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**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

## Safe and Satisfactory

In the conduct of our business and treatment of our customers we strive to be worthy of our name---The Old Reliable. Liberal but conservative, always dependable

C. L. BARKER, Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Tailor has fits for everybody.   
 Mrs. E. P. McMillen was visiting in Abilene Friday.   
 Clean men should wear clean clothes cleaned by the City Tailor   
 Miss Alpha Garrett visited Merkel Saturday and Sunday.   
 Birthday presents at Rust & McCauley's. Cut glass, silver novelties and china.   
 Will Hamilton of Snyder was visiting his father's family Sunday.   
 Don't make your wife press your suit with a 7 pound iron The work is too hard.   
 Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Trent visited several days in Merkel last week.   
 Miss Leona George of Eskota is visiting her cousin, Mrs. T. E. Paylor.   
 Miss Rachel Knight of Fort Worth is the guest of her cousin, Miss Agnes Hall.   
 If you don't believe The Tailor is game come around and he will clean you up.   
 Mr. and Mrs. White who have been visiting relatives and friends here returned to Austin Monday.   
 If you want sometime elegant and new in wedding presents come see our line. At Rust & McCauley's.   
 Paul Cranford of Fort Worth was visiting his father and mother Saturday and Sunday.   
 Mr. Jackson of the Coggin ranch brought some well filled roasting ears to town Saturday.   
 Wedding presents of the most appropriate and up-to-date kind. Prices \$1 to \$100. Everything neat, nobby and new. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.   
 Mrs. Sam Wallace and little son of Fort Worth visited her sister, Mrs. Claude Bigham this week.

### DOCTORS

**ADKISSON & MILLER**  
 Physicians & Surgeons

Special Office Treatment for Diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, and Chronic Ailments

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 Office 4-3 Residence 2-7-6

**Dr. M. ARMSTRONG**  
 PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
 Office with Armstrong & Co.  
 Office Phone 105. Residence Phone 12

**Dr. S. L. DAVIS**  
 DENTIST  
 at The F. & M. National Bank  
 MERKEL, TEXAS

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 Practice in State and Federal Courts. Land and Collection Law a specialty.

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**W. W. WHEELER**  
 Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent  
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 Office up stairs in First National's bank building

**S. C. WILLIAMS** **G. W. JOHNSON**  
**WILLIAMS & JOHNSON**  
 Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agents  
 Respectfully Solicit Your Business  
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 Merkel, Texas

**Abilene Steam Laundry**  
 H. M. WARREN, Agent  
 Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.  
 H. M. WARREN  
 Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

**Electric Bitters**  
 Succeed when everything else fails. Nervous prostration and female ailments they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.  
**FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE**  
 is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

### FARMER, STOCKMAN ATTENTION

Is your horse, mule or cow sick? If so we will give your money back for any case you fail to cure with any of Watson's celebrated line of Veterinary Remedies. Sold and guaranteed by Rust & McCauley Drug Co., Merkel, Texas. Manufactured only by

**The Watson Co.**  
 Pine Bluff, Ark.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Greene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays. Taylor Jennings is in Stamford attending the normal.

The City Tailor wants to suit you.   
 J. M. Fogleman of Noodle was in town Saturday.

If your clothes are dirty you don't look good. The Tailor.

Guy Hamilton of Sweetwater was at home Sunday.

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

E. Barnes, W. I. Cogburn, and Wm. Clark were in town Saturday.

Wheat and Oat Bags and Binder twine at the lowest price at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Farmers from the different neighborhoods who were in town Saturday report light showers Friday night.

The uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has made it a favorite everywhere. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

G. L. Baker, Brooks Patterson and A. J. Hartley of the Warren neighborhood were in town Saturday.

Our prices are right on wedding presents and birthday presents. Come and see them.   
 Rust & McCauley's.

B. W. Hudgins, J. N. Routh, Otto Sosebee, Charlie Ely, left Monday to attend the normal at Abilene.

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

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Taylor who have been at Corpus Christi several months for their health have returned to Merkel considerably improved.

We have fresh vegetables most every day, phone 170 your order and it will have prompt delivery. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Miss Lucile Sutphen returned from Caps Saturday accompanied by Misses Kittie Clyde and Alma Parmelly who will visit her for some time.

