

THE MERKEL MAIL

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8 PAGES

MERKEL AT HOME AND AT FT. WORTH

This week there was shipped from Merkel some thirty head of cattle to be placed on exhibition at the Fat Stock Show that opens in Fort Worth next Monday morning. The Merkel people are very familiar with the C. M. Largent herd of Hereford cattle and will not be disappointed in expecting them to come home with the usual number of blue ribbons. This same herd of cattle when taken to the Fat Stock Show last March brought to Merkel and to their owner the total number of 42 blue ribbons taken from all classes and among those blue ribbon winners there was one Grand Champion and four Junior Champions. These were given their awards both in the open and closed class of entries.

The fact that the Merkel country produces stock of importance is proved by some of the sales made from the Largent herd. Last year one animal brought the proud owner \$1,000 and at a number of times he has made sales of \$500 and \$750 which is proof within itself of the diversification worth to the farmer of this country.

Champion Roper.

The final day of the roping contest of the world was held at the Cowboy Park in Juarez on last Friday. The honors went to John Glenn of Douglas, Ariz., this time for roping and tying four steers was 1:57 3-5 and had it not been for an accident he would no doubt have lowered that record. His best time for one steer was 21 seconds and was almost the best record for the park.

Joe Gardner of Sierra Blanco was second with a time of two minutes and five seconds while Alf Vivian of Pecos was next with a time of 2:13.—Abilene Reporter.

W. L. Diltz.

I have sold my stock of merchandise to C. E. Whitley & Son and will have my books at their store. All those that are due me on account please call and settle. If I am not there J. S. Seago will settle with you. Respectfully,
W. L. Diltz.

Ask your neighbor if they ever used a sack of American Beauty flour. Put up at St. Louis, Mo., Alton, Ill., and Dallas, Texas. For sale at Kent St. Gr. & Gro. Co.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert has been very sick since our last issue. She has been sick for some time but has until the last few days suffered no seriousness.

Order your groceries from Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., and get better goods and better service.

Mrs. D. E. Burton, who has been here visiting the family of J. H. Counts, went to Cisco Saturday to visit other friends.

We have the real D. M. C. Thread, for crocheting that beautiful Easter hand bag, Harkrider.

Eastern Star Supper.

Monday night the members of the local Eastern Star gave a supper in the Masonic hall. It was well attended and the guests were royally entertained by the members and the social was a success in every way. The guests report a well served course of refreshments and a spirit of friendship existing that is worthy of mention.

We will be one year old Saturday, March 17th, and we have sold seventeen big cars of Light Crust flour since we began business. This is a good evidence that Light Crust Flour is better. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE NEW YEAR

Monday was the ending of the year for the volunteer fire fighters and they met in regular session electing the following officers: B. C. Gaither, chief; Otho Williams, assistant chief; Frank Ferrier, Foreman Hose Co. No. 1; O. M. Sharp, Foreman Hose Co. No. 2; R. L. Bland, Foreman Hook and Ladder; W. L. Burns, Foreman Chemical Engine Company.

Delegates were elected to attend the State Firemen's meeting which will be held in Austin May 14 to 17 inclusive. The ones who will represent Merkel at this meeting are B. C. Gaither, O. M. Sharp, F. A. Sanders, Claud Comegys and R. L. Bland.

We want to dress you up in a "1912 Model" of Kirschbaum's all wool, never fade, hand-tailored suit. Harkrider.

Among the official visitors in Abilene Saturday were C. L. Barker, J. M. Dunagin, Jno. Sears, and Fred Hale of Trent.

Paints, oils and varnishes at Burroughs Drug Store.

DISTRICT COURT LATEST DOINGS

District Court proceedings as have happened since our last issue are as follows:

Sadie Smith, the negress arrested by Deputy Bob Young on the streets of Abilene on a charge of theft of goods from Minter Dry Goods Co., was given two years in the penitentiary after she had plead guilty to the theft of goods amounting to over \$50.

Last Friday the case of State vs. Mrs. Versyp, charged with administering poisonous and noxious potion in coffee, was acquitted of the charge.

The case of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Shelly vs. The Equitable Assurance Society for debt resulted in a hung jury.

Two cases of fines as resulting from failure to answer to the roll call of venirement were recorded in District Court, that of W. D. Green and J. D. Elliott.

Mrs. Willie Metcalf in her suit against the Modern Woodmen of America obtained judgment for \$2000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.

For District Offices.....	\$7.50
For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription price, per year.....	1.00

ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For District Judge 42nd District Dallas Scarborough
For Representative Taylor County J. M. Wagstaff
For Sheriff:
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby)
T. C. Weir (for re-election)
Felix R. Jones
For Treasurer:
J. H. Thornton
G. B. (Blue) Tittle
J. W. Red
J. W. Christopher
For County Attorney:
H. Rob. Keeble
For County Clerk:
W. J. (Dub) Young
For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo)
Baylor Crawford
J. C. Bureson
For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)
C. B. Manly
For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:
J. L. Banner
For Public Weigher, Merkel:
H. H. Tittle
For County Superintendent
J. S. Smith

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Tax Collector
W. R. Cranston

We have the largest and best selected stock of groceries in West Texas, so the traveling men say, and the biggest flour trade. Why? Because we are the only merchants that sell White Crest and White Silk flour. Farmers near Abilene, Anson and Sweetwater have to come here to get this flour. Why? Because the merchants can't make the profit on a high grade of flour that they can on cheaper grades. We will appreciate your patronage and guarantee satisfaction. Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. G. W. Boyce received a message from Beaumont stating that her sister, Mrs. Lona Mabry (nee Miss Lona French) was in a very serious condition following an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Mabry is well known to many of the Merkel people and we trust that her condition will soon be improved.

