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COLQUITT SPOKE TO LARGE CROWD

Saturday afternoon Governor Colquitt spoke to the largest crowd that has yet listened to a candidate for an office in the present campaign and at the conclusion of his speech it was easy to see that he had made new friends and votes.

The governor was introduced by Judge W. T. Potter in a short but to-the-point speech that hailed the governor as the man who had kept the faith with the people of Texas and that he had fulfilled every promise made them during his last campaign.

The governor was not bitter against his opponent as a result of the attacks that are being made upon him and the address concluded without even the name of his opponent being mentioned. However, he referred to the past administration of the penitentiary system before it came under his direction and criticized the way the penitentiary affairs were carried on at an unnecessary expense to the state. He defended his present administration, reciting the hardships he has had to undergo in order to give to the people of Texas legislative rest though he had very little rest himself for his opposition through the entire term had undertaken to keep the state from having any kind of rest at all.

Governor Colquitt exhibited the "bat" used in the penitentiary for the past years as an instrument of punishment to the convicts and which he abolished. He gave recognition of the criticism of his opponent in regard to the financial matters of the penitentiary system and reminded his hearers that the system was in debt, first as a result of the building of the railroad to Palestine during his predecessor's administration at a cost and almost total loss to the state of \$500,000 and then mentioned the freeze which destroyed \$300,000 worth of cane and the fire which cost the state about the same amount.

In his speech at Abilene the governor made satisfactory explanation of the discharge of the confederate soldier employed in the pension department, stating that he received at least 100 letters in a week from old confederate soldiers complaining of the delay in receiving their checks and that instead of putting in a "third-class bartender out of a fourth-class saloon" he employed a young man who never attended bar in his life, the son of a Baptist preacher and a good prohibitionist.

The governor was presented with several beautiful bouquets by Merkel ladies and at the conclusion of his address was complimented by a great many who made his audience. After the speaking Mr. Colquitt was accompanied to Abilene by a party of Merkel and Abilene men. He spoke there Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald and little daughter of Denison were here the first of the week visiting the family of T. J. Evans.

OUR COUNTRY; OUR PROSPECTS

On the heels of two of the dryest and dullest years in the history of our section our little town and country right now shows a healthy and prosperous condition, almost unimaginable to the individual who does not know the brave spirit of our people and the wonderful resources of our country.

In comparison with the season of last year our banks show that instead of our farmers sending their money out of our country for feed that they have sufficient feed to run them during the present crop year and there is but very little demand for money from the farmers. Our merchants express surprise and pleasure at the volume of business and the great percentage of cash.

There is a universal feeling of hope and optimism in our country and indeed there were never better prospects for good grass, bountiful grain and bumper general crops. In contrast with the conditions in the east where the majority of farmers have had their crops flooded out and are way behind with their work our farmers have had ample rains and yet plenty of time for work in their fields. All of our crops are in the very best of growing conditions and our fields in an excellent state of cultivation.

These facts are not only apparent to the local citizen but to many of the east who have watched our progress and development and who realize that the opportune time in the history of our country for an investment is now. Since the beginning of the year more than \$100,000 worth of improved farming land has been sold and the buyers have been men of the east looking for a good investment or a home in a new country where they are promised in addition to the reward of their labors a healthier life as the result of our high altitude and delightful climate.

One last but not least best sign of the improvement of the times is the fact that there are none but who recommend to their friends and acquaintances the advantages of our town and country. We have no knockers now and this means that we will work together for the progress of our town and country and promotion of our mutual interests.

The Merkel country is coming back and the man who delays an investment in the hope that values may be lower will soon find that he must pay a handsome premium if he acquires a home in our little town and country.

CARNIVAL HELPS LOCAL FIREMEN

The Firemen's Street Carnival staged by the Southern Amusement Company was a complete success in every respect both to the Carnival company and to the local fire-boys as the commission received by the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will amount to over \$120.00 which in itself is not so much but will keep the local boys in good financial shape until they have further assistance.

It behooves every person whether they are financially interested in Merkel or not, to take a hand in ever endeavor that will in the least way be of benefit to our fire fighters for the protection Merkel receives at the hands of this organization is of untold benefit. Merkel is complimented on having one of the best and most willing volunteer fire fighting companies in the state.

The fire boys are very thankful to the Merkel and Merkel country people for their attendance at the carnival during the past week and are all smiles to know that their financial status is making a good showing.

Have Your Buggy Or Auto Painted

I have just made arrangements for a building for a short time in which to paint buggies and autos and can repaint buggies and autos in a satisfactory way and at a very reasonable price. Phone No. 50 Powell the Painter.

Refrigerator season is here, and Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. is the place to get a refrigerator at a reduced price. They have a nice one for \$7.50.

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.

FORT WORTH MEN COMING TO MERKEL

B. E. Looney, secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a notice to the effect that the Fort Worth Chamber of commerce excursion will reach there about 1:25 o'clock on Thursday, May 16th, and will probably remain there for an hour or so.

They will remain in Merkel twenty or thirty minutes looking at the town and meeting the people.

They are coming here to get acquainted with our people, renew acquaintances, etc., and the excursion will consist of about 75 Fort Worth business men in the various walks of life.

Following is the itinerary of the party in this immediate section.

Time of arrival in various cities.

Cisco 10:30 a. m.
Putnam 10:50 a. m.
Baird 11:45 a. m.
Clyde 12:30 p. m.
Abilene 1:35 p. m.
Merkel 3:40 p. m.
Trent 4:35 p. m.
Eskota 5:20 p. m.
Sweetwater 6:05 p. m.

Miss Laverna Swafford was a visitor in Abilene Saturday.

MERKEL SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR TERM

The city schools are closed for the '11 and '12 term with the exception of the music recital tonight. All other work was concluded Monday evening with the commencement exercises at the opera house.

The formal services first started with the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. Woodward of Abilene. The Methodist church at which place the services were held was filled to overflowing and many people who came were given extra chairs while others stood and still others went away only after they were thoroughly convinced that their presence would further the uncomfortableness of the congregation.

Rev. Woodward delivered a lengthy but well selected sermon, bringing into his address the proof of absolute necessity for all young men and young women to take every advantage of betterment of their intellectual as well as their moral and physical life.

Merkel Wins Over Stith.

Saturday afternoon the local bunch of base ball boys pulled the wool over the Stith boys by a score of 18 to 4. The cause of this being that the Stith boys were unable to hit the ball and that the locals took to it in a shameful way hitting it to all corners of the park. Britian one of the locals succeeded in getting four hits out of five times up, one of them being placed over center field fence for a round trip. Mashburn brothers worked for Stith and Derrington and Moore for Merkel.

MERKEL TEACHERS LEAVE FOR SUMMER

Merkel has decreased in her social population during the last few days to the regret of most every person in town. Several of the teachers who have been connected with the city schools for the past year and some of them for the past few years have departed for their homes. Among the ones to go away for the summer are Miss Jewell Garrett of Springtown, Miss Melissa Smith of Denton, Miss Myrtle Conner of Baird, Miss Mattie Murphy of Abilene being accompanied home by her sister who came up from Abilene Monday to attend the commencement exercises, Miss Leila Nesbitt of Fluvana, Miss Bessie Medlin of Anson, Miss Josephine Saunders of Sweetwater, Miss Orra Long of Brady. Miss Long was the first one to leave Merkel making her departure Monday night with the solemn promise that she would return in September.

Miss E. Love Hawkins will not go away soon but will spend her vacation in Huntingdon, Tenn., and other parts of that state. Mr. Black principal of the southside school will go to Austin in the near future to take up work in the university for the summer and the other teachers are favoring Merkel to other summer resorts and will not sever their connection with the city in Clover.

Randell Did Not Stop at Merkel.

Hon. Choice B. Randell did not stop at Merkel as is the custom with candidates aspiring to high offices at the hands of Texas people. Col. Randell arrived in Abilene at 9:50 Tuesday evening, speaking there the next day at 1:30 and passing through Merkel Wednesday afternoon enroute to Sweetwater where he spoke at 8 o'clock that night.

