

ARDENING IN THE MERKEL COUNTRY

Dear Editor: I want to give our readers some good facts about gardening in the Merkel country.

I was told by everyone with whom I conversed that I could not raise any garden stuff here. I had two brothers-in-law who had come here and who returned saying "you 'can't'". But I "had to be shown." We arrived here about the first of December, 1910. At once wife and I went out to select a garden spot.

We found a place away off from the house where all the washing from all stock lots and from the wood pile ran down and settled on it. We broke good and deep and put on it four big loads of cow lot fertilizer and several barrels of ashes. We procured the best Southern grown seed we knew of and planted the tenth of February all the following: Irish potatoes, English peas, snap beans, cabbage, tomatoes, lettuce, beets, radishes, turnips, mustard and spinach.

Following is when each was ready for the table: Mustard, turnip greens, lettuce, radishes and spinach March 16; Irish potatoes April 16; English peas April 27; snap beans and cabbage May 1. We also had gardening roasting ears by June 1.

Our Irish potatoes did well and everything was good except cabbage and insects ruined them. I am highly pleased with the results and I expect next year to do better. Yours for all the good we can do for the Merkel country. J. W. Deskin, Route three.

The above is the secret of the success of the writer. We happen to know his experience this year and beg his indulgence for this statement. He came to our country from Hamilton county last fall with \$60.00 in money, a wife and six or seven children. We met him and he subscribed for our paper. He made a crop this year on the halves. His account at his store was less than \$75.00. The garden and a good cow almost made the living, and he has a profit of several hundred dollars which he made as a payment on a good little farm for a home.

He will win and our country is full of opportunities for men who will live and work at home. Come to Merkel.

Lucky Lad, Daffy Dad.

The luckiest day to be born since 7-7-777 was 11-11-11 and that was the very day a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gilliam of our little city. He weighed eight pounds and his happy father weighs fourteen hundred. The father is overjoyed and yet much worried for he does not know whether to name the boy Jim or James. We think Jim and here's hoping.

Free.

Buy your candy at the Elite and get a chance at the 10-pound box of chocolate to be given away.

Money to Loan on Land.

If you contemplate borrowing money on your land this year, remember that our rate is only eight per cent. You could not expect a cheaper rate than that. Our terms are as reasonable as you would wish. See us at once. E. B. Bynum & Co.

MERKEL STORES MAKE CHANGES

In the past week there have been two deals made by our local people which makes some changes in the business line-up.

The grocery stock of Pipes Brothers who came here about a year ago from Dublin and built up one of the most active stores in our city has been sold to Mr. I. S. Allen and Mr. Walter Clark, the two latter forming a partnership and will continue the business at the same stand. The retiring merchants ask for the continuance of their customers with the new firm and the latter will appreciate all favors shown them.

The second deal was the sale of the stock of groceries of the Star Store to the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company. This was done by the former in order for them to give all of their efforts to the handling of their other lines and it is our understanding that the grocery stock will be disposed of by the purchasers at special prices.

It is our information that the dry goods store of W. L. Harkrider will occupy the corner store of the Star Store building and the Star Store will use the north building of their present quarters.

The Mail wishes for all of them success in their new ventures and changes. Trade at Merkel.

GOVT. REPORTS COTTON GINNED

Up to November 1 Taylor county had ginned 17,487 bales of cotton. Those are the figures of Henderson Reddell, the government's special agent. Mr. Reddell estimates that about 95 per cent of the crop is in. On September 25 the total ginnings were 8,482 bales and on October 18 were 15,117 bales. In 1910 the county's total ginnings were less than 10,000.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The Bureau's fourth cotton ginning report of the season issued at 10 a. m. today and showing the number of running bales, counting round as half bales, of cotton of the growth of 1911 ginned to November 1, with comparative statistics to the corresponding date for the past three years, is as follows:

United States: 9,968,172 bales compared with 6,345,953 bales last year, when 63.5 per cent of the entire crop was ginned to Nov. 1; 7,017,849 bales in 1909, when 69.7 per cent, was ginned, and 8,191,557 bales in 1908, when 62.6 per cent of the crop was ginned.

BEATTIE MUST DIE

Last Hope of Escape Swept Away When Mann Refused Petition.

GOV. WILL NOT INTERFERE

Says That Verdict of Lower Court Has Been Sustained by That of Supreme and that He Will Take No Further Action.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 13.—The supreme court of appeals today denied the petition for a writ of error by Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., convicted of murdering his young wife last July.

This decision on the appeal from the judgment of the Chesterfield jury, which sentenced him to die in the electric chair Nov. 24, is final.

Only clemency or reprieve by Governor Mann can save the condemned man. Beattie's last hope of judicial interference was dashed when the supreme court announced that "the trial court was plainly correct in its ruling and the appeal is therefore denied." No further comment was made upon the case.

Richmond, Nov. 15.—Governor Mann today declined to interfere in any way with the decree of the Chester county court, which had been sustained by the Supreme court of Criminal Appeals of the state.

A petition was presented to the governor praying for a respite of at least thirty days for spiritual preparation but this was also denied.

In a signed statement Gov. Mann said in part: "I followed the case during the trial and as its horrible facts were developed regretted that a crime so cruel and malicious should have occurred within the confines of the state. That Beattie is guilty of wilful, deliberate and cruel murder of his young wife I have not the slightest doubt, nor is it insisted that there shall be any greater relief offered than commutation of his sentence to imprisonment for life, I do not think the affidavits of Paul Beattie, printed, or any other evidence brought to my attention is sufficient for that purpose.

"To grant a respite would be to set a precedent, to tempoize with law and encourage appeals to the supreme court with the sole purpose of gaining time. I believe that the best way to prevent such crimes is to punish them adequately, certainly and speedily. Therefore the judgment of the circuit court of appeals shall be carried into effect without interference from me."

'OUR GOOD READERS' The Old and The New

The following are the new and renewals since our last issue:

W. T. Keen, W. A. Harris, A. C. Graves, Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton, J. F. Abernathy, H. M. Rose, W. Z. Harris, R. A. Tarvin, H. C. Floyd, W. M. Hays, Rev. Joseph Jacobs, city and rural routes; M. P. Latimer, L. E. Perkins, A. W. Hunter, Nubia Texas; Miss Maude Jinkens, Canyon Texas; R. S. Moore, Tivoli, Texas.

8 Per Cent Loans on Land.

Do you want to borrow on your land this season? If so, see us at once. Our rate and terms are the same that they have been during the eight or ten years we have been lending. We advise you to apply early and avoid the rush. E. B. Bynum & Co.

MAN AND WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH

Grandbury, Nov. 7.—J. K. Beatty, an actor with a tent show and Mrs. Carl Robinson are dead as the result of three shots fired from a pistol or rifle. The couple were walking together on the west side of Houston street tonight when the shots were fired from the rear. Mr. Beatty and Mrs. Robinson were killed instantly.

One of the bullets took effect in Beatty's side and the other two struck Mrs. Robinson near the heart. She fell across the body of her escort.

No arrests have been made. Grandbury, Nov. 8.—Up to noon today there had been no arrests in the case of the killing of J. K. Beatty, an actor, and Mrs. Carl Robinson, both of whom were shot from behind. Mrs. Robinson and her husband separated about two years ago. Robinson was not in town today and the police say that he left last night.

