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PRIZES ON FIRST BALES OF COTTON

The growers of the first three bales of cotton to be ginned and marketed in Merkel are to receive prizes given by the merchants and business men of Merkel. The first bale is to draw fifty per cent of the amount subscribed, the second 33 1/3 and the balance to be given to the grower of the third bale.

The merchants subscribing amounts are as follows, some may not be mentioned, owing to the list not being exactly complete when given to us.

Farmers State Bank.....	\$5.00
Cash Grocery Store.....	2.50
Southern National Bank.....	5.00
F. & M. Nat'l Bank.....	5.00
West Texas Hardware Co.....	2.00
Whitley, Son & Co.....	1.00
W. D. Woodroof.....	2.50
Hamblet & Rogers.....	2.00
J. T. Dennis.....	1.00
J. L. Banner & Son.....	1.00
Anchor Hardware Co.....	3.00
G. M. Sharp.....	.50
Merkel Mail.....	2.50
Walter Clark.....	1.00
Merkel Lumber Co.....	2.50
Merkel Electric Co.....	1.00
W. H. Laney.....	1.00
R. L. Bradshaw.....	1.00
Chas. West.....	.50
W. L. Harkrider.....	1.00
W. Parten.....	2.00
Armstrong Drug Co.....	1.00
McClain Drug Store.....	.50
Hogue & Hamilton.....	1.50
H. C. Burroughs.....	1.00
G. R. Gazzaway.....	1.00
Behrens & McMillen.....	1.50
G. F. West.....	1.00
Burton Lingo Lumber Co.....	2.50
Rust & McCauley Drug Co.....	1.00
Brown Gin Co.....	2.50
W. T. Potter.....	1.00
J. P. Sharp.....	2.00
Merkel Dry Goods and Gro. Co.....	5.00
Total.....	\$64.20

Away for Meeting.

Rev. G. L. Hamilton left for Loraine Monday afternoon where he will assist in holding a union meeting with the Methodists of that place. In a talk with the reporter he informed us that he would return in time to look after the meeting that is to start here the second Sunday in August. The preaching will be done by Rev. W. Graham of Greenville in the meeting which is to be held here.

Away to Market.

Mr. W. D. Woodroof left Saturday night for St. Louis where he will spend some two weeks in making selections for the fall line of goods that he is going to place in stock here. While away he will no doubt visit other well known markets in order to make his trip and line more complete.

Farms For sale.

Four good black land farms in coast country for sale. One of the best farming sections in the state. Reason for selling, too far away from property.

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Money to Loan.

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Return From Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner returned Tuesday morning from Fayetteville, Ark., where they have been visiting for the past three weeks. While in Arkansas they visited A. Stamps a former Merkel citizen now of Prairie Grove in the fruit growing business. Mr. Turner in describing the apple crop that Mr. Stamps would gather this year said that there would be a yield of 15,000 bushels on the place which would net the grower about 30 cents per bushel. On the way home they visited in Oklahoma and at several points in Texas.

AIRDOME TO OPEN HERE VERY SOON

Merkel is to have a summer show house erected after the best of plans of moving picture shows and the best of machinery is to be installed that can be secured.

This place is to be opened by Fred Groene on the vacant lot just across from where his studio now stands. The work of getting the building ready will be about complete Saturday night, but the machine which has to be shipped direct from New York will not reach here until time to open the house Saturday night, August 10th. The plan used by Mr. Groene will make the house very comfortable to the patrons and the service we feel will be of the best, the seats will be so arranged as for the back seats to be six feet above the ground and then a continual drop in each seat until the ground is reached a few feet from the screen.

FIRST COTTON FOR MERKEL COUNTRY

Wednesday afternoon the first bale of cotton for the year of 1912 was ginned at Merkel by the R. E. Bowles Gin Company and sold to The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., for the price of 13 cents per pound.

The cotton was raised by O. L. Derrington who lives south of town on the H. H. Tittle place. Mr. Derrington in addition to selling the 460 pound bale for 13 cents per pound captured 50 per cent of the prize money offered by the merchants which amounted in his part to \$32.50 in prize money and \$58.80 for the cotton making the bale net him the nice sum of \$92.30.

There remains yet \$32.50 to be divided between the two next bales that are brought to Merkel and as the earliest cotton seems to be opening some it will not be very long until all the prize money will have been paid out.

Miss Pauline Johnson left for Stanton Friday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. Bartley Smith. She will be away about a month spending most of her time at the ranch home of Mrs. Smith out from Stanton.

Mrs. R. E. Burns and two daughters Alice and Exa of Anson were here the past week visiting the family of J. N. Teaff.

