGE MISS ANNIE CALDWELL MRS. B. F. SHELL  
Surgeon in Charge. Graduate Nurse in Charge. Matron

#### THE REASON WHY.

The reason why my troubles are few,  
In cooking or baking or making a stew,  
I'm constantly using, without making a "Muss,"  
That good old flour called Light-Crust.  
Milled in Texas, without a doubt  
The best old flour, we've read about.  
And when you've used it you'll understand,  
The reason why we sell this brand.  
Made from wheat, the best in the land,  
Milled by machinery that's simply grand;  
And delivered right into your door,  
Only by Merkel's big new store.  
To the ladies of the house, we kindly request,  
To use our flour and give it a test,  
And you'll be delighted, the very hour,  
That you use, that Light-Crust flour.

For sale by the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

#### A SCHOOL POEM.

Has there a ninth grader got mixed with us,  
If there has, take him out without making a fuss,  
Just pitch him through the door,  
But don't tear up the floor.  
We are eight; we are eight, who says we are more?  
He is not a tenth grader, then show him the door.  
A class of eight? Yes of course!  
A class with knowledge on any source.  
The boys are numbered by two,  
Who delight in hard numbers to undo.  
And those which we bravely overcame,  
Have given us high school fame.  
The girls we have—three and three,  
Who rank in number like a sycamore tree;  
But in work they do not excel,  
But are in the same plane, just parallel.  
We have climbed school's ladder to round No. ten;  
But one round we lack, and from school we go then,  
In search of a greater knowledge,  
To a school made larger by naming it a college.  
And there when you are done,  
And all honors you have won,  
Your school days here kindly recall  
And think of our class, one and all.  
Written by Sam Swann, a pupil of the Junior class  
grade number ten.

#### Will Promote Beauty.

Women desiring beauty get wonderful results from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It banishes pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils. It makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Best for burns, scalds, fever sores, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c at H C Burroughs.

The city council of Greenville has let the contract for twenty miles of concrete walks in that city.

#### Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made me worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

A good road is worth maintaining. It costs little to maintain but a great deal to rebuild. There is little use building new roads, unless they are kept in good condition.

#### The End of the World

should it come to-morrow would find fully 1-3 of the people suffering with rheumatism of either slight or serious nature. Nobody need suffer with rheumatism for Ballard's Snow Liniment drives away the trouble, relieves the pain instantly and leaves the users as well and supple as a two year old. Sold by H C Burroughs

To make the surface of a road waterproof costs more, but saves in benefit to the user, as well as in the less cost of maintaining.

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.

#### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair.

May 1—This community was visited by another good rain Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lacket of Dublin came in last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Minnie Reeves.

Mrs. Williams who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Nan Provine for several days left Monday for Abilene to visit relatives.

There was no Sunday school on account of the rain.

The steel was reported connected Monday at 2:30 on the Colecut off near Justice.

The singing at Mr. Peoples Sunday afternoon was well attended.

Miss Clarice Moore went to Merkel Friday.

Misses Ota and Mamie Graves from route 5 attended the singing Sunday.

Mr. Meeks and family visited at the home of Jep Horton Sunday.

Luny Tittle and Jake Reeves went fishing last week.

There will be preaching here Sunday night.

Come to the literary Friday night.

T. H. Spears returned Saturday from the construction work on the cut off.

Mrs. Aubrey Ray came in Monday on the 9:15 to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves.

There is a new visitor stopping with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hill since Friday. Mrs. Hill and the little Miss is reported not doing well, we regret to learn.

Joe Bickley of the Canyon visited D. C. and Herman Doan Saturday and Sunday.

H. H. Long of Dallas is now making his home with his sister, Mrs. Oliver Marrs of this place.

Mrs. John Ray returned Tuesday to her home at Sweetwater accompanied by little Earnest and Mirtle Reeves. Dasie.