Fort Worth, Nov. 9.—The body of J. K. Beatty, the actor who was shot at Grandbury was brought to Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon and prepared for burial at the local undertaking establishment. It will be taken to Goldthwaite Thursday morning and interred at that place. A brother in Arkansas City and another in Chicago have been notified.

Beatty was 21 years of age and had a number of friends in Fort Worth. He is said to have visited this city only a few days ago. He was six feet tall, of a striking appearance.

DAMAGE BY STORM ON LAST SATURDAY

Abilene, Nov. 12.—According to reports received over the Independent Telephone Company's wires last night, yesterday afternoon's high wind accompanying the norther did considerable damage at Nugent and Leuders.

At Leuders, so the report goes, three residences were partially destroyed, being blown off foundations. The names of those sustaining losses could not be learned.

At Nugent the home of Mrs. Joe Wilkerson was blown from the foundations and shaken badly but not blown down. The garage of W. Grooms manager of the telephone system there, was also damaged slightly. No one was injured.

Dental Notice.

Having bought the McCauley home and dental office, I have come to make Merkel my home, and respectfully solicit your dental practice. 314

O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

RESIDENCE BURNED FRIDAY MORNING

About 4:30 o'clock Friday morning of last week the handsome residence belonging to G. A. Rister and contents except a trunk, sewing machine, art square and a few small articles were destroyed by fire in South Merkel. There was a loss of about \$4,000 with \$2,700 insurance.

Mr. Rister was preparing to go to his farm and made a fire in the cook stove about 4 o'clock and called the girls to get up and get breakfast and he lie down again and dropped off to sleep and his daughters who were sleeping upstairs were slow about coming down and Mr. Rister awoke and found the house on the kitchen side to be in a mass of flames and he ran up the steps to see about the girls and the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible for him and the girls to descend the stairway and they had to make their escape through a window and down on the outside. The members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Rister and Misses Mamie and Carrol, were forced to make their exit clad in their night clothing and all their wearing apparel was consumed in the fire. Miss Gene Rister was not at home, having gone to Abilene, thereby saving some of her clothing.

It is not known how the fire originated but is supposed to be caught from the flue or sparke falling on the roofing.

Mr. Rister had a nice and convenient home and was well fixed and his many friends are very sorry he happened to such a loss but still it could have been worse had he not rescued the young ladies sleeping up stairs and had he been without any insurance.

A Poultry Organization.

Sweetwater Poultry Association will give their first exhibit Monday and Tuesday December, 4-5. Mr. J. Howard Sledd associate editor of Southern Poultry Journal of Dallas, Texas will judge the poultry and give a free lecture the last day.

Merkel would have no better time than December 6, and should try to get the services of Mr. Sledd on that date and have a poultry show also organize a poultry association. I believe the poultry business is capable of great development and should keep pace with the progress being made in other lines of work.

Poultry raising for profit has not been appreciated in west Texas but the same seems propitious for a forward movement, which if carried out along practical lines will place the industry in the class its merit deserves. So what says the Merkel country poultry raisers? Let's organize and if possible have Mr. Howard Sledd with us who could be lots of help to us in helping to organize also his advice would be worth a great deal to us.

H. M. Rose.

Light Crust flour is better. For sale only by Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

CORRESPONDENCE

Church Items.

14.—The Canyon was visited by another norther and storm Saturday.

Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theresa were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

All who attended the party at Pealey West's Saturday night report a delightful time.

L. H. Burrus was in Merkel Saturday.

DeWitt Phillips and Miss Ludie Dulin visited at the home of Mrs. Dulin Sunday.

Mann Dulin is visiting home folks in our community this week.

Zelmer Snow and Miley Burrus visited in Jones county Sunday.

J. S. Bickley transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Kiah Spears and Miss Willie Dulin visited at Mr. Watford's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. West was in Merkel one day last week.

Mr. Hicks and son Vestal were in Merkel Thursday.

Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theresa were pleasant callers at Mrs. Dulin's Sunday night.

Will Singleton visited at Mrs. Noel's Sunday.

Alfred Costephens of Merkel visited home folks in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Franks was in Merkel one day last week.

G. A. Watford and Sam Hardy were in Merkel Friday.

Brown-eyed Turkey.

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.

Salt Branch News.

Nov. 15.—There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of the bad weather.

We have been having some real cool weather the past few days.

J. W. Hardy transacted business at Dudley last week.

Ollie Higgins took a load of wood to Merkel Monday.

W. M. Hays, W. B. Robertson, W. B. Beavers and Frank Rogers were at Merkel Monday.

Misses Essie and Dewie Floyd were shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Miss Olive Teaff entered school at Merkel this week.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were visiting Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers Saturday evening.

J. W. and Wesley Hardy, Emory Petty and J. W. Teaff were transacting business in Merkel Monday.

W. B. Beavers was visiting W. M. Hays Sunday evening.

Yes, its a fact that the farmers have lost enough on holding their cotton to pay their indebtedness but if the farmers had received an equitable price for cotton sold since the decline in cotton we would have had land notes wiped out too. We admire the man that holds for an equitable price. It shows principle and honor and that he is standing for his home. If there is any decline in the manufactured article we have failed to get the benefit of it.

Well as news is scarce I'll ring off. Best wishes to the Mail and its many readers.

Blue-eyed Girl.

A Burglar's Awful Deed

may not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. "They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. M C Dunlap, of Leadill, Tenn. If ailing try them. 25c at H C Burroughs.

Butman Community.

Nov. 12.—Health of our community is good this week.

Earnest, Elgin and Marvin Costephens spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel.

Mrs. Price and Mrs. Cora Pannel spent Thursday evening with Mrs. J. A. Dulin.

Miss Little Woods spent Friday with Miss Eula Pannel.

Oscar Dulin spent Friday night with his brother J. A. Dulin.

E. E. Patterson has put in a phone which will be a help to the settlement.

The people of this community have some cotton to pick yet but the cool weather keeps them out of the fields.

B. L. Dulin and Jerry King were visiting at J. A. Dulin's Monday.

There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of the cool weather.

Mann Dulin visited in the Canyon Sunday.

Well as news is scarce I will come to a close. Dewdrops.

Is The World Growing Better?

Many things go to prove that it is. The way thousands are trying to help others is prove among them is Mrs. W W Gould of Pittsfield, N. H. Finding good health by taking Electric Bitters, she now advises other sufferers, everywhere to take them "For years I suffered with stomach and kidney trouble," she writes. "Ever medicine I used failed till I took Electric Bitters But this great remedy helped me wonderfully" They'll help any woman They're the best tonic and finest liver and kidney remedy that's made Try them You'll see 50c at H C Burroughs

Man and Tree Same Age.

Frank Fitzpatrick, seventy-eight years old, of Summit, N. J. chopped down a tree that his father planted on the day of Frank's birth. He remarked that he felt like he was destroying a part of himself, but the tree had suffered a blight.

At the last stroke of the axe, and just as the tree toppled over, Fitzpatrick fell dead from heart disease.