Shell corn, corn chops, corn meal, pure kaffir corn chops, pure wheat shorts, bran, oats, cotton seed meal, hull and meal mixture, prairie hay, alfalfa, and johnson grass. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

V. G. Cash of Waco stopped here Monday while on his way home from Floydada to visit his brother, C. L. Cash.

Five cent post cards, one cent each. Armstrong Drug Co.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

Shriners to Big Springs.

The Dallas lodge of Shriners will go to Big Springs April 1 to confer the degree on some brother Masons of that place. The meeting is looked upon to be a gala event and all the West Texas Shriners are expected to show their beaming faces at the feed that will take place at the Cole Hotel after the first regular meeting is finished.

We will give one package of Arm & Hammer Soda with each sack of Light Crust flour sold Saturday, March 17th. Order one sack and if it's not "better" we will give you the flour. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

BUSINESS MERGER BRINGS SURPRISE

On last Tuesday there was closed a deal in which the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. and B. C. Gaither & Sons were consolidated, bringing together under one head two of the largest firms of this place. The deal was so made as to give the firm of B. C. Gaither & Sons the interest formerly held by J. P. C. Hunt.

The new company will operate under the name of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. and will be under the management of John D. Gaither, the former manager of B. C. Gaither & Sons.

Mr. Hunt, the former manager of the company will be with the firm only a few days longer, and as soon as he can get his business arranged, will withdraw all connections from the company in favor of the new management.

When you see Mack's line of picture mouldings and oval frames, you see the latest. Bring your pictures and have them framed. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

BIG MAIL ROBBERY AT SWEETWATER

Last Monday night shortly before the arrival of the east bound train one of the mail pouches was stolen from the truck on which it was loaded with other mail pouches to go east.

The pouch stolen was received in the usual way by the proper authorities and was turned over to the night man whose duty it was to place the mail on the train, and just before train time the truck was moved near the express office to be in position for loading upon the train. The man in charge going in the express office to warm. When the train arrived it was found that one of the mail pouches was missing. The stolen pouch contained fourteen registered packages and a jacket containing the mail from the Santa Fe so it cannot be clearly determined just how many registered letters and packages were taken.—Sweetwater Reporter.

MILLETT SEED at G. F. West & Sons. 113

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OUT

The subscribers of the local telephone exchange will this week be presented with a new directory bound in handsome form and so arranged that a person can in an instant find the phone number of any subscriber. It also gives the list of subscribers to the Stith private exchange. The book comes to the public after the company had spent some time in getting bids from printers who were prepared to turn out a book that would be a credit to the Telephone Company.

We were awarded the contract and were given fifteen days in which to complete the job as per specifications, and when the book was finished the local manager complimented us very highly on the neat appearance of it and remarked that Dallas did not have a more business-like directory.

The Southwestern Company, under the local management of Mr. P. Pettit is to be complimented on the efficient service and accommodations given to the people of Merkel.

Raising Salaries.

For the past twenty-two years Jno. F. Draughon has been showing the poorly paid that they can increase their earning power by taking specialized training.

For prices on lessons by mail—bookkeeping, shorthand, type-writing, etc., address Jno. F. Draughon, president, Nashville, Tenn. For catalogue giving rates of tuition at college, address Draughon's Practical Business College Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

Card of Thanks.

We take this form of thanking our friends for their kind assistance given during the short illness of our little daughter which resulted in her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mershon.

I am opening up a first class wholesale and retail produce house on Kent street. Come for what you want and bring what you have to sell. Watch for ad in later issue. Howell Produce Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Cowley of El Paso stopped between trains Monday afternoon to call on Mrs. E. P. McMillen, a friend of Mrs. Cowley. Mr. and Mrs. Cowley were on their honeymoon, having visited points in East and South Texas.

We will make special prices on all dry goods, millinery and groceries, Saturday and next week. You can save money by buying during our Anniversary Sale. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Abilene visitors Monday were Claud Sears, J. J. Stallings, T. R. Lasseter, Doss Sheppard, Jack Provine, R. O. Anderson, J. E. Faucett, H. W. Derstine.

Read the big Anniversary Sale ad of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. They are making some sensational prices.

Our cigars are moist and fresh. Smoke one. Elite.

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas

AS REPORTED TO COMMISSIONER OF BANKING FEBRUARY 20, 1912

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$33,245.23	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts	790.96	Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Undivided Profits	602.45
Assessment Guaranty Fund	30.53	Bills Payable	None
Furniture and Fixtures	2,122.00	Other Borrowed Money	None
Real Estate	2,617.44	Dividends Unpaid	50.00
Cash and Exchange	22,566.22	Deposits	44,559.86
Total	\$61,712.31	Total	\$61,712.31

We do business on principals that are BROAD, HONORABLE and FAIR to all. If you are a customer of ours, you can depend on us. Don't worry, be happy, put your money in a good bank. Your business appreciated, large or small.

THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

J. S. SWANN, President
J. C. MOORE, Vice-President
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

J. T. WARREN, President THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West C. P. Warren
J. T. Howard Henry James Ed. S. Hughes
Thos. Johnson

'12 OUR GOOD READERS '13

The Old and The New

The prospects continue to improve for the Mail just as fast as they are improving for the country in general. Following are our new and renewals since our last report:

City: Dr. M. Armstrong, R. O. Anderson, G. A. Rister, C. E. Bradley, S. P. Martin.
Routes: W. H. Kandrick, J. J. Toombs (by Wesley McDuff), D. F. Rogers, E. C. Richards, J. W. Campbell, J. H. Campbell, Jr., B. F. Ely, J. W. Jarvis, J. W. McDonald.
Others: C. T. Beckham, Trent; E. W. Strickland, Kirkland, (by E. R. Strickland); First State Bank of Trent; Mrs. Bessie Reid, Hillsboro; J. E. Bryson, Noodle; C. L. Deutschman, Sid Criswell, Noodle; L. H. Franks, Brawley, Cal; Mrs. F. Hel Penny, Arbala, (by S. P. Martin); J. H. Whitehead, Cloytonville; A. A. (Sy) Wisdom, Dublin; R. A. Erwin, Trent, (by C. J. Douglass; W. L. Johnson, 509 Wyoming St., El Paso, (by W. W. Wheeler); F. E. Allen, Eskota; J. T. Simmons, Comanche; Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Inkum; Ernest Wilson, Kennebeck, S. D., (by G. W. Wilson); Glen Jones, Dora.