In his speech at Abilene he wanted all Texans to hear each candidate for the United States senate stating he has a message for them whether they are for him or not. In his speech at Bowie he attacked Senator Bailey on whether Bailey would "betray" the voters of Texas. After leaving Sweetwater Col. Randell went to San Angelo for a speech on May 9.

County Convention Closes.

Returns from all parts of the state gives Gov. Wilson of New Jersey a lead over all other democratic candidates for the nomination of presidency while Col. Roosevelt is leading in the Republican party of this state.

In Taylor county Gov. Harmon was the popular candidate and delegates were instructed to vote as a unit for him.

The local delegates to the state convention to be held in Houston May 28 are W. W. Wheeler, T. A. Johnson, J. E. Faucett, J. T. Warren, B. C. Gaither, J. G. Jacjksn, J. O. Hamilton, T. J. Toombs, and Duskin Gaither.

Mrs. Fred Barrow of Waco stopped here Wednesday afternoon to visit the family of J. W. Moore. Mrs. Barrow is on her way to Bismith, Ariz.

THE ONLY Guaranty FUND BANK IN MERKEL

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF The Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas

AS REPORTED TO COMMISSIONER OF BANKING APRIL 18, 1912

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$41,588.08	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Surplus and Profits	2,180.62
Assessment Guaranty Fund	43.44	Bills Payable	None
Furniture & F. & R. E.	4,983.29	Rediscouunts	None
Cash and Exchange	16,863.06	Deposits	46,637.18
Total	\$63,817.80	Total	\$63,817.80

We call attention to the above statement of our condition as reported at close of business the 18th of April, 1912. The deposits of this Bank have increased since the last statement and at a time when naturally the deposits should decrease. There is a reason for this increase and we ask that you call and let us explain the reason. We are never too busy to talk to you.

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

ORGANIZED 1904

STATEMENT

Farmer and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller April 18, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$106,014.27
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	5,482.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	59,998.37
Total	\$179,257.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,236.73
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	118,770.66
Total	\$179,257.39

The above statement is correct.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

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

Rabbit Hunt Wednesday

On Wednesday afternoon the farmers of the neighborhood near Mr. McRee's home went out on a very successful rabbit-hunt and returned home with 60 scalps for the county to pay for. Mr. Eoff one of the hunters reports the rabbits very wild owing to many hunters being in the field at this time of the year.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m., E. P. McMillen Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Mothers' Day will be observed at the services and all are requested to wear a white flower. Song, Quintette, Memories of Mother. Evening services 8:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

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.

Wesley Edwards received a shipment of 200 two-year-old steers from the San Angelo country which he recently bought. The steers are all red and high grade stuff, and will be pastured by the Merkel stockman on the French pasture which he has leased.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

Miss Clara Tate of Abilene is looking after her art class here this week.

If Behrens-McMillen do not have what you want they will be glad to get it for you.

Mrs. George L. Hamilton is at home from a brief visit to friends in Waxahachie.

When words fail buy a box of Hughes candies. All fresh. Burroughs Drug Store.

Rev. T. N. Lowrey and daughter Miss Fae departed for their home at Aquilla Wednesday night.

For Hail Insurance on growing crops in old line companies. See Williams & Johnson. Merkel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Whitaker of Cameron came in Wednesday morning to visit his brother C. E. Whitaker.

We especially invite you to visit our Soda Fountain when thirsty. Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Eveline Williams has gone to Marshall, Mo., where she will spend the summer with her sister Mrs. Tully Penoe.

200 pounds of candies that were broken in shipment are to go at half cost. The Elite.

Dr. M. Armstrong went to Waco Tuesday morning to attend a state meeting of the Medical Association. He is slated to return today.

We have a clean, cool, comfortable place and invite you to come in and make yourself at home when in town. Armstrong Drug Company.

Rev. R. A. Clements went to Albany Monday morning where he will assist in conducting a meeting at that place. The pulpit here will be filled by another minister.

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

Mrs. E. H. Tyler, with her son and daughter Henry and Miss Audain of the Mulberry Canyon were social visitors to Abilene Wednesday.

Our ice cream is as good as can be found in Texas. Armstrong Drug Co.

The Missionary Ladies take this method of thanking the people for their help and liberal patronage during the last week and especially the merchants who kindly assisted them.

DON'T EXPERIMENT

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow this Merkel Citizen's Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys.

If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are common symptoms of kidney trouble, and you should seek a remedy which is recommended for the kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use. No need to experiment. It has cured many stubborn cases in Merkel. Follow the advice of a Merkel citizen.

Mrs. Emma Lofton, Merkel, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for years and have always been benefitted. I suffered from pains across the small of my back and sides. I had weakness of the kidneys. Fortunately I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and I got a box from Rust & McCauley Drug Co's. Store. They quickly cured me. Since then on several occasions I have used this remedy with excellent results."

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.

Read These Prices.

List of new 18 size high-grade watches complete, in 20 year gold filled cases, hunting or open face, worth from \$30 to \$65.

21 jewel Vanguard	\$24.30
21 " Crescent Street	20.80
21 " Hamilton	23.30
21 " Rockford	20.80
21 " Bunn Special	20.30
17 " B. W. Raymond	17.50
17 " Appleton Tracy	17.80
17 " Hamilton Adjusted	16.35
17 " Illinois Adjusted	14.90
17 " Hampden Adjusted	14.30

The above list is for new goods, not second hand.

Can also furnish 7, 15, 19 or 23 jewel, 0, 6, 12, 16 or 18 sizes at equally low prices.

Remember the above price includes 20-year gold filled case, hunting or open face, and is for cash only. S. S. Scheidler, Opposite postoffice.

The Taylor county democratic association met in Abilene Tuesday morning with Merkel well represented. Those going from here were W. W. Wheeler, I. S. Allen, J. T. and T. J. Toombs, Thos. A. Johnson, J. T. Warren, J. S. Swann, H. C. Williams.

There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you are your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. John Pipes, Mrs. L. B. Pipes and children left Merkel for Dublin Sunday morning. Mrs. John Pipes will spend the summer in that city.



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

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. R. Taylor of Frederick, Okla., were here a few days this week visiting the families of M. S. Wiman and Geo. F. West. They are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary with visits to their relatives in different parts of the state.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

Our ice cream, like all the rest of our cold drinks, is of the very best grade and guaranteed to be absolutely pure. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mr. Orien Thornton and sister Mrs. Geo. Baggett of Sweetwater were in Merkel Sunday and Monday visiting relatives. They returned to their respective homes Monday afternoon.

We handle Hughes famous candies. All fresh. Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Louise Trott left here for Austin Monday morning where she will visit a sick friend and on return will stop at Dallas to visit relatives before returning to Merkel. Miss Trott has of the late been visiting Mrs. R. E. Bowles.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

Duke Evans was here the first of the week visiting his parents. Duke is now connected with the Texas Paper Co. of Dallas. He returned Wednesday to resume his duties.

J. R. Walton of Haskell brother of J. B. Walton of the Warren community was operated upon for appendicitis Tuesday April 30 at the Alexander sanitarium. He stood the operation fine.

Mrs. Crenshaw and children of Fort Worth were in Merkel this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boring. She returned to her home Monday morning.

Carl Evans was a social visitor in Abilene Tuesday, going down that far with his aunt Mrs. McDonald and little daughter who have been here visiting the family of T. J. Evans.

BE PROTECTED PUT YOUR MONEY IN A NATIONAL BANK



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The Southern National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

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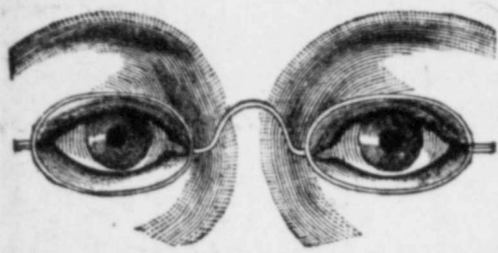
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H. M. WARREN, Agent

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

J. B. FERRIER

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Let me submit you figures for new Cistern, Chimney, Flue, for any brick or cement building. All work guaranteed. Leave word for at the Elite.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

G. E. Comegys made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

E. A. Oualline of Houston came in Sunday afternoon to visit his wife.

Come to the barber shop in the rear of Southern National Bank and get a 15c shave for 10c

H. C. Williams went to Abilene Monday to attend the meeting of the county trustees.

Get a box of Mint Chips at Armstrong's. The best that are made.