COMPLETE RETURNS

Colquitt Wins Renomination by About 40,000 Majority.

SHEPPARD DEFEATS WOLTERS

Lane Wins Renomination for Comptroller While Mays of Brownwood Wins for Lieutenant Governor.

With practically every vote in the state counted Governor Colquitt is assured of being our next Governor by at least 40,000 votes. Morris Sheppard wins over Wolters by something like 20,000, Lane is to keep his seat as comptroller by 10,000 over Barker, while Will H. Mays out ran his opponent Wiley M. Imboden by a large majority. Homer P. Breland of Eastland was elected State Senator over Dr. Overton of Sweetwater.

The correct returns for the county and district officers are as follows.

DISTRICT JUDGE	
Blanton.....	1500
Hill.....	1173
REPRESENTATIVE	
Wagstaff.....	1481
Cunningham.....	1162
COUNTY JUDGE	
Bledsoe.....	1355
Overshiner.....	755
Sewell.....	568
SHERIFF	
Weir.....	1385
Taylor.....	1289
TAX COLLECTOR	
Harkrider.....	924
Crawford.....	761
Burleson.....	755
Stephens.....	260
TAX ASSESSOR	
St. John.....	915
Vance.....	845
Manley.....	560
Williams.....	311
TREASURER	
Tittle.....	1174
Red.....	753
Christopher.....	534
Thornton.....	226

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Farm Loans.

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Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

Mrs. L. E. Sanders and children and Mrs. H. T. Merritt and baby Leol returned Wednesday morning from Tennessee where they have been visiting for the past two months and were accompanied home by Miss Aileen Sanders who will spend the summer months with her cousin Miss Ruth Merritt.

Meeting at Tabernacle.

The meeting at the tabernacle that began Saturday night is progressing nicely under the preaching of Bro. Sewell, president of The Abilene Christian College. The services are very short and the effect of the hot weather is not noticed during the thirty to forty-five minute sermons, the afternoon services in taking only an hour including the song service and prayer. For this reason it is the wish of Elder Sewell that every one come who can and he promises not to tire them with lengthy sermons.

HOT WAVE SWEEPS OVER WEST TEXAS

As the returns from the election showed that several of the races were very hot and many which extended over all the state no doubt brought about the radical change in the temperature which has consistently been going from high to higher during the last four days. At many times the reading showed the heat to have gone to 110 in the shade and at no time during the day has the temperature been much below 100.

The young growing crops are being set back by the continuous hot weather and unless the conditions change soon the amount of cotton produced will be much shorter than was expected before the hot days came.

L. E. Perkins of the Nubia community was a very pleasant caller in the Mail office Tuesday.

NEGRO SHOOT CLARKSVILLE MAN

Clarksville, Tex., July 31.—Two thousand men this morning began a search for Leonard Potts, the negro who killed Sheriff Stevens here last night, and who is also wanted at Dallas for the killing of Policeman Tedford there.

Fourteen negroes are in jail here. It is believed that some of them are in grave danger of violence unless Potts is caught soon or their innocence of attempts to hide him are quickly established.

Potts had been here since Sunday. The negroes say that they did not know that he was wanted.

Reports were current this morning that Potts had been captured but they could not be verified. The forces that are hunting the man were greatly augmented today and business here is practically at a standstill.

Fred Bigham came in Saturday from Fort Worth arriving here in time to vote. Mr. Bigham left Fort Worth in his auto Friday morning and made the trip here in 13 hours driving time. He reports the condition of Mrs. Bigham's eyes as much improved.

Mesdames. Jno. Sears and Arthur Rose spent Friday in Abilene visiting.

CONDITION WORSE IN OLD MEXICO

Since the rebels have moved their scenes of actions the Americans seem to have lost all protection that was ever afforded to our citizens in that country.

Americans in Northern Mexico have been officially notified by rebel commanders to give up their arms and leave the country, according to advices received at El Paso by representatives of the Mormon colonists. An only alternative is to join the rebel ranks and fight against the constitutional government of the republic.

Refugees from the Mormon colonies in Chihuahua are flocking to the border. The first group of nearly one thousand men, women and children was due to arrive in El Paso by a special train early Sunday morning. A. W. Ivins of Salt Lake City, a Mormon apostle, made arrangements for the reception of the refugees. They will be housed in tents, if necessary, and the El Paso custom house building will be thrown open to them. Apostle Ivins telegraphed complaints to Senator Smoot of Utah and Governor Colquitt of Texas.