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough indicates an inflamed condition of the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size BALDARD'S HOREBOUND SYRUP; you get with each bottle a free HERICK'S RED PEPPER PLASTER for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by H C Burroughs.

700 Acres, 700 Bales.

T. A. Blackshears, a farmer of Bradshaw community, was in Abilene recently on business. He reports that cotton east of Bradshaw is not nearly picked out. One farmer who has 700 acres planted in cotton will from the seven farms into which it is out gather 700 bales, as 600 have already been taken from the fields and 100 more are easily in sight. Good rains at opportune times having fallen in that section, the cotton crop is reported very good.—Abilene News.

It Startled the World

when the astounding claims were first made for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, but forty years of wonderful cures have proved them true, and everywhere it is now known as the best salve on earth for burns, boils, scalds, sores, cuts, bruises, sprains, swellings, eczema, chapped hands, fever sores and piles Only 25c at H C Burroughs



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Years of successful Banking in this country enables us to give to our customers the very best of service, not only in the cotton season when they all have money, but the entire year through. Money to loan on approved notes. We invite new accounts.



Ammunition

BANG!! BING!! BANG!!

What's the use of having a good gun and using poor ammunition?

If you do you can't have much fun or luck or even satisfaction, and it takes all of these to constitute good sport.

We are headquarters for shells, cartridges, powder, shot and all kinds of ammunition supplies. If you want good prices and a good time come in and let us fix you up.

WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO

YOU WANT JOB? a Better JOB?

That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 43 Colleges in 13 States. International reputation. Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law—FREE auxiliary branches. Good POSITIONS GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions. Bookkeeping. Bookkeepers all over the United States say that Draughon's New System of Bookkeeping saves them from 25 to 50 per cent in work and worry. Shorthand. Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. Why? Because they know it is the best. Home Study. Thousands of bank cashiers, bookkeepers, and stenographers are holding good positions as the result of taking Draughon's Home Study. CATALOGUE. For prices on lessons BY MAIL, write JNO. F. DRAUGHON President, Nashville, Tenn. For free catalogue on course AT COLLEGE, write DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

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You receive the greatest attention when the order is given. It is filled correctly and delivered to the minute. Courtesy and painstaking care form a large part of our business success and you may be sure we know you appreciate that kind of treatment.

Send us a trial order today and let us show that we know how to please you and retain your custom.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS

The Reliable Grocers

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

FOR SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$ 93,868.13	Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds at Par..... 12,500.00	Profits..... 2,602.82
Banking House and fixtures 14,000.00	Circulation..... 12,500.00
Cash and Exchange..... 75,291.19	Deposits..... 130,556.50
Total.....\$195,659.32	Total.....\$195,659.32

To the Farmers of The Merkel Co.

Your attention is called to the strong position of the Southern National Bank as shown in the statement.

The farmer who deposits his cotton checks in the bank is the one who is entitled to a loan when his cash money is gone.

We invite you to start an account with us and thereby establish relations that will entitle you to future accommodations. We expect to take care of the legitimate needs of every farmer customer on our books.

Bring us your checks on other banks for deposit or to be cashed. Bring us your valuable papers to be taken care of in a fire-proof vault, free of charge.

Ask favors of us whether you keep an account here or not.

JOHN SEARS, President. C. L. BARKER, Active Vice-Pres.
T. J. COGGIN, Vice-Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Telephone 202 for oil and gas. Just received a car of corn and corn chops. G. M. Sharp.

Marshmallow cakes for thanksgiving. Rodgers Bakery.

Z. H. McCaled of Hamlin who has been visiting relatives here left Monday for Abilene.

Let J. A. Brown on Kent Street repair your shoes. tf

Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers. tf

B. D. Presley was attending to business in Abilene Saturday.

All kinds of stationery at Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. J. L. Maxwell came in Monday evening to visit her sister Mrs. S. W. Trout for a few weeks.

The new shoemaker is located on Kent Street. tf

Bring your clothes to Kent St. Tailor Shop, first class work and reasonable prices. J. E. Martin.

Miss Beulah Haynes leaves in a few days for an extended visit to different points in Southern Texas.

Ask us about window glass and putty. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. Chas. W. Hill and children of Granger are the guests of the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Fresh currants, dates, raisins and nuts of all kinds for your fruit cake at the Elite.

Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt and children are at home from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Hillsboro, Alvord and Haskell.

Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage tf

E. W. T. Compton of Abilene was in our little city last Thursday on business.

Fruit cakes to order, 25c per pound. Rodgers Bakery.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Miss Dora Woodard arrived Friday evening from Ellis county to visit her mother Mrs. Sarah Thompson.

There is little danger from a cold or an attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this never happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has won great reputation and extensive sale because of its remarkable cures of colds and pneumonia and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all dealers.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

\$25.00 ART SQUARE FREE \$25.00 \$15.00 Fiber Rocker Free \$15.00

These are absolutely free gifts, no purchase strings attached to this. Everyone coming to our store will be given a ticket entitling them to participate in the drawing for the \$25 art square and \$15 rocker now on exhibition at our store which will be given away by us Friday, December 22, at 3:30 p. m. It is not necessary for you to make a purchase in order to receive a ticket; simply call at our store. The only conditions governing this offer are:

1. Only one ticket a day will be issued to any one person. You may have a ticket each day you call.

2. Write your name and address upon our register book and stub of your first ticket and deposit it in box. All subsequent stubs may be deposited without name and address as all tickets and stubs will be numbered in duplicate.

3. You must be present at our store when the drawing takes place. If the person holding duplicate number of the first ticket drawn out is not present the drawing will continue after four minutes until some one present claims the prize.

4. The person or family drawing the rug will not be permitted to draw the rocker.

5. You must write your name on our register book with the first ticket. Call for it yourself and deposit stub in box at once.

6. No one under 12 years of age permitted to participate.

7. No tickets given out after Friday noon Dec. 22, the day of drawing.

While it only takes one ticket to receive the prize, the more you have the better. Therefore call each day.

It is a pleasure to us to have you visit our store and while it costs you nothing to receive a ticket, we would be pleased to show you through our stock. We want to meet you personally and get better acquainted. No trouble to show our goods and quote prices. Our stock is up-to-date in every particular and prices reasonable. Don't forget to ask for tickets. It may mean a \$25 art square or a \$15 rocker to you.

BEHRENS-M'MILLEN FURNITURE COMP'NY

Rev. Joseph Jacobs who has accepted a call of the First Baptist church preached two splendid sermons Sunday which were well attended. After the morning service a collection was raised for benefit of State Missions which amounted to over \$100. Delegates were elected after the night service to attend the Baptist convention which is to be held at Waco beginning November, 23.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. B. Arnold of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. C. M. Largent and sons Roy and Charlie, are back from the San Antonio fair. Mr. Largent and Will Joe will attend the Cotton Palace at Waco before coming home.

Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want day or night at the Merkel Garage? Give us a trial.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

HERE IS A REMEDY THAT WILL CURE SKIN AND SCALP AFFECTIONS

And We Can Prove It.

The Rust & McCauley Drug Store says to every person be it man, woman or child who has an irritated, tender, inflamed, itching SKIN or SCALP, you need not suffer another day. "We have a refined skin preparation that acts instantly and will bring you swift and sure result."