Miss Jessie Williams teacher of the Blair school spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Austin Boyd.

Porch chairs, swings and folding cots will help make the summer days comfortable. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Jno. B. Bell left for Dallas Monday night to attend a state meet of the retail coal dealers in that city.

Only high class work done. L. H. Penney, Watchmaker, now at Rust & McCauley Drug Store. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Rev. J. H. Pritchett, J. L. Birdson and W. H. Muston all of Abilene came in Friday afternoon to help hold services at the Butman church.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Warren went to Abilene Wednesday morning. Mr. Warren on business and Mrs. Warren to visit relatives and friends.

The beautiful Electrolier that will be given away at the Elite has the effect of real out glass. Ask for a chance when buying gum.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

Rev. T. N. Lowrey of Aquilla was here the first of the week visiting friends and attending the closing exercises of the public schools.

I am now ready for business repairing watches and clocks. Over 20 years experience. Nothing too complicated. L. H. Penney, Jeweler, at Rust & McCauley Drug store.



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Of course every farmer wants a telephone.

The thing is to have one connected with the Universal Southwestern system so you may reach every competitive market for your crop and get the most for it.

Ask any Southwestern Manager or write

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company
DALLAS, TEXAS



To the Voters of Taylor County.

To prevent you from being misled by false rumors I submit the following which is self explanatory
John Vance.

Attorney General's Dept. }
State of Texas. }

Austin, March 23, 1912.

Mr. John Vance, Abilene, Tex.

—Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter requesting this department to write you our opinion as to whether or not a blind man can hold the position of tax assessor if elected. Replying thereto, I beg to state that this department has several times advised that there is nothing in the law of this state which makes a blind person ineligible to hold any office. Yours very truly,
C. E. Mead, Asst. Att'y. Gen.
(Copy from original.) 3t5pd

Hail and Storm INSURANCE

Why not have your crops insured now? It will cost no more than it will if you wait until later.

E. D. COATS
Merkel, Texas

Mrs. John Hughes Dead.

The expected death of Mrs. John Hughes came at a late hour Tuesday night in the presence of the family at their home southwest of town near Blair.

Mrs. Hughes has been in very bad health for some time and at several times of late her demise has been expected as an answer to God's call through the dread disease of consumption. She is survived by a husband and five children. She was a true christian lady and her death is deeply regretted by the people of her acquaintance.

Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery at this place Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, Rev. Linn conducting the services under the direction of the local Eastern Star order. As Mrs. Hughes departed this life she called the family near and bade them all a last farewell and asked them to meet her in heaven.

The Mail extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives, the husband and heartbroken children.

Man Succumbs To Poison.

"I've been poisoned; I am dying."

With these words, W. B. Bryan, 36, formerly a bookkeeper for the L. G. Gilbert Dry Goods Co., 401 Houston street, Fort Worth, walked into his home at 1015 East Annie street, shortly after 7 a. m. Tuesday, and sank into a chair.

He was suffering great pain and members of his family hastily called a physician. Half an hour later, in spite of restorative measures, Bryan died. A bottle, containing a mixture of whiskey and carbolic acid, found in one of the pockets of his trousers indicated the cause of his death. He had been away from home all night.—Star Telegram.

Mr. Bryan was the son of R. B. Bryan who resided in Merkel most of the time during the past few years and at the time of the death of his son was living on his farm northwest of town. On receipt of the death message Mr. Bryan left for Fort Worth to look after the body.

The deceased leaves a wife and three small children to mourn his loss.

The mail extends sympathy to the relatives, many of whom live in or about Merkel.

Only a Fire Hero

but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box. "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises, It subdues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

2000 Post cards 10c per dozen at the Elite.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

After Dinner Mints at Armstrong Drug Store.

H. F. Greone made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Oscar Pate of Sweetwater was in town this week.

Fresh Home-made candies at the Elite.

The cigars are moist at Armstrong Drug Store.

Miss Mabel Collins was a social caller in Abilene Saturday.

Miss Leila Nesbett spent Tuesday in Abilene visiting friends.

See us for Red Top Sorghum seed. Whitley, Son & Co.

Charlie Jones left for Dallas Monday night on a visit.

This week all box candies at cost at the Elite.

The very best cold drinks and cigars at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Lyska Pitzer was a visitor in Merkel Saturday from Sweetwater to attend the carnival.

Try those Mint Chips, the best ever brought to town, at Armstrong Drug Store.

R. E. Dillard of Tuscola was on the streets Saturday shaking hands with friends and looking after business affairs.

Let us sell you Cream for entertainments and ect. We handle Alta-Vista. None better. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. R. A. Rollins went to Abilene Saturday to accompany Mrs. W. Parten home from the sanitarium.

Beautiful Electrolier to be given away free at the Elite. A chance with every 5c package of gum.

Herman Harp of Sweetwater one of the sister city's young men made our city a very pleasant social call Sunday.

The best equipped and most sanitary soda fountain in town. We try to please every customer. Armstrong Drug Co.

Miss Eva Mae Murphy returned to her home Wednesday morning after a very pleasant visit with Merkel friends.

Expert watch and clock repairing done by L. H. Penney at Rust & McCauley Drug Store. All work guaranteed.

J. E. Faucett and Lester Ellis were social visitors in the capital city Sunday. Mr. Faucett returning that afternoon and Mr. Ellis spending the evening there and returned the next morning.

MERKEL

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GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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THE SCHOOLHOUSE A SOCIAL CENTER.

To the end that men may truly and justly govern themselves, democracy must be maintained and, mind you, through the public arena may seem to be in Washington or Austin, its battles are won or lost in the school houses dotted all over the land.

Our national house-keeping has its beginning and its end in the masses, whether they will to have it wise or otherwise.

It is absolutely essential to the welfare and progress of our country that the people come together more intimately—needful now as never before.

That the social center movement is nation-wide is testified by the following paragraphs from speeches delivered at the first conference at the University of Wisconsin last October:

"The future belongs to democracy," said Josiah Strong. "The future belongs to the people and it is high time that the people should have in every neighborhood a university where the people may gain self-education that shall fit them for their high responsibilities.

"There are many scores and hundreds of national gatherings in the United States in the course of a year, representing religious communions, political parties, industrial interests; capital on the one hand, labor on the other, but these great gatherings represent special classes or special interests—the social center represents all the people in all those interests which are common to all."

Another eminent educator, Geo. M. Forbess, says the social center movement is "Educational in the sense that where there is human aspiration and joint efforts for better things—there is education." The relation of this institution to the community life as a whole must not be artificial or abstract, but vital, exercising real initiative, dealing with actual problems with a view to real betterment of community life. This is the institution of the social center.

Speaking of the movement in his own community, he said: "There was nothing in the experience of these clubs which so impressively brought home the lesson of real democracy as the appearance of public officials in response to invitations to explain their policies, their acts and the methods of operation of their departments. There was such full opportunity for questions and answers as resulted in illuminating for the average man the whole field of their work and made him a much more intelligent and sympathetic critic of public officials.

"Every school building should be a neighborhood club house. No one could possibly estimate too highly the need in every neighborhood for a public place of wholesome recreation, social intercourse, physical development, and the opportunity to combat the awful ignorance of the proper conditions of wholesome living and social well-being through lectures by competent persons. I

am profoundly convinced that unless this or some thing like this can be given the permanence of a settled institution, democracy as a permanent and effective form of government will be but the end of the rainbow of humanity's great hope and age-long effort, ever receding as we advance."