According to advices received at El Paso, rebels armed with an order from Gen. Inez Salazar, commander at Casas Grandes, and vested with authority from Gen. Grozco, commander in chief, visited the homes of Mormons in Colonia Dublan Saturday and confiscated 300 rifles and much ammunition. This also was done at Colonia Juarez, a neighboring settlement.

It was reported that stores were looted in Nueva Casas Grandes and a Chinaman killed when he refused the rebels the right to enter his store.

School in Masonry.

The local lodge of Masons have secured the services of J. F. McCullough of Snyder to teach them a ten days school in Masonry. The school began Monday and will run perhaps some over the specified time. While here Mr. McCullough will have the hall open to members at all hours during the day and at each night there will be team work by the local officers under direction of Mr. McCullough.

West Texas Odd Fellows Association.

Will meet this year at Sweetwater on August 14th and 15th. Arrangements have been perfected for the best time in the history of this association. A big delegation will be on hand and some of the biggest guns in the order will speak.

Papers in Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Jones, Fisher, Nolan, Scurry, Borden and Howard counties will please copy this notice. W. L. Doss, Pres.

Ben Merritt returned from Mineral Wells and other points Sunday afternoon where he has been spending a week's vacation.

Miss Ruth Holmes of Abilene spent a few days in Merkel this week the guest of Miss Virginia Swafford.

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Marriage License.

Jack Parten to Miss Ezona Bertrand.
J. W. Pollock to Miss May Teague.
Pippin Allen to Miss Jessie Miller.
Jack Neel to Miss Zinia Ingle.
Dr. Geo. L. Miller to Miss Clara Keeton.

Trying to Decide.

"Hear you have a fine baby at your house."
"Yep; bouncing boy."
"Who does he look like?"
"Well, we haven't quite decided yet. To tell the truth, none of our relatives have very much coin."

What She Wanted.

Jim Mann was on his way back from Chicago and couldn't help hearing the conversation of the couple in the section right behind his. They looked like newly married folks, but were not on their honeymoon, as Mann learned by deduction. The woman laid down a newspaper she had been reading and said to her husband:

"Do you know, I wish I had one of these affinities. Oh, I think it would be just g-r-a-n-d to sit on a rock with somebody and have him rave about the incomparable golden color of my hair and tell me that my eyes were the most beautiful in the whole world, and—"

"Uh, huh," said the husband, yawning.

"And that the delicate pink of my cheeks had been painted there by the angels, and that he couldn't live without me. O-oh, I think an affinity like that would be—"

"Tisn't an affinity you want," interrupted her husband. "What you seem to want is a plain, old-fashioned liar."—Mack's National Monthly.

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Extraordinary Collection of Stolen Property Found in Their Camp in a Suburb.

The Paris police force made a remarkable haul at the suburb of Montreuil-sous-Bois. Eighteen men were arrested, and an enormous heterogeneous stock of stolen property was seized. The seizure was made in a camp of amateurly constructed houses, which was divided between two gangs of thieves and apaches. Most of the members belonged to the chief band, commonly known as "Boers," owing to their houses being known as "Transvaal City."

Inquiries made by the police showed that every Sunday morning the inhabitants of "Transvaal City" sold stolen meat at 4d a pound, and organized penny lotteries with prizes such as clocks, stolen watches, bicycles and stores of preserved groceries. The police seized a quantity of harness, saddlery, bicycles, sewing machines, typewriters, mattresses and bedding, and in a newly plastered ceiling they unearthed jewelry and watches enough to stock two or three jewelers' shops.

The information on which the police acted was given by a poor woman who had been kept in bondage by the thieves in order to do their cooking for them. Every one of them could steal with both audacity and cunning, but not one could as much as cook a potato.

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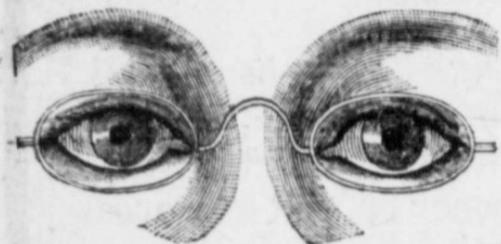
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THE queen of hearts, she made some tarts All on a summer's day, the knave of hearts He stole those tarts and with them ran away.

SUMMER TARTS.

The little old-fashioned tarts are beginning to be revived and appreciated. The dainty little ruby jeweled cakes are such a delight, especially to children, and no child's party is complete without a few tarts.

Raisin Tarts.—Chop a cup of stoned raisins and add a quarter of a cup of shaved citron. Add the grated rind and juice of a lemon, a cup of sugar and one egg beaten slightly. Fill small pastry shells with the mixture and lay a few strips of the pastry criss-cross over the top, and bake.