MERKEL BOTTLING WORKS

NEW LOCATION—NEW MANAGEMENT

Now prepared to manufacture all kinds of pure, genuine, non-alcoholic, beverages and ice cream. Cleanliness and purity our motto. Can and will meet competition, quality of goods considered. All products we use guaranteed under the food and drug act. Owned and managed by citizens of Merkel. Consequently will ask for all of your patronage.

BARBEE, LEER & WHITAKER

Merkel : Texas

CASS TARVER IS COMING TO MERKEL

The managers have contracted with Dr. Jack Platt of Anson and Cass Tarver will be shown at Merkel Saturday afternoon and night.

Dr. Platt discovered this young giant in the Jones county shinnery and Chas. Cavanaugh, trainer of Fitzsimmons and other champions pronounces him the best specimen of physical manhood on the face of the earth. It is the hope of Dr. Platt to develop the young man into a boxer who can wrest the championship from Jack Johnson. At Merkel he will box with Cavanaugh, Criswell and McDonald, the latter for several years middle-weight champion of the Pacific coast.

The following measurements of Tarver give some idea of his athletic ability: Height, 6 feet, 6 inches; weight 245 pounds; neck, 18½; biceps, 18; calf, 18; forearm, 15½; chest, 45½; waist, 37¼; reach, 81 inches.

He is described by those who know him as being quick as a kitten and strong as a bear, of religious disposition, good and regular habits and possessing great fortitude. He is at present

twenty-one years of age. The exhibition is guaranteed to be clean and entertaining and to be enjoyed as well by ladies as gentlemen.

The Star Milling Company at Abilene is giving away flour and will soon have some in Merkel for distribution. Get a sack and be convinced of its good baking qualities. 15t2

Miss Christina Frederickson is here this week visiting her father J. P. Frederickson. She has for a number of years been connected with the Thompson hospital of Hot Springs, Ark., in the capacity of head nurse.

J. McCaleb of the Stith country is doing some building this week for the protection and care of some blooded stock that he is stocking his place with. He is going in for diversification.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing applications of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Elder W. G. Cypert left Thursday noon for the eastern part of the state where he will assist in conducting meetings.

COTTON SEED HULLS at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3 Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Fire at Abilene.

Wednesday afternoon fire broke out in the third story of the Alexander building on Pine street in Abilene and destroyed every thing of value that was contained in the place. The Abilene Furniture Co. saved some of their stock that was on the ground floor but much damage was done to their stored stock on the second floor.

The loss to Droughon Business College which was a total loss was partially covered by insurance. It is also said that the damage to the Abilene Furniture Co. is well covered by insurance.

One fireman was painfully but not seriously hurt while fighting the flames.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Mar. 16, 1912

Giles, A. M.
Kidd, I. J.
Lewallen, Walter
Newberry, A. J.
Motrico, Porfirio (2)

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 30, 1912.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

SEED CORN at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3

The latest in perfume and toilet water at Armstrong Drug Co.

Mr. W. L. Lilly has resigned as manager of the Star Milling Company at Abilene and Mr. Gus Roberts recently of the Orient Milling Company has taken charge as manager. Mr. Roberts is a miller of long experience as well as a mill manager and knows his business from A to Z and has already given the mill a thorough overhauling and nothing but good reports are heard from the users of his flour and we bespeak for him the patronage of Taylor county. 15t2

The Grand Matron of the Eastern Star passed through here yesterday from a visit to Colorado where she has been conducting the school of instruction. She was accompanied as far as this place by Mrs. W. N. Hall and Mrs. W. P. Browning who attended the meeting.

You judge a man not by what he promises to do, but what he has done. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judged by this standard has no superior. People everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

Will Mann of Stamford came in Saturday night to visit friends. It has been some time since Mr. Mann has been a resident of Merkel, but it seems natural to have him with us.

Mrs. Pettit mother of P. Pettit left for Arkansas Thursday where she will visit her daughter who is in school after which she will return to her home.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Good housekeeper for family of six. State salary you will want. Address P. O. Box 202, Merkel Texas. tf

FOR SALE.—Mebane cotton seed that made bale to the acre. Selected out of the first picking. S. F. Haynes, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR RENT—80 acres of land in Jones county. 65 acres in cultivation, good house, small barn, well of water, close to school. See L. H. King. tf

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

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

GASOLENE—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

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

Uncle Tid Smith of the Trent country was in town yesterday looking after business and shaking hands with friends.

We expect to make Saturday, 17th, our banner day. Be sure and come. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

ALL THESE MEN HAVE
WORKED FOR THE
SAFETY OF YOUR MONEY
WHEN IT IS IN A
NATIONAL BANK



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The Southern National Bank

Solicits your business for the New Year
and promises the most liberal service
consistent with our conservative policies

John Sears, President

C. L. Barker, Vice-Pres.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier

PROFESSIONAL



SEE US
AND YOU WILL SEE BETTER

Eyes tested and fitted
by up-to-date methods

Mrs. E. M. Rust, Optometrist
At Rust & McCauley's.

O. F. McMASTER

DENTIST

Terms Cash

Office over F. and M. Natl. Bank



EYES PROPERLY TESTED. Glasses
Correctly Fitted. All Work Guaranteed.