One warm bath with ZEMO SOAP one application of ZEMO and you will not suffer another moment and you will soon see a cure in sight.

REMO and ZEMO SOAP are proven cures for every form of skin or scalp affection. They are sold by one leading druggist in every city or town in America and in Merkel by Rust & McCauley Drug Store.

Floyd and Elbert Dean left Monday morning for Floydada to look after gathering some feed on a farm belonging to their father R. H. Dean. The boys left home in a wagon expecting to stop at Hamlin the first night. We predict they had a very cool trip but they were planning for a big time hunting.

Free air for tires. Merkel Garage. tf

Mrs. M. C. Fryar of Honey Grove was in our city a few days last week visiting her sister Mrs. Alice Templeton. She left Friday evening for Sweetwater where she goes to visit her daughter Mrs. Ida Ryan who has been quite sick for some time.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. HERBINE is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs.

Rev. C. F. Annis and family of Houston arrived here last Friday night on the delayed train to make this place their future home. At present they are living with Mrs. J. T. L. Annis.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a demand for BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H C Burroughs.

Fresh macaroons and kisses at Rodgers' Bakery.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Window glass and putty. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen was an Abilene guest Tuesday.

All the latest magazines for sale at the Elite.

Miss Velma Clark spent Saturday in Abilene.

Fresh cookies at all times for school children. Rodgers Bakery

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Miss Dollie Teaff spent Sunday in Abilene where she visited her sister Miss Ova.

You will find an up-to-date line of toilet articles at Armstrong Drug Co.

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

Cashier R. O. Anderson of Trent was a Merkel visitor the first of the week.

We give personal guarantee on Dr. Hess' Stock and Poultry Food. Armstrong Drug Co.

W. E. Hall of Abilene returned home Monday after visiting his father T. I. Hall.

Old hats made new at Kent St. Tailor Shop. The only Hatter in town. J. E. Martin. tf

Dr. W. V., Cranford Jim Guitar and B. D. Presly were transacting business in Abilene Monday.

Rub a sore with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

T. H. Largent is at home from the San Antonio fair where he and his father C. M. Largent entered a number of blue ribbon cattle.

"I do not believe there is any other medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.

Mesdames Mace and Hulien and two children of Lampasas are visiting Mrs. M. Armstrong and Miss Willie Bigdam. The ladies are enroute home from their ranch out in New Mexico.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. HERBINE is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs.

from
of town
Monday
boys seeing
two blocks
place attached
the fire plug in front
Shaffer's residence and
the hose across a block
a half and had the water
ed on which was done in a
ry few minutes.
When the boys reached their
tination the smoke which they
y was coming from some trash
s. The house which was
posed to have been on fire
examined and no fire was
Although one of the
started in one of the rooms
was full of smoke and
ght there was fire above the
ng causing the alarm to be
ed in.

T. I. Hall Bound for Arkansas.
T. I. Hall who has been living
ar Merkel for the past year
ning from Howard county to
s place states he is preparing
to leave for Vandervoort, Ark.,
in a few days to make that his
future home having purchased
some land there including a large
apple orchard. Mr. Hall says he
has been living in this part of the
country for 26 years, living in
Jones county party of that time
making a nice sum of money
growing cotton. He is getting to
be very aged and said he was
going to try to raise something
besides cotton for a while.
We regret losing Mr. Hall and
his good wife from our com-
munity and state but feel that
they will want to come back be-
fore many years have passed.

A Present to the Mail.
The Texas & Pacific depot
agent of this place made us a
present this week of a large wall
map. It shows the lines of the
T. & P. Ry. Co., of Texas and
Louisiana in bright red lines and
also designates by large green
lines other prominent roads such
as the I. & G. N., Western
Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande,
Missouri Pacific and St. Louis,
Iron Mountain and Southern.
If anyone wishes to look over this
map and learn of the routes of
the above named roads they are
perfectly welcome to do so by
visiting our office.
We wish to thank the Company
very much for this large map.

To our Friends and Customers.
We have two hundred and
sixty regular customers that we
have pulled through for the past
three years and want twice that
number this winter. We have
the goods and bought before the
advance. We carry the largest
stock in Merkel. Our brands of
flour are White Crest, White Bil-
lows, Magnolia, Nature's Best
and Jaunita. Handled by us
only. Quality and weight guar-
anteed. Come to see us before
you buy and get a guess at the
\$25.00 set of Rogers cutlery.
Hamblet & Rogers.

Presbyterian Church.
There will be no preaching
services at the Presbyterian
church next Sunday, Nov. 19.
Rev. Hamilton will be out of town
but the Sunday school will meet
at the usual hour. All the mem-
bers of Sunday school are urged
to be present, especially the chil-
dren, so that the Christmas pro-
gram can be considered.

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Liniment and bind it over the seat of
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Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Rev. A. M. Martin and family left Wednesday afternoon for Sweetwater, their new home. They have made many friends during their stay here. We wish them success and happiness in their new home.

Prof. R. L. Krigbaum superintendent of our schools reported to us this week that the room taught by J. N. Routh was the only room not having any tardy students the past month.

Rev. A. L. Jobe returned Monday night from Elgin and Brownwood where he has been conducting meetings. He reports a fine meeting at both places.

Mrs. Joseph Jacobs and children arrived in our city Monday to join husband and father Rev. Joseph Jacobs who has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church.

Miss Maude Conner one of the teachers in the Trent schools spent Saturday and Sunday in our city visiting her sister Miss Myrtle Conner.

Don't fail to take advantage of the special offer during this month. The Merkel Mail and the Dallas Semi-Weekly News one year for only \$1.50.

Rev. J. W. Saffle who has been called as pastor for the Baptist church of Trent left for that city Wednesday. We have not heard whether or not he has accepted the call.

Mrs. Vol Martin returned Monday morning from Oklahoma where she has been visiting her two daughters for the past six weeks.

George Brown and brother left Wednesday by auto on a business trip to Stamford, Haskell, Munday and Wichita Falls.

J. L. Brantley of Marietta, Ga., has returned to his home after a visit with E. M. Benson at Stith.

Mrs. G. W. Dunning was here Friday from Eskota visiting her daughter Mrs. Fanny McConnell.

Rev. and Mrs. Clements and children of Munday came in Wednesday afternoon to take charge of their new work in the Methodist church of this place of which the former has been appointed pastor. We hope for them a successful year in this work and are sure they will make many friends here and feel perfectly welcome to our little city.

Prof. Thomas S. Cobb of Fort Worth was here Wednesday and did some fine singing at the North Side Christian church that night. Money was raised by those present for having a ten days singing school which begins Monday night. Everybody has a cordial invitation to come out and take part.

C. C. Walker and mother Mrs. I. Y. Walker of Allen, Collin county, have returned to their home after a pleasant visit in our city with H. Turner and family.

R. T. Lewis came in yesterday from Barksdale to visit his old acquaintance J. R. Barnett.

Elder W. G. Cyfert will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and night.

Bought Grocery Stock.
We have bought the grocery stock of Pipes Bros. Grocery business and will appreciate a continuance of the patronage of their customers and also solicit a share of business from everybody using groceries. Will deliver goods anywhere in town and guarantee them to be just as represented. Phone 195.
Clark & Allen.