Anyone needing a second-hand folding upright or mantel bed will save money by seeing what we have to offer. The Furniture People—Behrens-McMillen Company.

Miss Fannie Bounds of Sherman who has been the guest of her friend Miss Bigham left Monday for Van Horn.

**You Never Can Tell**  
 just exactly the cause of your rheumatism, but you know you have it. Do you know that Ballard's Snow Liniment will cure it?—relieves the pain—reduces the swelling and limbers the joints and muscles so that you will be as active and well as you ever were. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Dr. Geo. Howard who has been a student in Baylor Medical College is at home, having completed a full four years course and received a diploma at the close of 1911 session in May. He expects to further equip himself for his chosen profession by taking hospital work before he enters the regular practice. He is a young man of splendid character and good habits and we congratulate him on his success so far and predict for him a life of usefulness.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Jennings and little son of Quanah are visiting Mrs. J. W. Jennings and family.

Miss Ada Brown is attending the summer normal at Abilene.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Will Evans, Harvey Warren, Will Burns, Frank Ferrier and N. C. Sinclair are at Waco attending the firemen's convention.

### A Vital Point.

The most delicate part of a baby is its bowels. Every ailment that it suffers with attacks the bowels also endangering in most cases the life of the infant. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery and all derangements of the stomach or bowels.

We will give a can of JACK FROST Baking powder FREE with every sack of LIGHT CRUST FLOUR sold this and next week. Order a sack and have good bread, you couldn't fail with this brand of Flour and Baking Powder. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

T. L. Hall, wife and son are visiting Mrs. Hall's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin. Mr. Hall is one of the district managers of the W. O. W. of Oklahoma and arrived several days ago. Mrs. Hall who had been in Galveston for some time came in Tuesday.

Miss Ona Johnson is at home from her visit to Mrs. Bessie Reed in Hillsboro.

### Stomach Troubles.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at all dealers.

# SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

These Prices are Good For One Day Only  
**Saturday, June 24th**

One lot of Boys Suits, range in price from \$2.50 to \$3.50, Saturday only..... **\$1.50**

Men's best grade Overalls in this special sale for Saturday only..... **85c**

One lot of Men's Hats, regular \$3.00 values, for Saturday only..... **\$1.50**

### ONE-FOURTH OFF ON MEN'S OXFORDS

Men's 50c Underwear, special price in this sale for Saturday only..... **35c**

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Dress Shirts, special price for Saturday only..... **85c**

We have about 50 dozen Men's 4-ply Linen Collars for Saturday only..... **5c**

One lot of Men's \$10.00 Suits, for the small price of Saturday only..... **\$3.95**

**MEN'S CLOTHING REDUCED ALMOST ONE-HALF**

Ladies' and Children's Oxfords reduced for this Special.

In fact everything in the store is priced far below what you will pay elsewhere. It will pay you to come and take a look.

**WOODROOF BROS.**  
**ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST**

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.   
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herring of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard Sunday. They were accompanied by their aunt of Shreveport.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by all dealers

R. R. Black of Thornton Tex., on his way home from a visit to his father at Sweetwater stopped in Merkel to visit his aunts, Mrs. W. Parten and Mrs. I. S. Allen Sunday night.

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.

President Sandefer of Simmons College will address the Merkel people Sunday night on statewide prohibition. It is announced that there will be no preaching in town but all are invited to the tabernacle to hear him.

Try Van Camps Condensed Milk for making ice cream. Its as good as pure Cream and cheaper. You can get it by phoning 170. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Miss Zada Hardy who has had charge of the millinery department at Whodroof Bros. the past season has returned to her home at Dallas.

Whose phone is 48? The Tailor

**The Big Head**  
 is of two kinds—conceit and the big head that comes from a sick headache. Does your head ever feel like a gourd and your brain feel loose and sore? You can cure it in no time by acting on your liver with Ballard's Bile Beans. Isn't it worth trying? absolute and certain get? Sold by H. C.









MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Standing under a wedding bell suspended from an evergreen arch, interspersed with red roses, Miss Lillian daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howard was married to Mr. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin Wednesday evening June 14th.