DRS. ADKISSON & MILLER

Dr. W. V. CRANFORD

Office at
Rust & McCauley's Drug Store

TELEPHONES

Office 4-3 Residence 2-7-6

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Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident
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Respectfully Solicit Your Business

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W. H. LANEY, THE BUTCHER

Fresh meats of all Kinds.

Always pay top prices on
fat cattle and hogs.

Phone 77—Front street, 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

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic
give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver
Tablets a trial. They are mild and
gentle in their action and always
produce a pleasant cathartic effect. All
Dealers.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Post cards 5c per dozen at the
Groene Art Store.

Mrs. M. E. Orr has returned
from a visit to Cisco.

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

Large stock of glass at Bur-
roughs Drug Store.

Ed Massey of Trent was a Mer-
kel visitor during last Saturday.

Highest price paid for produce.
Hamblett & Rogers tf

Texas almanacs at Armstrong
Drug Co.

Gentry Long of Stephenville is
here visiting his aunt, Mrs. I. S.
Allen.

Herbinc cures constipation and re-
establishes regular bowel movements.
Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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

T. C. Becknam of Trent made
the Mail a very pleasant call this
week.

Spot cash for your chickens
and eggs. Kent Street Grain &
Grocery Company.

All kinds of Poultry Food in
bulk at the Merkel Dry Goods &
Grocery Co.

Mrs. Ida Ryan of Sweetwater,
is here visiting her aunt, Mrs.
Alice Templeton.

Martin Barber Shop for bar-
ber work and tailoring. In rear
of Southern Natl. Bank Bldg. tf

Twenty-eight different kinds
of face powder at Armstrong
Drug Co.

Frank Sosebee of the Noodle
country was an Abilene visitor
last week.

We will buy and sell all kinds
of produce. Give highest mark-
et price. Howell Produce Co.

We have the best that is going
in boys suits and extra school
pants. Harkrider.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders
are the proud parents of a new
boy. The young fellow made its
arrival here last Friday.

You may say goodbye to constipation
with a clear conscience if you use
Chamberlain's Tablets. Many have
been permanently cured by their use.
For sale by all dealers.

We will pay you the highest
market price for your chickens,
eggs and butter. Merkel Dry
Goods & Grocery Co.

J. P. C. Hunt was a business
caller in the capital city Satur-
day.

The new restaurant is open on
Kent street. Serves dinners and
short orders.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

*Sixty Years
the Standard for purity,
strength and healthfulness.*

Made from pure,
grape cream of tartar,
free from alum and
phosphatic
acids.

WHEN

You find yourself facing
the need of First-Class
painting or paper-hang-
ing in any of its branches
let me tell you how little
it will cost you for really
first-class work of this
kind. I make a special-
ty of showing how good
painting and papering
can be done.

J. W. POWELL The Painter and Paper Hanger

Elder J. H. Mead of Abilene
will fill my place at the Church of
Christ at 11 a. m. and again at
night. I will not be able to be
with the brethren on account of
being called away for a meeting.
Elder W. G. Cypert.



USE "ALBATROSS" FLOUR
BRADSHAW GROCERY COMPANY

C. V. Bigham and father, W.
R., came in from the scenes of
war Monday morning. Evident-
ly they had a scare, for it
was some time before their faces
were seen on the streets.

When dusting use Golden Star
Polish. It holds the dust and
makes old furniture look like
new. Price 15c and 25c. Beh-
rens-McMillen Furniture Co.

I. S. Allen, J. W. Campbell
and Dr. J. H. Warnick were busi-
ness and court callers in Abi-
lene last Friday.

The best dressed men wear a
Benjamin. They look better,
wear better, and hold their shape
until worn out. For sale only at
Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Plenty of tooth paste and pow-
der for everybody at Armstrong
Drug Co.

Mrs. G. P. Rainbolt of Tye
was here last week visiting the
family of H. M. Rainbolt.

If you ever need anything in
the crutch line we have them, all
sizes. Armstrong Drug Co.

Claud Douglass of Dallas is
here visiting the families of F.
Sears, Jno. Sears and A. Sears.

We guarantee Dr. Hess stock
and poultry food. Armstrong
Drug Co.

J. T. Simmons and two daugh-
ters went to Comanche last week
on a visit to friends and relatives.

Uncle Ezra Says

"It don't take more'n a gill uv effort
to git folks into a peck of trouble,"
and a little neglect of constipation,
biliousness, indigestion or other liver
derangement will do the same. If ail-
ing take Dr. King's New Life Pills for
quick results. Easy, safe sure, and
only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Drop in and drink. Elite.

Base ball goods at Armstrong
Drug Co.

If you wish to buy a pair of
pretty slippers come to us.
Harkrider.

R. A. (Bob) Ayers was in our
city last week on his way to Abi-
lene from points west.

Bulk chocolates that are fresh
in assorted nuts and creams.
Elite.

We have something new in sta-
tionary. Come and see. Arm-
strong Drug Co.

Mrs. John Childers of Trent
came in last Friday to visit her
mother, Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

We have a nice selection of
vals and touchon lace at 5c the
yard. Harkrider.

All kinds of disinfectant and
insect powder at Armstrong
Drug Co.

J. S. and E. P. Mays of the
Rock Crossing community made
a business trip to Aledo last Sat-
urday.

Best Chocolate and Bon Bon
candy at Burroughs Drug Store.

American Beauty Flour is best.
Guaranteed. Kent Street Grain
& Grocery Co.

J. W. McDonald of the Stith
country dropped in Saturday and
asked that we send him the pa-
per for six months.

Give us a chance to sell you that
Easter dress. We have the lat-
est in dress fabrics and the prop-
er hemmings to match. Hark-
rider.