Hitherto the American has been, like the ancient German, so strong, so independent, so independent, so indifferent to danger, so unmolested in his individual comfort and content that his neighbor has been regarded somewhat less as a friend than as a rival and with something close akin to scorn he has estimated any suggestion that every man is his brother's keeper.

TEN IMPORTANT COMMANDMENTS.

Special Demonstrator Agent Peel desires the farmers of Taylor county to read and seriously consider Dr. S. A. Knapps' Ten Commandments on Agriculture, which are as follows:

1. Prepare a deep and thoroughly pulverized seed bed, well drained; break in the fall to the depth of 8, 10 or 12 inches, according to the soil, with implements that will not bring too much of the subsoil to the surface (the foregoing depths should be reached gradually).
2. Use seed of the best variety, intelligently selected and carefully stored.
3. In cultivating crops, give the rows and the plants in the rows a space suited to the plant, the soil and the climate.
4. Use intensive tillage during the growing period of the crops.
5. Carry out a systematic crop rotation with a winter cover crop on southern farms.
6. Secure a high content of humus in the soil by the use of legumes, barnyard manure, farm refuse and commercial fertilization.
7. Accomplish more work in a day by using more horse power and better implements.
8. Increase the farm stock to the extent of utilizing all the waste products and idle lands of the farm.
9. Produce all the food required for the men and the animals on the farm.
10. Keep an account of each farm product in order to know from which the gain or loss arises.

MORE LIGHT AND LESS HEAT.

The demand of the public for more light and less heat in the consideration of proposed legislation is fairly illustrated by a resolution passed by the Henderson County Farmers' Union at Athens on April 18 which reads as follows:

"Resolved, that we demand of our candidates for the legislature that they hear all sides before they pledge to support any particular law which they may be asked to support and we insist that the farmer's side, as well as all other sides, be heard before and new laws are passed."

It has been the custom of candidates during the heat of a campaign to accede to any demand backed by votes, regardless of its merits and as a result the farmers have suffered in common with all industry from hastily improvised legislation.

The Texas Welfare Commission is now throwing powerful sunbeams of intelligence on our economic affairs. Let there be more light and less heat in law making.

Out of the five cars of beer that were derailed just the other side of Abilene the Reporter says two were saved and that after being iced in Abilene were sent on to El Paso to relieve the drouth. The funny part of the accident is that out of the five cars that jumped the track El Paso only got two of them to relieve the dry conditions of that place while it is several times as large as the city near which the spill occurred yet the Reporter does not complain of any drouth at Abilene at all. Surely they ought not to be, for from a logical standpoint how could they be dry?

\$ - Merkel Country - \$ \$ BEST IN THE WEST \$

Bargains for Buyers; Buyers for Bargains

The level table and valley land, Taylor and Jones counties, between Divide and Clear Fork river; deep and rich soil; good water and inexhaustible supply; high altitude, good health, good schools, churches and people, (no niggers nor knockers); a new country with new opportunities for men with money to invest or good men looking for a home.

GUARANTEE: Upon request I will send plat and description of any piece of property and deposit \$100.00 dollars in a bank to guarantee any proposition to be just as advertised and represented or pay all of your expenses. Honesty is the best policy and my style of doing business. I am not smart or slick enough to sell land any other way. I will give you a fair deal, sell you the best bargain of the kind at the time you buy and save you a lot more than my commission because I know my country, my propositions and my people. I will guarantee the following to be the best bargains in our country at this time.

BIG RANCH FOR SALE: Ten sections (two more leased); 200 acres in cultivation; ranch house, big barn, corrals, sheds; everlasting wells, springs and creek; convenient to Abilene, Sweetwater, Maryneal and Merkel, An ideal ranch and the price is right. Price, \$7.00 per acre; \$15,000 cash and terms.

SMALL STOCK FARM: 800 acres (960 acres leased at six cents per acre goes with it); 15 miles southwest of Merkel, about 20 miles southwest Sweetwater; 90 acres in field, balance in grass; grass good and plenty of water. Price, \$7,000, \$3,500 cash and terms.

SECTION AT SACRIFICE: 640 acres 8 miles northwest Big Springs; all level red sandy land; 80 in field and all tillable; 4-room house and cistern. Owned by bank and offered at genuine bargain. Price, \$15.00 per acre; one-half cash. This will double your money in few years and worth more now.

400 ACRES LEVEL AS FLOOR: Ten miles southeast Merkel, 14 southwest Abilene; 225 in cultivation, every inch tillable; 4-room house and cistern; public road two sides. Worth \$40.00 per acre. Price, \$30.00 per acre; one-half cash and balance terms.

VALLEY FARM: Known as best in Merkel country; never made a failure; 2 miles of Merkel; highly improved; 225 in cultivation; good big house; well, cistern and tank; two orchards; a magnificent country home and first-class farm land; owner wants a ranch and offers for less than its worth first time on market in many years. Price, \$12,00; one-half cash and balance 1 to 10 years.

A REAL BARGAIN: 320 acres; 200 in cultivation; no house but windmill and plenty water; adjoining land held at \$40.00 per acre and not on market. This tract in lawsuit and must be sold. Price, \$8,000; \$4,000 cash and terms.

SMALL FARMS: I have several bonafide bargains in small farms to sell to actual settlers on good and liberal terms with small cash payment. Tell me what you want and I will do the rest.

PROPERTIES FOR EXCHANGE

SECTION, FLOYD COUNTY: This is a good tract of land, less than fifteen acres waste; 200 acres in cultivation; small house and barn; about 16 miles north of Floydada; within two or three miles of good school; owner lives at Merkel and offers at a bargain on good terms or will take some Merkel country land. Price, \$20.00 per acre.

A HOME AND FARM: Non-resident owns desirable residence in Merkel and good little improved farm close to town which he would like to trade for good black land or revenue-bearing property near Fort Worth or Dallas.

The owner of a most desirable little farm close to Merkel, will accept good residence property for equity of \$2,500; party must protect payment of \$1,000 due this fall and assume balance.

One client owns 160 acres second-class land, only partially improved, clear of encumbrance and will pay difference in cash for first-class land in Merkel country. Price, \$20.00 per acre.

I have a big ranch to trade for black land in the central part of the state. Must be worth the money.

A first-class bright new stock of goods, worth 100 cents on the \$1.00 to trade for land and cash.

Selling bargains for all cash is my specialty but if you have a bonafide value-giving trading proposition I will try to match you.

It is no trouble for me to show my country and my automobile is always ready to go. If you are looking for a home or investment come to see me. I will simply show you and then let you do as you please with your money, but listen; Now is the time. Do it now and make money.

Reference: Our banks, merchants, farmers and stockmen.

JOHN G. JACKSON

EXCLUSIVE LAND MAN
Merkel, Texas

P. S.—Am in position to make loans on Merkel country farms at 8 per cent and my charges are reasonable.

MID SEASON OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LATE BUYERS

Our spring trade so far has been most gratifying, adding many new customers to our already long list of cash buyers---customers who have awakened to the immense advantages gained by spending their cash where special advantages are offered the cash buyer. If you are not one of our regular customers it will be no harm to investigate. If you are a customer you know the advantages of these offerings.

Mens Dress Shirt Bargains Greatest Ever

Now is the time to lay in your spring and summer supply. These celebrated Noxall shirts were never sold at these prices before.

75c values, opening sale price... **48c**
 \$1.00 Noxall shirts, opening sale price... **75c**
 1 25 Noxall shirts, opening sale price... **90c**
 1.50 Noxall shirts, opening sale price... **\$1.00**

Men if you are going to need any shirts this spring or summer it will pay you handsomely to take advantage of these prices.

Bargains in Laces and Embroideries

12 1/2c embroideries, opening sale price... **7 1/2c**
 15c embroideries, opening sale price... **10c**
 20c embroideries, opening sale price... **12 1/2c**
 25c embroideries, opening sale price... **15c**
 35c embroideries, opening sale price... **20c**
 50c 18 inch embroidery flouncing... **35c**
 50c 27-inch embroidery flouncing... **25c**
 85c 27-inch embroidery flouncing... **50c**

15 Cent Laces 5 Cents

Of our entire lace assortment, comprising our 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c and 20c values we give you choice for only... **5c**

Bargains in Curtain Scrim

You can afford to tear down those old curtains and put up new ones at these prices.