Three Sets of Triplets.
The stork must have tired when he reached the White street section of Pittsburg, where Patrick Mulligan, Eustace Killen and Abraham Moskowitz are neighbors.
At each of the three homes the bird left a set of triplets, all nine of the youngsters being boys.
Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

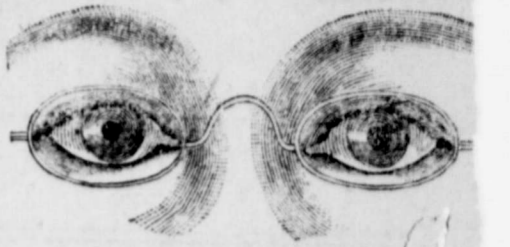
In Honor of Mrs. W. N. Hall.
The members of the Eastern Star were called together Monday night by Miss May Derstine, the associate matron, in honor of the worthy matron Mrs. W. N. Hall, who was very much surprised when invited out, as it was her duty to call all meetings of the chapter, and more surprised when she learned the meeting was solely to honor her, who had just received the highest honor any member of our chapter had ever received from the grand chapter of the O. E. S. Quite a number of the members were present and several very interesting talks were made, especially the one delivered by the gifted orator Mr. I. S. Allen, who made the remark that he was not as old as the majority of the members present but made mention of happenings that he could remember ere they came into existence.
After giving Mrs. Hall the grand honors the canvas flashes were set to work by our talented electrician Mr. Wesley Edwards. We gazed upon the beautiful scenes and listened to the explanations by Miss Allie Jennings until we almost seemed to be in dreamland.
Refreshments were served and a glorious time was had in pleasant conversation. A Member.

Met Second Time in 50 Years.
W. S. Wasson of Plainview visited his cousin Mrs. J. T. Tucker a few days the past week returning home Monday night. They have met only twice since leaving their Arkansas home before the war. The other time they met which was about 13 years ago was when Mrs. Tucker visited him. It was very interesting to hear them talk over the times spent together while school children in the early fifties.
Capt. and Mrs. Tucker have been living here a number of years and are among the pioneers of this section.

For Rent.
160 acres well improved land 2 1/2 miles west of Nubia. 125 acres in cultivation. I want a man with two teams, tools and feed to run himself next year. B. M. Brown will show the place. Address L. E. Kerr, Dallas, Texas, 1612 S. Ervay St. 17:2

For Sale.
Fantail and Homer pigeons for sale, the entire flock cheap.
Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Merkel, Tex.
A Mail Want Ad Did It.
It was a couple of weeks ago that Mrs. R. Conner lost her purse and the contents and upon the recommendation of Mrs. Nan Thompson placed a small want ad in the Mail.
Result: The purse returned to owner.
Moral: Advertise.
\$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, 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, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Moving Picture Show for Merkel.
A moving picture show opened at the opera house last week and has been having very good attendance. They have new pictures every night. The managers say they have had several years experience in this business and are well equipped to render good service. Miss Carroll Rister of our city makes splendid music for them on the piano which is accompanied by other instruments. It is a pleasure listening to the music as well as witnessing the pictures which are very interesting. Besides showing night they will have a matin Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

Marriage Licenses.
T. C. Beatty of Waxahac and Miss Velma Hodges.
J. W. Galloupe of Merkel and Mrs. M. A. Teague.
M. D. Martin of Nolan and Miss Magna P. Black.

GREAT GROCERY SALE

Beginning Saturday and Continuing All of Next Week

We have bought the Star Store's stock of groceries and have moved same into our own store. This stock is all NEW, CLEAN, FRESH GOODS, but adding this to our already large stock our store overstocks us on many lines, so we have decided to make prices that will move them out. We need the room and then we need the money out of them, and will make prices that will do both, and prices that we could not make by buying goods in a general way. Look these prices over and see the big saving from what you have been paying. It is impossible to quote prices here on all groceries, but we will sell you all groceries at big saving during this sale.

U. S. Extra High Patent Flour, per hundred.....	\$2.75	7 bars Lenox Laundry Soap.....	25c	1 doz. cans corn.....	95c	60c bottle pickles.....	
Standard granulated Sugar per hundred.....	\$6.95	8 Box Hippo Washing powder.....	25c	1 large package oat meal.....	20c	25c bottle pickles.....	
Genuine Mich. Salt, per hundred.....	70c	50 oz. K. C. Baking powder.....	40c	3 pound bulk crackers.....	25c	35c bottle chow chow.....	25c
10 pound bkt Snow Drift Lard.....	\$1.25	25 oz. K. C. Baking powder.....	20c	4 pound stew pan coffee.....	\$1.15	25c bottle chow chow.....	20c
1 gallon can Snow Drift oil.....	\$1.05	1 pound can Jack Frost B. powder.....	20c	1 bucket coffee.....	90c	3 15c glass jelly.....	25c
10 pound buckets Planto lard.....	\$1.20	6 packages Argo Starch.....	25c	4 pound bag good coffee.....	90c	50c bottle Jar Olives.....	40c
10 pound bkts White Cloud lard.....	90c	3 Box Snuff.....	25c	5 pound bulk coffee.....	\$1.00	25c bottle Olives.....	20c
10 pound buckets Cottolene lard.....	\$1.25	2 bottles Snuff.....	45c	25 pound Jap rice.....	\$1.00	25c bottle Pepper Sauce.....	20c
10 pound Penford Syrup.....	50c	7 Box Bag Blue.....	25c	25 bars any kind white soap.....	\$1.00	1 2 pound Golden Gate Coffee.....	75c
10 pound Orla Syrup.....	60c	7 Box Ball blue.....	25c	4 cans Giant Lye.....	25c	4 pound Money Back Coffee.....	95c
10 pound P & F Syrup.....	55c	10 pound A & H Soda.....	50c	4 cans Babbit Lye.....	25c	All 20c package Tea.....	15c
10 pound Velva Syrup.....	65c	4 pound 4X Coffee.....	90c	6 boxes American sardines.....	25c	All 40c package Tea.....	30c
10 pound Royal Syrup.....	45c	1 doz. Box Matches.....	40c	1 dozen cans Pink salmon.....	\$1.25	All 25c Extract.....	20c
5 bars Naptha Soap.....	25c	3 doz. Hoyts Clothes Pins.....	15c	1 dozen cans Kraut.....	\$1.00	3 small Kellogs corn flakes.....	25c
5 bars Glycerine Soap.....	25c	1 doz. No. 2 toms.....	90c	1 dozen cans Hominy.....	90c	35c bottle Welches Grape Juice.....	25c
8 bars sail Laundry Soap.....	25c	1 doz. No. 3 toms.....	\$1.20	1 dozen cans pie peaches.....	\$1.25	Canned Sweet Potatoes.....	10c
		1 doz. No. 2 Black Berries.....	\$1.00	1 dozen cans California peaches.....	\$1.80	3 packages 4 Roses Tobacco.....	25c
		1 doz. No. 3 Black Berries.....	\$1.30	1 bottle Imperial gal. pickles.....	75c		

We have one of the largest stocks of Groceries in the country. We buy in larger quantities and will sell you all Groceries at all times as cheap or cheaper than any store in Merkel. We will have extra help and extra delivery service and will get all orders out on time. Phone us your order and it will have the same good attention as if you could in person. Remember this sale will not begin until Sat Nov. 18, and closes Sat. Nov. 25

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New pecans and walnuts at the Elite.