Lester Ellis, Frank Ferrier,
Bob Tally and Red Nelson were
among the ones that attended
court in Abilene last week.

Be sure and attend our big An-
niversary Sale beginning Satur-
day, 17th. Will run one week
only. Merkel Dry Goods & Gro-
cery Co.

R. T. McCollum and wife of
the Blair community were here
enroute to Grandfield, Okla.,
where they will make their home.

Put your old shades back in
the kitchen and buy new ones
for the living room. We have
all colors and grades. Behrens-
McMillen Furniture Co.

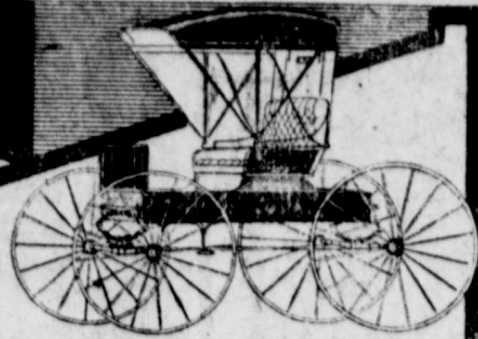
B. F. Ely of route 2 made the
Mail a very pleasant call last
week, handing us a dollar for the
cause.

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The best hot and cold drinks
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So when you buy a Studebaker buggy your friends know that you're sharing in the quality that's resulted from tireless effort and invaluable experience.

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1912 Style Buggies

This renowned line of Vehicles is now set up and on display in our ware rooms and it will be a pleasure to us if you will come and inspect them. It's no trouble to answer questions about a Studebaker. Let us show them to you.

Anchor Hardware Company

We are also unloading our second car of Standard Implements to-day.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Saturday afternoon eleven members of the Twentieth Century Club met at the lovely home of our president Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton. The following program was given: Roll call, quotations from the lesson. Lesson, one act of Twelfth Night conducted by Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Paper, Texas Independence—Mrs. L. Sparkman. A motion was made and carried that the club take up the Civic Improvement work for this year. We hope by this step to be able to offer prizes for different things that will be announced later. After a most interesting business session Mrs. Hamilton assisted by Miss Maude Martin served a delicious ice course to Misses Duncan Browning, Orra Long, Ruth Mims, Lucy Bean, Mesdames J. G. Hale, L. Sparkman, M. D. Angus, J. W. Daniel and W. H. Dickson.

An informal and delightful dance was given at the Thornton building Tuesday evening. The Abilene stringed orchestra furnished music for the dancers who were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel. Those present were Misses Olga and Elma Sheppard, Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Genevieve Rust, Jessie O. Briant, Mesdames Ida Ryan, Lanier Brown, R. O. Anderson, Deavenport Gaither, Messrs. Lanier Brown, Deavenport Gaither, R. O. Anderson, Courtney Hunt, Jim Guitard, Claud Douglass of Dallas, Homer Eastwood, Oly Sharp, Ernest Faucett, Duncan, Dr. George Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson were at home to a number of their young friends Tuesday evening complimentary to Miss Mamie Mann of Stamford. Progressive "42," Bunco and Hearts were played, followed by a two-course luncheon, peanut butter sandwiches, pickles and hot chocolate, nuts and fruits. Those present were Misses Mamie Mann, Fannie Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Clara Saffle, Virginia Hamblet, Messrs. Choc Jones, Rufford Evans, Robert Hicks, Jack Provine, Luther Grimes, Jesse Ferguson, C. C. Franklin, Parker Sharp, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mann.

On last Wednesday evening March 6, Miss Elma Sheppard entertained a number of friends at the home of Miss Olga Sheppard. Several different games were enjoyed by those present who were Misses Flay Gnnn, Mamie Mann of Stamford, Mattie Paylor, Fannie Burroughs, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Pauline Johnson, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Messrs. Oly and Parker Sharp, Robert Hicks, Ottis and Lowe Barnett, Luther Grimes, Jack Provine, Choc Jones, Rufford Evans, Jesse Ferguson and C. C. Franklin.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be depended upon. Try it. Sold by all dealers.

The home missionary society of the M. E. Church met with Mrs. M. Armstrong Monday afternoon. A short business session was held in which a new member, Mrs. T. A. Johnson, was added to the society. Mrs. W. B. Mann of Stamford, an ex-member was present and added much to the pleasure of the afternoon. Mesdames Holcomb, Laney and Hamilton were home visitors present. The study of the Missionary Voice was very helpful and enjoyable. At the conclusion Mrs. Armstrong served cake and hot chocolate. The society will meet next Monday with Mrs. Shaffer with Mrs. Clements teacher.

Miss Leola Coats entertained the girls of the Class of '12 at her home in west Merkel Saturday afternoon. Candy was made and furnished lots of fun for the girls. As the boys could not be present the girls had to eat their share too. Those present were Misses Minnie Harris, Clementine Barker, Clara and Mertice Saffle.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society have perfected plans for their Easter Bazaar.

Six O'clock Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson gave a six o'clock dinner Saturday evening at their hospitable home on Orange street. Their guests were the neighborhood teachers. Music and jokes came in beautifully with the daintily appointed dinner. Covers were laid for Misses Cleo Wilson Bowler, Mattie Murphy, Orra Long, Melissa Smith, Bessie Medlen, Jewell Garrett.

Benefit Merkel Public Library.

Coming March 21 Mrs. Loren D. Tenny Chicago reader of humorous stories of life, writings of renowned authors and bright and witty sayings full of life and sparkle. Price 25 cents. Come! come!! At Opera House March 21.

League Program.

Subject, The ravages of impure living

Leader, Miss Smith.
Song.
Prayer.
Voluntary—Miss Bowler.
Lord's prayer in concert.
Duet—Mary and Jackie Jennings.
Scripture reading, Hos. 4:11-13; Rom. 1:28-32—Leader.
A Broken Dam—Mr. Black.
The Use, not the Abuse—Dr. O. F. McMaster.