20c curtain scrim, opening sale price... **12 1/2c**
 25c curtain scrim, opening sale price... **15c**
 35c curtain scrim, opening sale price... **20c**
 40c curtain scrim, opening sale price... **25c**

Table Damask Bargains

White Table Damask full width... **25c**
 75c White Damask full width... **50c**
 \$1.00 White Table Damask full width... **70c**
 \$1 25 White Table Damask full width... **95c**
 18c feather ticking... **15c**
 20c feather ticking... **16 1/2c**

Mens Hat Bargains

WE OFFER FOR THIS OCCASION

\$2.00 values for... **\$1.50**
 2.50 values for... **2.00**
 3.00 values for... **2.50**
 3.50 values for... **3.00**
 John B. Stetson \$6.00 hat for... **4 1/2**

10 PER CENT OFF
All Shoes and Slippers

Bargains in Wash Dress Goods

All best grade calicoes, opening sale price **4 1/2c**
 One lot "Ringo" percales, values 8 1/2c, opening sale price... **5c**
 One lot "Aunt Dinah" round thread cotton checks, opening sale price... **4 1/2c**
 One lot 10c dress gingham, sale price... **8 1/2c**
 One lot 10c Madras shirting, opening sale price... **8 1/2c**
 One lot 10c mattress ticking, sale price... **8 1/2c**
 One lot 15c shirting and dress percales opening sale price... **10c**
 One lot 12 1/2c new spring gingham, opening sale price... **10c**
 One lot 15c spring suiting, sale price... **10c**
 One lot 12 1/2c shirting Madras, opening sale price... **10c**
 One lot 12 1/2c mattress ticking, opening sale price... **10c**
 One lot 15c mattress ticking, opening sale price... **12 1/2c**
 One lot 15c silkline draperies, opening sale price... **10c**
 One lot 7 1/2c apron check gingham, opening sale price... **5c**
 One lot 8 1/2c apron check gingham, opening sale price... **7 1/2c**
 One lot 10c apron check gingham, opening sale price... **8 1/2c**
 One lot 3/4 brown domestic, opening sale price... **4c**

White Goods at Enormous Savings

10c plain white lawn, sale price... **7 1/2c**
 10c checked white lawn, sale price... **7 1/2c**
 10c and 12 1/2c stripe, white lawn... **7 1/2c**
 15c 36-inch India Linons, sale price... **10c**
 15c checked white muslin, sale price... **10c**
 12 1/2c white shirting Madras, sale price... **7 1/2c**
 15c 36-inch Linene suiting, sale price... **10c**
 20c English Nainsooks, sale price... **12 1/2c**
 20c 42-inch plain white lawns... **12 1/2c**
 25c English Nainsooks, sale price... **15c**
 25c shirting Madras, opening sale price... **15c**
 35c 42-inch checked white goods... **20c**
 40c 46-inch white Persian lawns... **20c**
 50c 46-inch white Persian lawns... **25c**
 50c shirtwaist good safin stripes... **25c**
 36-inch white linen, every thread pure linen, opening sale price... **25c**

Come early, inspect these goods and be convinced of the saving we offer you. Hundreds of other equally as good values will be shown you.

Bargains in Novelties

We have every conceivable new thing in the way of novelties to offer you at bargain prices. New Hand Bags, Barrettes, pins, bows, etc.

Clothing Bargains Both New And Old

Best suits in our store at... **\$1 2.50**
 Next best... **10.00**
 Next best... **7.50**
 Next best... **6.50**

OUR NEW SPRING LINE CONSISTS OF

\$20.00 values for... **\$1 2.50**
 15.00 values for... **10.00**
 12.00 values for... **7.50**
 10.00 values for... **6.50**

WE ARE PREPARED TO OFFER YOU

One lot Mens \$5.00 pants for... **\$3.50**
 One lot Mens 4.00 pants for... **2.95**
 One lot Mens 3.50 pants for... **2.50**
 One lot Mens 3.00 pants for... **2.00**
 One lot Mens 2.50 pants for... **1.50**

Dress Goods, Silks & Etc.

\$1.00 to \$1.25 Messaline in all the pretty new shades and stripes for waists and dresses, opening sale price... **85c**
 75c novelty silks, new spring shades... **50c**
 50c silk stripe voils, all colors, sale price... **35c**
 35c veil tissues and fancy souzine... **25c**
 35c poplins, new spring shades, sale price... **25c**
 25c poplins, new spring shades, sale price... **20c**
 20c poplins, new spring shades, sale price... **15c**
 One lot new checked voils, sale price... **12 1/2c**

ONE PRICE
The Lowest

PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.

SPOT CASH
Merkel, Tex.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mrs. Henry West honored John West, a member of the graduating class, and a few special friends Thursday evening. Yellow and white the class colors were beautifully carried out in the suite of rooms where honey-suckle was much in evidence adding fragrance as well as beauty to the sitting of this well planned social function. On entering the guest were given names each being an important personage. Each was left to self identification by remarks made. A fishing pool featured in the decorative motif and afforded amusement and candy suckers to the merry fishers. Miss Clementine Barker received a box of candied cherries as a reward of merit in the drawing contest.

Numbers were then given to those present while corresponding numbers were pinned above small bags cut in pennant shape that were pinned on the wall. These bags were to be filled with nuts carried on a spoon. After which the contestants sat in a circle on the floor, told stories and ate the nuts. Class pennants in water colors on which were written the names of the boys were concealed in one room while the names of the girls were concealed in another room. In this manner partners for the future as well as partners for supper were found.

Orange ice served in orange cups, thus carrying out the class colors, was served to Misses Clementine Barker, Faye Lowrey, Margie, Clara and Mur-tice Saffle, Zora West, Dorothy Lee Potter, Messrs. John West, Sam Swann, Taylor Jennings, Lytton Howard, Rufford Evans, Choc Jones. Miss Della McClain assisted the hostess in entertaining the guests.

The entertainment of the seniors, the teachers and the wives of the teachers Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Clementine Barker was a delightful affair. A wonderful change was wrought. The teachers went back to their school days, examination days at that. The seniors were promoted to the positions of teachers and held a most rigid examination in the following subjects: Grammar, botany and spelling. In the grammar examination blanks were left to be filled with the name of a teacher present. The botany was the jumble of letters which when arranged would spell the name of a tree. Then came the spelling and defining. After the papers were graded Miss Willie Valentine was given the blue ribbon, Miss Melissa Smith won the brass button, Prof. Krigbaum was given the demerit book for being the worst boy in school. After giving out the promotion cards the dining room was opened and the guests invited to enter and enjoy the ever refreshing cream and cake served by Mrs. Barker and Miss Lulu Lednum, mother and aunt of the hostess.

The dance Thursday evening at the Thornton building ended a delightful series of spring dances. Programs were given out to the dancers bearing this toast: "Here's to the has beens, are now, and May be's." Music was furnished by the Abilene stringed orchestra. Delicious punch was served to those present who were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. Mack Alexander of Abilene, Misses Genevieve Rust, Nina Trott, Jessie O'Briant, Mabel Collins, Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Lulu Thornton, Elma Sheppard, Olga Sheppard, Messrs. Keene, Hardwicke, Green, Taylor, and Ayers of Abilene, John R. Daniel, J. E. Faucett, Olly sharp, Homer Easterwood, Drs. S. L. Davis of Clayton, Jim Alexander of Abilene, and Parker of Seymour.

Biliousness and Constipation.