The bride in this beautiful home wedding was daintily gowned in a white embroidered robe and carried a shower bouquet of red and white carnations.

Mr. Grisham is no stranger in Merkel having made this his home for a short time four years ago. At present he is located in Hamlin where he is engaged in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grisham left on the evening train for their home via Abilene. The bride's going away suit was a champagne marquisette draped over silk with hat and gloves to match.

Wednesday June 14 Mrs. G.H. Adams took the Rose Philathea class to the McNeas tank where the day was spent in taking kodak pictures, wading and horse back riding.

Little Miss Lucile Sutphen and Master Ed Scott entertained some of their little friends in honor of little Misses Kittle Clyde and Alma Parmelly of Caps, at the home of W. A. Scott in south Merkel Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 7.

A crowd of merry makers surprised Miss Fannie Burroughs Friday evening when they went in to have some music shortly after their arrival they were seated at the tables enjoying 42 and bunco.

Tuesday afternoon of last week little Miss Louise Warren entertained with a doll party. Each guest brought her best bred doll to the party.

Mrs. C. D. Mims who was sent as a delegate from Merkel to Childres to attend the annual conference of the W. H. M. Society is at home and reports a splendid meeting with over 150 in attendance.

League Program June 25. Leader, Jack Province. Hymn, No. 46. Prayer by leaguers. Scripture lesson by leader. Duet—Mary and Jackie Jennings. The unfinished task—Simpson Christopher.

NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business June 7, 1911:

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Premiums, Furniture, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital Stock, Surplus, Undivided Profits, National Bank Notes, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, T. A. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subject: "Roman Catholicism in Italy and Mexico." Leader, Robert Hicks. Scripture reading, Isa. 1:10-15.

Ladies M. and A. Society. Following is the program for the Ladies M. and A. Society at the Baptist church Monday June 26 at 4 o'clock: Mexico—Mrs. P. B. Cousseaux.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas county ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by use of Halls Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1885. A. W. Gleason, Notary Public. Halls Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

Mrs. Willie Bigham, Ellen Daugherty and Mrs. Fred Bigham visited J. M. Daugherty and family at Tye Tuesday. We are glad to note the complete recovery of Miss Dorothy Lee Potter from a severe attack of scarlet fever.

Mrs. J. R. Sandlin left Monday for an extended visit at Arlington, Wills Point and Palestine. Mrs. J. H. Warnick left Wednesday for a few weeks visit with her sister at Featherstone, Okla.

NO. 5881 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 7, 1911:

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discount, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Profit and Loss account, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock, Surplus fund, National Bank notes, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, T. A. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subject: "Roman Catholicism in Italy and Mexico." Leader, Robert Hicks. Scripture reading, Isa. 1:10-15.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Dis., Personal or collateral, Overdrafts, Bonds and Stocks, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The woman of today who has good health, good temper, good sense, bright eyes and a lovely complexion, the result of correct living and good digestion wins the admiration of the world.

Frequently we hear of some family being disturbed by some one prowling about the premises, peeping in at the windows or knocking on the doors. Now if a 44 automatic could be well handled in a case of this kind it would stop.

Mrs. Bartley Smith of Andrews county is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson. Mrs. Arthur Harris of Dallas is visiting her mother and other relatives in Merkel. G. W. Boyce, C. E. Whitaker and G. W. Cypert were in Abilene Wednesday.

JULY 4. Will soon be here, and we're all going to celebrate. How about that New Suit? Have you bought yours? Have the best, don't be satisfied with anything else, buy a SOCIETY BRAND. Highest type of Clothes made—Durable, yet dignified. Look at the following prices we are making: \$30.00 Suits at \$25.00, \$22.50 Suits at \$19.00, etc.

"SWIPES" SURELY MADE GOOD. Judge Wilkin's Story of the Waif Who Became a Prosperous Brooklyn Citizen. Robert J. Wilkin, a justice of the court of special sessions, who was the first judge of the children's court in Brooklyn, in a speech the other evening told several interesting stories.

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. It is the best tonic for women, because its ingredients are specifically adapted for women's needs. 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."