#### Not Sorry for Blunder.

"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was a doomed victim of consumption. I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanders, of Barrodsburg, Ky., "but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung racking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have had for years." This wonderful lifesaver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c, \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H C Burroughs

# Mid-Summer Millinery

AVAIL YOURSELF OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY



We have just received this week a big lot of new Millinery for Mid-Summer wear. What we are showing is the very newest things to be had in head-gear for Mid-Summer. Those that haven't yet bought their hats and those who have already bought will no doubt find something in this lot that will please them for late Summer wear.



We are showing the new Panama Sailors in all colors, with straight or soft roll brim. These are very pretty and late and will be used a great deal with the veil for Mid-Summer wear. We also have a big line of Panama, Chip and Milam Shapes that we can build to your order. We are showing the newest fads in Notions for ladies, like the new Dutch Collars, Collar Pins, Satin Hand-bags, black and white and coral Beads, initial and coral Belt Pins, black and white and coral Belts, new Barretts and Bandaux. You can always find New Fads here.

## Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

If You Want

RESULTS

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

Use This Paper

#### To Notaries.

Your name and \$3.00 will procure a \$1000 bond for two years. See Williams & Johnson.

#### Good Tomato Plants.

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

J. A. Nelson who had suffered several years with paralysis died Friday night and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon by Camp No. 719 W. O. W. of which he was a member. The Mail extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

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

#### TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

San Patricio county is preparing to spend \$100,000 in the next few months in road improvement.

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Bonds will be issued at Cross Plains to the amount of \$45,000 for the erection of a public school building.

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

Ellis county will spend \$550,000 in building and improving the county roads. One hundred miles of good roads have already been built in this county.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

Upshur county has purchased mules, scrapers, plows and graders to put in execution a good roads movement in that county.

Is there anything in all this world that is of more importance to you than good digestion? Food must be eaten to sustain life and must be digested and converted into blood. When the digestion fails the whole body suffers. Chamberlain's Tablets are a national and reliable cure for indigestion. They increase the flow of bile, purify the blood, strengthen the stomach, and tone up the whole digestive apparatus to a natural and healthy action. For sale by all dealers.

San Benito has offered a site, on a tract worth \$5,000 free to the first cotton seed oil mill or cotton compress locating thereon.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Cabbage plants. Homer Rainbolt.

FOR RENT—First house south from railroad pump house, 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

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

#### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

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

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

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

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

The Yellow Band of the Senior League will entertain the White Band Saturday evening after the business meeting of the league at the Methodist church.

### INSURANCE

#### Fire, Hail and Tornado

If you want good safe and sound insurance at a small cost, something that will protect you against fire, hail, lightning, tornado, etc., protection for your vacant buildings, live stock and crops. See E. D. Coats, with the underwriters of Fort Worth, Tex.

Tracy Barlow has resigned his position with the Mail.

#### OUR FRATERNITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

The citizens of San Angelo are considering the construction of a re-inforced concrete bridge over the Copcho river at an expense of \$40,000.

Longview has voted bonds to the amount of \$90,000 for street improvements.

The Santa Fe is constructing an immense freight depot at Sweetwater.

Say don't you need a nice wash boiler. We have got the latest pattern something new made of heavy charcoal tin. West Texas Hardware Co.

We received a lot more new hats and shapes in our millinery department this week, don't buy your hat until you have seen ours. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

## Your Printing

If it is worth doing at all, it's worth doing well.

First class work at all times is our motto.

Let us figure with you on your next job.

#### How He Timed His Talk.

A successful salesman for a hardware line of goods had a novel way last season of exciting at least a momentary interest in his prospective customers in the new territory he had been given. On entering the office of his prospect his first remark was: "Mr. Smith, we are both business men with whom time is money. I only ask for three minutes of yours, as I can only give you three minutes of mine. Let's be sure we keep to the limit."

Thereupon he pulled from his pocket quickly and placed on the desk of his hearer, well within his vision and reach, a neat little article of the same shape as and patterned after the well-known hour glass, but containing only sand enough to require three minutes for its passage from the upper to the lower compartment.

"You keep tab and don't let me overtalk the limit."—System.

Read the Mail. 1.00 year.