What the Girls can do—Miss Georgia Moore.
Wrecks—Miss Mattie Christopher.
Let us Look at a Few—Bro. Clements

Announcements.
Offering.
Song.
Benediction.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, The christian and social Leader, Miss Carroll Rister.
Scripture reading 1 Cor. 13:1-12.

Song.
Prayer.
What do we mean by social service?—Robert Hicks.

Why should every christian try to render some service to society?—Mr. Moore.

Special music, Misses Clara and Mertice Saffle, Roxie Moon.

Talk, Can the world be regenerated by social service?—Mr. Jacob.

What can we do to help religion by making right social conditions?—Mr. Howard.

Song.
What can we do in our town to make conditions better?—Miss Murphy.

Song.
Benediction.

What We Never Forget

according to science, are the things associated with our early home life, such as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that mother or grandmother used to cure our burns, boils, scalds, sores, skin eruptions, cuts, sprains or bruises. Forty years of cures prove its merit. Unrivaled for piles, corns or cold sores. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Roscoe Sharp and Tally Holloway left for Fort Worth Monday night where they will attend the Fat Stock Show.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.



Universal Telephone Service

Provides a way for the farmer to place himself shoulder to shoulder with the business man in the city. The man in the country may talk to practically any one anywhere. Otherwise much benefit is lost. Write our nearest manager.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company



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."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

You may wonder why Cardui is so successful, after other remedies have failed. The answer is that Cardui is successful, because it is composed of scientific ingredients, that act curatively on the womanly system. It is a medicine for women, and for women only. It builds, strengthens, and restores weak and ailing women, to health and happiness.

If you suffer like Mrs. Fincher did, take Cardui. It will surely do for you, what it did for her. At all druggists.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 60

J. F. Winters of the Sand Burr community is having a new residence constructed, the same to a present to his son who has lately taken upon himself a lifetime obligation. The Mail wishes the Newly Weds a very happy life in their new home.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogue on last Sunday morning a fine nine-pound boy. Both the child and it's mother are doing well and the Mail joins their many friends in wishing them a continuance of good health.

The herd of Herefords belonging to C. M. Largent are being looked after during the stock show by Elbert Dean, Tom and Will Joe Largent.

Sunday at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey in northwest Merkel there appeared a fine new boy as applicant for protection under that name.

J. K. Cauthen now of Abilene but really a Merkel man was seen on the streets Wednesday.

J. M. Dunagin and Mr. McDonald of Stith were business callers in Abilene yesterday.

Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage if W. R. Cranston of Anson was here yesterday shaking hands with friends.

Free air for tires, Merkel Garage.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:04 p.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 11:38 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 12:19 a.m.
Train No. 8 " " " " 9:02 a.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:02 a.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 4:48 p.m.
Train No. 5 " " " " 4:28 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " " " 4:20 p.m.

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Electric Bitters

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

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Our Season's Announcement

We are pleased to announce to our many customers and friends that we are much better prepared to serve your wants in Dry Goods this season than ever before. We have almost doubled our stock and can now show you a nice selection of New Spring Goods in each department. We own our goods at the very lowest prices that the spot cash would buy them, and fully realizing that spending money is very scarce with the most of us at present we are making our prices just as attractive as possible. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you in our store in the near future, and thanking you for past and future favors, we are, yours sincerely

W. L. HARKRIDER, MERKEL, TEXAS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Telephone 202 for oil and gas
BULK GARDEN SEED at G.
F. West & Sons. 113

Peacemaker Flour, the flower
of flours for sale by Hogue-Ham-
ilton Co.

J. R. Griffith of Abilene was
here the first of the week visiting
W. A. Higgins.

Your needs in window and door
glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

Chas. Mershon and wife de-
parted for El Paso Wednesday
afternoon, where they will spend
a short vacation.

Be sure and attend the big An-
niversary Sale Saturday and
next week at the Merkel Dry
Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. Claud Bigham and little
daughter Alice came in Tuesday
from El Paso where they had
spent the winter.

Come to us for your groceries,
you will find our prices right
Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson, C. E.
Whitaker and J. T. Warren were
visitors in the capital city Tues-
day.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have
been surprised and delighted with the
prompt relief afforded by applying
Chamberlain's Liniment. No one case
of rheumatism in ten requires any in-
ternal treatment whatever. This lini-
ment is for sale by all dealers.

Monetta, the little daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rollins, has
been dangerously sick with pneu-
monia this week. She is some
better at the last report.

Your hens will lay more and
be healthier if you will feed them
some of the new Poultry Food at
the Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Mr. Behrens and wife of Abi-
lene came in Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. Behrens visited Mrs. Mc-
Millen, while Mr. Behrens trans-
acted business.

This column is for the interest and
benefit of our readers. If you have
anything to sell, trade or give away,
if you want anything, lose anything,
find anything or can do anything, say
so in a Merkel Mail Want Ad. One
cent per word, each insertion.

Last Wednesday morning
Mrs. W. N. Hall and Mrs. W. P.
Browning went to Colorado on
the early morning train to attend
the West Texas Rally and School
of instruction which was held
there Wednesday and Thursday.

Ladies, come and see our hats.
We will save you money on your
spring hat. This is a new de-
partment in our store. Hogue-
Hamilton Co.

Dr. Jack Platt Presents "CASS TARVER"

The Marvelous Young Texas Giant
The HOPE of THE WHITE RACE

Merkel Opera House

Saturday Afternoon 2:30 and 8:00 at Night

Showing the marvelous method of training this young
giant to take the bacon away from the African, Jack
Johnson. He is assisted by the best trainer that could be
found, Prof. Chas. Cavanaugh, that grand old timer, be-
ing the head trainer. Lots of lively and scientific boxing
and a lively time is the order of the day. The ladies en-
joy it as well as the men. See him before he starts on
his national trip.