Cut rounds of pastry and pair them off, using a thimble to cut three circles out of half of the rounds, spread with jelly after they are baked, and press the round that has the circles taken from it over the other. The jelly will press up through the opening and make a very pretty tart.

Orange and Pear Tart.—Line a tart tin with pastry and bake. Take from the oven and fill with sections of orange, leaving a space in the center; fill this with finely chopped pear, which may be either canned or fresh. Dust with powdered sugar and garnish with fresh leaves of mint. If that is not obtainable, geranium leaves may be used.

Ambrosia Tarts.—Fill tart shells with the sections of orange from which the membrane has been removed; sprinkle with freshly-grated coconut and powdered sugar.

Cocoanut Tartlets.—Line some tart pans with pastry and fill with the following: Beat two tablespoonfuls each of sugar and butter together, add a beaten egg and a tablespoonful of rice flour, four tablespoonfuls of fresh-grated cocoanut. Put a tablespoonful of the mixture in each shell and bake. When cold decorate half of the tart with chocolate and the other half with white frosting and place a strip of citron or angelica on top.

Nellie Maxwell.

Conquering Smallpox Scourge.

Smallpox is no longer feared by civilized mankind. This is partly due, no doubt, to the immunization of the races through vaccination, and partly to the better methods of sanitation and preventive treatment generally. In the first year of our occupation of the Philippines, where smallpox was then an endemic or constant disease, there were 675 cases among our soldiers and 240 deaths. A system of rigid vaccination was adopted, and in the last five years there have been only five cases and not a single death. The army records in Porto Rico tell the same story, and seem to prove beyond question the efficacy of vaccination. Dr. S. C. Rockhill of Cincinnati reports that he has had much success in preventing the pock marking of the face in smallpox cases by painting the pustules with a lotion of nine parts glycerine and one part iodine. By this treatment also the patients get over the attack in from eight to fifteen days. Others prevent the pitting by keeping the patients in a room where no light whatever but red light enters.—Pathfinder.

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Mr. and Mrs. Whitten Swafford of Anson spent a few days here visiting S. H. L. Swafford this week.

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Mrs. Kate Peaks of Corpus Christi returned to her home Wednesday after a week's visit with her sister Mrs. J. B. Walton. Mrs. Peaks came here from Paducah where she has been visiting her father Mr. Craven formerly of this place.

C. A. Campbell who has been here during the last month visiting his brother J. Ben Campbell left Thursday for Honey Grove where he will visit friends and relatives for awhile before returning to his home in cool Colorado.

Miss Stella Martin who has been here visiting friends returned to her home in Sweetwater Tuesday evening. She was accompanied home by Miss Bessie Touchstone who will be her guest for some time.

Levi Greeson who has been making his home north of town left Wednesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where he goes to join his parents who moved to that country some time ago.

Get the habit of buying from a cash store. It will put dollars in your pocket. Ask your neighbor if he believes this statement. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Miss Settle who has been here the past week visiting the family of R. L. Bland left for her home at Prosper Wednesday morning.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider left Wednesday for Stamford where she will visit her sister Mrs. Grover Cleveland McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Atwood of Vernon came in Wednesday to visit Mrs. Atwood's sister Mrs. C. B. Howard.

Misses Alice and Annie Goza of the Amity community were here Wednesday visiting their cousin Mrs. J. E. Barlow.

A. J. Douglass and Will Buchanan left Tuesday for Dallas to visit relatives. They will be absent about three weeks.

Mrs. W. T. Curb left Wednesday for Runnels county where she will visit the family of E. B. Warmack.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ely left Thursday morning for Dallas Mineral Wells and other points east where they will visit.

Mrs. Pope Rister came in from El Paso Monday morning to visit relatives.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Felix Jones was in town Friday on business.

Mrs. C. E. Stamp is in Putnam this week visiting relatives.

J. J. Stallings attended to business in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Vick of Snyder is here visiting the family of W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. E. E. Greene of Abilene is here visiting the family of J. E. Paylor.

Ladies new Lace Coat "COSAQUES" at Woodroof's. Price \$1.50. to \$3.50.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and Miss Ruth Mims were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Tom Stanford left for Ballinger Wednesday where he will visit for a few days.

Misses France Burroughs and Dora Lee Potter went to Abilene Wednesday to visit Miss Jessie Sutphen.

W. D. Peterson of Gustine, Comanche county was here this week visiting the family of W. A. Holmes.

Mrs. W. Parten returned from Pecos Tuesday where she has been visiting her brothers for some time.