CAREER OF A SON OF ERIN. Lesson Taught by Success of An Irish man Who Came to America in 1855. In the early part of March, 1855, a native of Ireland arrived in New York with \$5 in his pocket. He struck off into the country, asking at every farm for a steady job and paying for a meal and a night's lodging with a few hours' work.

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 Convenience.

Turn Over a New Leaf. By subscribing for THIS PAPER. Read the Mail. 1.00 a year. The woman of today who has good health, good temper, good sense, bright eyes and a lovely complexion, the result of correct living and good digestion wins the admiration of the world.

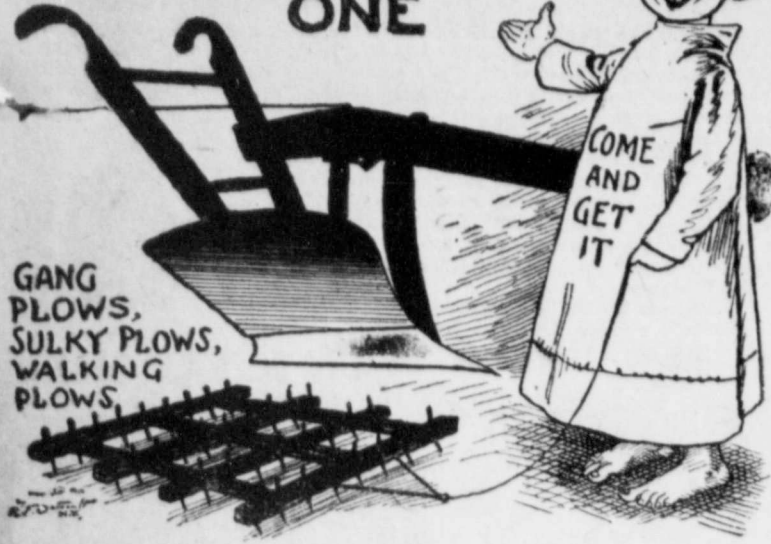
THROW OUT THE LINE. Give the Kidneys Help and Many Merkel People Will Be Happier. "Throw Out the Life Line"—The kidneys need help. They're overworked—can't get the poison filtered out of the blood. They're getting worse every minute. Will you help them? Doan's Kidney Pills have brought thousands of kidney sufferers back from the verge of despair.

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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, 11:38 p.m. WEST BOUND: Train No. 5, leaves Merkel, 5:00 a.m.; Train No. 7, 11:38 p.m.; Train No. 3, 11:38 p.m.



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

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

IN TOWN COME TO SEE US

## STAMFORD KILLING MONDAY MORNING

Abilene, June 20—Dr. J. M. Alexander of this city, shot and instantly killed R. L. O'Neil at Stamford, yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock, the killing occurred in the washroom of the Stamford Inn. There were no eye witnesses to the killing but a young man by the name of Haskell Russell who was in the wash room at the time the shooting began, but fled immediately and had not been located up to midnight last night. A negro porter of the hotel was in one of the closets in the washroom, but he reports that he saw nothing of the shooting. He escaped from the closet during the rain of bullets.

After firing seven shots from a Colts 44 automatic pistol, six balls taking effect, with the pistol in his hand, almost red hot from the rapid firing, Dr. Alexander walked from the washroom to the day clerk T. C. Busby, at his desk and asked him: "Was that O'Neil I killed?" to which the clerk replied, "it was."

Dr. Alexander then said: "Well I have made no mistake. I was justifiable. He ruined my home and tried to kill me."

He then asked the clerk if an officer was there. The clerk replied "Yes, Sheriff McClure is here."

McClure was sent for and Dr. Alexander surrendered to him, turning over his pistol at the same time. McClure immediately left for Anson, the county seat with his prisoner arriving at Anson about noon and the examining trial was begun at 1 o'clock before Justice of Peace Munroe and a crowded court room. After introducing the statement of the defendant made to the clerk of the Inn and the sheriff, stating that he had killed O'Neil: that O'Neil has ruined his family and tried to kill him, the State rested its case, this evidence being adduced by Sheriff Tom McClure, the first witness introduced.