PRICE 35 AND 50 CENTS

READ THIS PLEASE

We Want to Tell You Something About
Our Flour—Also About the Wheat
That Goes to Make It.

Our mill is equipped with Nor-
dyke & Marmon machinery and
there is none better made. We
buy our wheat in Illinois, Mis-
souri and Idaho. This wheat is
bought this way for a purpose,
and that only to make a good
rich flour that contains the right
proportions of gluten and starch.
There is no flour made solely of
starchy wheat that will give the
best of satisfaction; neither will
a glutenous flour give good satis-
faction; therefore, we make a
blend containing the right pro-
portions of each, in order that we
may produce a flour that will
make light bread, biscuits, cakes
pastry that will satisfy the most
fastidious palate.

We are making a special flour
for Abilene and the trade tribu-
tary thereto. The writer has
been in the milling business
for eighteen years and during
that time has been with some of
the best mills in the southwest
and has used almost every make
of mill machinery made; and we
know whereof we speak when we
say that we will give you a good
flour; something that will satisfy.
After trying this flour if there is
the least thing that is not right
we want you to tell us and not
quit, because we can make it
just like you want it.

We want to get acquainted
with our trade and at any time
you feel like coming to the mill
we will welcome you and would
be pleased to show you what we
are grinding and how we make
flour. If you find this flour good,
call for it at your grocer. Of
course some of them may not
have it in stock but they can get
it by only calling us. Do not
listen to the song that "We tried
it once and found it not good"
because that theory will not work
any more than when we buy hay
from the farmer's wagon and find
some damaged in the center, and
forever turn this farmer down,
saying the hay he raises every
year will not be good. We want
your business and co-operation—
your influence and good will.

Yours very truly,
Star Milling Company
By Gus Roberts, Mgr

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.

Mesdames H. L. Propst and I.
S. Allen were very pleasant call-
ers to the Mail office Tuesday af-
ternoon. Mrs. Propst is spend-
ing a few days in town visiting
friends, but she will soon return
home and continue to enjoy the
pleasures of farm life.

A big line of Embroideries and
Flouncing arrived this week.
Do not fail to call and inspect
them. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

J. E. Bryson of Noodle drop-
ped in to see us last week and
handed us the usual dollar. We
guaranteed to stop his paper
when the time was out should he
ever let his subscription expire.

Lots of pumps and oxfords for
everybody, in vici, pat, velvets,
white duck and white kid.
Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Children who have worms are pale,
cross, fretful, and sickly most of the
time. To rid the little body of these
parasites White's Cream Vermifuge is
an approved remedy. When the worms
have been driven out the child grows
strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c
per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Buy your oil and gas from the
Merkel Garage.

DANGER IN DELAY

Kidney Diseases Are Too Danger-
ous for Merkel People
to Neglect.

The great danger of kidney troubles
is that they get firm hold before the
sufferer recognizes them. Health is
gradually undermined. Backache,
headache, nervousness, lameness, sore-
ness, lumbago, urinary troubles, drop-
sy, and Bright's disease, follow as the
kidneys get worse. Don't neglect your
kidneys. Help the kidneys with the
reliable and safe remedy, Doan's Kid-
ney Pills, which has cured people right
here in Merkel.

Mrs. Thompson, Thornton St., Mer-
kel, Texas, says: "A few months ago
I used Doan's Kidney Pills for weak
kidneys and was quickly cured. When
I began taking this remedy, my kid-
neys were weak and I had pains across
the small of my back. I got Doan's
Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley
Drug Co.'s Store and I was quickly
cured by them. It gives me pleasure
to recommend this preparation."

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.

Buy your oil and gas from the
Merkel Garage.

G. W. Wilson, the postmaster
of Inkum was a business caller
to our office the first of this week
and while here gave us a dollar
to send the paper to his brother
at Kennebeck, S. D.

Farmers and others who live at a dis-
tance from a drug store should keep in
the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow
Liniment. It may be needed at any
time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains
or rheumatism. It is a powerful heal-
ing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c,
50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C.
Burroughs.

Rev. A. A. Baker will preach
at Blair Sunday at 11 o'clock.
He requests the attendance of all
that can come and that church
workers assist him in making the
day a success.

We are showing a large line of
white and brown linens at very
attractive prices. Hogue-Ham-
ilton Co.

C. M. Largent left for Fort
Worth Tuesday so that he could
be there and assist the boys in
getting those white face beauties
in shape to capture a majority
of the prizes.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

NEW SPRING STYLES IN DRESSES, SUITS AND MILLINERY

Fashion's first arrivals in Suits and Dresses and attractive styles in new Millinery for immediate wear are now being shown. You are invited to inspect these new arrivals—all at moderate prices.

Campbell's
ONE PRICE AT THE LOWEST
Abilene's Favorite Stopping Place

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh Clippings.

March 12—Everything looking lovely after the rains. Oats are growing nicely and with a few days sunshine there will be plenty of grass and wild rye.

Most everybody are ready to begin planting, some having already planted. Atlas Phillips and Sam Cook spent Monday in Abilene on business.

The Yens Literary Society was largely attended last Saturday night and all seemed to enjoy the program. The society meets every other Saturday night at the school house and we look forward to some large times in the near future.

The singing at Mr. Mayberry's on last Sunday evening was well attended. Everybody seems to be trying to get in readiness for the singing school which starts here on March 18 and will continue for ten days. The school will be conducted by a Prof. Laney of Fort Worth.

R. D. Ford who is working Mr. Couch's farm has just recovered from a spell of sickness.

Grandma Winter has been very low for the last few days. Booster.