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

Saturday afternoon May 4, 1912 marked the closing lesson of another profitable and pleasant year's work in the Twentieth Century Club. Miss Evelyne Williams was club hostess for the afternoon and gave each a hearty welcome. Miss Inice Moon one of our new members was present and was most heartily welcomed into the club. Miss Orra Long called the club to order. The program was carried out. Miss Williams substituting for Mrs. Hamilton led the lesson, the last act of Twelfth Night. Miss Maude Martin gave the review of the play in a most creditable manner. Current events were given by Mrs. W. H. Dickson who substituted for Mrs. G. H. Adams. Club adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Miss Williams extended a most gracious invitation to the ladies to be her guests at the lunch room under the auspices of the Methodist ladies who were serving in the Gaither building. Here delicious cream and home made cakes were served to Mesdames J. W. Daniel, Otho Williams, G. H. Adams, H. C. Williams, W. H. Dickson, Misses Maude Martin, Ruth Mims, Lucy Bean, Inice Moon, Orra Long and the hostess.

Tuesday evening the Baptist Baraca and Philathae classes entertained in honor of the seniors and teachers of the high school. The beautiful lawn at the home of Mrs. G. A. Rister was the scene of this social event. Rugs and floor pillows were used every where. Electric lights were strung in a net work of brilliance overhead. Lessons were over. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." With this thought in mind all were children again and enjoyed the outdoor sports of school life and games. Music floated out on the evening air, a number of skilled musician being present. Selections furnished by Master Walter Hodson were especially enjoyed. At a late hour the doors of the dining room were thrown open where all were served with cream and cake.

Miss Bertie Diltz and her class of girls were charming entertainers one beautiful moon-light evening recently. Their special guests for this occasion were Mr. Hamilton and his class of boys. Miss Grace Counts' home was the scene of this enjoyable affair. The girls had prepared an elegant lunch which was spread on the lawn. This was a chance for Miss Grace and her mother to add to their hospitality which they did by serving nectar, apples and sandwiches Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton chaperoned the crowd going and coming from their moonlight walk.

An informal party was given by Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet Monday evening in honor of John Ralph Adams of Texarkana. The evening was spent in the exciting game of progressive 42 after which devils food cake and domino mints were served to Misses Mattie Paylor, Gene Rister, Fannie Burroughs, the hostesses, Messrs. John Ralph Adams, Lowe and Ottis Barnett, C. C. Franklin, Robert Hicks, Taylor Jennings, Choc Jones, Rufford Evans and Jesse Fergusson.

Miss Nisbett's room enjoyed a picnic recently. A delicious lunch was spread, a real treat to those present. Games were played. A mock wedding and a bigamy trial were features of the entertainment and brought forth lots of mirth. This occasion will ever be a pleasant memory.

Epworth League—Mothers' Day.

Song—Tell Mother I'll be There.
Prayer for mothers.
Bible lesson, Ex. 2:1-9.
Song—My Mother's Bible.
Reading, The White Carnation—Miss Pauline Johnson.
Origin of Mothers' Day—Miss Allie Jennings.
Duet, Beautiful Hands—Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings.
Reading, Left Alone—Miss Eva Walters.
Prayer for the motherless.
Series of Short Tributes to Mothers. Address, A Boy's Best Earthly Friend and How to Honor Her.—Mr. Black.
Letter from James Whitcomb Riley.—Mrs. McMaster.
Address, A Girl's Wisest Counsellor.—Mrs. R. A. Clements.
Prayer for children to honor mother.
Song, Mother's Prayer—Miss Dora Lee Potter.
Offering.
First copy of Epworth Visitor.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.
Everyone is invited to be present and wear a white flower.

Civic Improvement Prizes.

For the best kept premises, entire grounds and alley—1st prize, \$20.00 in gold by the First State Bank and Southern National Bank and one-half dozen pictures by the Groene Studio; 2nd prize, Merkel Light Company \$7.50 in wiring house or \$5.00 in merchandise; Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company \$5.00 in merchandise.

Best kept shade trees—1st prize, J. P. Sharp, \$3.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Anchor Hardware Company \$3.50 in merchandise.

Best kept alley by boy under 15—1st prize, West Texas Hardware Company \$5.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hogue-Hamilton Company \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard—1st prize, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company \$4.00 in merchandise, 2nd prize, Parten Dry Goods Company \$2.50 in merchandise.

The most artistic vine covered back fence—1st prize, Elite Confectionery \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Merkel Oil & Cotton Company \$1.00 cash.

The most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda—1st prize, S. S. Scheidler, Jeweler, \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hamblet & Rogers \$1.00 cash.

For the prettiest and most artistically arranged flower bed by girl under 15 years—1st prize, Banner & Son \$3.00 music roll; 2nd prize, Burton-Lingo Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest rose border or bed—1st prize, W. L. Harkrider \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Bradshaw Grocery Company \$1.00 cash.

Best kept lawn—1st prize, Rust & McCauley Jewelry \$2.50 in merchandise, Merkel Mail \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize, Star Store \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best general collection of flowers—1st prize, Armstrong Drug Company \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Clark & Allen \$1.00 cash.

Best canna bed kept by boy or girl under 12 years—1st prize, Merkel Lumber Co. \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize H. C. Burroughs \$1.00 in merchandise.

Best kept nasturium bed—1st prize, R. A. McClain Drug Company \$2.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, W. M. O'Briant \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot—Rust & McCauley Drug Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest geranium in pot—Merkel Telegram \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest fern in pot—G. M. Sharp Feed Store \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest carnation in pot—Whitley Grocery Company sack best flour.

Prettiest pot of ice plant—Merkel Telegram 1 year's subscription.

The merchants have made it possible to offer the above prizes. We desire to have each man, woman and child in Merkel interested in civic improvement to enter for one or more of these prizes. Entries should be made by May 1, 1912. The contest closes Oct. 15, 1912. When you wish to enter for any of the above prizes phone to Mrs. W. H. Dickson. It is the wish of the Twentieth Century Club that a number of entries be made for each prize. Let all join in this laudable work for a cleaner, prettier and healthier Merkel. Just a little work each day will accomplish wonders.

ENTRIES.

The time has been extended from May 1 until June 1 in which entries can be made for the different prizes offered under the auspices of the Twentieth Century club. Reread the list and be sure to make your entries by this date. To insure prompt attention phone 64 when you wish to make entries.

For the best premises, entire grounds and alley, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Emzi Burroughs, Mrs. John Sears, J. T. Tucker, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Taylor Jennings, Ed Scott, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle

Prettiest geranium in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle

Prettiest fern in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Prettiest carnation in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle.

Prettiest pot of ice plant, Mrs. Phillip Pettit.

Best kept lawn, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Best kept shade trees, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Best kept nasturium bed, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Miss Ruth Mims, Mrs. G. L. Hamilton, Katherine Pettit.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Jackie Jennings.

Most artistic vine covered back fence, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Prettiest rose bed or border, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. J. T. Tucker, Miss Mary Jennings, Mrs. John Sears.

Best collection of flowers, Mrs. J. T. Tucker, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

For best kept alley, Ed Scott, Emzi Burroughs, Gordon Mims.

Best canna bed, Miss Madaline Hunt.

Best kept premises, Conna Adams.

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

"Cardui Cured Me"

For nearly ten years, at different times, Mrs. Mary Jinks of Treadway, Tenn., suffered with womanly troubles. She says: "At last, I took down and thought I would die. I could not sleep. I couldn't eat. I had pains all over. The doctors gave me up. I read that Cardui had helped so many, and I began to take it, and it cured me. Cardui saved my life! Now, I can do anything."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

If you are weak, tired, worn-out, or suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, dragging-down feelings, pains in arm, side, hip or limbs, and other symptoms of womanly trouble, you should try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Prepared from perfectly harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is the best remedy for you to use, as it can do you nothing but good. It contains no dangerous drugs. It has no bad after-effects. Ask your druggist. He sells and recommends Cardui.

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CITY ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance, Entitled an Ordinance prohibiting the abuse of any fire apparatus belonging to or used by the Fire Department of the city of Merkel, Texas, and prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Sec. 1: BE IT ORDAINED, by the city council of the city of Merkel, Texas, that it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, acting for himself, for any other person or for any corporation, to ride, drive or propel by the application of steam, gasoline or any other substance of force any vehicle, automobile, hack, buggy, wagon, engine, or car or other movable and moving vehicle of any character, over any fire hose belonging to the city of Merkel, Texas, or used by the members of the Fire Department of said city at any time, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction therefor, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00.