S. P. Hardwicke was then sworn and testified that on or about June 1st Dr. Alexander brought to him a letter signed by deceased and addressed to Mrs. Alexander, a copy of which letter was made at the time by Mr. Hardwicke and read before the court. Dr. Alexander sat through the reading of this letter with his face buried in his hands and visibly affected. Upon the conclusion of this evidence, County Attorney Stinson asked the court to postpone further hearing until the witness, Russell, and others whose testimony might be desired could be secured, to this course Judge J. F. Cunningham, counsel for defendant, objected, stating to the court that even should witness Russell be secured and made denial to the statements of the defendant that deceased tried to kill him the evidence deduced already would entitle him to bond in the case, the offense coming within the term manslaughter.

The court then ruled that the case was bailable and fixed the amount at ten thousand dollars. Immediately a bond was produced signed by Henry James, cashier of the F. & M. National bank of Abilene, Cashier C. H. Steele and A. W. Johnson of the two Anson banks, also A. P. McLemore and F. C. Olds of Abilene, C. E. Sammons of Stamford and Drs. Sheppard, Williams, McKeynolds and Tisdale. The bond was readily approved and Dr. Alexander left in an automobile immediately for his home in this city, where he arrived at five o'clock.

### The Story of the Trip.

After operating upon a patient at the Alexander Sanitarium up to midnight, Dr. Alexander left Abilene at four o'clock in an automobile with Commodore Logan

as chauffeur, and arrived in front of Stamford Inn at about seven o'clock. Logan had gotten out of the automobile to get breakfast. Dr. Alexander left the automobile, went into the hotel and got a drink of water and returned to the auto, where he sat reading a paper. Shortly the Texas Central train from the east came in and a few minutes later the bus drove up in front of the hotel, O'Neil and Russell getting out and entering the hotel, where O'Neil registered and, according to the clerk, asked Russell if he wanted to register, to which Russell replied in the negative. O'Neil and Russell then walked into the wash room followed quickly by Dr. Alexander and the only words heard uttered in the wash room so far as known was a voice saying, "Oh, there's the doctor." This much was heard by the negro before the shooting began.

### Russell Arrested

This morning at a few minutes before one o'clock Haskell Russell a young man of this city, was arrested at his home in West Abilene by Jailor Whaley and Nightwatchman Kellis Eubank and was left in custody of the former. Jailor Whaley last night stated that already a charge of murder had been placed against Russell, the charge growing out of the shooting of O'Neil at Stamford yesterday.

It was understood here yesterday that Russell was the only eye witness to the shooting. He was formerly chauffeur for Dr. J. M. Alexander, the man who surrendered to the Jones county officials following the shooting of O'Neil.

Russell will be taken to Stamford this morning, where he will be given an examining trial to determine whether or not he is allowed bail and the amount if allowed. Following his arrest last night he would give out no statement concerning the affair.

### Postoffice Report.

The postoffice force record of matter for the month of May: Total of 29298 pieces outgoing and 43757 incoming pieces handled by clerks. 21522 pieces delivered on rural routes.

The postoffice at Merkel has made a count of each piece of mail handled and of the time it took to handle the mail, average number of pieces handled each minute and the time per piece of mail handled. The inquiry applied to all classes, first, second, third and fourth in and out.

Outgoing mail total was 22,876 pieces of 1st class handled at the rate of 65 pieces per minute, and each piece was handled 5 times.

Incoming mail 18,689 pieces of 1st class, handled at rate of 10 pieces per minute and each piece handled 5 times.

Second-class outgoing 3,953 pieces, handled at 45 pieces per minute and each piece handled 3 times.

Second-class incoming 11,320, handled 10 per minute and each piece handled 4 times.

Magazines, transit, 3rd and 4th class and other mail outgoing 3,469 pieces, handled 45 per minute and each piece handled 3 times.

Magazines, transit, 3rd and 4th class and other mail incoming 13,748 pieces, handled 30 per minute and each piece handled 4 times.

Total number handled 74,055.

The rural free delivery carriers delivered and collected the following on their routes:

Carrier No. 1, 5364.  
Carrier No. 2, 3596.  
Carrier No. 3, 4258.  
Carrier No. 4, 4158.  
Carrier No. 5, 4146.

### Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

# REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

My office is located in the Merkel Mail building next to the postoffice where I will appreciate the visits of my friends and clients. I am going to do my very level best for those who will ask my assistance in the sale or purchase of any of our properties. Your lands should be listed with me and if given to me exclusively I will work that much harder to serve your interests. It is easy to sell any property of real merit—just the job of finding the man with the money who wants the property. If you have a horse and want a mule and I have a client with a mule who wants a horse and you are both fair in your valuations there will be a trade and two good friends made for my business. Some of our farmers have lands and want the money and some men with money are looking for good investments in lands. If you are among the latter read the following and if you are not interested write me what it would take to please you.

### Section of Land at Sacrifice.

There is a real stable value in all good agricultural land, easily evident to any practical farmer or business man and in this piece of property you can get the biggest and best bargain in farming land in the Merkel country. It is already fairly well improved, 330 acres in cultivation, three sets of improvements but the value is in the soil outside of any of these. The price is \$10.00 to \$15.00 below the price of the same grade of land in that community and the land is offered for sale for just the amount against it. It will take \$5,000 cash now for the first payment, with terms on the balance.

### Section of Good Cheap Land.

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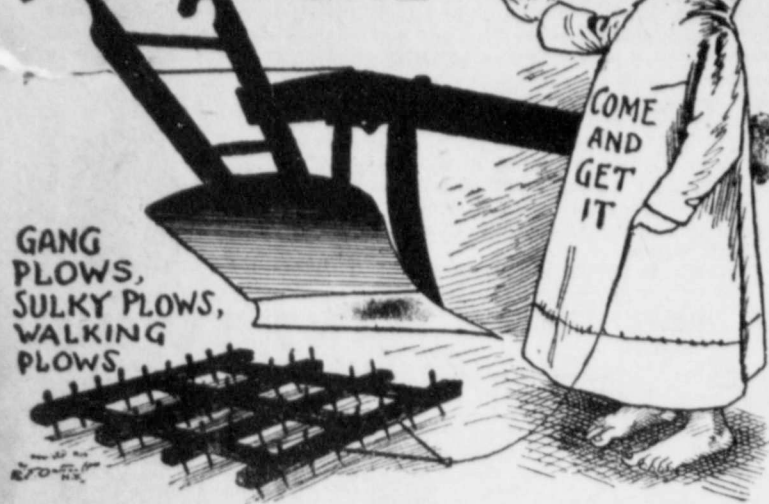
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## STAMFORD KILLING MONDAY MORNING

Abilene, June 20—Dr. J. M. Alexander of this city, shot and instantly killed R. L. O'Neil at Stamford, yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock, the killing occurred in the washroom of the Stamford Inn. There were no eye witnesses to the killing but a young man by the name of Haskell Russell who was in the wash room at the time the shooting began, but fled immediately and had not been located up to midnight last night. A negro porter of the hotel was in one of the closets in the washroom, but he reports that he saw nothing of the shooting. He escaped from the closet during the rain of bullets.

After firing seven shots from a Colts 44 automatic pistol, six balls taking effect, with the pistol in his hand, almost red hot from the rapid firing, Dr. Alexander walked from the washroom to the day clerk T. C. Busby, at his desk and asked him: "Was that O'Neil I killed?" to which the clerk replied, "it was."

Dr. Alexander then said: "Well I have made no mistake. I was justifiable. He ruined my home and tried to kill me."

He then asked the clerk if an officer was there. The clerk replied "Yes, Sheriff McClure is here."

McClure was sent for and Dr. Alexander surrendered to him, turning over his pistol at the same time. McClure immediately left for Anson, the county seat with his prisoner arriving at Anson about noon and the examining trial was begun at 1 o'clock before Justice of Peace Munroe and a crowded court room. After introducing the statement of the defendant made to the clerk of the Inn and the sheriff, stating that he had killed O'Neil; that O'Neil has ruined his family and tried to kill him, the State rested its case, this evidence being adduced by Sheriff Tom McClure, the first witness introduced.