The Men Who Succeed

as heads of great enterprises are men of great energy. Success, today, demands health. To ail is to fail. It's utter folly for a man to endure a weak, run-down, half alive condition when Electric Bitters will put him right on his feet in short order. "Four bottles did me more real good than any other medicine I ever took," writes Chas. B. Allen, Sylvania, Ga. "After years of suffering with rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach disorders and de-gendered kidneys, I am again, thanks to Electric Bitters, sound and well." Try them. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Butman Community.

March 12—Many green sprigs and leaves are coming forth to greet the few spring days we are having.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry has been quite sick but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughan from Moctezuma, Mexico, are visiting the family of Sam Butman of BT ranch.

Verna Trout is leaving the BT ranch to be with homefolks awhile. We regret to see him leave but he will long be remembered by the people of Butman community. Ned.

Many Driven From Home.

Every year, in many parts of the country, thousands are driven from their homes by coughs and lung diseases. Friends and business are left behind for other climates, but this is costly and not always sure. A better way—the way of multitudes—is to use Dr. King's New Discovery and cure yourself at home. Stay right there with your friends and take this safe medicine. Throat and lung troubles find quick relief and health returns. Its help in coughs, colds, grip, croup, whooping-cough and sore lungs make it a positive blessing. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

White Church Community.

March 12—Our community was visited by a shower Sunday night and all the farmers expect good crops this year.

Some of the farmers are behind with their ground breaking on account of the bad weather.

Miley Burrus and Thos. Price visited Mr. White Sunday.

The little baby of Pealey West that has been very sick during the last week is improving some.

The entertainment at Mr. Franks last Saturday was well attended. All the guests report a good time.

Hurley Toombs is adding another room to the house of Mr. Riggan. It will be finished in about a week.

Prodigal Son.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Trent Items.

Miss Rosa Rutherford of Scranton is visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Johnson. Mrs. Fenton Boyd has been very sick but is improving.

Mrs. J. R. Gafford of Eldorado, Okla., who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Walker Steadman returned home Monday.

Altus Terry who has been very sick with pneumonia is improving.

Miss Maude Conner was visiting in Baird Saturday and Sunday.

Henry Hester of Merkel was in Trent one day last week.

Iva Holton who has been at the Alexander sanitarium for some time taking treatment was brought home Friday and is improving.

Frank Abbott has returned from a business trip to Scranton.

Miss Willie Bowers of Tolar is visiting her brother Ed Bowers.

Dr. Copeland who has recently moved to Abilene is visiting his sister Mrs. L. E. Adrian. John.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best, blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co. props., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Noodle Dots.

Mar. 6.—Generally speaking health is very good this week, but Mrs. W. C. Walker, of Oklahoma, who is visiting in the community, has been very sick. We hope she will soon recover.

C. A. Ely of Stamford came home on a visit Saturday and Sunday, returning Monday.

Miss Mary Martin, the assistant school teacher at this place, visited her home at Big Springs last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. W. K. Hearn of Abilene was visiting in our community last Sunday.

Our literary society was well attended last Friday night.

Our school building will be completed this week and the teachers will begin teaching there Monday.

Rev. Mills of Stamford preached here Sunday and Sunday night.

Our school is progressing nicely, having just finished the mid-term examinations, covering every line of work gone over.

Everybody is glad of the fine prospects for a good crop this year, and the fruit crop promises to be the best in years. White Dove.

For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys 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, 2026 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Salt Branch News.

March 12.—Rev. Ryal Griffith of Abilene preached for us Sunday morning.

Large crowd was out Sunday morning considering the rainy weather.

Misses Selena and Olive Teaff were guests of Misses Margie and Clara Saffle Saturday night and Sunday.

Lester Wheat left Sunday for Coleman to visit his brother.

Miss Mae Rainer was visiting Miss Oma Taylor Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family, Wesley Hardy and family spent Sunday at Porter Petty's.

Mesdames Barker and Allen were visiting their sister Mrs. Ada Higgins Monday.

Several of the Mulberry young people attended the singing here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd's brother is visiting her at this writing.

A few of the Warren young people attended singing here Sunday.

Rev. Ryal Griffith of Abilene was visiting W. M. Hays Saturday night.

Blue-Eyed Girl.

DANDRUFF AND ITCHING SCALP YIELD TO ZEMO TREATMENT

Why should you continue to experiment with saives, greasy lotions and fancy hair dressings trying to rid your scalp of germ life. They can't do it because they cannot penetrate to the seat of the trouble and draw the germ life to the surface of the scalp and destroy it.

Why not try a PROVEN REMEDY? One that will do this. We have a remedy that will rid the scalp of germ life and in this way will cure DANDRUFF and ITCHING SCALP.

This remedy is ZEMO, a clean, refined, penetrating scalp tonic that goes right to the seat of the trouble and drives the germ life to the surface and destroys it.

A shampoo with ZEMO (ANTISEPTIC) SOAP and one application of ZEMO will entirely rid the scalp of dandruff and scurf. Do not hesitate, but get a bottle of ZEMO today. It acts on a new principle and will do exactly what we claim.

Sold and endorsed by the Rust & McCauley Drug Store. 3

Noodle Dots.

March 12—Health is good this week.

Miss Almesto Wheeler prepared a big dinner last Sunday and invited the young people to dinner with her. About forty were present and they enjoyed themselves fine and had plenty and many good things to eat.

The teachers began teaching in the new school house Monday. Everyone is proud of the new building.

Elder Cypert preached here Sunday.

C. A. Ely returned home from Stamford Thursday.

Binder Criswell was visiting relatives in Noodle last week.

The farmers are all having joy among themselves because of the good prospects for the coming year.

White Dove.

THIS STORE WON'T GUARANTEE CALOMEL

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