Mrs. S. E. Jophlin and daughter Nerva returned to their home at Detroit. They have been here visiting J. S. Hutson a brother of Mrs. Jophlin's.

Miss Bessie Sellers of Prosper stopped off here last week to visit the family of R. L. Bland. Miss Sellers was on her way home from California where she has been visiting for some time.



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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

\$7500 For A Letter.

Recently a young man came into a northern newspaper office and left an order for 500 sheets and envelope of the finest, richest, quietest, and most dignified stationery they could make. The details he left, and the order was filled in the regular course of business and forgotten. Later, when they mailed him the bill, on account of the extreme care taken with the order they found it had cost a little more than a conventional job would have cost. They explained the facts to him and asked if a bill for \$18 would impress him as being too high. The answer came back promptly: "No, that stationery cinched a \$7,500 a year job for me." It stationery he had lately been in New York and was negotiating with some mill owners in New England for a position. They had advised him that the matter would be considered, and to drop them a line in two weeks. He figured that some of the other applicants might have presented just as good an appearance and impressed them just as favorably in other particulars, and he might tip the scales a trifle in his favor through his correspondence. In the light of the \$7,500 job that followed, it does not require much discrimination to see where he was right. The difference between common-place stationery and the kind they made for him may have been a dollar or so, but the difference between landing the job and losing it was about \$5,000 per year.

Back To The Soil.

Now that the election is over, many of our politicians drawn by the suction of necessity will go "back to the soil" and the old vegaries for which they stood will return like sheeted ghosts to their graves but political fallacies, like weeds, when cut down, grow up again. Intelligence is the only safeguard to free government and if our politicians would only pursue knowledge as energetically the next few years as they have pursued one another the past few weeks, we would soon have the greatest civilization the world has ever known.

Invest In Equipment.

Many of our farmers here in the southwest have not enough confidence in their soil. There is a reluctance to put the farm upon a fair test by making the proper improvements. A small invest-

ment in draining low, wet fields; irrigating certain crops; applying commercial fertilizer, barnyard manure and lime; or erecting barns, silos, granary, etc., may add greatly to the income from the farm. The lack of a small expenditure may keep the land from producing large crops and paying dividends upon the investment.

Capital is a very essential part of the equipment in progressive farming. Not only must money be invested in good soil, but the necessary equipment must be provided so that dividends may be secured upon the original investment. A progressive farm manager should know his farm and be willing to give it a fair show. He should not hesitate to make such improvements as are needed and thus make his equipment more efficient. Capital for permanent improvements on good farms usually can be secured and when wisely expended, means more revenue from the products of the farm.—Farm & Ranch.

Cotton Acreage is Reduced 7 Per Cent.

The United States Department of Agriculture to-day gave out a report showing the acreage of the 1912 cotton crop in the United States to be 37,097,000 acres a decrease of 7 per cent under last years acreage. The acreage of the Texas crop is given at 10,927,000 acres a decrease of 223,000 acres or 2 per cent under 1911. Oklahoma shows the largest decrease in acreage which is 17 per cent. Texas shows the lowest decrease in acreage planted.

A press dispatch from Los Angeles quotes Lincoln Steffens, a witness for the defense in the Darrow case as saying: "I am worse than an anarchist, a man who believes in Christianity." Further along the dispatch recites as follows: "Asked on redirect examination what he meant by his reply as to his beliefs, Steffens said he was worse than an anarchist in the sense that he was more radical, for while anarchy demanded justice, Christianity demanded love and charity in addition." Steffens, who is a muck-raking magazine write by profession, classes dynamiting as a "social" crime that should be overlooked. His theory is that instead of punishing the McNamaras the state should treat the conditions that led them to the crime. Inasmuch as he has no theory with respect to the victims of the McNamaras we take it that the "love and charity" he "demands in addition" is what he expects them to be satisfied with. Indeed, Steffens is worse than an anarchist. He is an inciter of crimes he is too cowardly to commit himself.—Beaumont Enterprise.

Former editor Mays of a Brownwood paper is no longer a newspaper man and we extend congratulations to him in his success of being elected Lieutenant Governor of this state. Mr. Mays we feel is well qualified to fill the office and if he should be called upon to take the place of the Governor it would be with ease that he would handle the business of the state and west Texas would be one of the first sections to have recognition from him.

The American shovel and the American dollar may yet be a big factor in establishing order in Mexico. Leastwise, Orozco's infantry and rough riders are said to be deserting the fortunes of a depleted war chest for the Saturday night pay roll of American construction work. A cook tent and a steady job make for peace and good times in any country.

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