Sec. 2: The fact that the city of Merkel now has no ordinance protecting the fire fighting apparatus while in action, from the danger of being rendered

useless by thoughtless or careless persons, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the rule requiring Ordinances to be read on three several meetings be suspended and the same is suspended, and that this ordinance take effect and be in full force from and after its final passage, and it is so enacted.

Finally passed May 6, 1912.
R. A. McClain, City Secretary.
Examined and approved, this May 6, 1912.
C. D. Mims, Mayor.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader, Miss Maggie Wheeler.

Opening exercises.

Scripture reading, Eph. 4:1-16, by leader.

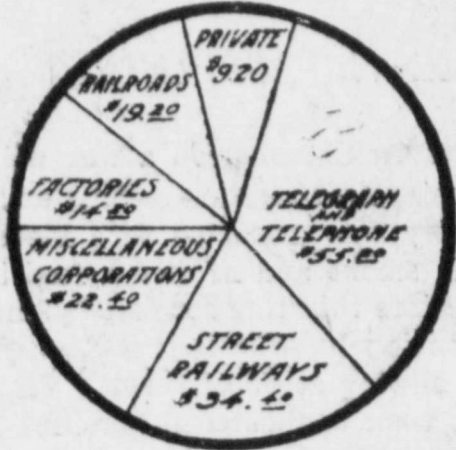
Two-fold duty of the church—Miss Sadie Collins.

Purpose of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U.—Miss Ina Wheeler.

Quartette—Misses Margie Saffle, Roxie Moon, Messrs. B. H. Moore, C. E. Whitley.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Taxation as to Individuals and Corporations



ANNUAL TAXES ALL PURPOSES \$30,000,000.

The power to tax is the power to build or destroy. To maintain equal rights of property is as important a function in government as to preserve the rights of individuals. The cut shown above indicates the amount of state tax assessed against an investment of \$10,000 on the lines of industry shown in the subdivision of the circle. There are many inequalities in assessment between counties.

Taxation will be discussed by the Texas Welfare Commission. S. A. Lindsey of Tyler is chairman of the sub-committee that will deal with this subject.



WANTED—A RIDER AGENT

IN EACH TOWN and district ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money for us. Write for full particulars and special offer at once. **NO MONEY REQUIRED** until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, **prepay freight**, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. **FACTORY PRICES** We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from **anyone** at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue. Fully low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are established with \$100 profit above factory cost. **BICYCLE DEALERS**, you can sell our bicycles under your own name at double our price. Orders filled the day received.

SECOND HAND BICYCLES. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$3 to \$6 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$10.00 Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR \$4.80 TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but we introduce you to sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with order \$4.55). **NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES** NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year. Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture-resisting qualities being given by several layers of this, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of ten percent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at **OUR** expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us leads to as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires. Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

DO NOT WAIT! Write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it **NOW**.

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YOU WANT 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. 48 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation.

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FRESH VEGETABLES

Radishes, Turnips, Turnip Greens, Mustard Lettuce, new Onions, Celery and fruits for the table. We also give the highest market price for all kind of farm produce.

HOWELL PRODUCE CO., Merkel, Texas

Hurt in Runaway.

Tuesday afternoon as the corps of Southwestern Telephone men were coming into Merkel the team became scared and threw Luther Winters from the wagon, a wheel passing over his head and getting other bruises and sprains about the body that caused him great suffering during that night. In the fall he sustained a dislocated ankle which at the present is giving him more trouble than the other injuries. The wagon was heavily loaded with tools for work on telephone lines besides carrying seven men at the time it passed over Mr. Winters' head and it seems a wonder that he was not seriously injured but a felt hat offered protection from the sharp edges of the wheel.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Winters was able to drive to his fathers home north of here, he was accompanied by his wife and child who joined him here upon hearing of the accident.

Merkel Lady Hurt by Fall.

Tuesday evening as Mrs. J. H. Oliver was descending the steps at her home in south Merkel to feed her chickens she missed her footing and fell, sustaining injuries that have kept in her bed room since. At the time of the accident Mr. Oliver had gone to town and no one knew of the accident until he returned to find his wife suffering from the fall and unable to walk though she succeeded in getting to her room after the fall.

At the time of going to press Mrs. Oliver is resting well and it is now thought that she will soon be up.

A MEDICINE AS GOOD AS YOUR MONEY

Money Promptly Refunded if Dodson's Liver-Tone Fails to Take Place of Calomel.

The Rust & McCauley drug store sells Dodson's Liver-Tone as a perfect substitute for calomel. If you try one bottle and find that it is not just as sure in its action as calomel and at the same time gentler and without the bad after-effects of calomel, please call and get your money back. It will be given you promptly. Dodson's Liver-Tone is a vegetable liquid with a pleasant taste that lives up the liver, mildly but surely, instead of whipping it into action as the strong chemical calomel does. It is used by both children and grown-ups for constipation and inactive liver.

That is why the Rust & McCauley drug store is willing to guarantee it absolutely, not with another bottle, but with your money back. Isn't a medicine with a guarantee like this worth a trial?



Wall Paper

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Alfred Peats "Prize" Wall Papers are the best known; they cover the widest range in variety, quality and price; they represent the very latest and best the market affords. Samples brought to your home and estimates cheerfully submitted upon request.

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TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXVII. POWER

CYRUS THE GREAT founded the Persian Empire and exercised absolute power over a larger number of people than any other human. From a wandering horde he organized a vast wave of human power and grandeur which swelled and rolled on in undiminished magnitude and glory for many centuries. This powerful man was able to lift the soul of humanity into the heights of reason and by his compelling and persuasive power lead them into higher altitudes of civilization. No event of importance in the human race was ever accomplished without the guiding hand of a spirit of great power.



CYRUS THE GREAT ORGANIZING GOVERNMENT.

Let those who search for authority understand that power is permanent only when the product of principle, that ability will attract the homage of the masses like a lodestar, and that the rare qualities of initiative leadership have always quieted seething humanity and organized turbulent masses into peaceful and happy communities where civilization can yield its golden fruit. Texas Needs Great Men.

ZEMO FOR YOUR SKIN

Eczema, Pimples, Rash and all Skin Affections Quickly Healed.

No matter what the trouble, eczema, chafing, pimples, salt rheum, Zemo instantly stops irritation. The cure comes quick. Sinks right in leaving no trace. Zemo is a vanishing liquid. Your skin fairly revels with delight the moment Zemo is applied. Greatest thing on earth for dandruff.

The wonderful way in which eczema, rashes, pimples, dandruff, tetter quickly heals by the magic touch of Zemo is marvelous. Zemo is sold by leading druggists everywhere and in Merkel by Rust & McCauley Drug Store. 2

War Time Coffee.

This was the formula of a coffee mixture that sold freely in the days of gross adulteration during and immediately subsequent to the Civil war, before matters began to right themselves, as they did without the help of food laws:

Best Java coffee, one pound; rye, three pounds. Carefully clean the rye from all bad grains, wash to remove dust, drain off the water and put the grain into the roaster, carefully stirring to brown it evenly. Roast the coffee separately. Grind the mixture and pack in airtight containers. An essence of coffee was prepared by boiling down molasses until hard and then grinding it to a powder and mixing it with a half pound of good ground Java coffee, using four pounds of the powdered molasses.—From the Ideal Grocer.

A Great Building Falls

when its foundation is undermined, and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

FAMOUS SONS OF COLUMBUS

One Rose to Distinction as an Admiral and the Other Was a Great Scholar.

How often do we hear of the sons of Columbus? Yet the great discoverer had two sons, one of whom, Don Diego, rose to distinction as an admiral, and the other, Fernando, as a scholar.