J. T. Tucker was among the Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Get your school supplies at Armstrong Drug Co.

Harry Mercer returned from Dallas yesterday.

Remember our hot chocolate. Burroughs Drug Store.

J. M. Lybrand was in our city from Abilene Wednesday on business.

The only stock of jewelry that is all new. Fully guaranteed. Burroughs Drug Store.

Misses Eufie Cypert and Erma Alsbrook visited friends in Trent Sunday evening.

Wear a Benjamin. None better. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

FOR SALE—A few wood barrels. Merkel Electric Co.

Miss Elliott of Sweetwater was visiting Mrs. Iva McCoy the first of the week.

Special prices on all groceries at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company Saturday and next week.

W. S. Wasson who has been here visiting his cousin Mrs. J. T. Tucker returned to his home in Plainview Monday.

We have a fresh line of Jacobs fine chocolates just out of the cooking vessels. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. E. V. White of Abilene in Merkel the first of the week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Buy your goods from the merchant who buys your products. Some merchants will not buy your products at any price but will ask you to buy their goods. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company will buy the farmers produce and will sell you goods as cheap as any store in Texas.

The schedule of the passenger trains were changed this week with the exception of No. 8. This went into effect yesterday morning at one o'clock. Trains No. 3 and 4 will not stop at Trent and Tye. Space and time forbids us to publish the time table in this issue but will publish next week.

We have the largest stock of men's clothing and at the cheapest prices to be found in Merkel. Give us a look and see. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Miss Herring the daughter of D. C. Herring of Noodle was taken to Abilene the first of the week to be operated upon for appendicitis.

We invite you to see our stock of jewelry. It is all new and guaranteed. Burroughs Drug Store.

Rev. E. W. McDonald who has been here visiting relatives left Monday for Woodson where he goes to visit his brother.

Most every one now uses Light Crust Flour because Light Crust flour is better. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Elmer the little three-year-old boy of Dr. C. M. McCauley is improving after several days illness from membranous croup.

A very large line of holiday goods will be on display in due time. Burroughs Drug Store. Matinee opera house Sat. 3:30.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—A good second-hand windmill outfit with wooden wheel, cheap. B. M. Black, Merkel, Texas. 17t2pd

LOST—Gold belt pin about size silver dollar, with cross bar and letters U.S.N. Finder will be rewarded for returning to this office.

WANTED—Everybody at the matinee Saturday afternoon. Fine pictures, best music. Admission 10c. New pictures every night. Matinee at 3:30 Saturday. t1pd

REPAIR WORK—Automobiles, gasolene engines, motor cycles, bicycles or any machinery. All work at reasonable prices and guaranteed. Merkel Garage. tf

ZERO TEX—Made by Texas Co., best lubricating oil on market. Merkel Garage. tf

KEROSENE—Order Familylite or Chrystallite oil of your grocer and you get the best. Merkel Garage. tf

GASOLINE—One auto owner who uses Texas Company oil and gas has traveled 4500 miles and never had a dirty spark plug. It's best and we meet any competition as to prices. Merkel Garage. tf

FOR SALE—A few wood barrels. Merkel Electric Co.

FOR SALE—Red seed oats, clear of Johnson grass. John Hester. 2tpd

LOST—Small, plain gold locket and small necklace chain, containing 2 pictures. Liberal reward for return to this office. 1tpd

483 acres of land 14 miles northeast Merkel. The Clear Fork is the north line. Two sets improvements. Will exchange for Merkel business property or sell on long time. Write D. E. Jordan, Paducah, Texas. 10t6

Light Crust flour is better. You can get it at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Think this over. Is the merchant who will not buy your farm products at any price entitled to any of your business? Buy your goods from the merchant who helps make a market for your products. Hereby helping you, your town and country. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

G. H. Adams who left about two weeks ago with his brother to join some other parties on a hunting trip returned last Friday night very sick and is still confined to his home. We hope to see him out again soon.

We have bought the Star Store's stock of groceries and will sell them out cheap. Be sure and see us for better prices on groceries. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

The Woodmen Circle of Stith will have a free entertainment and box supper at the Woodmen hall in Stith Thursday night November 23. A good time is anticipated and a full attendance is desired.

Try the delicious hot drinks at Burroughs Drug Store.

News comes from Abilene stating Miss Effie Hutson successfully stood the operation performed Tuesday and is reported much improved.

O. S. Adams who is in the drug business at Texarkana is in the city this week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Mrs. Roscoe Tyler of Baird came in Saturday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Be sure to attend the big grocery sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company Saturday and next week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See the \$15.00 hornless graphophone at the Elite.

Meet me at the matinee Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

G. B. Cathey of Mertzon has been visiting his sister Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

Boon Cathey of Ysleta has been visiting the family of Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

Mrs. Otho Smith and Miss Hale of Trent were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Ottis Barnett has accepted a position with the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

W. A. Bond after a visit to his brother J. S. Bond has returned to his home at Stephenville.

Mesdames J. G. Hale and M. D. Angus are reported on the sick list this week.

J. G. Rutherford of Clyde was looking after business in our little city Saturday.

Mrs. Bartley Smith of Odessa is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson for a few weeks.

We have just received a shipment of automobile accessories and will appreciate your patronage. Merkel Garage. tf

Miss Mary Keny went to Abilene yesterday morning to be at the bedside of Miss Effie Hutson.

Miss Bessie Eller who has been with the Merkel Store for the past few weeks has returned to her home at Cleburne.

A. W. Hunter of Nubia was among the number of callers at the Mail office this week renewing his subscription.

Remnants and Odds and Ends to be Sacrificed

BIG REMNANT SALE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, NOV. 16, 17, 18 AND 20

Come Prepared to Get the Greatest Values Ever Offered You

We have a large quantity of Remnants, odds and ends that have accumulated during our Salvage Sale. We are determined to close them out in four days---Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. We are going to give you bargains in these goods that will make your eyes open in astonishment. We have priced them so low that it will cause a sensation to the shoppers of Merkel and vicinity. We wish to impress upon you the importance of taking advantage of these money-saving bargains. These offerings in Odds and Ends are incomparable for value giving, and every prudent shopper should avail herself to be on hand during our Remnant, Odd and End Sale. Every remnant marked with green ticket. Remember the place

Star Store Merkel, Tex.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Chicken Fry.

Miss Lelia Nesbitt chaperoned a merry crowd of young people on a chicken fry Friday evening. The boys furnished the float and chickens while the girls carried the bread, pickles, olives and chocolate. After the lunch had been spread, picnic style, Miss Mattie Paylor surprised the crowd by bringing out a cake and a goodly number of dainty and delicious sandwiches. Those present were Misses Eunice Nesbitt, Elma Sheppard, Venona and Virginia Hamblett, Mattie Paylor, Jessie Sutphen, Clara, Margie and Murtice Saffle, Fannie Burroughs, Lurlyne Long, Faye Alen, Ezma Allday, Maude and Minnie Ferguson, Pauline Johnson, Lelia Nesbitt; Messrs. Burnie Forester, Jesse Ferguson, Parker, Roscoe and Olly Sharp, Choc Jones, Taylor Jennings, Forest Gaither, Ben Merritt, Rufford Evans, Robert Hicke, W. L. Diltz, Jr. Ottis Barnett, Raymond Touchstone, Conna Adams, Carl Evans.