S. P. Hardwicke was then sworn and testified that on or about June 1st Dr. Alexander brought to him a letter signed by deceased and addressed to Mrs. Alexander, a copy of which letter was made at the time by Mr. Hardwicke and read before the court. Dr. Alexander sat through the reading of this letter with his face buried in his hands and visibly affected. Upon the conclusion of this evidence, County Attorney Stinson asked the court to postpone further hearing until the witness, Russell, and others whose testimony might be desired could be secured, to this course Judge J. F. Cunningham, counsel for defendant, objected, stating to the court that even should witness Russell be secured and made denial to the statements of the defendant that deceased tried to kill him the evidence deduced already would entitle him to bond in the case, the offense coming within the term manslaughter.

The court then ruled that the case was bailable and fixed the amount at ten thousand dollars. Immediately a bond was produced signed by Henry James, cashier of the F. & M. National Bank of Abilene, Cashier C. H. Steele and A. W. Johnson of the two Anson banks, also A. P. McLemore and F. C. Olds of Abilene, C. E. Sammons of Stamford and Drs. Sheppard, Williams, McKeynolds and Tisdale. The bond was readily approved and Dr. Alexander left in an automobile immediately for his home in this city, where he arrived at five o'clock.

**The Story of the Trip.**  
After operating upon a patient at the Alexander Sanitarium up to midnight, Dr. Alexander left Abilene at four o'clock in an automobile with Commodore Logan

as chauffeur, and arrived in front of Stamford Inn at about seven o'clock. Logan had gotten out of the automobile to get breakfast. Dr. Alexander left the automobile, went into the hotel and got a drink of water and returned to the auto, where he sat reading a paper. Shortly the Texas Central train from the east came in and a few minutes later the bus drove up in front of the hotel, O'Neil and Russell getting out and entering the hotel, where O'Neil registered and, according to the clerk, asked Russell if he wanted to register, to which Russell replied in the negative. O'Neil and Russell then walked into the wash room followed quickly by Dr. Alexander and the only words heard uttered in the wash room so far as known was a voice saying, "Oh, there's the doctor." This much was heard by the negro before the shooting began.

**Russell Arrested**  
This morning at a few minutes before one o'clock Haskell Russell a young man of this city, was arrested at his home in West Abilene by Jailor Whaley and Nightwatchman Kellis Eubank and was left in custody of the former. Jailor Whaley last night stated that already a charge of murder had been placed against Russell, the charge growing out of the shooting of O'Neil at Stamford yesterday.

It was understood here yesterday that Russell was the only eye witness to the shooting. He was formerly chauffeur for Dr. J. M. Alexander, the man who surrendered to the Jones county officials following the shooting of O'Neil.

Russell will be taken to Stamford this morning, where he will be given an examining trial to determine whether or not he is allowed bail and the amount if allowed. Following his arrest last night he would give out no statement concerning the affair.

**Postoffice Report.**  
The postoffice force record of matter for the month of May: Total of 29298 pieces outgoing and 43757 incoming pieces handled by clerks. 21522 pieces delivered on rural routes.

The postoffice at Merkel has made a count of each piece of mail handled and of the time it took to handle the mail, average number of pieces handled each minute and the time per piece of mail handled. The inquiry applied to all classes, first, second, third and fourth in and out.

Outgoing mail total was 22,876 pieces of 1st class handled at the rate of 65 pieces per minute, and each piece was handled 5 times.

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Total number handled 74,055.  
The rural free delivery carriers delivered and collected the following on their routes:

- Carrier No. 1, 5364.
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# REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

My office is located in the Merkel Mail building next to the postoffice where I will appreciate the visits of my friends and clients. I am going to do my very level best for those who will ask my assistance in the sale or purchase of any of our properties. Your lands should be listed with me and if given to me exclusively I will work that much harder to serve your interests. It is easy to sell any property of real merit—just the job of finding the man with the money who wants the property. If you have a horse and want a mule and I have a client with a mule who wants a horse and you are both fair in your valuations there will be a trade and two good friends made for my business. Some of our farmers have lands and want the money and some men with money are looking for good investments in lands. If you are among the latter read the following and if you are not interested write me what it would take to please you.

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