Fernando was a great traveler. He not only thrice visited America, but subsequently traversed the whole of Europe and almost every accessible portion of Asia and Africa. In his will he stipulated that his library, containing 20,000 volumes, which he gave to the cathedral of Seville, should be free to the people, and it is so to this day. From books in his collection Washington Irving obtained a considerable portion of the information on which his "Life of Columbus" was founded. The following quaint epitaph, almost obliterated by time, appears upon the site of his tomb:

"What does it profit me to have sprinkled the whole world with my sweat, to have three times crossed to the new world discovered by my father, to have embellished the shores of the tranquil Guadalquivir and preferred my simple tastes rather than riches, or that I have assembled round thee divinities from the source of Castalia and offered to thee the riches gathered by Ptolemy, if, passing in silence over this stone, thou shouldst fail to address a single salutation to my father's memory, or to myself a slight remembrance?"

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by all dealers.

Just to Cheer.
Young Hub—There's no need of further parley; the next war that comes along finds me joining—
Young Wife—Oh, George, George, don't!
Young Hub—In the cheers of victory.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle Dolings.

May 6—Rev. Miller filled his regular appointment here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. Sibley and family of Abilene visited T. S. Wasson and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Green of Sweetwater visited his daughter Mrs. Will Reynolds of this place Saturday night, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Compton and daughters of Merkel visited Mrs. John Cook and family Friday.

Mrs. Annie Nichols of Trent visited Mrs. Zell Seago Sunday.

Mr. Bessire and family of Bush spent Sunday with T. S. Wasson and family.

Miss Rice and brother of Bush attended church here Sunday.

M. E. Witt and wife of Carpenters Gap attended church here Sunday.

Miss Bertha Ely was the guest of Misses Lettys and Beulah Jones Sunday.

O. W. Bicknel and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Beene Sunday.

Quite a number of Noodle people went to Shiloh Sunday.

The party at Mr. Wallings Friday night was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Jim Hurd visited Mesdames Wasson and Beene Friday.

Messrs. Chas. and Jess Higgins of Salt Branch took dinner at D. H. Glover's Friday.

Two Scribblers.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

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

Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Inkum Items.

May 6—The school closed at Bethel Friday, Mrs. Barnes teacher. There was a picnic on Elm near the school house and the teacher with her pupils and many friends spent the day pleasantly in the cool shade of the trees.

Eli Pruitt of Haskell is visiting friends in this section.

Feedstuff is looking well but there is some complaint of cotton not coming up well owing to the crust formed on the earth by the beating rain last week.

There was an entertainment at G. F. Atkins Friday night. Cakes and candies were served.

J. A. Wills and wife visited relatives near View Saturday and Sunday.

S. K. Kaughon and Mr. West of Blackwell ministers of the holiness persuasion preached at Bethel Saturday night and Sunday.

P. R. Steen and wife were trading in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Shrift a traveling salesman for the Wrought Iron Range Company was in our midst this week but made very few sales in this section.

John M. Kaughon of Blackwell visited the family of S. K. White Sunday.

Rabbits have become very numerous and there has been much complaint of their destructiveness to the gardens and oat fields and our young hunters have been so successful gunning that rabbit scalps have become legal tender.

Observer.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico comes reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barzoneta, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Blair Echoes.

R. C. Tittle and Pat Addison took in the show at Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Hellen Hughes is reported very sick at this writing.

L. E. Adcock and J. W. Gowens were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Prof. T. M. McGehee visited relatives at View Saturday and Sunday.

Roland Gowens returned Saturday after spending several weeks at Abilene on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere accompanied by Miss Mirtus Moore visited at Comper Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Peoples of Ocala visited his parents Sunday.

J. W. Mayfield and boys took in the show at Merkel Saturday.

R. C. Tittle, wife and son Oren visited relatives at Nubia Saturday and attended the rally at Butman Sunday.

Clifford Gowens, Pat Addison, Arthur and Emerson Derrington took in the school picnic at Campbells school house Friday, report a good time and plenty dinner.

John Claburn and Ernest Pesnell of Guntersville, Ala., are here to make this their future home. Quida.

Flagged Train With Shirt.

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Butman Community.

May 6—The rally at Butman was a grand success.

Glen Jones of Nubia was visiting here Sunday.

Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theresa visited here Sunday.

R. N. White and wife were shopping in Nubia Friday.

Some of our young people will attend the singing convention at Salt Branch Sunday.

Mr. Costephens was in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. West and family were at Butman Sunday afternoon.

Jim Tucker and family attended the rally at Butman Sunday. Dewdrops.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls heal up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Shiloh Clippings.

May 7—Everything growing nicely, everybody busy with their work and the stock in good shape.

There was preaching here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday a large attendance enjoyed a nice dinner served on the ground.

There was an entertainment at Bill Winter's Thursday night, a large crowd being present. Music was furnished by boys from Noodle. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

R. B. Bryan has returned from Tarrant county where he was called a few days on account of the death of one of his sons. We all extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Slate and Lee Eason made a trip to Hico Friday, returning Tuesday, to see their parents.

The carnival at Merkel was largely attended by Shiloh people.

R. T. Dubose was a Noodle visitor Friday and Saturday.

Our school closes Friday. This has been a pleasant as well as instructive term for all concerned, as everyone seems to like the teacher, and all the children do their utmost to please him. We all regret to see the school close for we will then lose his presence, as he leaves on a visit to his parents in Cisco. We hope to have him with us again soon. Booster.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds, and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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SEE how pure—how good
SEE how economical—and
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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

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For District Judge 42nd District
Dallas Scarborough
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For County Judge:
E. M. Overshiner
T. A. Bledsoe
W. H. Sewell

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 Ocala)
Baylor Crawford
J. C. Burleson
E. D. Stephens

For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)
C. B. Manly

For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:
J. L. Banner

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H. H. Tittle

For County Superintendent
J. S. Smith

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For Tax Collector
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Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers), sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXVI. ASPIRATION

HANNIBAL involved Carthage in a war with Rome and he became the mightiest military genius of any age or race, but his country was drenched with blood, the homes of his people went up in smoke and he died a fugitive from Roman vengeance. Many leaders thirsting for fame plunge their country into strife and dissension by whetting the appetite of the populace with envy and sowing seeds of revolt. There is no greater curse in government than unchastened ambition making a crimson pathway through the land.



HANNIBAL PLUNGING CARTHAGE INTO WAR.

Let those who dash billows of strife against the shores of peace understand that to rise ignominiously is to fall wretchedly; that no pestilence is greater than wretched leadership and no crime against humanity more terrible than chasing panting industry from the land and no scene more appalling than a country sick with strife. Texas Needs Great Men.

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. 48 Colleges in 18 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. **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, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

About the Putterer.

The art of puttering consists of doing for yourself slowly and inefficiently what you can pay some one else to do for you quickly and well. It is hard work that you do not have to do, strenuous loafing that invites the soul. The putterer works in pure love, and if the produce prove a poor thing it is at least his own. To be a perfect putterer is to achieve a liberal education. Puttering is a tonic relaxation from the mechanical efficiency of our professional selves, a corrective of the extreme specialization that otherwise would result in our becoming all foot or hand or head. The putterer makes laws and breaks laws and breaks the laws he makes. He produces startling variations from type. An inspired fool, he is a true creator.—From the Atlantic

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

TOWER OF ENEMIES' HEADS

Monument of Modern Barbarism Erected by the Turks in 1809 at Nish, Servia.

A strange monument of modern barbarism still survives at Nish in southeast Servia. During the war of independence in 1809 the Servian garrison here exploded a powder magazine and perished therein rather than fall into the hands of the Turks. A battle had previously taken place and the Turks commemorated their victory by erecting a rude tower, ornamented with the heads of their enemies. Old people will tell you that there were once 1,200 heads, but as the tower was never more than 25 feet high, this is probably an exaggeration. Lamartine and other travelers relate that they saw hair still clinging to the skulls, which must have formed a grewsome spectacle. During many years visitors were in the habit of carrying off skulls as souvenirs, but when Nish became Servian the remainder were taken away for decent burial, all save a few that were too deeply imbedded. Recently the remains of the tower have been covered over with a roof to protect them against the elements and they are regarded as a pious object of patriotic pilgrimage.—Wide World Magazine.