Report of John H. Reagan Society.

The John H. Reagan Society met in regular session November 10. The house was called to order by President Evans, and after the roll call and reading of the minutes, a motion that the constitution be amended by a 2/3 majority and that the amendment must be put before the house one meeting before being voted on, was made and carried unanimously. An interesting program was

rendered, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There were several visitors, whom we were glad to have and will welcome any time again. Other friends of the school will be welcomed also at any time.

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, Nov. 24, from 2:55 to 4:00 p. m. The following is the program for that day:

Roll call—Answer by Thanksgiving thought.

Song by room—America.

Reading—Eleanor Daniel.

Paper on Thanksgiving—Georgia Moore.

Special song—Lula Sharp and Minnie Ferguson.

Conundrums—Charles Barker.

Charades—Winnie Barnett, Geneva Warnick, Ethel Jones, Faye Lowrey.

Debate—"Resolved that the Turkey is the most useful of all birds"—John Warnick, Ollie Shaffer, Conna Adams, Lytton Howard.

Song—Murtice and Clara Saffle.

Grace Diltz, and Clementine Barker.

Dialogue—Minnie Harris and Ola Sharp.

Reading—Carroll Rister.

Reading of Journal.

Report of Critic.

H. L. B. C.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will have a business meeting at the church Monday afternoon at 2:30. All members are requested to attend. Business of importance. Attention Methodist Ladies! Please do not visit Methodist ladies on that day.

Press Reporter.

Change of pictures every night at the Opera House. Best yet.

League Program.

Leader—Sam Butman.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Reading in concert hymn 472.

Song.

Scripture lesson, I Cor. 12:20.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Talk on topic—In His Steps.

Song—Girls.

Song—Boys.

Invitation—Rev. Clements.

Song.

Quotation Match—Misses Georgia Moore, Mattie Christopher, Eva Walters, Dora Lee Potter, Mattie Paylor; Messrs. John McDonald, Simpson Christopher, Homer Laney, Noel Moore and Sam Butman.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

Notice.

The Ladies of the Baptist church will pack a box for Buckner's Orphan Home Monday the 27th. Everyone that wants to help in this good cause can either bring or send their offering to the church on that day from 3 to 5 o'clock. Your help will certainly be appreciated not only by the ladies but by brother Buckner also. Com.

Miss Elma Sheppard served a well appointed dinner Nov. 12. She had for her guests Misses Venona and Virginia Hamblett and Eunice Nesbitt. In the afternoon they made candy and went to the mountains.

The XX Century Club will meet with Miss Lucy Bean at the Walker Cottage Saturday afternoon at 3:30 sharp. We hope to have the full membership present. Corresponding Sec.

Don't Suffer!

"I had been troubled, a little, for nearly 7 years," writes Mrs. L. Fincher, in a letter from Peavy, Ala., "but I was not taken down, until March, when I went to bed and had to have a doctor. He did all he could for me, but I got no better. I hurt all over, and I could not rest. At last, I tried Cardui, and soon I began to improve. Now I am in very good health, and able to do all my housework."

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PANAMA-CALIFORNIA INTER. EXPOSITION

San Diego, Nov. 15.—Without any flourish of trumpets, no confusion and no celebration, a big gang of men and teams began the actual construction of the first building for the Panama-California International Exposition Monday morning Nov. 6. The exposition is to open January 1, 1915 and remain open the entire year, or until midnight, December 31, 1915.

It was in September, 1909 that the first action was taken toward holding an exposition in San Diego to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal to commerce. Since that time the pluck of a city of 40,000 people has been strained half a dozen times. Civic ownership, civic management of public utilities and the greatest building boom ever seen in a city of its size have all come to San Diego as a part of the work of preparation for the exposition.

U. S. Grant, Jr., son of the late General and President, is the president of the exposition. D. C. Collier is director general. Bankers, merchants and capitalists, whose private fortunes amount to over \$60,000,000 are on the board of directors. These gentlemen have guaranteed the cost of the exposition so that construction will proceed without intermission until the exposition is finished and ready for the throngs of sightseers who will flock to the Pacific coast in 1915. The style of architecture is the Spanish-Catalan style known and

beautiful "Mission" buildings of California furnishing the most of the architectural composition. The foremost architect of the world in this style of building, Bertram G. Goodhue, is designing the buildings. Frank P. Allen, Jr. the man that built the Alaska-Yukon exposition, is in charge of the construction.

Every possible arrangement to insure the most unique and beautiful exposition ever held is being made and the success of the effort is assured.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do not sicken or gripe, and may be taken with perfect safety by the most delicate woman or the youngest child. The old and feeble will also find them a most suitable remedy for aiding and strengthening their weakened digestion and for regulating the bowels. For sale by all dealers.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, dated Oct. 24th, 1911, in cause No. 2821 G. R. Holloway vs. W. P. Bounds et al. I have levied on the 26th day of Oct. 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the following described real estate as the property of the defendant W. P. Bounds, viz: Lying and being situated in the county of Taylor and State of Texas being a part of a 62 acre tract out of league No. 147, Grimes County school land, lying about 17 miles west from the city of Abilene and known as the Bounds house and lot, meted and bounded as follows: Beginning at the N. E. corner of a 1 acre tract deeded by E. D. Coats to B. R. Spurrier; Thence W. with the N. boundary line of said tract 50 feet; Thence S. parallel with the W. line of said tract 140 feet; Thence E. parallel with the N. boundary line 50 feet to east line of said acre tract; Thence N. with said line 140 feet to the place of beginning, and containing about 1-6 acre of land.

Pursuant to the command in said order of sale I will on the 5th day of Dec. 1911, same being the first Tuesday in said month, proceed to sell said land at the court house door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m. at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy a judgment obtained by the plaintiff in said suit against defendants W. P. Bounds et al. for the sum of \$246.14, interest and costs of suit.

T. C. Weir,
Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas.

Wunderhose



Mother, you MUST admit these are an improvement Grandmother would Appreciate Wunderhose

Grandmother made good home-made hosiery in her day. It wasn't very stylish, but it wore. It's one redeeming quality was length of days.

But Wunderhose have left no place for grandmother's home-made

hosiery. Wunderhose wear four months and the style and fit and finish are even more marked than the wearing qualities.

The makers have gone to extreme pains to make Wunderhose the neatest and most durable hosiery that money can buy.

Especially look at our feather weights. Wunderhose come in a beautiful assortment of colors and in every size to fit men, women, misses and boys. Come in and let the clerk explain the many points of superiority over any hosiery offered at the price. Four pairs in a box. One dollar Four month's guarantee of satisfactory wear.

Parten Dry Goods Co.

J. P. Burton of Freeland who has been visiting his daughter Mrs. J. M. Byrd on route four returned to his home the first of the week.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Saved Child From Death.

"After our child had suffered from severe bronchial trouble for a year," wrote G. T. Richardson, of Richardson's Mills, Ala., "we feared it had consumption. It had a bad cough all the time. We tried many remedies without avail, and doctor's medicine seemed as useless. Finally we tried Dr. King's New Discovery, and are pleased to say that one bottle effected a complete cure, and our child is again strong and healthy." For coughs, colds, hoarseness, lagrippe, asthma, croup and sore lungs, its the most infallible remedy that's made. Price 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

A steam plow, thresher and maize grinder belonging to G. W. Gilliland & Sons of Abilene passed through our little city Wednesday enroute to Post City.

DECIDE YOURSELF.

The Opportunity is Here, Backed by Merkel Testimony.

Don't take our word for it. Don't depend on a stranger's statement. Read Merkel endorsement. Read the statements of Merkel citizens. And decide for your self. Here is one case of it:

J. W. Bland, of Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak and when I caught cold it was sure to settle in them causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store. I can say that they did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since using them, and my kidneys have performed their functions properly."

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

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

MRS. MATHESON WAS ACQUITTED

Fort Worth, Nov. 14.—After being out ten minutes this afternoon, the jury acquitted Mrs. Lucy Matheson of the killing of her husband at Abilene in October.

That the bullet which ended the life of Charles Matheson was intended for the negress, Stella Ramsey, in whose company she found him in Abilene Oct. 5, was the firm avowal of Mrs. Lucy Matheson, on trial for her life in the forty-eighth district court here. Mrs. Matheson's case was called for Monday morning, and Monday afternoon she took the stand in her own behalf.

With no outward trace of emotion, and at times smiling faintly, Mrs. Matheson told the story of the incidents that led to the shooting. "I did not shoot to hit Charlie," she said. "I shot at the negress when I saw her reach to a drawer of the chiffonier to secure a pistol. I knew that I had to shoot to protect myself."

Attired in a neat, well fitting brown tailored suit, the young matron, who gave her age at 19 years, appeared at ease in the big witness chair and answered the rapid-fire questions of her attorney with the greatest complacency. At all times speaking in clear distinct tones, she did not waver or falter in answering any of the interrogatories, and repeated the details of the shooting with certainty.

FOR SALE—A few wood barrels. Merkel Electric Co.

THE GREATEST SALE OF THE SEASON

BEGAN AT WOODROOF BROTHERS

Friday Morning, Nov. 10

Will Continue Until Thursday Night, November 30th

You can't afford to miss this great sale if you expect to buy anything this season. Never before in our history of business have we given the people a chance to **BUY THEIR FALL WANTS AT SUCH REDUCTIONS** and all we ask you to do is give us a chance at your fall wants and we will supply them much cheaper than our competitors. Come in and let us show you these goods.

One lot Men's Clothing, \$15 down to \$8.50, the cheapest we will sell during this great sale. at only

3.95

One lot of Men's Odd Pants ranging in price at \$1.50 to \$2.50, your choice for this sale only

95c

Men's High-Grade Dress Clothing Slaughtered.

Men's \$25.00 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	\$21.50
Men's \$22.50 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	19.85
Men's \$20.00 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	17.85
Men's \$18.50 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	16.85
Men's \$15.00 Majestic suits this sale	12.95
Men's \$12.50 Majestic suits this sale	10.85
Men's \$10.00 Majestic suits this sale	7.45

Boy's Clothing Greatly Reduced

Boys \$10.00 suits reduced to	\$8.45
Boys \$7.50 suits reduced to	6.85
Boys \$6.00 suits reduced to	5.25
Boys \$5.00 suits reduced to	4.45
Boys \$4.50 suits reduced to	3.95
Others same reduction.	

Blankets and Comforts

\$6.00 All-wool blankets this sale	\$4.95
5.00 All-wool blankets this sale	4.25
4.00 Cotton blankets this sale	3.45
3.50 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.95
3.00 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.45
2.75 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.35
2.50 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.15
2.00 Blankets and comforts this sale	1.75
1.50 Blankets and comforts this sale	1.25
1.00 Blankets and comforts this sale	.89c

Notion Department

Ladies 5c handkerchiefs 2 for	5c
Ladies 10c handkerchiefs for	5c
Needles regular 5c paper, 2 for	5c
Safety pins in all sizes, 3 papers for	10c
Munn's talcum powder, regular 25c size	15c
Regular 10c seller	7c

Staples, Staples

21 yards of best good calico	\$1.00
21 yards of best good cotton check	1.00
10c Sea island domestic this sale	8 1/2c
8 1/2c Sea island domestic this sale	7 1/2c
7 1/2c good heavy grade domestic this sale	6 1/2c
6 1/2c good heavy grade domestic this sale	5c
15c toil dunord gingham this sale	11 1/2c
12 1/2c toil dunord gingham this sale	10c
10c gingham in all colors this sale	8 1/2c
10-4 bleached sheeting, regular 30c goods for	25c
9-4 bleached and unbleached sheeting for	23c
Best grade 10 and 12 1/2c outing this sale	9c
7 1/2 and 8 1/2c outing this sale	5c
12 1/2 and 15c cotton flannel this sale only	11c
10c cotton flannel	8 1/2c
18 1/2 and 20c feather ticking this sale	15c
12 1/2 and 15c feather ticking this sale	10c
10c mattress ticking this sale	8 1/2c
8 1/2c mattress ticking this sale	7 1/2c
7 1/2c mattress ticking this sale	6 1/2c

Ladies Suits and Skirts

Ladies \$25.00 suits this sale for	\$19.85
Ladies 22.50 suits this sale for	17.95
Ladies 20.00 suits this sale for	16.95
Ladies 18.50 suits this sale for	15.00
Ladies 15.00 suits this sale for	12.95
Ladies 12.50 suits this sale for	10.25
Ladies skirts greatly reduced.	

Ladies Gloves

Ladies long silk gloves \$2.50 quality this sale	\$1.65
\$2.25 quality this sale	1.35
1.50 Kid gloves this sale	1.25
1.00 Kid gloves this sale	.90c

Suit Cases and Trunks Reduced

\$10.00 suit cases and trunks	\$8.25
8.50 suit cases and trunks	7.45
7.50 suit cases and trunks	6.45
7.00 suit cases and trunks	6.25
6.50 suit cases and trunks	5.95
5.00 suit cases and trunks	4.25
4.00 suit case and traveling bags	3.25
3.50 suit case and traveling bags	2.95
2.50 suit case and traveling bags	2.15
1.50 suit case and traveling bags	1.25
1.25 suit case and traveling bags	1.00
1.00 suit case and traveling bags	.85c

Men's Hose

Regular 10c grade, black, tan and gray, per pair 7c
Men's 25c hose in all colors, plain and fancy.. 20c

We have about 75 dozen men's collars, during this sale will sell for 5c, regular price 15c.

We have almost a full assortment of ladies and children's shoes in the Brown Shoe Co. shoes that we are going to close out at a greatly reduced price, and several other well known makes we are going to give special prices on.

Millinery Department

Ladies pattern hats ranging in price from \$7.50 to \$10.00, your choice during this sale only...\$4.95
20 per cent discount on all trimmed and ready-to-wear hats.

Ribbon Department

20 per cent discount on all ribbons in this department.

WOODROOF BROTHERS